Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of newly-accredited Ambassador of Republic of Indonesia

YANGON, Nov 7 — Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito, newly accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe at Zeyathiri Beikman, Kommyinttha at 10 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win and Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.—MNA

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Secretary-1 and Secretary-2 meet officials of the Ministry of Energy

YANGON, Nov 7 — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein met with officials of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Energy at the meeting hall of the ministry this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, officials of the ministry, directors-general and managing directors of the Energy Planning Department, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, and Myanma Petrochemical Products Enterprise, officials concerned.

First, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported to the Secretary-1 and Secretary-2 on set-ups of the ministry and enterprises under the ministry, responsibilities of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, yearly production of crude oil and natural gas, off-shore and inland gas fields, new inland oil and gas fields, cooperation with local and foreign companies in production of oil and gas, income earned from sale of off-shore oil and gas, production of fertilizer, tar, liquified gas and candle, import and distribution, distribution of gasoline, diesel, fuel for aircraft, income of the ministry for respective years and future tasks.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 said he was pleased to know the salient points concerning the ministry and expressed his belief that the points would contribute much towards fulfilling the requirements of the ministry and implementing the national development tasks jointly carried out by the ministry and departments concerned. For the development of political, economic and social sectors of the State, economy plays a vital role. Being able to build infra-structures essential for the development of the State employing the available investment and resources of the country on self-reliance basis, major economic sectors such as the manufacturing sector, service sector and trade sector have developed gradually. As the country is abundant in natural resources, it is required to systematically utilize the natural resources in the national interest. In production of oil and gas, appropriate measures must be taken not only for boosting production and minimizing loss and wastage but also for improvement of oil and gas production technologies. Not relying only on the old oil and gas fields, prospective new fields must be explored and oil and gas must be produced in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. As the ministry can earn foreign exchange income for the country, efforts must be exerted for the meeting of the set targets of the ministry. The government has set up correct policies and has been implementing them to strengthen the economy of the State, to promote the living standards of the people, and to develop the natural resources of the country. At the same time, the government has laid down seven-point policies. (See page 8)

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### Do meritorious deeds on Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon

Today is the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon, 1365 ME. The Union of Myanmar is a country which is festooned with the symbols of Theravada Buddhism. Among many a religious festival in Myanmar, the Kahtein Gala, which is held mainly in the month of Tazaungmon, is prominent.

Kahtein gala is the rewards of the meritorious deeds.

As now is the time for the Kahtein Gala, departments, wards, markets, schools and organizations are holding Kathina robe-offering ceremonies on a grand scale.

Kahtein gala can only be offered during a span of one-month time starting from the day after the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut to the Fullmoon Day of Tazaungmon.

The word Kahtein derives from the Pali word Kathina, which means permanence, and it is believed that not only the members of the Sangha but also wellwishers can have five rewards from offering Kathina robes.

The five rewards that favour the monk are: the right to go to the house where he is invited for “soon” without needing to ask for permission of another monk; the right to travel without the consecrated robe; the right to enjoy the “soon” offered by the laity in improper speech; the right to keep robes offered to him; and the right to obtain an equal share of robes donated to his monastery.

Likewise, the five rewards that favour laity who offer Kathina robes are: safe and convenient travel; being resolute in doing things during many existences of life before the realization of Nirvana; living in great wealth with peace of mind; sufficiency of sustenance free during many existences of life before the realization of Nivarna; living in great wealth

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La Pyay Wun Plaza opened the 16th Kathina robes offering ceremony held

Kathina robes offering ceremony held

Next, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung offered Kathina robes and provisions to the Jabyadana Kyaung Sayadaw of Parantaung Township.
Kidney-related diseases common among Vietnamese

HANOI, 7 Nov.—Nearly 20 per cent of the Vietnamese population of 80.7 million suffer from renal calculi, local newspaper Pioneer reported on Tuesday. The number of local people suffering from chronic kidney, as well as co-existing diseases such as diabetes and high blood pressure is increasing. However, Vietnam has few hospitals with blood filtering departments to offer sufficient treatment. For these reasons, kidney medicines are always overloaded with kid- ney patients. — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia to close tourist resort following flash flood

JAKARTA, 7 Nov.—A tourist resort in Indonesia’s North Sumatra Province will be closed for six months after flash flood swept through and killed at least 92 people includ- ing six foreigners, an official said Tuesday. The Bukit Langkat resort in the Langkat Regency is among the North Sumatra’s largest tourist resorts, which contributes 90% of foreign tourist arrival in the province. “During six months, this area will be closed for tourists. (The government) will con- duct an evaluation to prevent similar disaster in the future,” Langkat Regent Syamsul Arifin was quoted by Detikcom online news serv- ice as saying.— MNA/Xinhua

Iran says willing to accept IAEA inspections

VIENNA, 7 Nov.—Iran will submit a letter within days to the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) formally accepting tougher and shorter-notification inspections by the UN nuclear watchdog, Iran’s representative to the IAEA, Ali Akbar Salehi, said Wednesday. Salehi said there was no question over Iran’s intention to sign an additional protocol to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT). He said he could not specify exactly the date, but it is certainly going to be before the IAEA board of governors meeting on November 20, so that they could be informed beforehand and put it on the agenda.

The main dispute in the nuclear tension affecting Iran is over traces of highly enriched uranium inspectors found at two Iranian sites, which the United States regards as evidence of Iran’s secret development of nuclear weapons. However, the Iranian side insisted that the pieces of equipment which inspectors checked had been contaminated before they were purchased. Salehi told reporters Iran had submitted original drawings of the components of centrifuges used in uranium enrichment to the IAEA, and said that this was evidence of Iran’s continued cooperation with the IAEA.

The Iranian official also praised the role Britain, Germany and France had played in easing the nuclear tensions of Iran. Iran promised visiting foreign ministers of the three countries in October that it would suspend uranium enrichment, and in return, Iran could get technical aid for the peaceful use of nuclear energy from the three countries. — MNA/Xinhua

US calls for strategic cooperation with India

TEHRAN, 7 Nov.—Iran on Wednesday called for strategic cooperation between Tehran and New Delhi at regional and international levels. Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, chairman of Iran’s powerful Expediency Council and former president, told visiting Speaker of Indian Lower House of the Parliament Manohar Joshi that Iran attaches great significance to the Indian people as vanguards of seeking independence and campaign against colonialism.

He hoped that India and Iran would benefit from their high potential in the fields of energy, information technology and transit and attain their economic objectives. — MNA/Xinhua

Two GI’s killed in separate attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Nov.—Two American soldiers were killed near Baghdad and along the Syrian border, the US military said Thursday, and Polish forces suffered their first combat death — a major ambush south of the capital.

The number of daily attacks on coalition forces dropped to 29 last week from a spike of 37 the week before, a US military spokesman said.

However, a senior figure from the US-led coalition warned that the Americans and their allies face a ‘‘rough winter’’ of attacks by insurgents.

One soldier from the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment was killed about 8 am Thursday when his truck hit a land mine near the Husaybah border crossing point with Syria 195 miles northwest of Baghdad, the military said.

A paratrooper from the 82nd Airborne Division was killed and two others wounded when their patrol came under rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire near Mahmudiyah, some 40 kilo- metres south of Baghdad, at 8:00 pm (1700 GMT). — MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi extradited to Australia over people smuggling

CANBERRA, 7 Nov.—An Iraqi man accused of people-smuggling was extradited to Australia from Sweden on Friday to face charges over the voyage of a broadside of asylum seekers that sank in 2001, killing 533 people.

Justice Minister Chris Ellison said Khaleed Shnayf Daoed arrived in Brisbane in the state of Queensland early on Friday and would face court later in the day on 12 charges relating to people smuggling which carry jail sentences of up to 20 years.

Daoed also faces one charge of money laundering arising from suspected people smuggling activities.

Ellison said Daoed was believed to have been involved in organizing the passage of two illegal vessels to Australia, including the overcrowded vessel SIEV-X which sank in the Indonesian Ocean in October 2001 as it headed to Australia from Indonesia. — MNA/Reuters

UN pulls out last of foreign staff from Baghdad

UNITED NATIONS, 7 Nov.—The United Nations announced on Thursday it had withdrawn the last of its 20 foreign staff in Baghdad but about 40 international employees still remained in northern Iraq.

“As of today, all UN international staff have been temporarily relocated out of Baghdad,” UN spokesman Farhan Haq said. The group has gone to Larnaca, Cyprus, where they will begin talks next week with UN security officials about whether or when they would return to the Iraqi capital.

The move by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to pull out staff was prompted by the International Committee of the Red Cross office and four Iraqi police stations in Baghdad. At least 34 people died, 12 of them from the Red Cross, and 200 were wounded.

The attack against the Red Cross was the bloodiest on an international organiza- tion since a truck bomb devastated UN headquarters in Baghdad on August 19, killing 22 people.

The bombings have shocked the for- eign aid community and stirred concerns about whether US-led coalition forces could bring order to the country. Medecins Sans Frontieres, or Doctors Without Bor- ders, has also withdrawn its staff.

The August 19 attack against UN head- quarters resulted in a sharp reduction of UN foreign staff, estimated at 350 to 550 in Baghdad. On Tuesday, Annan put on leave two senior security officials while the bombing continues to be investigated.

Annan had come under heavy pres- sure from senior officials as well as the UN staff union, representing some 5,000 employees around the world, to pull eve- ryone out.

But he has had to balance safety con- cerns with the need to keep a UN presence at a time when countries are pressing for the world body to play a political role in Iraq. An October 15 Security Council reso- lution gave the United Nations a role in the country’s transition, although not a cen- tral one. — MNA/Reuters

Iranian employee killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Nov.—A US soldier was killed on Thursday when his vehicle hit a land mine in western Iraq near the border with Syria, the US military said.

The incident took place at 8:00 am (0500 GMT) Thursday near Husaybah, 250 kilometres west of Bagh- dad, and the dead soldier was from the 3rd Armored Di- vision, said the military. Earlier, the US military reported that another soldier was killed and two were wounded in an ambush south of Baghdad on Wednesday.

The soldiers from the 82nd Airborne Division came under attack when fighters fired rocket-pro- pelled grenades and small arms on their convoy near Mahmudiyah, some 40 kilo- metres south of Baghdad, at 8:00 pm (1700 GMT). — MNA/Xinhua

US Army soldiers guard an area while curious children look on in the outskirts of Fallujah, outside of Baghdad, Iraq, on Thursday, 6 Nov, 2003. — Reuters

A US Army vehicle pass by an Iraqi truck in the outskirts of Fallujah, on the Thursday, 6 November, 2003. —Internet
Middle man reveals negotiations between Iraq, US before invasion

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov — A middle man between Saddam Hussein’s intelligence chief and Pentagon advisors said he laid out a possible peace deal in the run up to the war in Iraq but the offer was spurned by Washington, ABC News reported on Wednesday.

Imad Hage, a prominent Lebanese-American businessman, recounted for ABC the contacts he said he made concerning an Iraqi offer to open negotiations to prevent an invasion.

Hage told ABC that he met in February with Saddam Hussein’s former chief of intelligence, General Tariq Habbush, and in March with Richard Perle, former chairman of the defence Policy Advisory Board and an influential Neoconservative, to discuss an offer to avert war.

Hage said to avert war, Habbush offered “disarmament” to be validated by US agents and to turn over a top al-Queda operative who was in custody in Iraq, according to ABC.

The network quoted Hage as saying that he sent the offer to officials in the office of US Deputy Secretary of Defence Paul Wolfowitz.

Hage met in early March with Perle in London, a meeting that Perle confirmed, ABC reported. Perle was quoted as saying that he was prepared to meet with Iraqi officials to discuss their offer, but said he was told by the CIA not to do so.

US officials played down the reports, saying that the contact was one of many efforts that were undertaken to avert a war.

“During the run up to the war there were a wide variety of people sending signals that some Iraqis might have interest in negotiation. These signals came from a broad range of foreign intelligence services, other governments, third parties, charlatans, and independent actors,” a US official said.

“Every lead that was at all possible and some that weren’t plausible were followed up. In the end we were aware of no one in a position to make any deal anywhere near acceptable to the US government who offered such a deal,” the official said. 

Asked about the report, a White House spokeswoman said the ousted Iraqi president had ample opportunity to avoid war.

“It was Saddam Hussein’s unwillingness to comply after 12 years and some 17 UN Security Council resolutions, including one final opportunity, that forced the coalition to act to ensure compliance,” the spokeswoman said.

But the report said the overture never went anywhere, in part, because immediately after the meeting the businessman was detained at Washington’s Dulles International Airport on suspicions that he was trying to smuggle weapons out of the country.

MENA/Reuters

Where the wounded go

LANDSTREIT (Germany), 7 Nov — The US effort in Iraq is costing lives, but there’s another price being paid, too – in the increasingly high number of those being severely injured and disabled.

Lives are not only being lost, others are being broken and turned into long-term battles with pain and disability, CBS News Correspondent Mark Phillips reports.

While the 21 injured survivors of Sunday’s helicopter attack were flown to the Army hospital in Landstuhl, Germany, they followed a well-worn trail. The facility here has been stretched to its limits.

“We’ve seen a lot of folks, yes sir,” said the hospital’s commander, Col. Rhonda Cornum. And the combat casualty rates haven’t been falling off as had been hoped – they keep coming.

“Since the 23rd of March up to the 2nd of November we had 912 patients, said Cornum, and that doesn’t include the 21 casualties from the helicopter attack.

The attack on the helicopter may have been the biggest single caseload from one incident that this hospital that has had to cope with, but it wouldn’t have come as a shock.

They’re used to big numbers here. Since the combat in Iraq began, including combat casualties, serious non-combat injuries and disease, this hospital has had to treat more than 7,700 US personnel.

One reason for the high numbers is that the troops ‘backpackers’ are keeping many alive who would otherwise be dead. – Internet

Microsoft puts $500,000 on virus writers’ heads

WASHINGTON, 7 Nov — Microsoft Corp, beset by widespread criticism of security flaws in its software, on Wednesday put up a bounty to track down the authors of two computer bugs that choked the Internet earlier this year.

Microsoft offered two 250,000 US dollars rewards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of those responsible for the Blaster worm and the SoBig.F e-mail virus, which infected more than half a million computers, crashed thousands of systems, and startled Internet traffic across the globe in August and September.

The world’s largest software company, which last month admitted that security concerns have begun to affect its bottom line – also said it had earmarked an additional 4.5 million US dollars for future rewards.

Security headaches for Microsoft and its customers are likely to continue at least for the short term. The Federal Trade Commission has scheduled a news conference on Thursday to talk about a security hole in its Windows operating system.

The Wild West-style bounty underscored the threat posed by viruses and worms in an interconnected world, as well as the problems associated with catching those who originate them.

While SoBig.F and Blaster have caused little lasting damage, other cyberattacks have paralyzed automatic-teller machines, frustrated police dispatchers, and knocked out nearly the entire country of South Korea offline. Security experts say future attacks could disable power plants, hospitals or other “critical infrastructure.”

MENA/Reuters

Poland suffers first combat death in Iraq

WARSAW, 7 Nov — A Polish soldier was shot dead in Iraq on Thursday, becoming the country’s first fatality since it sent troops to assist its close ally, the United States.

The death of Major Hieronim Kupczyk, 44, is likely to reinforce growing scepticism among the public about Poland’s military presence in Iraq. The government vowed no retreat.

“The death of a Polish soldier is a great tragedy,” spokesman Marcin Kaszuba said.

“Poland’s forces will remain in Iraq as long as it takes to form a democratic government — and not a day longer.”

The soldier was shot in the neck when unknown assailants fired on his convoy near Al Mussayib, a town south of Baghdad.

MENA/Reuters

Another British soldier dies in Iraq

LONDON, 7 Nov — The British Ministry of Defence announced that another British soldier was killed on Thursday in a road traffic accident in the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

The serviceman’s family was still being informed and no further details about the incident were immediately available, the ministry said. The soldier was the 20th member of the British Armed Forces to die in Iraq since the United States announced on May 1 that major military campaign against the country was over.

The news of his death came after Royal Marine Corporal Ian Plank, 31, was killed during a coalition operation by hostile fire on October 31.

So far, 53 British servicemen have lost their lives in Iraq since the coalition forces launched war against the country on March 20. — MNA/Xinhua

Britain warns of rough months ahead in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Nov — Britain’s special representative in Iraq warned Thursday US-led forces faced rough months ahead due to guerrilla attacks, and US officials said thousands of fresh troops would be ordered to prepare for duty.

“I believe we are in for a rough winter,” Sir Jeremy Greenstock said in an interview with the Times newspaper in London, adding British troops could still be in Iraq in 2005.

“The guerrillas will want to try and close Baghdad down and make it look as though Iraq can’t work with coalition forces,” said Greenstock. British Prime Minister Tony Blair’s envoy to Iraq.

Guerrillas launched a series of attacks on US troops in Iraq Wednesday, killing three Iraqis and wounding at least 12 people — including five American soldiers. In a raid in the volatile town of Falluja, west of Baghdad, US troops captured two former generals in Saddam Hussein’s army, the US military said. It said they were seized in a raid Tuesday that also netted a large weapons cache.

“The two generals were suspected of being key financiers and organizers of anti-coalition fighters operating in and around the city of Falluja,” the US Army said in a statement. — Internet

A soldier of US Army’s 4th Infantry Division (Task Force Ironhorse) detains a barefoot Iraqi man during a night raid in Bagua, on November 6, 2003. As deadly guerrilla attacks against American forces have been increasing in parts of Iraq, US troops raided several houses in Bagua looking for members of a suspected guerrilla. — Reuters
Iraqi tribal revenge fuels Fallujah’s anti-US rage

But people in Fallujah, 32 miles west of Baghdad, say the men firing rocket-propelled grenades at occupation forces are just ordinary Iraqis, laborers and professionals avenging the deaths of relatives.

With all its high-tech weapons, the US military has overlooked what rules the gritty streets of this town where it has faced many of the most deadly attacks against its troops — the tribal code of revenge.

“Saddam’s people have nothing to do with Americans killed in Fallujah. If you want to know why we hate the Americans so much in Fallujah, look at this,” said Muthanna Salih, pulling up the flowing robe covering his stump as he balanced on crutches.

“I was in my house when the Americans started shooting. They hit my leg, then killed my brother and they left me jobless with eight children.”

Sixteen other people were also killed in that incident in April, when US troops fired into crowds of protesting villagers outside Salih’s house.

American soldiers have been entangled in Fallujah’s tribal quest for revenge ever since. Every time they kill someone in the crackdown on suspected Saddam supporters, they invite the wrath of tribes who can spend decades seeking revenge.

“The Americans hit a roadside bomb and then instead of capturing the culprits they just open fire on everyone in sight,” said policeman Hadiham Aheidah, a Wahab.

“That’s why Fallujah is boiling.”

“It’s a vicious cycle that is never mentioned by politicians in Washington, who always blame remnants of Saddam’s Baath Party or foreign Islamic militants for killing American troops.

On the ground, Fallujah’s hard-nosed people describe the bloodshed in simple terms.

The Americans killed innocent people. Remember, this is a place where two people who get in a little argument over a plant in a field that lies between them, they pull out the guns and shoot each other,” said Abu Tah. “If I see an American I will definitely kill him if I can.”

US open to new Iraqi force but seeks assurances

Baghdad, 7 Nov — Iraq’s US governor is open to the creation of a new Iraqi security force to help hunt down insurgents but is not yet sure local political leaders are prepared to accept his conditions, a spokesman said.

The spokesman said a report in Wednesday’s Washington Post was wrong in stating that Paul Bremer, the head of Iraq’s US-led postwar administration, had opposed the establishment of a new paramilitary force but had now changed his mind.

He said Bremer had never had any objection to setting up new security elements but wanted to ensure they were not controlled by political factions, were integrated into existing command structures and worked in coordination with US-led troops.

“If these concerns can be met, Ambassador Bremer is prepared to engage on the subject,” spokesman Dan Senor said in a statement issued late on Wednesday.

“To date, however, we are still learning whether the advocates of a new policy are prepared to work within this framework.”

Iraq’s US-appointed Governing Council has repeatedly urged the creation of a paramilitary force to tackle the car bombings, gun attacks and other daily violence against US-led forces, Iraqis working with them and international organizations. They argue Iraq’s police force is not sophisticated enough for the task, while occupying troops lack the local intelligence to find supporters of ousted president Saddam Hussein or foreign Islamic fighters believed to be responsible for most attacks.

But occupation officials have been particularly worried that political factions — including Kurds and Shiite Muslims — would wield control over the new force by packing it with members of their militias and could use it to fight rivals.

Senor said members of any new force would have to be recruited as individuals, rather than as members of entire groups, and have to undergo thorough training in respecting human rights and carrying out investigations.

Powell says China playing constructive role in world affairs

College Station (Texas), 7 Nov — US Secretary of State Colin Powell said Wednesday that China is playing a constructive role in regional and world affairs and the United States is seeking a more enduring relationship with China.

“The China-US relationship is growing not just in bilateral sense. Increasingly, our relationship is of global nature,” Powell said at a conference on US-China relations sponsored by former President George Bush at Texas A&M University.

Powell praised China for hosting and fully participating in the Six-Party Talks over the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula, saying China "continues to play an important role" on that issue. "This is just illustrative of the leadership role China is taking regionally and on the world stage," he said.

Powell also said China and the United States are cooperating in the global campaign against terrorism, describing China as a "reliable permanent member of the United Nations Security Council."
Syria says ties with US most negative in years

ATHMANDU, 7 Nov — Syria, facing pressure over US accusations that it is turning a blind eye to militants crossing its border into Iraq, said on Wednesday its relations with Washington were at their most negative point in years.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Bushra Kanafani, in an interview with Reuters, blamed US policy in the Mid-
dle East for the deterioration in ties and called for an open and objective dialogue.

“We consider the Syrian-American relationship at the present time is one that is governed by a level of nega-
tivity unsurpassed for many years,” Kanafani said.

The reason for this, we believe, is that the America-
an Embassy is pursu-
ing a policy in the region
that serves neither Ameri-
can interests nor the inter-
est of the region. It is
mainly a policy that is af-
ected by Israeli influ-
ences,” she added.

President George W.
Bush last week blamed a
wave of violence in postwar
Iraq in part on “foreign ter-
rorists” and said he expected
Syria and Iran to enforce bor-
der controls to stop infiltrators.

“We say, and we re-
peat, that the border between
Syria and Iraq is long, des-
et and difficult to control,”
Kanafani said.

“We are doing what we
can but we call on the Ameri-
cans, who possess more elec-
tronic and other monitoring,
to act to control the borders
from the Iraqi side.”

Syria-US ties are already strained over Syrian back-
ing for Lebanese Hizbollah guerrillas and Palestinian groups opposed to Israel.

Last month, Israel bombed what it called a camp for
Palestinian militants in its
first strike deep into Syria in
30 years. — MNA/Reuters

Iraqi electricity ministry to set up office in Jordan

AMMAN, 7 Nov — The interim Iraqi Electricity Ministry is to establish an office in Jordan to cooperate with the kingdom’s National Electricity Company (NEC), the official Petra news agency reported on Wednesday.

Under an agreement reached by the two sides, the office will “provide local and international companies with the necessary data on the projects related to reconstructing Iraq and developing the Iraq electricity sector,” NEC Director General Ahmad Hiasat was quoted as saying.

The office will also be in charge of issuing tenders in the field of Iraq’s electrical rebuilding, and the tenders will be published in Jordan’s newspapers and website of the NEC.

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gected to group Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt and Iraq. Four of these countries have been linked in the grid.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepal to form industrial security forces

KATHMANDU, 7 Nov — The Nepali Government is planning to form an In-
dustrial Security Forces to secure major installations and infrastructure against anti-government guerril-
as’ attack, an Army official said.

The Industrial Security Forces will be formed under the Army’s command as soon as the government sanc-
tions funds for it. The Himalayan Times newspaper on Thursday quoted an official at the Directorate General of Military Opera-
tions of the Royal Nepal Army as saying.

“At the moment, security bodies are not equipped enough to secure infrastruc-
ture related to telecommuni-
cation, radio, television, elec-
tricity and industries in the private sector, thus the In-
dustrial Security Forces is necessary to secure them from the rebels’ attack,” said the official, on condition of anonymity.

The government is ex-
pected to implement the plan within this fiscal year, begin-
ing from July 16.

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Turkey to cooperate with Jordan in electricity generation

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MNA/Xinhua

Iraq to pay Arab League’s budget share

BAGHDAD, 7 Nov — Iraq will pay its share of the Arab League’s budget in 2003 before the end of the year, Hamid Ali Abidoun, Iraq’s acting delegate to the League, said on Wednesday.

Abidoun made the rema-
rk during a meeting with Amr Moussa, chief of the 22-mem-
ber pan-Arab forum, Egypt’s official MENA news agency reported. The Iraqi diplomat also voiced his country’s de-
sire to work out a mechanism for repaying dues in arrears to the League.

In early September, Arab foreign ministers decided to allow the Iraqi Interim Gov-
erning Council to represent Iraq at the League until an elected legitimate govern-
ment is formed.

Such an agreement could be seen as the League’s offi-
cial recognition of the coun-
cil, which was appointed by the US-led coalition forces in July following the ouster of Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein three months ear-
lier. — MNA/Xinhua

Thai PM to reshuffle Cabinet before next week

BANGKOK, 7 Nov — Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said Wednesday that he would work out on a new Cabinet reshuffle, the Thai News Agency reported.

Asked by local reporters when he would announce the new Cabinet reshuffle, the Prime Minister said that he had planned to finish forming the new Cabinet by the weekend.

Thaksin also said that he had received qualifications, abilities, performances and appropriateness of targeted Cabinet members into account when making the new changes.

The Thai leader, however, did not reveal whether it would be a minor, or a big reshuffle.

Thaksin has reshuffled the Cabinet for three times after he became Prime Minister in the general election in 2001. — MNA/Xinhua

Cuban press highlights victory in UN over US-imposed blockade

HAVANA, 7 Nov — The Cuban Press highlighted on Wednesday the approval of a resolution by the United Na-
tions General Assembly urg-
ing the United States to end its 42-year-old trade embargo against Cuba.

In the state-run daily Granma, half the first page was dedicated to three head-
lines: “17th Yankee Defeat,” “Victory in the UN Against Blockade,” “179 Countries Voted for Cuba, 2 Abstained and 3 Voted Against.”

Tuesday’s voting was the most important international condemnation of the trade embargo expressed in the
United Nations in the 12 years this resolution has been pre-
sented, said Granma in an ar-
ticle on the first page with the heading: “The Nations Have Spoken. Let Their Voice be Respected.” Similar resolu-
tions had been adopted by in-
creasing majorities since 1992.

Though not mandatory, they expressed the will of the inter-
national community.

Besides an article “So long, blockade,” the daily Joventud Rebelde also published pic-
tures of the Cuban diplomats in the UN General Assembly, led by Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque. It carried Perez’s speech.— MNA/Xinhua
**Positive thinking key to success**

Jebau Soe Luin

Thoughts come out from mind. And thoughts are the start of a work. In this regard, if a thought is correct, the words, deeds and the mind will be correct too. Thus, the positive thinking is the key to all the positive work. Practical and positive thinking brings success to us. In this modern age, the art of thinking has been studied as a separate branch of a subject. The oriental countries call the art of thinking — the Abhidhamma, and in the west it is called the philosophy.

Man has the habit of thinking. And thinking is an endless job for man throughout his entire life until death. But the way of thinking is different from one another among human beings. But in general, there can be similarities in the thoughts. Thoughts have an enormous scope. The level of thinking can be divided into different classes based on intuition. Success, developments and failures depend on the high and low level of thinking power. Physical ability and work efficiency differ between one person and another because of the thoughts.

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YANGON, 7 Nov—Chairman of Yangon Divi-

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Gen Myint Swe, last night, reported to the commander on situation of pontoon bridges at Botataung jetty, measures to be taken and upgrading tasks, laying concrete at the car park, building platforms, installing guard rails, building embankment and constructing the base for the High Mast lamp.

The commander gave instruction saying that as parking lot for lorries have been built in Botataung jetty, the area, measures to be taken to keep the area neat and tidy along the road side between the car park and Strand Road in the township. He also urged the officials for timely completion of tasks for building the car park and finishing touches for extension of six-lane Strand Road.

Next, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa reported on tasks being carried out, by Yangon City Development Committee.

The commander and party inspected tasks for laying concrete at the car park, building platforms, installing guard rails, building embankment and constructing the base for the High Mast lamp, growing coconut trees and constructing benches.

The commander and party proceeded Sittandar jetty in Seikkan Township and inspected tarring of roads from the jetty to Wadan jetty, progress of work in building platform, erecting benches, installing guard rail and other upgrading tasks. He gave in instructions to the officials on measures to keep the area neat and pleasant along the jetty and tidiness in Yangon river.

They next arrived at Yawara jetty in Kyi-

myin-dine Township and inspected construction of the embankment.

Chief Engineer U Nay Lin of Asia World Co re-

ported to the commander on building of embankment at the jetty. Deputy Ministers U Pe Than and Col Maung Pa made supplementary reports.

After giving necessary instruction, the commander inspected work being carried out there. — MNA

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**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

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appealed

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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
Military attaches and their families visit Northern Command

YANGON, 7 NOV — The study group comprising military attaches and their families led by Head of the Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Thein Swe and Dean of the Military Attaches Malaysian Military Attache Col Harun Bin Hitam, together with senior military officers and their families of the Ministry of Defence, left here by air on 5 November morning and arrived at Myitkyina Airport at 9 am.

They were welcomed there by song and dances by Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun and wife, senior military officers and their wives of Myitkyina Station, departmental personnel and national people.

At the Malika Hall, the commander briefed on measures being undertaken for the development of the state.

In the afternoon, the study group left for Putao where they were welcomed at the airport by Col Khing Soe and senior military officers of Putao Station, departmental officials and national races.

The study group visited Malika and Maykha confluence and took documentary photos there. Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife hosted a dinner in honour of the study group at Malika guest house in the evening and presented gifts to them.

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At the dinner held at Khakaborazi Guest House in Putao, the military attaches and their families were entertained with traditional dances. The dean of the military attaches and the deputy commander presented flower baskets to entertainers.

The study group paid homage to Myinthaaye Pay-goda in Putao yesterday morning. They visited the educative booth on environmental conservation at Khakaborazi National Garden. Officials conducted them round the booth.

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The study group arrived back here at 2 pm. They were welcomed back at Yangon Airport by Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and senior military officers. — MNA
Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee office opened

YANGON, 7 Nov — The opening of the newly-constructed office of Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee took place at the corner of Bayintnaung and Zawgyun Streets in Thila Ward, Myitkyina, this morning.

It was attended by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, MMCWA Vice-Presidents Dr Kyi Soe and Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, Kachin State MMCWA Supervisory Committee President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and guests viewed around the building.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Pattron Daw Tin Tin Nwe formally opened the building. Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the office. Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and guests viewed round the building.

Next, the cash presentation ceremony followed at the same venue, with an address by Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Patron Daw Tin Tin Nwe delivered speeches on the occasion. Afterwards, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented clothes donated by MMCWA to Daw Tin Tin Nwe. Altogether 19 well-wishers including the Northern Command presented the donations of K 8 million to Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe held talks with members of Putao Township MMCWA at Phonekanrazi Hall in the township yesterday morning. At the meeting, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe delivered a speech and presented cash assistance to the association.

MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe cordially greeted those present.

— MNA

Children’s quiz

YANGON, 7 Nov — A quiz for primary students, jointly broadcast by Myanmar Radio and Television under the Ministry of Information and No 3 Basic Education Department of the Ministry of Education was held at the studio-C of MRTV on Pyay Road this morning.

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**RBT coaches being assembled in Myanmar, second step of Myanma Railways**

The Myanma Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation has four Rail Bus Trailers (RBT) on trial assembled by the RBT Factory (Myitnge) during second half of October, 2003. The test run reveals the second step of MR to extend rail service in Yangon ring road section. The Myanma Railways launched second generation of DMU 303 and 304 on 6 September,  2003, at Yangon Station. It is learnt that the four trailers will be pulled by a powerful locomotive with a 250 horse power. Since 1877, maintenance and assembling of coaches have been carried out at the Locomotive Shed (Insein). Later, rail services was extended and Coaches Factory (Myitnge) was constructed aiming at manufacturing the new coaches.

The RBT Factory (Myitnge) is carrying out the tasks to assemble the new coaches at a low cost, to share the techniques and experiences on building the coaches with foreign countries. Moreover, Computerized Numerical Control (CNC) Machine will be used at the factory to produce more modern coaches. The present four trail-ers were constructed in June, 2003, and completed on 5 October. Afterwards, officials had the trailers on trial pulled by Locomotive DR 2033 at 35 miles per hour from Myitnge to Kyaukse.

**Article by Kyan Soe Myint (Kyemon) Photo by Ye Chan Myint (Kyemon)**

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

The scenic view of downtown Loikaw, Kayah State, shows the development of the state. PHOTO: KYEMON

Loinanpha Dam, built on Tikellya Creek near Loinanpha village, Dimawhso Township, Kayah State, benefits 2,150 acres of land. It was commissioned into service on 6 March 2002. PHOTO: MNA

Microwave Station in Loikaw, the capital of Kayah State, serves the people living in the state for their convenience in communication. PHOTO: MYANMA ALIN
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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily between 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.
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Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for MS Premier Spectrum
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Vietnam removes new Mimail virus
Hanoi, 7 Nov — Vietnam’s Network Security Centre (BIS) has updated its most popular anti-virus software in the country to remove the virus Mimail version Chat has attacked many computers. BIS Director Nguyen Tu Quang told Xinhua Wednesday. Mimail is particularly dangerous for computers using the e-payment system E-Gold as it copies confidential database and then sends them to the virus writer.—MNA/Xinhua

First vitro fertilization successful in Vietnam
Hanoi, 7 Nov — Tu Du Hospital in Vietnam’s biggest city, Ho Chi Minh City, successfully conducted a case of vitro fertilization using frozen ovum and sperm.

This was the first time that the technique has been successfully applied in Vietnam, local newspaper Pioneer reported on Wednesday.

The 31-year-old mother is now nine weeks pregnant and quite healthy, while the foetus is also well developing. At present, the rate of success in vitro fertilization using ovum and sperm in the world is still low at only one percent, so few international institutions applied the technique, said the paper.

MNA/Xinhua
**Europe's space giant eager to expand cooperation with China**

PARIS, 7 Nov — European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS) is strongly committed to further strengthening its partnership with the Chinese space industry, said Philippe Camus, CEO of the company. “EADS is to accompany the expansion of sales in China with that of industrial and technological cooperation with the Chinese partners,” Camus told Chinese journalists based in Paris, ahead of his visit to China. Three weeks ago, EADS acquired 5 per cent of the shares of the Chinese aviation and automotive manufacturer AviChina at a price of 30 million euros (34.5 million US dollars), becoming a strategic partner as China opens the capital of its aerospace industry to foreign investors. EADS and AviChina will cooperate in the development, manufacturing and upgrading of aerospace products, including helicopters, regional aircraft and trainer aircraft. “AviChina will be a strong partner in long-term projects and joint ventures. The agreement will allow us to reach a new level and quality in the long-standing relationship between the Chinese industry and EADS,” said Camus. As the largest aerospace company in Europe and the second largest worldwide, the EADS group includes the commercial aircraft manufacturer Airbus, the helicopter supplier Eurocopter and the space company Astrium. “If it realized a turnover of 29.9 billion euros in the world, about 500 million euros in China. Its business in China must come from the sales of Airbus planes. ‘We plan to double our turnover in China in the next five years. We hope that the growth will come not only from more sales of Airbus planes, but also from industrial and technological cooperation,’ said Camus.”

As for Airbus, Camus noted that China is to become the second largest aerospace market after the United States, with a need of more than 1,600 large aircraft in the coming 20 years. “Airbus wishes to take at least 50 per cent of the market shares,” said Camus. Entering into China in 1985, Airbus now has a 28 per cent share of the Chinese aviation plane market, much lower than the 67 per cent of its main rival, the American manufacturer Boeing. — MNA/Divulgação

**Chinese experts prepare for gene studies on endangered tigers**

CHENGDU, 7 Nov — China’s panda experts are preparing for gene studies on Chinese tigers, or south China tigers as they are called locally, in a bid to better protect the endangered species, according to sources with a recent meeting held in this capital of southwestern Sichuan Province. As the largest gene research project on Chinese tigers, the project will focus on the genetic diversity of Chinese tigers and help to reduce inbreeding, which is widely regarded as the cause of the gene loss and deterioration of the species. According to sources, ten tigers from Fianju, deputy director of Chengdu Giant Panda Reserve Base, will be tested under the plan in the first year. The creative programmes will have to account for 10-15 per cent of the TV and radio stations’ overall on-air programmes, with broadcasting periods to be ranged from 50-90 minutes, and be to be focused on 04:00-10:00 pm. — MNA/Xinhua

**Australia starts random drug tests for troops**

CANBERRA, 7 Nov — Australian troops will face random drug tests after half of the soldiers recently tested at a barracks were found to have used illicit drugs, the government said on Thursday. Random tests on 97 soldiers at the Robertson Army Barracks in the northern town of Darwin found 47 of them had used drugs, according to a report presented to a parliamentary committee. “Any drug use in the defence forces is unacceptable,” Assistant Defence Minister Mal Brough told reporters.

Brough said he was confident drug use in the defence forces was at low levels but the random tests would be a deterrent and educational tool. He said that of 3,000 people stationed at Robertson, about 100 had been tested in a targeted interference after reports of widespread drug use.

Brough said about 10 per cent of the defence force’s 51,791 permanent staff would be tested under the plan in the first year. — MNA/Reuters

**Belgian man saves fish with kiss of life**

BRUSSELS, 7 Nov — A former Belgian ambulance driver put his first aid skills to good use by reviving one of his pond fish with mouth-to-mouth resuscitation, a newspaper said recently. Leo Van Aert was so happy about having saved the life of his goldfish, that if he wants to name it after one of his grandchildren, the Gazz Van Antwerpsen said. Van Aert, 57, washed up at his home near the Belgian port of Antwerp when his wife noticed the koi — a spotted Japanese carp — floating on the surface of the garden pond. — MNA/Reuters
Lucky van Nistelrooy takes leaf out of Law’s book

MANCHESTER, 7 Nov—Ruud van Nistelrooy closed in on Denis Law’s European scoring record for Manchester United with a display of goal-poaching against Rangers on Tuesday that came straight out of the Scot’s own handbook.

That was the view of United manager Alex Ferguson after Dutchman van Nistelrooy scored twice from close range in United’s 3-0 Champions League win at Old Trafford to take his tally for the club to 27, one less than Law’s tally.

Van Nistelrooy’s first came from a lucky rebound off his knee but Ferguson told reporters: “I expect strikers to score off the rebounds, there was one here that almost lived off them for 10 years, Denis Law.

“There’s nothing wrong with scoring a scabby goal, you know. You’re delighted. I scored a few myself,” added the United boss, a former Rangers forward in his playing days.

Van Nistelrooy’s double ended a four-game personal goal drought, although it remains to be seen if it impressed watching Dutch coach Dick Advocaat, who has dropped van Nistelrooy for the Euro 2004 qualification squad against Scotland after a public row.

“Strikers live on confidence. Ruud is no different,” added Ferguson.

“You saw the change in his game in the second half.”

Monaco crush Deportivo in record goal feast

MONACO, 7 Nov—Monaco thrashed Deportivo Coruna 8-3 on Wednesday in an extraordinary match that set a record for the number of goals scored in a Champions League game.

There had previously been only one 8-3 result in the elite European competition when Lokomotiv Sofia beat Malmo in the 1964-65 European Cup first round.

Monaco forward Dado Prso became only the third player to score four goals in a Champions League game after Marco van Basten for AC Milan against IFK Gothenburg in 1992 and Simone Jozzà for Lazio against Olympique Marseille in 2000.

“It’s difficult to grasp,” said Monaco coach Didier Deschamps. “It’s an extraordinary moment to beat a side like Deportivo 8-3 in the Champions League. It’s the sort of thing that is unthinkable.

“I’m very happy, it feels great,” said Prso, who was also celebrating his 29th birthday.

“The coach said before the game he would give me my chance. It’s the first time I’ve scored four — in training I’ve scored a hat-trick.”

Monaco lead the group with nine points followed by Deportivo on seven and PSV Eindhoven six. PSV beat AEK Athens 2-0 on Wednesday.

The French league leaders led 5-2 at halftime against a hapless Deportivo defence which committed a stream of schoolboy errors and could not deal with the pace and vision of Ludovic Giuly and Jerome Rothen.

Prso’s was the second fastest goal in Champions League history after his third against Blackburn on 5 November against Austria.

Deportivo took shell-shocked keeper Jose Molina off at the break but his replacement Gustavo Munua picked the ball out of the net twice within five minutes as Prso scored again and Jaroslav Plasil added a seventh.

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Diego Tristan, one of the few Deportivo players to shine, scored his second in the 52nd minute but Edouard Cissé gave it 6-3 in front of a disbelieving Monaco crowd, including Prince Rainer.

The victory was even more astonishing as Fernando Morientes, the pivot of the Monaco side this season, failed a fitness test and watched the game with his former Real Madrid teammate Raul from the stands.

The first half started with a bang and contained seven goals in about 48 minutes.

A bad defensive header by Manuel Pablo Garcia left midfielder Rothen free in front of Molina and probably the best left foot in French football lifted the ball over the keeper.

Deportivo stayed on the offensive but were dealt a second sucker punch in the 11th minute when a superb throw in by ball by Lucas Bernardi put Giuly through.

The midfielder drove forward, rounded Molina and coolly slotted the ball home.

Worse was to come for the Spanish side when a Rothen corner found Prso alone five metres out and he scored with ease.

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Inter held at home by lively Lokomotiv

MILAN, 7 Nov—Inter Milan were held to a 1-1 draw at home by Lokomotiv Moscow in Champions League Group B on Wednesday after a goal from Dmitry Loskov cancelled out Alvaro Recoba’s first-half opener for the Italians.

It was another below-par display from Inter who suffered a 3-0 loss to the Russians in Moscow two weeks ago.

Although the result left Inter still top of the group on seven points, ahead of Dynamo Kiev who lost 1-0 at Arsenal, qualification for the knock-out stage is still in the balance for last season’s beaten semi-finalists.

Lokomotiv, who have five points, are still in the hunt and showed why they could still advance from a tight group with another fine performance.

The Russians were far more mobile and moved the ball around the field with greater ease than their Serie A opponents who were reduced to infrquent bursts forward.

Inter coach Alberto Zaccheroni has instilled greater fight and energy into the side he took over from the sacked Hector Cuper but has been unable to find the creative touch and the fluidity that have long been lacking.

Right from the outset the Russians were positive and precise and they should have had an early lead when Vadam Evseev found himself just three metres out but he missed and Cristiano Zanetti cleared off the line.

It was a rare moment of individual skill which gave Inter the lead in the 14th minute when Recoba turned superbly to lose his marker on the edge of the area before blasting past Lokomotiv keeper Ovchinikov.

Christiaan Vieri, looking badly short of confidence and fitness, wasted a good opportunity eight minutes later, blasting high over the bar after he had been served a straightforward chance by a Kily Gonzalez pull back.

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Juve reach last 16 after 0-0 draw at Sociedad

SAN SEBASTIAN (Spain), 7 Nov—Last season’s losing finalists Juve beat Sociedad 1-1 in their place in the knock-out phase of the Champions League after a 0-0 draw at Real Sociedad in their UEFA Champions League Group D match on Wednesday.

The draw, combined with Galatasaray’s 3-0 defeat away to Olympiakos, means that Juve, who lost out on penalties to Serie A rivals AC Milan in last season’s final, cannot now finish lower than second in the group.

An under-strength Juve were put under severe pressure for most of the match by a much-improved Sociedad who held out for a draw thanks to a fine display from goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon.

The result also leaves Sociedad well-placed in the group and a win in one of their remaining two matches will ensure they join Juve in the last 16.

Juve only had two clear chances on goal in a frenetic encounter but Sociedad keeper Sander Westerveld saved well from striker Fabrizio Miccoli and midfielder Pavel Nedved in either half.

Sociedad, who lost 4-2 at the Delle Alpi two weeks ago, made a brisk start with live-wire Turkish forward Nihat Kahveci creating problems for Juventus down the middle.

Nihat’s strike partner and former Juventus player Darko Kovacevic brushed the post with a shot on the turn after nine minutes, but was pulled up for the use of hands when he controlled the ball.

The Basques had another chance soon after but Valery Karpin was unable to control his header and the ball skewed well over the bar.

The lightning reflexes of Buffon kept the Italian side in the game. The Juve keeper produced a fine full-stretch save to turn the ball round the post after Nihat had sent a neat toe poke fizzing towards the near post.

MNA/Reuters

Brazilian player Giovane Elber of Olympique Lyon celebrates with Duarea after the Champions League Group A soccer match against his former club Bayern Munich in Munich’s Olympic stadium November 5, 2003. Lyon won the match 2-1. —REUTERS

Inter Milan coach Alberto Zaccheroni shouts to his players during the Champions League game against Lokomotiv Moscow. —MNA/Reuters

Recoba corner but Lokomotiv drew level on 54 minutes when Loskov’s shot from 25 metres took a deflection off Marco Materazzi and beat Inter keeper Francesco Toldo.

If that was a fortunate goal it was one that Lokomotiv thoroughly deserved although Inter went close to a late winner when Ovchinikov pulled off an excellent double-save to foil Vieri.

The Inter striker met a Thomas Helveg cross with a firm volley which the Lokomotiv keeper parried and then Ovchinikov reacted well to block Vieri’s second attempt.

Inter had another opportunity near the end when Kily Gonzalez broke into the area after a good run down the left but he hesitated, allowing Oleg Pashinin to make a vital saving tackle.

MNA/Reuters

Nihat Kahveci creating problems for Juventus down the middle.

Sociedad will ensure they join Juve in the last 16.

Alvaro Recoba of Uruguay challenges with Diego Capello of Real Madrid during their UEFA Champions League match at Old Trafford. —MNA/Reuters
THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR, Saturday, November 8, 2003

WEATHER
Friday, 7 November, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: Expecting the next 24 hours except for the isolated light rain in Thanbyuzayat Division, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were 6°C below normal in Kayin and Thanbyuzayat Divisions, 3°C to 4°C below normal in Magway, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, 3°C above normal in upper Sagaing Division and above normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 6-11-2003 was 35.5°C (96°F). Minimum temperature on 7-11-2003 was 20°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 7-11-2003 was 87%. Total sunshine hours on 6-11-2003 was 7.77 hrs approx. Rainfall on 11-11-2003 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-11-2003 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 speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from Northwest at (00:30) hours MST on 7-11-2003.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in West Central. South-west Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 8-11-2003: Except for the possibility of isolated rain in Kayin State and Thanbyuzayat Division, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Temperature will be 2°C below normal.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the whole country.


Earthquake Report
An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.6) Richter Scale with its epicenter about (482) miles Northeast of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (20) hrs (33) (56) sec MST on 6 November 2003.

WEATHER

Tumultuous Bagan Sound Reverberates

- Winds from the north are expected to ease towards the end of this weekend.

MRTV-3

Sunday, November 9

View today:
7:00 am
Greetings
7:20 am
Brief news

8:45 am
8. Grammar made easy
11:00 am
1. March song
3. News
11:40 am
4. Games for children
12:00 noon
5. Roundup of the week’s TV local news
2:20 pm
6. Delicacies
2:45 pm
7. National news
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
2. Songs touploaded National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. English for everyday use
20:00 pm
4. Musical programme
5. News
8:05 pm
5. Nice and sweet song
8:20 pm
6. Kaa ( Gutha)
8:37 pm
7. International news
8:50 pm
9. The Music (Elaborate)
9:15 pm
10. Evening news
11:00 pm
11. International news
11:40 pm
12. Weather report
1:00 am
13. Vegetable research
8:05 pm
5. Nice and sweet song
8:20 pm
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Saturday, November 8

Tune in today:
8:30 am
9.8.30 am Brief news
8:35 am
9.8.35 am Music
8:40 am
9.8.40 am Perspectives
8:45 am
9.8.45 am Music
8:50 am
9.8.50 am National news
8:55 am
9.8.55 am Music
9:00 am
9.9.00 am Music
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Prime Minister attends Kathina robes offering ceremony of Insein Ywama Pariyatti Monastery

YANGON, 7 Nov — The All Private Bus Lines Control Committee (Yangon) held its second Kathina robes offering to 623 members of the Sangha at Insein Ywama Pariyatti Monastery in Insein Township, Yangon North District, this morning, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt who presented Kathina robes and offerings to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandavamsa, and offerings to Taikoak Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Naikpokkhantha Bhi-vamsa invested the con-gregation with the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited parittas. Also present on the occasion were Chairman U Myint Swe, minister, deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, Chairman of the committee U Myint Swe and committee members, well wishers and lay persons.

Dagon Myothit (South), Nikaya Monastery President Nayaka Sayadaw Tipiataka-dhara Tipiatakakovida Bhad-danta Silakhkhanda Bhi-vamsa invested the congregation with the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited parittas. The Prime Minister presented Kathina robes and offerings to Sayadaw Bhad-danta Nandavamsa, and offerings to Taikoak Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tilokabhivamsa. The commander, the minister and lay representatives of the Sangha.

Nayaka Sayadaw Tilokabhivamsa delivered a sermon. The General and party and well wishers shared merits gained. — MVA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt views men’s event of 13th Asian Archery Championship and Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier for 2004

YANGON, 7 Nov — The men’s event of 13th Asian Archery Championship and Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier for the 2004 being hosted in the Union of Myanmar was held at the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) on Waizayanta Street, Thingangyun Township, starting from this morning, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party and laity receiving the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tilokabhivamsa. — MVA

Minister General Khin Nyunt watches the performance of a contestant in Men Compound event of the 13th Asian Archery Championship. — MNA

Minister General Khin Nyunt watches the performance of a contestant in Men Compound event of the 13th Asian Archery Championship. — MNA

Myanmar Wushu team wins second gold medal

YANGON, 7 Nov — The Myanmar Wushu team won another gold medal at the end of yesterday evening’s pro-grammes of the 7th World Wushu Championship, which is being held in Macao. The athlete who took the second gold medal for the Myanmar Wushu team is Khine Khine Maw, who won the medal in Taiqijian event. Athletes from Japan and Viet-nam stood second and third respectively in the event. Maung Zaw Zaw Moe of Myanmar fetched a grade-4 honourable award in Nanchen event, and Hong Kong, Mal-aysia and Vietnam stood first, second and third respectively. In Sanso event, Ma Thunzoe (YCDC) of Myanmar hammered her Philippine ri-val 2-0 in the women’s 48-kilo category of Sanso semi-final. She will meet the Chi-nese athlete in the final.

The Myanmar Wushu team has so far bagged two gold, two silver and one grade-4 honourable award in the championship. — NLM