Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development tasks in Pakokku District

YANGON, 4 Dec — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Zaw Min, Col Sein Win of Pakokku Station and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, inspected Hseikhsin rural dam in Hseikhsin Village, Myaing Township, yesterday.

An official reported on facts about the dam. Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged officials and local people to work for durability of the facility. The dam constructed with the assistance of Magway Division Peace and Development Council benefits about 95 acres of crops. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Kyauktaiang rural dam which benefits 30 acres of farmland in Kyauktaiang Village.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the embankment and inflow of the dam and paddy fields and left instructions on growing of Mezali (Cassia siamea) and Thitkyitaw (Belleric Myrobalan) trees around the dam. They headed for Thapkanhkan Village and looked into the dam and paddy fields and left instructions.

Next, they inspected Thitkyitaw dam construction project being undertaken by the Irrigation Department on Huanggetaw Creek near Nyaungnyotaw Village. Officials reported on salient points about the dam that will irrigate 200 acres of land. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected land preparation work and the creek. In meeting with local farmers, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

They inspected Thitkyitaw dam construction project that will benefit 200 acres of land on Nyaungnyotaw (Yayhsu) Creek near Thitkyitaw Village and gave instructions.

Aferwards, they went to Phalanwe rural dam in Pauktaw village. Officials reported on facts about the dam. Col Zaw Min gave a supplementary report. After giving instructions, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the dam that benefits 43 acres of land and paddy fields.

They also inspected Magyeesu dam in Magyeesu Village and Kaing dam in Kaing Village in Pakokku. They visited Hsugyi-pantaung Monastery in Pakokku and paid reverence to the Sayadaws and presented offerings to members of the Sangha. They looked into Paung Lake and Myakanta amusement park.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint held a meeting with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsmen at Pyithaya Hall in Pakokku. At the meeting, officials reported on condition of local rice sufficiency, agriculture, livestock breeding, education, health and economy of the region and work done sector-wise.

In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that township level departmental officials are to make filed tours right down to the grassroots level for rural development. (See page 9)
Towards total eradication of narcotic drugs

As narcotic drugs pose a grave threat to mankind, every nation in the world is trying to eliminate the scourge. The Government of Myanmar, on its part, is leading anti-narcotic drugs campaign and carrying out the task of stamping out the danger of narcotics as a national duty.

In accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the 15-year plan has been laid down since 1999 and is being implemented stage by stage. The Government of Myanmar is very serious about wiping out the menace of narcotic drugs from its soil once and for all. The entire people are also actively co-operating with the Government in its fight against narcotics, the evil legacy of imperialists.

Involved in the various measures taken to eradicate narcotic drugs are seizure of drugs, punishing drug traffickers and introducing the cultivation of poppy-substitute crops in the areas where poppy used to be grown. Moreover, as part of the 15-year plan, the New Destiny Project was launched in April, 2002.

According to the New Destiny Project, farmers are being organized to grow poppy-substitute crops. Moreover, cash, food supplies, seeds of crops, piglets are being distributed so that the farmers can engage in agriculture and livestock breeding.

Various organizations of national races are also making efforts to raise the momentum of growing substitute crops and establishment of manufacturing industries to promote the economy of their respective regions.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe on 28 November visited Shan State (North) and inspected the construction of a brick factory on the Lashio-Hsenwi-Muse road.

The construction of the factory is another way to replace poppy cultivation.

In the past, the eastern and northern parts of Shan State were the areas where poppy was grown most. But now, poppy-substitute crops are thriving there.

Agricultural services are also providing all the necessary help from the cultivation season to the harvest season.

We would like to urge all the entire national people to enthusiastically cooperate with the Government for total eradication of narcotic drugs from the soil of our country during the targeted period.

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YANGON, 5 Dec — On the occasion of the birthday of His Majesty King Bhumibol Adulyadej which falls on 5 December 2003, General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand. — MNA

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CPLA Deputy Chief of General Staff visits National Defence College

YANGON, 4 Dec — Visiting Deputy Chief of General Staff, General Wu Quanxu of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army of the People’s Republic of China and party, accompanied by Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Nyan Win of the Ministry of Defence and Military Attaché Senior Colonel Xu Shulai of the Embassy of the People’s Republic of China, arrived at National Defence College on 5 December 2003.

The Chinese general and party were welcomed at the college by Commandant of National Defence College Maj-Gen Moe Hein, Deputy Commandant Brig-Gen Than Maung, heads of department and instructor colonels.

Commercial Management Course opened

YANGON, 4 Dec — Financial Management Course (2) of the Public Works under the Ministry of Construction was opened this morning at the Central Training School (Thuwunna) of the ministry here. Construction Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun made an address at the opening ceremony. A total of 22 trainees are attending the six-week course. The opening ceremony was also attended by Deputy Ministers for Construction U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, the directors-general and managing directors of the ministry, officials concerned and trainees. — MNA
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Chief of PLA General Staff meets Hungarian guests

Beijing, 4 Dec—Exchanges and cooperation between the Armed Forces of China and Hungary have enhanced mutual understanding between the two sides, said Liang Guanglie, chief of General Staff of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army (PLA), here.

Liang made the remarks when meeting with Havril Andras, Deputy Chief of General Staff of the Armed Forces of Hungary, and his party.

Liang said the peoples of China and Hungary have a profound friendship despite the geographic distance between the two countries.

Since 1993, China and Hungary have respectively sent 19 military delegations to each other, which has enhanced mutual understanding, he added.

He stressed that the Armed Forces of China are willing to promote military relations with Hungary.

Havril said the Armed Forces of Hungary values the exchanges and cooperation with their Chinese counterparts and are ready to expand areas of cooperation.


ASEM ministers call for cultural diversity to curb terrorism

Brussels, 4 Dec — The culture ministers attending the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) here called on ASEM members to increase dialogue among diverse cultures and civilizations in a bid to wipe out misunderstanding and ignorance that prevent terrorism and exclusiveness.

At the ASEM Conference on Cultures and Civilizations, which opened here Wednesday, ministers and officials from 26 ASEM members warned of the increasingly grave threats to non-violent societies, such as the September 11 terrorist attacks on the United States and the Bali bombings in October last year.

They claimed that the radical reaction to the globalization in some countries led to aggravated violence and terrorism against the background of unbalanced economic development and cultural misunderstanding.

Cultural diversity based on mutual understanding and mutual respect should be considered a shield against terrorism, they said. Due to insufficient understanding of each other’s ideas and thoughts, culture is playing a more complex role in society that political, economic and scientific factors, said Rais Yatim, Malaysian minister from the Prime Minister’s department.

Gunter Mulack, German Ambassador of the federal foreign office, said that the world’s cultures are moving toward unity in parallel with information technology, which in turn had led to cultural disputes.

The dialogues should be conducted to achieve understanding and tolerance and curb terrorism, racism and exclusiveness, said Mulack.

Terrorism is increasing in Singapore, a multi-national and multi-racial country, said Lee Boon Yang, Singaporean Minister for Information, Communications and Arts.

The ASEM countries should remove cultural conflicts and differences, and create more channels for mutual understanding among peoples, said Lee. —AFP

Sino-ASEM economic park to be built

Nanning, 4 Dec—A China-ASEM (Association of South-East Asian Nations) economic park will be set up in this capital of southern Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on the site of the existing Overseas Chinese Investment Zone in the city.

An official from the regional government said that in addition to upgrading the Overseas Chinese Investment Zone, 46 kilometres from downtown Nanning, they would also work out special policies to draw more entrepreneurs from ASEAN and domestic businessmen who export commodities to ASEAN to start businesses in the Sino-ASEM economic park.

A Sino-ASEM fair will be held in Nanning next year, according to the official.

The Overseas Chinese Investment Zone, covering 179 square kilometres, is situated in Wuming county of Nanning and was formerly the Wuming Overseas Chinese Farm. More than 7,300 overseas Chinese returned from Indonesia, Vietnam and other South-East Asia nations have settled down in the zone, but they still retain folkways of ASEAN nations and have kept kindred relations with residents in 28 countries and regions. There are 50 industrial businesses in the zone, including 24 Vietnamese firms, which are engaged in such industries as sugar processing, cassava starch, toilet paper, galvanized iron plate, pharmaceuticals, canned food and garment making. —AFP

441 US service members killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 4 Dec—As of Wednesday, 3 Dec, 441 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 384 died as a result of hostile action and 137 died of non-hostile causes, the department said.

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

On or since 1 May, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 303 US soldiers have died — 189 as a result of hostile action and 114 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defence Department’s figures.

Since the start of military operations, 2,150 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department’s figures. Non-hostile injuries numbered 353.

The latest identification reported by the Department of Defence:

Army Spc Raphael S Davis, 24, Tutwiler, Miss. Killed Tuesday when his vehicle was hit by an explosive in Tampa, Iraq, assigned to B Company, 223rd Engineer Battalion, Army National Guard, Calhoun City, Miss. —AFP

US soldier of Indian origin killed in Iraq

CHANDIGARH, 4 Dec—Twenty-one-year-old US Army Specialist Uday Singh became the first Indian to die in Operation Iraqi Freedom when his convoy was ambushed in Habbaniyah near Baghdad on 1 December. Uday had enlisted in the US Army after he passed Class XII from St Stephen’s School here.

In a telephone message to the Union home minister last month, New Delhi conveyed the news of Uday’s death to his father, Lt-Col (retd) PM Singh, at his Sector 18 home. A third-generation soldier, Uday had enlisted in the US Army on 28 August, 2001.

Singh was in shock when the HT team visited him on Wednesday. He was being consoled by relatives and friends. Uday’s friends and batchmates from school were also present at the house. Some of them had spoken to him over the phone just a few days back.

Singh said Uday received 16 weeks of training at Fort Knox in Kentucky and was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 34th Armoured Regiment, 1st Infantry Division in Fort Riley, Kansas. His unit was deployed in Iraq on 8 September, 2003 after being initially based in Kuwait.

Uday was killed when his unit was attacked while on a patrol in Habbaniyah. He was in a Humvee vehicle as a gunner when it was ambushed. He died on the way to hospital. Exact details are still not available as the official version will be provided by US Army officers when they visit Singh.—AFP

Kuwait bank service to Iraq

BAGHDAD, 4 Dec—The National Bank of Kuwait announced yesterday it had started offering money transfer services to Iraq, becoming the first local bank to do so since the 1990-91 Gulf War.

Customers can now transfer dollars and Iraqi dinars to banks in Iraq’s capital, Baghdad, and the major cities of Basra and Mosul, NBK, the country’s largest commercial bank, said in a statement.

The Risings:

SAARC experts to meet again for free trade treaty

KATHMANDU, 4 Dec—The sixth round meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) Committee of Experts that concluded here failed to finalize the draft framework treaty of the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA), but the experts agreed to meet again soon.

The two-day joint-secretary level body meeting failed to draft a comprehensible treaty for the SAFTA following differences over providing preferential treatment to the least developed countries among SAARC members. The Rising Nepal, on Wednesday quoted a Nepali official who attended the meeting as saying.

A Aboriginal Bom tribesmen have found a ‘critically endangered’ ash-white and owl-eyed monkey in the southeastern Bangladesh hills. —AFP
UNMOVIC continues analysis work on Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 4 Dec—The United Nations Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) continued with its analysis work on Iraq since its withdrawal from the country last March, a UN spokesman said Wednesday. The spokesman told a noon briefing that the commission formed the UN Security Council, in its latest quarterly report, that it had continued with its work, including analyzing biological samples and doing technical evaluations of Iraq’s Al-Saumad 2 missiles.

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Italy says no plans to send more troops to Iraq

ROSEO, 4 Dec—Italy said on Wednesday it had no plans to send any more troops to Iraq and its forces there would in fact decrease when 500 Italian Navy personnel return home, as planned, later this month. But Defence Minister Antonio Martino said the government had no intention of pulling out of the region, despite the poor security situation and a deadly attack on an Italian base in November.

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Authorities arrest 57 Hells Angels in US raids

LOS ANGELES, 4 Dec—Fifty-seven Hells Angels members were arrested on Wednesday as police and federal agents raided homes and motorcycle gang clubhouses across the western United States, seizing guns, explosives and drugs.

Authorities said the raids, which followed a two-year undercover operation in five states, turned up more than 100 firearms, along with a small amount of methamphetamine, and suggested that more charges could follow.

They said the Hells Angels were believed to be involved in a variety of criminal activities, including the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine, firearms trafficking and auto theft.

But officials gave few details of those arrested on Wednesday or the specific charges against them.

“This joint operation is just one small part of ATF’s ongoing, collaborative efforts to reduce violent crime, particularly as it relates to gang violence and firearms related violent crime,” said Special Agent Donald Kincaid, a Los Angeles spokesman for the US Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ACTF).

The Hells Angels, active back to the 1940s, have an estimated worldwide membership of 2,500, including chapters in Canada, Europe and Australia. Their list of misdeeds includes the stabbing death of a spectator at a 1969 Rolling Stones concert in Oakland, California, and a violent brawl and shootout at a Nevada casino in April 2002 during a motorcycle rally.

Three bikers were killed on a crowded casino floor in Laughlin and a fourth was fatally shot in the back hours later while riding on a nearby highway.

Authorities declined to say if any of the evidence seized was related to the Laughlin incident or if any of the weapons found could be tied to a crime.

Indian Navy to outsource maintenance equipment

NEW DELHI, 4 Dec—The Indian Navy said it was considering outsourcing major maintenance of equipment and implementing performance-based logistics concept to achieve guaranteed level of performance and make suppliers more accountable.

“The performance-based logistics (PBL) encompasses the management of logistics support including supply of requisite spares within an agreed time-frame, services and equipment upgrade by the supplier to ensure guaranteed level of performance of the equipment at a contracted price,” Vice-Admiral P. C. Bhaskar, Chief of Material, Integrated Headquarters, told the Navy-Industry Partnership Meet 2003 in New Delhi.

Investment from private sector reaches record high

BEIJING, 4 Dec—Private investment of nearly 1.000 billion yuan in China in the first nine months of the year has exceeded the figure for any whole year since this once planned economy loosened some restrictions on private enterprise eight years ago.

The latest statistics from the All-China Federation of Industry and Commerce show that the private sector invested a total of 957.7 billion yuan (115.4 billion US dollars) in fixed assets in the period, up 30.3 per cent on the same period last year.

Based on a less restricted market and increased economic strength, private investors set foot in fields that were previously off limits, like heavy industry, financial services, education and culture industry, media and publication, roads and urban public infrastructure.

Logistics has become a major new attraction for private investment, according to the federation survey.

New Iraq funds panel set to meet

BAGHDAD, 4 Dec—A new board that will monitor a US- and British-controlled fund for Iraq’s development will hold its first meeting tomorrow, a US spokesman announced.

The International Advisory and Monitoring Board was authorised by a Security Council resolution adopted on 22 May that lifted UN sanctions on Iraq and started rebuilding the country.

The board includes representatives from the Arab Fund for Economic and Social Development, the International Monetary Fund, the UN and the World Bank.

UN spokesman Fred Eckhard said the initial meeting will take place at UN headquarters. The IMF will be represented by Bert Keuppen, senior adviser in the finance department; the World Bank by vice-president and controller Fayerzal Chaudhury; and the UN by assistant secretary general and controller Jean-Pierre Halbwachs, he said. —Internet

Two US soldiers wounded in attack in southern Afghan city

KABUL, 4 Dec—Two US soldiers were wounded on Wednesday in an attack in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar when an Afghan man targeted their car with a hand grenade, an Afghan official said.

The incident took place at 11:30 am local time at Chahoe Shahidian area in the city centre, according to Kandahar police chief Mohammed Salim Hasas.

Speaking to a local television station, Hasas said the attacker was in police custody and being investigated, “The number is not set to rise,” Martino said, adding that when the Italian ship San Giusto returned home later this month some 2,200 troops would remain in Iraq.

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Chapter II
Duties and Powers of the Central Control Board

3. The Central Control Board
   (a) may liaise with the States Parties of the United Nations conventions, international
   (b) shall co-ordinate and co-operate with the relevant government departments
      and organizations so as not to enable the owner or possessor of money and
   (c) shall, to increase technical know-how in investigating and exposing arrange,
      supervise and guide the responsible persons from the banks and financial
      institutions, members of Financial Intelligence Unit and responsible persons
      from the relevant government departments and organizations for conducting
      necessary training courses, holding workshops and exchanging of local and
      foreign knowledge.

4. The Central Control Board:
   (a) shall prescribe the amount and value of money and property against which
   (b) shall, with the approval of the Government, prescribe the amount and value of
      money and property which shall be reported to the Central Control Board under
      sub-section (c) of section 5 and sub-section (a) of section 8. Such provision may be amended
      from time to time;
   (b) may, if it is evident that, after committing the money laundering offence the
   (c) shall inform the prescribed amount and value of money and property to the
   (d) shall form the Staff Office comprising experts to assist its functions and
   duties. The Financial Intelligence Unit shall be formed with suitable expert
   members out of the members of Staff Office for detecting money laundering
   offences;
   (e) shall, on receiving the information that money laundering offence has been
      committed, form the necessary Investigation Bodies in accordance with the
      Law and assign duty to carry out investigation, entering, inspecting, searching
      and seizing;
   (f) shall, when duty has been assigned under sub-rule (e) with respect to money
      and property obtained by illegal means, issue in Form (1) the order granting
      permission to the Investigation Body to investigate, enter and make inspection, search and
      seize;
   (g) may, issue order under sub-section (f) of section 8 of the Law to the responsible
      persons from the banks and financial institutions to grant permission to the
      Investigation Body to seize temporarily as exhibit the money and property
      obtained by illegal means deposited in the relevant banks and financial
      institutions to inspect financial records and if necessary, to make copy thereof,
      and seize temporarily as exhibit;
   (h) shall, if order is passed to return the property seized temporarily in Form (2)
      as exhibit, under a bond, cause to the bond to be entered into in Form (4); if there is violation
      of the bond, the order returning the property under the said bond may be revoked.
   (i) may issue a prohibitory order in Form(3) under sub-section (g) of section 8 of
      the Law to the responsible persons or the institutions and persons not to
      transfer by any means, conceal, obliterate and dispose the money and property
      obtained by illegal means during the period in which investigation is being
      made under these Rules. In addition, if necessary, may direct the sealing of the
      immovable property;
   (j) Under the report of findings of the Investigation Body:
      (1) if it is necessary to make further investigation of the supporting evidences,
         directive may be issued to the Investigation Body to make such investigations
         and submit them;
      (2) if evidence is found that a money laundering offence is likely to be

committed, the Preliminary Scrutiny Body shall be formed and assigned
functions and duties thereto for enabling to conduct hearing of the said
matter and to submit report thereof

(3) if it is found clearly that no money laundering offence has been
committed, the case under investigation shall be closed; in addition, the
money and property seized temporarily shall be returned in Form (7) to
the person under investigation or the person whose property has been
seized.

(4) if it is necessary to take action against the offender under section 22 or
23 of the Law, the Investigation Body shall be directed to file the
information report at the relevant police station and to proceed further.

(k) may, under the report of findings of the Investigation Body and submission of
the Preliminary Scrutiny Body, pass the order confiscating the money
and property seized temporarily. If prior sanction has been granted
or is to be granted to prosecute the offender, under section 22 or 23 of the Law
postponement shall be made without passing the confiscation order on the
money and property seized temporarily as exhibit, and such order shall be
passed in conformity with the order and judgment of the relevant Court which
is final and confirmed.

(l) may, if it is evident that, after committing the money laundering offence the
person under investigation is absconding or cannot be found or has died or has
gone abroad for good, with respect to money and property involved in the
money laundering offence, pass the confiscation order under the report of
findings of the Investigation Body and submission made by the Preliminary
Scrutiny Body.

(m) may, before or after passing the order confiscating the exhibit, if the person
under investigation applies within 90 days after hearing is made by the
Preliminary Scrutiny Body for review of the case, submitting witnesses,
document and evidence that he was not able to submit at all in the previous
investigation, direct the Investigation Body to investigate again or the Preliminary
Scrutiny Body to conduct the hearing again.

Chapter III
Formation of the Financial Intelligence Unit
and Functions and Duties thereof

5. The Central Control Board shall, in forming the Financial Intelligence Unit under
sub-rule (d) of Rule 4, draw a draft rule to instruct the Central Control Board under section 13 of the Law and Rule 26;

6. The Financial Intelligence Unit shall carry out the following functions and duties in accordance with the directive of the Central Control Board:
   (a) with respect to matters on exchange of information relating to money
      and property obtained by illegal means, liaising mutually with international
      organizations, regional organisations and neighbouring countries;
   (b) with respect to matters to be carried out by the banks and financial institutions
      under these Rules, reporting to the Central Control Board, if no reporting is
      made on matters that are to be investigated and reported, or if unusual or
      suspicious information is received;
   (c) reporting to the Central Control Board, if information has been received on
      illegal financial transactions, not through the banks and financial institutions;
   (d) reporting to the Central Control Board, if responsible persons of the Department
      of Settlements and Land Records and State, Divisional, District and Township
      Land Records Offices and Registration Offices to report matters that are to be
      investigated and reported, or if unusual or suspicious information is received;
   (e) reporting to the Central Control Board, if responsible persons from relevant
      government department and organizations fail to report on matters that are to be
      investigated and reported, or if unusual or suspicious information is received;
   (f) advising and submitting to the Central Control Board to conduct training
      courses for the responsible persons from the banks and financial institutions,
      and government departments and organizations to assist in increasing the
      necessary technical know-how.

Chapter IV
Duties to Report

7. For the purpose of these Rules, the responsible persons from the banks and financial
institutions —
   (a) shall, notwithstanding anything contained in the existing laws regarding bank
      secrecy, with respect to depositing, withdrawing and transferring of money, if
      any of the following points is found, determine the accounts of the person who
      has made deposit and withdrawal of money as confidential, and, without delay,
      report to the Central Control Board or to the bank in the form specified by the
      Central Control Board, and a copy shall be sent to the Central Bank:
      (1) exceeding of the amount and value of money prescribed by the Central
      Control Board;
      (2) being unusual or suspicious although it does not exceed the amount
         and value of money prescribed by the Central Control Board;
      (b) may continue to perform according to the procedures of the banks and financial
         institutions to deposit, withdrawing and transferring of money, if no prohibition
         is made by issuance of order by the Central Control Board and if no notification
         is made under sub-rule(a).

8. The Central Bank shall, with respect to matters of suspicious nature out of the
information sent by copy to it under sub-rule (a) of Rule 7, call for information
as may be required from the banks and financial institutions, scrutinize and submit to the
Central Control Board matters that are required to be detected and exposed.

9. For the purpose of these Rules, the responsible persons of the Department of
Settlements and Land Records and State, Divisional, District and Township
Settlements and Land Records Offices and the Registration Offices:

(See page 7)
laundering offence:

17. The Investigation Body, in carrying out under Rule 15 with respect to money, inspecting, searching and seizing as exhibits.

16. The Investigation Body, in carrying out under Rule 15

15. The Head of a department shall, out of information a copy of which was sent under Rule 7 and 9 shall not have the duty to report the matter which is not related to a money laundering offence and in respect of which supporting evidence can be submitted that it is a deposit withdrawal and transfer of money or transfer of property under any existing law or any customary law and which is in accordance with the right of inheritance.

14. The Central Control Board shall, on obtaining information and data relating to department and organization and after scrutinizing the same submit to the Central Control Board matters that are required to be detected and exposed.

13. The Central Control Board must, out of information a copy of which was sent under Rule 7 and 9 shall not have the duty to report the matter which is not related to a money laundering offence and in respect of which supporting evidence can be submitted that it is a deposit withdrawal and transfer of money or transfer of property under any existing law or any customary law and which is in accordance with the right of inheritance.

12. For the purpose of this Law any responsible person from the Customs Department may summon and obtain statements from the person under investigation or other persons as are required.

11. Out of the matters which are to be reported, responsible persons under Rules 7 and 9 shall not have the duty to report the matter which is not related to a money laundering offence and in respect of which supporting evidence can be submitted that it is a deposit withdrawal and transfer of money or transfer of property under any existing law or any customary law and which is in accordance with the right of inheritance.

10. The Department of Settlements and Land Records shall, out of the information sent by copy to it under sub-rule (a) of Rule 9 regarding matters of suspicious nature, call for necessary information from the relevant State, Division, District and Township Department of Settlements and Land Records, Registration Offices, scrutinize and submit to the Central Control Board matters that are required to be detected and exposed.

9. shall not have the duty to report the matter which is not related to a money laundering offence and in respect of which supporting evidence can be submitted that it is a deposit withdrawal and transfer of money or transfer of property under any existing law or any customary law and which is in accordance with the right of inheritance.

8. The Investigation Body shall, if there arises a cause to pass any of the following orders and directive during the period of investigation with respect to money and property seized temporarily as exhibit, submit to the Central Control Board giving reasons:

7. (f) shall, with respect to properties that will be re-entrusted under a bond under sub-rules (c), (d) and (e), re-entrust the same under a bond to the person whose property has been seized, only when the prohibitory order in Form (3) of the Central Control Board has been obtained.

6. (g) shall, in entering and inspecting, searching and seizing temporarily of money and property under the duties and powers mentioned in sub-rules (a) to (e), seizing shall be made in the presence of two search witnesses by making three copies of temporarily seizing of property Form (2). The said Form shall be signed by the person under investigation or the person whose property has been seized, search witnesses and the Head of the Investigation Body. One copy of the temporarily seizing of property Form (2) shall be given to the person under investigation or the person whose property has been seized,

5. (h) may, if no prohibition is made by issuance of order by the Central Control Board, under field inspection, the value of property being in excess of the amount and value of property determined by the Central Control Board,

4. (i) may, if no prohibition is made by issuance of order by the Central Control Board, although it has been reported under sub-rule (a), continue the registration of instruments in accordance with the procedures relating to registration of instruments.

3. (j) may summon and obtain statements from the person under investigation or other persons as are required.

2. (k) shall deposit the diamond, gold, silver, gems, jewellery, ornaments, money and property of instruments in accordance with the procedures relating to registration of instruments.

1. (l) shall, if it is required to seize animals such as elephant, horse and cattle, seize the same temporarily. During the period of investigation, a bond with sufficient security shall be entered into in Form (4), and the said animals shall be re-entrusted to the person whose property has been seized;

(f) shall, with respect to properties that will be re-entrusted under a bond under sub-rules (c), (d) and (e), re-entrust the same under a bond to the person whose property has been seized;

(e) shall, if it is required to seize moveable properties such as furniture, musical instruments and precious goods, seize the same temporarily, and during the period of investigation, a bond with sufficient security shall be entered into in Form (4), and the said properties shall be re-entrusted to the person whose property has been seized;

(d) may, if no prohibition is made by issuance of order by the Central Control Board, although it has been reported under sub-rule (a), continue the registration of instruments in accordance with the procedures relating to registration of instruments.

(c) shall deposit the diamond, gold, silver, gems, jewellery, ornaments, money and property as exhibit.

(b) may, if no prohibition is made by issuance of order by the Central Control Board, although it has been reported under sub-rule (a), continue the registration of instruments in accordance with the procedures relating to registration of instruments.

(a) shall open the case and conduct the necessary investigation;

Chapter V
Formation of the Investigation Body and Functions and Duties thereof

14. The Central Control Board shall, on obtaining information and data relating to money laundering offence, form the Investigation Body comprising not less than three suitable persons from the relevant government departments and organizations for enabling investigation and exposure. In so forming, the members of the Investigation Body shall not be retained permanently, but shall be assigned duty case-wise or subject to a time limit by changing the composition thereof.

15. The Investigation Body shall, only after obtaining the sanction of the Central Control Board commence carrying out investigation, exposure, entering and inspecting, searching and seizing as exhibits.

16. The Investigation Body, in carrying out under Rule 15 with respect to money laundering offence:

(a) shall open the case and conduct the necessary investigation;

(b) shall, in investigating, show to the person under investigation the sanction of the Central Control Board initially and explain for which matter investigation is going to be conducted;

(c) may call for and examine the documents and other supporting evidence as are required from the person under investigation, the relevant government departments and organizations, and banks and financial institutions;

(d) may summon and obtain statements from the person under investigation or other persons as are required.

17. The Investigation Body, in carrying out under Rule 15, with respect to money laundering offence:

(a) has the right to enter and inspect the building, land and work-site of the person under investigation;

(b) shall, if it is required to seize the diamond, gold, silver, gems, jewellery, ornaments and moveable properties, seal the same and seized temporarily. The said properties shall be deposited in the bank determined by the Central Control Board under a safe custody system;

(c) shall seize temporarily different kinds of vehicles such as motor-car, vessel, engine-propelled vehicle, vehicle without engine and slow-moving vehicles, different kinds of accessories thereof and documents. If the Central Control Board grants permission during the period of investigation to return the property seized temporarily under a bond, a bond with sufficient security shall be entered into in Form (4) and the said properties shall be re-entrusted to the person whose property has been seized;

(d) shall, if it is required to seize animals such as elephant, horse and cattle, seize the same temporarily. During the period of investigation, a bond with sufficient security shall be entered into in Form (4), and the said animals shall be re-entrusted to the person whose animals have been seized;

(e) shall, if it is required to seize moveable properties such as furniture, musical instruments and precious goods, seize the same temporarily, and during the period of investigation, a bond with sufficient security shall be entered into in Form (4), and the said properties shall be re-entrusted to the person whose property has been seized;

(f) shall, with respect to properties that will be re-entrusted under a bond under sub-rules (c), (d) and (e), re-entrust the same under a bond to the person whose property has been seized, only when the prohibitory order in Form (3) of the Central Control Board has been obtained.

(g) shall, in entering and inspecting, searching and seizing temporarily of money and property under the duties and powers mentioned in sub-rules (a) to (e), seizing shall be made in the presence of two search witnesses by making three copies of temporarily seizing of property Form (2). The said Form shall be signed by the person under investigation or the person whose property has been seized, search witnesses and the Head of the Investigation Body. One copy of the temporarily seizing of property Form (2) shall be given to the person under investigation or the person whose property has been seized,

(h) may, if no prohibition is made by issuance of order by the Central Control Board, although it has been reported under sub-rule (a), continue the registration of instruments in accordance with the procedures relating to registration of instruments.

(i) may, if no prohibition is made by issuance of order by the Central Control Board, although it has been reported under sub-rule (a), continue the registration of instruments in accordance with the procedures relating to registration of instruments.
Valuable seized temporarily as exhibit in the bank and financial institution determined by the Central Control Board for safe custody system.

Chapter VII
Measures to Be Taken for Passing the Prohibitory Order and Directing to Seal in Respect of Exhibits

24. During the investigation period, when the Central Control Board issues the prohibitory order or directs to seal the immoveable property to the relevant government department, organization and persons, so as not to convert, transfer, conceal, obliterate or dispose money and property obtained by illegal means to be legal, the Investigation Body -

(a) shall affix the said order or directive in a conspicuous place at the site where the property in respect of which a prohibitory order or a directive to seal was issued is situated and also at the relevant offices of the Township, Ward and Village-Tract Peace and Development Council;

(b) may, with respect to the sealed immoveable property if the person under investigation, the person whose property has been seized or the person having beneficial interest in the exhibit applies for return of the property under a bond submitting valid evidence during the investigation period cause a bond to be entered into in Form (4) with sufficient security by order of the Central Control Board and return the sealed immovable property;

(c) shall, if the sealed immovable property is not returned under a bond, remove the residents from there, lock and seal the property;

(d) shall assign duty to the relevant Township Police Force Commander to keep the sealed immovable property in safe custody.

25. The person under investigation or the person to whom the property is returned under a bond, shall not sell, mortgage, lease, transfer by any other means or give right of residence and occupancy to a third person in respect of property and money on which a prohibitory order is issued or which is directed to be sealed by the Central Control Board.

Chapter VIII
Formation of the Preliminary Scrutiny Body and Functions and Duties thereof

26. The Central Control Board shall, from the report of findings of the Investigation Body, if there is supporting evidence that a money laundering offence has been committed by any person, form the Preliminary Scrutiny Body comprising not less than three suitable persons to scrutinize and submit as to whether or not the property seized temporarily should be confiscated. In such body, one Deputy Minister shall be assigned duty as the Chairman.

27. The Preliminary Scrutiny Body shall -

(a) carry out and open the preliminary proceeding when assigned duty by the Central Control Board;

(b) inform the person under investigation, the person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit, personally or by representative or by lawyer to appear and defend within 30 days;

(c) submit with the Preliminary Scrutiny Body, if the persons concerned fail to appear for defence although informed under sub-rule (b), after summoning, and examining witnesses who have been examined by the Investigation Body and other necessary witnesses whether the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit should be confiscated or not.

28. The Preliminary Scrutiny Body shall, when the person informed under sub-rule (b) of Rule 27 appears and clarifies -

(a) explain to the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit to clarify and defend showing the reason why the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit should not be confiscated;

(b) submit to the Central Control Board with remarks that the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit should be confiscated, if the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit admits that he has committed the money laundering offence.

29. If the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibits denies that he has not committed any money laundering offence, the Preliminary Scrutiny Body -

(a) shall first hear and examine the witnesses examined by the Preliminary Scrutiny Body;

(b) after hearing the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized and person having beneficial interest in the exhibit and scrutinizing the documentary evidences submitted by them, may accept as exhibit or refuse to accept as exhibit;

(c) shall hear and examine the witnesses submitted by the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized and person having beneficial interest in the exhibit submitted to the Preliminary Scrutiny Body;

(d) may, if necessary, summon and examine the persons who have been exposed during the course of investigation and examine again witnesses who have been examined;

(e) if it is found that certain evidence is required to be examined from the report of findings of the Investigation Body or from the defence of the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized and person having beneficial interest in the exhibit the Preliminary Scrutiny Body to make further investigation and submit the findings;

(f) shall read out the statements, and cause the person under investigation to sign on each page of the statements, and the members of the Preliminary Scrutiny Body shall also put their signatures;

(g) shall, after scrutiny of the report of findings of the Investigation Body and the statements made by the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized, person having beneficial interest in the exhibit and the statements of witnesses of both sides, and exhibit documents submit to the Central Control Board together with remark as to whether or not the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit should be confiscated.

30. The Preliminary Scrutiny Body shall, on being directed by the Central Control Board to make investigation again on the submission made under sub-rule (g) of Rule 29, submit again, examine again the witnesses as may be required, obtain more evidences, and submit again with remark.

31. The Preliminary Scrutiny Body shall, on being directed by the Central Control Board to scrutinize the application made by the person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit stating that the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit obtained through a transaction with a person having beneficial interest in the same with consideration and in good faith, obtain necessary statements and evidences in accordance with Rules 28 and 29, and submit to the Central Control Board with remark as to whether or not the right applied for by the said person should be given.

Chapter IX
Confiscation

32. The Central Control Board, with respect to money and property seized temporarily by the Investigation Body as exhibit -

(a) may, if it is required to obtain statements of witnesses and evidences, again direct the Preliminary Scrutiny Body to obtain and submit the same again;

(b) shall, on finding out that a money laundering offence has been committed according to the report of findings of the Investigation Body and submission made by the Preliminary Scrutiny Body, pass an order confiscating the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit. If it is found that the said offence has not been committed, it shall pass an order to return the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit to the original person whose property has been seized.

(c) shall, in carrying out under sub-rule (b), if prior sanction has been granted or to be granted to prosecute the offender, postpone passing the order confiscating the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit and pass the order as may be required in conformity with the order and judgment of the relevant Court which is final;

(d) shall send the order passed under sub-rules (b) and (c) to the person under investigation, or person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit within 10 days from the date of passing the order.

33. The Central Control Board shall, if it is clearly evidenced that the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit has been obtained through transfer by certain means, with the consent and in good faith by the person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit according to the report of findings of the Investigation Body and submissions made by the Preliminary Scrutiny Body -

(a) if all the said money and property have been transferred and obtained, return all such money and property to the said person;

(b) if part of the said money has been transferred, obtained and in possession, return such part of the said money to the said person;

(c) if part of the property transferred and obtained is jointly owned by the person under investigation and is easy to separate, return such part of the said property to the said person;

(d) if the property transferred and obtained is jointly owned by the person under investigation and is not easy to separate, such property shall be sold by auction. Out of the proceeds of the sale, the money proportionate to possession of that person shall be returned to him, and the money proportionate to possession of the person under investigation shall be confiscated.

34. When the Central Control Board transfers the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit to the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit, the Investigation Body shall return the same in Form (7) in the presence of witnesses.

35. The Central Control Board shall -

(a) pay the money confiscated to the accounts head prescribed by the Government;

(b) administer the properties confiscated in accordance with the decision of the Government or transfer to the relevant government department and organization;

36. With respect to properties transferred under sub-rule (b) of Rule 36, the relevant government department and organization shall administer the same in accordance with the directive of the Government.

37. The Central Control Board shall -

(a) if it is found that the person under investigation, person whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit in the Central Control Board, return the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit. If it is found that the said offence has not been committed, it shall pass an order to return the money and property seized temporarily as exhibit to the original person whose property has been seized.

(b) shall, if part of the money and property have been transferred and obtained, return all such money and property to the said person;

(c) if part of the property transferred and obtained is jointly owned by the person under investigation and is easy to separate, return such part of the said property to the said person;

(d) if the property transferred and obtained is jointly owned by the person under investigation and is not easy to separate, such property shall be sold by auction. Out of the proceeds of the sale, the money proportionate to possession of that person shall be returned to him, and the money proportionate to possession of the person under investigation shall be confiscated.

38. The Central Bank, to enable the successful performance of the functions and duties of the banks and financial institutions contained in these Rules—

(a) shall inspect, supervise and control the banks and financial institutions that transact business under the licence to operate issued by it.
Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development...

Only when rural areas have developed, will the nation develop, he noted.

Later in the afternoon, they inspected Pakokku jeeps and test production of small builders in Pakokku Industrial Zone.

They paid a visit to the Sitthin Pagoda in Yesagyo Township and made cash donations.

At 3 pm, they looked into the rural dam in Myekhetaung Village and Kgwehmyaw (Khinnmon) Village.

They inspected construction of buildings in Daw Oo Home for the Aged in the township.

In the evening, they met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and villagers at the office of Township Peace and Development Council.

The chairman and other reporters related to local rice sufficiency, agriculture, livestock breeding, health, education and social affairs of the region and sector-wise tasks. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint made a speech, saying that the government has been apprising the rural development tasks in accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.

Accordingly, more and more roads and bridges and irrigation facilities are being constructed. At the same time, the government has been constructing schools, universities, colleges, institutes, hospitals and industries nationwide. Lt-Gen Ye Myint called for ensuring correct figures in respective sectors. He called on the officials to make endeavours with goodwill in discharging the duties, cooperating with social organizations and local people.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Yesagyo Station.

At 4.30 pm, they inspected crops planted on local plantations and units. At the meeting with officers of the central and other ranks and their families at Yesagyo Station, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on agriculture and livestock breeding on a commercial scale and matters pertaining to social affairs, health sector.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived back here by air this morning.

(d) order revoking the order for returning the exhibit money and property under a bond;

(e) directive to seal the immovable property;

(f) confiscation order.

41. An appeal filed under Rule 40 by the person under investigation, whose property has been seized or person having beneficial interest in the exhibit shall be attached with the following documents and supporting evidences:

(a) certified copy of order or directive passed by the Central Control Board;

(b) documentary evidence and other valid supporting documents relied upon;

(c) existing laws, rules, procedures, orders and directives which are desired to be referred (if any);

(d) the Office of the Government, shall scrutinize the petition for appeal attached with documents and supporting evidences, and if it is complete, submit the same to the Government and shall abide by the decision.

43. The Government may, upon an appeal submitted by the aggrieved person or in its discretion, call for the proceedings on any order passed by the Central Control Board and pass any suitable order for confirmation, revision or setting aside the said order or if necessary for re-investigation to be made.

44. The order of the Government under Rule 43 shall be final and conclusive.

Chapter XI
Miscellaneous

45. In respect of the money and property obtained by illegal means, the person whose property has been seized or the person having beneficial interest in the exhibit shall:

(a) be exempted from action being taken any offence contained in the Law, if valid supporting evidence can be furnished that such money and property were transferred by certain means with or without consideration and not in good faith or if it is found that a false submission that such money and property were transferred with consideration and in good faith was made.

46. The Central Control Board shall keep secret the name of an informant in respect of the money and property obtained by illegal means and shall arrange measures to give lawful protection as necessary. In addition, depending on the severity of offense, it may arrange for rewarding the following persons with the approval of Government:

(a) an informant regarding any offence under the Law;

(b) secret hardcore informant;

(c) persons who make brilliant investigation and search to enable seizure of money and property involved in the offence and arrest of the offender.

47. In the absence of express provisions in these Rules regarding the issue of search warrant, search, arrest, or seizure as exhibits for any offence contained in the Law, the procedure of Criminal Procedure shall be complied with.

48. The Central Control Board may, in exercising its powers and duties, form the Central Control Works Committees comprising three suitable persons out of its members and assign duty to them.

(b) The Central Control Works Committees which are assigned duty under sub-rule (a), submit their activities to the nearest meeting held by the Central Control Board and shall obtain the approval thereof.

Control Project Manager Dr Min Thwe of Yangon Division Health Department and Chairman of Yangon Division MCVW Chairman Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Hla Lwin breathed on AIDS and STD Control Project and tasks of AIDS control.

Then, Daw Khin Thet Htay and officials presented prizes to winners in the competitions to mark the World AIDS Day.

AIDS and STD

Acting course trainees visit Culture University, MRTV

Yangon, 4 Dec — The trainees of the course supervising committee paid a study visit to the University of Culture and Myanmar Motion Picture Assayon, together with officials of the course supervising committee paid.
CPLA Deputy Chief...

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On arrival in Namyoe of Mandalay, the guests visited the Myanma Sankya Shwenandaw. They then went to Mandalay Hill and enjoyed the sunset beauty of Mandalay and natural scenes on the platform of Hualampong Pagoda of the hill. Then they donated cash towards the funds of the pavodo.

In the evening, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint hosted a dinner in honour of the guests. At the meeting hall, Commandant Brig-Gen Mya Kyaw held a welcoming ceremony to hand over new school buildings.

Next, the guests left Mandalay and arrived at Heho Airport where they were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of the Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and senior military officers. Afterwards, the Chinese general and party donated gold foils to PhaungdawU Buddha images and cash for all-round renovation of the pagoda. The guests visited Inlay Shwehintha Weaving Workshop. They then viewed plantations of tomatoes and vegetables on floating islands in Inlay Lake.

In the evening, Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint hosted a dinner in honour of the guests at Golden Island Cottages Hotel in Myetpa Ward, Mandalay. Next, the guests left Mandalay International Airport by special Tamadaw aircraft and arrived at Heho Airport where they were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of the Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and senior military officers.

Yangon, 4 Dec — Minis-ter for Education U Than Aung, accompanied by Director-General of No 2 Basic Education Department Lt-Col Win Hein, Deputy Director-General U Thaung Khine, Deputy Director-General of the Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) U Soe Myint and officials, attended a ceremony to hand over new school buildings to the basic education middle school in Khatakahan village, Monywa, on 30 November.

The minister, together with the Buddha Light Monastery of Australia Sayadaw Ven Chein Tuni and wellwishers, formally opened the school buildings. Next, Deputy Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Tin Maung Oo unveiled the stone inscription of the school building.

The minister then donated 200 dozens of exercise books, 100 dozens of pencils, and one computer to the school through the school head. The school buildings were constructed at a cost of nearly K 40 million.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presents a prize to a winner. — MNA

C-in-C’s Trophy Soccer

Yangon, 4 Dec — The second round group matches of the 42nd Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy and Air)’s Trophy Soccer Tournament for 2003 took place here today. Yangon Command Team beat North-West Command 4-0 at the tournament in the sports grounds of Yangon Division (Mingaladon) and No 11 LID Team beat No 77 LID 5-4 at Padonna grounds in Sanyang Township.

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 amount 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
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HYGIENIC SCHOOLS HONOURED: Yangon City Development Committee honoured basic education schools with hygienic food stalls in Yangon municipal area on 4-12-2003 at the City Hall. Photo shows Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Than Lin presenting the first prize to Headmaster of Dagon BEHS No 1 U Kyaw Kyaw. — MNA

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Condominiums and housing complexes for national capital

The photo (left) shows Myitta Nyunt modern housing estate now being constructed by the National Development Company Group Ltd with the aim of enabling all citizens to own nice houses at reasonable prices. — NLM

The photos (above and below) show the scale model of the international-standard Pyay Tower Condominium, which will have 325 rooms and will be constructed by the National Development Company Group Ltd under the programme to help all citizens own modern houses at fair prices. — NLM

The photo (below) shows the scale model of the housing estate under construction by the National Development Company Group Ltd at 154th Street in Yangon to enable the national people to have access to neat and tidy as well as posh housing at fair prices. — NLM
China’s CPPCC chairman meets Nepali King

KATHMANDU, 4 Dec — Jia Qinglin, chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, met here Wednesday with Nepali King Gyanendra. During the meeting, Jia, who arrived here Tuesday for an official goodwill visit to Nepal at the invitation of the Raj Parishad of Nepal, spoke highly of bilateral relations.

He mentioned the smooth growth of bilateral relations in the past 48 years in bilateral diplomatic ties and the bilateral friendship cultivated by leaders of the two countries.

He pointed to the consistent efforts made by the Nepali kings in different periods of time and the royal family for bilateral friendship in the past years, and their indispensable role in this process.

Jia said the new Chinese leadership will, in the spirit of treating neighbours in a friendly way and as partners, further bilateral cooperation in various fields and enhance the friendship between the two peoples on the basis of mutual respect, trust and reciprocity.

Describing China as a reliable friend of Nepal, Jia said China supports the efforts of the Nepali King and government for safeguarding national unity, maintaining social stability, speeding up economic development and improving Nepali people’s living standards.

Gyanendra recalled his visit to China last year, saying that he was deeply impressed by the friendly sentiments of the Chinese leaders and people for Nepal during the visit.

He said he supports the exchanges and cooperation between the Nepali Raj Parishad so as to make contributions to the overall development of bilateral relations.

Nepal is the fourth leg of Jia’s visit to five South Asian nations.

Jia has visited India, Sri Lanka and Bangladesh before arriving here and is also scheduled to visit Pakistan.

Turkey, Greece sign agreement to prevent double taxation

ANKARA, 4 Dec — Turkish Finance Minister Kemal Unakitan and visiting Greek Economy and Finance Minister Niki Kritsodoulakis signed an agreement Tuesday on the prevention of double taxation between the two countries.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Unakitan noted that economic and commercial relations between the two countries would further improve with that agreement.

“This agreement will contribute to the improvement of such relations and help solve the problems that may stem from the improve- ment,” he said.

For his part, Kritsodoulakis called the deal a “delayed agreement,” saying that both sides had spent much time and exerted many efforts for the agreement.

The deal, that would eliminate taxes on profits that companies operating in the other country have had to pay in both countries, will encourage Greek businessmen to invest in Turkey, he said.

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Pakistan, Nepal to further expand bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD, 4 Dec — Pakistan and Nepal have agreed to make more efforts to expand bilateral ties and expressed the hope that the forthcoming 12th regional summit, to be held here on Jan 7, would give an impetus to cooperation in the subcontinent.

The English-language daily Dawn reported Tuesday.

The pledge was made during a meeting held here Monday between Pakistan Prime Minister Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali and his Nepali counterpart Surya Bahadur Thapa, said the report.

"Pakistan attaches particular importance to strengthen and expand its relations with Nepal in all fields and especially to promote economic, defence and commercial cooperation for the mutual benefit of the two countries," said a state-

ment issued after the meet-

ing.

On the 12th summit meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (SAARC) scheduled for January next in Islamabad, Jamali expressed the hope that a framework agreement free trade in the region will be adopted at the meeting.

For his part, Thapa wel-

comed the recent peace initia- tives taken by Pakistan for improving its relations with India.

Thapa also met with President Vezzhtar Musharraf earlier Monday, during which Musharraf expressed the hope that the SAARC summit will give a new mo- mentum to the association, which groups seven South Asian countries including Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Nepal.

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World “AIDS” Congress opens in Uruguay

Montevideo, 4 Dec— The 8th World Congress on AIDS and Sexually Transmitted Diseases opened Tuesday in the Uruguayan tourist resort of Punta del Este, 140 kilometres from this capital. Some 1,000 people are attending the congress which runs until Friday. Some 300 papers on AIDS research will be presented at the meeting.

Roberto Gallo, the US researcher who discovered the HIV virus, will take part in the event.—MNA/Xinhua

China’s astronaut team awarded “Heroic Astronaut Team”

BEIJING, 4 Dec— China on Tuesday held a ceremony to confer on the country’s astronaut team the title of “Heroic Astronaut Team” for the great job it has done during the past five years.

At the ceremony held at the Beijing-based Space City, Li Jiani, member of the Chinese Central Military Commission (CCMC) and director of the General Armament Department of the People’s Liberation Army, read the decree signed by CCMC Chairman Jiang Zemin to honour the astronaut team.

The team of 14 astronauts has performed outstandingly in its training of astronauts since it was formed in January 1998 and during the country’s first manned space mission last month, according to the decree.

On 15 October, Yang Liwei, a member of the team, entered outer space aboard the Shenzhou-V spacecraft from Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre and landed safely as planned in north China the next day, after orbiting the Earth 14 times on the 21-hour mission.

The successful mission made China the third country after Russia and the United States able to put people into outer space. Yang Liwei and his 13 teammates were all present at the ceremony.—MNA/Xinhua

Two million flu cases expected in France

PARIS, 4 Dec— Two million cases of flu are expected in France by the end of this week, health officials said Tuesday.

“The climax of the outbreak should come on December 7 when some two million people will have consulted their doctor with flu symptoms,” said Antoine Flahaut, Health Ministry official in charge of viral diseases monitoring.

Over the weekend, emergency departments in the Paris area were overloaded as worried parents brought in hundreds of children suffering from flu, bronchitis or gastroenteritis. Reports said the French health care system faces a big challenge similar to the crisis during the unprecedented summer heat wave that killed 13,000 people mostly elderly, partly because the authorities failed to deal with it on time.

General Director for Health, William Dub denied the similarity: “At that time, we were facing a silent epidemic, but this is a typical event.”

MNA/Xinhua

Study says older men over-screened for prostate cancer

WASHINGTON, 4 Dec— Too many men over age 75 are being screened for prostate cancer, a common but slow-growing form of the disease, US and Canadian researchers said on Tuesday.

While doctors frequently recommend prostate-specific antigen (PSA) screening for men of 75 and older, it is generally agreed that the test does little good for them, the researchers said.

“It is somewhat surprising that so many physicians would suggest screening in elderly men when the benefits have not even been established among younger men,” the authors wrote in the December 3 issue of the Journal of the National Cancer Institute. The result could be unneeded expense and anxiety, they said.

PSA is a protein produced by prostate cells and over-produced by prostate tumor cells. High levels can indicate cancer, but it is not always clear just what level is dangerous.

Grace Lu-Yao of HealthStat in Princeton, New Jersey, Therese Stukel of the Institute for Clinical and Evaluation Sciences in Toronto and Dr. Siu-Long Yao of the Cancer Institute of New Jersey reviewed the cases of 7,889 men of all ages taking part in a national health survey.

About 33 per cent of those aged 75 or older said they had undergone a PSA screening test in the past year.

“Despite controversy regarding the efficacy of PSA screening, there has been general agreement that men aged 75 years or older (ie, elderly men) should not be screened,” the researchers wrote.

This is mainly because by age 75, men usually die of something other than prostate cancer.

“Rates of PSA screening among elderly men approached or exceeded rates found for existing established screening technologies such as fecal occult blood testing for colon cancer,” the researchers added.

Colorectal cancer screening has clearly been shown to save lives.

Although 88 per cent of the men said their doctors recommended screening, there was usually no pressing reason to do so, Yao’s team reported.

“Known risk factors for prostate cancer, such as family history and race/ethnicity, were not associated with PSA screening among elderly men,” they wrote.

Prostate cancer affects 189,000 US men a year and kills more than 30,000.

MNA/Reuters

Beijing Port acts to contain spread of “AIDS”

BEIJING, 4 Dec— The Beijing Municipal Administration for Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine on Tuesday announced that they had discovered 19 HIV carriers during routine inspection so far this year.

“AIDS virus has been spreading rapidly in China since the first AIDS case was spotted in the country in 1985,” said Beijing Municipal Administration for Entry-Exit Inspection and Quarantine head. “We have stepped up the entry inspection and quarantine at its land ports and airports to prevent HIV carriers from entering the national capital in the administration.”

MNA/Xinhua

10,000 “AIDS” patients reported in Romania

BUCHAREST, 4 Dec— The number of AIDS patients in Romania has increased to 10,000, 75 per cent of them youngsters, the National Courier newspaper reported Tuesday.

Most of the young AIDS patients were infected through blood transfusion or the use of HIV-positive products in the late 1980s and early 1990s, the newspaper said, quoting the Romanian Health Ministry. Unprotected sex and drug abuse among the youth fuelled the spread of the deadly disease, said Steniu Cerel, chairman of Romania’s anti-HIV/ AIDS commission. Nine rehabilitation centres have been set up across the country to offer free treatment and enhance public awareness of HIV/AIDS, he added.

Romanian health authorities, which have set aside 21.8 million US dollars to treat the AIDS patients, also called for domestic and foreign donations to help the ill-fated. Cerel said. With better medical care, the survival time of AIDS patients has risen to 15-17 years from two-four years in the early 1990s.—MNA/Xinhua

Britain to crack down on wife beaters

London, 4 Dec— The British Government is planning to toughen laws against domestic violence, which accounts for almost a quarter of all violent crimes in the country.

“Domestic violence is a sickening crime which has hidden in the shadows for far too long,” British Prime Minister Tony Blair wrote in the Sun newspaper published Tuesday, saying domestic violence is more common than people think in Britain.

“Domestic violence devastates families and ruins lives... It’s something this government, together with the police and courts, has worked hard to treat with the gravity it deserves,” he said, citing that two women are killed by a current or former partner every week.

MNA/Xinhua

A Salvadoran woman works at putting a doll together inside the Rosana Doll Factory in San Salvador on 3 Dec, 2003. Since the doll’s debut in 1970, the ‘Rosana’s dolls have been the Salvadoran favourite and one of the most sold in the Central American markets. They are now looking to expand their market to the United States, Mexico, and Europe with the benefits of the Free Trade Agreement in the region.—Absarwan
PSG go third after 3-2 win over Strasbourg

PARIS, 4 Dec — Paris St. Germain, inspired by Brazilian forward Ronaldinho, beat Racing Strasbourg 3-2 on Wednesday to pull level with second-placed Olympique Lyon in Ligue 1.

Monaco led with 36 points from 15 games followed by champions Lyon on 30 — neither team played on Wednesday ahead of next week's Champions League matches.

PSG are third on goal difference while RC Lens, who beat bottom side Toulouse 2-1, have 28 points from 16 matches.

After their 1-0 -flighted goal, they had several chances to narrow Real's lead, they lacked the finishing touch.

Real made a dream start when Ronaldo scored within 15 seconds of the kickoff with a brilliant solo effort. The champions delivered the knockout blow when skipper Raúl added a second goal 19 minutes later, heading in after a pass from David Beckham.

But arch-rivals Barcelona, who host Real at the Nou Camp on Saturday, could hardly have prepared for the game in worse fashion, crashing to a 5-1 defeat at Malaga in a contest that featured a classy hat-trick from striker Salva Ballesta. The former Valencia player finished off a fine move 15 minutes into the second half.

In the face of the fierce resistance, the French FA that Lievre had hit the winner in a 3-2 victory last month after Millen's winner in a 3-2 victory last month after Millen's injury was much worse than that of December 2002 which caused it to be closed for a month. The game against Olympique Marseille on December 13 is also off.
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**Poem**

**Keep hearing father's words**

* In my mind, these days
* What father said, when I was young
Words of counsel, those good words
I seem to keep hearing them, these days
* Here my boy, you just remember
Around our village, when we were young
There was a ruffian, a rich man's son
Existed, my son, he said.
* That bad hat, with bundle of money
Gathered retinue around him, did what he liked
Entered many villages, played havoc
To make trouble, one way overtly
Coventry another, he did what he liked
Brought trouble in many ways
We experienced that, my son, said father.

To act in retaliation, to fight back
It seemed so much trouble
But his kin, his relatives
And those who sided with him
Were separated and nipped off
Bit by bit, he met trouble
And all these happened till he died
Then all lived in peace, my son, said father.

* In order not to meet such fate
In your time, you make money
But even if you prospered, became rich
Don’t act like that, to win fame
Don’t you dare to act like the man
Don’t do that, my son, he said.

* Even if you’re poor, seek out not the rich
What acts as a bully, side not with him
Don’t work with him in business
Don’t do that, my son, he said.

While father was alive, and I was young
His good counsel, these good words
Don’t know why, but these days
In my mind, I keep hearing
When I think deeply, ‘tis what I keep hearing
What is happening, those events in Iraq
The true state appears

Very distinctly.
If father could, till this day
Be alive, what is happening
He would, of Iraq, be witness
And point it out
What father would say, I seem to hear
"Look here my son, what’s going on."
Myanmar cruises to semifinal

YANGON, 4 Dec — Singaporean girls were no match to Myanmar eleven that they wholly played a defensive game throughout the 90 minutes, rarely threatening the Myanmar defence and goal.

Myanmar girls were launching attacks from all angles, penetrating the Singaporean defence again and again, with fine passes and dribbles, and scored three goals to secure the semifinal berth. — NLM

Premier League Soccer continues

YANGON, 4 Dec — Premier League Soccer Tournament of Myanmar Football Federation continued at Aung San Gymnasium here this afternoon.

The Ministry of Trans-

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects development tasks in Namsang Township

YANGON, 4 Dec — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials, on 1 December inspected the site chosen to construct the dam on Wampon Creek near Wampon Village in Namsang Township.

On completion, the dam will be 600 feet in length and 53 feet in height with 8.4 sq miles of catchment area. Its water storage capacity is 1,560 acre feet and it will benefit 1,000 acres of farm land. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party also saw over the site chosen to construct Namhaunglatt Creek Dam on the Namhaunglatt Creek near Ward-4 in Namsang Township.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attended to the needs. Later, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party went to Kengwang by helicopter and met with officers and other ranks in Kengwang Station. Afterwards, they proceeded to Tonhong Paryatti Monastery and presented offerings to members of the Sangha. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party also met with developmental staff, local people and students at the General Administration Department, Kengwang and urged them to cooperate in the regional development tasks.

During the tour, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party also met with local Tatmadaw-men in Khohan region and Wanshin Village.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe also held a meeting with departmental staff and local people in Wanshin Village. After hearing reports on construction of Namhit Creek Dam on Namhit Creek at the meeting, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attended to the needs. — MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe meets national entrepreneurs

YANGON, 4 Dec — Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe met national entrepreneurs of Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Fish and Poultry Farming Special Cultivation and Fish and livestock breeding. Also present on the occasion were Director-General of Department of Human Settlements and Housing Development U Amin Kyaw, Officer on Special Duty Col Khin Maung Soe at Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise, Head of Engineering Department U Zaw Win of YCDC, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Secretary Lt-Col Kyaw Tint and members, entrepreneurs and others.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe made a speech on the occasion.

He said there are many infrastructures in the zone established under the guidance of Head of State Senator General Than Shwe. The zone supplies kitchen crops, fish and meat to Yangonites to some extent. Tasks are to be extended to meet the demand of increasing population of the city.

The special zone is supplied with water from the right canal of Ngamoeikyae Dam. In addition, Kallitaw Dam has already been built to supply enough water.

The entrance road to the zone has been tarred and electricity has also been supplied to the zone like industrial zones. Telephone lines have been installed and arrangements have been made to extend phone lines.

Afterwards, officials of special zone-1, zone-2 and zone-3, the chairman of Supervisory Committee for Dundat, the Yangon Division Irrigation Development Department director and the DSHSD director-general reported on tasks being carried out and future tasks.

The meeting came to a close with concluding remarks by the commander. — MNA

Photo Expo shows Myanmar beauty

U Tin Kha, Managing Director of the Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services U Hay Aung, and officials. At the prize presentation ceremony, Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented awards to those standing first, second and third and those winning consolation prizes. Next, Dr Tha Tun Oo, managing director of TCG, presented gifts to members of photography clubs on the occasion of judges.

Next, Brig-Gen Thein Zaw formally opened the exhibition and viewed round the photos on display there. The exhibition will be kept open daily at the hotel till 10 December and admission is free. — MNA