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YANGON, 5 Dec— Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivered an address at the graduation ceremony of 1st Intake of Military Institute of Nursing and Paramedical Science in 2002. The curricula for the institute were prescribed in accord with the regulations of the Universities Education Boards Council and the Universities Central Council. The external examiners including those from the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) and the Institute of Nursing (Mandalay) tested the abilities of the trainees. In future, the institute will confer BSc (Pharmacy) and BSc (Paramedical Science, Diagnosis, X-ray, and physiology) degrees on the graduates.

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Chinese premier pledges support for HK, Macao to govern by law

BEIJING, 5 Dec—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao reiterated here China's adherence to the policy of "one country, two systems" and the Hong Kong and Macao Basic Laws, and pledged full support for the two regions to govern by law.

Wen made the remark in meeting with Tung Chee Hwa, chief executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (SAR), and Edmund Ho Hau Wah, chief executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region on two separate occasions. The two chief executives are in Beijing reporting on their work to the central government.

The Hong Kong economy is recovering thanks to the joint efforts of its government and its people as well as the support from the central government, Wen said while meeting with Tung, noting the implementation of the Chinese Mainland/Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) enhanced economic cooperation between the Mainland and Hong Kong.

United Sino-Vietnamese railway transportation hits new high

KUNMING, 5 Dec—United cargo transportation by rail between China and Vietnam hits a record high this year, reaping more than 1.78 million yuan (some 214,000 US dollars) in income by the end of November and fulfilling the year's goal ahead of schedule.

Cargo volume transported on the line running from Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, to the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi during the past 11 months exceeded 670,000 tons, up 30 per cent year-on-year, and is expected to top 750,000 tons for the whole of the year.

United railway transportation between the two nations was resumed in 1996.
Honduran forces attacked in southern Iraq

MADRID, 5 Dec — The Honduran forces deployed in Iraq were attacked in the early hours of Wednesday by mortar fire without casualties.

The Spanish Defence Ministry said a reconnaissance patrol searched an area without encountering the aggressors, at the city of Najaf, south of Baghdad, the capital of Iraq.

Honduras provided 370 soldiers to the Spanish-led Plus Ultra brigade of 2,500 members. It includes forces from El Salvador, Nicaragua and Dominican Republic.

The Plus Ultra brigade is not tasked with combat duties, and Dominican soldiers are guarding a checkpoint but were shot at by a US soldier. The Spanish secret agents died in southern Iraq.

UN weapons commission wants to return to Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 5 Dec— With 51 weapons experts still on staff, the UN commission in charge of monitoring Iraq’s unconventional arms made clear on Wednesday it was well placed to uncover any remaining dangerous materials in Iraq.

In a report to the Security Council, the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) said it was still updating its extensive database, especially on biological arms and missiles, and analysing imagery from ongoing commercial satellite overflights.

The report said, for example, there was circumstantial evidence that before the war Iraq was working on a two-stage rocket that would have had an illegal range, but that closer investigation was needed.

The United States has barred the commission from going to Iraq and instead set up an Iraq Survey Group, headed by David Kaye, who led inspection teams in 1991 for the International Atomic Energy Agency.

The report, written by Demetrius Perricos, the acting UNMOVIC executive chairman, said no written material from Kaye had been submitted to any of the UN inspection bodies. But judging from excerpts that had been made public, much of the material was familiar to UNMOVIC and contained in its past reports, Perricos said.

“The general impression from the statements released is that most of the findings... relating to the two stages of the object... is familiar to UNMOVIC, both through declarations and semi-annual reports provided by Iraq, and by correspondence, meetings and inspection reports by UN teams,” the report said.

Perricos has said he doubted that Saddam Hussein had large stocks of weapons of mass destruction. But the report also pointed to unanswered questions in accounting forprogresa and paramita, Putin noted.

He added that Russia, along with many other influential states, has submitted a new draft resolution on the issue at the current UN General Assembly session.

Putin expressed his belief that the resolution, which welcomes the establishment of a high-level group dealing with threats, challenges and changes, will also be passed in a consensus, adding that Russia will “make a significant contribution to the work.”

Russia, a strong opponent to the US-led military actions against Iraq, is persisting on a central UN role in the postwar reconstruction in the war-torn country. It has also been cooperative to many UN resolutions over some thornier international problems.

Chinese enterprises encouraged to further investment in Argentina

BEIJING, 5 Dec— A senior Chinese official said that China encourages more domestic enterprises to invest in Argentina, using its advantageous geographic position and preferential policies for foreign investment to develop the country’s domestic market.

Yu Ping, vice-president of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), said the remark at a forum on promotion of China-Argentina trade here.

He said China had witnessed soaring trade and economic cooperation with Argentina recently and Chinese enterprises have great interest in exploring the vast potential of further bilateral trade.

According to the latest official statistics, China-Argentina trade volume reached 2.5 billion US dollars from January to September, up 163.3 per cent over the same period of last year. Over 30 Chinese enterprises have established bases in Argentina, contributing 24.56 million US dollars in investment. Argentina has funded 279 projects in China, with a contracted investment value at 217 million US dollars and actual 68.96 million US dollars.

The visiting Foreign Minister of Argentina Rafael Bielsa noted that Argentina was shaking off the negative impact of the financial turmoil in 2001 by adopting positive economic policies.

World Trade talks struggle as deadline looms

GENEVA, 5 Dec— Efforts to get World Trade Organization (WTO) talks back on track are making scant progress and there seems little chance of meeting a December 15 deadline for a resumption, trade sources said on Tuesday.

Trade envoys in Geneva have been struggling to pick up the pieces of the WTO’s Doha Round of free trade negotiations ever since ministerial talks collapsed in disarray in Cancun, Mexico, in mid-September.

In the latest sign of problems, Uruguay’s WTO Ambassador Carlos Perez del Castillo said coordinating the bid, postponed a preparatory meeting of all the trade body’s 146 member states from December 5 to December 9 to give himself more time for behind-the-scenes discussions.

The meeting will be the last before senior government officials gather on December 15 for what could be a decisive moment for the trade round, which aims to boost the world economy by lowering barriers to business in goods and services.

Before leaving Cancun, ministers set the date for the senior officials’ get-together in the hope that it could succeed where they had failed in reaching an outline agreement on some of the toughest topics, including reforming world farm trade.

“I reckon that this is just another sign that the 15th is not going to produce anything,” said one trade envoy, referring to the postponement. “And it is a shame.”

Trade envoys said Perez del Castillo’s consultations with small groups of member states had failed to bridge the big gaps, particularly over agriculture where poorer states and farm goods exporters like Australia want deep cuts in big power subsidies.

On some questions, for example tariffs on industrial goods, the gap between what richer states wanted and what developing nations were prepared to give even appeared to have widened. Some envoys blamed the impasse on a lack of urgency on the part of the European Union, which is still finalizing a review of its negotiating position after the Cancun debacle. “The whole timeframe is being unduly influenced by the Europeans,” said one Latin American envoy.
IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION

Image released by the US Department of Defence shows US soldiers with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, 4th Infantry Division, patrolling the streets of Al Hawijah, Iraq. — INTERNET

A bullet-scarred building is photographed in Samarra, Iraq, early Monday, on 1 Dec, 2003, after US forces said they used battle tanks and cannons to fight their way out of two simultaneous ambushes. — INTERNET

A young resident of the town of Samarra, 125 kms north of Baghdad, shows a mortar shell piece he found following a US Army attack, reportedly triggered when a US patrol was shot at. — INTERNET

A US Army soldier secures the area as soldiers remove the body of a 4th US Soldiers prevent Iraqi villagers from entering the village of al-Riyadh near the northern Iraqi town of Hawijah. — INTERNET

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US tanks secure the area around the city hall of Sadr City neighbourhood in Baghdad. — INTERNET

An Iraqi boy peers through a fence as he waits for his parents to buy gas in downtown Baghdad Wednesday, on 3 Dec, 2003. — INTERNET
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Form (1)
The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Order granting permission to investigate, enter and make inspection, search and seize
[Rule 4 (f)]

This Order is hereby issued to the Investigation Body headed by (name of the leader) (designation) of Department on receiving sufficient information that money laundering offence has been committed for enabling investigation, entering inspection, search and seizure relating to money and property obtained by illegal means.

1. Person to be investigated
   (a) Name
   (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No./National Registration Certificate No./Foreigner Registration Certificate No./Nationality; Passport No./Visa No.;
   (c) Father’s name
   (d) Address

2. Brief summary of the Money Laundering Offence

3. Immovable properties and movable properties relating to Money Laundering Offence shall be seized with Temporary Seizure Form(2) in the presence of 2 witnesses.

4. If execution cannot be made in accordance with this Order, the reason for not being able to do so shall be reported to the Central Control Board.

5. If execution can be made, after conducting investigation, the report of findings of investigation shall be reported promptly to the Central Control Board.

Chairman
Dated: ____________________ The Central Control Board on Money Laundering

Form (2)
The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Temporary Seizure of Money and Property Form
[Rule 4 (h)]

1. Date and time of seizure of money and property
2. Location where property was seized
3. Person under investigation
   (a) Name
   (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No./National Registration Certificate No./Foreigner Registration Certificate No./Passport No./Visa No.;
   (c) Address

4. Person whose money and property have been seized
   (a) Name
   (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No./National Registration Certificate No./Foreigner Registration Certificate No./Passport No./Visa No.;
   (c) Address

5. Money and Property seized temporarily.

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<tr>
<th>Serial No.</th>
<th>Type of Money and Property</th>
<th>Value</th>
<th>Location</th>
<th>Facts in detail</th>
<th>Remark</th>
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Signature
Name
Person under investigation;
Person whose property has been returned

6. We hereby put our signatures as witnesses certifying that it is true that properties contained in this Temporary Seizure Form were seized in our presence.

Witness (1)
Signature
Name
Citizenship Scrutiny Card No./National Registration Certificate No./No.
Address

Note:
(1) In mentioning the number of items of property it shall be expressed in words as well as in figures.

(2) In mentioning the number of items of property, if there is not enough space, separate sheets of paper shall be used to mention thereof, and the person under investigation, leader of the Investigation Body and witnesses shall put their signatures on every page.

(3) The leader of the Investigation Body shall read and explain the facts included in Temporary Seizure Form (2) to the person under investigation.

Form (3)
The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Prohibitory Order of Central Control Board on Money Laundering
[Rule 4 (i)]

In respect of money laundering offence during investigation period, this prohibitory order is hereby issued to the following relevant department, organization and person not to convert, transfer, conceal, disguise, and obliterate the money and properties obtained by illegal means.

1. Name and Address of person and organization under investigation

2. Name and Address of person and organization whose property has been seized

3. Name and Address of person and organization to whom prohibitory order has been issued

4. Prohibitory order be issued for the following:
   (a) The amount of money
   (b) The value of property
   (c) The type of property and location

5. Commencing date of prohibition

Chairman
Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Dated: ________________

Form (4)
The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering Board
[Rule 4 (h)]

1. On (day) (month) (year), I, U/Daw (name), of age (years), holder of Citizenship Scrutiny Card No. …………., residing at ………… (No.) ………… (street) ………… (ward/village) ………… (township) hereby put my signature below to enter into this Bond and agree to refund compensation as mentioned herein if this Bond be violated.

2. The Investigation Body has temporarily seized the following properties at ………… (No.) ………… (street) ………… (ward/village) ………… (township) owned by me and which relate to money laundering offence.

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3. I hereby promise that with respect to the properties contained in paragraph 2 seized temporarily I will not amend the original form of, change, sell, mortgage, gift, release, transfer by certain means, conceal, obliteriate, disguise the said properties and will not amend or change the original form with intention to destroy or cause destruction during the period in which they are re-entrusted to me.

4. I hereby promise that the properties seized temporarily contained in paragraph 2 will be kept at No. ………… (street), ………… (township) only, and without sanction of the Central Control Board, will not be moved to another place.

5. I further promise that necessary maintenance and protection will be made so as not to cause destruction and loss to the said property.

6. I understand and know that if any of the promises mentioned above are violated by me or violated by any person with whom I abetment, the relevant properties will be confiscated under Rule 37 (a) and also will have action taken against me.

Signature
Person under investigation
Person whose property has been seized

If any of the promises contained in this bond are violated by the person under investigation or person whose property has been seized, and no prescribed value be paid, we, two sureties hereby guarantee to pay the value that is owed fully individually, or jointly.

(See page 7)
Form (5)

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Submitting Report
[ Rule 9 (a) ]

To
Chairman
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Yangon

Subject: Submitting Report in respect of the value of property transferred by deed

1. Transferor:
   (a) Name .............................................................................................................
   (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No., National Registration Card No., Foreigner
      Registration Card No., Citizen, Passport No., Visa No .......................................
   (c) Address ...........................................................................................................

2. Transferee:
   (a) Name .............................................................................................................
   (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No., National Registration Card No.,
      Foreigner Registration Card No., Citizen, Passport No., Visa No .............................
   (c) Address ...........................................................................................................

3. Date of bringing in, sending, carrying, transferring ...................................................

4. Type of building transferred
   (a) Type .............................................................................................................
   (b) Area .............................................................................................................
   (c) Address of location ..........................................................................................

5. Value of property transferred contained in the Deed ..............................................

6. Type of the Transfer Deed ......................................................................................

7. Date of receiving the Deed .....................................................................................

8. Registration number and date of the Deed ..............................................................

9. Value of property according to finding of investigation ........................................

10. Unusual or suspicious transfer ................................................................................

11. Other Descriptions
   Registrar of Deeds ..........................................................................................
   Land Records Office ..........................................................................................
   Town ....................................................................................................................
   C.C.- Director-General, Settlements and Land Records Department, Yangon.

Note:
1. In serial number 3 (a), the type of land transferred be classified and mentioned as
   freehold land, land already obtained La No. 3 (Kha), land already granted La Nu No. 39,
   land granted for residence, land granted for industry,
2. In serial number 3(b), to mention the area of land plot in terms of acre or the length
   and breadth in terms of feet,
3. In serial number 3(c), to mention completely the location of the land in terms of
   Number of the Field, Land Number, Land List Number, etc. in accordance with
   the location of the land survey plot,
4. In serial number 4(a), to classify and mention the building as reinforced concrete,
   semi-pucca brick, brick and timber, timber, bamboo-walled, hut, etc.

Form (6)

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Submitting Report
[ Rule 12 ]

To
Chairman
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Yangon

Subject: Submitting Report in respect of Bringing in, Sending, Carrying, Transferring Money

1. The person who brings in, sends, carries, transfers money into or outside of the country
   (a) Name .............................................................................................................
   (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No., National Registration Card No., Foreigner
      Registration Card No., Citizen, Passport No., Visa No ........................................
   (c) Address ...........................................................................................................
   (d) Other obvious particulars ................................................................................

2. Types of money and total amount of money ..........................................................

3. Date of bringing in, sending, carrying, transferring ..................................................

4. Name and location of airport, port, border trade station where declaration is made

5. Location, time and situation on which it is found out upon investigation ..................

6. Matter concerning bringing in, sending, carrying and transferring money ...............

7. Relevant documents and other evidences relating to money (if any) .........................

8. Other Points to be mentioned ...........................................................................

Dated :- ..................................................................................................................
   c.c: ......................................................................................................................

Form (7)

The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
The Central Control Board on Money Laundering
Form for Returning of Money and Property
[ Rule 4 (1)(3) and 34 ]

1. Brief summary of the order passed by Central Control Board and Date

2. Date and time of returning of money and property ..................................................

3. Location of returning money and property ................................................................

4. The person under investigation
   (a) Name .............................................................................................................
   (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No., National Registration Card No., Foreigner
      Registration Card No., Citizen, Passport No., Visa No ........................................
   (c) Address ...........................................................................................................

5. Person to whom property has been returned ........................................................
   (a) Name .............................................................................................................
   (b) Citizenship Scrutiny Card No., National Registration Card No., Foreigner
      Registration Card No., Citizen, Passport No., Visa No ........................................
   (c) Address ...........................................................................................................

(See page 8)
Secretary-1 inspects rice mills in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone

YANGON, 5 Dec — Minister of Commerce Col Khin Maung Kyaw arrived at Thaung Win Industrial Workshop at the corner of Padawan U Shwe Bin Street and Thanchawin Street in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone this afternoon. The Secretary-1 gave instructions saying that the rice mills being used in Myanmar and machinery being assembled for rice mills at the workshop with the use of domestic raw materials and building of modern rice mills with the use of import substitute machinery which can mill rice two tons an hour and continuous production of the machinery. Minister Brig.Gen Pyi Sone next gave a supplementary report.

The Secretary-1 gave instructions saying that the new rice trading policy had been laid down in April, 2003. Therefore, rice can be freely traded in the country in accord with the market-oriented economic system, and surpluses can also be exported. That is why more efforts should be made for boosting production of rice that meets the needs of foreign markets.

He said the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation has been taking responsibilities for extended cultivation of good quality paddy strains. While making these efforts, the ministry is required to take charge of promoting the quality of rice mills. The Secretary-1 next urged the rice mill owners and industrial entrepreneurs to take innovative measures for production of rice mill machinery and spare parts with a view to developing the instability and substituting the import items.

The Ministry of Commerce also is to make arrangements for renting of regional State-owned rice mills to private entrepreneurs and milling of rice. Later, the Secretary-1 said that now moisture testers have been assembled in the country for the promotion of rice quality. And he advised that private entrepreneurs in cooperation with the State should also endeavour to invent colour sorters. The State will give necessary assistance, he added.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected the machines and parts for rice mills at the workshop and rubber rolls and rubber blade manufactured by other industrial entrepreneurs. They also inspected the rice mill of Thaung Win Industry running of the mill and samples of rice.

The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to No 282 360-ton rice reprocessing plant of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, the Ministry of Commerce in Shwe Linban Industrial Zone. At the briefing hall, the minister gave an account of the plant. MAPT General Manager U Than Tun Aung gave a report on investment of the plant, installation of machinery, power of machinery and the strength of staff. The Secretary-1 and party inspected the machine parts, sample of rice and export quality Super rice (100 %) and function of colour sorter. Afterwards, they looked into milling of sticky rice and Emata rice and left the zone in the evening. — MNA

Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win makes an inspection tour of Thaung Win Industrial Workshop, Hlinethaya Industrial Zone. — MNA

Myanmar boxers leave for Vietnam

YANGON, 5 Dec — The Central Control Board of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Union of Myanmar today announced the formation of the Investigation Body to carry out investigation into matters legalizing the money and property obtained by illegal means.

In accordance with the rights prescribed in the sub-section (c) of Section 8 of the Money Laundering Law, the Central Control Board formed under the Notification No 6/2002, dated 4-6-2002, of the Union of Myanmar set up an investigation body with following persons to make investigation into whether there are any legalization of money and property obtained by illegal means at the Asia Wealth Bank and the Myanmar Mayflower Bank.

(a) U Hla Tun Head
Licensed Public Accountant and Financial Consultant
(b) U Myint Tun Deputy Director-General
Director, Bureau of Special Investigation
(c) Daw Than Than Aye Member
Director, Auditor-General’s Office
(d) U Maung Maung Member
Director, Central Bank of Myanmar
(e) U Soe Myint Member
Director, Ministry of Commerce
(f) U Myint Soe Chairman
Secretary, Myanmar Garment Entrepreneurs Association
(g) U Sein Win Hlaing Member
General Secretary, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry
(h) U Tin Tun Secretary
Director, Bureau of Special Investigation

The Investigation Body, in carrying out investigation and inspection, has the right:
(a) to open the case and conduct necessary investigation;
(b) to call for and examine the documents and other supporting evidences as are required from the person under investigation or other persons, the relevant government departments and organizations;
(c) to summon and examine the person under investigation or other persons as are required;
(d) to enter and inspect the building, land and worksite of the person under investigation; and
(e) to make a prompt report to the Central Control Board if there arises a cause to legalize money and property obtained by illegal means.

Moreover, the Investigation Body are to:
(a) submit reports on findings to the Central Control Board in three months;
(b) submit reports on findings to the Central Control Board together with case proceedings; and
(c) carry out the investigation in a confidential manner.

In the course of the investigation, the Investigation Body should be careful not to affect the regular functions of the banks. — MNA

Myanmar boxers leave for Vietnam

YANGON, 5 Dec — A five-member sports delegation headed by President of Myanmar Boxing Federation President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry left here by air this morning to participate in the SEA Games to be held in the Republic of Vietnam. The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials. — MNA
Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Command-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents best trainee award to Zaw Min Shein.—MNA

DEFENCE SERVICES MEDICAL ... (from page 3)

Diligent and qualified trainers will attend post graduate courses in the nation and abroad for further studies. Thus, I would like to urge you to make continuing efforts to become outstanding and dynamic ones. You are the ones who have the right to preserve as well as hand over the fine noble traditions of the Tatmadaw to new generations. These traditions have come into existence as the Tatmadaw’s characteristics since birth.

Our Tatmadaw is a patriotic one that the people founded with the aim of enabling the nation to be free from the subjugation of the imperialists. So, you have to be equipped with patriotism and nationalistic spirit as well as the spirit to sacrifice self-interests and also to be loyal to the State and the people.

In cooperation with the regiments and units of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air Force), you have to safeguard and defend the land, water and air of the nation. In addition to the health care services, if necessary, you must be ready to join forces of Tatmadaw in any battles taking command of the force in the battleground. So, you have undergone military training and leadership in the institute. Moreover, you have to attend platoon commanders’ courses, company commanders course and battalion commanders courses at respective Combat Training Schools of Defence Services (Army).

In the course of the history of Myanmar’s military nursing, at the time when Burma Independence Army re-entered the nation, a nursing unit joined the military column. After the BIA had re-occupied Yangon, the members of the unit established a hospital and discharged duties there. And they also had to discharge nursery duties going along with the military columns. Henceforward, patriotic doctors and nurses joined the army and through the independence struggle and they performed medical as well as military duties sacrificing self-interests. Therefore, the Defence Services medical unit is a force that has carried the noble traditions of great courage, making sacrifices, qualities of overcoming obstacles, enduring hardships and perseverance.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that the Tatmadaw is a noble-minded one. Being noble-minded is an auspiciousness that springs from dignity and virtue. Being medical soldiers, it is for all of you very vital to be kind-hearted individuals who play an exemplary role in prevention and control of diseases, promotion of health, treatment and rehabilitation. Likewise, the spirit of corps is also important as it is due to that soldiers are always willing to sacrifice their lives for their comrades at the battlefield and that the Tatmadaw stands united and firm.

The Tatmadaw always keeps in the fore“Our Three Main National Causes”—on-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty, and the sacrificing of numerous lives in battles is also for that sake. As a nationalistic fervour, the “Our Three Main National Causes” is also a prophecy that will serve the interest of all national races.

History has it that the danger of the collapse of the Union posed frequent threats to the perpetuation of the State. National solidarity is fundamental for preventing the Union from dismemberment. A diversity of national races, more than one hundred, have been living in union and amity all over the country since time immemorial. They all have lived through thick and thin for such a long time and cherished the motherland. Nowdays, the Tatmadaw, with the responsibilities of the State, is now marching towards to a new State, modern and developed nation, together with the people.

In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, efforts were made to stabilize the regions including border areas. Moreover, it is also building infrastructure everywhere to enhance the public socioeconomic life while striving for stability and tranquillity nationwide.

Myanmar is an agricultural nation and has a population of over 53 million, with an annual increase of over one million. Therefore, it is necessary to enhance the productive capacity to ensure a food sufficiency for generations to come. With this end in view, a cluster of irrigation facilities are being constructed wherever necessary in the nation to extend sown acreage, multiply cropping and ensure high yields of crops. To date, the number of dams have been constructed and another 36 are under construction. Similarly, there have been 265 water pumping projects while another 26 are being implemented.

Poor transport conditions in the past caused hindrance to the development in some regions. Simultaneous development across the country requires a network of roads. Constructing roads and bridges greatly benefits the advancement of law and order, regional development, highly-qualified human resources, and better relations among national brethren.

As a result of economic development, infrastructures have been built in self-reliance basis. With development in infrastructures, it is sure that the economy will develop rapidly. Likewise, due to human resource development, technicians in the country can build major bridges and dams and reservoirs. Therefore, social infrastructures in education and health sectors are being built throughout the country for human resource development.

Nowadays, basic infrastructures necessary for national development can be seen vividly. But, elements with negative view within and without the country turn a blind eye to these developments. Although they know the rapid development of economic forces in the country, they belittle it. The government, the people and the Tatmadaw, neglecting those who make disturbances, will strive for gaining economic development for the State.

In carrying out nation-building tasks, 24 special development regions have been designated for ensuring equitable development of all regions in the country and measures are being taken in education, health and economic sectors for human resource development. With the conviction that development of rural areas where the majority of the people reside will bring about national development with firm foundation, the five rural development tasks are being implemented.

Similarly, the government has been making efforts are being made hand in hand with local people for development of border areas which lagged behind in development due to lack of peace and law enforcement. Under the leadership of the Central Committee for
Control of Money Laundering Law was enacted to control legalization of money and property obtained from the commission of any offence

Press conference to clarify control of money laundering acts held

YANGON, 5 Dec—A press conference to clarify the Control of Money Laundering Rules under the Notification No 1/2003 dated 5 December 2003 issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at the Tatmadaw Guest House on Inya Road at 10 am today.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Public Relations and Information Work Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minnister for Labour U Tin Win, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence and senior military officers, heads of departments, officials of the Ministry of Information. U Sein Win of Kyodo News Agency, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Hwe, President U Sao Kai Hpa and member correspondents, Mr Larry Jagan, South East Asia analyst, and guests.

Major Han Thein of the Ministry of Defence acted as master of ceremonies.

Claringifying the Control of Money Laundering Rules, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing said that the Control of Money Laundering Law was enacted on 17 June 2002 under the State Peace and Development Council’s Law No 6/2002.

To implement the provisions of the Law, it is required to promulgate the Control of Money Laundering Rules. Thus, officials of the respective departments coordinated and drafted the rules that were issued today with the approval of the government.

With regard to the Control of Money Laundering Law, the government is taking systematic measures in raising, maintaining and using of public finance after laying down financial policies and monetary policies for successful realization of political, social and economic policies and objectives of the State.

It is known to all that the government has been making a full-out effort to protect the people from any sort of worries and anxieties. The press conference was held in this context as there was public concern when the Control of Money Laundering Law was issued on 17 June 2002.

There are four aims in promulgating the law and rules—control of money laundering and deters the crimes relating to money laundering and sees that the government’s authority as the republic is protected. It is also required to see that the crime cases are investigated in administrative, economic and social affairs of the State through the illegally earned money; in doing so it will be in accord with the international convention, and to be more effective in dealing with the international and regional communities and neighbouring countries.

Altogether nine offences have been prescribed relating to the Control of Money Laundering Law and Rules—offences committed under narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances law; trafficking in and smuggling of women and children; undertakings of a financial institution without the licence to operate issued by the Central Bank of Myanmar; theft and smuggling out of the country of vehicles, antiques and articles of cultural heritage; illegal trafficking of arms, ammunition and explosives; counterfeiting money, using and possessing thereof; hijacking of aircraft, vessel or any type of vehicle; cyber crimes committed by electronic means; and offences committed by act of terrorism.

The Control of Money Laundering Law was enacted to control the legalization of money and property obtained from the commission of any of the nine offences.

Therefore, regarding the Control of Money Laundering Law and Rules, there is no need to worry for those engaged in right livelihood.

Regarding the duties to report included in the rules are not concerned with those who are not engaged in illegal activities. The Investigation Body is to summon three persons for whom there is evidence that they are involved in money laundering and see that the government’s authority as a republic is protected.

The investigation body has been formed in accordance with the regulations of the Central Control Board. The Central Control Board shall, from the report of findings of the Investigation Body, if there is supporting evidence that the money laundering offence committed by any person, form the Preliminary Scrutiny Body comprising of three members 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 as the chairman. Order to take action can be issued by the Central Control Board only when offences have been found according to the report of findings of the Preliminary Scrutiny Body. The rules are promulgated systematically and so those in right livelihood can be furnished that such action can be issued by the Central Control Board only when offences have been found according to the report of findings of the Preliminary Scrutiny Body.

Under the Chapter XI, it is stated that a person under investigation may appeal to the Government within 90 days with full facts and evidences. In addition, under the Preliminary Scrutiny Body, 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 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 consideration and in good faith.

As transnational crimes were committed all over the world, it threats peace and stability of the world’s people, the Control of Money Laundering Law and the Control of Money Laundering Rules have been drafted. It is also learnt that a total of 1.5 trillion US Dollar is realized from these crimes every year. The 20th meeting of the General Assembly for 19 July 2002, the United Nations passed a resolution urging its member countries to draft the law. In accord with the resolution, the Control of Money Laundering Law and Rules were drafted and have been enacted.

After holding discussions, the ministries and organizations concerned led by the Attorney-General drafted the law and rules in consideration of the UN Conventions, UN Model Law, Forty Eight Recommendations of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and laws of ASEAN member countries. According to the rules, action shall be taken under the law upon offences relating to the money and property after the law came into force on 17 June 2002. It stipulated that action shall not be taken under the law upon offences that occurred before the law came into force. When action is to be taken upon an offence under the law, lower level organizations do not have the powers to do so. In prosecuting an offence under the law, prior sanction of the Ministry of Home Affairs shall be obtained.

Next, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun said the Treasury Department of the United States of America on 19 November 2003 alleged that two private banks in Myanmar, Mayflower Bank and Asia Wealth Bank, are institutions of primary money laundering concerns. Concerning the allegation, an investigation body has been formed in accord with Section 8 (C) of the Control of Money Laundering Law for the investigation body to carry out investigation. With the supervision of the Banks Supervisory Committee, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue will see to the operation of the two banks to ensure the smooth banking services in the head offices and branches of the banks during the investigation period, he said.

The collection of loans and giving out of savings of the two banks will continue as usual. The Ministry of Finance and Revenue will supervise the operation of the banks to prevent unnecessary concern of the customers of the banks and not to affect other banks. In conclusion, he said he would like to inform the public through the journalists that as the Ministry of Finance and Revenue is supervising the banking services, they can do business with banks and obtain banking services with trust as usual.

Afterwards, Chairman of the Public Relations and Information Work Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Labour U Tin Win, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Head of Department of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Than Tun, Deputy Attorney-General

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To provide better health care services for the public

The State Peace and Development Council is fully committed to ensuring the highest possible standard of health as one of the fundamental rights of every citizen. The Ministry of Health is trying to upgrade the health sector quantitatively and qualitatively. The above photos taken on 8 June 2003 show the Hepatitis (B) Vaccine Factory and its modern equipment. The factory is located near Sitpinmyauk Village Tract, Hlegu Township, Yangon North District. — PHOTO: MNA

Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory under Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Insein Township is trying its best to assist the health care services. The photo taken on 27 June 2003 shows the disposable syringe factory of MPF. — PHOTO: MNA

The Micro-Organism Blue Green Algae (Spirulina) Pharmaceutical Factory (Yekha) was opened on 6 June 2003. The factory run by the Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 is located at the place one mile west of Sagaing-Mingun Road in Sagaing Division. The factory produces various types of medicine that are derived from blue green algae that can be seen only with the aid of a microscope. — PHOTO: MNA
British police smash $22m airport cocaine plot

London, 5 Dec — British police said on Wednesday they had smashed a major drugs smuggling operation, leading to the seizure of 200 kilos worth of cocaine from an Air Europa flight at Heathrow Airport. The operation involved the arrest of 11 people, including an employee of British Airways. The police said the operation was carried out to prevent any drugs from entering the country.

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France continues to promote Asia-Europe cultural cooperation

PARIS, 5 Dec — The French Government believes it is necessary to encourage and strengthen the cooperation between Europe and Asia and it is ready to make its due efforts, said French Minister of Culture and Communication Jean-Charles Meunier here Wednesday at the opening ceremony of the Conference on Languages and Civilizations of ASEM.

Since the establishment of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM), France has actively participated in the meetings aimed at enhancing cultural exchanges and cooperation between Asia and Europe, he said, stressing that cultural dialogue is key to strengthening links between Europe and Asia.

He pointed out that the establishment of the Asia-Europe Foundation just one year after the first ASEM conference has proven the importance of the cultural exchanges in the Asia-Europe relations.

Therefore, he said, the first cultural ministers meetings within the framework of ASEM is of great significance, as proved by French President Jacques Chirac’s words that ASEM is advantageous to promote dialogue and mutual understanding.

Allignon said cultural diversity is one of the topics of concern to the European Union, and at the same time Europe needs to absorb the cultures of other countries with the expansion of the European Union.

France believed that it is possible to realize integration after differences of culture, language, habits, traditions and history of various countries and regions have been respected, he said.

The respect for diversity is prerequisite to dialogue and exchanges, he stressed, adding that different cultures should continue to preserve and maintain their vitality.

Allignon said the French Government initiated protection of cultural goods gathered in Naples, a French town early and instated a series of policies to protect the production, innovation and promotion of cultural products, especially in the film industry.

He said the French Government proposed efficient cultural guarantees for cultural policies in the international community and hoped that the United Nations could pass relevant International Laws to safeguard cultural diversity. He expressed the theme of “unity in diversity”, the two-day conference was helpful for the participants to reflect upon the role of cultural diversity.

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INFORMATION NOTICE

MV GEE HONG VOY NO (318)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GEE HONG Voy No 318 are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12 December and cargo will be despatched in the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11 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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Euro-Mediterranean ministers confirm anti-terrorist stance

NICE (Italy), 5 Dec — Foreign ministers from European Union countries and countries on the southern Mediterranean rim confirmed Wednesday that they will cooperate in fighting terrorism.

The fight against terrorism in all its forms remains an absolute priority for the entire international community,” said the draft of the final document under discussion by the EU-Mediterranean Union.

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$2.2m of opium seized in Peru

LIMA, 5 Dec — Peruvian Customs agents have seized nine kilos of opium valued at 2.25 million US dollars in the international market at the Peruvian airport of Tumbes, the National Superintendence of the Tax and Customs Administration (SUNAT) said Wednesday.

The seizure was made on Tuesday, when the SUNATA agents checked packages from the Postal Services company at the airport terminal.

Agents spotted a single package destined for the Netherlands. They opened the case and found five glass flasks which contained the opium.

Preliminary investigations showed the package was posted by a supposed Mexican citizen living in Tumbes, 1,300 kilometers northwest of the Peruvian capital. The nine kilos of opium is sold for 250,000 dollars in the international market. In recent years poppy-flower plantations have been discovered in the central Peruvian jungle region. — MNA/Xinhua
Chinese President meets Slovenian PM
BEIJING, 5 Dec — Chinese President Hu Jintao met here with visiting Slovenian Prime Minister Anton Rop.

Hu said China and Slovenia have a traditional friendship. The bilateral relations have developed smoothly since the two countries established formal ties 11 years ago.

The friendly exchange of visits by state leaders of the two countries further pushed the bilateral relationship onto a healthy track, he said.

The two sides cooperated with each other not only on trade and economic issues but also in international organizations, he said.

The Chinese President said China highly values and thanks the Slovenian Government for its sticking to the "one-China" policy and supporting China’s reunification.

Hu said both China and Slovenia are similar in developing themselves on the most suitable roads. China is building a comprehensive well-off society while Slovenia is carrying out its economic reform.

Hu said the two countries could learn from each other on economic and social advancement.

China is willing to further promote the bilateral relations on the basis of mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, Hu said.

Rop said he held fruitful talks with his Chinese counterpart Wen Jiabao Wednesday. The two sides have reached extensive consensus on strengthening the bilateral political and economic ties, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai PM to join ASEAN-Japan summit next week
BANGKOK, 5 Dec — Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra is scheduled to join the special ASEAN-Japan Summit in Tokyo during December 11-12, the Thai News Agency reported.

It quoted Foreign Ministry’s spokesman Sisakob Puongkatkaew as saying that the Premier would lead the Thai delegation including a Deputy Premier, foreign, commerce, and public health ministers, and senior officials to the meeting, to be held in the non-ASEAN region for the first time.

Main issues to be raised for discussion at the summit include a review of ASEAN-Japan relations on politics, security, and economy in the past, present and future, he said.

He revealed Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri would rotate to chair the meeting.

A document of the charter on “Relationship and Partnership between ASEAN-Japan in New Era” would be issued following the meeting. — MNA/Xinhua

ASEANTA holds management summit to address key issues
KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Dec — The ASEAN Tourism Association (ASEANTA) held its first International Management summit on Thursday as part of its efforts to address challenges faced by related industries in the region.

The two-day summit, themed “Forging Ahead in the Evolving Landscape”, was launched by Malaysian Culture, Arts and Tourism Minister Abdul Kadir Sheikh Fadzir.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Abdul Kadir said the summit was among initiatives undertaken by the ASEANTA since the establishment of its secretariat in Kuala Lumpur last March.

The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), set up in 1967.

Observations of solar eclipse conducted from Antarctica
NEW DELHI, 5 Dec — For the first time, an Indian scientific team successfully conducted observations of the solar eclipse from the icy continent of Antarctica.

The solar eclipse of November 23-24 was a rare event occurring once in 400 years and hence assumed great scientific importance, an official release said.

The short duration eclipse was observed over India’s permanent station at Antarctica “Maitri”.

The important experiments conducted by the team include multi wavelength coronal imaging, shadow bands observations and thermal response of the terrestrial atmosphere, it said.

The experiments were highly successful in recording valuable data on various aspects of the spectacle. The most significant was the long-duration shadow bands.

MNA/PTI

Indian Govt approves foreign tech collaboration proposals
NEW DELHI, 5 Dec — Indian Government has approved 15 foreign technology collaboration proposals including that of Finolex Industries and Tata Motors.

Commerce and Industry Minister Arun Jaitley also approved nine licensing proposals.

The proposals include technical collaboration agreement of Tata Motors with AVL List GmbH of Austria and Delphi Diezel Systems, France for design and development of Euro IV compliant engine for passenger cars.

The Project Approval Board, in its meeting held on November 20 under the chairmanship of RR Shah, Secretary, DPIIP, had recommended these proposals for approval which included Finolex Industries’ technology agreement with Otis Vinlys and Aker Kvaerner, Netherlands for manufacture of Chloride monomer.

The proposal of Spicer India for extension of their agreement with Dana Corporation of US was also given a go-ahead, an official statement said here.

This would enable the company to manufacture driveshafts for super heavy vehicles.

MNA/PTI

France braces for “floods of century”
LYON, (France), 5 Dec — Torrential rain drenching parts of southeastern France threatened on Wednesday to worsen flash floods that have cost at least three lives and forced about 4,000 people to evacuate their homes.

Flooding along the Rhone River from Lyon to Marseille was due to its peak during the day, while winds of up to 150 kilometres per hour were expected to batter the Mediterranean coast, officials said.

Heavy rain moving west also set off flood alerts reaching as far as the Pyrenees Mountains.

“Today we’re faced with what could be the floods of the century,” government spokesman Jean-Francois Copé told Europe 1 radio. “We have to mobilize all our resources.”

Several highways and many secondary roads were cut off and train services from Lyon westwards were stopped by the worst flooding seen in the region in decades.

Environment Minister Rosaline Bachelot was due to visit Marseille on Wednesday. She said on Tuesday 4,000 firefighters, 100 soldiers and eight helicopters had been mobilized.

On Tuesday, a 45-year-old man was found dead after he was swept away by floodwater in a Marseille suburb. A second person in the Mediterranean port city has been missing since Monday. — MNA/Reuters


A month-long exhibition, entitled ‘Adventure into the Pyramids’, which features 143 relics valued at $260 million, opened in China’s capital on Friday. Some of the relics are from the National Museum of Egypt and have never left Egypt before. — Reuters

MNA/PTI

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Korea beat Hong Myeong 3-1 in East Asian Championship

Tokyo, 5 Dec. — World Cup hero Ahn Jung-hwan provided the spark for South Korea in a 3-1 win over Hong Kong in their East Asian Championship opener on Thursday, lifting some of the pressure from embattled coach Humberto Coelho.

The Japan-based striker, whose goals helped South Korea reach the 2002 World Cup semifinals, sealed victory with a 57th-minute header, seven minutes after Kim Do-hoon had made it 2-1 from close range.

South Korea had lost three of their last four matches, including embarrassing Asian Cup qualifying slip-ups against Vietnam and Oman, and struggled to impose themselves during the first half in near-freezing conditions in Tokyo.

Missing several Europe-based players, South Korea took the lead in the 23rd minute when midfielder Kim Do-hoon crashed a left-foot volley into the bottom corner from 20 metres.

But Nigerian-born striker Lawrence Akandu bulldozed his way through the South Korea defence to equalize in the 34th.

The inaugural East Asian Championship had been initially scheduled for May but was postponed due to fears over the SARS virus. Hosts Japan were due to play China later on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters

IOC to re-test Salt Lake samples

Lausanne (Switzerland), 5 Dec. — Hundreds of drug tests from the Salt Lake City Winter Games will be rechecked for the newly-discovered steroid THG, the International Olympic Committee said on Thursday.

IOC medical director Patrick Schamasch said scientists would check as many of the 642 samples taken in 2002 as possible.

Schamasch could not say exactly how many of the samples — being held in Los Angeles — would be in a suitable state for re-testing but said he believed it would run into the hundreds.

“We have been given the green light to go ahead and re-test these now,” he said at the Chateau de Vidy headquarters of the IOC. “The decision taken this morning is in principle. Now we have to investigate in greater detail. I can answer not exactly now how many samples will be tested.”

Olympic lawyers have spent weeks probing the legality of re-testing the samples and the IOC had been seeking scientific advice on whether the frozen 21-month-old samples remain viable.

The IOC had wanted to be sure the quality of the samples was still good so that there can be no question of legal issues regarding potential degradation.

IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies said: “The IOC, in its fight against doping, wants to leave no stone unturned.”

The designer steroid tetrahydrogestrinone (THG) is at the centre of a doping scandal. The discovery of the drug has rocked track and field in Europe and North America and could leave next year’s Athens Olympics missing a host of banned big-name athletes.

Four US athletes have tested positive for THG. American officials have said, as has European 100-metre champion Dwain Chambers.

The Briton said through his lawyer that if he did take the drug, it was unwittingly. Athletics’ global ruling body, the IAAF, has re-tested samples taken at August’s world championships in Paris to look for THG.

Two positives were discovered.

Hundreds of samples from this year’s world swimming championships in Barcelona were also re-tested, but governing body FINA said there were no positive results.

However, world soccer’s governing body FIFA has ruled out retrospective tests for THG.

FIFA cited legal reasons and said samples are destroyed after 30 days in accordance with FIFA’s doping control regulations.

MNA/Reuters

FIFA stick with same playoff system for 2006 World Cup

Frankfurt (Germany), 5 Dec. — The playoff system to decide the last qualifiers for the 2006 World Cup finals will follow the same model as used for the 2002 finals, FIFA decided on Thursday.

The fifth placed team in the South American group will meet the winners of the Oceania zone while the fourth placed team in the final group of the CONCACAF zone will meet the winners of an Asian playoff.

For the 2002 finals, Uruguay, who finished fifth in South America beat Australia, the winners of the Oceania zone, 3-1 in their two-legged playoff.

Europe rather than CONCACAF provided the playoff contender in Ireland beating Iran 2-1 to qualify for the finals in Japan and South Korea.

The playoffs are due to be played in November 2005 at the end of the two-year-long qualifying competition which has already started in South America, Asia and Africa.

The draw for the main qualifying rounds will be made in Frankfurt on Friday. — MNA/Reuters

Wins for Roma, Chievo in Italian Cup

Milan, 5 Dec. — A first half goal from Marco Delvecchio gave AS Roma a 1-0 home win over Serie B side Palermo in their Italian Cup second round, first leg match on Thursday.

Palermo’s defence failed to clear a free-kick and after being set up by Christian Panucci, Delvecchio slotted home the winner from close range.

The Sicilian side, pushing for promotion to Serie A, will take heart though from an impressive performance at the Olympic Stadium which leaves them still with a chance of progressing.

Earlier Chievo Verona beat Pergugia 2-1 at the Bentegodi stadium — Giuseppe Sculli put Chievo ahead after 15 minutes only for Ferdinant Colly to equalize for Pergugia.

Ivone de Franceschi grabbed the winner for Chievo with a nicely weighted chip four minutes from the end.

Inter Milan host Reggina later on Thursday. — MNA/Reuters

Troubled Hertha sack coach Stevens

Berlin, 5 Dec. — Herbert Berlin sacked coach Huub Stevens following a 6-1 demolition by Werder Bremen in the German Cup, the Bundesliga club said on Thursday.

Wednesday’s thrashing in a third round tie was the latest in a series of setbacks for the capital club, who lie second from bottom in the Bundesliga.

Dutchman Stevens, 50, joined Hertha in July 2002 from Bundesliga rivals Schalke 04. — MNA/Reuters

Injuries limit Chelsea options against Leeds

Harlington (England), 5 Dec. — Leaders Chelsea will be without midfielders Emmanuel Petit and Juan Sebastian Veron when they play bottom club Leeds on Saturday with striker Eidar Gudjohnsen and defender Celestine Babayaro also doubtful.

The big-spending London club, who beat Manchester United to go top of the Premier League last Sunday and reached the quarter-finals of the League Cup with a 1-0 win over Reading on Wednesday, had a gentle workout on Thursday.

But Nigerian Babayaro, who played against Reading, had his right knee wrapped in ice at the training ground near Heathrow Airport.

England international Wayne Bridge is likely to take his place at left back.

Ice冷nder Gudjohnsen injured his ankle during a training session last week, club sources said.

Veron returned from international duty with Argentina last month with a neck problem and Petit is recovering from knee surgery.

Coach Claudio Ranieri, who insists he is competing for every trophy on offer this season, fielded a strong side against First Division Reading and will make no concessions to financially struggling Leeds.

Wednesday’s scorer Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink is likely to start against his old club and could be partnered up front by Romanian international Adrian Mutu, a late substitute against Reading.

France’s Carole Montillet cut a tear as she was about to post the 7th fastest time during the final training run on the Women’s World Cup Downhill course in Lake Louise, Canada on 4 Dec. 2003. The Women will race their first downhill of the season here on 5 December.

Montillet had a time of 1:35.66 seconds. — MNA/Reuters
Defence Services medical …

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Development of Border Ar- cas and National Races, bor- der areas development projects are being imple- mented spending over K 45,000 million plus over US$ 500 million.

Therefore, I would like you to support the part in nation-building en- deavours hand in hand with the people wherever you are assigned.

The Tatmadaw, after assessing correctly the past and present situation of the State, is taking systematic measures step by step for better future of the State. The seven-point roadmap (roadmap) have been laid down and it was clarified to the public. The people, consisting of all na- tional races who have been living in the Union with am- ity, after holding mass ral- lies in all states and divi- sions, gave support for the seven-point roadmap. On 21, October 2003, the mass rally that represents the entire people was held in Bagan Ar- cheological Zone. They unanimously supported the motion calling for active par- ticipation of the entire na- tional people by doing their bit for the successful imple- mentation of the seven-point roadmap.

But, it can be seen that some foreign countries and groups that pay heed to the interests of an individual than that of over 53 million people of Myanmar attacked and criticized these efforts with negative attitude. Realizing that they are interfering in the affairs of other countries only in the interest of theirs and the entire na- tional people will be on their march along the future path of the State.

You all know the in- tention of committing acts to get the people into trouble and fabricating news, ignor- ing the interests of the peo- ple. Therefore, you are to defend the State which is on its future way through peo- ple’s militia strategy.

People’s militia strat- egy means the entire people and the Tatmadaw with a sense of oneness are build- ing and defending the nation and in the case of facing the danger of aggression, the entire nation are to partici- pate in the resistance.

Our Tatmadaw was born of the people. There- fore, Tatmadaw men, the good sons of the people, are to be loyal to the people. Upholding the interests of the people in the first you must be participating in the tasks for regional stability and the rules of law. Moreo- ver, you are to provide health care services which include in the five rural development tasks to rural people. You must be strictly practising 60 codes of conduct of soldier to become the one to whom the people admire.

In conclusion I would like to urge you —

- to safeguard Our Third Main National Causes; the national political pro- gramme, with Union Spirit;
- to relay the 12 good noble sons of the Tatmadaw;
- to dutifully carry out the three main tasks of the Tatmadaw;
- to take part in suc- cessful implementation of the seven-point policy and programme of the State hand in hand with the people;
- to strive for becom- ing noble nurses filled with physical and spiritual strength; and
- to adopt the good sons of the people while serv- ing the interests of the peo- ple in line with the five rural development tasks.

Also present on the occasion were Prime Minis- ter General Khin Nyunt, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Min, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Thant, Quarter- master-General Lt-Gen Thuha Thura Tin Aung Myint, Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Com- mander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myay Hein, Chair- man of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of YangonCommand Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, Mili- tary Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsuan Hsae, Judge Advocate-General Brig-Gen Soe Maung, Defence Serv- ices Inspection-Gen Brig-Gen Thein Hkau, senior mili- tary officers and directors of the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, senior of- ficers of the military station, guests and relatives of the trainees.

Control of Money …. (from page 10)

Dr Tun Shin replied to the queries raised by the jour- nalists.

In reply to the que- ries, Minister for Labour, Manpower, Immigration and Sport Sein Aung Hlaing Hlaing said that in accord with the duties and powers conferred on him by Sec- tion 8 (C) of the Control of Labour Moulding Law, the Central Control Board on Money Moulding formed under the Notification No 06/ 2003 dated 4-6-2003 of the Government of the Union of Myanmar has formed an in- vestigation body to investi- gate whether Asia Wealth Bank and Myanmar May ent is trading under licence and property obtained by il- legal means. The investiga- tion body is to submit the report of its findings to the Central Control Board on Money Mouldering in accord with the provisions. The press conference concluded at 11.30 am. — MNA

Myanmar-Korea Business Cooperation Seminar held

YANGON, 5 Dec — Myanmar-Korea Business Cooperation Seminar was held at the Traders Hotel here this morning.

It was attended by Commercial Attaché of Ko- rea Embassy in Myanmar Mr Choi Yong-Tac, leader of Incheon Group of Korea Mr ChoHan-Wan and members, Director Mr Byung-ank

chung of Incheon KOTRA and national entrepreneurs from 41 local companies. They discussed mat- ters related to distribution of products manufactured in Korea such as machines, raw materials for fibre, UPS bat- teries, automobiles, motor- cycles, furniture and medici- nal equipment. — MNA

Weather

WEATHER

Friday, 5 December, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were 3°C to 4°C below normal in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin, Chin States, upper Sagaing Yangon Divisions, 5°C to 6°C below nor- mal in Mandalay Division and about normal in the re- maining areas.

Maximum temperature on 4-12-2003 was 33.5°C (92°F). Minimum temperature on 5-12-2003 was 15.0°C (59°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-12-2003 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 4-12-2003 was 8.8 hours approx.

Rainfall on 5-12-2003 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 2211 mm (87.05 inches) at Yangon Air- port, 2315 mm (91.14 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2394 mm (94.25 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from North at (13-25) hours MST on 4-12-2003.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in South Bay and fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 6-12-2003:

- Expect for the possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State and weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%).

- State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Monnar waters.

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

- Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-12-2003: Fine weather.

- Weather outlook for first weekend of December 2003: During the coming weekend weather will be fair in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

Earthquake Report

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives national race leaders

YANGON, 5 Dec—Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt received leader of Kachin State Special Region-1 U Za Khon Ting Ring and party at Zeyathiri Command-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye. Also present at the dinner were Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lieutenant-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Hwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thihla Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, senior military officers, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, faculty members of MINPS, the graduates and their parents and relatives.

After the dinner, the guests were entertained with dances and songs by Myanmar music troupe and Myanmar Music Asisayon and Anyeint by Myawady Anyeint troupe at the convocation hall of DSMA.

F & R Ministry issues declaration

YANGON, 5 Dec — The Ministry of Finance and Revenue of the Union of Myanmar issued a declaration dated 5 December 2003. The full story of the declaration is as follows:

Declaration

1. The Treasury Department of the United States of America on 19 November 2003 made a statement alleging that two private banks in Myanmar, Mayflower Bank and Asia Wealth Bank are institutions of “primary money laundering concern”.

2. To look into the validity of these allegations, the authorities concerned had formed an Investigation Body and will carry out the necessary investigations in accordance with Section 8 Sub-section (c) of “The Control of Money Laundering Law” of the Union of Myanmar.

3. During the investigation period, the operations of the above-mentioned banks will be placed under the supervision of the Banks Supervision Committee of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in order to ensure that the normal banking services can be conducted smoothly at both headquarters and branch offices of the two banks. Arrangements will be made so that banking activities such as withdrawals of deposit, repayment of loans can be made in the usual manner and without any difficulty.

4. The Ministry of Finance and Revenue will assume the responsibility for ensuring that other banks will not be affected as a result of the investigation.

5. Therefore, the Ministry of Finance and Revenue wishes to inform the people that clients can conduct business with the banks and banking services as usual, with confidence.