YANGON, 10 Dec— At the invitation of His Excellency Mr Junichiro Koizumi, Prime Minister of Japan, the Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt left here on a special flight at 7.15 am this morning to attend the ASEAN-Japan Commemorative Summit to be held in Tokyo, Japan, on 11 and 12 December.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, ministers, senior military officers, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of Singapore Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz and heads of foreign missions in Yangon, the UN Coordinator, Charge d’Affairs of Japan Mr Hiroshi Kawamura and staff, and departmental heads saw off the Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt from Yangon International Airport.

Senior General Than Shwe and Vice-Senior General Maung Aye see off Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt at the airport.—MNA

Government to implement tasks in cooperation with private sector

Ayethaya industrial zone in Ayethaya Myothit in Taunggyi Township on 6 December and the site of Kengtawng hydro electric power project in Mongnai Township on 7 December. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council, Commander-in-Chief Air Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, the ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and (See page 16)

Senior General Than Shwe bids bon voyage to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt at the airport.—MNA

YANGON, 10 Dec— The Myanmar sports contingent bagged two gold in the XXII South-East Asian Games which continued in Hanoi, Vietnam, yesterday. Kan Shwe, Phone Myint Teza, Aung Kyaw Moe and Khin Maung Myint won gold in the men’s 1000-m canoe event and Kay Thi Win won gold in the women’s 48-kilo weightlifting event.

Silver medal winners were Aung Lin in the men’s 1000-m C-1 event, Win Hrauk and Aung Lin in the men’s 1000-m C-2, Kan Shwe and Aung Kyaw Moe in the men’s 1000-m K-2, Phone Myint Teza in the men’s 1000-m K-1, Thein Htay Win and Khin Mar Oo in the women’s 48-kilo weightlifting event. Bronze medal winners were Aung Lin in the men’s 1000-m K-1, Nyan Soe in the men’s 100-kilo Judo event, Chaw Se Win in the women’s above-78-kilo and Khin Myo Thu in the under-78-kilo events.

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Towards perpetual existence of the Union

The Government of the Union of Myanmar is taking all the necessary measures to bridge the development divide between states and divisions. It is building economic, education and health infrastructures such as roads and bridges, irrigation facilities, universities and colleges and hospitals wherever necessary across the Union.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and responsible personnel on 25 and 26 November visited towns in Chin State and fulfilled the regional needs presented by the local people. In his meeting with members of Chin State Peace and Development Council, district and township peace and development councils, departmental personnel and townsenders in Haka, the Prime Minister said that the narrower the development gap between states and divisions, the more consolidated the national unity and the longer the Union will last.

The national brethren have been living together in unity and amity through thick and thin for thousands of years. To be able to do so as long as the world exists, they must possess stronger Union Spirit and not believe what others say with the intention of setting one national race against another. We must join hands for the perpetual existence of the Union, bearing in mind that “United we stand; divided we fall”.

We do not have to think long and hard to understand that the seven-point policy programme can no doubt ensure the emergence of a strong government and the perpetual existence of the Union. A weak government under the influence of other nations will surely weaken the Union and eventually bring about its collapse. To avoid such a thing happening, we are required to try our utmost to successfully realize the policy programme.

Finally, we would like to call upon the entire national people to strive for the perpetuation of the Union, national independence and sovereignty and for more consolidated national unity.

Myanmar Cricket Federation formed

YANGON, 10 Dec — The cooperation meeting forming Myanmar Cricket Federation took place at the Panorama Hotel on Pansodan Road, here on 5 December.

At the meeting, the federation was formed. The donation of K 500,000 was presented for the Sports and Physical Education Department. U San Tin Aung (Shwefo), U Aung Zaw Win, U Shah Mar, U Bo Ni, U Shah Palshad and members of OYCC Cricket Association donated K 100,000 each and U Kyaw Kyaw (Myanmar Pride Ltd) cricket equipment worth K 500,000 to the federation through MCF President U Nyunt Win, who presented certificates of honour to them.

Min Naing (Srixon) taking part in the Maruman Golf Classic Tournament — MNA

Sanitation tasks carried out in Tamu

YANGON, 10 Dec — Sanitation of the road and dredging of drains were carried out in Tamu on 2 December.

Tamu Township Department of the Irrigation and Power Development Authority, as well as sanitation workers from the Town Council, have been carrying out sanitation activities in the township.

Forestry paper-reading session opened

YANGON, 10 Dec — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivered an address at the opening of the fourth forestry paper-reading session, organized by the forestry scholars section of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fisheries Science, at the hall of Forest Department in Insein Township this afternoon.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung addresses opening of the fourth forestry research paper-reading session. — MNA

Min Naing (Srixon) taking part in the Maruman Golf Classic Tournament. — MNA

Observance of 57th Anniversary of Union Day coordinated

YANGON, 10 Dec — The Information Subcommittee and Exhibition Subcommittee for Observance of the 57th Anniversary of Union Day (2004) met at the Information and Public Relations Department on Pansodan Street here this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the subcommittees Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, officials of the subcommittees and representatives from respective ministeries.

The chairman delivered a speech on the occasion.

Member of the Management Committee for Observance of Union Day Director-General of the IPRD U Chit Naing reported on holding exhibitions in the townships in which the Union Flag will stop for the night during the Union Flag convoying trip. Secretary of the Exhibition Subcommittee Director of the IPRD U Kyaw Kyaw of Myanmar Pride Int’l Ltd and United Int’l Agencies presents cricket equipment worth K 500,000 to President U Nyunt Win of Myanmar Cricket Federation. — MNA

Min Naing (Srixon) taking part in the Maruman Golf Classic Tournament. — MNA

Maruman Golf Classic continues

YANGON, 10 Dec — The Maruman Golf Classic Tournament, the fifth leg of the Myanmar Golf Tour 2003, continued at Yangon Golf Club this morning.

After the second round, Min Naing (Srixon) was leading the professional golfer event with 147 strokes. Soe Kyaw Naing (Pan-West) and Myint Thaung (KM Golf Centre) tied at the second position with 148 each. Than Naing (Bagu) with 150 was behind the seconds. Nanda Kyaw (YCCD) scored 151 at the fourth position and Soe Myint Lay (Wilson) with 152 at the fifth. In the men’s amateur event, Thein Zaw Myint was leading with 149 strokes, followed by Hla Myo with 150, Bo Bo with 153, defending champion Zaw Zin Win with 154 and Naing Naing Lin with 155.

The tournament is being organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pty Ltd together with Maruman-Kaung Myat Co Ltd, Air Mandalay, Grand Slam (Munsing Wear), Loi Hein (Alpine), UPG, Canon and KM Golf Centre and Wilson. Maruman-Kaung Myat Co Ltd and Sun Far Travels and Tours and Yangon Golf Club will present prizes to hold-in-one scorers.

The arrangement for holding the tournament is being made by Han Event Management. The third round continues tomorrow. — MNA

Vice Senior General Maung Aye sees off Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt at Yangon International Airport. — News Page 1 — MNA
Suicide attacks wound 61 US troops in Iraq

TALAFAR, 10 Dec — Suicide bombers, one in a car and another on foot, blew themselves up at the gates of two US military bases on Tuesday, wounding 61 American soldiers but failing to inflict deadly casualties on the scale of recent attacks in Iraq.

Most of the soldiers were slightly hurt by debris and flying glass, indicating that massivedefences — sand barriers, high cement walls and numerous roadblocks leading to the entrances of bases — have paid off for American troops occupying Iraq.

At the same time, the decision of the suicide bombers to test US defences reflected the tenacity of an enemy that seeks to undermine American resolve by inflicting mass casualties with a single strike.

On Tuesday, a US Army observation helicopter took fire and made an emergency landing west of Baghdad, and the two crew members walked away with “minimal injuries,” the US military said. Residents said the helicopter was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade. The OH-58 Kiowa observation helicopter landed near Fallujah, a focus of resistance to the US occupation.

The town sits in the heart of the dangerous Sunni Triangle where the majority of attacks on American forces have occurred since the ouster of Saddam Hussein in a US-led invasion.

In a larger version of the two suicide bombings Tuesday, a man drove up to the gate of a base of the 101st Airborne Division in Talafar, 235 miles northwest of Baghdad, at 4:45 am Tuesday, the military said. Guards at the gate and in a watchtower opened fire and the vehicle blew up, leaving a large crater at the gate’s entryway. — Internet

China establishes first DHEM

BEIJING, 10 Dec — Authorities at the prestigious Beijing University announced here on Tuesday that its Guanghua School of Management had formally established its Department of Health Economics & Management (DHEM), the first of its kind among all China’s colleges and universities.

Professor Li Yining, a celebrated economist and also dean of the Guanghua School of Management, said at the inauguration ceremony that the Chinese government was striving to enhance its management of the health sector, set up a sanitary and medical treatment mechanism adapted to the socialist market economic system, and strengthen its capacity to handle emergency outbreaks threatening the public’s health. “It makes the establishment of DHEM both timely and imperative,” Li said.

Sean Sullivan, a professor of pharmacoeconomics at the University of Washington, in the US, said in a congratulatory letter that the new department represented a significant initiative for the Chinese Government to develop a research initiative for the Chinese Government to develop a research

Pakistan Premier telephones Vajpayee, conveys warm welcome

NEW DELHI, 10 Dec — In the midst of “positive developments” in Indo-Pakistani ties, Pakistan Premier Zafarullah Khan Jamali on Monday night telephoned Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and congratulated him for confirming his attendance in the next month’s SAARC summit, saying that a “warm welcome” awaited him in Islamabad next month.

During the five-minute conversation, Vajpayee told Jamali that he was looking forward to his visit to Islamabad, official sources said. Both the Prime Ministers agreed that there have been “positive bilateral developments” over the past few weeks, including the ceasefire along the Line of Control.

They felt that it is important that these positive trends are sustained, the sources said. Jamali, who called at 19-30 hours from Paris, conveyed to Vajpayee his appreciation for the Prime Minister’s letter confirming his attendance at the SAARC summit and said a “warm welcome awaits” him. — MNA/PTI

Explosive kills Houston soldier in Iraq

MOSUL, 10 Dec — A Houston soldier’s family suffered a devastating loss over the weekend when their 28-year-old son was killed as the Humvee he drove rolled over a roadside detonation improvised by militants in Mosul.

Pic. Ray Joseph Hutchinson was days away from being able to fly home to see his grandmother, who was brought to the Tenes Medical Center in desperate need of open-heart surgery last week.

But, before he left the Middle East, Hutchinson was sent out on one more mission — one that ended his young life.

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US military works to defuse Iraq’s deadly roadside bombs

BAGHDAD, 10 Dec — In Iraq, roadside bombs targeting US troops and their Iraqi allies have proven to be the most lethal weapon in the hands of attackers.

VOA correspondent Alisha Ryn spoke with members of a US Army explosives disposal team in Baghdad about the difficulty of finding the roadside bombs before they explode.

The disposal team is constructed in the right way. It is military ordnance, projectiles, large caliber explosives, but did not elaborate.

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Asian, Oceanic biochemists, biologists meet

BANGALORE, 10 Dec — The 10th Congress of the Federation of Asian and Oceanic Biochemists and Molecular Biologists is underway here with Indian Human Resources Development Minister Murli Manohar Joshi advocating holistic approach towards research in various streams of science.

Joshi told the gathering of scientists at the inaugural function Sunday night that he has approached various universities to develop different combinations and modules but did not elaborate.

The Minister, who also holds the science and technology portfolio, called for forgoing the “barrier” between different sciences. Secretary in the Department of Bio-technology, Manju Sharma, spoke about the strides that India has made in the sector, while FAOBMB president Professor Qi-shu Lin outlined the Congress’ objectives. — MNA/PTI

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**Iraq power transfer to bring more investors**

Ammann, 10 Dec — A faster US transfer of power in Baghdad to Iraqis will lead more foreign firms to bid for reconstruction projects now delayed because of security concerns, the Iraqi Finance Minister said on Tuesday.

Kamel al-Gilani was referring to the new US plan to hand back more Iraqi sovereignty in June which the US-backed Governing Council hopes will undercut violent opposition to Washington’s military occupation.

‘...Iraq would be more stable after June when sovereignty is completed and powers extended to Iraqis in a new formula... There will be more foreign firms in the Baghdad area about 30 miles west of the capital, when one was hit by a grenade fired from the ground. It went down immediately in an open field. The aircraft appeared structurally intact, but smoke was billowing from it. Two other helicopters with red crosses painted on the sides landed nearby a few minutes later, the reporter said. In videotape shot shortly after the downing, an A-10 Thunderbolt went down immediately in an open field. The aircraft appeared structurally intact, but smoke was billowing from it. Two other helicopters with red crosses painted on the sides landed nearby a few minutes later, the reporter said. In videotape shot shortly after the downing, an A-10 Thunderbolt was seen flying above. Several other Kiowas were also circling the area, and a convoy of military vehicles drove toward the downed helicoptor. Fallujah, a hotbed of resistance to the US occupation, sits in the heart of the dangerous Sunni Triangle where the majority of attacks on American forces have occurred since the ouster of former leader Saddam Hussein. — Internet

**India invites Japan to outsource business**

**TOKYO, 10 Dec — India on Monday invited Japan to outsource business to tackle the problem arising out of high percentage of aging population.**

"This was a win-win situation for both countries... business outsourcing was the only way to overcome the demographic handicap and yet sustain profitability and growth," Planning Commission Member N K Singh said on recently.

Singh also highlighted India’s economic development and the new opportunities deregulation and reforms have created for Japanese investment particularly in infrastructure. Participating at a symposium organized by Japanese Government, Singh also listed ports, airports privatisation, roads, power and agro-processing as sectors which could attract Japanese investment.

Several economists and experts in international relations including Rohit Dey of the Council of Brooks Institute, Gong Shao-pong of Foreign Affairs Collect, Yoshimi Inskuwar of Akita College participated in the symposium which highlighted the strategic importance of India and prospects for Indo-Japanese cooperation.

"Tourists continue to visit Sri Lanka despite the initial setbacks brought by the recent developments. We are confident that we will reach the 500,000 mark," Lokuge said recently. According to Tourist Board statistics, the first 10 months of this year showed a 26-per-cent increase with 393,974 visitors over 313,593 arrivals in the corresponding period last year. Arrivals in October this year were also the highest in 33 years, recording an all-time high of 49,922 for the month. "Sustained peace and the resultant increased investor and traveller confidence in the destination was appa rent in the industry seeing a revival after a lapse of many years," Lokuge said.

He said that November and December are very decisive months in reaching the half a million target. Tourism is one of the major industries in the country which contributes tremendously to its economic deve lopment. — MNA/Xinhua

**US chopper downed in Iraq**

**BAGHDAD, 10 Dec — Gorillas hit a US helicopter with a rocket-propelled grenade Tuesday near Fallujah, witnesses said. The American military said the aircraft made a “controlled landing.”**

Elsewhere Tuesday, a suicide bomber blew up a car packed with explosives at the gates of a military barracks, injuring dozens of American troops and six Iraqi civilians. Hours earlier, three soldiers died in a road accident in central Iraq, and three civilians died in a rocket attack in Baghdad.

A military spokesman, who asked not to be identified, said the OH-58D Kiowa observation helicopter from the 82nd Airborne Division made a “controlled landing” at 2:50 pm local time near Fallujah.

There were two crewmen on board and neither was injured, the spokesman said, adding that a quick reaction force had secured the area.

An Associated Press reporter saw two helicopters flying in formation near the city, about 30 miles west of the capital, when one was hit by a grenade fired from the ground.

It's a sober start for the brigade that arrived in Iraq only a few days ago for a 12-month tour of duty with its armoured, eight-wheeled Stryker vehicles. These are the first new Army fighting vehicles in 20 years and have been assigned to combat patrols north of Baghdad, where the insurgency movement is strongest.

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**Tibet builds up complete education system**

LHASA, 10 Dec — South West China’s Tibetan autonomous region has built a complete education system in local primary and middle schools, due to great support from the central government during the past four decades, said local officials.

Since 1959, the central government has invested a combined 1.3 billion yuan (157 million US dollars) in education development in the region, 445 million yuan (53.6 million dollars) of which was used for 15 big projects during the past decade, said Lu Shicheng, a regional official involved in education facility construction.

So far, a six-year compulsory education system has been put into practice in 55 of the region’s 73 counties, with a nine-year-old compulsory education system established in 18 counties.

Computers have been introduced into more than 1,000 primary and middle schools in the region.

Currently, 360,000 students are enrolled in local primary and middle schools, which have 22,000 teachers and other faculty members.

The literacy rate among local adults has dropped from 95 per cent in 1951 to the current 37 per cent, and as many as 91.8 per cent of local school-age children are in school currently, as against less than 2 per cent half a century ago.

Called by the central government to protect and promote the use of the Tibetan language, Tibet has issued five collections of teaching materials in Tibetan for primary, middle school and higher education.

MNA/Xinhua
Annan wary of security and UN role in Iraq

United Nations, 10 Dec — Still reeling from attacks on UN offices, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said his international staff for Iraq would operate from Cyprus and move to Iraq only if a future UN role was worth the enormous security risks involved.

Despite pressure for the United Nations to return senior officials to Iraq, Annan said expatriate staff would go to Baghdad on special visits from the Cypriot capital of Nicosia, or a smaller office in Amman, Jordan, according to a major report to the Security Council to be released on Wednesday and obtained by Reuters.

“I cannot afford to compromise the security of our international and national staff,” Annan wrote in the 26-page report, haunted by the Aug. 19 bombing of UN headquarters in Baghdad that killed 22 people, including his special representative, Sergio Vieira de Mello. He withdrew foreign staff from Baghdad on Nov. 4.

Annan announced the appointment of New Zealander Ross Mountain, a senior humanitarian affairs official, as director of the UN team, known as the UN Assistance Mission for Iraq, until a replacement for Vieira de Mello is found.

Mountain is currently head of the UN Office for Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva, and will serve as the deputy special representative for Iraq after Annan next year appoints a new head of mission.

Annan’s report to the 15-member Security Council was the first comprehensive analysis of the situation in Iraq since July and raised as many questions as it answered.

Welcoming tasks and risks
He said he needed to ask himself over the coming months whether any future role allocated to the United Nations would be "proportionate to the risks we are being asked to take, whether the political process is fully inclusive and transparent and whether the humanitarian tasks in question are truly life-saving or not."

At the same time, Annan was aware that the United Nations would be the political face of the international community after the US-led occupiers hand over power to an Iraqi national government as scheduled in July. He offered the expansive UN experience in organizing elections, writing a constitution, setting up human rights bodies and continuing humanitarian aid.

APPUI executive council conference opens in China

HAIKOU, 10 Dec — The 2003 annual conference of the executive council of the Asian-Pacific Postal Union (APPUI) opened Tuesday in Boao, south China’s Hainan Province.

Topics high on the agenda are postal cooperation and exchange in the Asian-Pacific Region and reforms to be introduced for APPUI structure.

The 2004 budget and arrangements are to be examined for approval at the four-day conference.

The conference is the highest-level ever held with the largest number of attendees from its member states.

Representatives from the United States, France, Canada and Romania will also attend the conference as observers.

China joined the APPUI in 1975, which now has 29 members since its establishment in 1962. Boao is a scenic coastal town and the permanent site for the Boao Forum for Asia annual conference, which is an important platform for exploring Asian issues. — MNA/Xinhua
Two Republicans seek audit of US Iraq operations

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec— Two Republican US congressmen just back from a trip to Iraq urged President George W Bush on Tuesday to accept an independent panel to audit US operations there, and called on him to acknowledge mistakes that they said set back Iraq’s recovery by months.

Representatives Frank Wolf of Virginia and Christopher Shays of Connecticut also urged the administration to give Iraqis a bigger voice in rebuilding their own country, and to show more “humility” in sharing power and being open to differing ideas.

Wolf and Shays, who said they believed they were the only congressmen to travel in Iraq outside US military auspices, also said Bush should redouble efforts to get more international help in Iraq including creating an alliance modelled on NATO to develop Iraq’s law enforcement.

They also called on him to appoint a special envoy — possibly former president George HW Bush — to focus on the Arab-Israeli conflict, saying Middle East peace was key to stemming terrorism worldwide.

Shays said the administration “wasted two months” after the major conflict in Iraq, and the administration should “acknow-

About deficit drugs may have long-term effects

WASHINGTON, 10 Dec— Drugs given to children to treat attention deficit hyperactivity disorder could have long-term effects on their growing brains, studies on rats suggest.

Several studies published on Monday show that rats given a popular ADHD drug were less likely to want to use cocaine later in life, but also often acted clinically depressed and behaved differently from rats given dummy injections.

While rats are different from humans, the studies suggest that doctors should watch children for long-term effects, too.

In the United States between 3 per cent and 5 per cent of children are diagnosed with attention deficit disorder, marked by reduced ability to concentrate, difficulty in organizing and impulsive behaviour.

Patients are commonly prescribed stimulants but the practice is sometimes controversial.

Several US senators have called on the US government to carry out a study of the long-term effects of ADHD and antidepressant treatments.

Attention deficit drugs may have long-term effects

S Africa, Europe hold talks on car exports

JOHANNESBURG, 10 Dec— South African officials held talks with European Union officials on Tuesday on aotomotive industry in a bid to launch tariff-free car exports to Europe.

Karl Falkenberg, director of trade at the EU Commission, said that the auto sector was the highlight of the sweeping two-day talks.

He said the covered a broad range of bilateral and multilateral issues including the prospect of seeing the automotive sector in South Africa opened in return for eliminating tariffs on exports of cars to Europe.

Falkenberg said there was currently a “5-6 per cent” duty for the export of fully built cars to Europe.

He said the present level of South African cars ex-

 Brittian, France, Norway plan submarine rescue craft

BRUSSELS, 10 Dec— NATO allies France, Norway and Britain said on Tuesday they would procure a remotely operated submarine rescue vehicle for about 167 million euros.

“The three countries are committed to jointly acquiring a submersible rescue vehicle capable of operating to a depth of 1,970 feet to rescue crew from submarines in difficulty,” they said in a statement.

The submersible vehicle and its components, which are due to be delivered in 2006, will be based in Scotland.

The 19-nation NATO military alliance, which co-funded a feasibility study for the three-country system, signed an agreement with Russia in February to cooperate on future submarine operations to prevent a repeat of the Kursk disaster.

An unidentified man walks in falling snow in Omaha, Neb, on 9 Dec, 2003. The National Weather Service is calling for about three inches of snow in the area and winds of 20 to 30 miles per hour.—MNA/Reuters
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10-ton and above truck and 40-passenger bus, he said.

Moreover, he said, farm equipment, hydro-powered generators, fertilizers and other industrial products are being produced with greater momentum.

He also reported on the government’s assistance, Ayethaya industrial zone’s participation in State-sponsored industrial exhibitions and prize-winning products of the zone at the exhibitions.

Next, Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win participated in the discussions. He said the industrial zones were established after region-wise private industries which had prospects for development were constituted. Now there are 18 industrial zones where over 7,000 industrialists produce various kinds of products. There are over 100,000 private industries including the industrial zones in the country.

Out of the zones Yangon, Mandalay, Ayethayar and Monywa industrial zones have developed most. The industrial sector is an important economic sector in Gross Domestic Product (GDP). According to the conditions of the country, efforts are being made for development of industrial and services sectors based on agricultural development. Only when there is progress in the industrial sector will the country be modern and developed, he said.

In 1988, cultivable lands were just over 19 million acres. Now they increased up to 26 million acres. Tasks for availability of water such as construction of dams and reservoirs and implementation of river water pumping projects are being undertaken in the whole country. Cultivation of crops including double and mixed cropping also increased up to 40 million acres, he said.

Farm implements are used more in the agricultural sector due to increase of cultivable lands and single to triple cropping. The agricultural sector is now being transformed into mechanized farming. The industrial zones are to produce the most wanted power tillers and harvesting and winnowing machines not only for quantity but also for quality. In the country hundreds of thousands of power tillers are needed but they are produced in thousands only.

He said the government has given encouragement to the development of industries of the industrialists. It is necessary for the industrialists of Ayethaya zone to make efforts to become a zone that serves the interest of Shan State and provides industrial requirements to other regions.

Endeavours are to be made for production of engines of the power tiller and other advanced equipment with the technical assistance of the Ministry of Industry-2.

Now some industrial zones are trying to built 10-ton and above trucks and 40-passenger buses with the encouragement of the Government. The zone gained experience on assembling the light trucks. Therefore, he said, he would like to urge the industrialists to try to produce passenger buses. He called on them to make efforts with the use of advanced equipment in the private industries to produce quality goods on a commercial scale.

By doing so, he said the private zones can produce farm equipment, machines and import-substitute equipment on a commercial scale.

With the production of quality equipment in the respective zone, Myanmar industrial sectors will develop with greater momentum and a modern developed nation will emerge in a short time. U Sai Ohn Khuan of the zone reported on the assembling of 10-ton and above trucks and 40-passenger buses and U Saw Naing on the assembling of Shan Star Jeeps.

In his address, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said Myanmar has a population of over 53 million. The most wanted power tillers, Shan Lon May paddy harvesters, Lon May paddy threshers, Taungpawkywe thresher, small generators, transformer, etc. are produced in thousands only. He spoke of the need to increase the sown acreage of paddy, beans and pulses and maize and per acre yield and development of fish and meat sector with the intention of fulfilling food, clothing and shelter needs for the people in the long run and sufficiency of rice and fish and meat. In other words, the government is building basic foundation for food, clothing and shelter, he said.

He spoke of the need to ensure a basic foundation on food, clothing and shelter needs. To be prosperous and developed, the country must be built to be an industrialized one. Therefore, efforts are to be made for development of the industrial sector based on satisfying basic needs of food, clothing and shelter.

The government has to implement the tasks in cooperation with the private sector in harmony for development of the industrial sector with added momentum, he said.

He said the industrialists should not be complacent with the zones and urged them to make endeavours to their zone become a reliable industrial zones that can support the nation-building tasks.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted the industrialists.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected fertilizer, spare parts of farm machinery, parts of automobile, leather goods, paper, plastic wares, small generators, transformers, maize threshers, paddy threshers, Taungpawkywe Brand power tillers, Shan Lon May paddy harvesters and others in the zone.

Officials concerned reported on pilot production of 10 tons and above automobiles and other types of cars.
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They also inspected the machines used in assembling Shan Star jeep frames and arrangements for production of other models and Maung Myanmar jeeps.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party viewed the production process of Shan Star jeeps and other cars and assembled cars and gave necessary instructions.

Next, they proceeded to Taunggyi by car.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party flew to Kengtawng, Mongnai Township, Loilem District, from Taunggyi on 7 December morning.

On arrival, they were welcomed there by senior military officers of Kengtawng Station, local authorities and departmental officials, local people, teachers and students.

At the guest house of Kengtawng, Col Tin Lwin of Kengtawng Station reported on matters related to the Station and regional development measures. Lt-Gen Thida Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint gave supplementary reports.

Local authorities and departmental officials also reported on administration of the town, education, health, livestock breeding, and transport. After hearing the reports, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave necessary instructions.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected the construction of Myoan Pageda in Kengtawng.

They later went to the basic education high school in the town, where the headmaster and teachers conducted them round the school.

After inspecting the two-storey school building under construction, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave necessary instructions.

In the afternoon, they visited Kengtawng Waterfalls, 31 miles east of Mongnai, where they were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint, Brig-Gen Myo Lwin of Kengtawng Station and officials.

At the briefing hall, the deputy minister reported on the purpose of implementing the Kengtawng hydel-power project on Nanstein creek near the waterfalls by the No 1 Construction of the Hydroelectric Power Department, preparatory measures for the project, and the amount of electricity to be generated.

Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut also reported on arrangements for distribution of electricity to be generated by the project to the areas in Loilem District and for distribution of surplus electricity to the grid, and the estimated cost of the project.

In response to the reports, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions, saying that Myanmar engineers were to make efforts to implement medium hydel-power projects like the Kengtawng hydel-power project, making the most of their know-how and experiences.

He continued that plans were also to be drawn to create human resources capable of handling the construction work, adding that the project should be completed in the targeted time.

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived back here yesterday evening by Tatmadaw aircraft via Heho.

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at Shan State (South) USDA office in Taunggyi on 8 December afternoon.

At the get-together, the secretary of Shan State (South) USDA reported on measures being taken by the association and matters related to implementation of the five rural development tasks.

After hearing the reports, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Col Thein Nyunt gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party inspected the e-library of the association.

Likewise, Chairman of the Central Organizing Committee for Myanmar War Veterans Organization Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, member of the entourage, together with Commanders-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Vice-Chairman of the COC and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, met with members of the WVOs of Mongpan, Loilem, Namhsan, Mongnai and Langkho townships on 7 December and gave instructions.

Next, the Secretary-2,
YANGON, 10 Dec — The opening of Thailand Exhibition 2003 was held at Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Paukdaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning. It was attended by ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, Thai Ambassador Mr Oo Mya Maalanon, officials of foreign embassies in Yangon, entrepreneurs and guests. Assistant Director-General of Ministry of Commerce of Thailand Mr Sawiphan Thiamnoned spoke words of thanks. Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Psy Sone formally opened the exhibition. Those present viewed booths round the fair.

Thailand Exhibition 2003 opened

The exhibition will be kept open till 13 December from 10 am to 6 pm daily. Entrepreneurs can visit the exhibition by ticket on 10 and 11 December and the people, on 12 and 13 December. Available at the exhibition are construction materials, household utensils, computers and spare parts, chemicals, medicines, machines and apparatus, foodstuffs, electrical apparatus, toys, cosmetics, leather goods and furniture.

Thitagu Sayadaw hoists Htidaw atop Shinlainggu Pagoda in Shwedagon

YANGON, 10 Dec — A ceremony to hoist Htidaw atop Shinlainggu Pagoda on the bank of Ayeyarwady River near Hsinmaykyat Village, Shwedagon Township, was held at the venue on 8 December morning, attended by Chancellor of Thitagu World Buddha University Ashin Dr Nannissara. Also present were members of Bago Division (West) Sangha Nayaka Committee, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and wife, Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Col Hla Min and officials. Thitagu Sayadaw administered the Nine Precepts.

Five SEA Games gold medallists

Khin Maung Myint — MNA
Aung Kyaw Moe — MNA
Mu Kyaw Thein — MNA
Phone Myint — MNA
Kan Shwe — MNA

Myanmar wins five silver, four bronze

YANGON, 10 Dec — The Myanmar sports contingent won five silver and four bronze in the XXII SEA Games today. Five silver winners were: Swe Swe Thant in Nanguang (Takuatl) event of Wushu Contest, Swe Swe Win in women’s 53-kilo weightlifting event, Phyu Wah Thein in women’s 5,000-m, Moe Thu Aung in 200-m freestyle and 100-m butterfly swimming events. Four bronze winners were: Aung Aung Htoo in men’s 69-kilo weightlifting event, Kyaw Zin Oo in men’s shuttlecock kicking event, Sai Zarni Aung in 51-kilo boxing event and Aung Thi Tha in men’s 1000-m race.

Swe Swe Thant wins silver

YANGON, 10 Dec — The XXII South-East Asian Games continued in Hanoi, Vietnam, this afternoon. In the Nandao event of Wushu Contest, Ma Swe Thant of Myanmar won silver, the host Vietnamese gold and the Philippine bronze. Wushu events will be held on 12 and 13 December.

The 57th Anniversary Union Day objectives

— for all national races to safeguard the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — to keep the Union spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people — for all national people to defend and safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence — to prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development, and — for all national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programme.

Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank inspected

YANGON, 10 Dec — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, accompanied by Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar Kyaw Kyaw Maung and officials, met with instructors of General Banking Course No 2 (Officer Level) at Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank on Bo Aung Kyaw Street this afternoon.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun meets instructors of General Banking Services (Officer Level). — MNA

DRIVE SAFELY

Swe Swe Thant who wins two silvers in Nandaoo event and Nanqiang (Takult) event of Wushu Contest. — MNA
Trains running on Kalay-Gangaw Railroad

Yaw region made up of Gangaw, Hlinin and Saw townships is situated between Pontaung Ponnya mountain range in the east and Chin Yoma mountain range in the west. Being endowed with mountains and defiles of rivers, the region was a sparsely populated one with poor transportaton.

In the past, local people had to rely only on Myittha River that flows from south to north to travel in the region, and except the waterway, local people could travel only on foot or by bullock cart.

In order to overcome the difficulty and to ensure smooth transport in the region, respective govern- ments constructed Pale-Gangaw railroad in 1962 and Kalay-Gangaw-Pakokku-Changfu railroad in 1995 and Kalay-Gangaw road was upgraded.

There are 410 small and big bridges along the 82.99-mile Kalay-Gangaw railroad opened in 5 Feb- uary 1996 with 19 stations. The Kalay-Gangaw train runs between Kalay and Myetmyaung and so its extended up to February 1996 with 19 stations. The Kalay-Yaymyetni train between Pontaung Ponnya and Kalay-Gangaw, there are also Kalay-Myetmyaung, Kalay-Yaymyetni train that runs be- tween Kalay and Gangaw (82.99 miles), Kalay-Natchaung rail car between Kalay and Natchaung (14.12 miles), Kalay-Hanthawady rail car be- tween Kalay and Hanthawady (40 miles) and Mwele-Kalay rail car be- tween Kalay and Mwele (60 miles).

The Kalay-Yaymyetni train leaves Kalay at 8 am and arrives at Yaymyetni station at 6.15 pm. Kalay- Gangaw train leaves Kalay station at 5.30 am and ar- rives at Gangaw station at 12.10 pm. Yaymyetni train spends the night at Yaymyetni station and leaves the station at 7.30 am on the next day morning and arrives back at Kalay station at 5.30 pm.

The Kalay-Gangaw train arrives at Gangaw at 12.10 pm and it leaves the station at 1.30 pm and arrives back at Kalay at 8.20 pm.

The Kalay-Natchaung rail car leaves Natchaung station at 7.40 am. It returns at 12.20 pm and arrives back at the starting point at 1.20 pm. The rail car runs four trips a day. Consequently, the students from Natchaung can attend Kalay University.

Hanthawady-Kalay rail car leaves Hanthawady Village at 5.45 am and ar- rives at Kalay station at 10.05 am. It returns to Kalay at 1.30 pm and ar- rives back at 2.05 pm.

The Mwele-Kalay rail car leaves Mwele station at 6.30 am and arrives at the destination at 12.20 pm. It leaves Kalay station at 3 pm and arrives back at Mwele at 8 pm.

Now, local residents have enjoyed the fruits of better transport and a swift commodity flow. The pas- sengers from Yaw and Chin hilly region travel to and fro and they can travel to Yangon, Mandalay and Pakokku in comfort.

On completion of the railroad in the course of construction through Pontaung-Ponnya, the peo- ple from Yaw and Chin State can travel Yangon or Mandalay in a day.

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Regular rail service at Kalay Station.

The Kalay-Gangaw regular train.

4th ASEM Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication 15-16 December 2003 Yangon, Myanmar

5th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on the Environment and The 2nd ASEAN Environment Ministers Meeting Yangon, Myanmar 16-18 December 2003

People’s Desire

* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Efficient use of electricity

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased
Advancement of communication system vital for national development drive

In the world today, science and technology, especially information and communication technology, are advancing with phenomenal acceleration. At such a time, there emerged another Myanmar Information and Communication Technology (MICT) Park of international standard in Mandalay, the capital of Upper Myanmar, on 16 August 2003. 

PHOTO: MNA

The Government has been striving for enabling the nation to keep abreast of the world’s nations in terms of development. In this process, the Government, laying down national development projects and drawing development plans, is making relentless efforts to bring about harmonious development in economic, health and education sectors across the nation by narrowing the development gap between one region and another. The photo shows the Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University in Meiktila. — PHOTO: MNA

The communication sector plays a pivotal role in exchange of information from one place to another. The Panglong Telephone Exchange, which is one of the development projects for Panglong region, now enables the local people to have easy access to modern communication system. PHOTO: MNA

The construction of MICT Park in Hline Township, Yangon, started in 2001 and was opened with grand ceremony on 21 January 2002. The photo taken on 31 January 2003 shows the posh Myanmar Information and Communications Technology Park. PHOTO: MNA
KAMPALA, 10 Dec — Ugandan Minister of State for Transport Andruale Awuzu has disclosed that at least 1,250 people died in road accidents from January to September this year.

Speaking at launching the national road safety campaign week with a theme of “road disciplines save lives” here on Monday, Awuzu said Uganda could have lost about 150 million US dollars in 2002 due to road accidents, adding that the figure arose out of a road safety audit which calculates the cost of accidents in terms of deaths, lost time, treatment, vehicle repair and replacements.

He was quoted by local media as saying on Tuesday that it does not include the grief, trauma and suffering which people get due to the loss of their beloved.

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More Chinese apply for master’s degrees

BEIJING, 10 Dec — Some 945,000 people have applied to attend the 2004 national examination for students studying for a master’s degree, up 18.4 per cent, or 148,000 more than the figure for this year, the Ministry of Education announced here.

Among the applicants, 474,000 are in their last year of university study, 90,000 more than the figure for this year, or up 23.4 per cent.

The 10 most popular subjects are MBA, computer application technology, law, enterprise management, finance, telecommunications and information systems, surgery, internal medicine, English language and literature, and accounting.

The top universities for these applicants are Wuhan University, Beijing University, Zhongshan University, Qinghua (Tsinghua) University, the People’s University of China, Shandong University, Jilin University and Sichuan University.

More than 160,000 of the applicants have registered on-line, thanks to the opening of a special web page for the purpose. — MNA/Xinhua

Tanzanian Health Minister stresses quality medicine

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 10 Dec — Tanzanian Health Minister Anna Abdallah has said that the government’s goal of health-for-all cannot be achieved without good quality medicines with suitable price, local newspaper Daily News reported on Tuesday.

The minister was quoted as saying on Monday that the goal for good health for all required that all people including those in rural and semi-urban areas get quality health services, such as essential drugs, within reach at all the time and at affordable prices.

While, the minister admitted that the situation in rural areas is pathetic because the price of the drugs are sold at exorbitant prices.

She urged that experts attending the on-going two-day international conference on strategies for enhancing access to medicines can exchange and share experiences and efforts in finding access to drugs by rural population.

She said that Tanzania would present for discussion on the government’s recent efforts in improving access to quality medicines.

Most of the daily medicines in Tanzania were imported from other countries, so the price of drugs cannot be afforded by most Tanzanians.

MNA/Xinhua

Escaped tiger captured after hours freedom in Jilin Province

CHANGCHUN, 10 Dec — A runaway tiger on the way of shipping near Changchun, capital of northeast China’s Jilin Province was captured at around 2.20 Tuesday morning after enjoying four hours at large.

Anesthetic was used to tame the tiger and no people were injured, according to Lu Qingrui, deputy general director of the provincial police team of Jilin.

The truck was carrying the male Siberian tiger, 18 years old, and its three companions back to a tiger zoo in Harbin, capital of northeast China’s Heilongjiang Province, after their rental term by a zoo in Shenyang, capital of Liaoning Province, ended.

The truck was running on the expressway between Changchun and Siping, a city in Jilin, on Monday night when the tiger tried to break the cage.

Noticing the tiger’s attempt, the driver reported the danger to the provincial police authorities of Jilin at about 22.10, which at once sent police cars to tail the truck and watch over the situation. Armed police and forestry police in Jilin also took part in the capture.

The tiger jumped off the truck 20 minutes later, roaming in a 200-metre sphere near its landing spot.

MNA/Xinhua

Road accidents kill 1,250 Ugandans in first 9 months

Laborator’s of the Indian Army dog squad exhibit their skills as their master looks on during the 52nd Calcutta Horse show in Calcutta, India, on 9 Dec, 2003. — Internet

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Annan calls for bigger int’l involvement in Afghanistan

United Nations, 10 Dec — The deteriorating security situation in Afghanistan and the intensifying attacks on UN staff and aid workers highlighted the urgent need to increase international involvement, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a just released report.

In his report to the UN General Assembly, Annan said that it is indispensable that international support must be significantly increased and sustained. “Above all, the international community needs to strengthen its commitment to provide security,” said the UN chief. “Unchecked criminality, outbreaks of factional fighting and the situation surrounding the illegal narcotics trade have all had a negative impact on the Bonn process,” he said. Annan added that critical political processes have been delayed or are at risk because of security problems. “It has been more than 12 months since the establishment of the Transitional Administration. In the meantime, the initial euphoria of peace and co-operation among the parties on the eve of his departure remains intact,” Annan said.

The prospects for the creation of more jobs (in the United States) are probably much more limited than the US government predicts. The US report...
Van Nistelrooy equals record as Man Utd cruise

***Manchester, 10 Dec***—Manchester United striker Ruud van Nistelrooy equalled his club’s European scoring record as they cruised to a 2-0 win over VfB Stuttgart to seal top spot in Champions League Group E on Tuesday.

The English champions qualified for the next stage ahead of the German side who had beaten them earlier in the campaign thanks to goals from van Nistelrooy and acting captain Ryan Giggs either side of the interval. Van Nistelrooy broke the deadlock with the final touch of the first half when he headed home his 28th European goal for United to move level with Denis Law, the magician as the “King” of Old Trafford, for the record.

The Dutch international took three less games to reach Law’s mark, doing so with his fourth goal in this Championships League campaign and 15th in all this season.

United had initially found it hard to break down Stuttgart, who have conceded just eight goals from 14 games in the group on nine points after their 2-1 defeat to Milan.

But the visitors defended well and looked dangerous on the counter-attack, with midfielder Alexander Glee causing problems as he flashed brilliance from the right flank.

It was Rivaldo who opened up the Stuttgart rearguard for van Nistelrooy to climb well and head home his left-wing cross.

Stuttgart started the second half positively as they looked for the goal they now required to regain top spot and secure a potentially easier draw in the last 16.

Tim Wengel tested Roy Carroll with a powerful shot following a short free kick but United made the game safe with their second goal after 58 minutes.

Manager Alex Ferguson was happy with his team’s performance throughout the match as they went the whole 90 minutes without conceding a goal.


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Belgrade, 10 Dec—Olympiakos Piraeus survived a late onslaught to clinch a 1-1 draw against Partizan Belgrade in Champions League Group F on Tuesday and secure a UEFA Cup spot.

The French side finished third in the group on four points and qualified for the UEFA Cup, while Partizan came bottom with three points from six matches.

But Partizan’s coach Miodrag Dzudic was unhappy with his side’s performance and said he would appeal against the decision.

A 29th-minute goal from Olympiakos substitute Mido, hit on the rebound after a penalty, was enough to secure the draw for the Greek side.

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MNA/Reuters

Chelsea dump Besiktas out of Champions League

Gelsenkirchen (Germany), 10 Dec—English Premier League leaders Chelsea dumped Besiktas out of the Champions League on Tuesday, beating the Turkish champions 2-0 with second half goals from Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink and Wayne Bridge.

The London side, needing only a draw for top spot in Group G, ignored a hostile 55,000 crowd at the AufSchalke Stadium to put on an authoritative display of possession football.

Besiktas, who needed to win to be sure of progressing, were killed off by a 25-yard left-footed strike from Hasselbaink.

But no 2-0 win for Chelsea as the second half saw the Turkish side dominate much of the play.

But as Chelsea, who brought fewer than 400 fans, took control of the game the crowd started pelted the pitch with missiles and the match was held up for more than six minutes after half-time when stewards cleared dozens of toilet rolls that had rained down the stands.

Besiktas fans were angry the match had been moved out of Turkey and responded with brawls cementing European soccer’s governing body UEFA and by lighting flares.

The disturbances failed to unsettle Chelsea, who played a tight defensive system marshalled by France captain Marcel Desailly to neutralise any counter-attacks from the Turkish side who had scored a 2-0 win at Stamford Bridge in October. Chelsea threatened to score throughout the second half but made the breakthrough in the 77th minute when substitute Damien Daufin stole past Hasselbaink who pok the ball past Colombian goalkeeper Oscar Cordoba.

Eight minutes later left back Wayne Bridge, who joined Chelsea alongside a host of top players after the club was bought by billionaire Roman Abramovich last July, scored his first goal for the club from a Hasselbaink pass.

MNA/Reuters

Relaxed Real clinch top spot

Mcnex, 10 Dec—Real Madrid eased through to the second phase of the Champions League as Group F winners with a relaxed 1-1 draw at home to Porto on Tuesday.

With both sides assured of a place in the last 16 and Porto needing a hefty victory to knock Real off top spot, there was little urgency on a damp night at the Bernabeu.

Sanago Solari put Real ahead in the ninth minute after Luis Figo’s run had opened up the Porto defence. Porto equalized 10 minutes before half-time when Deco was bundled over in the penalty area by Michel Salgado. Derlei smashing the penalty into the roof of the net.

The second half was of limited appeal, as both sides appeared to settle for a result that left Real, nine-time European Cup winners and favourite again this year, assured of avoiding the other group winners in the next round.

With little at stake, Real coach Carlos Queiroz opted to leave David Beckham, Raúl, Iñaki Belgara and Hierro Castillas out of his starting lineup but there was still plenty of quality on show.

The 28,000 fans who braved the Madrid weather for the final group game were almost rewarded with a spectacular goal after five minutes as Real took up where they had left off in Saturday’s 2-1 win over arch-rivals Barcelona at the Nou Camp.

French playmaker Zinedine Zidane, a surprise presence at 38, got himself into the side given Real’s punishing schedule, produced a precise pass for Ronaldo to register the first goal.

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Bruges shock Ajax but neither side qualifies

Brugge (Belgium), 10 Dec—Club Bruges upset four-time European champions Ajax Amsterdam 2-1 in their final Champions League match on Tuesday but both clubs exited the competition after Celta Vigo won at AC Milan.

Norwegian substitute Bengt Sætremes scored an 84th-minute winner to give Bruges a deserved victory after a Wesley S Jongen penalty for Ajax had cancelled out Rune Lange’s opener for Bruges in the first half.

Bruges’ win meant they pipped Ajax to third place in Group H with eight points, and Ajax’s six, to clinch a place in the UEFA Cup third round at the Dutch side’s expense.

Spanish club Celta finished second in the group on nine points after their 2-1 victory at already-qualified Milan in Italy.

Ajax coach Ronald Koeman was forced to field a team with an average age of 21 after experienced Czech Tomas Galaske was ruled out by a thigh injury.

MNA/Reuters

All German samples re-tested for THG returned negative

Berlin, 10 Dec—All 731 samples from German athletes re-tested for tetrahydrogestrinone (THG) have proven negative, the German Anti-Doping Agency (NADA) said on Monday. NADA said no positive tests had been reported for the samples taken from a variety of sports analysed in International Olym- pic Committee-accredited laboratories in Berlin and Cologne after the discovery of the new designer steroid.

The two German labora-

tories also tested samples from athletes from other countries who had competed in Germany. But NADA de-

clined to say whether any samples from non-German athletes had been positive.

MNA/Zeitung

Zidane called to give evidence at Juve- ntu- doping trial

Paris, 10 Dec—Former world footballer of the year Zinedine Zidane has been called to give evidence at the trial of two Juventus officials accused of athletics fraud. General Manager Antonio Giraudino and club doctor Riccardo Agricola are accused of administering banned drugs to players between 1994 and 1998.

The Frenchman played for Juventus from 1996 to 2001. Raffaele Guariniello, the Turin-based magistrate whose three-year probe into drug use in Italian soccer prompted the start of the trial in January 2002, hoped to call other players associated with the Serie A club.

“I have asked him to attend a hearing on December 19,” Guariniello told French newspaper Le Monde on Monday. “I want to hear from other players. From Zidane and the others I expect the truth.”

“These are weinesses in these legal proceedings and must tell exactly what happened in their club.” Last October Professor Giannartino Benzi, a pharmacologist at the University of Pavia, told the trial that Juvenutus had a store containing 261 medicines. At least five anti-inflammatory drugs were prohibited. Giraudino and Agricola face six to eight months in prison, if enough evidence is found against them.—MNA/Xinhua

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departmental officials, arrived at Ayethaya industrial zone in Taunggyi Township and met industrialists. Taunggyi industrial zone in-charge Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thu reported on the industrial zone.

He said the zone was established in 1999. Over 800 industrialists are now engaged in general industries and production of foodstuff and personal goods and the zone is famous for assembling of Shan Star Jeep and light trucks. Arrangements are being made for assembling of Maung Myanmar Jeep.

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