Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

YANGON, 11 Nov—The Central Committee for Observing the 57th Anniversary of Independence Day (2005) met at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyntha here this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Central Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the Mayor, deputy ministers, the Vice-Mayor, senior military officers, departmental heads and officials of the SPDC Office.

The Secretary-1 in his address said that independence is the most basic requirement for a nation. So, each and every nation must be a sovereign state to be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with others.

Throughout Myanmar history stretching thousands of years, the entire national people have been living in unison in the nation with own monarchs. And they have a fine tradition of defending and safeguarding their motherland with might and main, whenever it faces foreign aggression.

National unity broke up and Myanmar fell under subjugation only because of the wedge driven by the deceitful and devious colonialists.

However, Myanmar regained independence, invaluable for the people, thanks to the struggle launched by the entire national races with strong national spirit and nationalistic fervour and unity.

Therefore, such invaluable historic lessons are to be made known to today’s new generation youths at Independence Day celebrations to enable them to understand well the unforgettable experiences of the past.

Again, Myanmar is now facing instigations and interventions of tricky neo-colonialists who want to manipulate and dominate the nation.

It is high time to show the fine traditions of Myanmar’s independence struggles in which the national people resisted the colonialists with strong nationalist fervour and patriotism.

Besides, independence and sovereignty are to be perpetual in order that the people can shape the brighter future of the nation on their own but without foreign instigations and to move on the correct path free from any external interferences.

Even if a nation does not lose independence, it cannot stand firmly as a sovereign nation, if it is dancing to the tune of others and is overshadowed by foreign nations.

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

**Friday, 12 November, 2004**

**For boosting agricultural production**

As Myanmar has a favourable environment for agriculture, it is trying to build an agro-based economy. Therefore, in our drive to boost the productivity of the agriculture sector, it is targeted not only to meet the domestic consumption but also to meet the regional need for food sufficiency.

Most of the population of Myanmar, which stands at more than 53 million, are engaged in agriculture, livestock breeding and forestry sectors.

The Government has been taking all the necessary measures to ensure sufficient water supply for agricultural purpose. Since 1988, 167 dams and sluice gates and 265 river-water pumping stations have been built. As a result, paddy can now be cultivated all year round. Ayeyawady Division is one of the regions which contribute to the increased production of paddy in Myanmar.

A prize-giving ceremony for excellent performance in agricultural production for the year 2003-2004 was held under the sponsorship of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council in Pathein on 9 November.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Bay Oo and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein attended the ceremony and gave away the prizes.

Ayeyawady Division has been giving special emphasis to boosting the yield of paddy, increasing the sown acreage and minimizing loss and wastage.

Moreover, steps are being taken in such a way that the targeted yield of ten major crops and new variety of crops that are suitable to the respective regions can be met. To be able to meet the targeted yield of each and every crop, systematic cultivation method, use of high-yield strains, combined application of organic and inorganic fertilizers and increased sown acreage are necessary.

We would like to call on departmental personnel, national entrepreneurs and farmers to work in concert to boost the productivity of the agriculture sector and to exceed the targets of the projects.

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**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

**Yangon, 11 Nov** — The military code of conduct test, extempore talks commence

**Yangon, 11 Nov** — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

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**Military code of conduct test, extempore talks commence**

**Yangon, 11 Nov** — The military code of conduct test for Tatmadaw (Air) and extempore talks to mark the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day were held at the hall of Mingaladon Station yesterday morning. Present on the occasion were Air Base Commanders Brig-Gen Thein Myint and Brig-Gen Ye Chi Pe, senior military officers, other ranks and participants.

The competitions are divided into four categories, in which 200 participants are taking part and will continue till 19 November. — MNA

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**Red Cross delegates leave for Japan**

**Yangon, 11 Nov** — Sai Chan Myae Thu from Taunggyi Red Cross Society and Ma Khine Wai Wai Thwin from Magway Red Cross Society left here by air this evening to attend the International Red Cross Youth Exchange Programme organized by Japan National Red Cross Association to be held in Tokyo, Japan.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Executive Director U Hla Myint of Myanmar Red Cross Society and responsible officials. — MNA

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**New waterway under Chindwin Bridge**

**Yangon, 11 Nov** — The new waterway under the Chindwin River Bridge (Monywa) is between the pillar Nos 7 and 8 for downstream vessels and between Nos 6 and 7 for upstream vessels, with effect from 5 November. The clearance under the bridge is 300 feet wide and 40 feet high.

A triangle-shaped warning sign in green colour has been marked at the entrance to the waterway and during the night time, and it is illuminated with green light. The no-entry warning sign is a red-coloured cross lighted with red bulbs at night. Due to change of course in Chindwin River, the former downstream waterway between pillar Nos 3 and 4 and upstream waterway between pillars 2 and 3 will be closed for safety reason for the time being. — MNA

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**Bridges road construction inspected in Mandalay Division and Kayin State**

**Yangon, 11 Nov** — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by officials of Public Works, arrived at Letpanha Camp in Singu Township, Mandalay Division, on 7 November. At the briefing hall, the minister heard reports on construction of roads in Madaya, Singu and Thabeikkyin townships and plans to be carried out in this fiscal year.

After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions on proper utilization of the funds allotted and fulfilled the requirements regarding the construction projects.

The minister also inspected the construction projects at Thabeikkyin-Tagaung road section, Tagaung-NgaO road section, Daungtaung-Hanzet road section, and NgaO-Mahein road section. Next, the minister and party went to the Sinkhan bridge construction project. At the briefing hall, engineers reported on progress of earth work for construction of the approach road and other related bridge construction works.

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**People’s Desire**

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

BAGHDAD, 11 Nov — Gunmen abducted three members of Iraqi Prime Minister Ayad Allawi’s family from their Baghdad home, his spokesman said Wednesday, and militants said they would be beheaded in two days if the siege of Fallujah was not lifted.

A cousin of the premier, his daughter-in-law and their daughter-in-law were snatched Tuesday night from their house in the western Yarmouk neighborhood of Baghdad.

Tuesday evening, government spokesman Thair al-Naqeeb said.

A statement from Al-Naqeeb corrected his earlier report that two relatives were kidnapped, the cousin and the daughter-in-law.

Initial police reports had said the cousin’s wife was also abducted.

"Ghazi Allawi is 75 years old. He has no political affiliation, and is not holding a government post," the statement said.

A group calling itself Ansar al-Jihad group claimed in a Web posting that it carried out the abductions and threatened to behead the three in 48 hours unless Allawi and his government release all female and male detainees in Iraq and lift the siege on Fallujah.

"We promise Allah and his messenger that if the agent government does not respond to our demands within 48 hours, they (the hostages) will be beheaded."

The claim’s authenticity couldn’t be verified.

Hundreds of Iraqis have been kidnapped in recent months, mainly by groups demanding ransom payments.

More than 170 foreigners have been kidnapped by guerrillas in Iraq since Saddam Hussein’s regime fell in April 2003.

More than 30 foreign hostages have been killed. Many of the kidnappers pursue political motives such as the withdrawal of foreign companies and troops from Iraq. —Internet

1,149 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — As of Wednesday, 10 Nov, 2004, at least 1,149 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count.

At least 877 died as a result of hostile action, the Defense Department said. The figures include three military civilians. The AP count matches the Defense Department’s tally, last updated at 10 am Wednesday.

The British military has reported 74 deaths: Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since 1 May 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,011 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 768 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 8,458 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defense Department’s weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by the military: A soldier was killed Wednesday when a roadside bomb detonated north of Baghdad.

A soldier was killed Tuesday while on patrol in southern Baghdad.

Russia criticizes US for causing civilian casualties in Iraq

MOSCOW, 10 Nov — Military operations conducted by the United States and its allies in Iraq should not bring the suffering to civilians, Russian Foreign Ministry official said on Tuesday, ITAR-TASS reported.

Russian Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko told a news conference in Moscow that the military operation in Iraq should be proportionate to the existing threat. The spokesman’s remark referred to the storming of Fallujah, Iraq, by coalition forces, the report said.

"Hostilities should not be causing sufferings or victims among the Iraqi people. They should be proportionate to the existing threat," he noted.

Yakovenko said Moscow hopes the hostilities will not aggravate the situation in Iraq ahead of the planned elections.

"It is impossible to reach a settlement in Iraq solely by using force," he added.

"Intensive measures should be taken to reach a public consensus and national accord."

Dozens of Iraqi people, including at least 20 medics, were killed in a US air raid on a government clinic in the centre of Iraq’s western city of Fallujah overnight, witnesses said Tuesday.

Contractors in Iraq bogged down by violence

LONDON, 10 Nov — Firms working to rebuild Iraq have become bogged down by violence as militants step up their campaign to distract US and Iraqi forces from their assault on Fallujah, experts say.

Contractors say they have been hemmed into their compounds by ambushes and kidnappings, and security experts see little improvement before planned elections in January.

"The violence has slowed reconstruction yet again," said Andy Bearpark, who worked until July as the senior UK official in the Coalition Provisional Authority, the body that preceded Iraq’s interim government.

"This is the only post-war theatre I can think of where things have got worse bit by bit, rather than better and better," UK security official

"This is the only post-war theatre I can think of where things have got worse bit by bit, rather than better and better," Bearpark, who now works for Olive Security, told Reuters on Wednesday.

Over 50 foreign workers have been killed by rebels since the interim government took office on 28 June.

Security in Iraq has become so bad that authorities have managed to spend only five percent — just over $1.5 billion (810 million pounds) — of the more than $30 billion promised by the United States and the world community for reconstruction.

"A lot of workers are confined to barracks," said Graham Hand, whose British Consultants and Construction Bureau represents around 30 UK firms working in Iraq.

Bearpark says the recent upsurge in violence serves two main aims — to disrupt the January elections and to distract US and Iraqi troops from their assault on the rebel-held town of Fallujah, west of Baghdad.

The projects worst affected are the hi-tech ones that need specialist foreign contractors.

"There’s no doubt the big power stations and water purification and transmission projects are the most susceptible to delay," he said. — Internet

Protesters against the US-led war in Iraq protest outside the White House in Washington on 10 Nov, 2004, the day after Pennsylvania Avenue was reopened to the public following a months-long beautification project which had the street shut down. — Internet
Two British soldiers hurt in Iraqi attacks

LONDON, 11 Nov—Two British soldiers have been injured, one seriously, in separate attacks close to the Camp Dogwood military base, south of Baghdad.

The Ministry of Defence said a Lynx helicopter pilot was badly wounded when his aircraft came under small arms fire on a mission at 11.20am local time.

A spokesman said the Army Air Corps soldier was transferred by US helicopter to a military hospital in Baghdad and confirmed that his family have been informed.

An MoD spokesman said: "The helicopter was hit by three rounds at an undisclosed location within the British area of operations. The pilot was wounded, but his co-pilot was unharmed and able to fly the helicopter safely back to Camp Dogwood. He was taken by US helicopter to their military hospital in Baghdad."

A Black Watch soldier was injured later when the desert compound, 25 miles south west of the Iraqi capital, came under mortar attack. It is not thought that the man's injuries are life-threatening.

The spokesman said: "A mortar landed inside the compound, injuring a soldier. We do not believe the soldier has life-threatening injuries."

Black Watch soldiers are continuing their mission to stop guerrillas escaping from the besieged city of Fallujah.

The 850-strong British battlegroup was controversially deployed to Camp Dogwood, 15 miles south of Baghdad. — Internet

UNHCR says fate of Fallujah refugees uncertain

GENEVA, 10 Nov — The UN's refugee agency said Tuesday it is extremely concerned about the fate of tens of thousands of Iraqis fleeing from Fallujah.

"The majority of civilians appear to have left the city, although it is difficult to establish numbers with any certainty," a spokeswoman for the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) told reporters.

"The most immediate needs of the displaced are food, shelter, water, sanitation and health care," she said.

US troops launched an all-out assault on Iraqi guerrillas in Fallujah early Monday to retake the city from guerrillas and restore security and stability to the region in the run-up to Iraq's planned general elections slated for January 2005.

UNHCR, which has no presence on the ground in Iraq, is part of a joint emergency group based in Amman composed of the UN, the Red Cross and a number of non-governmental organizations.

Despite the volatile security situation in Iraq, UNHCR has continued to facilitate voluntary repatriation of Iraqis insisting on going home from camps in neighbouring Iran.

Over the past two weeks, 64 Iraqis returned to southern Iraq and more than 700 travelled to the north bringing the total of returns facilitated by UNHCR to 18,115 people since August 2003, the spokeswoman said. — MNA/Xinhua

Another aid group to pull out of Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Nov — The International Rescue Committee has announced plans to pull out of Iraq based on security concerns, the New York Times reported Wednesday.

Mark Bartolini, the agency's regional director for the Middle East and Asia, told the newspaper in a telephone interview the New York-based group decided a month ago to end its operations by the end of the year, but had not publicized the decision to protect the scores of Iraqi and non-Iraqi employees still working in the country.

"There's no question that security has played a big role in the decision," Bartolini said.

The group has done extensive work on building and repairing water and sanitation systems in Iraq, mainly in rural areas. The announcement came just days after Doctors Without Borders announced similar plans to cease operations. CARE has also suspended its work after the kidnapping last month of its director, Margaret Hassan. — Internet

Hundreds of US soldiers in Iraq hit by parasite that causes chronic sores

MIAMI, 11 Nov — More than 650 US troops deployed in Iraq have been infected with a fly-borne parasite that causes chronic, festering sores, officials said at a health conference in Miami.

About 660 soldiers were found to have contracted the leishmaniasis parasite since US troops launched operations in Iraq in March 2003, Colonel Naomi Arenson, an expert on the disease at the Walter Reed Army Medical Centre, said.

The cases found in Iraq are all of cutaneous leishmaniasis, which is seldom lethal, and usually heals over time but can leave significant scarring.

If left untreated, simple skin sores in rare cases can spread to the nose and mouth. The number of victims was likely to rise in coming weeks, she told AFP on the sidelines of the American Society of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene's annual conference. — Internet

Indian PM says no question of going back on eco reforms

THE HAGUE, 10 Nov — Assuring foreign investors of continuity in policies and that India will never become an "international liability", Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said there was no question of going back on the economic reforms initiated 13 years ago by the then Congress government.

"There have been three or four general elections but the broad directions of the government has been the same. There has been, there is and there will be considerable continuity in the economic policies," he told a gathering of Indian community at a reception hosted in his honour by the Indian Ambassador Shymala Cowisk latter night. — MNA/PTI

India to participate in "Galileo" satellite project

THE HAGUE, 10 Nov — India will participate in the Galileo satellite navigation project that will guarantee the availability of highest quality signals over the Indian territory as the European Union on Monday set up an Energy Panel to help power-deficit countries like India.

The Joint Press Statement issued after the India-EU summit on Monday welcomed the progress in the on-going Draft Cooperation Agreement on the satellite project which will ensure India's equitable participation in space, ground and user segments and guarantees the availability of highest quality signals over the Indian territory.

Considering that India has well proven capabilities in space, satellite and navigation-related activities, the agreement will provide an important positive input for Indian and European industrial cooperation in many high-tech areas.

"We express our willingness to continue our discussions with a view to conclude the agreement in the near future," the statement said. — MNA/PTI

A video image shows US soldiers on the streets of Fallujah in Iraq, during fighting as US and Iraqi troops battled through much of Fallujah. on 10 Nov, 2004. — Internet
Bahrain to help secure Philippine hostage release in Iraq

MANILA, 10 NOV — Bahrain’s Prime Minister Shaikh Khalifa bin Salman Al Khalifa has vowed to help the Philippine Government secure the release of a Filipino hostage from his captors in Iraq, the Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs announced on Monday.

In a Press statement, the department said Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo met with the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bahrain for 50 minutes over the weekend.

During the meeting, Romulo thanked the Arab leader for his country’s role in obtaining the freedom of Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz, who was abducted in Iraq in July.

“The Prime Minister said that Bahrain is always ready to help in such situations and said that he will personally exert every effort to secure the release of Robert Tarongoy,” Romulo said, referring to the Filipino accountant kidnapped on November 1 in Baghdad with several other foreigners.

During the dialogue in the Bahrain capital of Manama, both officials reiterated their commitment to stronger ties between the two countries and the welfare and protection of Filipinos in Bahrain.

Khalifa also told Romulo that he was personally committed to ensuring the safety and welfare of all Filipinos in Bahrain.

Late Sunday, Romulo appeared at Al-Jazeera TV, appealing for the safe and early release of Tarongoy in a live broadcast.

Romulo is in the Middle East on the instructions of Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-

US air raid on Fallujah clinic kills dozens of Iraqi people

FALLOUJAH, 10 NOV — Dozens of Iraqi people, including at least 20 medics, were killed in a US air raid on a government clinic in the centre of Iraq’s western city of Fallujah overnight, witnesses said on Tuesday.

“Over 20 medics were killed in the air raid and dozens others, including wounded people, were killed as a result of the US raid on the city early Tuesday,” local residents told Xinhua.

The sources said the one-storey Community Clinic, which had been receiving wounded guerillas and civilians, was totally destroyed. The building was one of the three Community Clinics erected in the city to substitute the main hospital, which was seized by US and Iraqi forces Monday night, just hours before a full-scale offensive began.

Medics in the city told Xinhua that their clinics were running out of medical supplies and the only ambulance they had was hit by US fire.

Fierce battles continued on Tuesday as the US-Iraqi forces penetrated the heart of the city from the northwest Jolan District and al-Muallemeen District in the east.

Xinhua reporter saw that five tanks were set ablaze in a public field near the city centre and another tank was also on fire in a nearby main street.

The US-led forces faced stiff resistance from the fighters defending the city, which forced the US troops to withdraw from several positions in the battlefield.

An armoured US military vehicle passes near a burning oil pipeline on the outskirts of Fallujah, Iraq, on 10 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET

Car bomb kills three people in Kirkuk

KIRKUK, 10 NOV — A car bomb exploded at a big Iraqi National Guard base near the northern city of Kirkuk on Tuesday, killing three people and wounding two, the base commander said.

Major General Anwar Ibrahim, the Guard commander for Kirkuk Province, said the casualties were workers who had been arriving at the base, 10 miles northwest of Kirkuk. Police said earlier the blast had caused no casualties. The National Guard and police are constantly under attack by guerillas determined to disrupt the creation of stand-alone Iraqi security forces.

At the weekend, gunmen lined up and shot dead more than a dozen Iraqi police in a carefully planned attack in Haditha, northwest of Baghdad. More than 30 police and guards died in a separate coordinated strikes in the town of Samarra.

FTC sues six US companies

WASHINGTON, 10 NOV — As part of a renewed effort to curb false weight-loss claims, the Federal Trade Commission said on Tuesday it has sued six companies that sold products ranging from cellulite cream to diet teas and patches, FTC said.

These ads offer false hope and encourage consumers to postpone making more difficult changes in diet and exercise that can make a real difference,” FTC Chairwoman Deborah Platt Majoras said in a news conference. “They’re junk.”

The suits were filed with several US district courts.

The advertisers could face civil penalties, including restitution of ill-gotten financial gains. The six privately held companies named as defendants in the FTC suits are: AVS Marketing Inc, CHK Trading Co Inc, Femina Inc, Natural Products, New England Diet Center and Selfworx.com LLC.

Selfworx referred calls to its lawyer, Joe Groff, who was not immediately available. Contact information for the other five companies could not be found in public directories.

FTC officials also sent letters to a number of media companies that ran the ads cited in the six lawsuits. The ads ran in Hearst Corp’s Cosmopolitan magazine, Gannett Co Inc’s USA Weekend, and Belo Corp’s Dallas Morning News, among others.

A Hearst representative said the company has not received the FTC’s letter yet and referred questions on the issue to an industry group, the Magazine Publishers of America. The group said last December, when the FTC filed its first complaints, that it supported truth in advertising, but it did not think publishers were responsible.

China hopes Iraq will restore stability as early as possible

BEIJING, 10 NOV — China hopes situation in Iraq will be stabilized as early as possible, and the relevant parties will create favourable conditions for the election to be held as planned and the Chinese side will also make its due efforts to this end, Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue said here on Tuesday.

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**US on “very dangerous path” for too much military spending**

**UNITED NATIONS, 10 Nov —** The United States is on “a very dangerous path” because it is spending $450 billion US dollars annually on the military and just 15 billion US dollars to promote development in poor countries, the head of the UN anti-poverty effort warned Tuesday.

“We can’t solve problems of security through military means, certainly not through military means alone,” said Jeffrey Sachs. “No one has ever succeeded in doing that, and no one ever will because hungry and desperate people will do desperate things, or the places that they live will face collapse.”

Of the 22 largest donor countries, the United States is spending the lowest percentage of its gross domestic product on development — just 0.14 per cent — compared to the 0.70 target that all countries agreed to by 2015, Sachs told a news conference. “We’re roughly 50-55 billion US dollars short per year,” he said.

Sachs was appointed by Secretary-General Kofi Annan in 2002 to head the Millennium Project developing a plan for the world to meet UN goals to reverse the poverty, hunger and disease affecting billions of people. His report is due in January.

The best way to peace is through solving the problems “of how people can stay alive on the planet,” said Sachs, director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and a special adviser to Annan on anti-poverty efforts.

“No one has ever succeeded in doing that,” Sachs said. “We have to see what can be done to meet UN goals to reverse the poverty, hunger and disease affecting billions of people. His report is due in January.

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“People don’t see that right now,” Sachs said. “What they see is the United States spending hundreds of billions of dollars on the military approach and then complaining about any call to spend anything much on development.”

He said there are rumours that the Bush Administration will soon ask Congress for another $70 billion US dollars for Iraq, yet it’s hard to get any money for development.

“This has been a bipartisan effort of neglect for decades,” Sachs said.

“From the point of view of America’s own specific interests and security, we’re on a very dangerous path right now... because the world will not be stable with mass suffering, disease and poverty,” he said.

Richest nations urged to spend $16b to bring electricity to 500m people

**UNITED NATIONS, 11 Nov —** The International Energy Agency urged the world’s richest nations Wednesday to spend 16 billion US dollars a year to bring electricity to 500 million people, saying it would strengthen their countries’ economies and help them escape poverty.

In global financial markets, “there is this really good news,” said Fatih Birol, chief economist of the Paris-based agency which is the energy arm of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

But what is needed is a “decisive, concerted international effort” and he told a news conference that the IEA, which represents 26 major industrialized countries, “is ready to support those efforts”.

“Today, 1.6 billion people, about one-quarter of the world’s population, have no access to electricity,” Birol said.

**Two of Bush’s Cabinet members resign in post-election change**

**WASHINGTON, 10 Nov —** US Attorney General John Ashcroft and Commerce Secretary Don Evans have resigned from the Cabinet of President George W Bush in the first post-election changes, the White House announced Tuesday.

“The President accepted their resignations,” White House spokesman Scott McClellan said as he released the letters by the two Cabinet members.

Evans said in his letter: “I have concluded with deep regret that it is time for me to return home.”

For months, Ashcroft’s associates have said that he was preparing to step aside, weary after waging an aggressive campaign against terrorism. They said he longed for a quieter life, especially after his gallbladder surgery in March.

Evans, a close friend of Bush, was instrumental in the President’s 2000 campaign and came with him to Washington.

At his first news conference after the re-election Thursday, Bush said changes in the Cabinet before his second term would be inevitable. He spent the weekend in Camp David considering personnel changes.

As more Cabinet members are expected to resign, the most intense speculation centres on the decisions by Secretary of State Colin L Powell and Defence Secretary Donald H Rumsfeld.

Rumsfeld on Monday brushed aside a question over whether he intends to remain in the new Cabinet, saying he had not discussed the matter with the President.

Rumsfeld aides have said that the defense secretary had an interest in staying in the job to complete some of the changes he initiated like the troops deployment or to clean up the mess in Iraq, according to local media reports.

**Fallujah attack creates humanitarian disaster in Iraq**

**FALLUJAH, 11 Nov —** People are dying because of the violence.

In one case, a pregnant woman and her child were killed in a refugee camp west of the city after the mother un-expectedly aborted and no doctors were on hand, Firdoos al-Ubadi, an official from the Iraqi Red Crescent Society, told Reuters.

In another case, a young boy died from a snake bite that would normally have been easily treatable, she said.

“From humanitarian point of view it’s a disaster,” she said. “We have permission from the city and help the people trapped at home.

“People don’t see that right now,” Sachs said. “What they see is the United States spending hundreds of billions of dollars on the military approach and then complaining about any call to spend anything much on development.”

The richest nations are urged to spend $16 billion a year to bring electricity to 500 million people, saying it would strengthen their countries’ economies and help them escape poverty.

In global financial markets, “there is this really good news,” said Fatih Birol, chief economist of the International Energy Agency, which is the energy arm of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development.

But what is needed is a “decisive, concerted international effort” and he told a news conference that the IEA, which represents 26 major industrialized countries, “is ready to support those efforts”.

“Today, 1.6 billion people, about one-quarter of the world’s population, have no access to electricity,” Birol said.

**Arafat officially announced dead**

**PARIS, 10 Nov —** Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat has been officially announced dead in a Paris military hospital, Arab broadcaster Al-Jazeera said on Thursday. Arafat, 75, suffered a brain haemorrhage on Tuesday at the French hospital where he was flown from the West Bank on October 29 and had lain in a coma.

Arrangements were being hastily made on Wednesday for a funeral in Cairo and burial at his West Bank headquarters.

**Iraqis survey battle damage following air strikes in Tikrit, Iraq, on Wednesday, 10 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET**

**Rescuers comb the wreckage after a bomb attack in central Baghdad on 11 Nov, 2004. A suspected car bomb exploded near a central Baghdad square, setting several vehicles ablaze and causing serious structural damage to buildings.—INTERNET**

**The New Light of Myanmar**

Friday, 12 November, 2004

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Thanlwin Bridge, the longest rail-cum-road bridge in Myanmar

The construction of the bridge started on 18-3-2000. It is 11,575 feet long including 1,624-foot-long approach bridge on Mawlamyine bank and 2,252-foot-long approach bridge on Mottama bank. It can withstand 60-tons loads.

Iron beams installed at Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) which is constructed by the Public Works of the Ministry of Construction.—MYANMA ALIN

Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) linking Mawlamyine and Mottama in Mon state is built across Thanlwin River. It is the longest, largest and most valuable rail-cum-road bridge in Myanmar. It is situated on Yangon-Mawlamyine-Myeik-Kawthoung Road.

Approach road of the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) on Mawlamyine Bank.—MYANMA ALIN

Progress of the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) in Mon State which will be opened soon. MYANMA ALIN
Independence and sovereignty...
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As independence and sovereignty, which are the most basic requirements necessary for a nation are indeed inseparable, all the people are to safeguard and defend the independence and sovereignty based on nationalistic fervour and patriotism.

Now, the Government is putting the State’s Seven-point Road Map into operation, which can guarantee the independence, sovereignty and perpetual existence of the nation.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 called on those responsible to make all necessary arrangements for Independence Day celebrations to be held with the collaborative participation of the people in conformity with the national essence for enabling the entire national people including the new generation youths to realize the value and essence of the independence and sovereignty of the motherland and for successful implementation of the State’s Seven-point Road Map.

Secretary of the Central Committee Director-General of the Government Office U Soe Tint reported on formation of subcommittees for observing Independence Day.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, chairman of the subcommittees also deputy ministers, and officials reported on matters for holding the State Flag hoisting ceremony, saluting the State Flag, Independence Day reception and dinner, security measures, information, conducting essay and poem competitions, TV Quiz, computer drawing competition, compiling Independence Day message of the SPDC Chairman, and organizing Independence Day commemorative exhibition, entertainment programmes, health and sports games.

Those present also presented reports in respective sectors.

The Secretary-1 added necessary points to the reports and delivered concluding remarks. MNA

Management Committee for Organizing 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day meets

YANGON, 11 Nov — The first coordination meeting of Management Committee for Organizing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2005 was held at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Management Committee for Organizing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2005, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, members of the management committee, chairmen of work committees and officials.

At the outset, the commander made a speech on the occasion. In his speech he said that work procedures laid down by the leading committee are to be carried out for the parade ceremony for the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2005 to be held on a grand scale.

He added that the members of the management committee, the chairmen of the work groups and officials are to carry out their assigned duties successfully keeping pace with the time.

Next, Secretary of the management committee, Staff Officer(Grade1) of Yangon Commander Lt-Col Myo Naing reported on the formation of the management committee and work committees.

Afterwards, the chairmen and officials of the work committees for parade, preparation of the parade ground, transportation and accommodation, information and entertainment, invitation, medical treatment, welcoming and reception, scrutinizing of the best parade columns, security, administration camps reported on their respective work procedures to be carried out.

Also those present at the meeting reported on arrangements made for holding the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2005 on a grand scale significantly and magnificently.

Regarding the reports, the commander gave suggestions to the officials. MNA

Myanmar Products Expo-2004 commences

YANGON, 11 Nov — With the permission of the Ministry of Commerce, the Myanmar Products Expo-2004 was launched at Yangon Trade Centre in Mingalar Taungnyunt Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, departmental heads, members of social organizations and guests.

Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Managing Director of Media Essential & Horizon Kyaw Trading Co Ltd U Kyaw Kyaw formally opened the Expo. Next, the ministers, departmental heads and guests viewed the showrooms around the Expo.

Available at the Expo are a wide range of local and foreign-made cosmetics, consumer goods, foodstuff, electrical and electronic appliances, construction materials, clothes and traditional medicines.

The Expo will be kept open daily until 15th November. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin inspects production process of fluorescent lamps.

INDUSTRY-2

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YANGON, 11 Nov — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin together with officials arrived at workshop of electric bulb and fluorescent light production of the Electric and Electronic Factory of the Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical Industries on Inya Lake Hotel Road in Mayangon Township yesterday afternoon.

The minister inspected tasks for production of fluorescent lamps, quality control and packing and General Manager Daw Lae Lae Win explained the products of the factory.

The minister gave necessary instructions on boosting the productivity of the factory. MNA
Course of events worldwide... (from page 16)

be strong”. At a time when strenuous efforts are being made to turn the country into a modern and developed one that can keep abreast of the international community, the emergence of stout as well as efficient and modern armed forces is a historical need. Accordingly, it is also an inherent duty of all the members at every level of the Tatmadaw (Air) to build their institution into a strong air force possessing technologically advanced air power.

In this process, training programmes are provided annually to produce pilots who can fly modern aircraft skillfully, alongside material requirements. The graduating officers will be decorated with pilot wings, which should not be regarded as ordinary. It however symbolizes the heroic virtue of those who dare to risk their lives in defence of their nation.

Moreover, they are to make themselves skilled pilots and to be of a great help for building a modern and efficient Tatmadaw while implementing four tasks such as training, administration, welfare and aspiration. Just as the graduating officers should get themselves ready for air fights, they should also get prepared as able leaders for ground fights in times of need.

The historical background of the air force will show gradual improvement that aircraft used in reconnaissance mission was developed into fighters, and then bombers after World War II. To prevent the detection of the enemy’s reconnaissance mission on one’s own air space and the bombing attempts, the fighter jets were invented.

A constant pursuit of air strategies concerning growing technologies of aircraft and weaponry as well as that of electronic warfare will enable the graduating officers to win a victory in aerial combat.

Although the graduating officers have completed the course, they are to continue their studies by flying different types of aircraft. Although they are officers of the Tatmadaw (Air), the principal duty of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) is to defend the country.

The Tatmadaw has been formed to launch a conventional warfare in the event that the country were in danger. However, guerrilla warfare in addition to people’s militia strategy will be exercised if need be.

As for the country which is marching to a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the strength of the nation lies within as to crushing the internal and external destructive elements.

As regards the developments in the country, it is important for the graduating officers to understand the implementation of the seven-point Road Map including the holding of the National Convention, the unchanged attitude of the government towards the armed forces of national races which have turned into the legal fold and are joining hands with the government, and continued cooperation and immutably friendly ties with world nations in international relations.

The graduating officers are always to be on alert to protect the country and its sovereignty from enroachment of any kind.

The Tatmadaw is to fight, undergo training, and carry out public welfare tasks. The Tatmadaw being a patriotic one, the graduating officers are to safeguard the country at the cost of their lives and lend themselves to the nation-building tasks regardless of time and place.

The Commander-in-Chief (Air) concluded his speech calling for the graduating officers to uphold the twelve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw that upholds our three main national causes and to try to establish themselves into able leaders in the future.

Afterwards, the Commander-in-Chief (Air) presented wings and certificates to graduating officers.

After the ceremony, he cordially greeted the graduating officers and their parents, and he also posed for a group photo together with them.

Model monsoon paddy plot harvested

YANGON, 11 Nov — A ceremony to harvest monsoon paddy of model plot was held on 8th November at Daw Thaug Yi’s Sinthweatmon monsoon paddy plantation, Kyamwan Village Tract, Shwetaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Division (West).

It was attended by Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Hla Min and members, the chairmen of District and Township Peace and Development Councils and members, members of Division Agriculture Service Coordination Committee, departmental heads, staff, chairman of village tract and local farmers.

On the occasion, Brig-Gen Hla Min cordially met local farmers and members of Division, District and Township Agricultural Coordination Committee and attended to the needs.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint stresses ...
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The earth dam, 6,400 feet long and 40 feet high, will supply water to Meiktila Lake, the main source of water for the project, and to divert a large volume of unused water body lying between the lake and Chaungaung Dam in Pyawbwe Township for effective utilization. Water surface of the reservoir will be 3,500 acres at the highest water level. It will supply water to Meiktila Lake through a 4.5-mile long canal connected with its broad crest type spillway with a 120-foot long conduit.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint started the day at Kyauktaga Dam Project at Kyauktaga village in Natmauk Township, Magway Division, where he heard a report on 86 per-cent completion of ground works, cent-per-cent completion of the conduit, 67 per-cent completion of the spillway, completion of the irrigation canal up to 3,000 feet, and agriculture and irrigated areas in Myingyan and Magway districts. He then went round the project.

The Kyauktaga Dam will store the waters from Kyauktaga and Taung U creeks to supply to Kyetmauktaung Dam via Taungyay Dam. In addition, it will irrigate 750 acres of crops in Natmauk Township.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Kyauktaga Dam Project. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint stresses international community, course of events worldwide...
Need to conduct region-wise large-scale farming stressed

Yangon, 11 Nov — Officials sought means to boost agricultural production in Ayeyawady Division at a meeting held in Pathein on November 9.

Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivered the opening address.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo spoke of the need to strive to meet the crop production targets, to cultivate monsoon and summer paddy as targeted, to observe agricultural rules strictly, to prevent trespassing and to keep precise records for development of agro-based economy. He urged officials of the model farms to play an important role in disseminating techniques to farmers and contributing to meeting the crop cultivation targets. Region-wise large-scale farming is required, he said, stressing the need to draw agriculture maps and to compile facts about crops. As Ayeyawady Division is the main agricultural region, it is a national task for the related departments to strive together with the people for development of its farming sector, he pointed out.

Director-General U Win Kyi of Settlements and Land Records Department explained facts concerning land use, land distribution, land ownership, and land control.

Also present were local officials of the division, five districts and 26 townships.

After the meeting, the minister visited Thayaungchaung farm, two and a half miles from Pathein, where officials explained production of pedigree strains. The farm is responsible for improving the quality of crops and soil condition in the division. The minister visited the research division and observed cultivation fields to produce pedigree rice strains. — MNA

Course on Application of Modern Communications opened

Yangon, 11 Nov — A ceremony to open Course on Application of Modern Communications organized by the Livestock, Feedstock and Dairy Products Enterprise under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries was held at the meeting hall of LFDPE (headoffice) this morning, with an address by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein.

A total of 22 trainees from feedstock factory, breeding farms, headoffice, administration and accounts divisions are attending the six-week course. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Thayaungchaung high-yield paddy strain farm in Pathein Township, Ayeyawady Division, on 9-11-2004. — AOB & BRH

Minister inspects hydropower projects

Yangon, 11 Nov — Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, accompanied by officials of the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise and the Department of Electric Power, met officials of Ye Ywa Hydropower Project at the hall of the Project on 8 November. The minister made clarification on the instructions and directives of the State’s leaders and instructed the officials to ensure timely completion of the tasks, systematization in carrying out tasks and avoiding mis-appropriation.

The minister inspected the construction site and left necessary instructions.

On 9 November, the Minister inspected Paunglaung Hydropower Project and gave instructions on worksite safety, earlier installation of machines, and distribution of electricity. — MNA

Meeting on drafting law for protection of herbal plants and traditional medicine held

Yangon, 11 Nov — Meeting on drafting law for protection of herbal plants and traditional medicine was held this morning at the Ministry of Health here.

At the meeting Director-General Dr Thein Swe of the Indigenous Medicine Department and Director Dr Sein Win discussed matters regarding the draft.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, the directors-general and deputy directors-general and directors of the departments under the ministry and lawmakers. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa views computer room of No 2 Pre-primary School in Hline Township. — SOCIAL WELFARE

Minister inspects Pre-Primary Schools, Day Care Nursery

Yangon, 11 Nov — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Director-General of the Social Welfare Department U Sit Myaung and officials, this morning inspected pre-primary schools and gave instructions to the officials concerned.

At Pre-Primary School No 2 in Hline Township, Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Than reported to the minister on background history of the school, organizational set up and nursery tasks.

The minister gave instructions on nursery education in accordance with the teaching and training methods of the development of children.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa viewed the recitation of poems by the children and presented toys to them.

The minister and party also inspected playing room, reading room and computer room and attended to the needs.

At the Pre-Primary School in Bahan Township, the minister and party also inspected computer room, dining room, playing room and teaching room and gave instructions. Similarly, the minister and party also inspected the Shwegondine Day Care Nursery in Bahan Township and ChanMyayEin Pre-Primary School of the Social Welfare Department. — MNA

Donate blood
Kahtein Festival of Tazaungmon

Kahtein Festival of Tazaungmon is the first month of the cold season in Myanmar, which covers a four-month period—Tazaungmon (November), Nattaw (December), Pyatho (January), and Tabodwe (February). It is also the first month of the open season in that rain has entirely passed but the Tazaungmon sky is cloudless and clear blue. The north-east wind passing through the icy lands of the north turns itself into a chill breeze as it enters into Myanmar. It is this pleasant weather that favours the holding of many pweis (festivals) in Tazaungmon.

"Bjsha" (Viridisha, Scorpius) as Tazaungmon is called in Myanmar astrology, it has scorpio as its zodiacal sign. The cold wind and the morning dew nourish a particular creeper species called Kha wei in Myanmar (Angler luffa plant). Kha wei grows wild or is grown in the garden for its shoots and fruits which make nice vegetable for Myanmar dishes. Its flowers are soft and golden yellow full of delicate pollens producing light fragrance. The countryside in Tazaungmon is adorned with Kha wei flowers which Myanmar people traditionally designate as the flower of the month Tazaungmon.

There are many festivals held in this month, which are pre-Buddhist, Buddhist and past-Buddhist in origin. But Myanmar being a predominantly Theravada Buddhist country, the designated festival of this month is Kahtein festival-a Buddhist festival.

The word “kahtein” is derived from a Pali word “kathina” meaning “firm” or “durable” monks who have merit and must observe this time limit. Either one or the whole set of three-piece robe is offered as Kahtein robe. The donor and the recipient must observe this time limit. Either one or the whole set of three-piece robe is offered as Kahtein robe. The donor must have good and sincere intention and must donate Kahtein robe out of his voluntary will. The donors offers Kahtein robe not to an individual monk or monastery but to the Sangha (all members of the Buddhist Order) as a whole. Monks must never request directly or indirectly anyone, not even parents or relatives to donate them robes. According to Vinaya, if monks are in need of robes and there is no donation of robes, they must collect discarded clothes, wash them clean, dye with bark, piece and sew them together to wear as robes.

Recipient of Kahtein robes are selected in accordance with the rules regarding Kahtein robe. Not any monk and not all monks are eligible to receive Kahtein robe. The deserving recipients are those monks who have observed Purina Wa or first lent (the first waning day of Wason) (July) to the full moon day of Thadingyut (October).

The donors of Kahtein robe attain the following merits:

(1) there shall be no danger or disturbance wherever the donor travels.
(2) the donor will have plenty of good and healthy food. He will never suffer from food poison.
(3) the donor’s property is safe from destruction, robbery or theft.
(4) the donor will recover the long forgotten property.
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Kahtein robe can be donated by anyone lay or clergy, men or women, adult or youth. But each monastery is entitled to one Kahtein offering a year. Kahtein robe must be untainted, clean, new, not borrowed one or second-hand one. It is a pure religious offering by voluntary will of the donor.

The origin of Kahtein robe offering dates back to the life time of Lord Buddha. While Lord Buddha was residing at Jetavana Vihara in the city of Savatthi, thirty Buddavegg monks from Paveiyaka came to pay homage to Lord Buddha. As it was a very long journey they could not reach Savatthi before lent commenced. They had to transit at a small town named Thakaya during lent. Wen lent was over they continued their journey.

On the way a heavy rain came down soaking them wet and damaging their robes. Since they were practising 13 classes of austerities, they did not have extra robes to change. When they arrived at Jetavana Vihara, Lord Buddha on seeing their plight allowed offering and receiving of Kahtein robe, laying down rules and procedures and expounding the merits gained from this religious deed.

Stone inscriptions, and Myanmar literature bear evidences of holding Kahtein robe offering festival in Tazaungmon since the time of Bagan or even earlier. Myanmar chronicles have records of Kahtein robe offering festival supported, sponsored and participated by the royalty and the public.

Festive atmosphere was created and heightened by grand celebrations and entertainment of performing artists.
About 20,000 Angolans die of malaria annually

LUAANDA, 10 Nov — About 20,000 Angolans die of malaria annually in Angola, making it the main cause of death in the southwest African country, a senior Angolan health official told Portuguese radio TSF on Tuesday.

Filomeno Fortes, the director of programmes to fight malaria in Angola, said the mosquito-borne disease infected more than two million people each year in the country with a population of 13 million.

He said the disease was widespread in the country because of poor sanitation, insufficient preventive measures and widespread poverty. — MNA/Xinhua

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Norway’s oil production on rise

STOCKHOLM, 10 Nov — Oil production in the Norwegian-controlled sectors of the North Sea rose to around 2.8 million barrels a day in October, the Norwegian Petroleum Directorate reported on Tuesday.

That is up from 2.6 million in September. Total September output of oil, gas and natural gas liquids totalled 18.7 million standard cubic metres of oil equivalents.

Of that, 12.4 million cubic metres were oil, 4.2 million was natural gas and 1.3 million was natural gas liquids and condensate. — MNA/Xinhua

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Malaysian Air Force fighter crashes

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Nov — A Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) MIG-29 fighter jet crashed about 16 nautical miles north-west of the Kuantan air base, north Malayasia, at 10:22 a.m. on Tuesday.

Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak, also Defence Minister, told reporters here that the pilot of the aircraft was on a normal training flight which took off from the air base at 10:20 am. The pilot had ejected safely.

"Search and rescue operations are underway," he said.

Najib said that a Nuri aircraft left the air base at 10:35 am to locate the wreckage and the pilot.

RMAF would also set up a board of inquiry to determine the cause of the crash, he added.

Najib said that according to the initial report, the engine of the aircraft was said to have caught fire before it crashed. He however added that the initial report had yet to be confirmed.

The crash of the MIG-29 fighter jet was conveyed to the United Nations by Loft and Ministry of Defence of two aircraft flying behind the ill-fated aircraft.

"We have eye witnesses who saw the aircraft crashing down," he said.

Najib said that another aircraft would be grounded. Najib said: "Only temporarily." — MNA/Xinhua


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Singapore PM asked to boost investment in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 10 Nov — Indonesian Vice-President Jusuf Kalla on Tuesday asked visiting Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong to increase his country’s direct investment in Indonesia.

"We hope increase in direct investment instead of portfolio investment (from Singapore). Direct investment is much better," Kalla told reporters shortly after meeting Lee at his office here.

Kalla, who was accompanied by Trade Minister Mari Elka Pangestu, said that at the meetings, the two sides discussed mostly economic issues between the two countries and efforts to strengthen bilateral economic cooperation, which he said is the centre of finance in Asia.

Lee’s two-day visit to Indonesia is part of a Southeast Asia trip intended to introduce himself as new Singapore leader to neighbours.

He has visited Malaysia and Brunei and will depart to Thailand from Jakarta later in the day. — MNA/Xinhua

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Shanghai business school set to become “one of the best” in world

SHANGHAI, 10 Nov—The Shanghai-based China-Europe International Business School (CEIBS), has set to become one of the best business schools in the world in the next ten years.

Professor Pedro Nueno, chairman of the school’s Academic Council, made the remark in an interview with Xinhua on the occasion marking the 10th founding anniversary of the school on Monday.

It noted that the king—led countries, the school’s Academic Council, volunteers, football fans and motorcycle organizers marched and other events to raise funds while choral teams sang in open-air venues to entertain the public and collected contributions. Special events also took place among overseas Greek and Cypriot communities as part of efforts to boost the Radio-marathon contributions abroad.

More than 1,100 MBAs and over 2,800 EMBA students have graduated from the school, which has also provided short-term training of 35,000 people over the past ten years.

CEIBS, the first to open special training courses targeting senior managers in China, has developed into the largest business school in China, training business people for transnational corporations, private companies and state-owned enterprises.

Annual radio charity for children begins in Cyprus

NICOSIA, 10 Nov—A two-day annual fund-raising charity, Radiomarathon, was launched in Cyprus on Monday for children with special needs.

This was the 15th time in a row Radiomarathon was organized by the Cyprus Broadcasting Corporation (CYBC) and the Laiki Group, one of the largest financial institutions in Cyprus.

A total of 54 kiosks would be opened from 6 am (0400GMT) until midnight on Tuesday, 12 bank

Thailand ranks 60th in world education

BANGKOK, 10 Nov—Thailand stands at the 60th place in education quality among 127 countries, newspaper Nation on Tuesday quoted a UNESCO survey as saying.

Thailand is “well on the way to achieving some of the goals, but are being held back by slow progress on others, notably quality”, said the UNESCO report released in Brazil on Monday.

It noted that the kingdom spent 5.1 per cent of its GNP on education in 2001, which was considered among those in the middle group.

The survey also showed that Thailand has 82 per cent of net enrolment ratio in primary education and 50 per cent of adult literacy.

Newspaper Nation ran the story on frontpage headline, noting “Thailand was surpassed by Poland, Argentina, Chile, Kazakhstan, Romania, Mexico, Jordan, China and Uruguay, among others.”

Norway comes first in the survey, while South Korea is the one leading in Asia.

US government lowers penalty tariffs on Chinese furniture

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov—The US Government on Tuesday lowered the level of penalty tariffs to be imposed on Chinese bedroom furniture and upheld a ruling that Chinese furniture was being sold in the United States at unfairly low prices.

The US Commerce Department lowered the penalty tariff for 115 Chinese companies, accounting for roughly 65 per cent of Chinese furniture imports, to 8.64 per cent, down from the preliminary tariff of 12.91 per cent.

A smaller group of six companies accounting for roughly 35 per cent of Chinese furniture imports will face penalty tariffs ranging from 2.22 per cent to 16.7 per cent. However, the new ruling will not become final until the US International Trade Commission upholds its preliminary ruling that US companies are being harmed by imports of Chinese furniture.

Russia offers to buy Canadian steel company

OTTAWA, 10 Nov—Russian steel giant OAO Severstal, which made a formal takeover offer for Canadian’s insolvent Stelco Inc. which is in the midst of bankruptcy protection.

According to industrial sources, the Russian company said it plans to assume or refinance all of the company’s long-term debt. Severstal will also ensure Stelco’s unscreened bond and trade creditors with cash payments. The buyer is also offering offering 400 million US dollars in capital spending on Stelco’s foundries.

Severstal says it will “work with the company and labour to address the company’s benefit and pension issues.”

The head of Severstal’s North American operations, Vadim Makhov, said the Russian company has expertise in restructuring that includes the purchase of a bankrupt Michigan steel plant last year.

He said if Severstal gains control, “Stelco will be a vigorous company, continuing to serve its clients reliably and efficiently, contributing the community and providing new opportunities for all employees.”

Stelco sought creditor protection last year and has been working on restructuring plans that included the option of selling the whole company, or some of its divisions, and re-financing its balance sheet, which includes 1.25 billion Canadian dollars (about 1 billion US dollars) in pension shortfalls and other employee benefits.

Five-year-old girl saves sister from wild dog attack

BRISBANE (Australia), 10 Nov—A 5-year-old girl saved her infant sister from a possible attack by an Australian wild dog — called a dingo — on an island where the animals are considered a 5-year-old boy to death three years ago.

The mother of the girls said on Wednesday she and her husband were in the bathroom of their hotel room on Fraser Island off Australia’s east coast last Friday when the husband heard their daughter shout “Dingo! Dingo!”

“We ran into the bedroom, expecting to find the dingo out on the road or nearby, but not in the hotel room,” Belinda Corke told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio.

“We had our three-month-old baby lying on the bed and Georgia was standing in front of her — very bravely,” she added. “The dingo was about one metre away from the baby and yeah, it was quite nasty.”

Dingoes roam wild around much of the World Heritage-listed island about 150 kilometres north of Queensland state capital Brisbane, but authorities have tried to keep them away from areas visited by tourists since the 2001 death of Clinton Gage.
**SPORTS**

Lille defeat Olympique Lyon 3-2 in extra time

PARIS, 11 Nov — Lille handed Olympique Lyon their first defeat of the season on Wednesday, beating the champions 3-2 after extra time in a League Cup first round match. Lille, who are in second in the Ligue 1 standings, had a substitute to thank for their victory. Mauro Camoranesi opened the scoring with a left-foot shot from 25 metres for the penalty area but no spot-kick was awarded. The ball fell to Javier Javier for their victory.

Kashiwa Reysol edge away from relegation zone

TYOKYO, 11 Nov — Kashiwa Reysol edged away from the relegation zone with a comfortable 3-1 victory over Albirex Niigata on Wednesday in a J-League game rearranged because of a deadly earthquake last month. Yasuhiro Hato, Mitsuru Nagata and Japan striker Keiji Tamada were all on target at Tokyo's National Stadium as Reysol moved up to 13th in the 16-team first division. Kashiwa have 12 points from 12 second-stage matches but are five clear of bottom club Cerezo Osaka in the overall season standings. — MNA/Reuters

Bayern sweeps to 3-0 victory to VfB Stuttgart

FRANKFURT, 11 Nov — Bayern Munich swept to a 3-0 victory at home to Bundesliga rivals VfB Stuttgart to reach the quarterfinals of the German Cup on Wednesday. England international Owen Hargreaves cracked in from 25 metres for the opening goal 10 minutes before the break and second-half goals from Michael Ballack and Dutch striker Roy Makaay sealed a commanding win. Schalke 04 joined Bayern in the last eight with an easy 2-0 win away to Second Division Eintracht Frankfurt. Hansa Rostock and SC Freiburg also made the quarterfinals on Wednesday but had to work a lot harder to do it. Hansa needed an extra-time winner from Magnus Arvidsson to clinch a 3-2 victory away to Second Division Ahlen, while Freiburg scraped through on penalties against amateur club Paderborn in an afternoon match.

Lille move six points clear at top of Serie A

MILAN, 11 Nov — Juve moved six points clear at the top of Serie A after beating Fiorentina 1-0 while champions AC Milan were held to a goalless draw at Brescia.

Man Utd, Liverpool reach League Cup quarters

LONDON, 11 Nov — Big guns Liverpool and Manchester United reached the League Cup quarterfinals on Wednesday with 2-0 wins over holders Middlesbrough and an under-strength Crystal Palace side respectively in their fourth round ties.

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Lower-ranked Elche overpower Deportivo Coruna 1-0

MADRID, 11 Nov — Deportivo Coruna become the latest Primera Liga side to fall victim to lower-ranked opponents in the King’s Cup when they lost 1-0 at Second Division Elche in a second round match on Wednesday.

Bayern Munich's Bosnian midfielder Hasan Salihovic (front) is tackled by Kevin Kuranyi of VfB Stuttgart during their German Cup, third round match at the Olympic Stadium in Munich, on 10 Nov, 2004. — INTERNET
Vitamin E supplements may do more harm than good

NEW ORLEANS, 11 Nov—Vitamin E supplements, which millions take in the hope of longer, healthier lives, may do more harm than good, researchers reported on Wednesday.

In fact, people taking high doses of Vitamin E may be 25% more likely to die earlier, although the reasons are not clear, said Dr. Edgar Miller of Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, who led the study.

“I think people take Vitamin E because they think it is going to make you live longer, but this (study) doesn’t support that,” Miller told reporters. Miller and colleagues re-analysed 19 studies of Vitamin E and health between 1993 and 2004. The trials involved more than 136,000 mostly elderly patients in North America, Europe and China.

People who took 200 international units of Vitamin E a day or more died more often while being followed by the study, which lasted three years, than people who did not take supplements, they told a meeting of the American Heart Association. “It’s about a 5-per-cent increased risk at 45 years in the trials pooled together,” Miller said.

“That doesn’t sound like a lot but if you apply it to 25 per cent of the (US) adult population taking Vitamin E, that is significant. Miller, whose findings are also being published online by the Annals of Internal Medicine, said two-thirds of people who take Vitamin E supplements take 400 IU or more.

“We don’t think that people need to take Vitamin E supplements, that they get enough from the diet,” he said. Nuts, oils, whole grains and green leafy vegetables are all rich in Vitamin E.

The average US diet supplies six to 10 IU of E, Miller said. The Institute of Medicine, which sets recommended doses of vitamins and minerals, gives 1,500 IU of E as a daily upper limit.

“I would say it is too high,” Miller said. The US Government’s Food and Drug Administration is barred by law from regulating dietary supplements so the limits are voluntary.

People take large doses of Vitamin E in the belief that it helps counter oxidation by unstable “free radical” molecules, which damages cells and can accelerate aging and lead to heart disease and cancer. Miller, who was surprised by the findings of the study, said there could be several ways the Vitamin E supplement is damaging the body. MNA/Reuters

China builds giant container ship

SHANGHAI, 11 Nov—China’s largest container ship capable of carrying 8,530 TEUs is expected to be launched in three years, according to the Shanghai-based Hudong-Zhonghua Shipbuilding (Group) Co. Ltd, which is working on the project.

The 90,500-ton container ship is 334-metre long and 42.8-metre wide and can sail at a maximum speed of 27 knots.

“China’s king-size ship will be the best-equipped container ship in China and up to the world’s advanced level,” said a Chinese expert.

Hudong-Zhonghua will build four of five container ships of this size for the China Shipping Group, according to an agreement signed here Monday. Building of these gigantic container ships will be completed in October 2008. The first one is expected to leave Shanghai for its maiden overseas voyage in 2007, company officials said.

An 8,500-TEU container ship, manufactured in the South Korea, is believed the largest one in the world currently. MNA/Xinhua

WEATHER

Thursday, 11 November, 2004
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) above normal in Mandalay Division and Mon State, (5°C) above normal in Rakhine State, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Yangon Division and Chin State and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 10-11-2004 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 11-11-2004 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 11-11-2004 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 10-11-2004 was (8.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 11-11-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-11-2004 was (112.24) inches at Yangon Airport, (106.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (109.64) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from South-west (1620) hours MST on 10-11-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the Southwest Central Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Weather forecast valid until evening of 12-11-2004: Weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas.

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myamea water.

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-11-2004: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-11-2004: Generally fair weather.
Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects groundworks for Nyaunggon Dam Project in Meiktila Township. — MNA

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A study of today’s international flying techniques will reveal that enormous changes are occurring at a great speed, threatening the security of small nations.

Faced with challenge after challenge, the world nations as well as the neighbouring countries have to work hard for the development of their own countries while building stronger defence system. The course of events worldwide are living proof of the fact that “only when the Tatmadaw is strong will the nation be strong”.

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