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- Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

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**Names**

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- Col Maung Maung Nyen Ministry of Defence
- Dr Kyaw Hla Pro-Rector of Medical (Mandala) Science Department Ministry of Health

**Prizes of ASEAN radio quiz awarded**

YANGON, 4 Nov — Myanmar Radio and Television is implementing ASEAN in Action project, and the salient points of ASEAN countries are being aired through Radio Myanmar Programme at 9.45 am on Saturdays.

The ASEAN radio quiz about the ASEAN salient points broadcast for October at MRTV on 1 November morning and enthusiasts took part in it. Among them, Maung Lin Naing Naing of Thanbyuzayat Township won first prize, Maung Ye Shwe Thwe of Toungoo Township second, Ma Yadana Lin Lin of Hpa-an Township third and Ma Nay Nwe Oo of Ngapaw Township consolation prize. The prizes were awarded by an MRTV official. — MNA

**Kyaing-Thone Singaporean radio quiz**

YANGON, 4 Nov — Radio Singapore broadcast a radio quiz about Singapore. The quiz included questions regarding Singapore’s history, culture, current events, and daily life.

The quiz was designed to raise awareness among the listeners about Singapore and its achievements, culture, and national symbols. Listeners were encouraged to participate by answering questions related to Singapore.

**YANGON, 4 Nov —** The State Peace and Development Council under Col Maung Maung Oo, the overall commander-in-chief, in a meeting with the heads of related organizations, discussed the ASEAN radio quiz about the ASEAN salient points and the quiz participants' response.

The council praised the effort of Radio Singapore in promoting ASEAN awareness among the regional public and emphasized the importance of continuing such initiatives to foster regional understanding and cooperation.

The meeting also highlighted the need for the council and its members to remain vigilant and proactive in responding to any challenges arising from the global landscape, supporting ASEAN unity, and promoting peace and stability in Southeast Asia.

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**Myanmar-Japan Port Facility Life Cycle Management Seminar held**

YANGON, 4 Nov — The Myanmar-Japan Port Facility Life Cycle Management Seminar co-organized by Myanmar Port Authority of the Ministry of Transport, and the Ports and Harbours Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan was held at the meeting hall of the ministry on Pansodan Street this morning.

Present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than, Minister-Counselor of the Japanese Embassy Mr Hiroshi Kawamura, Mr Dr Masaru Suzuki of Ports and Harbours Bureau of the Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport of Japan, and Director Hiromi Kado of the Overseas Coastal Area Development Institute and Director-General Dr Hiroshi Yokota of Port and Airport Research Institute, Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, and Department heads from the Ministry of Transport and entrepreneurs.

The Deputy Minister and the Minister-Counselor extended greetings, Dr Hiroshi Yokota and Dr Emako.

**All this needs to be known**

- Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- Do not be softened whenever appeased

**Kyi-sin-wun-kha Pan-yeo-ma play to be telecast on 5-6 Nov**

YANGON, 4 Nov — The play entitled Kyi-sin-wun-kha Pan-yeo-ma directed by film director Acadeny Zaw Maung Maung, starring Academy Lu Min, Khant Sithu, Nai Nai, Eindra Kyaw Zin, Thet Mon Miinti, Zin Zin Miinti, Acadeny Nwe Nwe Mu, Academy Miinti Miint Khaing and child actor Heavy Phyo, will be telecast after the news programmes of TV Myanmar at night on 5 and 6 November.
ASEAN countries seek to strengthen control on small arms

Representatives from ASEAN member countries, other Asian countries and the European Union (EU) are attending the three-day seminar. The workshop will focus on the national and regional, such as transfer controls; illicit brokering; management of state-owned and private weapons; treatment of surplus weapons; use of external assistance and regional cooperation.

Cambodian Co-Minister of Interior Sar Kheng said at the opening ceremony that “So far, the small arms and light weapons still pose threats to country’s security, public order and human rights, as well as the country’s construction and development.”

He said that the international support will be a great help to Cambodia to further enhance control on small arms and light weapons. Ever since 1970 Cambodia has gone through grave and bitter history of great sorrow and destruction caused by small arms and light weapons, though Cambodia does not produce weapons.

Since 1998, the government has taken strong measures to confiscate and destroy weapons possessed by civilians. Since then, the government has destroyed more than 175,000 illegal weapons. At the same time, the government has also strengthened the control of those weapons in the hand of armed forces, including returning their weapons to safe storage when their official mission is over.

Two US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov— Two US soldiers have been killed in the restive western Iraq town of Ramadi since Tuesday, US military said on Wednesday.

The two service members were killed in Ramadi the day before by a roadside bomb, according to the military.

The incidents took place as the US troops and guerrillas began the fighting in the area on the Tuesday night after guerrillas used guns, rockets and roadside bombs to attack US patrols.

A small bomb explodes near BP, British Airways in Iran

TEHERAN, 3 Nov— One small bomb exploded outside the offices of BP and British Airways in Teheran on Wednesday but there were no casualties, police said.

There were originally thought to be two bombs but the Iranian police and a British diplomat said there had only been one blast on the 10th floor of the central Teheran office block. “One hand-made bomb exploded, it only shattered a few window panes,” said police spokesman Mehdi Ahmadi.

“There were no casualties,” he added.

In London, a spokesman for British Airways said the airline was “clarifying our information” and would respond shortly.

Los Angeles students join nationwide protest against Bush

LOS ANGELES, 3 Nov— More than 800 Los Angeles high school students walked out of their classes on Wednesday as part of a nationwide protest against President George W Bush, who was reelected exactly a year ago.

Adults accompanied groups of students “in all cases” as they left from 10 high schools across the sprawling city, according to Dan Issacs, chief operating officer of the Los Angeles Unified School District.

“Our issue was safety, and I think we fulfilled our mission, frankly,” Issacs said. He said that the district sent staff, school police and youth relations personnel to walk with the teenagers and made buses available to take the students back to school when they got tired.

However, one of the protest organizers, Edith Lynch, said Thursday that police prevented students at two high schools from joining the event.

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Hospital sources earlier said at least 18 people had been killed in the attack, which happened near the end of day-long fasting.

The mainly Shiite town of Musayyib, south of Baghdad, has been hit by several attacks, including one in July when a suicide bomber blew up a fuel truck, killing 98 people and wounding 75 more.

Iraqi car bomb kills at least 23

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A bomb exploded in Spain's Basque country, causing no injuries, and a second bomb was defused, Basque police said.

Police suspect armed Basque separatist group ETA of planting the bombs, a police spokesman said.

One bomb, placed in a waste paper basket near an employment office in the Basque seaside town of Zarautz, exploded at about 1:30 p.m. (0930 GMT), he said.

Another bomb, near a court in Zarautz, had been defused by the police bomb squad about two hours earlier, he said.

Bombs exploded near magistrates courts in four Spanish towns on 25 October in attacks also blamed on ETA. Last week's explosions damaged buildings but no one was injured.

ETA, classed as a terrorist organization by Spain, the European Union and the United States, has killed nearly 850 people since 1968 in its campaign for an independent Basque state carved out of northern Spain and southwestern France.

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Baghdad attacks kill eleven, airstrikes target al-Qaeda

Baghdad, 3 Nov—Eleven Iraqis were killed in three separate attacks in Baghdad on Wednesday and US airstrikes destroyed three houses the military said were used by al-Qaeda militants in western Iraq near the Syrian border.

One of the Baghdad bombs was aimed at an Iraqi Army patrol in the southeast of the capital and five soldiers were killed.

The military earlier reported that two US Marines were killed when their Super Cobra attack helicopter crashed Wednesday on the outskirts of Ramadi, located 100 kilometers (62 miles) west of Baghdad.

The US Marines are conducting operations in the restive Sunni Arab Al-Anbar Province of western Iraq. Several US army units are attached to them.

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Car blast in Indian Kashmir kills two

Srinagar, 3 Nov—A powerful car bomb exploded on a busy highway in Indian Kashmir on Wednesday, killing two people and injuring seven policemen hours before a new chief minister was due to be sworn in, police said.

The explosion occurred in the Himalayan region's main city, Srinagar, where violence continues despite a tentative peace between India and Pakistan, which have fought two wars over the state. Police said no further details were available.

"It was a loud explosion; the blast shook the whole house. Some window panes were destroyed," said Amina Begum, who lives nearby.

India has been on high alert since the weekend, when three coordinated blasts killed 59 people and injured about 200 in the worst militant attack on the nation's capital.

Prime Minister Manmohan Singh told Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf that the bombings were probably linked to foreign elements and demanded that Pakistan act against terrorism directed against India.

A Pakistan-based militant group, Jaish-e-Mohammed, claimed responsibility for Wednesday's car bomb attack.

The attack near a security patrol came before a member of India's ruling Congress Party, Ghulam Nabi Azad, was due to take the oath as the state's new chief minister for the next three years under a power-sharing agreement with a regional party.

Security was tight in Srinagar for Azad's swearing in, police said. A second bomb in the east of the city hit a civilian van, killing five civilians and wounding several more, the US military said.

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Britain's police chief says attacks foiled

London, 3 Nov—Britain has thwarted attempted terrorist attacks in the last few weeks and faces the continued threat of a repeat of the deadly 7 July London bombings, the country's top police officer said.

Ian Blair, commissioner of London's Metropolitan Police, said the force needed greater powers to cope with "a new reality" in the wake of the attacks on the capital. "The sky is dark," Blair wrote in an article for the Sun newspaper on Wednesday. "Intelligence exists to suggest that other groups will attempt to attack Britain in the coming months."—MNA/Reuters

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Vietnam reaffirms one-China policy

Hanoi, 3 Nov—Vietnam on Wednesday reiterated its adherence to the one-China policy and firm opposition to Taiwan's independence. Vietnam supports China in the efforts to achieve peaceful reunification and backs the Anti-Secession Law passed by China's National People's Congress, said a joint statement issued on Wednesday during a visit to Vietnam by Hu Jintao, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and President of China.

Vietnam welcomed the easing of the situation across the Taiwan Strait in recent years and pledged not to establish any official ties with Taiwan, it added.

China expressed in the statement its appreciation of Vietnam's stand on the Taiwan issue. China and Vietnam share common strategic interests in major international affairs, the statement said, stressing that the two countries should stick to multilateralism in dealing with international issues so as to achieve common prosperity. They also agree to conduct multilateral cooperation on the basis of equality and mutual respect and oppose terrorism in any form, it said.
**Rumsfeld says no UN access to Guantanamo inmates**

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov — Spurning a request by UN human rights investigators, Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said on Tuesday the United States will not allow them to meet with detainees at the Guantanamo Prison for foreign terrorism suspects.

Rumsfeld also told a Pentagon news conference that prisoners at the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, were staging a hunger strike that began in early August as a successful ploy to attract media attention.

The three UN investigators, including one who focuses on torture, said on Monday they would turn down an invitation extended by the Pentagon on Friday to visit Guantanamo unless they were permitted to interview the detainees. The invitation came nearly four years after the visits were first requested.

Rumsfeld said the US Government will not change its policy of giving such access to detainees only to the International Committee of the Red Cross, a neutral body that keeps its findings confidential.

“Certainly we’ve got to be reluctant to allow [UN investigators] to interview the detainees,” Rumsfeld said of providing access to detainees. “And the ICRC has been doing it for a great many years and has had complete and total access ever since Guantanamo was opened. And so we’re not inclined to add to (the number of people that would be given that) extensive access.”

The invitations went to Austria’s Manfred Nowak, special investigator on torture, Pakistan’s Asma Jahangir, who focuses on religious freedom, and Algeria’s Leila Zerrougui, who looks into arbitrary detention.

Human rights activists have criticized the United States for the indefinite detention of the roughly 505 detainees held at Guantanamo. Former prisoners have stated they were tortured there, and the ICRC last year accused the US military of using tactics “tantamount to torture” on Guantanamo prisoners. The military has denied torture has occurred.

The UN investigators said they proposed a 6 December visit but would go only if permitted to talk to the prisoners.

Zerrougui said on Monday the UN investigators had never agreed to visit a place where they would not have full access to all detainees, and asked the United States to provide such access “in the spirit of compromise.”

**Childhood cancer survivors face limitations**

While treatment for childhood cancers is known to cause functional limitations and impair activities of daily living, it has been unclear how the prevalence of these problems relates to cancer type and treatment received, the report indicates.

To investigate, Dr Kirsten K. Ness, from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, and colleagues analyzed data from 11,481 subjects who were diagnosed with a malignancy before 21 years of age and survived at least five years. The cancers included primary brain cancer, leukemia, Hodgkin’s disease, non-Hodgkin’s lymphoma, kidney tumor, neuroblastoma, soft-tissue sarcoma or malignant bone tumor.

The subjects or their parents were surveyed to assess functional ability, and 3,839 unaffected siblings served as a comparison group.

Cancer survivors were 80 per cent more likely than their siblings to report performance limitations, the researchers’ report in the Annals of Internal Medicine. In addition, survivors were at least four times more likely to describe restricted ability to participate in personal care, routine activities, and to attend school or work.

The survivors most likely to report performance limitations, restrictions in routine activities, and difficulty in attending school or work were those with brain and bone cancers. Moreover, brain cancer survivors were more likely than other survivors to report impairments in performing personal care.

**Aircraft crashes in Vietnam, killing 3 crewmen**

Hanoi, 4 Nov — A plane of Vietnam’s air force crashed in the country’s capital Hanoi Friday morning, killing all three crewmen on board.

The Polish-made M28 which fell down in Hanoi’s outlying Gia Lam District was smashed into pieces. The accident’s reasons are under investigation.

Vietnamese witnesses said that they had seen the aircraft, which was used for training purposes, violently descending and swinging before it plunged into a large grassland.

Local policemen and military forces have been mobilized to zone the area, collecting the plane’s pieces and corpses. The head of the imported aircraft was still buried under the ground. — MNA/Xinhua

**20 killed in attack on Iraq market**

Baghdad, 3 Nov—A suicide car bomb killed more than 20 Iraqis and wounded about 60 in a town south of Baghdad yesterday, officials said. The suicide attack by Sunni-led guerrillas occurred at 4.55 pm.

Yesterday’s blast appeared to target shoppers buying fruit and vegetables just before breaking their daily fast, observed during Ramadan. The market was particularly busy because Eid al-Fitr, the three-day holiday that concludes Ramadan, is about to begin.

Last week at least 20 people were killed in the southern city of Basra after a car bomb went off in a market which was again packed with crowds visiting restaurants and enjoying one of the last evenings of the holy month of Ramadan. — Internet

**Polish diplomat injured in embassy fire in Bangkok**

Bangkok, 2 Nov — A fire broke out at Poland’s Embassy in Bangkok, damaging part of the building and injured a diplomat, the Thai News Agency reported.

The Polish Embassy is located in Sot Sukhumvit 5 of Bangkok’s Watana District.

The incident took place just hours before the Polish Embassy to Thailand is scheduled to be moved to a new location, according to informed sources in the embassy. — MNA/Xinhua

**Nigerian plane skids off runway**

Lagos, 2 Nov — A small passenger plane skidded off the runway after landing at Lagos airport on Tuesday, causing no injuries but fuelling concerns about air safety in Nigeria just days after 117 people died in a plane crash. The Associated Airlines aircraft carrying 20 people lost control as it landed in torrential rain, authorities said. — MNA/Reuters
Driven by their zeal to become an industrial country, the majority of newly independent developing nations of the post-World War II era tried to rebuild themselves with centralized programmes. But they fell far beyond their goals due to their wrong option of installing socialist system right away. They were in the process of exercising the centralized single party system.

From the angle of modern political science, they were trying to leapfrog an era of setting up a capitalist system. Within a period of 20 to 30 years, those nations were facing hardships in many aspects resulting from drastic fall in the economy. Because of the dwindling situations they were facing, the existing governments, leaders and the peoples of those developing nations wanted changes.

But an unrest erupted in Myanmar, as the Burma Socialist Programme Party had no remedy to address the deteriorating situation, although it had found the source of the problem. As the Tatmadaw government knew both the source and remedial measures, it was able to overcome such a difficult situation.

After assumption of the State duties in 1988 due to unavoidable circumstances, the Tatmadaw government dissolved the socialist economy and the then political system, and since then it has adopted the market economy and has been building a democratic state in conformity with 12 political, economic and social objectives. First it strove to restore community peace and the rule of law, and then permitted legal existence of political parties. One of its significant achievements is in the sector of national consolidation as 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold and are joining hands with it. The government held a free and fair election in 1990 to write a constitution, the top priority requirement in the field of politics.

Sadly, the party that won the largest number of votes chose the policy of opposing and confronting the government, demanding the transfer of power without the existence of any constitution.

However, the government chose the way to national re-consolidation, and after reaching an agreement with the political parties, whose candidates had been elected, thorough coordination, held the National Convention representing the whole nation in 1993, with the aim of laying down basic principles. At the National Convention, delegates of national races were working hand in hand with elected representatives and delegates of political parties. But in 1996 before the completion of the Convention, the National League for Democracy boycotted and left it. Thus the Convention had to be adjourned.

Myanmar at present is achieving progress as never before, because of the endeavours for flourishing of the market economy and implementing of the multiparty democracy system. Local and foreign investments grow larger, and the domestic market gets sound links with ASEAN, Asian and international markets. Production, trade and services industries are developing and have reached the international level. The entire transport sector is seeing progress alongside the communication advancement in the nation witnessing the emergence of industrial zones and flourishing of border trade.

In addition, ASEAN-member Myanmar is extending cooperation with neighbouring and global countries, while enjoying infrastructure development in various sectors. The population of national entrepreneurs, middle class, academics and a new breed of advanced workers, the basic classes of the market economy, is also growing in the nation that is achieving unprecedented development and changes in all economic, political and social sectors.

The Tatmadaw government is winning greater cooperation with people from all walks of life. Some former armed groups that returned to the legal fold made unconditional exchange of arms for peace. The success and progress achieved due to the government’s goodwill and sincerity have been chronicled in the book — Chronic of National Development, Comparison between period preceding 1988 and after (up to 12-2-2005). The book includes the following tables comparing the nation’s situations in 1988 and during the period up to 12 February 2005:

- Development in the border areas and national races affairs sector.
- Development in the sector of drug elimination efforts.
- Development in the agricultural sector.
- Development in the livestock breeding and fishery sector.
- Development in forestry sector.
- Development in the regional greening sector.
- Development in the transport sector.
- Development in the communication sector.
- Development in the electric power sector.
- Development in the industrial sector.
- Development in the energy sector.
- Development in the education sector.
- Development in the science and technology sector.
- Development in the health sector.
- Development in the sector of development affairs.
- Development in the sector of roads and bridges.
- Development in the sector of information and public relations sector.

According to the law of social science, the truth can be sought in the objective conditions and the developments today stand witness to the degree of progress the nation has achieved during the administration of the Tatmadaw government. As the nation is witnessing progress to that degree at present, the government has laid down and is implementing the seven-point Road Map.

(Translation: TMT)
Increase in number of school, teacher and student in border areas

Education is the main driving force in every step of national development. Therefore, the government, with national vision, is striving for development of the education sector and is creating the educational opportunities in the urban as well as rural areas.

In the past, border areas lagged behind in development due to the weakness in promoting education there. In the time of the Tatmadaw government, the Central Committee and the Work Committee for implementing border areas and national races development projects have been formed to pay attention to border area development tasks. In the education sector of border areas, educational development tasks have been carried out in 19 regions.

In the drive for development of the education sector of border areas, basic education schools have been opened, literacy courses conducted, reading corners opened, stipends provided to students and cash assistance extended to teachers discharging their duties there.

In 58 townships of border areas, 25 middle schools have been upgraded into high schools and teachers graduated from the University for Development of National Races have been assigned duties in their own regions.

Nowadays, people living in border areas have been witnessing fruits of education development projects. The table shows increase in the number of schools, teachers and students in the time of Tatmadaw government in border areas.

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Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back General Soe Win who attended…

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Members of the delegation Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and departmental heads also arrived back on the same flight.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win and heads of government of ACMECS member countries hold discussions with businessmen. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win in his assessment said that he would like to present the objectives of Bagan declaration of the first ACMECS at the meeting of heads of government of ACMECS member countries held in 2003.

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The matters the private sector presented such as international trade, payments, and issuing of certificates on hygiene have been included in the trade and investment of ASEAN and GMS.

He stressed the importance of close cooperation of the ACMECS members for their goods to gain a foothold in international market, and economic development stressed.
Prime Minister General Soe Win and party...

(bouquet to Prime Minister General Soe Win.)

Next, Myanmar Ambassador U Ye Win and wife Daw Ei Ei Khaing, Military Attaché Col Tin Soe and wife Daw San San Win, staff of the Embassy and the Military Attaché’s Office and family members welcomed the Prime Minister and party.

Afterwards, the Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Soe Win left in a motorcade for Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok Hotel in Thailand.

Prime Minister General Soe Win meets with staff of Myanmar Embassy in Thailand

YANGON, 4 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win met with embassy staff at Myanmar Embassy in Thailand on 2 November evening.

At the meeting, the prime minister said Myanmar has promoted mutual trust, respect, sympathy and friendship with other nations and is making efforts to enhance cordial relations with them while striving to expand mutual cooperation with added momentum. Hence, the nation is achieving success in expanding her scope of international relations.

Under the leadership of the Head of State, Myanmar has achieved development in education, health and social fields as well as economic growth in addition to progress in international affairs. The government has been building infrastructures that are necessary for development of the country, he added.

In his concluding remarks, the prime minister said, the staff of the embassy are to enhance their efforts to extend cooperation in various fields and to strengthen existing friendly relations with Thailand. After the meeting, Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially greeted the staff of the embassy and presented gifts to them.

Prime Minister General Soe Win meets with staff and family members of Myanmar Embassy and Office of Military Attaché in Bangkok, Thailand. — MNA
**Commander inspects development tasks in Lashio**

**Yangon, 4 Nov** — A coordination meeting for the promotion of tasks of Shan State (North’s) Development Affairs Committee took place at the meeting hall of Lashio Township Development Affairs Committee office on 31 October. It was attended by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council, Commander of North East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Secretary of the State Lt-Col Kyaw Shwe and departmental officials, officials of State, District and Township Development Affairs Committee and engineers.

First, Director U Kyi Myint of Shan State (North’s) Development Affairs Committee explained matters related to development affairs in the State and water supply tasks, construction of roads in urban and rural areas.

After attending to the needs, the commander called the officials on actively participation in regional development tasks and the meeting ended.

The commander and those present then went to Pyidaungsu Kanyaitha Nature Park and planted shady trees there.

The commander then inspected newly constructed lake for drinking water and nursing of saplings in the park, and gave necessary instructions to the officials. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing also oversaw thriving Shin Shweli paddy strain fields of local regiment in Lashio and fulfilled the requirements.

**Commander meets specialists from field-trip medical team in Mongpyin**

**Yangon, 4 Nov** — Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council and Commander of Triangle Region Command, gave instructions to Tatmadawmen and family members of Mongpyin Station at its hall in Mongpyin on 31 October.

At Mongpyin Township Union Solidarity and Development Association Office, the commander heard reports on the field trip of medical teams to provide health care services to the people in Shan State (East).

Patron of Shan State (East) WAO and Chairperson of Shan State MCWSC Daw Kyu Kyu Hla and officials reported on matters related to field trips of the medical teams.

Next, the commander and wife provided K 10,000 to a disabled girl. The medical team comprising five specialists gave medical treatment to about 250 local people in Mongpyin Township.

**Post-primary school to be built in Ywathagy, Dagon Myothit (South)**

**Yangon, 4 Nov** — The stake-driving ceremony for building a post-primary school was held in Ywathagy, Dagon Myothit (South), Yangon East District, this morning.

It will be built jointly by Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association and Shonan Association for Building School House in Myanmar.

USDA CEC Member Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Aye Lin briefed those present on the purpose of the building.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command and Li-Gen Myint Swe drove stake No 1 and sprinkled scented water on it.

The mayor, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, well-wisher Mr Hisao Yosida (Shonan Association for Building School in Myanmar) drove stake numbers 2 to 4 and sprinkled scented water on them.

On completion, the one-storey facility will be 30 feet long and 20 feet wide with five units.

**Commander Li-Gen Myint Swe drives a stake in the stake-driving ceremony for building a post-primary school.—MNA**

**NCC Management Committee holds coord meeting**

**Yangon, 4 Nov** — The work coordination meeting of the National Convention Convening Management Committee was held at the meeting hall of the committee at Nyaungknapin Camp, Hmawy Township, Yangon Division, this afternoon.

Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lu Myint drove the stake in his address saying that the NC is going to resume on 5 December 2005. He called on members of respective subcommittees to make necessary preparations as from now.

Chairmen of subcommittees and secretaries, and officials reported on their respective sectors. In their response, Vice-Chairmen of the Management Committee Maj-Gen Than Htay and Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu reviewed the reports, and the meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by Chairman Maj-Gen Lu Maung. The NCC Management Committee Chairman together with the Vice-Chairmen, chairmen of subcommittees and officials viewed around the preparatory tasks at the buildings, hostels and meeting halls, and beautifying tasks at environs of the camp.

**Rules for Armed Forces Day commemorative poem contest announced**

**Yangon, 4 Nov** — Hailing the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March 2006, Poem Contest Organizing Sub-committee under the Poem and Arts Competition Organizing Work Committee, chaired by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, has announced that the Poem Contest will be held to mark the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

The contests can portray objectives of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day, matters related to objectives of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day, 10 fine traditions of the Tatmadaw, historic endeavours of ancient Myanmar Tatmadaw, Burma Independence Army, Burma Defence Army and Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) in safeguarding the State, and nation-building endeavours of the State Peace and Development Council after 1988 Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of National Solidarity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty.

The poem contest will be divided into two. There will be two events at the level—1—the long poem and the short poem.

Those who have won first, second or third prizes in the Poem Contest to mark the Armed Forces Day and the National Motto Contest, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest and the poem contest of the Pakokku Ohn Pe Literary Award winners may participate in level-1 and those who did not win the prize may take part in the level-2.

One contestant may take part in one level only. The short poem must be between 100 and 300 stanzas and the long one between 1,000 and 2,000 stanzas. The entries must be in line with the rules. The poem must be written on one side of paper and the three copies of the entry must be submitted. And, the entry must be attached with the name of the contestant, pen-name, names of parents, education, occupation and address together with three 2” x 2½” size colour photos. The entry must be own creation and has not featured in any publication yet.

The entries are to be sent to Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Retd) (Myint Maung Naing Moe), Chief Editor, Naingongon Goiny Literary House, Sarpay Beikman, 529/530, Merchant Street, here, Tel: 374532, not later than 31-1-2006. — MNA

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A D V E R T I S E M E N T S

Air NZ flight lands safely after nose wheel problem
AUCKLAND, 3 Nov—An Air New Zealand Boeing 767 landed Wednesday without problems following a low level emergency, according to local media report. NZPA said the aircraft, with 145 passengers on board, had a nose wheel problem and it circled the airport before it landed. The aircraft was believed to have damaged the nose wheel on takeoff from Hong Kong.

Myanmar Paper & Chemical Industries
Tender Documents are available at Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries, No. 16(B) Thukhawaddy Pulp Sheet, on or before 15th December 2005.

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
MV KOTA BERANI VOY NO (BRN) 01A
Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA BERANI VOY NO (BRN) 01A are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 6.11.2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon. Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel. No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Invitation to Tender
Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries
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Australia receives intelligence about possible terror attack
CANBERRA, 3 Nov—Australian Prime Minister John Howard said here on Wednesday that the government has received recent intelligence about a potential terrorist threat in Australia.

The government has received specific intelligence from police information this week, which gives cause for serious concern about a potential terrorist threat,” Howard said at a conference in Canberra.

“I do not intend, and cannot, go into any of the operational details. We have seen material, it is a cause for concern,” he said.

Howard made the statement at a time when an amendment to the country’s anti-terrorism laws was introduced to the Parliament.

The statement also came just after Australian Security Intelligence (ASIO) in its annual report publicly outlined Australia’s threats to Australia. ASIO said that some of the extremists it has been investigating were born in Australia.

Howard said the amendment to existing counter-terrorism laws would allow authorities to deal with the threat.

The federal government will press for its approval through Wednesday evening at the Parliament before recalling the Senate on Thursday to pass it into law.

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China to build own spiral bevel gear digital product line

CHANGSHA, 3 Nov—China has established its own spiral bevel gear digital product line, making it the third country in the world to have such digital product lines after the United States and Germany.

The digital product line debuted in Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province on Tuesday. It took China almost two generations to develop the spiral bevel gear technology," said Zeng Tao, professor of the Central South University, who devoted more than 30 years in the study of the technology.

As one of the biggest manufacturers in the world, China has been depending on foreign technology in the field of spiral bevel gear production.

Wu Bailin from the China Machine Tool and Tool Builders Association said the new product line marked a major breakthrough against the American and Germany monopoly in this field. Compared with the imported equipment which usually costs more than 10 million yuan (about 1.2 million US dollars) per machine, the home-developed new technology has a very competitive cost of production. It costs more than 4 million yuan (about 486,000 US dollars) each and is expected to have remarkable market return, Wu said.

Climate change linked to rise in malaria, asthma

NEW YORK, 3 Nov—Climate change may promote the spread of deadly diseases like malaria and asthma in both rich and poor countries by increasing the range of parasitic insects and whipping up dust storms, a new report says.

"As warm, dry malaria is becoming more common in the traditionally cool mountains of Africa, Asia and Latin America where 10 percent of the world's population lives," said Dr Paul Epstein, the lead author of "Climate Change Futures."

"Colonizers escaped to mountainous areas to avoid the swarms that breed malaria. Those areas are no longer safe," Epstein told reporters upon presenting the study, noting that malaria cases have quadrupled in the past 30 years and killed 3.000 African babies a day.

Epstein of the Harvard Medical School, wrote the report in collaboration with reinsurance Swiss Re and the United Nations Development Programme. The report warned that "malaria could suddenly swing in developed nations, especially in those areas now bordering the margins of current transmission."

Scientists believe greenhouse gases, such as carbon dioxide (CO2) released by cars and utilities burning fossil fuels, lead to climate change by trapping the sun's heat in the atmosphere. That can lead to rising seas that may cause flooding and stronger storms. Rising temperatures increase the range of the mosquitoes and ticks that carry maladies like malaria, West Nile virus and Lyme disease, the study said. —MNA/Reuters

Website opens to promote traditional Chinese medicine

BEIJING, 3 Nov—China's watchdog for traditional Chinese medicine opened here Tuesday an official website to promote the country's thousand-year long herbal medicine services.

The website provides detailed information on renowned herbalist doctors, research organizations and institutes of traditional Chinese medicine.

"Many patients want to seek help from traditional Chinese medicine therapies but do not know where to locate helpful information," said Li Zhenji, vice-chairman of Chinese Federation of Medicine Societies (CFCMS), who praised the medicine as having unique advantages.

Titled "Famous & Prominent Doctors in Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) in China Portal", the website is expected to help patients through making available detailed information on 168 institutes of provitional or above levels as well as 2,319 experienced doctors. "People can find on the website reliable information on traditional Chinese medicine that boasts the widest range," said Li, claiming that the website will also be a powerful channel for international exchanges on traditional Chinese medicine. —MNA/Xinhua

More Vietnamese people use Internet

HANOI, 3 Nov—Vietnam had roughly 8.6 million Internet users, or nearly 10.4 per cent of its population, by early last month, compared with the respective figures of 5.5 million and 6.8 per cent in early October 2004.

Of the 8.6 million users, nearly 2.3 million are subscribers, many of whom use broadband Internet services, the Vietnams Internet Network Information Centre told Xinhua Wednesday, noting that the country's total international bandwidth currently stands at 2,997 megabits per second. Under Vietnam's strategy on developing information technology (IT) and telecommunications, every 100 residents will have 32-42 telecom phones, over 10 personal computers, and 8-12 Internet subscribers, and 30 per cent of them will use broadband Internet services, by 2010. Vietnam's IT industry has posted high growth rates in recent years. Its IT market stood at 685 million US dollars in 2004, up 33 per cent from 2003.

Specifically, the hardware market grew 32.9 per cent, and the software and service market 33.3 per cent. —MNA/Xinhua

Beijing sees more blue sky in first ten months

BEIJING, 3 Nov—As of 31 October, Beijing has seen 202 days of blue sky, 15 days more than the same period last year, said the source with the municipal Environmental Protection Bureau here Wednesday.

"In October, the cold air in Beijing created favourable conditions for the diffusion of pollutants, so that the air quality in Beijing's urban areas was good," said Wang Xiaoming, an official with the bureau. Though fog in mid and later October partially affected the air quality, citizens of Beijing still enjoyed 19 days with blue sky in the past month, seven days more than last October.

The official said the bureau launched its air pollution prevention programme in early October to improve air quality in the autumn and winter. —MNA/Xinhua
Wenger fights his corner as Arsenal qualify in style

London, November 3 — Arsene Wenger momentarily concentrated on Arsenal’s commanding 3-0 Champions League win over Sparta Prague on Wednesday, before returning to his ongoing verbal feud with Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho.

Wenger praised his team's attacking performance against the Czechs saying they "always looked dangerous" despite needing two late goals from substitute Robin van Persie to make the scoreline fully reflect Arsenal's overall superiority.

But he claimed he had been misquoted over remarks about the Mourinho who on Saturday accused him of acting like a vociferous Chelsea and cowering his job at Stamford Bridge. Wenger responded to those remarks on Monday when he said he was considering taking action against Mourinho, but he also claimed that sections of the media had misquoted his comments about the Portuguese boss of the English champions.

"I just think if you give success to stupid people it makes them more stupid sometimes, not more intelligent," Wenger had said on Tuesday. "But if I am misquoted, which I called him (Mourinho) stupid, then that is not right. I am making the point here, I did not say that, I know exactly what I said and what I meant by what I said and I never said that."

Middlebrough beat Dnipro 3-0 in UEFA Cup

London, November 4 — Striker Mark Viduka scored twice as Middlebrough moved three points clear at the top of the UEFA Cup Group D after thrashing Ukraine's Dnipro 3-0 on Thursday. Yakubu gave Boro a first-half lead, exchanging passes with Gaizka Mendieta, before side-footing the ball home.

Early in the second half Viduka extended Boro's lead, arrowing the ball into the net with a powerful strike.

Six minutes later Viduka claimed his second after Artem Kulisly was unable to hold James Morrison's fierce shot.

Steaua Bucharest held 0-0 by Sampdoria

Rome, November 4 — Former European champions Steaua Bucharest were held to a 0-0 draw by Serie A side Sampdoria in the UEFA Cup in Genoa on Thursday.

Aiming for a second successive victory after sweeping aside French side Lens 4-0 in their opening Group C match, Steaua failed to capitalise on plenty of first-half possession.

Midfielder Banel Niculae went closest on opening the scoring for Steaua when he shot narrowly wide on the half hour mark.

Corinthians keep six-point lead as rivals falter

Rio de Janeiro, November 4 — Internacional missed the chance to close the gap on Brazilian championship leaders Corinthians on Thursday when they lost 3-1 to Parana.

International, who have 65 points from 36 games, stayed six points behind Corinthians in second place and ahead of Fluminense on the number of games won.

Corinthians had themselves lost 2-1 at Cruzeiro the night before, handing their rivals an excellent chance to reduce the gap.

Instead, Parana took control with goals by midfielder Sandro either side of halftime.

But Bolton should have scored first as Kevin Davies twice squandered chances to put them ahead on the quarter-hour mark. First he headed wide from Nolan's cross, then two minutes later blazed over as he charged into the area with only Kamil Kontolafsky to beat. — MNA/Xinhua

Senna strike hands Villarreal win in Lisbon

Lisbon, November 4 — Brazilian midfielder Marcos Senna thumped in a long-range winner eight minutes from time to hand Villarreal a 1-0 win at Benfica in Champions League Group D on Wednesday.

The victory lifted the Spanish side top of the group on six points after four matches, well-placed to reach the last 16 in their first season in the competition. Senna let fly from 30 metres and scored despite Benfica keeper Rui Nereui's best efforts, the inexperienced teenager getting his fingertips to his powerful shot. Injuries had ruled out first choice keeper Jose Moreira and his deputy Quim Silva. — MNA/Reuters

Ferguson backs players, blames pitch after Lille defeat

Paris, November 3 — Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson backed his players despite another poor performance in the 1-0 defeat by Lille in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Ferguson preferred to blame the Stade de France pitch to explain a loss that adds to United's woes four days after they were thrashed 4-1 by Middlesbrough in the Premier League.

"It was a difficult game. The pitch was poor," said Ferguson, who declined to shake hands with his Lille counterpart Claude Puel at the final whistle. "I don't think we deserved to lose but we did not play well enough to win," he added.

Lille are now level on five points with Lille in Group D, one behind Villarreal who beat Benfica 1-0 to top the group.

"We will certainly have to win the game against Villarreal," said Ferguson, who will welcome back midfielder Paul Scholes from suspension.

"I think my players tried their best. They had a good attitude ahead of the game. They are young, they are inexperienced. You have to trust your young players but you can't expect them to change things."

United's Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy said qualification for the last 16 could hinge on the game against Villarreal.

"That's a massive game now," van Nistelrooy told Sky Sports. "It's a hard period we are going through right now. But it's still in our own hands."

United travel to Stamford Bridge on Sunday to play runaway Premier League leaders Chelsea, whom they trail by 13 points.

"It's going to be a difficult task. But the pitch will be better," added Ferguson. Lille coach Puel said his team deserved to win.

"We had a great game tonight. We have been improving throughout the competition," he said.

"Manchester United can be disappointed but we deserved to win." — MNA/Reuters

The 16 multihulls enrolled in the 2003 Jacques Vabre Transat between Le Havre in France and Salvador de Bahia in Brazil are seen in Le Havre harbour, western France on November 4, 2005. The multihull race starts on 6 November, 2005. — Internet
ICRC seeks access to all terrorism suspects held by US

GENEVA, 4 Nov — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) called on Thursday for access to all foreign terrorism suspects held by the United States after a report of a covert CIA prison system for al-Qaeda captives.

The Washington Post said on Wednesday the CIA had been hiding and interrogating inmates at a secret facility in Eastern Europe, among so-called “black sites” in eight countries under a global network set up after the 11 September, 2001 attacks.

“We are concerned at the fate of an unknown number of people captured as part of the so-called global war on terror and held at undisclosed places of detention,” Antonella Notari, chief ICRC spokes-

woman, told Reuters in response to a question.

“Access to detainees is an important humanitarian priority for the ICRC and a logical continu-
ation of our current work in Afghanistan, Iraq and Guantánamo Bay,” she added.

Also in Geneva, the United Nations’ Human Rights Committee said it had received two letters and a report from the United States which it hoped would address the issue of detainees being held outside the country.

“It was in our request to the United States. We are going to see how they answer,” committee chairwoman Christine Chanet for France told journalists, saying the committee had yet to study the documents.

The European Commission said on Thursday it would look into media reports naming two Eastern European countries as allowing the CIA (US Central Intelligence Agency) to hold al-Qaeda suspects outside of any national or international legal jurisdiction. Friso Roscam Abbing, spokesman for European Justice and Security Commissioner Franco Frattini, said the EU executive would check the reports with Poland, a new member state, and Romania, which is due to join the European Union in 2007.

The US-based campaign organization Human Rights Watch said earlier it had indications the two were hosting CIA prisons.

Both denied the allegations on Thursday and the Commission’s Abbing said it had no knowledge of any such prisons at present. — MNA/Reuters

WEATHER
Thursday, 4 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thun-
dershower have been scattered in Taninthayi Divi-
sion and isolated in Yangon Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) below normal in Chin State and (3°C) above normal in Shan State, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) above normal in Kachin State and above normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (0.79) inch and Coco Island (0.43) inch and Myekin (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 3-11-2005 was 93°F.

Minimum temperature on 4-11-2005 was 70°F. Rela-
tive humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 4-11-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 3-11-2005 was (7.6) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 4-11-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-11-2005 were (101.38) inches at Mingaladon, (100.51) inches at Kaba-Aye and (104.80) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from North at (23:20) hours MST on 3-11-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the South Bay of Bengal, Andaman Sea and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 5-11-2005:
Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. Weather will be partly cloudy in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of rain or thundershowers in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-11-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thun-
dershower. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-11-2005: Generally fair weather.

Weather outlook for second weekend of November 2005: During the coming weekend, iso-
lated rain or thundershower are likely in Yangon Division and weather will be generally fair in Man-
dalay Division.
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State-owned sector and private sector have to share difficulties and benefits in course of cooperation

YANGON, 4 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win and heads of government of Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) member countries held discussions with businessmen of the ACMECS Business Council from Cambodia, the Lao People’s Democratic Republic, Myanmar, Thailand and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the Yellow Room of the Santi Maitri Building in Bangkok, Thailand, on 2 November evening.

Present on the occasion were Prime Minister General Soe Win, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith, Thai Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials from Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, Vice-Presidents U Win Aung and U Sein Win Hlaing of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and businessmen of other ACMECS Business Council member nations.

YANGON, 4 Nov — At the invitation of Prime Minister Dr Thaksin Shinawatra of Thailand, Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and departmental heads, left Yangon by special flight at 2 pm on 1 November to attend the Ayeyawady-Chao Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Summit to be held in Bangkok, Thailand.

Prime Minister General Soe Win and party arrived at Donmong International Airport in Bangkok, Thailand, at 4 pm local time.

First, Ambassador of the Union of Myanmar to Thailand U Ye Win and Director-General Mr Phithak Phrombupha of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand welcomed the Myanmar delegation led by the Prime Minister alighted from the plane. Thai Minister for Defence General Thammarak Isarangura Na Ayuthaya, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosol and senior officials welcomed them. A Myanmar young lady presented a...