Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends 10th Kathina robes offering ceremony of Sasana Zeya Mingala Pariyatti Monastery

YANGON, 12 Nov — The 10th Kathina robes offering ceremony of Sasana Zeya Mingala Pariyatti Monastery took place at the monastery in Natchaung Ward, Tamwe Township here this morning.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, offered Kathina robes and provisions to the Saydaws.

Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maung Aye, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Prime Minister General Soe Win, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, wives of Members of State Peace and Development Council, Daw Khin Thet Htay, wife of Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and wife Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, Deputy Mayor Col Maung Pa and wife Daw Khin Nyunt Myaing, secretary of YCDC and officials, the chairman of Yangon East District PDC and wellwishers are also present at the ceremony.

First, the ceremony was opened with three-time recitations of Namottasa.

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Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family members offering Kathina robes to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Manita.

— MNA

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, and congregation sharing merits gained at the Kathina robes offering ceremony.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Categorically reject unjust allegations of religious freedom

In the Union of Myanmar, the national brethren have been living in unity and amity in the course of history while preserving our traditions, customs and lineage and sharing mutual understanding and respect.

It is a national prestige of Myanmar to stand as a society in harmony and equity among the people with high civilization. All citizens can profess and practise own belief. It is a significant characteristic that all national races of Myanmar have freedom of faith and equal right to preserve their own culture and traditions. Everyone can enjoy equal rights irrespective of race, religion and sex. However, some western nations and pessimist elements are making false and fabricated allegations that there is discrimination on religion, sex and race in Myanmar.

In the Seventh Annual International Religious Freedom Report (2005) released by the US Department of State on 8 November 2005, it was wrongly criticized that there have been violations of religious freedom and human rights in Myanmar.

In reality, every citizen of Myanmar has the right to profess and practise their belief. The country is significantly characterized by the fact that all national races have enjoyed freedom of faith and equal right to preserve their own culture and traditions.

Although Theravada Buddhism is the religion of the majority in the country, the government is assisting the work of other religions and also taking all necessary steps to encourage and maintain the harmony of the nation.

Myanmar is one of the very few countries in the world where all the major religions live together harmoniously and peacefully and where freedom of religion is actually practised.

The report does not in any way reflect the true situations in Myanmar. The allegations contained in the report are baseless and considered as being politically motivated. These allegations are all same old tunes based on groundless facts and figures which came from unscrupulous persons with the aim of tarnishing the image of the country.

The internal and external destructive elements in the name of races and religions are making attempts with every intention of disintegrating the Union. Realizing this, the entire national people of Myanmar categorically have turned down these unfounded facts concerning religions.

**F&R Ministry offers Kathina robes**

Yangon, 12 Nov— Under the aegis of Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win, family members of the ministry offered Kathina robes to members of the Sangha this morning at the Dhammayon of the ministry.

Sayadaw U Nanissara of Thin-gangyun Township Maha Suvanna Monastery invested the congregation with the Five Precepts and delivered a sermon.

The minister and his wife, the deputy minister and wife and heads of department offered Kathina robes to members of the Sangha.

**55th Kathina robe-offering ceremony of Ministers’ Office held**

Yangon, 12 Nov— The 55th Kathina robe-offering ceremony of Buddhists Association of the Ministers’ Office was held at the Dhammayon of the Ministers’ Office this morning.

The ceremony was attended by Principal of Yangon Division Abbots Training School Aggha Maha Pandita Bhuddanta Kowida and members of the Sangha, President of Buddhists Association of the Ministers’ Office Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, departmental heads and wellwishers.

After receiving the Five Precepts from the Principal Sayadaw, the minister and heads of department offered Kathina robes and alms to the Sayadaw.

The Principal Sayadaw delivered a sermon followed by sharing of merits gained.

**232 drug-related cases exposed in October**

Yangon, 12 Nov— In the month of October, 2005, the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Customs Department exposed 232 drug-related cases. They exposed and seized 1,734.5 kilos of opium in 29 cases, 10,041.2 kilos of heroin in 82 cases, 1,230.11 kilos of opium oil in 3 cases, 3,990.88 kilos of low-grade opium in 9 cases, 2,025.7 kilos of marijuana in 12 cases, 132,680 stimulant tablets in 70 cases, 2,366.1 kilos of speciosa in 3 cases, 0.2009 kilo of ice in 2 cases, 143,360 diazepam tablets in 2 cases, 415 liters of liquid chemicals in 2 cases, 8 kilos of chemical powder, 12 case for failing registration and 6 other cases.

In connection with the cases, action was taken against 342 people — 271 men and 71 women.

**Communicative English Language Course for Women on 19 November**

Yangon, 12 Nov — Communicative English Language Course for Women, organized by the working group of social affairs and culture of the Information Department under Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, is to be opened at Sanyoung Township No 2 Basic Education High School on 19 November.

Those who have passed matriculaiton examination can apply for the nine-week course. It is from 9 am to 11 am at every weekend.

Application forms are available starting 16 November and to be sent to Sanyoung Township No 1 BEHS by 19 November. For further information, dial 353497 or 251575.
China to be largest economy in 21st Century

HONG KONG, 11 NOV — Former Governor of Hong Kong Christopher Patten said here Thursday that China will be the largest economy in the 21st Century.

"In 18 of the past 20 centuries, China has been the largest economy in the world, and I believe it will be in this one," Patten said at a luncheon hosted by Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce.

Europe and America should recognize the world that they took for granted for 50 years have changed tremendously and rapidly because of the extraordinary rise of Asia, particularly China and India, said Patten who was back to Hong Kong to promote his new book "Not Quite the Diplomat".

Patten, also former European Commissioner for External Relations, said it is absurd for the Europe and America to regard the rise of China as a threat. There is no single global problem, such as nuclear proliferation in the Korean Peninsula, global warming, avian flu, war against terrorism and drugs trade, that can be solved without China’s active involvement.

"I hope that we will learn to cooperate more successfully and will try to draw China into the network of institutions which provide global leadership," Patten said.

While talking about the WTO ministerial conference to be held in Hong Kong this December, Patten wished it a success which is defined as closing the Doha round by reaching an agreement leaning in favour of developing countries.

61-year-old Patten was appointed the last governor of Hong Kong in 1992 and witnessed the return of Hong Kong to China in 1997. — MNA/Xinhua

Developing countries to fight cybercrime

GENEVA, 11 NOV — Developing countries must take steps to fight cybercrime to benefit from the boom in e-business, according to a United Nations report published on Thursday.

Cybercrime and poor information security could deter the application of information technologies — especially business use of the Internet — that may help developing countries increase commerce, investment, innovation, productivity and efficiency, says the Information Economy Report 2005, released by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

The report argues that the world’s poorer nations have to do more than upgrade technology to protect against cybercrime and to meet international standards for the security of computerized information.

They also have to establish laws that criminalize cyber attacks and enable police to adequately investigate and prosecute such activities, it says.

The report further recommends that governments set up risk- management policies, regularly review security regulations for information and communication technology, and expand training to ensure that their economies have the human resources needed to establish and maintain effective security programmes. — MNA/Xinhua

Car bomb hits police patrol in central Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 NOV — A car bomb hit a police patrol in a central Baghdad district on Thursday, wounding three policemen, police said.

"A car parked in Camp Sarah industrial district detonated at about 2:00 pm (1100 GMT) as a police patrol passed nearby," Captain Ahmed Abdullah from Baghdad police told Xinhua. The blast damaged two police vehicles, he said.

Meanwhile, guerrillas blew up two roadside bombs at a crowded area in Baghdad’s al-Jadida District, wounding six civilians, Abdullah said.

Guerrillas frequently attack Iraqi security forces in bid to topple the Shi’ite- and-Kurdish-dominated government installed in April. — MNA/Xinhua

Deaths bring US toll in Iraq to 2,061

BAGHDAD, 11 NOV — Five American troopers were killed in Iraq, including one along the Syrian border during a major push to take control of the frontier from guerrillas, the US military said on Friday.

A roadside bomb killed a number of US service members including 20 Iraqi soldiers and two oil tankers, witnesses said. In the capital, gunfire opened fire on the compound of the Embassy of Oman, killing two people and wounding two others the second fatal shooting involving employees of Arab embassies in Baghdad this week, authorities said.

A US Air Force personnel inventory wounded American soldiers lying in a bus before loading them onto a cargo plane in Balad, 80 kilometres (50 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 Nov, 2005. — INTERNET

Accused US soldiers in rape case still under custody

MANILA, 11 NOV — The five American servicemen accused of raping a 22-year-old Filipina will remain under the custody of the United States Embassy even if they will be ordered arrested and undergo trial, government officials said.

Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita told a Press conference that even though the Philippines legally has the jurisdiction over the case where the death penalty could also apply to them, the government cannot compel the United States to surrender the soldiers without any conviction yet.

He explained that under the Visiting Forces Agreement between the two countries justifying US troops in the Philippines, it is very explicit that the soldiers could continue to be under the custody of the US officials if they asked for it and would only be presented to the Philippine authorities as needed.

"Unless there are strong reasons for them to be requested by Philippine authorities to be placed under Philippine custody, then the provisions states that they will stay under US custody," Ermita said.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez, for his part, told reporters that the Philippines would have to waive custody in favour of the Americans should they request for it.

"While jurisdiction could not be waived, custody could be," he said.

"In this particular case, they have asked for that custody," he added.

The Philippines could only seek custody over American soldiers if the case would be of particular importance to the Philippines, but unfortunately there is no definition of terms as to what cases are of particular importance to the Philippines", Gonzalez added. — MNA/Xinhua

Tornado injures 18 in Canada

OTTAWA, 11 NOV — Eighteen people, many of them children, were injured in southern Canada’s Hamilton after a tornado struck an elementary school Wednesday.

Local media reported that Lawfield Elementary School sustained extensive damage, with the second floor of the structure partially collapsed and the gymnasium’s roof torn off.

A nearby arena also sustained extensive damage to its roof. — MNA/Xinhua
Suicide bombers involved in hotels attacks

AMMAN, 11 Nov — Three suicide bombers that hit three hotels in the Jordanian capital Amman Wednesday night could be involved in chain blasts, the Jordanian News Agency Petra reported.

A police spokesman was quoted as saying that suicide bombers were possibly involved in the chain blasts which have killed at least 18 people and wounded over 100 others.

The attacks bore the trademarks of the al-Qaeda terror network, which has waged similar attack against high-profile targets in the past, police said. Adding investigation is underway.

The soldiers were participants in a recently-concluded military exercise with Filipino counterparts.

Jia said this year marks the 30th anniversary of forging diplomatic ties between China and Thailand, and Suchon’s current China visit is an important part of the celebrations of the two nations.

During the past 30 years, China and Thailand have enjoyed smooth development of bilateral ties, maintained frequent high-level visits, increased political mutual trust, and expanded strategic cooperation with each other, Jia noted.

Jia said China is ready to work with Thailand to push forward bilateral strategic cooperation in a bid to benefit the two peoples and contribute to regional peace, stability and prosperity.

Jia expressed appreciation for Thailand’s support to China’s economic and social development, as well as its support on the Taiwan issue.

Suchon said the special visit to strengthen ties and promote bilateral cooperation with good results.

Four personnel were wounded in the blast.

In September, a suicide bomber blew himself up in a restaurant on Thursday morning when officers were in the restaurant.

A car bomb blast struck a US military convoy in northern Baghdad on Thursday, police said.


The soldiers were participants in a recently-concluded military exercise with Filipino counterparts.

MNA/Xinhua

Ukrainian soldiers man a check-point in a Ukrainian military camp near Kut, 170km (106 miles) southeast of Baghdad on 8 Nov, 2005. — Internet

Abdulrah from Baghdad police told Xinhua. One civilian was wounded by the blast that took place at about 12:50 am (09:50 GMT), he said.

Earlier, a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a restaurant in central Baghdad, killing 35 people and wounding 25 others. The popular Quddouri Restaurant was crowded with breakfast customers, including security forces members, when the attack took place at about 9:30 am (6:30 GMT).

MNA/Xinhua
First EuroAsia Economic Forum opens in Xi’an

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Three Chinese killed in triple Jordanian blasts

BEIJING, 11 Nov—Three Chinese were killed and one wounded Wednesday evening in bomb attacks against three hotels in the Jordanian capital Amman, said a Press release carried on the website of the Chinese Foreign Ministry Thursday.

The dead and wounded were members of a delegation from China’s University of National Defence, which happened to stay at one of the three hotels, the Press release said.

Chinese President Hu Jintao, who is in London for a state visit, has asked China’s Foreign Ministry and relevant departments to take immediate measures and spare no efforts to save the injured and properly handle relevant consequences.

He has also sent a message of condolence to Jordanian King Abdullah II, in which he said the Chinese Government condemns all forms of terrorism and is ready to strengthen cooperation with the international community, including Jordan, on fighting terrorism.

Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing, who was accompanying President Hu in London, also sent a letter of condolence to his Jordanian counterpart, Faruq Kasrawi.

The Chinese Foreign Ministry has advised Chinese citizens avoid making trips to Jordan given the current situation there.

The ministry quoted the local police as saying that they pointed the finger at al-Qaeda, though the immediate reason for the bombings remains to be clarified.

MNA/Xinhua

Two killed in bomb attack in eastern Turkey

ANKARA, 11 Nov—One person, who was seriously injured in clashes which erupted following a bomb attack in eastern Turkey on Wednesday, died, bringing the death toll to two.

The bomb went off in a shopping area in Semdinli Town of Hakkari Province at 12:00 (1000 GMT) on Wednesday, killing a person and injuring six others and damaging several shops, the semi-official Anadolu news agency reported.

Security forces shot in the air to disperse a group of people who attempted to lynch a person suspected of planting the bomb.

Meanwhile, Semdinli Mayor Hursit Tekin was injured in the head during the clash, said the report. Security forces detained the suspect person and found three rifles in his automobile.

MNA/Xinhua

Four civilians killed in Peruvian arms explosion

LIMA, 11 Nov—A military device exploded on Wednesday, leaving four civilians killed, including two children, and one injured in the settlement of Maro, a poor area in Peru’s northeastern department of Piura, the Peruvian National Police (PNP) said.

The police said the victims of the explosion hit or manhandled the device before it exploded, destroying their home and mutilating their bodies.

The PNP believed the victims found the device and took it home, where it went off. The PNP explosives unit and criminal investigation division are jointly carrying out an investigation into the incident.

MNA/Xinhua

Suspected gas explosion kills two children in Spain

MADRID, 12 Nov—A suspected gas explosion destroyed a building in the northeastern Spanish city of Tarragona, killing two children, officials said on Friday.

The explosion, soon after 11 pm (2200 GMT) on Thursday, brought the upper floors of the building in the centre of the Catalunya crushing down.—MNA/Reuters

US Airways’ third-quarter loss widens on merger, fuel costs

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov—US Airways Group Inc announced on Wednesday that its loss surged in the third quarter because of merger-related expenses and fuel costs.

The loss of the nation’s seventh-largest carrier increased to 87 million dollars, or 5.04 dollars per share, in the third quarter from 29 million dollars, or 1.92 dollars per share, in the same period last year.

Excluding special items, however, the loss would have been 23 million dollars, or 1.33 dollars per share, lower than the quarterly deficit of 1.85 dollars per share that analysts had estimated.

During the July-September period, US Airways’ revenue totalled 926 million dollars, showing a rise of 36 per cent from 679 million dollars in the previous year. Its operating costs surged 45 per cent, driven by merger expenses and a sharp increase in fuel costs.

On 27 September, US Airways formally emerged from bankruptcy protection for the second time and closed its merger with low-cost carrier America West Airlines, creating the fifth largest US airline.

America West Airlines’ loss amounted to 71 million dollars in the third quarter from 28 million dollars last quarter. Its operating revenue advanced 25 per cent to 846 million dollars.

The merged group operates under the US Airways name, with headquarters in Tempe, Arizona. Doug Parker, previous head of America West Airlines, is the chairman and chief executive of the merged company. But America West Airlines and US Airways will maintain separate operating certificates for the next two to three years.

US Airways sought bankruptcy protection for the second time in September 2004. Its first filing took place in August 2002 after a proposed merger with UAL Corp’s United Airlines was rejected by federal regulators.

MNA/Xinhua

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Dr Tint Swe Latt

As usual, World Diabetes Day for this year 2005 is going to be celebrated on November 14. With this article I would like to welcome this year World Diabetes Day.

World Diabetes Day is the Primary global campaign for raising public awareness of diabetes. It aims to inform the public of the causes, symptoms, complications and treatment associated with the condition. World Diabetes Day serves as an important reminder that the incidence and prevalence of diabetes is increasing all over the world and will continue to do so unless action is taken immediately.

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World Diabetes Day is celebrated every year on 14 November. The date was chosen as it is the birthday of Frederick Banting who, along with Charles Best, first conceived the idea which led to the discovery of insulin in October 1921. Insulin is a hormone produced from pancreas and it plays an important role in the pathogenesis of diabetes mellitus. It is also important medication for the treatment of diabetes mellitus.

Each year World Diabetes Day is centered on a unifying idea, a theme which is the focus of special attention. Topics covered in the past have included diabetes and human rights, diabetes and lifestyle, and the costs of diabetes. Since 2001 particular attention has been paid to diabetes complications. Recent and future themes include:

- 2002 Your Eyes and Diabetes: Don't lose sight of the risks
- 2003 Diabetes could cost you your kidneys: Act now!
- 2004 Fight Obesity Prevent Diabetes
- 2005 The Power of Partnership: 1+1=3

For this year 2005 the mean focus is on one of the common diabetic complications: Diabetes Foots and its consequence, i.e., amputations. The theme for this year is Diabetes and Foot Care: Put Feet First Prevent Amputations.

The activities carried out on World Diabetes Day vary from country to country and they are aimed to inform, educate but also provide enjoyment. The objective of this year's campaigns are to:

- inform people of the extent of diabetic foot problems worldwide
take action
- persuade healthcare decision maker that action is both possible and affordable
- warn healthcare decision markers of the consequences of not taking action

- * inform people with diabetes of the measures they can take to prevent foot complications.
  - Lower extremity amputations are usually preceded by a foot ulcer in people with diabetes. The most important factors related to the development of these ulcers are peripheral neuropathy, foot deformities, minor foot trauma and peripheral vascular disease. The spectrum of the lesions varies in different regions of the world due to differences in socioeconomic conditions, standards of foot care and quality of footwear.
  - Foot problems are common in diabetes patients. The importance of foot problems in diabetes is highlighted by the following data and facts.
    - Every 30 seconds a leg is lost to diabetes somewhere in the world.
    - Up to 70% of all leg amputations happen to people with diabetes.
    - In developed countries, up to five per cent of people with diabetes have a foot problem.
    - Foot problems are the most common cause of admission to hospital for people with diabetes.
    - In developing countries, it is estimated that foot problems may account for as much as 40% of available healthcare resources.
    - The direct cost of an amputation associated with the diabetic foot is estimated to be between US$30,000 and US$60,000.
    - Most amputations begin with a foot ulcer.
    - One in every six people with diabetes will have a foot ulcer during their lifetime. Each year 4 million people worldwide get a foot ulcer.
    - In most cases diabetic foot ulcers and amputations can be prevented. It is estimated that up to 85% of amputations could be avoided.
    - Significant reductions in amputations can be achieved by well-organized diabetic foot care teams, good diabetes control and well-informed self care.
  - Foot complications are one of the most serious and costly complications of diabetes. However, through a care strategy that combines prevention; the multi-disciplinary treatment of foot ulcers; appropriate organization; close monitoring, and the education of people with diabetes and healthcare professionals, it is possible to reduce amputation rates by between 49% and 85%. It is this objective that should motivate the advocacy work of those fighting to make a difference for those living with diabetes around the world.
  - I would like to take the opportunity to disseminate health education on diabetes foot to the diabetes patients, their families and relatives as well as to the public, by mentioning things to do and things to avoid to prevent foot complications in diabetes patients, in this article.
  - Things To Do
    - Check your feet daily for cuts, blisters, bruises or colour changes, swelling and open sores. Report them to your healthcare team without delay. Use a mirror to see the soles of your feet or, if this is difficult, seek help from someone else.
    - Always protect your feet. Wear suitable footwear inside and outside your home to avoid injuring your foot.
    - Check inside your shoes for stones, sharp objects and rough places before putting your shoes on.
    - Buy new shoes late in the day. This is because feet become more swollen towards the end of the day and you can be more sure that your shoes are not too tight and fit well.
    - Wearing socks can help to prevent injury. Make sure they are not too tight and wash them daily. Make sure they have no holes.
    - Always wash your feet with soapwater. Take care to wash between your toes. Dry your feet carefully, especially between the toes. Use oil or lotion to keep your skin soft.
    - Cut toe nails straight across and file any sharp edges.
    - Have your feet checked periodically by a healthcare professional.
    - Keep any wounds covered with clean dressings.

Things to avoid

- Avoid pointy-toe shoes, high heels, stilettos and strapless and backless shoes.
- Don't wear tight socks.
- When washing your feet be careful that the water is not hot enough to burn them.
- Don't use a heater or hot water bottle to warm your feet.
- Avoid Walking barefoot whenever possible. If this cannot be avoided because of cultural or religious reasons, you must be extremely careful and avoid the risk of burns from hot surfaces in hot climates.
- Never try to treat your own feet with corn medi-
cines or razor blades. Always seek help from a professional if you have a problem.
- Avoid becoming overweight.
- Don't smoke-smoking damages the supply of blood to the feet.
- Don't wear jewellery on your feet.
- Remember that even if foot problems are pain less they can still be serious.

Warning Signs

Everybody would accept the fact that prevention is better than cure. Accordingly, it is important to know the warning signs in order to identify the foot at risk. These include:

- Swelling of the foot or ankle
- Very cold feet or legs
- Colour changes; red, blue or black discolouration
- Pain in legs at rest or while walking
- Open sores, no matter how small
- Non healing wounds
- In-growing toe nails
- Corns and callouses
- Lack of hair growth on the foot
- Management of the diabetic foot

Needles to mention that the proper management of diabetes foot are equality important.

The ideal management for the prevention and treatment of diabetic foot problems includes:

- Regular inspection of the diabetic foot
- Identification of the foot at risk
- Education of people with diabetes and healthcare professionals
- Appropriate footwear
- Rapid treatment of all foot problems

It is imperative that we increase awareness among carers at all levels of healthcare services worldwide. It is imperative that we reduce the unnecessary suffering that foot complications can bring. It is imperative that we act now!
Education sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of higher education in the time of Tatmadaw Government

Courses conducted and increasing number of trainees for human resource development

In building the Union of Myanmar to be a peaceful modern and developed nation, human resource development programmes have been implemented throughout the country.

Now is the time of knowledge age and thus the government is placing emphasis on human resource development to be able to face the present day’s challenges.

In implementing human resource development programmes, Myanmar was able to implement e-learning programmes starting from 1 January 2001. It can be said that the implementation of e-learning programmes opens the door of future higher education system.

Applying network system in the higher education system shows the fact that the standard of Myanmar’s education system becomes high. These programmes contribute not only to formal education but also to non-formal education and inclusive education. These programmes were implemented under the collaboration between the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Information.

In the past, there was no human resource development programme, but in the time of the Tatmadaw government, these programmes have come into existence. The tasks to implement the programmes cover opening of e-education learning centres in universities and colleges in states and divisions, conducting courses covering a wide range of subjects with international standard and initiating department for human resource development.

Thanks to these endeavours, altogether 138,147 trainees have been attending the courses. Department for Human Resource Development in the higher education sector has been conducting Masters courses, degree courses, diploma courses and certificate courses and these courses benefit intellectual and intelligentsia who will build the country.

The table shows the number of courses and trainees for human resource development emerged in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

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Third leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour at Ayethayar Golf Resort

YANGON, 12 Nov—
The opening of the third leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd took place at Ayethayar Golf Resort in Taunggyi this morning.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Ye Myint and President of MPUA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) teed off to open the first day matches.

After the first day match, Zaw Zaw Latt of Srixon led the Professional Golfers with 72 strokes.

Myint Thaung of KM Golf Centre stood second with 75 strokes and Min Lwin Oo of Wilson and Aung Win of YCDC-Srixon third with 76 strokes each. Nay Lin Tun led the lead with 72 strokes in Amateur Golfers, Naing Naing Lin was the runner-up with 77 strokes and Nay Bala Win Myint the third with 78 strokes.

The main sponsor of the Golf Tour was Air Bagan Ltd and the official bank was KBZ Bank Ltd. The Co-sponsors were Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Myanmar Treasure Resort, Aden Group Co.Ltd, Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, Jade Land Myanmar Co.Ltd, Kachin Golfers Group, Srixon, Max Myanmar Co.Ltd, London, Imperial Jade Purified Drinking Water, Taunggyin Gem Master Enterprise (Hole-in-One sponsor) and Han Event Management organized the tour. The golf tour continues tomorrow.

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Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint tees off to open the third leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour. —MGF
Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends 10th Kathina robes offering ceremony of Sasana Zeya Mingala Pariyatti Monastery

Family of Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offers ‘soon’ to the Sayadaws. — MNA

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SPDC Office, Pyithu Hluttaw Office and President Office offer Kathina robes

YANGON, 12 Nov — The State Peace and Development Council Office, Pyithu Hluttaw and President Office held the 15th Kathina robes and provisions offering ceremony at Aletawya Sayawya Monastery on Dhamma Zedi Road in Bahan Township this morning, attended by Director-General of SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of President Office U Myint Thein and staff families.

The State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Vice-Chairman Thayet Sayawd Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Sadhammajotikadaja Agga Maha Kammathacinya Bhaddanta Kesaya delivered a sermon. Next, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win and wife donated Kathina robes and provisions to Aletawya Sayawya Monastery Presid- ing Sayawd Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ganda Malabhiivamsa.

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In respect of compiling the message, he called for reflection of the objectives especially for upholding and safeguarding the independence and sovereignty in union, and participation of the entire national people in translating the State’s seven-point Road Map with Union Spirit and patriotic fervour.

He said that the 58th anniversary Independence Day commemorative exhibition is to be staged with firm historic evidences and documents to depict development processes of the State after the independence and during the period of the Tatmadaw government so as to enable the new generation youths to realize the value of independence learning the historic events.

He instructed the officials to organize State Flag hoisting and salute ceremonies in Yangon, states and divisions, districts and townships on a grand scale mobilizing social organizations such as the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association. He underlined the importance of systematic security measures in carrying out commemorative activities at central, state and division, district and township levels.

The chairman also gave instructions on cleanliness, hygiene, and health care at Independence Day dinner and all celebrations in connection with Independence Day.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than...

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military officers, Tatmadawmen and their families at the local battalion in Yedashe and Yeni townships.

On 10 November, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Hwe, accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials, inspected the durability and extension of Taungoo-Leiktho-Loikaw road section and gave necessary instructions. Taungoo-Leiktho road section is being constructed by the Public Works and efforts are being made for timely completion. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with military officers, Tatmadawmen and their families at Leiktho local battalion.

On arrival at Leiktho Station Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than looked into the hospital and attended to the needs.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental personnel, social organizations and town elders at Leiktho BEHS and gave instructions on joining hands with the State in the interest of own communities.

Next, those present reported on the respective sectors and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than fulfilled the requirements.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivers an address in meeting with local farmers at Central Farm of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Mudon Township. —MNA

Objectives of the 58th Anniversary Independence Day

— All the national people to collectively safeguard the national independence and sovereignty of the State and ensure non-disintegration of the Union and national unity
— All the national people to unitedly strive with might and main for emergence of an enduring State Constitution for building a new modern and developed nation
— All the national people to work in concert for success of the seven-point Road Map of the State with Union Spirit and national spirit
— All the national people to make concerted efforts for building of a new discipline-flourishing democratic nation

The commander urged local farmers to seek advice and assistance from local authorities. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech saying that 70 per cent of the over 54 million people of the country’s population are engaged in agriculture services and thus farmers are to strive for national development through agriculture.

He urged farmers to put their energies into agriculture service because Mon State is favourable conditions for agriculture. He spoke of the needs of farmers to grow paddy as plans have been made to grow monsoon paddy on 1 million acres of land.

He also said that harmonious development of the industrial and the agricultural sectors will surely bring about national development. He urged farmers to apply advanced growing method using quality strains. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted farmers.

Harmonious development of...

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and presented K 200,000 for all-round development of the school through the township education officer and the headmistress. Lt-Gen Maung Bo also viewed learning of students at the school.

After inspecting Krump Rubber factory run by Myanmar Shweyin International Co Ltd in Thanyuzayat Township, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party went to the Central Farm of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Mudon. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party visited the exhibition of using of quality strain paddy to grow advanced paddy growing system.

At the exhibition, booths on preserving quality strain, growing of the strains, pilot project to use Shwemyinta organic fertilizer and other matters relating to agriculture services were displayed.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party met with local farmers at Kyawweya Hall at the farm. Officials reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party on producing quality strains, extended cultivation of new paddy strains and future plans.

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Resolutions and future work programmes laid down by the AGM are for regional development

Annual general meeting of USDA (2005) winds up successfully

YANGON, 12 Nov — The annual general meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (2005) successfully concluded at 11.10 am at the Pyidaungsu Hall of USDA central training school in Hmawby Township on November 7.

Present were Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo, Joint Secretary U Zaw Min, members of the secretariat, CEC members, secretaries of State and Division USDAs and delegates of State, Division, District and Township USDAs.

The meeting was presided over by Secretary-General U Htay Oo together with CEC members U Thein Aung and U Aung Thein Lin as members of the Panel of Chairmen.

He sought the approval of the nine tasks included in the report of CEC submitted to the annual general meeting of USDA and the meeting decided that the nine tasks were the future tasks of USDAs at different levels.

The meeting chairman announced that the seven objectives of the annual general meeting of USDA (2005) were put on record.

He also announced that the progress in implementation of the tasks of the State and Division USDAs within a year was put on record.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo announced that the findings of sector-wise discussions on organizational, management, economic, social, cultural and educational affairs and prevention against external and internal danger through people’s strength were put on record.

Next, the master of ceremonies reported on passing two resolutions, approved one matter and putting three matters on record.

Next, Secretary-General U Htay Oo delivered an concluding address. He said the AGM completed successfully in accord with the seven objectives, after the participants made discussions based on the practical implementations of the future work programmes laid down in 2004 to widen and enhance national development undertakings. At the plenary meeting and group meetings, delegates from all states and divisions made utmost efforts in presenting discussions based on the objective conditions. They were able to lay down plans for the present and the future after reviewing all the strengths and weaknesses to shape a better future.

The overall view of the discussions shows the accomplishments in increasing the membership strength and consolidating the organizational set up, raising the qualifications of the members through training programmes, systematic formation of the USDAs at different levels, explaining its lofty aims, basic principles and work programmes, work implementations and organization, the Association’s international relations, and carrying out the task of ensuring national development and stability with the seven objectives, said the AGM completed an concluding address. He also announced that USDAs within a year was put on record.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo announced that the seven-point Road Map and the plans to ward off dangers lashed out by internal and external vermin. Together with like-minded local people and organizations, the USDA seven-point Road Map were to be continued.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo presides over the meeting together with CEC members U Thein Aung and U Aung Thein Lin as members of the Panel of Chairmen.—MNA

Secretary-General U Htay Oo delivers a concluding address in annual general meeting of USDA (2005).—MNA

The Association will play its part together with the people in realizing the goal. And it is the national duty of all. Thus, all need to accept the duty and

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If Might is shown off without Right

— Today, in this world
Powers, who hew their path
All those who do not tread
The inequalities of the human world
Only the bad are spoken of
Repeatedly being said
Always even if you don’t want to hear
You have to hear it, hear it.

— Is Might Right ?
Or Right Might ?
Because of his word
You don’t have to be swayed

— If you pride in Might without Right
You will surely fall out of the precipice

— Only if Might is exercised with Right
Will you be able to do good
To the human world for long
In multiples
Will you be able to do it, correctly
There showing aside Right, priding in Might

In various ways and means
For that reason
Our place inside the Myanmar nation
Will never ever be shaken.

Po Wa (Trs)
Members of panel of chairmen chanting slogans at the close of USDA AGM-2005.  — MNA

USDA AGM-2005 passes two resolutions, approves one matter, puts three matters on record

YANGON, 12 Nov — The USDA Annual General Meeting-2005, held from 3 to 7 November at the USDA Central Training School in Hmawby Township passed two resolutions, approved one matter and put three matters on record.

The first resolution was that the meeting decided to follow the guidance of USDA Patron Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe given on the fourth day session on 7-11-2005 as a work guideline. The second includes the laying down of nine future work programmes of the USDA submitted on the first day session on 4-11-05. The nine future work programmes are as follows:

- The USDA is to work together to safeguard the peace and stability of the State and to build a developed country by upholding Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.
- The USDA is to follow the 12 political, economic and social objectives laid down for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation as the policy of the association.
- The USDA is to organize all national people to actively participate in their respective roles with Union Spirit for the success of State’s seven-point Road Map.
- The USDA is to guard against the dangers of internal and external destructive elements through united strength of the people.
- The USDA is to actively participate in successful implementation of the tasks for ensuring peace and stability of the State, strong national economy and uplift of national education that are basic infrastructures for shaping a discipline-flourishing and developing democratic nation.
- The USDA is to participate by doing their bit in successful implementation of the third five-year short-term project being undertaken by the State.
- The USDA is to consolidate the association and mobilize more members from all regions of the country.
- The USDA is to firmly consolidate the association while promoting developments tasks in rural areas through Five Rural Development Tasks.
- The USDA is to follow the guidance of the Patron of the association as a work guideline.

One matter on approval is that the meeting approved the report of USDA Central Executive Committee submitted on the first day session on 4-11-05.

Three matters on record include the objectives of the USDA AGM-2005 mentioned in the report of the CEC submitted on the first day session; the implementation of work programmes by states and divisions throughout the year, and the findings in the respective sectors such as organizational tasks, management, economic and social and cultural affairs and guarding against the dangers of internal and external destructive elements through united strength of the people.

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E-tourism can help developing countries keep tourism profits at home

The Internet offers a unique and distinct tourism activity that can help developing countries keep tourism profits at home, according to the United Nations report published on Thursday.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan stressed the need for member states to adopt comprehensive convention against terrorism, in a statement issued by the spokesman, Annan sent his condolences to the families of the bereaved and to the people and government of Jordan.

The agreement, signed by Minister of Communications and Works Harri-Thuasou and Pakistan’s High Commissioner to Cyprus Asma Anisah, is aimed at developing and improving cooperation between the two countries in the field of commercial shipping, said an official statement.

It will promote participation of ships from the two countries in transporting goods between them, cooperation to prevent problems that affect the development of sea commerce and employment and improve conditions at work as well as the welfare of seafarers, the statement added.

The agreement also provides granting facilities to ships from both countries and mutual recognition of certificates, avoiding delays at ports as well as granting assistance in case of maritime accidents, according to the statement.

YANGON GOLF CLUB “ANNUAL-AT-HOME & PRIZE DISTRIBUTION” Members, their families & guests are cordially invited.

Day & Date - SUNDAY, 20th November, 2005

Time - 12:00 Noon

Place - Yangon Golf Club

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 15th November, 2005 being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act. Central Bank of Myanmar

Argentina mulls lowering textile tariffs

BUENOS AIRES, 11 Nov—Argentina is planning to bring down textile tariffs in a bid to control the rising prices of clothing in the country, a senior official said on Wednesday.

Related government departments are studying measures to reduce tariffs to control the soaring prices of textile products, said Patricia Vaca Narvaja, Argentine Government under-secretary in charge of consumer protection.

The surge in prices of

US Govt hires Filipino lawyers to defend Marines accused of rape

MANILA, 11 Nov—The US Government has already hired two Filipino lawyers and is planning to hire more to defend the six US Marines accused of raping a 22-year-old Filipino woman, a government official said on Thursday.

Undersecretary Zosimo Paredes, Executive Director of the Presidential Communications Office (VFCOM), said there are already two Filipino lawyers who will represent the suspects.

One (the Lawyers) were presented to me in a conference at the US embassy. They were given 10 days to answer the summons by the Department of Justice,” said Paredes.

He said the US authorities plan to hire at least one lawyer for each suspect.

He said when he met with the US Marines, who are now under the custody of the US embassy in Manila, the latter assured him that they would appear in court proceedings. There was no indication to transfer them to another facility except in the Philippines,” he said.

Meanwhile, the US embassy in Manila denied reports that US officials have requested the transfer of the US Marines to their base in Okinawa, Japan.

Cyprus, Pakistan agree to boost maritime cooperation

NIKOISI, 11 Nov—Cyprus and Pakistan signed here Thursday their first ever maritime agreement to boost bilateral cooperation on commercial shipping.

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Train accident kills two in Finland

HELSEIN, 11 Nov—A train accident occurred at a level crossing about 480 kilometres southwest of the capital where a passenger train hit a cattle truck on Thursday, killing two in the railway spokesman said.

Nobody was hurt in the train which was travelling between Oulu in northern Finland and Helsinki. Passengers were transferred to buses to get to their destinations. However, two people on the truck were killed.

The railway line has been shut down and cleared after the accident, and rail services would resume later on the day, the spokesman said.

Argentine-American fashion tycoon冷库 imposed

BUENOS AIRES, 15 Nov—An Argentine-American fashion tycoon was arrested here Thursday in a probe of moves to evade taxes.

In a statement issued by the spokesman, Annan sent his condolences to the families of the bereaved and to the people and government of Jordan.

The Surge—General stressed the need for member states to adopt a comprehensive convention against terrorism as soon as possible,” Okabe said.

Three major hotels in the Jordanian capital of Amman were hit by explosions Wednesday night, killing at least 53 people and wounding over 100 others.
Wal-Mart, Metro to buy more from China

Shenzhen, 11 Nov — Wal-Mart, Metro and other international retailers will purchase more goods from China, a national procurement fair in south China’s Guangdong Province was told Wednesday.

Wal-Mart will spend $21 billion US dollars on Chinese goods this year, an increase of 20 percent over last year, said Wang Tieming, a senior consultant with Wal-Mart China Investment Co. Ltd. at the Fourth China Consumer Goods Procurement Fair (CCGPF) in Shenzhen. It has been in business contact with 20,000 providers in the Chinese Mainland, added Wang.

Metro group, Germany’s retailing giant, purchases about 64 percent of its overseas outsourcing goods from the Chinese market, said Lu Guoman, vice-president with Shanghai Jinjiang Metro Shopping Centre.

Besides Wal-Mart, some other multinational retailers like Carrefour, TESCO, B&Q and IKEA have also set up sourcing offices in Shenzhen, bringing their products standards and sales concepts to China.

Colombian police seize 3.14 tons of cocaine
Bogota, 11 Nov — Colombian police seized more than three tons of cocaine and arrested a suspected drug trafficker in the western coastal city of Buenaventura on Wednesday.

The 3.14 tons of cocaine was bound for Manzanillo, Mexico, before being shipped to the United States, said the anti-drug police. The drugs, packed in plastic bags, were hidden in a container to be loaded to a ship at a dock in the Pacific port of Buenaventura.

The suspect was charged with attempted smuggling.

Drug trafficking along Colombia’s Pacific coastal regions has been increasing in the past several months, said the police. Colombian President Alvaro Uribe has ordered the forming of a special force to fight against the crime.

Colombia is a major producer and exporter of cocaine. Last year, over 100 tons of cocaine was seized in Colombia.

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Those found guilty of a copyright violation could be forced to pay restitution to the owner of the material in question, and repeat offenders would face stiffer sentences.

“This legislation is a reflection of the sustained commitment on the part of the Bush Administration, including the Department of Justice, to ensure that we are doing everything we can to combat this problem,” Gonzales said in a Press release. A recording-industry trade group praised the bill, but a public-interest group, Public Knowledge, said the Justice Department should consider measures that would protect consumers’ fair-use rights as well. The bill has not yet been introduced in Congress.

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“The level of preparedness at the present time has allowed making several successful launches from positional areas, air and sea missile carriers. Early warning systems have timely detected all launches of Russian and foreign intercontinental ballistic missiles and carrier rockets,” Ivanov said.

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Sharapova edges Davenport to reach WTA semifinals

**Los Angeles, 12 Nov** — Defending champion Maria Sharapova beat Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 5-7, 6-4 to reach the semifinals of the WTA Championships late on Thursday.

While the loss was disheartening for Davenport, it didn't matter in the larger scheme of things. She had already qualified for the semis out of the Green group in the elite eight-woman round-robin competition.

“I knew before the match that I was in,” said Davenport. “It was a bizarre feeling walking out. It was hard. There are no ranking points, no extra money, nothing like that. That's a shame. But when I started losing, pride hit me.”

France's Amelie Mauresmo and Mary Pierce have qualified from the Black group.

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Clijsters, who came into the week hoping to seize the number one ranking from Davenport, can't reach the semis, handing the year-end top spot to Davenport.

Davenport finished the round robin with a 2-1 record, while Switzerland's Patty Schnyder and Russia's Nadia Petrova, who Davenport beat earlier, were knocked out of the competition.

Schnyder defeated Petrova 6-0, 5-7, 6-4 on Thursday, but finished with a 1-2 record, falling to Sharapova and Davenport.

Petrova holds a 0-2 record going into her Friday match against Sharapova, who has a 2-0 record, so the contest will be a formality.

**Totti rules out of Netherlands friendly**

**Rome, 12 Nov** — Italy forward Francesco Totti will miss Saturday's friendly against the Netherlands in Amsterdam after failing to recover from a pulled adductor muscle in his right leg, the Italian Football Federation said on its website on Friday.

The injury, which the AS Roma player suffered during a 2-0 Serie A win over Messina last Sunday, is also expected to keep him out of Italy's friendly against the Ivory Coast on 16 November.

Totti has been a key member of the Italy team since they reached the Euro 2000 final. In his absence Alessandro del Piero is expected to step into a three-man attack alongside Alberto Gilardino and Luca Toni. —MNA/Reuters

**Super Dan out of men's singles at China Open badminton**

**Guangzhou, 12 Nov** — Current world No. 1 Lin Dan of China was ousted from the men's singles competition at Friday.

Lin Dan lost to his teammate Chen Hong, another China top player, in straight sets 15-5, 15-8.

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Lin Dan, who had already qualified for the semis out of the Black group, lost to his teammate Chen after an error-strewn 69 under par 68 and Howell 43rd for third in the 18th. "My mind is a mess, but I have nothing to lose. It was hard. There are no ranking points, no extra money, nothing like that. That's a shame. But when I started losing, pride hit me." France's Amelie Mauresmo and Mary Pierce have qualified from the Black group.

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Davenport finished the round robin with a 2-1 record, while Switzerland's Patty Schnyder and Russia's Nadia Petrova, who Davenport beat earlier, were knocked out of the competition.

Schnyder defeated Petrova 6-0, 5-7, 6-4 on Thursday, but finished with a 1-2 record, falling to Sharapova and Davenport.

Petrova holds a 0-2 record going into her Friday match against Sharapova, who has a 2-0 record, so the contest will be a formality. —MNA/Reuters

**Seething Woods trails Britons in China**

**Shanghai, 12 Nov** — Britain's Nick Dougherty and David Howell shared the halfway lead at the Champions Tournament on Friday, two shots clear of a seething Tiger Woods.

Joint overnight leader Dougherty fired a four-under-par 68 and Howell carded a blemish-free 67 in the rain to go to 12-under 132 at the 5-million-US dollar event in Shanghai.

Woods birdied the ninth and made three straight from 13 but struggled mightily with his short game in the drizzly conditions at the Sheshan International Golf Club.

The American fluffed a bunker shot on the seventh hole, slipped as he climbed out of the sand, then smashed his golf bag with his club in fury.

He boycaged 16 after failing to clear a greenside bunker from the rough and had to hole a 20-foot putt for a miraculous save at the par-five 18th after finding the water with his second shot. —MNA/Reuters

**US hurdler Wade banned two years for doping**

**London, 12 Nov** — US sprint hurdler Larry Wade has been suspended for two years after testing positive for a banned substance, the United States Anti-Doping Agency website said.

The 30-year-old Wade tested positive for 19-norandrosterone, a banned steroid, in an out-of-competition test carried out on May 11, 2004 by the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF).

Wade, who finished fourth in the 110 metres hurdles at the 2003 world championships, is suspended for two years from May 12, 2004 and forfeits all competitive results and earnings since.

—MNA/Reuters

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2 Surrounding 2 Mountain range
3 Power of seeing 4 Mountain range
5 Body of boy scouts 10 Pharmacist
6 Rubbish 11 Mimas
7 Veracity 12 In what manner
13 English pottery 14 American state
15 Orient 15 Tottis with cold
18 Gratitude 18 Spasmodic jerk
21 Thread in candle 21 Practical joke
23 Margret (anag.) 23 English river
25 Stretching 25 Clergyman
26 Abnormally fat 26 Common grain food
27 Joint allowing door to open 27 US inventor
28 US inventor

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**CROSSWORD PUZZLE**

**China's Wei Ga fifts to break the clean and jerk world record during the women's 69 kg category at the World Weightlifting Championships in Doha, Qatar on 11 Nov, 2005. —INTERNET**

**MNA/Reuters**

**Hondurans Rafaela Argueta, centre, celebrates with her teammate after scoring during a qualifying match for CONCACAF U20 female world cup in Russia 2006 on 11 Nov, 2005 at Rommel Fernandez in Panama City, Panama. Honduras won 2-1. —INTERNET**

**MNA/Reuters**
Philippine residents warned against tropical storm “Ondoy”

MANILA, 11 Nov — Philippine disaster officials said on Thursday that tropical storm “Ondoy” could bring landslides and floods to Quezon Province southeast of Manila when it arrives Thursday night.

Rescue and relief equipment has been set in the towns of Real, Infanta, and General Nakar, which were hit by massive landslides when a strong tropical storm hit the area in December 2004, leaving some 1,000 people dead or missing, said Office of Civil Defence (OCD) Administrator Glen Rabonza.

Local officials in these towns were also given discretion to order evacuations in low-lying areas when necessary, Rabonza told a news conference in Camp Aguinaldo, the headquarter of the Armed Forces of the Philippines.

“Contingency plans are in place. We are asking them to take preventive measures so we can achieve zero casualty,” he said. “Don’t wait for the rains to worsen, especially at night, when it is hard to evacuate.”

Tropical storm “Ondoy”, which packs maximum sustained winds of 75 kilometres per hour, and gustiness of up to 90 kilometres per hour is forecast to make landfall in the easternmost province of Catanduanes from late Thursday evening to midnight, said Nathaniel Cruz, weather forecaster at the state-run Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical and Astronomical Services Administration.

ASLEEP IN JESUS

Saw Gibson Shaw

Age (64) years

Eldest son of the late (Saw Baw Shaw-Naw Jesse), of No (484) Lower Kyimyindaing Township, beloved husband of Naw Seld Mung (PAPRD-Retired), loving father of Naw Pa Pa Hwe and Naw Pa Pa Wah, elder brother of (Saw Nelson Shaw)-Naw Alvina, Saw Tennyson Shaw-Naw Jewel, was called to his Heavenly Home in Ghana (Africa) on 4th November, 2005 at 9:00 pm (Ghana Time).

Funeral Service will be held at Judson Church on Pyay Road, at 1:00 pm on 13th November, 2005 (Sunday), and thence the cortège will leave for Yayway Christian Cemetery for entombment.

Bereaved family

U San Myint and Daw Khin Khin Mya family of No 22, 13 Street, Lammawad Township, hand over K 100,000 for the three-storey hospital for the aged to Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board member U Chit Myaung, recently. — It

WEATHER

Saturday, 12 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunderstorms have been isolated in Mon State and Yangon Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Rakhine and Mon States, Tanintharyi Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Co Co Island (0.43) inch and Ye (0.12) inch.

Maximum temperature on 11-11-2005 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 12-11-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 12-11-2005 was 80%. Total sunshine hours on 11-11-2005 was (6.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 12-11-2005 were nil at Mingladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (102.60) inches at Mingladon, (101.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.46) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from North at (11:20) hours MST on 11-11-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the North Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 13-11-2005: Isolated light rain or thunderstorms are possible in Kachin State, Yango and Tanintharyi Divisions, weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thunderstorms in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-11-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Work together to organize Independence Day celebrations in Yangon, states and divisions on grand scale with full political essence

Central Committee for Observance of 58th Anniversary Independence Day (2006) meets

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addressing the meeting of the Central Committee for Observance of the 58th Anniversary Independence Day (2006). — MNA

YANGON, 12 Nov—The Central Committee for Observance of the 58th Anniversary Independence Day (2006) held a meeting at Komyinttha 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.

The Central Committee chairman in his speech said that the purpose of the preliminary meeting was to observe Independence Day celebrations throughout the nation with full political essence, calling for thorough coordination to take measures sector-wise, observe celebrations on a grand scale with security measures, and reflect the objectives.

To meet the goal, the Secretary-1 gave instructions on forming the respective subcommittees apart from the Central Committee to share duties and responsibilities. (See page 9)

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspect monsoon paddy plantations in Bago Division

YANGON, 12 Nov—Members of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, of the Ministry of Defence and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, accompanied by departmental officials, arrived at Wannahawdat Bridge between Yangon and Bago Division on 8 November.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe together with Bago Division PDC Chairman Southern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials inspected thriving of monsoon paddy plantations and progress of harvesting monsoon paddy on either side of the roads in Bago, DaikU, Nyangunglebin, Pyu, and Ottwin townships. In 2005-2006, over 1.6 million acres were put under monsoon paddy out of 2.8 million acres put under monsoon paddy in Bago Division (East). Among them, the harvest of 135,574 acres has been completed and arrangements have been made to harvest the rest.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe met with officers and other ranks and their families at the local battalion in Ottwin Station. Similarly, on 9 November, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Aung Htwe met with (See page 9)

Harmonious development of industrial and agriculture sectors will surely bring about national development

Lt-Gen Maung Bo tours Mon State

YANGON, 12 Nov—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-east Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, on 10 November, met with officers and other ranks in Thanbyuzayat Township and urged them to take part in regional development undertakings hand in hand with local people.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and the commander presented provided cash for the Tatmadawmen through officers and cordially greeted the Tatmadawmen.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo, next, proceeded to Basic Education High School (Branch) in Wekali Village (See page 9)