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

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

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

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**Senior General Than Shwe receives Chief of Army Staff of People’s Republic of Bangladesh**

YANGON, 28 Nov—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received the visiting goodwill delegation led by Chief of Army Staff of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeen U Ahmed, psc, and party at Zeyarthiri Beikman, Konmyinttha, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chief of Military Affairs Security Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr Mohamed Kharuzzaman and Military Attaché Brig-Gen Helal Uddin Ahmed.

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

**Tuesday, 29 November, 2005**

*Do mixed and double cropping all the year round*

Myanmar has favourable conditions for agriculture and a great potential for extending it. The government is also fulfilling all the requirements to boost the production of the agriculture sector by building dams and river water pumping stations.

Prime Minister General Soe Win, accompanied by responsible officials, visited the Hlaingchaung and Myaukyama supporting dams project sites in Pale Township during his tour of Sagaing Division on 25 November. In his meeting with responsible personnel at the briefing hall of the Myaukyama supporting dam project, the Prime Minister said that the government had built clusters of dams in various states and divisions and that it was necessary to supply as much water as possible to all the farmland.

The Hlaingchaung dam is being constructed in Pale Township, Sagaing Division, and on completion, it will be able to irrigate 1,000 acres of paddy and other crops. In the same way, the Myaukyama supporting dam is under construction in Pale Township and the Myaukyama dam was completed in the same township in 1998.

On completion, the Myaukyama supporting dam will be able to keep 99,000 acre feet of surplus water from the Myaukyama dam and mixed and double cropping will be able to be carried out on 12,000 acres of farmland.

The government is building dams of different sizes in different regions to be able to meet the cultivation capacity. In Sagaing Division, cultivated acreage can be increased due to the construction of river water pumping stations and dams including the Thaphanseik dam.

Moreover, as the region can extend the cultivation of summer paddy, it has seen self-sufficiency since 1999-2000. Now it has a surplus of 50 million baskets of paddy every year.

We would like to call on all those responsible to give special priority to sufficient supply of water in implementing dam projects and farmers to do mixed and double cropping all the year round by making the most of the dam water.

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**People’s Desire**

- Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

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**Chief of Army Staff of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeeen U Ahmed, psc and wife tour downtown Yangon**

**YANGON, 28 Nov—** The Bangladeshi goodwill delegation led by Chief of Army Staff of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh Lieutenant General Moeeen U Ahmed, psc and wife, accompanied by Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence, this morning, arrived at National Defence College on Shwedagon Pagoda Road here where they met Principal of the college Maj-Gen Moe Hein.

At the briefing hall, Maj-Gen Moe Hein extended greetings and explained the background history of the college and academic matters.

Next, Maj-Gen Moe Hein and Lieutenant General Moeeen U Ahmed, psc exchanged gifts, and the latter and party viewed round the college.

On arrival at the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road, the goodwill delegation was welcomed by Lt-Col Zaw Win and officials. Next, they were briefed on the salient points of the museum.

At 12.30 pm, the goodwill delegation arrived at Defence Services Medical Academy where they were briefed on the history of the academy by Rector of the academy Brig-Gen Min Thein. Later, Lieutenant General Moeeen U Ahmed, psc and Brig-Gen Min Thein exchanged gifts, and the former and party were conducted round the academy.—MNA

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**Myanmar athletes clinch one gold, four silver, three bronze in XXIII SEA Games**

**YANGON, 28 Nov—** Myanmar secured one gold medal, four silver and three bronze in XXIII SEA Games being held in the Philippines.

Swe Swe Thant clinched a gold medal in Nanquan event of women’s Wushu. Pa Pa claimed a silver medal in 10,000 metre race women’s Track and Field, Yin Yin Khine, a silver medal in 800 metre race women’s Track and Field, Maung Kyu, a silver medal in 50 metre pistol shooting event and Pyi Wai Phyo, a silver medal in Jianshu event of men’s Wushu.

**Myanmar delegation back from Singapore**

**YANGON, 28 Nov—** A 14-member delegation led by secretary Dr Saw Hla Tun, joint-secretary Dr Thin Ngwe Win, executive Dr Saw Mya Aung, Dr Aung Naung Oo, Dr Win Sithu and U Khin Maung Aye of Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association arrived back here by air today after attending the Asia Healthcare 2005 held in Singapore from 23 to 25 November.

**AGM of Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association on 2 December**

**YANGON, 28 Nov—** The fourth annual general meeting of Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association will be held at University of Nursing on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, on 2 December at 1 pm. All members are invited to attend the meeting whether they have invitation cards or not.

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**U Chit Myaung of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board accepts K 100,000 donated by U Soe Myint, Daw Khin Lay and family of No-14/C, Myayadan Lane, Yankin Township.**

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**All this needs to be known**

- Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- Do not be softened whenever appeased
Caribbean, Latam states to unite Chinese friendship societies

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Nov — Some 20 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean will unite their Chinese friendship societies into a new regional federation for friendship with China on Saturday, Guillermo Penfold, head of the Foundation to Develop Relations with the Chinese People, told Xinhua on Friday.

Penfold made the announcement here at the opening ceremony of the third conference of the Caribbean- and Latin America-China Friendship Societies. The two-day meeting is taking place at the headquarters of Banco de la Nacion in Buenos Aires, Argentina’s capital.

About 30 friendship societies from these countries were to formally launch the new federation at Saturday’s session, he said. Some 70 delegates will approve the new organization’s charter. They will also reaffirm the one-China policy and their support for China’s Anti-Secession Law.

Present at the ceremony were former Argentine president Raul Alfonsin and Cheng Siwei, vice-chairman of the Standing Committee of China’s National People’s Congress and head of the China-Latin America Friendship Association.

US Marine killed in bomb attack in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov — A US Marine was killed when a roadside bomb struck his vehicle in the town of Hit, some 150 kilometres west of Baghdad, the military said on Saturday.

“A soldier assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), was killed in action when his vehicle was attacked with an improvised explosive device while conducting combat operations against the enemy in Hit, 25 November,” the military said in a statement.

The name of the soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it added.

The death toll has brought to more than 2,100 the number of US military personnel who have died in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media reports. — MNA/Xinhua

Britain accused of creative accounting on budget

BRUSSELS, 27 Nov — The European Union’s top budget official accused Britain on Friday of using misleading figures and creative accounting to inflate the case for its fiercely disputed rebate from the EU budget.

In a sharp attack on the British EU presidency three weeks before a crucial summit on a stalled long-term budget for the 25-nation bloc, Budget Commissioner Dalia Grybauskaite said London misrepresented its contribution to Brussels’ coffers.

“It is not surprising that the British drive on the other side of the road and (did not) have the metric system,” the Lithuanian commissioner told reporters.

For 20 years, Britain had accepted the principle that Customs receipts were part of the EU’s direct revenues and did not count as national payments to Brussels.

“Now, the British Treasury integrates that and inflates its payments in an extraordinary way,” Grybauskaite said.

Similarly, Britain displayed “statistical creativity” by using the figures for budget commitments, not all of which are spent in any given year, rather than actual payments to make its net contribution appear bigger than it really was.

Car bomb hits police patrol in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov — A car bomb hit a police patrol on Sunday in west of Baghdad, killing at least two civilians and wounding four others, including a policeman, police source told Xinhua.

“The bomb exploded at around 7:15 pm (1615 GMT) in the Rabiaa Street in west of the city when a police patrol passed by,” the source said.

“Four cars including a police vehicle were damaged,” he added. Guerillas frequently target Iraqi police and army in a bid to topple the US-backed government. — Internet

Two Congressmen hurt in Iraq vehicle flip

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov — A military vehicle carrying three congressmen overturned on the way to the Baghdad airport, injuring two of them, the US Embassy said on Sunday.

Rep Tim Murphy, R-Pa, was airlifted to a military hospital in Germany for an MRI on his neck, and Rep Ike Skelton, D-Mo, was sent to a Baghdad hospital for evaluation, said Rep Jim Marshall, D-Ga, who was also in the vehicle but was not hurt.

Murphy is “bumped and bruised, but in good spirits,” his chief of staff, Susan Mosychuck, said Sunday. He will return home from Germany as soon as he’s cleared by doctors, she said.

Skelton spokeswoman Lara Battles said she believed Skelton was also doing well. She declined to comment further.

The politicians were riding in a convoy that was driving in the middle of the road, a common practice used by the military in Iraq to deter oncoming motorists. Shortly after dark, an oncoming tanker truck refused to yield, the embassy said in a statement.

New Zealand expresses support for Vietnamese WTO entry

HANOI, 27 Nov — New Zealand will support Vietnam’s entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO) and work to boost bilateral ties, visiting New Zealand Governor-General Silvia Cartwright said Friday here, according to local newspaper Vietnam News Saturday.

Cartwright said this is a response to Vietnam’s President Tran Duc Luong, who said he expected negotiations between the two countries for Vietnam’s WTO entry would be completed at the earliest.

Luong also thanked New Zealand for joining Official Development Aid (ODA) for Vietnam in 2007-2008, its promise to help the country prepare for and host the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit in Vietnam’s capital Hanoi next year, and its support for Vietnam’s accession as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for 2008-09.

They discussed key measures for strengthening friendly relations and cooperation between their countries, agreeing measures to promote cooperation in economy, trade, investment, education and tourism.

The two leaders also exchanged ideas about international and regional issues including the ASEAN-New Zealand Dialogue, East Asia Summit, APEC, WTO and the UN. — MNA/Xinhua

A man pulls his shirt as he mourns the death of his relative killed by a suicide bomber who drove his pickup into a crowded petrol station in Samarra, Iraq, on 26 Nov, 2005. — Internet

A British spokesman acknowledged differences between the figures which the government reports to Parliament and those published officially by the executive European Commission, but he said that was nothing new.

“The UK has not suddenly come up with a new method of calculation. We have been using the same accounting method to report to Parliament ever since we have been a member,” he said. — MNA/Reuters

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China informs UNEP, UNDP of Songhua River pollution

BEIJING, 27 Nov— China on Saturday informed the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) of the major pollution in northeast China's Songhua River.

Both the headquarters and their respective representative offices in China of the two UN agencies have been informed of the accident as well as measures the Chinese Government has taken to tackle the pollution problem, said China's State Environmental Protection Administration.

Information has also been informed of the two UN agencies of adventurism seemed to be softened so. The pollution slick, stretching more than 80 kilometres, is flowing pass Harbin, the capital of Heilongjiang Province, and is expected to reach Heilongjiang River in a matter of 12 days.

Rafsanjani pointed out that behaviour and approaches adopted at the IAEA seemed to be soft-tuned in its Thursday meeting in dealing with Iran's nuclear dossier, saying "wisdom ruled over the negotiating party and the uncalculated words were no longer to be heard". Voicing hope that "the traces of rationality" observed at the meeting would continue in the future, Rafsanjani said that Iran was ready for cooperation with the IAEA to clarify certain ambiguities but warned that it would "not tolerate bullying".

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IRAN HAILS IAEA MEETING AS FARSIGHTED

TEHRAN, 27 Nov— Iran's Expediency Council Chairman Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani hailed here on Friday an ongoing meeting of the UN nuclear watchdog as rational and farsighted, the official IRNA news agency reported.

"Wisdom, farsightedness, precaution and avoidance of adventurism seemed to prevail over the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Thursday meeting," Rafsanjani was quoted as saying.

The IAEA on Thursday decided to postpone the referral of Iran's nuclear issue to the UN Security Council in order to offer more time for a breakthrough of the issue.

Fourteen people were killed and 20 more injured in an earthquake measuring 5.7 on the Richter Scale on Saturday in a region between Jujiazhuang and Ruichang in east China's Jiangxi Province. An emergency work group sent by the State Seismic Bureau, together with one on the spot team arrived in the site of the quake by Saturday noon. The earthquake struck around 8:49 am Saturday, China National Seismic Observation Network said. The epicentre was monitored to be at 29.7 degree North Latitude, 115.7 degree East Longitude, according the sources.

Minor train derailment near Scotland's Inverness

LONDON, 27 Nov— A train derailed near the northern Scottish city of Inverness on Saturday morning, but the accident is not thought to be serious and there are no initial reports of casualties. Media reports said the train may have been derailed by a landslide caused by the severe blizzard conditions which have affected much of the area for the past day or so. "We do not have much information at present, but it is not thought to be too serious," Scottish police said.

Sky News said the train was the early morning Edinburgh to Inverness service and that it was not carrying many passengers.

Car bomb kills four civilians in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 26 Nov— A car bomb exploded near a passing US military patrol in Baghdad on Saturday, killing four passengers and wounding four others, Iraq's Interior Ministry said, but the US patrol escaped unharmed.

The bomb went off in Qahtan Square, a busy intersection of western Baghdad where there is a constant flow of traffic. Police said they believed the attack was carried out by a suicide bomber but that could not be confirmed.

There has been a surge in car bombs and suicide attacks by the Sunni Arab-led insurgency over the past week, leading to the deaths of more than 200 people, the vast majority civilians.

Many of the attacks have targeted the Shiite Muslim community, aggravating Iraq's sectarian conflict and pushing the country to the brink of full-blown civil war. The violence comes in the run-up to elections on 15 December, when voters will choose the country's first four-year Parliament since Saddam Hussein was overthrown in 2003.

Four foreign aid workers kidnapped in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 Nov— Four foreign aid workers—two Canadians, a Briton and an American—were reported kidnapped in Iraq, the latest hostage crisis to hit the violence-wracked country.

"We have received the reports and we are looking into the matter," a spokesman for the US Embassy in Baghdad told AFP. The British Embassy also declined to comment, saying it was investigating the incident.

It is not known exactly how many foreign aid workers remain in Iraq, but their number has been sharply reduced by a series of high-profile kidnappings of foreign charity workers in the country.

British-Irish aid worker Margaret Hassan was kidnapped in October on her way to work in Baghdad. The head of CARE International's Iraq operations was reported to have been executed by her captors a month later.
Argentine Vice-President seeks to boost exchanges with China

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Nov — Argentine Vice-President Daniel Scioli and a visiting senior Chinese official met here on Friday to discuss the cooperation between the two countries, Scioli told the Press.

The cooperation and exchanges in politics, trade and economy, technology and tourism between the two countries were intensified in 2005, thanks to the exchange of visits made by officials of both sides, Scioli said.

He also pointed out that China and Argentina's economies are highly complementary, especially in such areas as agriculture, infrastructure, energy and technology.

The Argentine Government hopes to learn from China's experience of deve-

Al Jazeera wants to see Blair about US bomb report

LONDON, 27 Nov — Arabic news channel Al Jazeera's general manager flew to London on Friday to demand the British Government explain a leaked report that US President George W Bush wanted to bomb the TV station.

The Daily Mirror newspaper reported recently that a secret British Government memo said Prime Minister Tony Blair had talked Bush out of bombing Al Jazeera's headquarters in Qatar in April last year.

"I have come to Lon-

don in order to reach out to British officials, to in-
vestigate about the memo that some claim exists during the past week," Al Jazeera managing director Waddah Khanfar told Reuters by telephone af-
ter his arrival in London.

"It is a matter of deep concern for all of us in Al Jazeera, and the Arab world and the media."

He said a delegation from the channel would deliver a letter to Blair on Saturday asking for an interview.

The White House has said the allegation that Bush wanted to bomb Jazeera is "so outlandish" it does not merit a re-


report that US President George W Bush wanted to bomb the TV station.

Britain's attorney general has warned other me-

dia that they can be pro-

secuted under the Official Secrets Act if they reveal anything else about the memo.

"It is of very deep concern not only to Al Jazeera journalists, but to people who trust Al Jazeera as the most credible source of information in the Arab world," Khanfar said.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia to buy more “Hercules” from US

JAKARTA, 26 Nov — Indonesia has decided to buy more Hercules transport planes over the next five to ten years as they are essential for supporting both military and non-military operations, the Minister of Defence Juwono Sudarsono said on Friday.

In his announcement, Juwono made an announcement to this effect on Friday following the US decision this week to lift its 14-

year military embargo against Indo-

nesia.

"The current threats (to domestic security) require rapid troop deployments," Juwono said. "The transport planes will also be of great benefit to the military (TNI) in carry-

ing out civic missions, such as to transport food, medicines and sup-

plies to areas hit by natural disas-

sters."

"We need to buy as many Hercules as possible because of the total of 24 trans-

port planes purchased in the past, only six are still operational," Juwono said.

"Unknown Three of the six transport planes were heavily used for relief efforts during last December's tsunami in Aceh that killed 131,000 people.

Juwono made his statement after holding a closed-door meeting with the US Ambassador to Indonesia, B. Lynn Pascoe, on defence issues.

MNA/Xinhua

Floods kill six, cause heavy damage in S Thailand

BANGKOK, 27 Nov — The southern province of Nakhon Si Thammarat and parts of Surat Thani in Thailand have been declared disaster areas as flash floods, triggered by heavy downpours, left six dead and vast areas heavily damaged.

Other southern prov-
ces hit hard by the floods include Chumphon, Phatthalung, Songkhla, Satun, and Narathiwat, according to local newspaper The Nation Saturday.

Residents in Nakhon Si Thammarat municipali-


ity woke up on Thursday night and scurried for high


rise and second floors of their homes,</r>

Baghdad, 27 Nov — A suicide bomber blew his vehicle up at a gas station in Samarra, some 120 kilometres north of Baghdad, on Saturday, killing three civilians and wounding nine others, a police source said.

"A suicide bomber driving an explosive packed vehicle entered a gas station and detonated his vehi-


MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi soldiers secure a neighbourhood south of the restive city of Baquba, northeast of Baghdad recently. — INTERNET
After the discussions, I was thinking that the nation will become a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state soonest because of the harmonious efforts of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw if there are no disturbances of destructive elements from inside and outside the country.
Agriculture sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of agriculture in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Being an agro-based nation, the Union of Myanmar is taking measures for development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well. The agriculture sector fulfills the food requirement of the citizens. It also contributes much towards their socioeconomic development and rural development.

It is safe to say that only a country with strong economy will be able to ensure peace and stability. Only when there is peace and stability in the country will it be possible to carry out tasks for economic development, uplift of education standard and other development undertakings harmoniously.

Therefore, emphasis is being placed on development of the agriculture sector which plays a fundamental role in national development. Three objectives, namely, paddy surplus, edible oil sufficiency and increased production of beans and pulses and industrial crops have been laid down and are being implemented for agricultural development.

Moreover, farmers are free to conduct agricultural business. They are encouraged to grow season crops and perennials on a commercial scale and participation of the private sector in distributing farm implements and other items.

With the five agricultural policies—reclamation of land, exploiting water resources for agricultural purpose, using mechanical power, promoting technology and developing quality strains—concerted efforts are being made for development of the agriculture sector of the State.

The agriculture sector plays a pivotal role in striving for national development based on own resources. In the past, the ratio of sown acreage to growing population remained disproportionate with no progress in cultivation capacity. But in the time of the Tatmadaw government, innovative measures are being taken not only for the existing population but for the posterity resulting in the growth of cultivation capacity.

The table shows significant progress made in the agriculture sector in the time of the Tatmadaw government.
The Prime Minister General Soe Win visits the first Saging Division computer technology show.

Prime Minister visits computer technology show, inspects Razagyo dam project in Kalay Township, Sagaing Div

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Teacherson Course on Reproductive Health opened

YANGON, 28 Nov—The Teacherson Course on Reproductive Health sponsored by Yangon West District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee was opened at No 2 Basic Education High School, Latha Township, this morning with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Khin-Thet Htay.

Next, Daw Khin-Thet Htay accepted donations—K 300,000 each by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Merchants Association, Myanmar Edible Oils Entrepreneurs Association and Yangon Market.

The donations include K 1,212,720 for operation charges, K 50,000 by the headmistress of No 2 BEHS, Latha. A total of 78 trainees are attending the one-week course.

Likewise, Secretary of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha and executives Daw Nilar Thaw and Daw Tin Tin Mya on 25 November attended the cash presentation ceremony for operation of cleft lip and palate patients.

The cash donations include K 1,212,720 for operation charges, K 400,000 for medical charges of 120 cleft lip and palate patients, K 1 million for Bago Division (West) and others.

Next, they attended the opening of the township level course on reproductive health jointly sponsored by Zigon Township MCWA and the UNFPA.

After that, they inspected the delivery room of Shwebyaung Township MCWA and the pre-primary school and attended to the needs.

The secretary and party on 25 November attended the cash presentation ceremony for operation of cleft lip and palate patients.

Notification of Fisheries Department

YANGON, 28 Nov—The Fisheries Department of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is taking systematic measures for development of the fisheries sector in accord with the Fisheries Law (Law No 24/89).

Under the law, the FD has already announced Notification No 3/2002 that export and import of live fish, aquatic plants and their seeds are to be conducted with the permission of the department in order to prevent the extinction of aquatic animals, local fish species, bio diversity and other marine lives.

Action will be taken against those who violate the provisions according to the Fisheries Law (Law No 24/89).

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Prime Minister and party proceeded to the Razagyo dam project site in Razagyo village, Kalay township, where they were welcomed by Brig-Gen Kyaw Lwin Oo and officials of Kalay Station.

At the briefing hall of the project, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on location of the dam that will benefit 6,500 acres of land and generate four mega watts; Director-General of the Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win on work programmes to be carried out at the project site; and Deputy Director-General U Win Zaw and Assistant Director U Than Tun on Construction-4 on progress in construction work. Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and officials reported on target date for completion of the project and irrigation system.

Later, the Prime Minister gave instructions on efficient use of water from the spillway and inspected the construction tasks there.

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Starting December 2005, full irrigation water supply for monsoon and summer crops cultivation and efficient use of water from the spillway and inspected the construction tasks there.

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Prime Minister meets officials of Tamu

YANGON, 28 Nov — Prime Minister General Soe Win, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, deputy ministers and heads of department left Yazagyo Dam Project site in Kalay Township for Tamu by helicopter on 26 November. They were welcomed in Tamu by officials concerned and local people. The Prime Minister met district and township officials, members of social organizations, town-selders and entrepreneurs, Chairman of Tamu District Peace and Development Council Lt Col Win Zaw reported on data of Tamu District, measures undertaken for urban and rural development. Power supply for rural areas, telephone calls, cultivation of ten major crops, sufficiency of rice and edible oil, arrangements for growing of rubber, implementation of the targets, export and import and education and health sectors. Departmental officials reported on requirements for education and health sectors of the township. In his discussions, the Prime Minister said he was glad to see the development of Tamu, a border town. Tamu has sufficiency of rice and edible oil and its per capita income is high. National development can be made through individual economic progress and township- and district-wise boosting production. New seasonal crops and perennials such as rubber are to be cultivated extensively according to the resources and climate. Export of surplus of agricultural and livestock breeding products is allowed if it does not harm local consumption. Therefore, local traders and entrepreneurs should extensively grow new crops that can earn foreign exchange and try to export them. He spoke of the need to do economic performance in accord with the prescribed laws and rules. Production or investment in economic undertakings should be done in groups after formation of companies or organizations rather than individually.

Next, the Prime Minister greeted those present. He went to 25-bed Tamu Township People’s hospital and inspected wards, medical stores and operation theatre. (See page 10)
Greater opportunities opened...

The Prime Minister and party observed the development of Tamu and visited Nanfarlon market. Deputy Director U Aung Soe Thein of Border Trade Department reported on amount of export and import between the two countries, items of export and import.

Deputy Director U Aung Soe Thein gave a supplementary report. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials explained trade and producing of goods with promising markets abroad.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein explained fish export business, and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Huay Oo quality control of agricultural products.

The prime minister explained the permission to freely transport, milling and distribution of crops including rice, rubber, sugarcane and cotton, speaking of the need to develop the border trade into normal trade. He then inspected the samples of exports and imports.

At Kalay Government Technological College, the prime minister and party heard a report on the main hall construction project of the college and progress in implementing it. The principal of the college explained academic matters and the number of students from Kalay and Tamu districts and Chin State attending the college.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that the government has been opening greater opportunities to pursue basic and higher education in the nation. Plans have already been made for students of Chin State linking both Sagaing and Magway divisions to pursue higher education.

Students of southern Chin state can attend institutions of higher learning in Pakokku region and those of the northern Chin State in Kalay. Thus universities and colleges in Kalay will help produce human resources in northern Chin state and Kalay and Tamu districts.

Greater opportunities opened...
Opening ceremony of teaching hospital (50-bed), main building of Institute of Dental Medicine (Yangon) held

YANGON, 28 NOV — In accordance with the Social objective — uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation, the opening ceremony of teaching hospital (50-bed) and main building of the Institute of Dental Medicine (Yangon) of Medical Science Department under the Ministry of Health took place at the institute in Thingangyun Township, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe.

First, rector of the Institute of Dental Medicine (Yangon), Prof Dr Bu Myint extended greetings.

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin then formally opened the teaching hospital and the main building of the institute.

Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the bronze plaque of the teaching hospital (50-bed) and wards of the hospital.

The commander and party viewed round Department of Maxillo-facial and Oral Surgery, laboratory, x-ray room, operation theatres, intensive care unit and wards of the hospital.

Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveils the bronze plaque of the teaching hospital (50-bed).—MNA

The hospital, three-storey building, is equipped with international standard lecture halls and research centre.

Also present on the occasion were Japanese ambassador Mr Nobutake Odano and officials, the directors-general, the rectors, the medical superintendents and others.

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MPF in cooperation with public expose and arrest those who committed murders

YANGON, 28 NOV—According to a duty-conscious person to the effect a foul smell was rife from the house of U Soe Tint on the second floor of No 49 on 25th Street, Pabedan Township at 11.45 am on 19 November, the authorities concerned searched the house where U Soe Tint, his wife Daw Thazin Win (a) Daw Saw Hon and their son Tin Zin Latt were found dead with stab wounds.

Pabedan Police Station filed the case under Section 302 of the Criminal Law.

Further information led to the arrest of Zeya Moe (a) David, 30, Kyaw Ko (a) Kyaw Ko Lwin, 23, and Khin Thida (a) Ei Ko, 21, wife of Zeya Moe who committed the crime, in Myawady, Kayin State, on 23 November.

According to the confession of the culprits, the murder was committed due to attempts made by Tin Zin Latt to foil the marriage between Zeya Moe (a) David and Khin Thida (a) Ei Ko.

In a separate incident in which Daw Shu Yin her daughter Dr Htet Htet Aung and maid Mar Mar Win of No 38, Thumimgalar Ward, Thingangyun Township were murdered, a gold coin taken from the house was exposed and retrieved from a pawnshop, and efforts are being made to arrest themurderer.

Likewise, three culprits including Zaw Moe who murdered Ma Nan Moe Hiwan, 18, of Room-301, Building-34, Thayagon Ward, Mingalar Taungnyunt Township on 6 October, were arrested 19 hours after the crime.

Maung Hlaing who stabbed to death Presiding Sayadaw of Myesayating Village Monastery, Hlegu Township U Khemavamsa, 74, at 8 am on 19 October, was arrested near Kyakikaoke Pagoda, Mingaladon Township, at 10.30 pm the same day.

Daw Thein Thein Aye, 50, of 11 Ward, South Okkalapa, was found dead with stab wounds at the junction of Yadanar and Bago River Streets in 59 Ward, DagonMyothit (Seikkan) Township, at 7.30 pm on 23 October. Upon investigation, Kaung Moe Kyaw (a) Moe Kyaw Mya Aung who committed the crime was arrested at his house of Gyogon Yeiktha, Insein Township, 24 hours after the crime, together with his vehicle that he used in taking and discarding the body.

Similarly, according to public information sources, authorities found a retired teacher, Daw Phwa May, 72, dead with a sarong wrapped up around her neck at No 299, Ward-2, Mayangon Township, at about 6 am on 28 October. It was exposed that the culprit was her nephew Kaung Kaung (a) Moe Kyaw Aung.

So far, the culprits of all the six cases except the case in Thingangyun township have been arrested with evidences and it was learnt the majority of the crimes were due to personal revenge or women affairs.

Even though such crimes happen rarely, there has shown no increase in major crimes if compared with those in previous years in Myanmar. The murder rate of Myanmar is very low if compared with those of other nations. In 2003 there broke out 764 murder cases in Myanmar, while 5,027 in Thailand, 846 in Vietnam, 5,735 in the Philippines, 1,635 in Indonesia, 26,276 in China, 1,452 in Japan, 1051 in the Republic of Korea, 37,170 in India, 15,980 in the US, 1,048 in England and 2,173 in France.

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Russia expects CIS to be more efficient organization

MOSCOW, 27 Nov— Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov told the Press on Friday that the reform of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) must be carried out, and the CIS will become a more efficient organization.

There were some statements detrimental to the fate of the CIS at present, and it is true that the organization is not efficient enough. However, all the CIS member states have agreed to further improve and reform the structures of the organization, which have greatly promoted the reform process. The final outcome, nevertheless, will still depend on the attitude of the member states towards the implementation of the agreements, he added.

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CEI expects to boost cooperation with EU

PRAGUE, 27 Nov— Heads of state of the Central European Initiative (CEI) on Friday expressed their hope to boost cooperation with the European Union (EU).

In a concluded two-day meeting in Western Slovak town of Piestany, 11 prime ministers, six vice-prime ministers or ministers from the member states and some representatives of international institutions discussed the prospect of EU enlargement and strengthened cooperation between CEI member states and the EU.

This meeting highlighted the importance of the CEI as a regional organization and the CEI will promote the European integration process, said Slovakia’s Prime Minister Mikulas Dzurinda at a Press conference after the meeting.

He said the participants of the meeting asked the CEI to place their observers in the European Commission, the executive arm of the EU. Meanwhile, they also demanded the establishment of a liaison group between the CEI and the EU.

The CEI was created in 1989, with the purpose to enhance cooperation between Central European nations, promote regional stability and lay a sound foundation for the European integration process.

It groups 17 members including Austria, Italy, Hungary, the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Poland, Slovenia, Serbia and Montenegro, Slovakia, Macedonia, Albania, Belarus, Bulgaria, Romania, Ukraine and Moldova.

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China celebrates success of its second manned space mission

BEIJING, 27 NOV — Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Saturday the perfect success of the Shenzhou VI mission is another important contribution by the Chinese people to the peaceful utilizing of outer space and will help drive up the Chinese nation’s spirit.

Hu made the remarks at a grand gathering at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing to mark the success of the Shenzhou VI manned space mission, which was the country’s first ever multi-person and multi-day manned space mission that proved to be perfectly successful.

During the gathering, attended by more than 3,000, taikonaut Fei Junlong and Nie Haisheng were awarded the title of “Hero taikonaut” and given medals for the achievements in the country’s landmark Shenzhou VI manned space mission.

“The successful manned mission of Shenzhou VI has displayed the great creativity spirit of China’s science and technology and bracing the spirit of the Chinese nation. Chinese President Hu Jintao awarded medals and achievement certificates to the two taikonauts,” a statement said.

The statement was a response to recent media reports that a mutated strain of bird flu had been found in samples taken in Cambodia.

“China has reported four human cases of avian influenza in 2005. There have been no new cases since the last reported case in April 2005,” a statement said.

The samples from the four Cambodian cases were sent to a WHO Reference Laboratory, which found that the viruses from Cambodia were similar to those detected in other countries in the region, the joint statement said.

“The Ministry of Health of Cambodia and the World Health Organization (WHO) jointly announced on Friday that no mutated strain of bird flu has been found in Cambodia.

The Ministry of Health of Cambodia and the World Health Organization would like to confirm that there is no evidence of a strain of avian influenza with significant mutations in Cambodia,” a statement said.

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“The viruses from Cambodia showed some minor changes, which are part of the normal instability of the virus,” it added. “However, there is no evidence of any major changes that make it easier for the virus to jump from animals to humans.”

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Indonesia says to begin making Tamiflu in three to five months

JAKARTA, 27 NOV — Indonesia will begin making the anti-viral drug Tamiflu in three to five months in preparation for more human cases of deadly bird flu, Health Minister Siti Fadillah Supari said on Saturday.

“In three to five months production will start,” Supari told a news conference, adding the country would likely appoint two state-owned companies to make the capsules.

The maker of Tamiflu, Swiss giant Roche AG, said on Friday it did not have a patent for the medication in Indonesia, adding the country was free to produce it for the local market.

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India plans to propose energy pact with China

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The two countries agreed to set up a working group to figure out possible areas of cooperation at a bilateral meeting held here Saturday, Aiyar said.

The Petroleum Ministry will hold a meeting with Indian state-owned oil and gas companies Monday to solicit their opinion on cooperation with the four major Chinese oil and gas companies, he said.

“Around four to five MoUs (memorandum of understanding) are expected to be signed during my visit to China in January,” he said. MNA/Xinhua

Phuket’s tsunami sirens fail to sound in test

BANGKOK, 27 Nov — Three tsunami warning towers set up at Patong beach in Thailand’s famous southern resort province of Phuket have undergone initial tests, but their sirens failed to activate properly.

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**Juve keep sweet taste over Milan with victory**

**MILAN, 28 Nov.—** Champions Juventus maintained their five point lead in Serie A with goals from Adrian Mutu, David Trezeguet and substitute Alessandro del Piero giving them a 3-1 home win over Treviso on Sunday.

Trezio had taken the lead through Francesco Parravicini before Fabio Capello's side took control.

Juve are on 36 points from 13 matches with second-placed AC Milan, who beat Lecce 2-1 on Saturday, on 31 points and third-placed Fiorentina, who are at AS Roma later on Sunday, on 28 points.

Uruguayan Alvaro Recoba and Argentine Esteban Cambiasso were on target for Inter Milan in their 2-1 win at Messina while Udinese enjoyed a 2-1 victory at Parma.

Lazio came from behind to win 3-2 at Empoli while Cagliari picked up their first victory of the campaign with a 2-0 win over Sampdoria — both goals coming from Honduran striker David Suazo.

Parravicini gave Juve a shock in the 25th minute, firing home a low shot past Francesco Toldo. Juve went 2-1 up in the 38th minute through from the left flank from Francesco Galeoto.

Mutu doubled Juve's lead on 25 minutes, firing home a low shot past the helpless Michael Toldo. Mutu scored his fourth goal in five matches.

Del Piero made it 3-1, eight minutes from the end, from close range after another fine cross from Ibrahimovic.

Inter got off to a good start in Sicily and Recoba volleying home a perfectly weighted cross from Serbian midfielder Dejan Stankovic and they could have had another in the 29th minute when Brazilian striker Adriano missed a simple chance — heading wide from close range. the second goal had to wait for over 40 minutes with a spectacular shot from Fabio Grosso in the 70th minute.

Enduring England midfielder Boateng, right, during their English Premier League soccer match at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium, on 27 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

**Premier League match reports**

**LONDON, 28 Nov.—** Brief reports from English Premier League matches on Sunday:

**Middlesbrough 2 — West Bromwich Albion 2**
West Brom followed up their drubbing of Everton with a well-earned point at the Riverside to edge two points clear of the relegation zone.

Australian striker Mark Viduka gave Middlesbrough a 12th-minute lead but Nathan Ellington equalized and Nwankwo Kanu put West Brom in front with a good finish on the counter-attack. Kamu's Nigeria international teammate Yakubu Aiyegbeni levelled from the penalty spot for Boro in the 60th minute.

**West Ham United 1 — Manchester United 2**
West Ham's first attack as they hit United on 27 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET with victory

**Chelseas charge 11 points clear after Wigan slip**

**LONDON, 28 Nov.—** Champions Chelsea stretched 11 points clear of their Premier League rivals when they won 2-0 at managerless Portsmouth on Saturday and Wigan Athletic lost 2-1 at home to Tottenham Hotspur.

Wigan's defeat allowed Arsenal to take advantage of the Londoners' title challenge and with.apply power up to second place after a 3-0 home victory over Blackburn Rovers but Chelsea remain the side to catch after Hernan Crespo and Frank Lampard, with a penalty, secured the points at Fratton Park.

Jose Mourinho's team, who have lost only once in the league all season, have 37 points from 14 games, with Arsenal on 26 from 13 games and Wigan slipping to third on 25 points from 13. Enduring England midfielder Boateng, right, during their English Premier League soccer match at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium, on 27 Nov, 2005.—INTERNET

**Everton, Fulham pull away from drop zone**

**LONDON, 28 Nov.—** Defender Joseph Yobo hauled Everton out of the Premier League relegation zone with the only goal in a 1-0 win over Newcastle United and Fulham also soared clear of trouble with a 2-1 win over Bolton Wanderers on Sunday.

Newcastle, missing injured England striker Michael Owen, who had piled on the first-half pressure at Goodison Park but Nige- rian Yobo nodded home from a Mikael Arteta corner just a minute after the break.

Everton then squandered two great chances that fell to James Beattie and Tim Cahill before holding on for the win. Fulham, who had been just two points above the drop zone, turned in a low cross from American striker Brian McBride at Craven Cottage.

There was some late drama, though, with Fulham midfielder Sylvain Legwinski scoring a 90th-minute own goal and Bolton's El Hadji Diouf being shown a second yellow card, apparently for dissent, after the whistle had blown and effectively getting sent off. The victories saw Fulham move up to 14th place on 15 points, while Everton edged out of the bottom three to 16th place on 13. West Bromwich Albion, who were playing at Middlesbrough, marked his 160th consecutive league game — a Premier League record — with a typically assured penalty in the 67th minute after wriggling teammate Joe Cole was tripped in the area.

Lampard, who had been just 11th of the season, made him the Premier League's top scorer, and it finished off limited Portsmouth who sacked manager Alan Perrin this week. Argentine striker Crespo, who later came off with a back injury, poached Chelsea's opener when he diverted in a Paulo Ferreira shot after 27 minutes.

Despite his side's solid display Jose Mourinho was not happy with the fact that Chelsea had to play so soon after Wednesday's Champions League win at Anderlecht.

"We played Wednesday in Brussels, two days after we had to be here in Portsmouth to play a big game," Mourinho told Sky Sports. "Man United played on Tuesday and have a rest until tomorrow.—MNA/Reuters

**Panathinaikos close gap on leaders Olympiakos**

**ATHENS, 28 Nov.—** Panathinaikos moved to within a point of leaders Olympiakos Piraeus on Saturday when they beat fellow title challengers Xanthi 2-1 at the Olympic Stadium.

Panathinaikos join second-placed AEK Athens on 23 points, one point behind Olympiakos who host Iraklis on Monday. AEK can go top, at least briefly, with a win at Levadiakos on Saturday.

In a hard-fought game that saw 10 yellow cards flashed out, all the goals came in the first half. Croatian midfielder Srdan Andric put Panathinaikos ahead in the 31st minute but Alexandros Garpazos levelled for Xanthi in the 35th.

Three minutes before halftime, Angelos Mantzioris put Panathinaikos back in front and turned out to be the winner when he netted his fifth league goal of the season.

**Dindane double helps Lens to spectacular win**

**PARIS, 28 Nov.—** Two goals from Ivory Coast striker Aruna Dindane helped Racing Lens overcome Paris St Germain 4-3 in a spectacular Ligue 1 match at the Parc des Princes on Sunday.

PSG, who paid a heavy price for a shaky defensive display, drop two spots to fourth in the standings, 13 points behind runaway leaders Olympique Lyon.

Olympique Marseille recovered from a goal down to beat Monaco 2-1 at home and move two places up to ninth after Sunday's late game.

Champions Lyon, chasing an unprec- edented fifth successive title, made sure of reaching the halfway stage in first place when they snatched a 1-1 draw at lowly Nice on Saturday.

Lyon are on 46 points from 16 games, 11 points clear of second-placed Auxerre, and will enter the winter break in top spot whatever the outcome of the three league matches left before the end of the year.

Lens, who climbed three places to

sixth following their win, opened the five point lead in Serie A with goals from Adrian Mutu, David Trezeguet and substitute Alessandro del Piero giving them a 3-1 home win over Treviso on Sunday.

**Livorno draw 0-0 with Chievo at home**

**MILAN, 28 Nov.—** Fifth-placed Livorno were held to a goalless draw by Chievo Verona in Serie A on Saturday and Chievo, sixth-placed after the break, finished 2-1 down to Inter Milan.

Livorno's defender Fabio Galante hit the cross-bar in the 54th minute and striker Cristiano Lucarelli had his strike on target ruled out for offside. Lucarelli then had a penalty against the bar after a great run and cross from Brazilian wing-back Cesar Prates in the 82nd minute.—MNA/Reuters
China becomes largest target of S Korea’s investment

NANNING, 28 Nov — China has become the largest target of investment from South Korea, according to information from the 9th East Asian Economic Cooperation Forum.

As of June this year, China attracted a direct investment of 28.7 billion US dollars from South Korean investors, said Xu Changwen, head of the Asian-Pacific Study Centre of the International Trade and Economic Cooperation Institute under the Ministry of Commerce.

According to a survey by a South Korean union concerning trade and economics, 60 per cent of South Korean investors are satisfied with their businesses in China and consider China their first choice of investment.

MNA/Xinhua

Relief under way for victims of fire gutting 1575 homes in Hline Township

YANGON, 28 Nov — A fire razed 1575 homes in a ward with narrow lanes and mostly small wooden and bamboo-walled houses in Hline Township today, leaving 1,962 families homeless.

The fire started from the house No 21 on 7th Panchan Kyauang Street in Ward 13 in Hline Township at about 12.15 pm due to negligence and it spread to other buildings before it died down at 3.15 pm.

Although fire engines and officials concerned arrived at the scene as soon as the fire broke out, narrow lanes denied fire engines’ easy access to the ward to extinguish the blaze which burnt down houses that were closely built.

There were no human deaths, but a detailed list of property damage is not yet known.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Li Gen Myint SWE, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Deputy Minister for SWRR Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and officials rushed to the ward, and oversaw the fire fighting and arranged relief measures.

Relief centres are set up at Hline Township Gymnasium, No 7 Basic Education Middle School and Panditayama Paraytti Monastery, where personnel concerned are providing accommodation, food, clean water, health care services and social requirements for fire victims.

The departments concerned have warned the public against the occurrence of fires due to negligence or other causes as it is now in the open season. — MNA

WEATHER

Monday, 28 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunderstorms have been isolated in Yangon Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Yangon Division.

Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin, Shan, Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant night temperatures were Hakha (1°C) and PynyOoIwin (4°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Coco Island (3.54) inches.

Maximum temperature on 27-11-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 28-11-2005 was 63°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 28-11-2005 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 27-11-2005 was (7.1) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 28-11-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (102.60) inches at Mingaladon, (101.77) inches at Kaba-Aye and (106.46) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 27-11-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09-30) hours MST today, the low pressure area over Southeast Bay has intensified further into a depression with its centre about (290) miles southwest of Port Blair, India. It forecast to move west or (southwest) wards. Weather is cloudy in South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 29-11-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Yangon and Tannithayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Strong easterly wind with moderate to rough sea are likely at times. Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Tannithayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30) to (35) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of night temperatures in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-11-2005: Partly cloudy.


Storm News

(Issued at 11:30 hrs MST on 28-11-2005)

According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, the depression over Southeast Bay of Bengal has moved to the west and centred about (90) miles southwest of Port Blair, India. It forecast to move west (or) northwest wards.
Prime Minister sends message of congratulations to Sri Lankan counterpart

YANGON, 28 Nov—General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Ratnasiri Wickramanayake, Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka, on the assumption of the office of the Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka on 21 November 2005. —AFNA

Central Organizing Committee of MWVO holds regular meeting 6/2005

YANGON, 28 Nov — The regular meeting 6/2005 of Central Organizing Committee of Myanmar War Veterans Organizations was held at MWVO Headquarters in Mayangon Township this evening with an address by Chairman of Central Organizing Committee of MWVO Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Sagaing Division PDC Chairman North West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC office and departmental heads.

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Prime Minister visits computer technology show, inspects Yazagyo dam project in Kale Township, Sagaing Div

YANGON, 28 Nov — Prime Minister General Soe Win inspected newly constructed Union Road in Monywa, Sagaing Division, by car in the morning on November 26. He was accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Sagaing Division PDC Chairman North West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC office and departmental heads.

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