Entrepreneurs urged to cooperate each other to seek ways and means for development of sericulture

Prime Minister tours Sagaing Division, Chin State

YANGON, 30 Nov
— Prime Minister General Soe Win met with departmental officials of Kale and Mawlaik Districts at the Kale Station meeting hall in Kale on 27 November morning.

Also present on the occasion were 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, ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads, senior military officers of Kale Station, members of social organizations and local people.

Kale District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Aung Moe Myint and Mawlaik District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Sein Ya reported on agricultural tasks, rice and edible oil sufficiency, education, health, development tasks and requirements.

The Prime Minister heard reports on education and health matters by Phaungbyin, Mawlaik, Kale, Kalewa and Mingin Township PDC Chairmen, and explained review and implementation of education promotion tasks and uplift of health care services joining hands with local people and social organizations.

Next, the Prime Minister and party flew to Tonzang in Chin State from Kale. They were welcomed by Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Col Tin Hla and departmental officials, students and local people.

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PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 1 December, 2005

Strive for perpetual existence of the Union

The Union of Myanmar is an independent and sovereign nation where all the national brethren have been living in unity and amity from time immemorial. A long history of our nation shows that our forefathers had always defended and safeguarded our motherland by unitedly and bravely fighting all her enemies. The result is that it can still stand proudly as a sovereign nation.

It was due to the national unity that we managed to win back independence and sovereignty. Therefore, the Union Day anniversaries are held every year with the aim of strengthening Union Spirit. A coordination meeting on the observance of the 59th Anniversary of Union Day was held on 29 November and it was attended by Chairman of the Central Committee for Observance of the 59th Anniversary of the Union Day Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

In his address at the meeting, Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the 59th Anniversary of Union Day should be celebrated with full political essence and the celebrations should be aimed at highlighting the tradition of the national people living in unity and amity throughout history.

The 59th Anniversary of Union Day for 2006 is going to be observed with the following objectives:

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

As more than 100 national races have been living together for ages, their national unity and Union Spirit has become stronger with the passage of time. They are now working together for regional and national development. Moreover, armed groups of national races who have returned to the legal fold are also taking part in these regional and national development endeavours.

We would like to call on all the national brethren of the Union to work for its perpetual existence by translating the objectives of the 59th Anniversary of Union Day 2006 into reality.

Cash donated to International Day of Disabled Persons

YANGON, 3 Nov — A cash and medicine donation ceremony was held by the International Day of Disabled Persons was held at International Business Centre in Kamayut Township this morning. It was attended by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Hwa, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyin Mint, Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department, Director-General U Myint Tun of Fire Services Department, guests and wellwishers.

Minister Maj-Gen Sein Hwa accepted cash amounting to K 9,868,560 and FEC 4,800 including K 910,000 and FEC 2,400 by Country Representative of World Vision (Myanmar) Mr Roger Walker; K 1 million by Dr Tin Soe Lin and wife Daw Pwint Mar Khaing (Shwepazun); K 2 million and FEC 2,400 by Thiri Thadhamma Thengi Daw Aye Myat Nwe (Bagan Hotel); K 505,000 by U Maung Maung, U Maung Maung, Sein and brothers (Great Wall traditional medicine); K 500,000 by U Soe Thein (Dhana Aung Group Production Ltd) and Deputy Director Daw Khin Cho Oin of Attorney-General’s Office, MWAF, MMCW and other wellwishers.

The ceremony was ended with the concluding remarks by Minister Maj-Gen Sein Hwa.

Country Representative of World Vision (Myanmar) Mr Roger Walker presents 9,868,560 and 2,400 FECs to Minister Maj-Gen Sein Hwa. — SWD

Ambassador of PRC calls on PBAURDA Minister

YANGON, 30 Nov — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt this afternoon received Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu at the ministry here.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on development of border areas and national races, opium-substitute businesses for development of rural region, and bilateral cooperation in elimination of narcotic drugs.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for PBAURDA Col Tin Ngwe, Director-General of the Department for Progress of Border Areas and National Races U Than Swe, Director-General of the Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint, Director-General of the Education and Training Department U Than Win and officials. — MNA

Women’s Soccer Event of XXIII SEA Games:

Marlar Win’s hat-trick sails Myanmar into final

YANGON, 30 Nov — The women’s football event of the XXIII SEA Games for 2005 continued at Marikana of the Philippines at 4 pm local time today.

In the fourth match of the group, Myanmar selected women’s team beat host Philippines women’s team 3-1.

Marlar Win scored an opening goal in the 20th minute of the first half. Then, the Myanmar women led the first half with their opening goal.

In the 20th minute of the second half, Myanmar women’s team was rewarded with one more goal of Marlar Win. Four minutes later, Marlar Win added a third as a hat-trick for her team.

Myanmar women’s team cruised into the final with 12 points in four wins of the four group matches. Myanmar women’s team will play against its runner-up in the final match at 5 pm local time on 3 December. — MNA

Fourth leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour on 27-30 Dec

YANGON, 29 Nov — The fourth leg of 2005-2006 Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour and Pro Qualify to be organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd will be held from 27 to 30 December at Bagan Resort Golf in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Division.

The tour will be divided into two categories— professional level and men’s amateur level (Handicap 0-12). Those wishing to take part in the tour are to register at Bagan Resort Golf Club not later than 4 pm on 23 December or contact telephone numbers 09-9977554 and 01-542989.

The main sponsor of the Golf Tour will be Air Bagan Ltd and the official bank is KBZ Bank Ltd. The co-sponsors will be Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Myanmar Treasure Resort Hotel, Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, Srixon, Jade Land Myanmar Co Ltd, Kachin Golfers Group, Max Myanmar Co Ltd, London, Imperial Jade Drinking Water and Bagan Resort Golf Club.

Han Event Management will organize the tour. Those who wish to enter professional golfers level from amateur level will have to take part in Pro Qualify events to be held from 24 to 25 December at Bagan Resort Golf. — MNA
**American analyst deemed security threat to Indonesia**

Justice Minister Hamid Awaluddin also said the decision to stop Sidney Jones, Indonesia director of the Brussels-based International Crisis Group (ICG), from entering Indonesia had been based from intelligence and police information.

“The information and thoughts from various departments conclude that Sidney Jones is being barred to enter Indonesia for our security,” Awaluddin told a news conference.

“We are not talking about security in a physical sense but security in relation to the stability of our life form of public opinion,” Awaluddin said without elaborating.

Jones, a long-time resident, speaks fluent Indonesian and is a leading analyst on Indonesian affairs, especially on the Jemaah Islamiah terrorist network, a regional offshoot of al-Qaeda. She is quoted frequently in foreign and domestic media.

She was barred from entering Indonesia last Thursday after arriving from a short trip to Taiwan where she had accepted an award from Time magazine on behalf of the ICG for its work on conflict prevention and resolution.

Jones was expelled in June 2004 under a different administration after a series of hard-hitting reports on terrorism in Indonesia.

In July this year, she was allowed back to live in Indonesia. The ICG has condemned the latest expulsion.

**Iranian FM defends country’s nuclear right**

Moscow, 29 Nov — Iran does not envisage having nuclear defence capability but sees running a civilian nuclear programme as its legitimate right, Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said on Monday.

“Iran is against the production or storage of nuclear arms. We are supporters of nuclear arms elimination the world over,” Mottaki said after talks with his Azerbaijani counterpart Elmar Mamedyarov in Baku, capital of Azerbaijan, according to the ITAR-TASS news agency.

“There is no force capable of stripping us of the right to work on this programme,” Mottaki said. “We use the nuclear programme exclusively for peaceful purposes.”

The United States accuses Iran of seeking nuclear weapons under the guise of a civilian nuclear programme. Iran, however, says its nuclear programme is dedicated exclusively to power generation.

**EU states that hosted CIA jails could face sanctions**

**Iraq bomb kills two US soldiers near Baghdad**

Baghdad, 30 Nov — Two US soldiers were killed today in Iraq when their patrol hit a roadside bomb north of the capital, Baghdad, the military said.

The soldiers were part of the coalition’s Task-Force Baghdad unit, the military said in an e-mailed statement. No further details were available.

The US military and Iraqi government have said guerrillas are trying to disrupt the country’s National Assembly elections, scheduled for 15 Dec. Kidnappers are holding at least four people, including a German archaeologist seized on 25 Nov, and two Canadians, an American and a British civilian taken 26 Nov.

As of 10 am New York time yesterday, a total of 1,649 members of the US military had been killed in action in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion, according to the Department of Defence. Including those who have died from other causes, such as illness and vehicle accidents, the death toll is 2,106.

As many as 30,559 Iraqi civilians have died as a result of the invasion and subsequent violence, according to a tally by Iraq Body Count, a London-based group that opposes the war and compiles its casualty toll from English-language media reports and official statements.
China’s Vice-Premier makes phone calls to villagers

BEIJING, 29 Nov — Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju on Sunday made a telephone call to an on-the-spot meeting on telephone reaching village, congratulating on the use of telephone in 96 per cent of Chinese villages.

The Ministry of Information Industry on Sunday announced that up to now, China’s 96 per cent of administrative villages, or 49,000 villages, have access to telephone, at an on-the-spot telephone-reaching-village meeting, held in Yan’an City of northwest Shaanxi Province. Huang spoke highly of the achievement via telephone and required the departments concerned to further improve rural communication facilities.

He said China entered a crucial period of building a well-off society in an all-round way. The fifth plenary meeting of the 16th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) had put the work of formation Industry on Sunday dealing with issues relating to agriculture, rural areas and farmers on the top of work agenda. Speeding up the construction of rural communication facilities is one of the important measures to solve the issues on agriculture, rural areas and farmers, an important responsibility for governments and an obligation for communication departments, he said.

“Over recent years, rural communication development made great progress, as more than 40,000 administrative villages have telephones. The use of telephone will help farmers broaden horizon and have easy access to information,” Huang said.

WHO apologizes for missing AIDS treatment target

LONDON, 29 Nov — The World Health Organization apologized on Monday for missing its target to get three million people in poor countries in life-saving AIDS drugs by the end of 2005.

In a ceremony presided over medical and ambulance services.

The agreement, which comes one week before the expected adoption of a new initiative, many more countries had joined the programme and provided access to AIDS drugs.

WHO’s HIV/AIDS director, the director of the WHO’s HIV/AIDS department, admitted that the WHO had not moved quickly enough to meet its ambitious “3 by 5” target.

“I have to say that I’m personally extremely disappointed in myself and in my colleagues because we have not moved quickly enough — we have not saved enough lives,” Kim told the BBC.

The WHO and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) had hoped to provide three million of the six million people in the world who need treatment with antiretroviral drugs this year.

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HANOI, 29 Nov— The construction of Vietnam’s first oil refinery officially began in central Quang Ngai Province on Monday morning.

In May, the state-owned Vietnam Oil and Gas Corporation signed the construction contract with a consortium led by France’s Technip Conflexip. Vietnam exported nearly 15 million tons of crude oil valued at over 6.2 billion dollars in the first 10 months of this year, down 7.2 per cent in volume but up 33.5 per cent in value against the same period last year. Meanwhile, it imported over 9.6 million tons of petroleum products worth roughly 4.2 billion dollars, posting respective rises of 4.7 per cent and 43.1 per cent, according to the country’s General Statistics Office.

A man ice-fishes in the frozen River Amur near the Siberian city of Khabarovsk on 27 Nov, 2005. Thousands of children returned to school in China’s Harbin city on Wednesday for vigilance to prevent vigilance to prevent major accidents. Seventy-four of 221 miners working underground at the time of the blast were rescued, Xinhua said. A coal-dust explosion had knocked out all ventilation systems in the pit, investigators said. The main system resumed operation on Monday.

The explosion was the latest disaster to strike Heilongjiang, whose capital city, Harbin, was held hostage for five days by a toxic spill coursing through the river that provides its watersupply, forcing a five-day shut-down of tap water.

The slick, caused by an explosion at a chemical plant in nearby Jilin Province about two weeks ago, passed through the Songhua River and out of Harbin at the weekend. Taps were turned back on Sunday.

Making no mention of the toxic spill, President Hu Jintao and Premier Wen Jiabao called last week for vigilance to prevent major accidents which cause huge casualties and property losses. Hu and Wen urged law enforcement agencies to implement stricter inspection.
HIV can not be transmitted in the following ways.

- Through blood and secretions from genital organs: semen and vaginal secretions. The following are the main mode of HIV transmission.
- (1) Unprotected sexual intercourse with an infected person (those who have sex with sex workers and sex with same sex person are particularly at high risk)
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Morbidity (death due to AIDS)

According to the statistics, since the beginning of the AIDS epidemic accounts for more than 20 million deaths in the world. In 2005 alone, more than 3 million deaths were due to AIDS, of which children less than 15 years accounts for nearly seven hundred thousands.

How can we transmit HIV?

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It is also notable that HIV transmission is closely associated with Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI). Since HIV is a fragile virus, it can not penetrate the skin under the normal circumstances. But, when an individual is also highly infectious despite HIV test will give a negative result.

With regards to the symptoms of AIDS patient, there are major and minor criteria.

- Major criteria: weight loss (more than 10% of base line body weight) and diarrhoea for more than one month
- Minor criteria: cough for more than one month

Generalized lymphadenopathy

Recurrent attack of herpes infection

Oral and genitourinary candidiasis

Generalized dermatitis

Epidemiology

HIV has been transmitting in the world as in epidemic nature in many countries.

According to the latest statistics (December 2005), it has been estimated that there are 40.3 million people who are living with HIV in the world. About 5 million individuals have infected in 2005 alone, out of which 0.7 million are children under the age 15 years. Every day, more than 6000 individuals have been infected with HIV in the world. About half of the new infections occurred among women. As for Asia 30% of new infection occurred among women.

What are the clinical features of AIDS?

During the 1980s and 1990s UN General Assembly has committed to implement HIV and AIDS prevention and control activities. Prevention, care and support activities have been implemented in these countries with systematic plans. Some of these commitments are already accomplished in the past years. But there are still commitments that still need to be implemented by the member states countries. Thus, it is still necessary to contribute to the collective efforts in a coordinated manner by the organizations, the world, industries, religious organizations, media, and communities and of course people living with HIV. Therefore, the theme of this year’s WAD is Stop AIDS. Keep the promise.

What is HIV and AIDS?

AIDS is considered as one of the priority diseases in Myanmar. It is also considered as the disease of National concern. Under the guidance of the National Health Committee, the National AIDS Committee, chaired by Ministry for health and Sports, in 1989 at the central level for policies guidance and coordination. A working committee, chaired by Deputy Minister for Health, is also formed to support the National AIDS Committee and to implement the activities that decided by it. Similarly, AIDS Prevention and Control Committees have been functioning at various administrative levels: State/Division/District and Township. Department of Health, Ministry of Health, of Health, has been implementing HIV and AIDS prevention and control activities through the working force of basic health staff working in the country using primary health care approach, and with the technical support from the National AIDS/STD prevention and control Program (NAP).

What are the prevention, care, and support activities that implemented in the country?

Prevention, care and support activities related to HIV and AIDS are implemented with 6 major strategies and 10 main activities. Advocacy activities are being implemented with the aim of informing the decision makers, implementing partners and the communities. Since HIV transmission is related to the risk behavior of individuals, health activities are also conducted to increase the level of knowledge on HIV transmission, prevention and care, and as to adopt the healthy lifestyle.

As HIV is closely associated with sexually transmitted infections, activities are also conducted with the aim of reducing the sexual transmission of HIV. These activities include reducing the demand for sex work, highlighting the traditional and cultural values related to health behavior, training of health care providers on sydromic management of STIs and implementation of 100% condom promotion among targeted population groups.

Stop AIDS, Keep the promise

Dr Min Thwe

Stop AIDS, Keep the promise...
Agriculture sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of agriculture in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Extended growing and production of beans and pulses

For the development of the agriculture sector of the nation, plans have been laid down and are being implemented to increase growing of 10 items of crop. Out of the ten crops namely paddy, maize, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, pigeon pea, green pea, green gram, cotton and sugarcane, beans and pulses are important items in the agriculture sector.

In Myanmar, beans and pulses are produced most after paddy. Beans and pulses have been grown throughout the country since distant past as they are easy to grow, the cost low and it can be grown as a mixed crop. Of them, gram, lablab pulses have been grown throughout the country since distant past as they are easy items in the agriculture sector.

A thriving cold season groundnut plantation of local people in Shwegyin Township, Bago Division.—MNA

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Extended growing and production of quality strain beans and pulses

In line with the market-oriented economic system, beans and pulses are grown not only for domestic consumption but for export. In 1988-89, only 1.8 million acres of land were put under paddy but in 2004-2005, the sown acreage of beans and pulses reached 8.4 million acres.

The export items are green gram, pigeon pea, soya bean, cow pea and Myelhtauke. In 1988-89, only 17000 tons of beans and pulses were exported but in 2004-2005 the number has reached up to 6.5 million tons. As Myanmar is the biggest exporter of beans and pulses out of the ASEAN member countries, she is playing a leading role in growing beans and pulses.

Nowadays, measures are being taken to grow high yield strain beans and pulses and as a result the growing of beans and pulses has jumped markedly.

The table provides the reader with facts and figures on extended growing and production of high yield strain beans and pulses.

Myanmar snatches three more gold, one silver, 12 bronze

Kay Khaing Lwin secured one gold medal in the women’s 200-m, Aung Thiha in the men’s 1500-m and Yin Yin Khaing+Myint Myint Aye+Le Le Win+Kay Khaing Lwin in the women’s 400-m relay in the track & field event.

Pyay Phai Phyo snatched one silver medal in the men’s Wushu Changquan event.

One bronze medal winners were Thinza Soe in the women’s 45-kilo Sanshou event, Yarzay Khaing in the women’s 54-kilo Sanshou event, Pyi Han Tun in the men’s 48-kilo Sanshou event, Saw Khaing in the men’s 60-kilo Sanshou event, Hla Moe in the men’s 70-kilo Sanshou event, Maung Maung Than in the men’s 56-kilo Sanshou event, Aung Sithu in the men’s Wushu llong spear event, the table tennis team in the women’s event, Khin Soe Thaik in the women’s 10-m air pistol event, Khin Maung Htoo in the men’s 50-m shooting event.

Aung Thiha

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INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DISABLED PERSONS
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Action in Development

Kyaw Kyaw Htoo in the men’s 54-kilo Taekwondo event and Thiri Tint Lwin in the women’s 47-kilo Taekwondo event.

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The Prime Minister donated exercise books and refreshments to the township and cash donations to the medical fund through officials.

After the ceremony, they inspected Township Hospital (16-bed). At Tonzang BEHS, the Prime Minister inspected the multimedia classrooms and construction of two-storey building and cordially met with teachers and students.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented cash donations to the funds of the school through the headmaster. In the afternoon, they proceeded to Kyikha Myothit and met with local authorities and local development tasks and unity of local national people. Afterwards, they oversaw Kyikha Station Hospital.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, Headmaster U Lam Za Khang and Chairman of School Board of Trustees formally opened the new school building. The Prime Minister unveiled the multimedia classrooms.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun presented cash to the funds of the school through the school head. While in Kyikha, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected the telephone station of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications.

They proceeded to the cargo yard of Border Trade Department in Haingwa Village in Reedkhodar of Falam Township. Staff Officer U Soe Oo of BTD reported on progress of the cargo yard’s functions and export and import tasks. Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein gave a supplementary report.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein heard reports on export items presented by officials.

Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye explained arrangements for producing export items that can earn foreign exchange.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on functions for the cargo yard.

At Reedkhodar Pig Breeding Farm, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein reported on establishment of the pig farm, and farm manager Dr Htoo Myint Aung on sales of pig to other country and

The Government has been making concerted efforts for the equitable development of the Union, for narrowing the gap between one region and another and for improving the social quality of life of the people. Now, local people in Chin State realise the genuine goodwill of the Government.
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earning of income. A total of 148 pigs are being bred in the farm.

They inspected Reekkhodar Hospital.

At the Reekkhodar Town Administrative Office, they met with officials and local people. The Prime Minister discussed matters related to development of the town, assistance to be provided by the State to the town and cultivating Union Spirit.

At Reekkhodar BEHS, they viewed the school buildings and the site for construction of a new building.

In the evening, they flew to Tiddim. At the office of Tiddim Township Hall, the Prime Minister heard reports on better transport of Tiddim-Falam Road, of Tiddim-Falam Road, cultivation of paddy, breeding mythum, growing of over 1,700 acres of tea plantation and 400 acres of mulberry plantations, more power supply and progress of education, health and economic sectors of the township by officials.

Afterwards, the prime minister fulfilled the requirements for Tiddim Township.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister General Soe Win went to Training School for Progress of National Races and the vocational training school in the township and inspected the training.

On 28 November, the prime minister and party inspected tea plantation of over 1,762 acres in Tiddim, 1,762 acres of land were put under tea plant.

Afterwards, the prime minister and party proceeded to Tiddim Silk Factory of the Myanmar Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise and inspected sample of silk produced by the factory and production process of silk. At the briefing hall, an official reported on production of silk at silk factories in Tiddim and PyinOoLwin and future plans.

During his inspection tour of Tonzang, Kyikha, Reekkhodar and Tiddim, Prime Minister General Soe Win called for extended cultivation of season crops by employing highland cultivation methods. Climate and soil of Chin State is suitable to tea, and so far 10,000 acres of tea has been cultivated.

He also urged local authorities and residents to put more energies into cultivation of tea with the assistance of cash crops and perennials and paddy should be grown extensively in the region while raising domesticated wild ox and pig extensively, he added. The prime minister continued to say that during the inspection tour, they witnessed the development of the towns.

Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Only then, will the living standard of local people be improved, he added.

Moreover, other departments culti-vated 136,416 tea plants on 32.80 acres of land. In Tiddim, 1,762 acres of land were put under tea plant.

Especially, with the assistance of Government, education, health, transportation, water and electricity supply and tele-communication organizations are to carry out development tasks in unity.

During the inspection tour, the prime minister provided assistance to local people.

On 28 November, Lt-Gen Ye Myint also met with officers and others ranks and their families at local battalion in Tiddim.

On 28 November, Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Central Executive Committee Members of USDA Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko also met with the secretary, executives and members of Tiddim Township USDA.

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reported on salient points of the university, courses conducted and progress of work and Engineer-in-Charge of Yuzana Construction Co Ltd U Khin Oo on progress of work.

In meeting with faculty members, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said the government is building a democratic nation and he spoke of the need for them to participate in the tasks for development of human resources.

He inspected construction of convocation hall. Lt-Gen Maung Bo also inspected construction of four operation theatres at Myeik General Hospital, construction of roads and port and development tasks.

They arrived back here yesterday.

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Home Affairs Minister inspects relief camps for fire victims

YANGON, 30 Nov — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo yesterday inspected the relief camps—Hline Gymnasium, Kyaikkasan Grounds and the Bayintnaung Transit Centre—where fire victims are being accommodated.

He also met with the fire victims and comforted them. The minister gave instructions to officials concerned on relief measures.

The fire broke out in Hline Township on 28 November gutting 1,557 homes and leaving 1,962 families homeless.

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NCC Work Committee holds coord meeting

NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe addresses coordination meeting of NCC Work Committee.—MNA

NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thaung Nyunt, Joint-Secretaries and work committee members. Chairman of NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe presided over the meeting.

Joint-Secretary-1 U Khin Oo, Joint-Secretary-2 U Kyaw Htet and Joint-Secretary-3 U Aung Kyaw Phyo addressed coordination meeting of NCC Work Committee.

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National Convention delegates arrive

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YANGON, 30 Nov—The National Convention delegates from states and divisions arrived here by air this morning. The delegates arriving here were from Thaninthayi Division and Shan State (North). They were welcomed at Yangon international airport by Chairman Col Hein Lin of the Invitation and Accommodation Sub-committee, member Col Soe Myint and officials and transported by car to Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, where the National Convention will resume.—MNA

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MWAF provides cash assistance for needy eye patients

YANGON, 30 Nov — The Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation this morning made cash donations to needy eye patients from Hmawby Township who are warded in Yangon Eye Hospital.

President of MWAF Daw Than Than Nwe, Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint, heads of department, leaders of work groups and members arrived at the hospital at 10 pm, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Director-General of the Health Department Dr Tin Win

President of MWAF Daw Than Than Nwe presents K 880,000 to Medical Superintendent of Yangon Eye Specialist Hospital. — MNA

Maung, Medical Superintendent Dr M Jar Naw and ophthalmologists. They comforted the patients from Hmawby Township who will undergo operations, and the patients who have received treatments since last week. The patients received medical checks in the township under the programmes implemented by the health section of the work committee of social and cultural affairs of MWAF in October.

Members of the MWAF presented K 880,000 for performing operations on the patients to the medical superintendent.

USDA opens Basic Journalism Course No 3

YANGON, 30 Nov — A ceremony to open Basic Journalism Course No 3, organized by Union Solidarity and Development Association, was held at the hall of the association on University Avenue in Bahan Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Secretariat member of USDA U Thaung, CEC members U Aung Min, U Thein Swe, U Thein Aung, U Aung Thein Lin, U Than Huy and U Nyan Tun Aung, course instructors, officials concerned of USDA, regional coordinators and trainees.

First, Secretariat member U Thaung delivered an address on the occasion, saying that the present world had been an age of information technology and a global village.

In an IT age, some big nations were interfering in internal affairs of sovereign states aiming mainly at jeopardizing stability of theirs through international media by taking advantage of development of IT technologies. Some big nations were candidly performing adverse information called disinformation to deceive the people to have a wrong outlook by using print media and electronic media. Through media, they support the countries, individuals or organizations who are their lackeys with positive attitude but attack those who do not yield their influence.

During the course, the experienced course instructors would give lectures on national policies, development of the State, news writing, hunting for news, newspaper production, data collecting, news photos and TV camera shooting, radio journalism, news editing, basic composing of poems and cartoon drawing. USDA was constantly training its members for ensuring their physical and mental skills. The members were to understand the values of the Union, friendship, solidarity and peace, and sovereignty. The members were to safeguard the State through Union patriotic spirit and to actively participate in building of a new modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

As the first-phase presentation of relief items, committee member of Yangon City Development Committee U Kyaw Soe and officials of USDA handed 25 kinds of relief items to the fire victims at three relief camps this afternoon. — MNA

Secretariat Member of USDA Minister U Thaung delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Basic Journalism Course organized by USDA. — MNA

Cash, relief supplies provided to fire victims in Hline Township

YANGON, 30 Nov — With the sponsorship of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, a ceremony to provide the fire victims with cash assistance, clothing, household goods and medicine was held at the fire relief camp of No 1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung) in Hline Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Huy, Chairperson of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, deputy ministers, heads of department, members of social organizations, resident representatives of UN organizations, wellwishers, the fire victims and officials.

During the ceremony, Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung accepted the donations — K 200,000 by Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Huy, K 100,000 by Chairperson of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Myo Thu, relief supplies worth K 120 million by Myanmar Red Cross Society, relief supplies worth K 5 million by families of Bayintnaung Market. K 2 million by Yangon Crown Foundry Workshop, six kinds of relief items for 1200 households by the Ministry of SWRR, K 300,070 by U Thein Maung and Daw Pa (Sandhi Traditional Medicine), 720 pairs of shoes worth K 300,000 by U Mya Thein (Panyoma Shoes Service), clothing, medicine and household goods worth K 40 million, relief items by MMCWA and USDA, relief items worth K 500,000 by Golden Super Height Company and K 100,000 by Yangon Division Police Force and MMCWA.

After the donations, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa expressed his thanks. Next, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and officials concerned inspected measured being taken for accommodation, health care services and food and met with the fire victims and comforted them at the relief camp.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and officials went to Kyakikans Grounds in Tamway Township. The minister accepted the donations — cash assistance K 1 million by Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council, K 1 million by Myanmar Oil Dealers Association, 500 bags of rice by Myanmar Merchants Association, clothing, relief items and medicines by the Ministry of SWRR and MMCWA and K 5 million by Taw Win Construction Company, expressed his thanks, cordially met the fire victims and comforted them.

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Fire victims accept assistance provided by MMCWA. — MNA

A total of 56 trainees are attending a nine-week course.

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Six die, 11 missing in Chile ferry accident

SANTIAGO (Chile), 29 Nov — Rescue workers searched on Monday with helicopters and boats for 11 missing people, six others died in a ferry boat accident on a lake in southern Chile but officials said there was little hope of finding survivors.

Six people, including students returning from a school trip, died on Sunday when a ferry capsized in bad weather on Maule Lake, in Chile's lake region, some 560 miles south of Santiago.

Sixteen people survived.

"I hope to God they can (find survivors) but the truth is I think it will be very tough," Rene Vazquez, governor of Valparaiso Province, told Cooperativa radio.

Police reports said the boat was carrying double its authorized capacity.

MNA/Reuters

British police quiz teen over police officer killing

LONDON, 29 Nov — British police said they were still quizzing on Monday a teenager arrested in connection with the murder of Bradford policewoman Sharon Beshenivsky, gunned down as she answered an emergency call about an armed robbery.

The 19-year-old was arrested in Birmingham on Sunday and is now being questioned at a police station in West Yorkshire.

Police refused to name him, but media said he was Yusuf Jama, one of three men wanted in connection with the murder.

Beshenivsky, 38, a mother of three children and two-step-children, was killed last week after she and fellow officer Teresa Milburn responded to an armed robbery at a travel agency in the centre of Bradford.

Constable Beshenivsky died after being shot in the chest on her youngest daughter's fourth birthday.

Milburn was shot in the shoulder in what police have described as an attempted murder.

On Friday police released pictures of three men they wanted to question in connection with the shooting.

MNA/Reuters

UK Court allows thief's "I stole mail" punishment sign

WASHINGTON, 29 Nov — The US Supreme Court on Monday allowed a California man to be sentenced to spend a day outside a San Francisco post office wearing a signboard stating, "I stole mail. This is my punishment."

The justices rejected an appeal by Shawn Gementera, who argued that this was designed to publicly shame and humiliate him.

He said it violated the Sentencing Reform Act and the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment.

Gementera pleaded guilty to mail theft after the police arrested him and an accomplice in 2001 for stealing letters from several mailboxes in San Francisco.

US District Judge Vaughn Walker in 2003 sentenced him to spend two months in prison, to be followed by three years of supervised release.

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HK seizes suspected smuggled goods of $13m

HONG KONG, 29 Nov — Hong Kong Marine Police seized suspected smuggled goods worth of 1.3 million US dollars off east of South Ninepin Island on Sunday and arrested eight men related to the case.

The goods were seized from a cargo vessel heading towards waters of the Mainland on Sunday morning, when Hong Kong's marine police was conducting anti-illegal immigration and smuggling operation on the sea.

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New Chinese historic sites granted certificates of world heritage

BEIJING, 30 Nov— A batch of Chinese historic sites, including the historic centre of Macao, were granted the certificates of world heritage here on Monday.

Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhihi, Edmund Ho Hau Wah, chief executive of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and Koichiro Matsuura, director-general of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) attended the certificate awarding ceremony in Beijing. The historic centre of Macao was added to the World Heritage List at the 29th session of the World Heritage Committee, held in Durban, South Africa, in July this year. The heritage in Macao comprises about two dozen monuments, including the Buddhist Ma Kok Temple, the Catholic Holy House of Mercy, the Old City Walls, the Fortress Hill and a number of churches. The relics, most are still in use, have witnessed the earliest pervasion of Western religious culture in the oriental continent as well as its ensuing coexistence with the local culture. The other sites awarded the certificates include the capital cities and tombs of the ancient Koguryo Kingdom of China, the three imperial mausoleums dedicated to first and second emperors and the two empresses of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), as well as to the ancestors of the emperors, all in Shenyang, capital of Liaoning Province, and the Shenyang Imperial Palace of the early Qing Dynasty.— MNA/Xinhua

Canada urges wider global warming fight

MONTREAL, 29 Nov— Host Canada urged a wider fight against global warming at the start of 189-country talks on Monday that will try to enlist the United States and poor nations in UN-led schemes to fight climate change beyond 2012.

"Let us set our sights on a more effective, more inclusive long-term approach to climate change," Canadian Environment Minister Stephane Dion told the opening of the UN conference in Montreal, which lasts until 9 December. "More action is required now," Dion told delegates at the talks, likely to involve up to 10,000 representatives of governments, environmental groups and businesses, charged with working out how to limit emissions of heat-trapping gases from fossil fuels. The talks will start mapping out what to do after the UN’s Kyoto Protocol, a first step by about 40 industrial nations to curb emissions, runs out in 2012. Negotiations on a successor could take several years. The Montreal session included actors and video images showing the risks of a changing climate — including more frequent hurricanes, ice storms, desertification, locust swarms, forest fires, floods and melting ice caps. Dion said climate change was the single most important environmental issue facing the world today. He did not mention the United States, the world’s biggest polluter, and Australia have pulled out of Kyoto, denouncing its caps on emissions as an economic straitjacket. "A targets and timetables approach will not work for us," chief US climate negotiator Harlan Watson told Reuters, restating the Bush Administration’s opposition to Kyoto-style caps. Washington favours an approach with big investments in new technologies like hydro-gren or research into burying carbon dioxide, the main industrial gas blamed for warming the planet. MNA/Reuters

Study shows vaccine can block bird flu spread in poultry

WASHINGTON, 29 Nov— Vaccines can protect poultry from bird flu and block viral spread between birds, showed a Dutch study published in the Monday issue of Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Researchers in the Netherlands tested two vaccines targeting the H7N7 bird-flu strain, and found the vaccines were effective in stopping the spread of the viral strain between chickens.

The study was conducted after reports of asymptomatic chickens shedding virus after vaccination. Previous research found vaccination could protect individual chickens from falling ill with various flu strains.

In the study, healthy vaccinated chickens were housed together with infected ones. Researchers found the virus’ reproduction rate was brought down enough to enable only a small number of new infections in the two weeks after inoculation. Some transmission occurred in the first following week, reported JA van der Groot and colleagues from the Netherlands’ Central Institute for Animal Disease Control.

The researchers said the vaccines worked at different levels of effectiveness, and this made it necessary for health authorities to test vaccines’ ability before poultry inoculation. MNA/Xinhua

Online sales surge in US as holiday shopping season kicks off

LOS ANGELES, 29 Nov— Online sales are expected to surge in the upcoming year-end shopping season as consumers flock to the comparison shopping websites for their holiday purchases, a Los Angeles-based website said on Sunday.

Comparison shopping service PriceGrabber.com said its website saw a 77 per cent increase in the number of shoppers over last year’s Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving that is considered the kick-off to the retail holiday shopping season.

PriceGrabber-generated customer referrals to merchants led to more than 192 million dollars in sales on Friday, with an average order referral of 420 dollars, according to the website.

Online shopping trends indicate that sales of apparel will increase by 394 per cent over last year, while home and garden sales are expected to be up 296 per cent, jewellery up 211 per cent, sporting goods up 180 per cent and electronics up 44 per cent.

At PriceGrabber, digital cameras were the top selling product on Friday, followed by gaming consoles, clothing, MP3 players and plasma TVs.

According to a PriceGrabber.com survey released earlier this month, more than 50 per cent of online shoppers started their holiday gift shopping before Thanksgiving.

Despite the early start, 75 per cent of the shoppers said they still expect to be shopping within the last five days before Christmas.

Jupiter Research, a leading international research advisory organization specializing in business and technology market, said holiday sales will reach 26 billion dollars this year in the United States, up 18 per cent over last year. MNA/Xinhua
Rui Costa guides AC Milan to Italian Cup win

MILAN, 30 Nov — Portuguese midfielder Rui Costa scored one goal and laid another on to steer AC Milan to a 3-1 win over Serie B club Brescia in their Italian Cup fourth round, first-leg match on Tuesday.

Milan, who rested a number of first-team regulars, went ahead in the 26th minute when Rui Costa fired home from the edge of the area after being set up by Georgian defender Kakha Kaladze.

Rui Costa also created the second goal, taking the corner which Italy striker Alberto Gilardino headed home five minutes before the break.

Lithuanian Marinus Suknencius brought Brescia back into the tie with a 48th-minute header from a cross by former Inter Milan midfielder Luigi Di Biagio. Carlo Ancelotti’s Milan restored their two-goal advantage in the 69th minute after a well-taken shot from inside the area by Christian Vieri.

On Wednesday, Parma host Inter Milan and Serie B side Atalanta are at home to Udinese.

The most attractive tie of the week is on Thursday when Fiorentina, third in Serie A, take on champions Juventus.

Barcelona seek perfection

MADRID, 30 Nov —

Alaves sign Brazilian midfielder Elton Giovanni

Alaves have signed Brazilian midfielder Elton Giovanni from Santos on a free transfer, the Primera Division club said on Tuesday.

The 22-year-old, who has played for Brazil at youth level, will join up with the squad and train in Spain until he can officially play in January.

MNA/Reuters

Doncaster stun Villa with 3-0 League Cup win

LONDON, 30 Nov —

Third division Doncaster Rovers pulled off the biggest shock of their 126-year history on Tuesday when they beat Premier League Aston Villa 3-0 to reach the League Cup quarter-finals for the first time.

Doncaster, who returned to the Football League only two years ago after dropping to the Conference in 1998, fully deserved their victory and could easily have had more goals against a full-strength Villa team who barely mustered a shot.

In the night’s other two games the Premier League teams went through as Arsenal beat Reading 3-0 at Highbury and Birmingham City beat Millwall on penalties after a 2-2 draw in London.

Doncaster, who knocked out Manchester City on penalties in the last round, looked confident from the start as 10,500 fans packed the Belle Vue Stadium, their biggest crowd for 30 years.

They took the lead in the 20th minute with a Michael McIndoe penalty and doubled it seven minutes into the second half with a Paul Heffernan volley.

Villa were then frustrated as a penalty appeal for a foul on Milan Baros was rejected and the five-time winners of the trophy never looked like matching their escape of the previous round when they came from 3-1 down at halftime to beat Wycombe Wanderers 8-3.

Doncaster’s previous best in the tournament was the fifth round in 1976 and they made sure of surpassing that 11-minute from time when Irish midfielder Sean Thornton lashed in the third goal from 20 metres.

MNA/Reuters

Peace team loses narrowly to Barcelona

BARCELONA, 30 Nov — Spanish champions Barcelona beat a joint Israeli-Palestinian soccer team 2-1 on Tuesday in a “match for peace” aimed at promoting reconciliation in the Middle East.

A large crowd of 31,820 turned out at Barcelona’s famous Nou Camp stadium for the good-humoured and sporting match in which both sides’ efforts were applauded equally.

Barcelona scored two goals within five minutes in the second half through Deco and Maxi Lopez while the Israeli-Palestinian side pulled one back through Israeli winger Abbas Suan.

The match was backed by the Peres Centre for Peace, a foundation set up by former Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres.

It was aimed at building understanding and respect between Israelis and Palestinians and at contributing to the quest for Middle East peace.

The “Peace Team” included Israeli international and Palestinian players from the occupied West Bank. Peres watched the game with Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos while another supporter of the initiative, actor Sean Connery, took the honorary kick-off.

Each side had chances in a goalless first half.

Cameroon international striker Samuel Eto’o had three good goal attempts before he was replaced after half an hour by Swede Henrik Larsson.

Israel’s goalkeeper Nir Davidovich saved one Eto’o strike in the 21st minute and dived at the striker’s feet to stop him three minutes later.

Brazilian playmaker Ronaldinho, who was crowned European Footballer of the Year on Monday, showed flashes of brilliance before he was substiuted in the second half.

The “Peace Team’s” best first-half chance came in the 15th minute when Idan Tal went clean through, but instead of shooting he tried to square the ball to Ari Numin and it was cut out by a Barcelona defender.

Both teams made sweeping changes at halftime but the second period turned out to be more entertaining.

Deco scored with a right-footed lob after a backheel rom Lopez after 59 minutes. Lopez then made it 2-0 with a tap-in in the 64th as a cross by Ludovic Giuly. Suan pulled a goal back after 67 minutes when he latched onto a flick from Baruch Dego and volleyed it past Barcelona’s substitute keeper Ruben Martinez.

The match was held in Barcelona a day after leaders and ministers from the 25 European Union countries and Mediterranean partners, including Israeli and Palestinians, ended a two-day summit in the city.

MNA/Reuters

Besiktas fine Ailton $100,000 for red card offence

ANKARA, 30 Nov — Brazilian striker Ailton has been fined 100,000 US dollars by his Turkish club Besiktas after being sent off during their league match at Sivaspor on Saturday.

Ailton was shown the red card in the 24th minute after kicking an opponent in the groin.

“Ailton, who got a red card in the last league match against Sivaspor, has been fined 100,000 US dollars,” the Besiktas board said in a statement dated November 28.

The team’s French coach Jean Tigana said in Tuesday: “I did not see what happened with Ailton, but I will not criticize the referee’s decision. If our player was shown a red card there, we have to believe the referee.”

MNA/Reuters

Relief for Real, Luxemburgaro, Barcelona seek perfection

MADRID, 29 Nov —

Real Madrid coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo believes his side are turning the corner after they scored twice in as many minutes to draw 2-2 at Real Sociedad in the Primera Liga on Sunday.

“The players saved everyone’s heads, not only mine,” Luxemburgo said.

“Rediff had a good display, fighting right till the very end and equalized in very trying circumstances,” Luxemburgo added.

“I saw more commitment from the players and they all seemed up for it from the start. We are all keen to move forward now and today was an important step in the right direction.”

Real suffered a humiliating 3-0 home defeat at the hands of arch-rivals Barcelona the previous weekend, when angry fans applauded the visitors.

A 1-1 draw with Olympique Lyon in the Champions League did little to improve the situation and director of football Arrigo Sacchi rallied to Luxemburgo’s defence on Friday saying the Brazilian’s job was not under threat.

Sociedad took a 2-0 lead on Sunday before goals from Raul Bravo and Zinedine Zidane, in the 97th and 88th minutes, salvaged a point.

But Real, sixth in the table, lost ground on leaders Barcelona who are six points ahead of them following their 4-1 hammering of Racing Santander at the Nou Camp.

Barca are level on 28 points with Osasuna, who maintained their perfect home record with a 3-2 win over Alaves, but top on goal difference.

Barcelona coach Frank Rijkaard tried to keep things in perspective after another scintillating display extended their winning streak to eight games, in which they have scored 28 goals and conceded just three.

MNA/Reuters

Millwall’s Alan Dunne, left, celebrates with team-mates after scoring the equaliser against Birmingham City during the English League Cup, fourth round match at the New Den, south east London, on 29 Nov, 2005.

—INTERNET
Fire breaks out in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone

YANGON, 30 Nov—A fire broke out at the warehouse of Charming Garment Factory in Plot 34 on Seikkantha Street in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-2 in Hlinethaya Township at 9 am today. As soon as the fire broke out, officials and members of fire services tried to extinguish the blaze with the use of 53 fire engines and 10 vehicles.

The blaze died down at 11.15 am, and there were no human death and loss.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and officials arrived at the scene of the fire and supervised firefighting and relief measures.

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WEATHER

Wednesday, 30 November, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunderstorms have been isolated in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayin and Chin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (6°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division, (4°C) above normal in Mon State and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy rainfall recorded were Coco Island (1.18) inches and Kawthong (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 29-11-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 30-11-2005 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 30-11-2005 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 29-11-2005 was (8.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 30-11-2005 were nil at Malingadon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (102.60) inches at Malingadon, (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 (09:20) hours MST on 30-11-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday’s tropical storm ‘Baaz’ over Southwest Bay and adjoining Southeast Bay of Bengal has moved west-northwestwards and centred over Southwest Bay. It is centred about (280) miles southeast of Chennai, India and forecast to move west (or) northwestwards. Weather is cloudy in Southwest and Westcentral Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 1-12-2005: Isolated rain or thundershower which are likely in Rakhine State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Mon State, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions and generally about normal in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight increase of night temperatures are likely in the southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-12-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershower. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-12-2005: Fair weather.
Prime Minister General Soe Win meets officials, members of social organizations and local people in Kyikha.— MNA

Entrepreneurs urged to…

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At the office of Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise in Tonzang, Chin State, Manager U Van Thong reported on cultivation of mulberry trees, breeding of silkworms and production of silk. The Chairman of Chin State PDC gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects construction of Myeik Government Technological College

YANGON, 30 Nov
—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hong Ngaing and military officers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments arrived at the site for construction of Myeik Government Technological College in Kyaukpya Village on 28 November.

Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe reported on construction of the college. The commander also reported on seeking the sites for the college and University of Computer Studies. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected the sites.

They went to the briefing hall in Kyweku Village where Director of Taninthayi Division Development Affairs Committee U Tin Aung reported on establishment of Myeik Myothit with audio visual aids.

The commander reported on allotment of land for fisheries entrepreneurs, distribution of construction materials, sale of low-cost housing project, choice of the sites for construction of the technological college and University of Computer Studies and repair of roads in the village.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo said Myeik is the capital of Taninthayi Division. Due to the yearly increasing population arrangements for construction of Myothit is being made.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to the site of the main building of Myeik University. Rector U Thein Aung

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NAP is formed under the disease control division of department of Health. NAP has headquarters in Yangon and 43 teams located in all States and Divisions of the country. Along with the Ministry of Health, related ministries of the government, 7 UN agencies, 18 international NGOs, 17 local NGOs, and communities are participating in the national response against HIV and AIDS in Myanmar.

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