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Myanmar and International Studies Course No 10 of USDA opens

YANGON, 7 Dec —
Myanmar and International Studies Course No 10 of Union Solidarity and Development Association was opened this morning at the Training School of USDA in Hmawby Township with an opening address by Member of the Panel of Patrons of USDA Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Present on the occasion were the secretary-general of USDA, the joint secretary-general, secretariat members, CEC members and trainees.

In his opening speech, the Prime Minister said trainees will have to study the history of the State, national policy, progress in political, economic and social sectors. Moreover, trainees will have to study activities of USDA in implementing the future policy programme of the State, defence, security and international affairs sector, and international organisations and their activities.

Realizing the aim and objectives of the State, trainees are to actively participate in development tasks of the State.

The trainees should study hard so as to become human resources on which the State can rely.

The new generation youths play a critical role in building the peaceful, modern and developed nation.

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Therefore, the association has been conducting a variety of training courses to turn out the trainees as national forces.

Thanks to the effective courses, after realizing the value of the Union, unity and peace and tranquility, the trainees become qualified citizens.

Myanmar is rich in natural resources and is full of traditional culture and her citizens endowed with national characteristics. As Myanmar fell into the hands of colonialists, it lost her sovereignty and the image of the nation was tarnished. However, Myanmar struggled for independence with unity, nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit. Taking lessons from the history, all are to strive for building the modern and developed nation with nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit.

Nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit are basic of the Our Three Main National Causes. It is very important for everyone of the nation where he lives (See page 8)

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Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses opening ceremony of Myanmar and International Studies Course No 10 of USDA—MNA

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Strive for the brighter future of the nation

In the world today, science and technologies are developing by leaps and bounds and their development has greatly affected almost all fields. Therefore, the government is striving for the emergence of an education system and a constant learning society that can ensure all-round development of the nation and for the development of education infrastructure. At such a time like this, it is very important for those in the education sector to nurture human resources for the progress and prosperity of the nation and the people.

The Special Refresher Course No 5 for the faculty members came to a close at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township on 2 December and the concluding ceremony was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, also Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee. In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that the government was convinced that the national development would be possible only with the uplift of the national education system and the emergence of highly educated human resources and accordingly it had been taking systematic measures for raising the higher education standard.

The government has been building new universities and colleges in all regions across the Union to open opportunities for local youths in order that they can follow their natural bent and specialize in different branches of study. All the requirements are being fulfilled for all-round development of the education system. For instance, at these educational institutions, curricula of international standard have been prescribed, different specialties taught and masters, research and doctorate courses conducted. Moreover, laboratories, workshops, libraries and research centres of international standard have been built and infrastructure for information and communication technologies and educational network established.

Faculty members, on their part, are required to make the most of the assistance rendered by the government, find out the needs and strive for the development of regions where their universities and colleges are located, do research in their respective fields and disseminate their knowledge to their students.

Today’s youths are the future of the nation and the future of youths is in the hands of teachers. Therefore, we would like to call on the entire mass of teachers to strive for the future of education and development of the education system. For the emergence of an education system and specialize in different branches of study.

**World AIDS Day observed**

**Yangon, 7 Dec** — A ceremony to mark the World AIDS Day organized by Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation took place at the meeting hall of MWAF headquarters on Than-lwin Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, member of the panel of patrons and the Vice-President of MWAF, the President and Secretary of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Joint-Secretary, Secretariat members, heads of department, leaders of Working Groups and members of MWAF, Patron of Yangon Division Women’s Affairs Organization and members, officials from the Ministry of Health and UN Agencies, Chairpersons and members of District / Township WAOs, members of social organizations, prize winners and guests attended the ceremony.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint made the addresses. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint and UNICEF Resident Representative Ms Carroll C Long presented prizes to the winners who stood first, second and third in the HIV/AIDS Quiz. Leaders of Working Groups Daw Nilar Thaw and Daw Sanda Aung presented consolation prizes to the winners.

**Industry-1 Minister receives Chinese guests**

**Yangon, 7 Dec** — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received Chairman of Shanghai D&H Industry Co Ltd of the People’s Republic of China Mr Jianyi Du and party at the ministry yesterday evening and discussed the matters related to the production of three-wheeled cycles.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry.

**Myanmar delegation leaves for Vietnam**

**Yangon, 7 Dec** — Member of Myanmar Accountancy Council Director of Auditor-General’s Office U Thein Myint left here by air this morning to attend the 85th ASEAN Accountancy Council Meeting to be held in Hanoi, Vietnam, from 8 to 10 December.

Director-General U Myo Myint was accompanied by Secretary of Myanmar Accountancy Council Director of Auditor-General’s Office U Thein Myint and Myanmar Accountancy Council Member CPA U Than Tin.

**Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs’ meeting at 1 pm on 10 Dec**

**Yangon, 7 Dec** — The Third Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association will be held at 1 pm on 10 December instead of 9 am the same day at the Ball Room of Summit Parkview Hotel on Ahlon Road in Dagon Township. Members are invited to attend the meeting.

**Merit-sharing ceremony for consecration of Nagayon Pagoda to be held**

**Yangon, 7 Dec** — The merit-sharing ceremony for consecration of Nagayon Pagoda in Mahamariametha Eindawya Pagoda compound on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township will be held on full moon day of Nattaw. The remaining works of building Nagayon Pagoda continue and wellwishers are asked to contribute to the works by contacting the telephone number 383794.
Putin congratulates Nazarbayev on reelection

MOSCOW, 6 Dec — Russian President Vladimir Putin congratulated his Kazakh counterpart Nursultan Nazarbayev on his reelection as president during a telephone conversation on Monday.

"Putin warmly and cordially congratulated Nazarbayev on his convincing victory in Sunday’s presidential elections in Kazakhstan and expressed his best wishes to the multiethnic people of Kazakhstan," the Kremlin Press service said.

The two heads of state expressed their determination to continue developing and strengthening the neighborhood relations and strategic partnership between Russia and Kazakhstan, it said.

Nazarbayev, 65, won a landslide reelection for another seven-year term with 91 per cent of the vote in Sunday’s election, according to preliminary results from the Kazakh Central Election Commission.

Nazarbayev has been the country’s President since 1991. — MNA/Xinhua

CIA prisons in Europe reportedly closed in November

WASHINGTON, 6 Dec — The United States held captured al-Qaeda suspects at secret CIA prisons in Europe until last month when the facilities were shut down after media reports of their existence, ABC News reported on Monday, citing current and former CIA agents.

Eleven al-Qaeda prisoners who were held in Eastern Europe have been transferred and were being relocated “to a CIA site somewhere in North Africa,” ABC reported, citing CIA sources.

ABC said the CIA declined comment and an agency spokesman was not available when Reuters tried to contact him.

According to ABC News, eight top al-Qaeda figures and three others were held at one time at a former Soviet air base in Eastern Europe and some were later moved to a second country. ABC said Polish sources had identified a base as the site of a secret prison location.

US-based Human Rights Watch has said Poland and Romania were the most likely locations for the detention centres, but both countries have denied it. The United States has neither confirmed nor denied the existence of the secret prisons, as reported by the Washington Post last month.

Before leaving Washington for Europe on Monday, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, defended US treatment of terrorism suspects. — MNA/Reuters

Nazarbayev says Kazakhstan willing to push forward ties with China

ASANA, 6 Dec — Kazakhstan has established an unprecedented strategic partnership with China, and is willing to strengthen bilateral cooperation in various fields in accordance with its set policies, newly-reelected president Nursultan Nazarbayev said Monday.

When answering questions from Xinhua, Nazarbayev said that after its independence from the former Soviet Union in 1991, Kazakhstan has been actively developing ties with China, and the exchanges of high-level visits in recent years have greatly boosted the development of bilateral ties.

He said bilateral trade and economic relations with China has moved forward smoothly in recent years, with trade volume reaching about 5 billion US dollars. The two countries’ leaders have decided to make joint efforts to raise the volume to 10 billion dollars, he added.

Nazarbayev said Kazakhstan and China, both of which are members of the six-seat regional bloc of Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), have also conducted effective cooperation in the field of energy.

He said the section of the Kazakhstan-China oil pipeline extending from Atasu to Ala Pass will be completed on December 16. About 700 million US dollars have been invested in the nearly 1,000-kilometre long pipeline, which can transport up to 20 million tons of oil annually.

The President said China plays an important role in the SCO, and Kazakhstan would intensify cooperation with China in trade and economy, security and other fields within the bloc’s framework. — MNA/Xinhua

Singapore launches world’s first national standard for hotel security

SINGAPORE, 6 Dec — The Standards, Productivity and Innovation Board of Singapore (Spring Singapore) on Monday launched the world’s first national standard for hotel security.

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An initiative by the Singapore Hotel Association, the technical reference covers such elements as the installation and maintenance of security equipment, the provision of materials and information about security procedures, the training of both security and non-security personnel, as well as establishing plans relating to security issues.

It also provides checklists in areas of physical equipment, standard operating procedures, types of records to be kept and skills required of security personnel or contract firms hired, according to Spring Singapore.

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MNA/Xinhua

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Gunmen kill local election official in Iraq

BAGHDAD, Iraq, 6 Dec — Gunmen killed a local official working for the Independent Electoral Commission of Iraq (IECI) in the city of Baquba, north of Baghdad, on Monday, the head of the IECI in the province said.

Amir al-Yahya said three men had just left an event at a hospital aimed at educating people about next week’s parliamentary election and were followed by gunmen in a black car and shot. — MNA/Reuters

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Chinese Premier, French President meet on relations

PARIS, 6 Dec—Visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao met here Monday with French President Jacques Chirac to exchange views on further promotion of Sino-French cooperation.

The two leaders spoke highly of Sino-French ties and reached consensus on further strengthening of bilateral cooperation.

Wen said cooperation between the two countries has deepened in various sectors. The closeness of bilateral ties is contributing to boosting development of the two economies and world peace and prosperity as well.

Wen said that sustainable and sound development of Sino-French relations is due to the strategic perspective and long-term views of the two sides over bilateral ties, their spirit of independence and long-term cooperation.

The development of Sino-French ties have proved that countries of different social systems are able to coexist in peace and cooperate well, Wen said. Both being permanent members of the UN Security Council, China and France should further strengthen the exchange of high-level dialogue, strengthen coordination and cooperation in international affairs, jointly defend the United Nations' authority and deal with the challenge of traditional and non-traditional security issues.

Wen also said that Sino-French cooperation has vast potential yet to be tapped in all sectors, with the common hope of boosting mutually beneficial cooperation in the interests of the two countries to achieve a win-win situation. Speaking on the same occasion, Chirac said that France and China share common views on major international issues and have very fruitful cooperation within the framework of the United Nations.

A Thai visitor take a closer look at fish from a dome at Siam Ocean World, billed as Southeast Asia’s largest aquarium, in Bangkok, Thailand on 7 Dec, 2003. —INTERNET

Vietnam combating trafficking of women and children

HANOI, 6 Dec—The Vietnamese Government has just adopted four projects on combating trafficking of children and women in the 2005-2010 period, local newspaper New Hanoi reported on Monday.

The projects focus on four areas, namely, strengthening propaganda and education on preventing children and women trafficking in the community, intensifying fights against human trafficking, building up legal documents on the issue, and giving stronger support to victims.

The projects will be conducted in two phases, the first from 2005 to 2007, and the second between 2008 to 2010.

Tens of thousands of Vietnamese women and children have been trafficked abroad, mainly for disadvantaged marriage, child adoption, and labour and sex slavery, over the past decade, according to Vietnam’s Ministry of Public Security.

Some 500 local women and children are annually trafficked to some neighbouring countries, especially Cambodia, to work as prostitutes or slaves.—MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian Navy to buy US Harpoon missiles

JAKARTA, 6 Dec—The Indonesian Navy plans to buy Harpoon missiles from the United States, following the US decision to lift its military embargo on Indonesia on 22 November, Navy Chief of Staff, Admiral Slamet Soebijanto said.

“Harpoon missiles are for warships. The number of the missiles and when it will be bought still would have to be discussed further,” Slamet said on the sidelines of a ceremony marking the Navy’s founding anniversary in Surabaya, the second largest city in the country, on Monday.

The Indonesian Navy would also discuss Indonesia’s need for other military hardware after the US Government lift the military embargo.

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Dhaka to seek int’l help to combat suicide bombers

DHAKA, 6 Dec—The government of Bangladesh is planning to seek international help to fight against suicide bombers as the country has no expertise in this regard.

The Interpol, US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Scotland Yard might be invited to combat suicide bombers of banned Islamist outfits in the country. The New Age Sunday quoted sources in the police department as saying.

This form of terrorism is completely new to Bangladesh and “we seriously lack in expertise to handle such situations”, a high police official said.

In fact, there is already an offer from Interpol and the FBI for help, the official said.

The organizations, which visited Bangladesh after a grenade attack on an rally of the main opposition the Awami League in Dhaka on 21 August, 2004, have the required expertise.

A number of Interpol officials came to Bangladesh after the 21 August grenade attack that killed 22 persons, preceded by Scotland Yard experts who visited the northeastern city of Sylhet when British High Commissioner in Dhaka Anwar Chowdhury was injured in a grenade attack.

Several FBI agents also visited Bangladesh to help the police in the investigation of the incidents. So they have ideas about such incidents, a police source said.—MNA/Xinhua

Amount of antibiotics prescription down sharply in Belgium

BRUSSELS, 6 Dec—The amount of antibiotics prescribed by Belgian doctors fell by a third between 1999 and 2004, local newspaper Het Laatste Nieuws reported on Monday.

The decline resulted in stabilizing or a slight fall in the resistance of bacteria to existing antibiotic treatments, the newspaper said, quoting findings by the Belgian Commission for the Co-ordination of the Antibiotics Policy.

Health insurers have also been able to save 46 million euros in recent years, while patients saved 10 million euros. According to the commission, the spectacular fall in the use of antibiotics in Belgium was the largest in Europe.—MNA/Xinhua

Ten dead, five injured in separate car wrecks in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 6 Dec—Two separate car crashes have killed 10 people and critically injured five in Battambang and Kompong Cham provinces, local media reported on Monday.

In Battambang’s Mong Russei District, a collision on Friday evening involved a tractor, the car of a two-star police general, and a pickup truck carrying two high-ranking Interior Ministry officials and a villager, The Cambodia Daily quoted Mock Heng, Battambang provincial traffic police chief as saying.

The pickup truck driven at high speed plowed into the first two vehicles and rolled off the road into a canal. The two died instantly, along with a third person in the vehicle, according to Mock Heng.

In Kompong Cham on Friday evening, an overloaded pickup truck went off the road, killing seven passengers, according to local police official Keo Samneang.
China, Germany to join hands in engineering education

BEIJING, 6 Dec— Chinese and German engineering experts convened here on Monday to discuss future cooperation in engineering education and mutual accreditation.

The Symposium on Perspectives of Sino-German Cooperation in Realm of Engineering Education and Accreditation, co-sponsored by the Chinese Association for Science and Technology (CAST) and the Association of German Engineers, is expected to shape the future accreditation of engineers between China and Germany.

Zhou Guangzhao, CAST President, said at the symposium that Germany has rich experience in training high-quality engineers while China needs a great number of outstanding engineers to help sustain its rapidly-growing economy.

Chinese colleges and universities are now enrolling about 3.7 million students for engineering diplomas. Germany boasts more than five million qualified engineers.

Susilo reshuffles Cabinet

JAKARTA, 6 Dec— Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono announced on Monday the much-awaited reshuffle for the economic team with seasoned technocrat Budiono replacing Aburizal Bakrie as the coordinating Minister for the Economy.

The announcement was made at Gedung Negara in Yogyakarta and aired live through TVRI state television station.

Budiono entered the Cabinet as co-ordinating Minister for Economic Affairs, while Aburizal Bakrie was rotated from Minister of Manpower and Transmigration to Minister of Industry, while Erman Suparno was named as Minister of Manpower and Transmigration and Paskah Suzezza as state Minister of National Development Planning.

Those fired from the Cabinet by the President were Minister of Finance Yusal Anwar, Minister of Industry Andung Niti-miharjardja and Co-ordinating Minister for People’s Welfare Ali Shihab.

Susilo said that Ali was named as his advisor and special envoy for cooperation with Middle East countries as well as the Organization of Islamic Conference and the Islamic Development Bank.

He added that Minister of Finance Jusuf Anwar is going to be named as ambassador to “an important country”.

The new ministers will be sworn in on Wednesday.

Phuket resort upbeat, despite contracting economy in first nine months

BANGKOK, 6 Dec— Despite plunging taxes and tourism revenues, a practical provincial administration remains upbeat about Thailand’s southern important tourism province of Phuket’s future.

The economy of this world-renowned tourist resort contracted during the first nine months of 2005 due to the extended plunge in tourism, the Thai News Agency quoted a figures released Monday by Governor Udomsak Asavarakurkja as saying.

In the aftermath of the tsunami, Phuket received only 479,174 visitors, down 52 per cent compared with arrival figures from the same period last year.

At least five killed in Israeli shopping mall attack

JERUSALEM, 6 Dec— At least five people were killed and 35 wounded on Monday in a suicide bombing attack in a shopping mall in Netanya, north of Tel Aviv, Israeli Radio said.

The blast, which occurred at around 11:30 am (0930 GMT), left five people dead, rescue workers said, adding that among the wounded, four were in critical condition and the rest had moderate to light wounds.

The wounded have been taken to nearby hospitals in Netanya and Hadera, they said.

Traffic collision kills 24 on Beijing expressway

BEIJING, 6 Dec— At least 24 were killed and nine others injured in a vehicle collision on Sunday evening on an expressway in central-western Beijing, the municipal public security bureau said on Monday.

The accident took place at about 8 pm Sunday when a calcium carbide-loaded truck from the north China’s Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region crashed with a Beijing passenger bus due to brake failure at a section of the Badaling Expressway in the Changping District.
At a time when we are striving for the emergence of discipline-flourishing democracy by taking all possible measures in administrative, economic, social, religious, and democratic affairs wishing peaceful, secure and prosperous conditions for the people residing in the Union of Myanmar, the western neo-colonialist nations and their allies plus national traitors in exile are inventing all kinds of falsehood with the use of the media and fed with the ill intentions of creating chaotic situations in the country worse than that in 1988. They have intensified their media war against Myanmar with the use of gossip made up of bias, lies and exaggerations, in order to create suspicions and cause destruction in the country. They think that they know everything and that nothing is possible without them. It is thus very annoying to learn what they have been up to as masers and interfering in our internal affairs.

At the same time, certain conceited axe-handle traitors, devoid of maturity and proper outlook and bent on destroying their own nation, are making contact with personalities of lower or upper houses of certain nations asking the latter to interfere and interfere in the internal affairs of the country, and asking us to impose economic sanctions and not to deal with the country. They would like to do harm to the country and the people since they could not realize their objectives.

Because of such ill intentions and misdeeds and brutal acts committed by the greedy, angry and illusion, they are stinking. Yet, they have approached member nations of the United Nations Security Council and begged them to take such and such actions against the country under cover of democracy. Do they really love their country? Do they have sympathy for their relatives? They have been brought up here in the country but they have no considerations to repay the gratitude. They have no pride of being Myanmar nationals. They do not care how low and awkward their position will be so long as they can become the puppet government with strings attached. I would like to warn those modern Azatath.

I want them to think hard. They should consider if their acts would do good or harm to the country. They have been made to wear dark glasses. They see all through the use of powerful lethal weapons. They have caused bloody deaths to the public and destruction to buildings, businesses and railway structures. Those lacking the four cardinal values or sublime states of mind would rejoice to see such human sufferings.

Tigers, either those kept as pets or those in the jungles would be the same; they would like to see blood, however much it is. Like manner, the tiger-like neo-colonialists are happy when they see the bloody bodies and tragic scenes. Are we going to let this happen to us? If they long for the stepfather to take care of internal affairs, go around the world and cause trouble to the country to become slaves and finally lose our own race. If they go on attempting to seize power in the name of democracy, they will gain nothing but lose the pride and dignity. Are they committing misdeeds because they do not know the evil consequences? Are they willing to see own people in distress, suffering and dying? In the media, they have spread false allegations and defamatory elements in aboveground and those underground.

The colonialists are bad in every aspect. No country would pay greater attention to anyone except oneself. They wish to see piles of human bones in other countries as their interest. Nothing can be expected from them. They are cruel and ruthless by nature. They are devoid of goodwill, loving-kindness and compassion. We experienced the miserable life under the colonialists for over 100 years and there was suffocating violence, political torture and destruction in the world today should be seen with sympathy. The traitorous axe-handles should not commit such evil acts. If these tragic events are accepted, where is the saviour, where is democracy, where is human right, where is humanitarian spirit, where is freedom, where is freedom from suppression, where is the fulfillment of the people's basic needs? If they continue to level false allegations against Myanmar nothing good can be expected. It will be better to not let it become the main unchanged. If we beg the sly and cruel tiger for help, we will become its puppets with no freedom to shape our own destiny or to build democracy. Can we or should we accept such situation? Be thoughtful. Long for or rely on the stepfather neo-colonialist only if it is really worthwhile.

In own country, it would not be worse than that under the influence of the evil tiger under any circumstances. National leaders and martyrs strove to courageously repulse the colonialists and fascists. They drove out all the ruthless colonizers harboursing in our land and we will towards us. History stands witness to the fact that Patriotic Myanmars sacrificed a lot of sweat, blood and human lives standing in front of the national people and winning back the national independence. These should not be forgotten and they are the strength of our people. Martyrs were assassinated on 19 July by the axe-handles who crazed for power. These were tragic events that should not recur.

For the betterment of social, economic and transport conditions of the people, the Tatmadaw government has built thousands of miles of motor roads and railroads, opened airfields wherever necessary and facilitated waterways in the nation. One should see things in the right perspective.

Now national brethren can travel easily to every part of the nation, hilly regions or plains. They can enjoy their basic needs such as food, clothing and housing. According to Buddha’s teachings ‘one should abstain from any type of intoxicants’. Myanmar people have been crippling the danger of narcotics that can wipe out the entire mankind. All the narcotic drugs seized were incinerated and this was made known to the world. Now in Myitkyina and Ngaipu, Tatmadaw is endeavouring to destroy all poppy plantations in all regions of the nation with the strength of the people and members of Myanmar Police Force. It is known to all that the government is successfully making the project to destroy narcotics and not to deal with the country. They have launched operations against poppy cultivation in the nation during which a great number of Tatmadaw and MFY members sacrificed their lives. Besides, in cooperation with national race leaders, the government is working day in, day out for the eradication of opium.

Despite the government’s efforts, a big power of the west bloc with no sympathy and loving-kindness, blocked assistance to the nation.

Over a period of 17 years, the present government has been able to make peace with 17 national race armed groups and even with those leftists and rightists who put up armed struggle for over 40 years. This had not been achieved by the previous governments in the past. In addition, it can be witnessed that the government is implementing 24 special development region projects across the nation. As a result, realizing the goodwill of the State, all national brethren as well as the 17 national armed groups, which have returned to the legal fold, are working together with the government for the development of respective regions.

Reviewing the tasks the Tatmadaw government is implementing, political, economic, social, education, religious, national races, health and administrative affairs are progressing proportionately. In the political field, the National Convention is now in session, keeping ‘Our Three Main National Causes’ in the fore by laying down the seven-point Road Map of the State. Delegates from all walks of life are participating in the National Convention to march towards a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. As for the education sector, new generation youth are able to attend schools and institutions and universitiesthat are operated by the State. Delegates from all walks of life are participating in the National Convention to march towards a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. As for the education sector, new generation youth are able to attend schools and institutions and universities that are operated by the State. Delegates from all walks of life are participating in the National Convention to march towards a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

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Livestock breeding sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of livestock breeding in the time of the Tatmadaw government

Extended livestock breeding and increased meat production

The agriculture and livestock breeding sectors contribute much towards food sufficiency of national people residing in the Union of Myanmar. To fulfill the food requirements, emphasis is being placed on extended production of meat and fish and proper flow of commodities.

With the aim of producing more meat, livestock breeding tasks have been carried out together with the private breeders plus partnership breeding starting from 1994-1995. In doing so, plans have been made to raise at least ten chickens and two pigs per household in rural areas.

Now, the tasks cover respective states and divisions and local battalions and units are also taking part in it. For the success of these tasks, quality strain animals have been provided, disease prevention and control carried out, livestock breeding courses opened and the process of artificial insemination applied.

In the time of the Tatmadaw government, livestock breeding is being extended covering all states and divisions including border areas and as a result, socio-economic life of rural people has improved.

As efforts are being made to extend livestock breeding tasks year after year in various regions of the nation, people are now enjoying adequate meat. The table shows extended livestock breeding and increased meat production in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

Extended livestock breeding and increased meat production

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Coord meeting between NCCWC and panel of chairmen held

YANGON, 7 Dec — The coordination meeting between the National Convention Convening Work Committee and the panel of chairmen of the eight delegate groups of the National Convention was held at the hall of the delegates of State service personnel in Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmawby Township this afternoon.

Vice-chairman of NCCWC Attorney-General U Aye Maung presided over the meeting together with Joint-secretary-1 U Khin Maung Myint as MC. Attorney-General U Aye Maung clarified matters on papers submitted by a group of alternate chairmen today and yesterday and future tasks of NC.

Secretary of NCCWC U Thaung Nyunt then gave a supplementary report.

The panel of chairmen held a discussion and the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Attorney-General U Aye Maung.

It was attended by members of NCCWC, the panel of chairmen of delegates of political parties, delegates of representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel and other invited delegates. — MNA

Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung addresses the meeting between the Work Committee and members of the Panel of Chairmen of the eight National Convention delegate groups. — MNA
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to cultivate and possess strong Union Spirit. Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism, so all the nationalities will have to uphold and safeguard.

All trainees are to participate in building and safeguarding the modern and developed nation upholding Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

Regarding the international relations, Myanmar is a nation that respects and practises the five principles of peaceful co-existence in international relations.

Myanmar is also cooperating with UN agencies and international organizations while participating in activities of ASEAN, BIMSTEC, Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) and Ginga-Mekong Cooperation (GMC).

Annual General Meeting of USDA was held in September, and activities in organizational, economic, social and cultural sectors carried out in a year were presented to the meeting. It is seen that the association is carrying out the tasks for ensuring community peace and tranquility joining hands with the Tatmadaw Government, the Tatmadaw and the people. The association also put its energies into development tasks, public welfare tasks and environmental conservation activities.

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

The nine future work programmes focus upon the public welfare, people will cooperate in implementing the programmes.

Since the Government assumed the responsibility of the State, the Government had laid down and is implementing 12 political, economic and social objectives joining hands with the people and the Tatmadaw. As part of an effort for cent per cent development of the regions in the State, the Government designated 24 special regions and laid down rural areas and border areas development projects. The Government has also been making efforts for development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy and has achieved fruitful results. At the same time, it is building the necessary infrastructures for the future State. Meanwhile, the Government is implementing the seven-point Road Map in cooperation with USDA, people and the Tatmadaw. On the other hand, internal and external destructive elements are resorting to destructive acts.

In mass rallies held all over the country, people pledged to maintain the stability and development of the State and to guard against the destructive elements. They also denounced some countries who interfere in internal affairs of the State and pledged to crush destructive elements upholding the four-point People’s Desire.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the trainees to realize the importance of duties they will have to carry out, to study the subjects taught at the course and compare the knowledge gained with their experiences, to serve the interests of the nation and the people loyally and conscientiously, to strive for national unity, peace and stability and to uphold.

Our Three Main National Causes and 12 objectives and to lend themselves to the implementation of seven-point policy programme.

After the opening ceremony, Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially greeted the trainees. — MNA

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NC delegates head for Pyidaungsu Hall to attend the National Convention. — MNA

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Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt.-Gen Thein Sein and commission members, Chairman of the NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, Chairman of the NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj Gen Lun Maung and representatives-elect of National Unity Party, Mro (or) Kham National Solidarity Organization, independent representatives-elect, delegates of national races from Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine States, Shan State (South), Shan State (North), Shan State (East), Sagaing.

NC delegates head for Pyidaungsu Hall to attend the National Convention. — MNA
Plenary Session of the National Convention…

The National Convention continued at 9.50 am. Member of the Alternate Panel of Chairmen U Bo Thein presented the proposals submitted by delegates groups to the National Convention regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing and distribution of power in executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

Next, Member of the Alternate Panel of Chairmen Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha) presented the proposals submitted by delegates groups to the National Convention regarding detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing and distribution of power in executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

After that, the plenary session went into recess at 11.15 am. The plenary session continues on 12 December. — MNA
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This being the case, the Union Government should be vested with a variety of executive powers, and the duty and rights relevant to these powers.

I will now sort out the detailed basic principles that should be adopted in connection with the Union government that shall be included in the executive sector of the Constitution.

1. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the executive power of the Union extends to the matters with respect to which the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw has power to make laws.

2. Subject to the provisions of the Constitution, the executive authority of the Union, shall be vested in the President; but nothing in this section shall preclude the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw from conferring duties and functions upon any authoritative body, or any person in authority, or be deemed to transfer to the President of the State any functions vested in any authoritative body concerned, or any other person in authority concerned by existing laws.

3. (a) All executive action taken by the Union Government shall be expressed as done in the name of the President.

(b) Orders and instruments made and executed in the name of the President shall be authenticated in such manner as may be specified in rules to be made by the President. In addition, the validity of an order or instrument which is so authenticated shall not be called in question on the ground that it was not done by the President.

(c) The President shall make rules for the transaction of the business of the Union Government, and for the allocation of the said business among the ministers of the Union Government or to the official responsible under a certain law, except matters conferred on him by this Constitution to act in his own discretion.

(d) Without prejudice to the generality of the foregoing provisions, the allocation of business by the President may be region-wise as well as subject-wise.

4. The Union Government uphold and maintain stability, peace, and the prevalence of law and order in the country.

5. The Union Government shall lay down its policies in accordance with the stipulations contained in the Constitution. The Union Government shall draw necessary projects in accordance with the policies and implement them with the approval of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

6. Based on annual budgets of the Union, drawn after coordinating with the Financial Commission, the Union Government shall draft the bill on Union budget, and shall submit it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in line with the stipulations contained in the Constitution for approval.

7. The Union Government shall have the right to use the funds within the allotment of the normal expenditure included in the latest-entailed Union budget law of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw cannot approve the Union Government-submitted bill before the end of fiscal year.

8. The Union Government shall submit the bill concerning the matters of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw that cannot be made law within the framework of the provisions of the Constitution, and shall submit it to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

9. The ministries of the Union Government shall manage, guide, and supervise their subordinate government departments and organizations to ensure that the said subordinate bodies are conducting their functions in accord with the stipulations of the Constitution and the existing laws.

10. The Union Government cooperates and coordinates with the region government, the state government, and the self-administered area-relevant body to enable them to effectively and successfully carry out their tasks.

11. The Union Government, save constitutional disputes and the disputes over the re-delineation of territorial boundary, shall (a) cooperate and make decisions if necessary on disputes over administration between region and state; and among regions; among states; between regions or states and self-administered areas; and among self-administered areas.

(b) cooperate, coordinate and solve the disputes over administration between regions or states and Union territories and between self-administered areas and Union territories; and make decisions if necessary.

12. The Union Government, in accordance with law, shall —

(a) constitute Union-related service organizations as necessary, and stipulate the duties and functions for such organizations; and

(b) appoint the required number of staff.

13. The Union Government shall —

(a) implement administrative resolutions passed occasionally by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, and submit the measures it has taken to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

(b) submit the report on the entire affairs of the State to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on an occasional basis.

National Unity Party among seven political parties of the Delegate Group of Political Parties discussed that the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee invited suggestions related to his clarification on 13 points of detailed basic principles if it should be adopted in connection with the Union Government. In accord with the stipulations contained in the executive sector of the Constitution.

Governments of various countries adopt duties and rights concerning executive power to be able to achieve success and to stretch out governments’ authorities in implementing the functions of administration.

Daily movements of people in any country are related to administration. As administrative functions of the State are very huge and broad, Union Government needs necessary authorities to practising executive power. Hence the clarification of the Chairman of NCC Work Committee as regards the duties and functions of the Union Government should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Furthermore, they gave a separate suggestion that at No 7 point of the clarification of the NCC Work Committee Chairman, the Union Government shall have the right to use the funds within the framework of the allotment of the normal expenditure included in the latest-entailed Union budget law of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw cannot approve the Union Government-submitted bill before the end of fiscal year. It is very important that of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should enact the Union budget law in time, of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, if the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw cannot approve the Union Government-submitted bill before the end of fiscal year.

The Union Government shall strive to enact its Union budget law before the end of fiscal year. If the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw cannot approve the Union Government-submitted bill in time, the Union Government shall have the right to use the funds within the framework of the allotment of the normal expenditure included in the latest-entailed Union budget law of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Union Pa-O National Organization discussed that from 1 to 13 points clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee concerning Union Government to be included in the executive sector of the State Constitution, based on findings and reviews. Therefore, these proper and reasonable points should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Lahu National Development Party discussed that a total of 13 points concerning the executive power of the Union Government clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Union Kayin League also submitted its discussions on 13 points concerning the executive power of the Union Government to be included in the executive sector of the State Constitution clarified by the Chair- man of NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party made discussions. With regard to the executive power of the Union Government, “the executive power of the State is distributed among the Pyidaungsu, regions and states;” and “Self-administrative power shall be distributed to self-administered areas as stipulated by the State Constitution.” had been adopted as detailed basic principles. In this regard, the clarification of the Chair- man of NCC Work Committee were very appropriate and reasonable.

Duties and functions of the Union Government were described as adoption of the Government’s policies in line with the State Constitution by taking measures of peace and stability and prevalence of law and order of the nation, controlling duties and functions discharged by departments and organizations of the ministries of the Union Government in accord with the State Constitution, performing of management, guidance and supervision, making coordination and setting up of disputes on administration between Region and State, among regions, among states, between region or state and self-administered area, and among self-administered areas. Therefore, findings and observation of the NCC Work Committee that related to executive power of the Union Government to be included in the executive sector are proper and reasonable.

Wa National Development Party discussed that 13 points clarified by the Chairman of NCC Work Committee should be laid down as detailed basic principles.

Among the eight delegate groups, the group of representatives-elect submitted four proposal papers. Political parties included in the delegate group of political parties have discussed attitudes of delegates regarding the clarification issues proposed by the Independent representative-elect U Tun Kyaw of Namshan township constituency in Shan State and Independent representative-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Twantay township constituency in Chin State, and Independent representative-elect U Tun Maung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization. It is found that respective delegates have also made the same discussion.

Independent representative-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Twantay township constituency in Chin State, Independent representative-elect U Tun Kyaw of Namshan township constituency in Shan State (North) supported the clarification of the chairman of the National Convention Convening Work committee regarding executive power of the Union Government.

U Tin Win of Kyakklat constituency-2, U Thein Kyi of Taungdwingyi township constituency-1, U Hla Soe of Minbu township constituency-2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay township constituency-2 and U Tin Maung Yun of Myaingtalay township constituency-1 also sup- supported that thirteen points in executive power of the Union Government is appropriate to adopt as a detailed basic principle. Similarly, the delegate group of national races, delegate group of peasants, delegate group of workers, delegate group of intelligentsia and delegate group of State service personnel seconded the 13-point executive power of the Union Government. In addition, delegate group of intellectu- alists and intelligentsia separately suggested that in the Union budget law (draft), an individual fund should be set up in an emergency case.

The group of other invited delegates said they had learnt clarification and reviews of the chairman of the Work Committee regarding the executive power of the Union Government and they supported all points as they are appropriate to be adopted. — MNA
The region or state government is vested with power in accord...

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The region or state government shall—

1. Subject to the provisions of this Constitution, the executive power of the region or state government extends to the matters with respect to which the region or state hluttaw has power to make laws. Moreover, in such manner, the executive power of the region or state government also extends to the matters with respect to which the region or state government has been allowed to carry out in accord with any of the Union laws.

2. The region and state governments shall have the responsibility to assist the Union Government in its drive to ensure the stability of the State, community peace and tranquility and the rule of law.

3. Subject to the policies adopted by the Union Government and Union laws, the region or state governments shall implement the projects in connection with the task to be implemented in the respective regions or states with the approval of the region or state hluttaw.

4. Region or state governments shall submit to the respective hluttaws of the regions and states the budget bill of the regions and states concerned on the annual budget of the Union Government in accord with the provisions in the Constitution.

5. If the region or state hluttaw cannot pass the bill on the budget of the region or state submitted by the region or state government concerned, the region or state government concerned shall have the right to use the funds of the current expenditure included in the last-acted budget law of the region or state hluttaw.

6. In accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, the region or state government shall have the right to submit to the Region or State hluttaw the necessary Bill relevant to the matters embodied in the Region or State Legislative List.

7. The region or state government shall—

(a) manage, guide, supervise and inspect the performance of the region or state ministeries and their subordinate government departments in connection to ensure that they conduct their functions in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution, or with those of the existing laws.

(b) supervise, inspect, cooperate and coordinate in accordance with the Civil Service Act, through coordination in advance with the Union government, the region or state government shall—

establish civil service organizations of the region or state as necessary,

appoint the required number of civilian staff.

8. The region or state government shall—

(a) implement the resolutions occasionally passed by the Region or State Hluttaw concerning the region or state government.

(b) submit the report on the area of its jurisdiction to the Union government and to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.

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(a) implement the resolutions occasionally passed by the Region or State Hluttaw concerning the region or state government.

(b) submit the report on the area of its jurisdiction to the Union government and to the Region or State Hluttaw concerned.

10. The region or state government shall implement the tasks occasionally assigned by the Union government.

In connection with the clarifications, Na- tional Unity Party, one of the political parties and one of the delegate groups to the National Con- vention discussed that the region or the state government will have to implement the long-term, short-term, annual plans and work programmes on eco- nomic, social, education, health, development af- fairs and transport matters.

The region or the state government is to make efforts for development of the respective regions and the states in cooperation with the Union govern- ment. If the region or the state government carries out the tasks separately, considerable success will not be achieved as it should be.

Plans and work programmes can fully be realized through cooperation and coordination among the region or the state government and the Union government. The said region or state government presented by Chairman of the Work Committee are appropriate to be the basic principles.

The NUP also suggested that it is important for the region or the state government to prescribe the budget bill in time. In conformity with the sugges- tion on authority of the Union government, the point No 5 should be substituted with the following ex- pression:

The region or state hluttaw is to make efforts for passing the bill on the budget of the region or state submitted by the region or state government concerned before the end of fiscal year. Only when the region or state hluttaw cannot pass the bill on the budget in time, the said region or state govern- ment shall have the right to use the funds of the current expenditure included in the last-acted budget law of the region or state hluttaw.

The delegate groups of Union Pa-O National organizations discussed that from points No 1 to 10 of the other tasks and organization of the region or state government presented by the Work Committee should be laid down as the basic principles.

The delegate groups of Mro (or) Khami Na- tional Solidarity Organization discussed that the ten points in connection with executive power of the region or state government presented by Chairman of the Work Committee were proper and they should be laid down as the basic principles.

The Lahu National Development Party supported all the points regarding executive power of the re- gion or state organization presented by Chairman of the Work Committee.

Union Kayin League discussed duties and rights in cooperation with executive power of the region or state government presented by Chairman of the Work Committee. These points should be laid down as the detailed basic principles.

Kokang Democracy and Unity Party reported that executive matters that the Union government will take charge of and implement include in the Union Legislative List. And similarly executive matters that the region or state government will take charge and implement include in the State Legislative List.

The KDUP found that the Union government is to lay down policies and guidelines in the interest of the State and the people and the region or state government exercising the rights vested is to im- plement the tasks successfully.

The region or state government is vested with the power in accord with the policies and guide- lines laid down by the Union government in the interest of the State and the people. The clarifica- tions of the Work Committee were suitable.

The Union National Development Party reported that the region or state government and the self- administered division or the self-administered zone leading bodies are bridges that link the Union gov- ernment and the entire people.

The Union government shall provide assistance for successful implementation of the tasks such as stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, the rule of law, economic, social and transport sectors and is responsible for that. It is necessary for the region or state government and the self-administered division or the self-ad- ministered zone leading bodies to prescribe duties and rights in order to drive administrative machin- ery in the respective regions with greater momentum for perpetuation of the already-built national solidarity.

The clarifications of the Work Committee re- garding duties and rights in connection with execu- tive power of the region or state government were natural and Points 1 to 10 should be laid down as the basic principles.

Representatives-elect group, one of the eight deleg- ate groups, submitted four proposal papers. Po- litical parties discussed the attitudes of delegates of National Unity Party and Mpio (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization.

Airbus wins $10b China deal for 150 planes

PARIS, 6 Dec — Airbus signed a 10-billion-US-dollars deal to supply 150 single-aisle passenger jets to China on Monday, scoring its largest deal with Beijing in what is already a record year for sales for Airbus and US rival Boeing.

The agreement on a 150-family jets was signed during a visit to France by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao as Airbus embarks on a six-month study of plans to build its first non-European assembly plant in China due to fast-growing demand.

The A320 family comprises four aircraft capable of seating 107 to 185 passengers and the 150 planes are worth almost 10 billion US dollars at average list prices.

China also signed an agreement with Airbus's sister company Eurocopter, the world's largest civilian helicopter maker, to co-develop a 6-ton helicopter for the world market.

Both Airbus and Eurocopter are subsidiaries of European aerospace firm EADS, whose shares were up 2.6 per cent at 32.65 euros by 1523 GMT when the main Paris market index was down 0.3 per cent.

“With a total value close to 10 billion US dollars, the order...is the largest single order that Airbus has ever received since it entered the Chinese market two decades ago,” EADS said.

In bilateral agreements with France, China also signed a 150-million-euro (176-million-US-dollar) deal for construction of its high-speed Shitan railway link, and it ordered a satellite from telecoms equipment maker Alcatel Alenia Space.

The deals follow an improvement in political ties as Paris campaigns for the European Union to drop a trade embargo on arms sales to China.

The Chinese market is growing at 8 to 10 per cent a year, which is the highest rate in the world, and is on course to match the United States in 10 or 20 years,” EADS Co-Chief Executive Noel Forgeard said.

Airbus said it had agreed with Wen to look at expanding the assembly lines for its aircraft outside Europe for the first time by building a site in China to build single-aisle jets.

Man accused of Bush attack on trial in Georgia

THILISI, 6 Dec — The trial of a man charged with trying to blow up US President George W. Bush in the ex-Soviet state of Georgia started on Monday.

Vladimir Arutunyan, a Thilisi resident, is accused of throwing a grenade at Bush while the president was addressing a crowd gathered in the main square of the Georgian capital.

US officials said at the time the grenade only failed to explode because Bush moved out of the area of the explosion.

China punishes 892 banking employees for violation of laws

BEIJING, 6 Dec — Altogether 892 employees of China's banking sector were punished for violation of laws in the first three quarters of this year, a rise of 224 on a year-on-year basis, China's banking watchdog said on Monday.

Of 2,710 persons accused in the cases, 689 were punished for violations of the banking sinews, 627 for violations of the financial laws, 539 for violations of the anti-fraud laws, 456 for violation of the anti-corruption laws, 363 for violations of the anti-money laundering laws, 316 for violations of the anti-terrorist financing laws, 121 for violations of the anti-tax laws, 110 for violations of the anti-tax evasion laws, and 24 for violations of the anti-tax avoidance laws.

Zimbabwe arrests cricketers in foreign currency scam

HARARE, 6 Dec — One of the most influential figures in Zimbabwe Cricket (ZC), Babu Meman, two national team players Vusilshanda and Waddington Mwanya, have been arrested as part of investigations by police into the financial affairs of the country's biggest money-spinning discipline.

The three were picked up on Saturday, and at least six more players are expected to be questioned by police this week over transactions in their offshore foreign currency accounts.

The three are accused of fraud, but police say they had been informed that the players were also interested in questioning at least six more players over their offshore foreign currency accounts and transactions.

The police swoop on the three was prompted following investigations by the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe into the game's financial affairs, especially its foreign currency transactions.

China building mountaineering park

KATHMANDU, 7 Dec — After its completion, the “Mountaineering Memorial Park”, a big project carried out by Nepal Mountaineering Association (NMA), will be a paramount destination for tourists, NMA said on Tuesday.

The project is being constructed in 96.5hectare of public land of Kakani Village of Nawakot District, neighbouring district of Kathmandu, NMA said in a statement. The park will include picnic spots, museum, mountain zone, 22 anti-terrorist facilities for the mountaineers before they go to climb the mountains.
After 82 years, Chinese farmer couple continues its love story

GUILIN (Guangxi), 6 Dec—A peasant farmer couple from south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region has been married for 82 years, longer than the record of 80 years and 14 days set by a British couple, which held the Guinness world record.

The farmer couple could probably claim the new record, but their family members did not say whether they would apply for Guiness recognition.

Zheng Suncai, the husband, turned 101 years old on October 15 this year. His wife, Wang Xiuying, is now 100 years old. They married on 15 October, 1904, when Zheng was 19 years old.

Zheng and his wife live in the Zhuzizhou Village of Pingle Township in Pingle County, about 100 kilometres from the scenic city of Guilin. They have three sons and three daughters. Their eldest son is 78 years old and their youngest child, a female, is 58 years old. They have a family of more than 70 members spanning five generations. Zheng’s 43-year-old grandson of the senior Zheng, said his grandparents wear linen clothes. His grandfather does not smoke but drinks a little bit of rice wine with small alcohol content.

Zheng loves vegetable dishes, and the ginger and sweet potato leaves are his favourites. He said, ginger could drive away cold and sweet potato leaves help digest food. But he never eats vegetables and melons that blossom out during the night, saying they are harmful to health.

The 101-year-old Zheng still has good eyesight and reads books and newspapers everyday. But his wife Wang has poor eyesight and can not walk by herself as her feet were broken in the past. Zheng takes care of his wife’s daily life — from washing her face to feeding her. Everyday after getting up, the couple gargles and scrapes their tongue with a spoon before breakfast.

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Vietnam to apply for foreign university curricula

HANOI, 6 Dec—Vietnam will apply for ten foreign universities in 2006-2007 on a trial basis, the Tertiary and Post-Graduate Department under the Ministry of Education and Training said on Monday.

The application of advanced curricula of well-known universities in the United States, Britain and Canada part of Vietnam’s 2006-2020 roadmap for renovating its tertiary education, the department said. It noted that the curricula include biotechnology, information technology, electronics and telecommunications, finance and banking, and plant protection.

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Singapore to invest in digital media industry

SINGAPORE, 6 Dec—The Economic Development Board (EDB) of Singapore will invest 300 million Singapore dollars (about 300 million US dollars) in the digital media industry over the next five years, a senior official announced here on Monday.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the Asia Pacific studio of Electronic Arts, an interactive games developer headquartered in the United States, Singapore Minister for Community Development, Youth and Sports Vivian Balakrishnan said that another 500 million Singapore dollars will be allocated for the subsequent five years thereafter.

“EDB’s plan is based on four key thrusts. First, EDB, together with MDA (the Media Development Authority) and IDA (the Infocomm Development Authority) will intensify their engagement of players across the entire digital media spectrum to set up in Singapore,” he said. The second thrust, according to the minister, is to attract more international specialty schools to offer programmes on digital arts and animation in the island state.

Vietnam stops exporting rice this month

HANOI, 6 Dec—Vietnam’s Trade Ministry has asked local enterprises to stop signing new rice exporting contracts from now to the year-end to ensure local food supply, local newspaper Vietnam Agriculture reported on Tuesday. Rice prices in the domestic market will increase sharply this month if rice exporters keep on inking new contracts, the ministry said, noting that Vietnam exported roughly five million tons of rice worth 1.3 billion US dollars in the first 11 months of this year, seeing year-on-year respective surges of 29 per cent and 46 per cent, on four key thrusts. First, EDB, together with MDA (the Media Development Authority) and IDA (the Infocomm Development Authority) will intensify their engagement of players across the entire digital media spectrum to set up in Singapore,” he said. The second thrust, according to the minister, is to attract more international specialty schools to offer programmes on digital arts and animation in the island state.

Microsoft’s Windows XP software products are displayed at a shop in Seoul in this November 8, 2004 file photo. Microsoft Corp said on 7 Dec, 2005 it would appeal a ruling by South Korea’s antitrust watchdog that ordered the software firm to unbundle its messaging service from its Windows software.—INTERNET
Kaka double sends Milan through, Schalke out

PORTO knocked out of Europe in muddy stalemate

PORTO — Former European Cup winners Porto were dumped out of Europe on Tuesday when they were held 0-0 by Artmedia Bratislava in their final Champions League Group H game on a filthy night in the Slovakian capital.

Porto’s goalkeeper Vitor Baia, right, saves against Lukas Hartig, left, of Artmedia during their UEFA Champions League soccer match between Slovakian team Artmedia Bratislava and Portuguese team FC Porto played in Bratislava, Slovakia, on Tuesday Dec. 6, 2005. Artmedia tied with Porto 1-1.—INTERNET

The Portuguese aristocrats were playing their 100th match in the competition but looked like a bedragged bunch at the final whistle as their hopes of reaching the last 16 were sunk on a night more suited to mud wrestling in the Tehelné Polo stadium.

The few hundred Porto fans huddled together in the cascading rain do not even have the consolation of becoming only the second team to end a group without a victory ever, who broke the deadlock in the 83rd minute on Tuesday after Andriy Shevchenko set up Kaka who fired home a low diagonal shot just wide of the far post.

Kaka added his second and Milan’s third on the hour but a deflected shot from Brazilian Lincoln in the 66th minute gave Schalke hope.

The game ended in ugly scenes with clashes involving several players on the final whistle after Milan’s Gennaro Gattuso confronted Schalke’s Danish midfielder Poulsen. With several punches thrown UEFA’s disciplinary body may well have some video evidence to look at.

Anderlecht find net at last in 1-0 win at Beits

BRUSSELS (Spain), 7 Dec — Anderlecht salvaged some pride from a miserable Champions League campaign when they grabbed their first points and first goal in Group G with a 1-0 win away to Real Betis on Tuesday.

Anderlecht went into their final group game clearly determined to end their 12-match losing streak and notch up only their second ever victory away from home in a Champions League group match.

They made a bright start to the Ruiz Lopera stadium and almost took an early lead when Ukrainian striker Oleg Lachtschik sent a lob just wide of the far post after he had latched on to a magnificent long pass from Kompany.

The Andalucians were given another scare moments later when midfieldler Chock Tisto sliced wide after he was given space on the edge of the area.

Betis, who were already guaranteed a place in the UEFA Cup after finishing third in the group, ended their first-ever appearance in Europe’s elite club competition with seven points. Anderlecht went into the game knowing that they needed a win to keep their hopes of reaching the knock-out phase of the competition alive.

In one hectic spell, the hosts produced a second-half onslaught and missed a fair chunks of chances that would have given them a famous victory. The fact that Rangers only drew 1-1 in Glasgow with group winners Inter Milan to finish second made it all the more frustrating.

Porto’s Argentinian striker Lisandro Lopez had the ball in the net for the visitors midway through the half, but the linesman’s flag had already gone up for offside.

Gradually Artmedia, who claimed a stunning 3-2 victory in Porto earlier in the group after trailing 2-0, realised they had nothing to fear and took control.

In one hectic spell, Bransilav Obzera had his shot smothered by Vitor Baia and the Porto keeper was then called into action to save a shot on the turn by Lukas Hartig.

Porto were in disarray and they had another huge scare after an angled shot from Lincoln was then called off.

The goal celebrations had barely kicked a minute before the break when Kompany fired an angled shot under keeper Daniele Zitka made a sharp save for the defender.

The Czech keeper was beaten 10 minutes later when midfielder Chock Tisto sliced wide after he was given space on the edge of the area.

It was Anderlecht, however, who broke the deadlock in the 83rd minute on Tuesday after Andriy Shevchenko set up Kaka whose shot gave Schalke the group winners Inter Milan advantage and put them in the knock-out phase of the competition.

The result meant Milan won Group E on 11 points with Dutch side PSV Eindhoven qualifying as second after their 2-0 win over Turkey’s Fenerbahce. Schalke ended third and have to settle for a place in the UEFA Cup.

In an enthralling match, Andrea Pirlo put Milan ahead in the 42nd minute with a superb free kick but within two minutes the Germans had pulled level through a Christian Poulsen header.

Milan restored their lead in the 52nd minute when Andriy Shevchenko set up Kaka who fired home a low diagonal shot.

South American club champion Sao Paulo FC’s players arrive at a Tokyo hotel, on Dec. 7, 2005. The Sao Paulo FC members flew in to Japan earlier in the morning to compete at the upcoming FIFA Club World Championship, which will take place from December 11-18.—INTERNET

Rivaldo goal gives consolation to Olympiakos

ATHENS, 7 Dec — A late goal from Rivaldo provided some consolation for Olympiakos Piraeus when the Greek side completed their Champions League campaign with a 2-1 win over an understrength Real Madrid on Tuesday.

The result made no difference at the business end of Group F because Real had already qualified in second place behind Olympique Lyon and Olympiakos had no chance of taking the UEFA Cup spot from Rosenborg Trondheim. Lyon ended on 16 points, six ahead of Real and 12 clear of Rosenborg and Olympiakos.

Cutetaker coach Juan Ramon Lopez Caro took charge of Real for the first time since the sacking of Vanderlei Luxemburgo on Sunday and Real took a seventh-minute lead through Sergio Ramos, 19, who climbed high to head home a Thomas Gravesen free kick.

MNA/Reuters

FASTBALL will not be used at World Cup

LEIPZIG (Germany), 7 Dec — FIFA has ruled out using “smartball” technology at the 2006 World Cup in Germany, saying the system needs more testing to prove its reliability.

“Who consider the technology is not yet ready,” FIFA general secretary Urs Linsi said on Monday.

The ball, developed by Adidas with Germany’s Siemens AG and the German Fraunhofer Institute, is designed to rule out mistakes on goal-line decisions and was tested at the World Under-17 Championship in Peru.

It had been due for further live testing at the World Club Championship in Japan this month but FIFA said on Monday it would not be used at the tournament.

The logical consequence of this is that we will not use in Germany in 2006,” Linsi said.

Thomas van Schau, Adidas spokesman, said: “We knew of this decision in advance of course, so we are not surprised, nor are we disappointed.—MNA/Reuters
Iran plans to build second N-Plant

TEHERAN, 7 Dec — Iran has planned to construct a second nuclear power plant in its southeastern region, state television reported on Monday.

According to the report, the decision was made by the Cabinet on Sunday evening that the reactor of the new plant would be built in the southeastern province of Khazestan.

Iran’s first nuclear power plant, which is scheduled to come on stream in 2006, is being constructed with Russian assistance in the southern coastal province of Bushehr.

Deputy chief of Iran’s Atomic Energy Organization Mohammad Saeedi said in September that the Iranian Government had decided to offer an international tender for the planned construction of two more nuclear power plants in the near future.

The United States accuses Iran of developing nuclear weapons secretly, but Iran has categorically rejected the charge and said that it will forge ahead with its nuclear programme, instead of giving up its legal rights on peaceful nuclear technology under the pressure. — MNA/Khinmau

Fire causes explosion in Lanmadaw Township

YANGON, 7 Dec — A fire caused explosion at the 4th floor of No 350, Anawrahta Street, Ward 1, Lanmadaw Township at 4:30 pm on 5 December.

In a quartar, U Hla Myo threw a bottle of gasoline at his wife Daw Khin Khin Naing. However, the bottle fell on the candle light in the room, and a fire broke out. After that, an explosion occurred because of spreading fire into a gasoline container.

Due to the explosion caused by fire, U Hla Myo and Daw Khin Khin Naing were burnt. Both were rushed to Yangon General Hospital for medical treatment but the couple died in succession at 9 pm. Tocause public anxiety for the people, internal and external destructive elements who are waiting for an opportunity intentionally made false and fabricated news, based on the fire explosion, that the bomb blast occurred in the downtown Yangon.

The graduates of 33rd Intake of DSA and graduates donate K 100,000 to Hninzigone Home for the Aged through Treasurer U Aung Than for three-storey hospital for the Aged recently. — it

WEATHER

Wednesday, 7 December, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Kayah and Mon States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kayin State and Bago Division, widespread in Yangon and Ayeayawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Mon State and Ayeayawady Division, (7°C) above normal in Kayin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bago (2.20) inches, Kengtung (0.79) inch, Yangon (Central) (0.75) inch and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (0.63) inch. The significant of night temperature was (2°C) in Haka. Maximum temperature on 6-12-2005 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 7-12-2005 was 63°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 7-12-2005 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 6-12-2005 was (19) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 7-12-2005 were (0.31) inch at Mingaladon, (0.63) inch Kaba-Aye and (0.75) inch central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (103.62) inches at Mingaladon, (102.87) inches at Kaba-Aye and (107.44) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (23:50) hours MST on 6-12-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, the depression over Southeast Bay has moved slowly westward and centred at about (520) miles East-Southeast of Chennai, India. It is forecast to move West-Northwestwards. Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 8-12-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Shan State, Lower Sagain, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Ayeayawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Delta, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Tanninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speeds in squall may reach (30 to 35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Rain or thunder-showers are likely in Lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-12-2005: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-12-2005: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

“Storm News”(Issued at (10:30) hrs MST on 7-12-2005)
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As administrative functions of the State are very huge and broad, Union Government needs necessary authorities in practising executive power

The region or state government is vested with power in accord with policies and guidelines laid down by Union government for the interest of the State and the people

More review of proposals by alternate chairmen will be published in dailies to be issued on 9, 10 Dec

YANGON, 7 Dec — Clarification made by members of Alternate Panel of Chairmen U Law Hsin Kwan, Duwa Zoat Dong and U Kyi Tint at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 7 March 2005, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee said: The previous plenary sessions of the National Convention have laid down the detailed basic principles concerning “Formation of Executive” and in the detailed basic principles state the formation of the Union government, and the formation of the region or state governments. Concerning the distribution of the executive power that should be vested in the Union Government, the duty and rights relevant to that power. According to the detailed basic principles already laid down, the Head of State, who is the President of the State, shall lead the Union Government. (See page 11)