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

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

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

### Myanmar PM expresses pleasure to witness all-round development in Vietnam

Vietnamese President says only Myanmar people have right to decide their nation’s affairs

Prime Minister General Thein Sein calls on President Mr Nguyen Minh Triet at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi. — MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein, 11 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein on 9 November called on President of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Minh Triet at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi, Vietnam. Also present on the occasion together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Aung Thein, (See page 8)

USDA, a strong national force, in perpetual service of national interest

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Maung Maung Kyaw

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Promotion of bilateral cooperation and strengthening of goodwill relations between Myanmar and Laos

Myanmar and Laos are neighbours and always maintain fraternity between them. Both nations became members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on 23 July 1997. The visits of leaders of the two countries have strengthened goodwill relations and bilateral cooperation. The goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Bouasone Bouphavanh paid a visit to Myanmar on 7 November 2006. The delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein also paid a goodwill visit to Lao PDR on 8 November 2007.

During the goodwill visit, Prime Minister General Thein Sein called on President of Lao PDR Mr Choummaly Sayasone on 8 November. They exchanged views on bilateral issues and regional and ASEAN affairs. The reciprocal visits of both leaders have strengthened existing goodwill relations not only between the two leaders but also among the peoples of the two countries.

Myanmar and Laos, good neighbouring countries, have similar culture and customs and peace and stability and cooperation are flourishing in border areas. Both nations have had amity and closer cooperation since ancient times. It is sure that the recent visit of Prime Minister General Thein Sein to Lao PDR will further promote bilateral cooperation and strengthen goodwill relations.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint urges personnel to participate in regional development tasks in Kachin State

Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence meets departmental personnel, industrialists, businessmen and townswelders in Myitkyina. — MNA

Managing Director Dr Tun Min of Hsu Haik Tan Co Ltd introduces new Fresh Up Gold brand tooth paste. — MNA

myanmar dental surgeons association professor dr u ba myint and joint-secretary dr u hay myint oo explained notable facts about causes of toothache. managing director of hsu haik tan co ltd dr tu min introduced fresh up brand toothpaste to the guests. the scientifically-produced fresh up brand toothpaste is distributed by mega product co ltd. the product is designed to prevent toothache. — MNA

In his instructions, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that in Kachin State, more departments concerned and townships have been set up for carrying out regional development. So, the departmental personnel are to harmoniously undertake development tasks of the region. Local authorities and departments concerned are to strive for ensuring the smooth transport of No 3 district-to-district road. In this connection, Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged departmental personnel and local people to actively participate in ensuring peace, stability and development of the region.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint cordially greeted those present. — MNA

13th seminar on medical science commences

The 13th seminar on medical science of Myanmar Medical Association was opened at the auditorium of MMA on Thanbyu Road, here, this morning, attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

It was also attended by directors-general, deputy directors-general, the rectors, medical superintendents, the chairman and executives of MMA (Central), the chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Seminar, chairmen, secretaries and members of the respective specialty sections.

First, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivered an opening address. Chairman of the Leading Committee Professor Dr S Kyaw Hla spoke words of thanks.

After that, the minister and party unveiled booths on medicines and medical equipment and visited them.

The seminar will be held till 13 November. A total of 41 research papers will be submitted to the seminar. In addition, six symposiums, two workshops and one pathology and medical seminar will be involved in the schedules of the seminar. — MNA
Ex-envoy hits US role in Pakistan troubles

UNITED NATIONS, 10 Nov — The United States has contributed to instability in Pakistan by not fully supporting President Pervez Musharraf as the best bulwark against Islamic fundamentalists, former UN envoy John Bolton said on Friday.

Bolton, US ambassador to the United Nations from 2005-06, told a news conference at UN headquarters Army Chief Musharraf was the best hope for keeping Pakistan’s nuclear weapons out of the hands of radicals.

The former diplomat, who quit his UN job last December after failing to win Senate confirmation and now works at a conservative Washington think tank, urged the administration to drop its focus on elections in Pakistan and “get a grip”.

“The consequence of a radical fundamentalist regime getting its hands on those nuclear weapons would be very grave,” he said. Promoting a book released earlier this week, Bolton said he was not happy with the situation in Pakistan or defending Musharraf’s declaration of a state of emergency, “but I think you have to consider what the US strategic interest is.”

“The question is ... what is the policy to maximize the chances that the weapons do not fall into the wrong hands?”, said Bolton, an outspoken conservative both as UN ambassador and earlier as an assistant secretary of state.

“I think for the moment the answer to that is support for Musharraf. And I think in fact the United States has contributed to some of the instability by implying less than robust support of Musharraf.”

Pakistan expels 3 British newspaper reporters

ISLAMABAD, 11 Nov — Pakistan ordered the expulsion of three journalists from a British newspaper for using “foul and abusive” language about the troubled country and its leadership, the government said on Saturday.

The decision come a week after military ruler President Pervez Musharraf imposed emergency rule, suspended the Constitution and slapped a ban on any coverage about the troubled country and its leadership, the government said on Saturday.

The move was taken in response to an editorial published in the Daily Telegraph on November 9, the Information Ministry official said, asking not to be named. He gave no details.

The Daily Telegraph’s editorial headquarters in London did not immediately comment on the report.

US House to debate Iraq troop withdrawals

WASHINGTON, 10 Nov — The Democratic-led House of Representatives will try to end US combat in Iraq with legislation that would tie new war funds to troop withdrawals, Speaker Nancy Pelosi said on Thursday.

The legislation, similar to a bill President George W Bush vetoed earlier this year, “gives voice to the concerns of the American people” over a war that is now in its fifth year and “with no light at the end of the tunnel,” said Pelosi, a California Democrat.

Small fire breaks out in US airport

WASHINGTON, 11 Nov — A small fire broke out in an electrical closet at Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport in Atlanta, Georgia, Friday morning, causing power cuts and some flight delays, the CNN reported.

No injuries were reported and the fire was quickly extinguished, according to the report.

Shoot-out blazes in Mexico as Navy fights drug gang

MONTERREY (Mexico), 10 Nov — Mexican naval officers fought a ferocious gun battle with suspected drug hitmen outside a shopping centre in the northern port city of Tampico on Friday, witnesses and Mexican media said.

Officers fought around a dozen armed men after being shot at from two SUVs during a routine patrol of the city centre on Mexico’s Gulf coast on Friday.

A view of the Burj Al Arab Hotel and Palm Island Jumeirah (background) in Dubai, on 9 Nov, 2007. —INTERNET

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A boat transports United Nations Secretary General Ban Ki-Moon and delegates from South Korea during his visit to Antarctica on Friday on a fact-finding mission for climate change, becoming the first UN leader to make an official visit to the frozen continent.

INTERNET
China calls for greater Sino-Slovenian cooperation

BEIJING, 9 Nov — Chinese top legislator Wu Bangguo on Friday urged intensification of bilateral exchanges and increased mutual understanding between China and Slovenia.

The two countries have always supported each other on significant issues of their key concerns and the bilateral relations have already moved into a track of comprehensive development, Wu said.

In a meeting with visiting Slovenian Prime Minister Janez Jansa, Wu said China appreciates the support from Slovenia on issues such as Taiwan and respects the path that Slovenian people choose to develop their country.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People’s Congress (NPC), highlighted the strong complementarity of the two economies, saying that two sides should boost cooperation especially among small and medium-sized businesses.

The NPC is willing to step up cooperation with the Slovenian Parliament, Wu said, suggesting the two sides work closely to promote relations.

Jansa said the sustainable development of Chinese economy would offer more opportunities for the two countries to cement cooperation.

In this file photo, people read from a display of books, in Shenzhen, Southern China. Chinese author Jiang Rong used his personal experience of living in the Chinese-Mongolian border region during the Cultural Revolution to write his prize-winning novel “Wolf Totem.” Jiang scooped the inaugural Man Asian Literary Prize on 10 Nov, 2007. — INTERNET

Netherlands unwilling to accept Guantanamo prisoners

BRUSSELS, 10 Nov — The Netherlands will not accommodate any former prisoners from the US prison at Guantanamo Bay in Cuba, Dutch Foreign Minister Maxime Verhagen said Thursday.

It is up to the United States to take in the suspects no longer regarded as terrorists or allow them to return safely to their home countries, Verhagen told the Parliament during a debate on his budget for 2008.

Washington has not officially approached the Netherlands about the matter, Dutch news agency ANP reported. During a visit by Dutch lawmakers to Guantanamo and Washington last month, US officials suggested that the Netherlands could take in some former suspects because they might be tortured or sentenced to death if they return to their own countries.

The several dozen people in question were arrested by the Americans as suspected terrorists in countries like Afghanistan and brought to Guantanamo.

Some Dutch legislators from the Liberal Party said that the Netherlands and other NATO countries should be prepared to receive these people. The European Parliament is sympathetic to this idea.

59 schoolboys killed in Afghan bomb attacks

KABUL, 10 Nov — Afghanistan’s biggest suicide bomb attack is now known to have killed 59 schoolboys, the Education Ministry said on Friday, announcing a nationwide ban on students greeting politicians or dignitaries.

Five teachers and six members of Parliament were also killed in Tuesday’s blast in the relatively peaceful north of Afghanistan which has shaken public faith in the ability of the government and foreign troops in the country to provide security.

The suicide bomber blew himself up as schoolboys lined up to greet a visiting delegation of opposition parliamentary deputies in the town of Baghlan.

“We have 64 martyrs, 59 of them are children, and five of them are teachers,” said Education Ministry spokesman Zahoor Afghan. “There are 96 wounded. Of those three are teachers, the rest are students.”

Officials had previously put the total death toll at 52. As well as the boys, teachers and parliamentarians, a number of police and adult civilians were also killed in the attack. No schoolgirls were among the dead, Afghan said.

MNA/Reuters
**ECONOMIC NEWS**

**Chavez calls for energy alliance**

**SANTAGO, 10 Nov —** Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez challenged Latin American leaders at a summit on Friday to lower regional oil prices, telling big producers to sell oil cheaply to their neighbours.

Addressing leaders by name, Chavez, a stalwart opponent of the United States, proposed the creation of a region-wide oil alliance that would help sustain booming economic growth by sharing energy resources. Venezuela is Latin America’s second-biggest oil producer after Mexico.

“I propose to you that we unite, that we join together in mechanisms of cooperation with countries that don’t have oil and who cannot afford to pay 100 US dollars per barrel,” said Chavez, who has used Venezuela’s oil wealth to spread his influence in the region. Oil prices reached record highs of more than 98 US dollars per barrel this week.

**Ford steps up competition in China’s sedan market**

**BEIJING, 10 Nov —** US carmaker Ford on Thursday stepped up competition in China’s heated sedan market with the launch of a new model, the Ford Mondeo.

The launch came as the Union of National Passenger Cars Market Information released figures showing FAW VW, one of Volkswagen’s two joint ventures in China, was leading the Chinese sedan market in October with 38,841 vehicles sold.

**SIA, Temasek buy 24% stake in CEA**

**SINGAPORE, 10 Nov —** Singapore Airlines (SIA) and the state investment company Temasek Holdings have signed a definitive deal to buy a combined 24% stake in China Eastern Airlines (CEA), SIA said on Friday.

SIA, the city-state’s national airlines, said in a statement it would pay 4.7 billion Hong Kong dollars (about 800 million US dollars) for a 15.73%-per-cent stake in China Eastern, one of China’s top three air carriers.

Temasek is set to spend 315 million US dollars to own 8.27 per cent of the Shanghai-based carrier.

The price payable by SIA and Temasek is 3.8 Hong Kong dollars per H-share. Separately, CEA Holding will represent 51 per cent of the enlarged issued share capital of CEA.

The statement said SIA will nominate two directors, chairman Stephen Lee and chief executive officer Chew Choon Seng, to a 14-member board of CEA. It will also send its personnel to certain executive positions in CEA.

“SIA will work with CEA to implement best practices in corporate governance standards, improve operational efficiency and performance, raise product and service standards, and enhance the brand identity and image of CEA,” the statement said.

Under the strategic cooperation agreement, SIA and CEA will pursue opportunities for cooperation in marketing, commercial purchasing, technical and engineering cooperation, flight operations, ground and station operations, and human resources and training, said the statement.

SIA and Temasek announced the initial strategic investment in CEA in September, while Air China and Cathay Pacific later indicated willingness to purchase share rights of CEA in an effort to block the cooperation between SIA and CEA. But the latter abandoned late in September.

**Fuel prices could prompt airlines to ground planes**

**WASHINGTON, 10 Nov —** United Airlines, a unit of UAL Corp, could ground up to 100 planes, if necessary, to save money on fuel expenses, a company official said, and other big carriers are scrambling to meet demand and maintain their profit momentum from a successful summer travel season amid continued pressure from high energy prices.

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Separately, two US senators have asked federal aviation and transportation officials to look into a report that carriers may, in some cases, have cut back on fuel reserves to reduce expenses, possibly violating safety regulations.

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**USDA, a strong national force, in perpetual service of national interest**

Maung Maung Kyaw

Myanmar is a Union nation, home to various national races. According to the experiences gained throughout successive periods, national solidarity lies at the core of the nation. The Union of Myanmar will be existing and developing so long as national brethren live in unity, sharing joys and sorrows.

“Building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation” is the national goal that the entire people have to accept and place trust and reliance on.

Peace, stability, economic growth and human resources development are fundamental requirements for building a new nation. Only with development in political, economic, social and defence sectors, will it be possible for the people to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation. The nation will be able to enjoy all-round development only when the government, the people and the Tatmadaw work hard together.

With the aim of mobilizing the participation of the entire people in the nation-building tasks, the Union Solidarity and Development Association was established as a strong national force with younger generation on 15 September 1993 in the interests of the nation.

Up to 2007, altogether 17 state and division level associations, 66 district level associations, 320 township level associations and 15,334 ward and village level association have been formed. The membership of the Association has reached 24.5 million. The members comprise farmers, workers, students, and public members and they are playing an active role in tasks for development of their regions.

In the 14-year age of the Association, members have gained experiences on tasks for restoration of peace and stability, national development, organizing measures and cooperation. Now, the Association stands firmly with qualitative and quantitative improvement of its members.

With respect to rules and regulations prescribed for members, at the Annual General Meeting of the USDA (2006), Patron of the USDA Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance saying, “The Union Solidarity and Development Association serves as the strong national force in the drive for implementing the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. It is a noble goal that all people who love the motherland have to accept unanimously and it is the concern of the entire national people. The purpose of forming the Association is to mobilize the wholehearted participation of the entire people in the nation-building tasks.”

The Association is conducting various courses designed to promote qualifications of executives and members at different levels, enable them to keep abreast of international affairs, equip them with Union Spirit and enhance their work proficiency, thereby widening the horizons of the members.

Due to the courses, the members have come to realize the value of the Union, unity, peace and sovereignty and love the Myanmar society all the more.

Flourishing of political, economic, organizing and administrative outlook and spirit of preserving cultural heritage and national character among the members means citizens have a sense of national duty.

The sense of national duty is the spirit that is to be inculcated into each and every citizen. Only citizens with the sense of national duty and physical prowess and high intellectual power are capable of protecting and safeguarding the mother country and effectively carrying out tasks for building a modern and developed nation.

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NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — The visiting Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, together with Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr. Nguyen Tan Dung and party arrived at the Government Office from Presidential Palace in Hanoi at 2.45 pm on 9 November.

The two Prime Ministers had a documentary photo taken in front of the meeting hall. Together with Prime Minister General Thein Sein at the meeting were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to SRV U Aung Thein, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin and departmental heads. Together with Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung were Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr. Pham Gia Kham, Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cao Duc Phat, the Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar, Deputy Head of the Government Office Mr. Nguyen Auoc Huy, Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade Mr Le Danh Vinh and high-ranking officials.

In his discussion, the Vietnamese Prime Minister said that he was glad to learn that General Thein Sein was appointed as Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar. He believed the visit of Myanmar’s Prime Minister would strengthen the friendship between the two nations.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein said that the Myanmar delegation was on a goodwill visit with the belief that the visit will further cement the amity and promote mutual cooperation between the two countries. He expected that the Vietnamese Prime Minister was happy with his visit to Nay Pyi Taw last August. Myanmar also believed the visit of the Vietnamese Prime Minister would help cement the friendship between the two nations. Myanmar is very happy with the improved good-neighbourly relations during the period of 32 years of diplomatic ties between the two nations.

Out of the many plans such as the joint commission and seminars on policies in order to improve the relations between the two countries, arrangements have been made to hold a meeting on policies between the two nations in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar from 23 to 26 December.

Thanks to such plans as well as the plans in the sub-region and the region, the two nations came to have more mutual friendship and understanding.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein continued to say that Myanmar regards Vietnam as its good neighbour for it has supported Myanmar every time she faces outside pressure as to her internal affairs. So, he said, he wants the mutual friendship to be more cemented in the future.

It is heartening to see Vietnam’s development thanks to the cooperation between the government and the people. Myanmar is also striving for ensuring stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, economic growth and development of human resources.

He made clarifications on recent developments in Myanmar, implementation of the seven-step Road Map and continuing process, intervention of western big nations in Myanmar’s internal affairs, support of the people to the seven-step Road Map and holding of rallies to express the desire of the people, who do not want unrest, for emergence of the constitution.

The Prime Minister said that Myanmar is cooperating with the UN through the Secretariat to introduce democracy in implementing the seven-step Road Map. Cooperation is under way as the UN is an organization on which small developing nation like Myanmar relies, he said.

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Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin and heads of department while Vietnamese President Mr Nguyen Minh Triet was accompanied by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Dao Viet Trung, Vietnamese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Tran Van Tung, Deputy Head of the President’s Office Mr Nguyen Huu Luc and Assistant to the President Mr Do Xuan Dong.

At the meeting, Vietnamese President Mr Nguyen Minh Triet said that he welcomed the goodwill visit of Myanmar delegation to Vietnam and expressed his belief that the goodwill visit will contribute a lot to friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

Extending greetings, Myanmar Prime Minister General Thein Sein thanked the President for extending a warm welcome to Myanmar delegation. He conveyed the message of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe wishing the President a spiritual and physical well-being. And he invited the President to pay a visit to Myanmar at opportune time.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein continued to say that he and Myanmar delegation had already heard about all-round development of Vietnam and were pleased to witness such development when they were in Vietnam.

Next, Prime Minister General Thein Sein clarified the recent protests that occurred in Myanmar, prevailing situations of the nation and measures taken for the emergence of the State constitution.

The Vietnamese President said that prior to this meeting prime ministers of Myanmar and Vietnam met and discussed matters on cooperation between the two countries, ASEAN and the regional affairs. He continued to say that Vietnam is discussing matters related to cementing friendship between the two nations. Vietnam has sympathy for the current situations in Myanmar as it also was subject to sanctions and pressure imposed by foreign countries.

He disclosed that Vietnam fully supported the process of transition to democracy being carried out by Myanmar government and the seven-step Road Map that leads to national unity and expressed his hope that Myanmar government will be able to implement the seven-step Road Map. Vietnamese government and its people are desirous of the prevalence of peace and stability in Myanmar, and only then, will the two countries be able to further promote friendly ties and cooperation, he said.

Vietnam believed that only Myanmar people have the right to decide the Myanmar affairs as Myanmar is a sovereign nation, he said. And he thanked Prime Minister General Thein Sein for inviting him to visit Myanmar and expressed his wishes to pay a visit to Myanmar at opportune.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits Ancient University in Socialist Republic of Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — The Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein visited the 17th-century university in Hanoi of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam in the morning on 9 November. Founded in Hanoi in the 17th Century, it was the first ever university in Vietnam.

Officials of the Cultural Department welcomed Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party and explained ancient stone inscriptions and literature.

The Vietnamese cultural troupe performed entertainment to the Myanmar delegation. The Prime Minister signed in the visitors’ book.

Next, the manager of the museum of the university presented gifts to the Prime Minister. Then, the Prime Minister and party posed for documentary photos together with officials of the university. Later, the Prime Minister and party returned to Melia Hanoi Hotel. — MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein views stone inscriptions at the ancient university in Hanoi. — MNA

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein shakes hands with Vietnamese President Mr Nguyen Minh Triet at Presidential Palace in Hanoi. — MNA
The Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein arrived at the Presidential Palace in Hanoi at 2.30 pm Vietnamese Standard Time on 9 November to attend the welcoming ceremony of Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party accorded warm welcome in Vietnam

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung take the salute of the Guard of Honour. — MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung inspect the Guard of Honour. — MNA
NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein, accompanied by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office and departmental heads, left Vientiane of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic by air on 9 November morning to pay a goodwill visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at the invitation of Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Tan Dung.

They arrived at Noi Bai International Airport in Hanoi of SRV and Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Aung Thein and Deputy Head of the Vietnamese Protocol Department Mr Maiphuoc Dung welcomed the Prime Minister and party aboard the aircraft.

Next, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Dao Viet Trung and party, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tran Van Tung, Myanmar Ambassador U Aung Thein and wife Daw Htwe Yi, staff of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché’s Office.

Two Myanmar children presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister.

Later, the Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein left for Melia Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi. — MNA
Prime Minister meets staff of Myanmar Embassy in Vietnam

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein on 9 November met Myanmar Ambassador to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam U Aung Thein and wife Daw Htwe Yi and staff of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office and their families at Melia Hanoi Hotel in Hanoi, Vietnam.

At the meeting, Prime Minister General Thein Sein stressed the need for the staff members to strictly follow the law, rules and regulations of countries in which they are assigned duties, to promote friendly ties between the two countries and enhance the dignity of own nation and people with patriotism, the spirit of unity and daring spirit.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein gives instructions to staff and family members of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché’s Office in Vietnam.—MNA

Respects to be paid at Kyimyindine BEHS No 1 on 25 Nov

YANGON, 11 Nov—No 1 Basic Education High School (former ABM Kyimyindine Girls’ High School) in Kyimyindine Township will pay respects to the old teachers for the fourth time at the school on 25 November morning. The teachers and students have been invited to attend the ceremony without fail. Those wishing to donate cash and kind to the ceremony may contact Kyimyindine BEHS No 1, Tel: 220362, Daw Swam, Hla Thein Swe and wife, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and wife, departmental heads donated Kathina robes and provisions to members of the Sangha.

Also present on the occasion were staff and family members of the ministry. — MNA

Express trains stop over at Toegyaunggale Station

YANGON, 11 Nov—Beginning 1 November, up- and down-trains running Yangon-Mandalay, Mandalay-Yangon, Pyinmana-Pyinmana-Yangon routes stop over at Toegyaunggale Station for smooth transportation of the people from Dagon Myothit (South),(North) and (Seikkan), South Okkalapa, North Okkalapa, Thanyin and Thingangyun townships, Wathayagi and Laydaungtan regions.

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Russia to add 3 research modules to “ISS”

MOSCOW, 11 Nov—Russia’s segment of the International Space Station (ISS) will be increased by 2011 with the launches of three research modules and the ISS crew will be increased from three to six in 2009-2010, Federal Space Agency (Roskosmos) Director Anatoly Perminov told reporters on Friday.

“The three modules including a multifunctional laboratory module will be launched by 2011. They will operate for five years. After 2011 energy modules will be launched,” Perminov was quoted by the ITAR TASS news agency as saying.

As European and Japanese modules will be launched to the space station in 2008, the Roskosmos board discussed on Friday “the launches of our scientific modules”, Perminov said.

According to Perminov, crew of the ISS will be increased to six members in 2009-2010, including three Russian cosmonauts, one of whom will be a scientist. This will allow pursuing more extensive scientific programmes.

MNA/Xinhua

India to further develop Mumbai port

NEW DELHI, 10 Nov—The Indian Government Thursday approved the development of Offshore Container Terminal at Mumbai port with an estimated investment of about 330 million US dollars.

“The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the development of offshore container terminal on Build, Operate and Transfer basis at Mumbai port. It is under license agreement to be entered into by Mumbai Port Trust with the BOT operator,” Indian Finance Minister P. Chidambaram said after the committee’s meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

F&R Ministry offers Kathina robes to monks

NAY PYI TAW, 11 Nov — The Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the second communal Kathina robes offering ceremony at the ministry, here, this morning.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win offered Kathina robes and alms to Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadha Bhaddanta Candarsi of YwaU Sandayon Monastery of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tint of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe and wife, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein and wife, departmental heads donated Kathina robes and provisions to members of the Sangha.

Also present on the occasion were staff and family members of the ministry. — MNA

Progress of No 4 Fertilizer Plant inspected

YANGON, 11 Nov — The Ministry of Energy is building No 4 Fertilizer Plant that can produce 500 tons of fertilizers per day in Myaungdaga region of Hmawby Township.

At the construction site, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi this afternoon heard reports on progress of the project and arrival of machinery presented by Managing Director U Thein Lwin of Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise.

The minister gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks. The minister viewed pile test and driving of pile tests in the construction site and the site chosen for building a jetty. — MNA
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Cambodia to promote home-stay service for tourists

PHnom Penh, 10 Nov—Cambodia will promote home-stay service for foreign travellers so that more local people around resort areas can benefit from the tourism industry, an official said here on Friday.

At least 100 families at six resorts have been selected to provide home-stay service for tourists, said Hou Vandy, chairman of the Cambodian Association of Tourism Agencies.

The Chambok Waterfall in Kompong Speu, the Banteay Chat Temple in Banteay Meanchey, the Kor Pagoda and the Prek Thol Bird Sanctuary in Battambang, the Virak Chey Forestry National Park in Ratanakiri and the bird sanctuary in Preah Vihear are on the list, he said. List expansion is expected to benefit more people, he added.

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Launch of “Ariane” rocket postponed

Paris, 10 Nov—The launch of rocket Ariane 5-ECA, carrying Brazilian and British satellites, has been postponed due to technical problems, the Arianespace company announced late Friday.

The technicians identified irregularities Friday morning in the rotation of one fuel tank of the rocket’s solid propellants, said Arianespace President Jean-Yves Le Gall.

However, they have so far failed to find out what caused the problem, said Le Gall, adding that the launch will be postponed at least to next Monday. — MNA/Xinhua

Technology gives ancient Chinese books a second life

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Number of pandas successfully bred in China

Beijing, 10 Nov—Thirty-one giant pandas were born in captivity in China this year and 25 survived, down from last year’s figure, the State Forestry Administration said on Thursday. Last year, China recorded 33 births, of which 30 survived.

Of the 25 alive and well this year, 16 are living at the China Giant Panda Research Centre in Wolong, a nature reserve in southwest China’s Sichuan Province, and eight live at a research and breeding base in the provincial capital of Chengdu, according to Cao Qingqiao, a spokesman for the administration.

Zhang Zhihe, head of China Giant Panda Breeding Technology Commission, told Xinhua, “Considering the difficult breeding process, the survival rate of 80 per cent or so is quite high.” According to Zhang, over the 40-year history of artificial breeding, the survival rate of newborn panda cubs averages less than 60 per cent. — MNA/Xinhua

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West Ham hit five goals past bottom club Derby

LONDON, 11 Nov — West Ham United scored their biggest league win since returning to the top-flight two years ago when they crushed bottom club Derby County 5-0 at Pride Park on Saturday. Three of West Ham’s goals came in an eight-minute spell in the second half as Billy Davies’ hapless Derby recorded their fifth successive game without a goal, their worst run since 1920.

Derby have six points from 13 matches while West Ham move up to ninth with 18 points from 12.

Lee Bowyer put West Ham ahead after 42 minutes before Matthew Etherington (51), an own goal from Eddie Lewis (55), a second from Bowyer (59) and a free kick by Nolberto Solano (69) piled on the home team’s misery. — MNA/Reuters

Torres, Gerrard strike late to lift Liverpool

LONDON, 11 Nov — Liverpool scored twice in the last nine minutes to beat Fulham 2-0 to move up to fourth in the Premier League on Saturday.

The home side, who scored eight against Besiktas in the Champions League on Tuesday, were frustrated by a resolute Fulham side who held out until substitute Fernando Torres struck with his left foot from close range in the 81st minute.

Steven Gerrard converted a penalty four minutes later after Carlos Bocanegra tripped Peter Crouch on the edge of the area to give manager Rafa Benitez victory in his 200th match in charge.

Liverpool have 24 points from 12 matches with Arsenal (27), Manchester United (27) and Manchester City (25) above them. — MNA/Reuters

Stuttgart hand Bayern first defeat of season

BERLIN, 11 Nov — Champions VfB Stuttgart handed Bayern Munich their first defeat of the season on Saturday, beating the Bundesliga leaders 2-1.

Germany striker Mario Gomez scored in the 10th minute and goalkeeper Thomas Linke saved an equaliser by Luca Toni, who has scored 17 goals for the champions in the Bundesliga this season.

Bayern, who had been unbeaten in all competitions this season, are still top of the league on 28 points. Stuttgart are 13th with 15 points from 13 games.

At the same time, second-placed Nancy missed the chance to keep the pressure on the leaders when they were held to a goalless draw at the Bernabeu on Sunday.

Newcastle draw 1-1 with Sunderland in northeast Derby

LONDON, 11 Nov — Sunderland drew 1-1 with Newcastle United in an evenly fought northeast derby at the Stadium of Light in the first of only three Premier League matches being played on Saturday.

Derby County were kicking off against West Ham United at 1500 GMT while Liverpool face Fulham at 1715 GMT with the rest of the fixtures being played on Sunday and Monday.

Sunderland, without a league win in their last six games and without a home win over Newcastle since April 1980, went ahead after 52 minutes when Danny Higginbotham scored his first goal for the club with a well-taken header.

Newcastle equalized 13 minutes later when James Milner’s cross-cum-shot went in off the far post. — MNA/Reuters

Getafe upset Barca, Valencia beat Murcia 3-0

MADRID, 11 Nov — Getafe returned to haunt Barcelona as they condemned Frank Rijkaard’s side to a 2-0 defeat in the Primera Liga on Saturday.

The last time Barca visited the Coliseum six months ago Getafe knocked them out of the King’s Cup in the semifinals by overturning a 5-2 first-leg deficit with a stunning 4-0 win.

This time the modest Madrid-based club put in a similarly gritty performance with Mannel del Moral giving them the lead after 28 minutes. Uruguayan Juan Albin made sure of a deserved three points with a second goal at the end.

“Our problem is the difference between our home and our away form. We have created little in attack today and you are always going to pay for that at some point,” Rijkaard said.

Off-colour Barcelona missed the chance to knock Real Madrid off the top of the standings, and stay a point back in second. The leaders host Real Mallorca at the Bernabeu on Sunday.

Michael Laudrup’s Getafe climbed to 11th with their third successive win.

New Valencia coach Ronald Koeman saw his side humbled 2-0 at home by Rosenborg Trondheim in the Champions League during the week, but his first league game at the helm was a cakewalk against promoted Real Murcia at the Mestalla.

An early header from Ivan Helguera and two strikes from David Villa earned fourth-placed Valencia a comfortable 3-0 win that put them level on 24 points with Barca and Villarreal, who visit Sevilla on Sunday. — MNA/Reuters

Nancy held to goalless draw at Paris St Germain

PARIS, 11 Nov — Second-placed Nancy missed the chance to keep the pressure on the leaders when they were held to a goalless draw at Paris St Germain in Ligue 1 on Saturday.

The Lorraine side, with 28 points from 13 games after a disappointing performance, are three points behind Olympique Lyon, who host struggling Olympique Marseille on Sunday.

Paris St Germain, who are still chasing their first home victory in the league, are 13th with 16 points from 14 games.

Valenciennes moved up to sixth on 21 points after Filipe Sebo’s first-half double and a Steve Sagidian goal on the hour earned a 3-0 win against promoted Caen.

Earlier on Saturday, Tulio scored two penalties to help Le Mans come from behind to beat St Etienne 3-2 despite playing with 10 men for more than an hour. — MNA/Reuters

Brazil’s Franco Ferreiro returns a shot to Spain’s Ruben Ramirez Hidalgo during their match at the Copa Petrobras tennis tournament in Asuncion on 10 Nov, 2007. — INTERNET

Empoli’s Nicola Pozzi, right, goes for the ball with Sampdoria’s Luigi Sala during the Italian league soccer match between Sampdoria and Empoli at the Ferraris stadium in Genoa, Italy, on 10 Nov, 2007. — INTERNET

Empoli were 2-0 up but Sampdoria drew 2-2.

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BURST BLADDER DANGER FOR BINGE DRINKING WOMEN

LONDON, 11 Nov — Increased binge drinking among women is leading to previously unseen cases of burst bladders, a report said on Friday.

The condition is more common among men, but three female cases were reported at the Pinderfields Hospital in Wakefield, Yorkshire, during the past year.

The condition among women is so rare that hospital staff had difficulty at first diagnosing it as a ruptured bladder. Dr Mohantha Doolen-Doo told the British Medical Journal (BMJ) that her team initially thought the women were suffering from urinary infection or appendicitis.

All three later underwent bladder surgery. “Alcohol consumption increases the volume of urine held within the bladder and dulls the senses such that the patient has a reduced urge to void despite the increased bladder volume,” the report said.

“Minor trauma, such as from a fall, will further increase the pressure and can cause rupture. Alcohol misuse costs the NHS up to three billion pounds a year. Some 510 per 100,000 female hospital admissions were attributable to alcohol in England last year, up from 466 the previous year. Liverpool John Moores University said in a report last month.”

THE WEATHER

Monday, 12 November

Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music - Winning
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music - Fast cars
8:50 am National news
8:55 am News/Slogan
9:00 am Music - Exactus like you
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music - You are my light
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music - Lover man - My life
9:00 pm Spotlight on the stars - (Dolly Parton)
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Drug / women's affairs
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9:45 pm News/Slogan 10:00 pm PEL

WEATHER MAP OF MYANMAR AND NEIGHBOURING AREAS

Monday, 11 November, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3ºC) to (4ºC) below November average temperatures in Kayin State, Bago and Magway Divisions, (3ºC) to (4ºC) below November average temperatures in Kayin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining states and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlamyine (0.69 inches Chauk (0.32 inch), Kalayu (0.20 inch) and Homalin (0.19 inch). The significant night temperatures was Haka (0°C).

Maximum temperature on 10-11-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 11-11-2007 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 11-11-2007 was 91%. Total sunshine hours on 10-11-2007 was (8.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 10-11-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.46) inches at Mingaladon, (140.75) inches at Kaba-Aye, and 144.29 inches at Central Yangon. Magnam wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from North at (12:30) hours MST on 10-11-2007.

Bay interference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Southeast Bay. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and Southeast Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special feature: According to the observation at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday’s tropical depression (Peipah) over South China Sea has become unimportant.

Forecast valid until evening of 12-11-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, upper Sagaing and Tanintharyi Divisions, isolated in Chin State, Mandalay and Magway 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 to be at times off and along Mon-Taninhtayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuations of isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in the Northern Myanmar areas.


People’s Desire

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☆ We favour peace.
☆ We oppose unrest and violence.

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☆ RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!
☆ The public be warned of killers in the air waves — RFA, VOA and BBC

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Who are the winners, and who, the losers from recent violent protests?

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   The people are in a state of panic
   Artless persons get into bad company and run into trouble
   Trade and commerce hit hard
   Vendors and shopkeepers have hard times
   Tourism industry in bad shape
☆ Due to the violent protests,
   Colonialists’ lackey expatriates earn dollars
   Touts were provided with funds
   Criminals and opportunists are happy with the unrest
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