

Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister who will attend ASEAN Summit in Singapore

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe saw off Prime Minister General Thein Sein who left here by air to attend the 13th ASEAN Summit and related meetings to be held in Singapore at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport at 11 am yesterday.

Also present at the airport together with Senior General Than Shwe were Vice-Chairman of SPDC Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of SPDC General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of SPDC Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Members of SPDC Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander of Nay Pyi



Senior General Than Shwe sees off Prime Minister General Thein Sein at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung, senior military

officers, the Director-General of State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads.

Members of the del-

egation led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein include Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Eco-

nom ic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr

Than Nyun, Director-General Col Thant Shin of the Government Office, departmental heads and officials.

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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

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive together for development of human resources

In pursuit of the national education promotion programmes, efforts are being made for rural regions to have easy access to basic education. And learning opportunities for higher education are being created in special development zones, strategic regions of the State.

At present, work is well under way for upgrading of curriculum and syllabus of basic education sector. Starting from 2008-2009 academic year, curriculum and syllabus at international level will be introduced.

Special refresher courses are being conducted for basic education teachers to be qualified and competent in teaching. Now, they are fully engaged in nurturing and producing human resources.

Measures are being taken from basic education sector to higher education sector to ensure that education qualifications of teachers actually suited to their jobs.

In the meantime, efforts are to be exerted to inculcate new generation youths with patriotism, Union Spirit and nationalistic fervour in addition to nurturing them to be educated.

Therefore, parents, teachers and students are to strive together for creating good conditions such as continuous emergence of human resources, a better education atmosphere and a better environment to pursue education peacefully. Only then, will human resources develop.



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun presents prize to an outstanding trainee. — F & R

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Wellwishers hail USDA AGM with K 65.45 mln donation

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — A total of 221 wellwishers presented K 65.45 million to Union Solidarity and Development Association here on 14 November to mark its Annual General Meeting for 2007.

Secretary-General U Htay Oo, Secretariat members U Tin Htut and U Thein Zaw and CEC members Thura U Aye Myint, U Ohn Myint, U Maung Maung Thein, U Khin Maung Myint and Thura U Aung Ko accepted the donation at the convocation hall of the

University of Veterinary Science.

The Secretary-General explained about the matters related to the cash donation marking the AGM of the USDA and then on behalf of the donors U Yan Win of A 1 Construction Company explained about the purpose of the donation.

Certificates of honour were presented to the wellwishers.

Afterwards, Secretariat member U Tin Htut spoke words of thanks and the ceremony ended.

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CEC Member of USDA U Ohn Myint accepts cash donated by a wellwisher. — MNA

59 Customs personnel receive basic skills

YANGON, 19 Nov — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attended the concluding of the basic course No 2 for customs personnel (women) at Central Institute for Civil Service (Phaunggyi) and honoured outstanding trainees.

During the training course, altogether 59 trainees received basic skills for Customs services.

In his concluding speech, the minister said the trainees are to work hard to become qualified service personnel on the job as they have received

the necessary skills and to actively carry out the tasks of the ministry.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun awarded the four outstanding students and presented concluding certificates through an outstanding student.

Also present at the concluding ceremony were members of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the directors-general of the departments under the ministry, the rector and course instructors of the institute and trainees. — MNA



CEC Member of USDA Thura U Aye Myint accepts cash donated by a wellwisher. — MNA

Horizon League Basketball Tournament goes on

YANGON, 19 Nov — Horizon League Basketball Tournament jointly organized by Myanmar Basketball Federation and Horizon Int'l Education Centre took place at Kyaikkasan Gymnasium on 17 and 18 November.

In the men's event on 17 November, Furious, C.C.Y, Cow Boy and Red Star teams maintained respective victories. In the women's event, Ballababies team won over Glory. In the men's event on 18 November, Blue Boy, Last Vampire, KKS and Shadows teams maintained respective wins. — NLM

Civilian loses ankle in mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — A villager was injured in a mine blast in Kyaukgyi Township in Bago Division on 16 November.

Pho Pya (a) Tun Min Lat, 23, of Aung Chan Tha Village, went to the forest to cut firewood and stepped on a mine planted by insurgents.

The explosion blew

off the victim's right ankle.

The victim was sent to the hospital in Mone and provided medical treatment to him.

The insurgents have committed destructive acts to jeopardise the community peace and tranquility and to cause panic among the people. — MNA

Chavez tells OPEC oil will soar if US attacks Iran

RIYADH, 18 Nov—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez told an OPEC summit on Saturday crude oil prices could double to 200 US dollars if the United States attacked his ally Iran.

“If the United States is crazy enough to attack Iran or commit aggression against Venezuela ... oil would not be 100 US dollars but 200 US dollars,” Chavez told the summit in the Saudi capital.

Chavez addressed a hall containing Iranian



Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez.

President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, a comrade-in-arms against Western influence.

Fears the United States or its ally Israel could attack Iran over its nuclear energy programme —

which Washington says is a cover for developing atomic weapons — have helped drive world oil prices to record levels.

Teheran denies the charge.

Oil has lapped against the 100 US dollars-mark this month, prompting consumer nations to call on the exporter group to provide the market with more crude.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (L) shakes hands with his Singaporean counterpart Lee Hsien Loong after signing the Framework Agreement for the Development of the Sino-Singapore Eco-city Project in Singapore on 18 Nov, 2007. —XINHUA

US Airport Terminal evacuated due to strong odour

WASHINGTON, 18 Nov—A strong odour prompted evacuation of a terminal at a major US Airport Saturday morning and 11 people complained of symptoms related to the odour.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey

said the odour was detected in Terminal B of Newark Liberty International Airport, New Jersey at about 11 am, and it smelt like natural gas.

Port Authority spokesman Pasquale DiFulco said 11 people complained of symptoms

related to the odour and one of them fainted. That person was taken to a hospital, he said.

The terminal was evacuated but did not disrupt flights. Authorities are investigating a possible gas leak.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai southern schools closed for fear of attacks against teachers

BANGKOK, 18 Nov—The chief of Rangae District of Thailand’s southern-most Narathiwat Province ordered 30 government schools in his district to be closed Friday for fear that teachers would fall victims of insurgents.

Prakong Kongkaew, the district chief, was quoted by local news network *The Nation* as

saying that villagers had alerted authorities that some insurgents made movements in the district so he sought cooperation from the chief of Narathiwat’s Education Zone 3 to have the schools closed. The closure of the schools would permit soldiers to hunt down the insurgents without having to worry that they would hold teachers hostages, he

said.

More and more attacks against teachers in Narathiwat, Yala and Pattani had taken place during the past months. All the three southernmost provinces of Thailand have been troubled with insurgency-related violence which has claimed more than 2,500 lives since it resumed in early 2004. — MNA/Xinhua

US strikes killed pro-US Iraq fighters

BAGHDAD, 19 Nov — A group of gunmen killed in US airstrikes in Iraq last week were pro-US fighters, an American military officer said on

Sunday, despite the military’s public statements that they were insurgents.

The officer, who spoke on condition of

anonymity, said US military officials had talked to Sunni Arab tribal sheikhs in Taji, just north of Baghdad, to express their regret for the loss of life in the attack, which took place last Tuesday.

“There was some confusion and we were not able to turn off the attack quickly enough,” he said of the airstrikes that continued for several hours despite frantic phone calls from local tribal leaders to the US base in Taji.

“We have talked to them and explained our sorrow over the incident and the loss of lives of volunteers trying to bring order to their neighbourhoods,” the officer said.

The incident threatens to derail a carefully constructed relationship between US forces and anti-al-Qaeda Sunni tribes in Taji and has put the spotlight on operating procedures for tribal police units the US military is forming around Iraq. — MNA/Reuters

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Thousands protest US Army training programme

ATLANTA, 19 Nov — Thousands of people demonstrated outside a big US Army base on Sunday to demand the closure of a defence department training school they say promotes torture and murder in Latin America.

Long-shot Democratic presidential hopeful Dennis Kucinich joined the annual protest outside the Fort Benning Army base in Georgia to shut down the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation.

Protesters say it

teaches security personnel from Latin American countries to use repressive tactics and that graduates have overthrown legitimate governments, citing a coup against Chile President Salvador Allende in 1973 as an example.

“Over the course of several decades people trained here have murdered and tortured hundreds if not thousands of people,” protester Bob Goodman of the Georgia Coalition for Peace and Justice said in an interview.

But a spokesman

for the institute, the defence department’s main Spanish-language training facility, denied it was involved in immoral activity and said promoting democracy was at the core of its mission.

“It (the accusation) was never true and saying so with no evidence is a moral slander on the people who work there. This is a US Army school that has to follow the doctrines and rules that apply to the US Army,” said Lee Rials, spokesman for the institute. — MNA/Reuters



Visitors take a close look at one of the top ten zisha (purple clay) teapots of 2007 in the shape of Chinese National Stadium, dubbed as the Bird’s Nest, shown in Shanghai, east China’s municipality, on 17 Nov, 2007. —XINHUA

Any difficulties can be overcome through cooperation among government, people and Tatmadaw



Executive Daw Ei Cho Zin of Sagaing Division USDA. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — Annual General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at Veterinary Science University in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin from 12 to 16 November. At the first day session, Executive Daw Ei Cho Zin of Tamu Township USDA in Sagaing Division explained work carried out in a year.

She said Sagaing Division USDA now has three million members. Over 150,000 were organized during the previous year. The division has already organized 78 percent of the number of university and college students. Likewise, the strength of the people from various backgrounds have been mobilized. Within a year, 1,758 members had been sent to attend the courses conducted by USDA Headquarters, basic organizing courses were conducted for 3,768 members at 23 places in the division, and human resource development courses for over 260,000 members at 1200 places. In addition, six members were sent abroad to attend training courses. Sagaing Division USDA carried out its activities by following guidelines 33 times from USDA members of panel of patrons, four times from the Secretary-General and Secretariat members and 120 times from the CEC member Division In-Charge Minister.

The members participated in the activities in the social and cultural sectors and donated K 43.8 million. As for the health sector, the members donated medical equipment worth K 2.4 million and over 25000 bottles of blood. Besides, K 11.9 million was provided for 8268 victims in disaster prevention and rescue work. Over 1600 members took charge of organizing sports

contests and donated K 3 million. The members also visited five jails and three Bawathit camps for 41 times and donated TVs, Video players, medicines, food and books and K 4.6 million was donated.

For the development of rural libraries, the commander, the secretariat member, the information minister and USDA member well-wishers donated computers, TVs, cassette players and books worth more than K 4 million to the libraries, newspapers and journals such as Shwe Naing Ngan and Seinle Shweypi. Altogether 48 model villages were established and TVs and sport gear were donated.

It is believed that any difficulties can be overcome if the government, the people and the Tatmadaw unitedly cooperate in building a peaceful modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Therefore, the USDA members are required to organize the entire people to participate in the successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map, upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

All in all, all the members are to guard against any destructive acts with patriotic spirit and sacrificing spirit in accord with the four-point people's desire. They are also to try their utmost for the success of the future work programmes laid down by the AGM. — MNA

USDA committed to implementation of seven-step Road Map together with the people



Joint-Secretary U Win Swe of Taninthayi Division USDA. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — Annual General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at Veterinary Science University in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin from 12 to 16 November. At the first day session, U Win Swe, Joint-Secretary of Taninthayi Division USDA reported on implementation of future tasks in the division.

He said one of the nine future tasks of the USDA was active participation of the people in

implementing the seven-step Road Map with Union Spirit. Thanks to the participation of the people, the National Convention was completed and the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles were laid down at the convention.

Members of the USDA are committed to implementation of the seven-step Road Map together with the people for the emergence of the constitution.

Regarding the tasks of Taninthayi Division USDA this year, thanks to the efforts of the division USDA, 442,388 people or 52.51 per cent of local people who are eligible to become members of USDA were organized this year against 42.43 per cent in the previous year. All members of Taninthayi Division USDA are making efforts to increase the USDA membership.

Regarding the tasks of the division USDA in the division in 2007, he said Taninthayi Division USDA provided cash, stationery and clothes to school-age children, upgraded schools, donated desks and benches to schools, provided cash assistance to needy students, a set of computer each to Dawei and Myeik universities, donated cash to Dawei Education College, Technological University, University of Computer Studies and Nurses Training School, donated three sets of computers to a monastic education school. The association donated over K 14.5 million, 400 zinc

sheets and five sets of computers in total to schools, universities and monastic education schools in 2007.

The association has made arrangements for supply of electricity to rural areas, to supply relief to disaster victims, to equip water purifying machines at Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung district prisons, to supply food and medicines to inmates in the prisons and to help them contact their families and donated cash, stationery, food and clothes to the monastic education schools. This year's donation made by Taninthayi Division USDA were 725 bags of rice, 200 bags of cement and K 23.8 million.

A total of 1,908 members of the division USDA have attended 12 courses in 276 places. A total of 23,333 members participated in social welfare activities and the association spent over K 30.9 million on the activities.

Moreover, under the arrangement of the In-charge of Taninthayi Division USDA, a new office for the division USDA was constructed at a cost of over K 200 million. The building comprises two hostels and a mess.

Members of Taninthayi Division USDA have vowed to take part in building a new nation while making efforts for qualifying themselves and for the development of human resources.

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USDA members actively participate in national development drives with nationalistic spirit



Secretary U Myo of Bago Division (West) USDA. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — The Annual General Meeting 2007 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held on the campus of the University of Veterinary Science, here, from 12 to 16 November.

On the first day session, Secretary U Myo of Pyay Township USDA of Bago Division (West) reported on implementation of Pyay Township of Bago Division (West) in a year.

In his report he said that township USDAs of the Division has organized a total of 849,907 people accounting for 34 per cent of the population of division up to September of 2007. The USDA opened the national culture and morals courses for the members.

A total of 27,318 trainees— 14,532 for the first time and 27,318 for the second time— attended the course. A total of 18 kinds of courses nurtured altogether 4070 trainees.

The Internet has been installed at the division association and is collecting and sending information on-line. With the purpose of gaining knowledge, the Internet is providing international and national news, sports news, industrial news and science news to the members.

Various journals, records and books published by the USDA Headquarters, CD ROMs were donated to the libraries. With the assistance of the CEC member (Division In-Charge), the division association repaired school buildings, donated desks and CI sheet roofs to the schools, carried out water supply tasks in rural areas.

In addition, the CEC member (Division In-Charge) and wellwishers donated stationery , text books and exercise books worth K 1,250,000 to a total of 2,825 students who are attending 23 monastic schools in Pyay and Thayawady Districts.

As part of the drive for the enrollment of school going age, K 1,550,000 was provided to the needy students from eight townships of Thayawady District.

K 490,000 was awarded to 6 six- distinction winners and 22 five-distinction winners at the AGM of the USDA 2007. The associations in the division undertook religious and social welfare tasks and moreover they carried out sports, literature and arts activities. The executives and members of the township

associations donated Waso robes to members of the Sangha and meals to the aged persons at the Homes for the Aged and carried out sanitation works at the pagodas. Religious tasks were performed for 420 times and funeral services for five times.

The members participated in the preventive and preparedness measures against natural disasters, relief tasks and health care services. The members of the division association took part in the social welfare tasks for 112 times and provided cash assistance worth K 2,225,000. Medicines, clothes and personal goods worth K 439,500 were donated to the prisoners during the visits to the prisons.

With the leadership of division, district and township associations, activities targeting the youth were carried out every week. Religious and free funeral service associations became stronger due to the active participation of township associations. The members donated blood in the respective townships every month. A total of 1,045 in the division managed to be organized to donate blood, and tonic and nutritious food were provided to the blood donors.

Apart from the five rural development tasks, the associations at different levels in the division are undertaking power supply tasks in the rural areas by the use of alternative methods of power generation such as hydro power and wind power.

In conclusion, for the realization of seven-step Road Map of the State, members of Bago Division (West) USDA upholding Our Three Main National Causes, 12 objectives and 6 oaths will actively participate in the national development drives.

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Associations at different levels successfully implement tasks on regional development, social, cultural, literary and sport fields



Executive Daw Cho Nwe Oo of Bago Division (East) USDA. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — The annual general meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at Veterinary Science University in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin from 12 to 16 November.

At the first day session, various USDAs in states and divisions reported on implementation of the future tasks in a year.

Executive Daw Cho Nwe Oo of Bago Division (East) USDA said there are 858 USDAs in the division and there are 767,770 members. Altogether 653 trainees attended the 14 courses conducted by Central, 337,533 nine courses in the division and 39,300 14 sport courses.

Rural roads were built in Waw, Pyu, DaikU

and Bago Townships. Bridges were also built in Shwegyin and Kawa Townships. Paddy husk-powered stations and hydro power stations supply electricity to 40 villages in Bago Division.

USDA members donated over K 10 million to home for the aged, Waso and Kathina robe offering and construction of pagodas. They carried out rescue operations in Madauk Township which was flooded.

The associations at different levels successfully implemented the future tasks on regional development, social, cultural, literary and sport fields laid down by the previous annual general meeting.

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Six representative groups participate in discussions of AGM

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — The Annual General Meeting 2007 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association continued for the second day at the designated places of the Veterinary Science University in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin on 14 November.

The meeting of Group No 1 focused on the organizational and management sector, and the meeting was held at the Language Lab of the university. USDA Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min acted as chairman and Secretariat Member U Thaug, CEC members U Khin Maung Myint and Thura U Aung Ko as members of panel of chairmen.



Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min delivers an address at discussion on organizational and management sector of the Group 1. MNA

Htut acted as chairman with Secretariat Member U Kyaw Hsan, CEC members U Maung Pa and U Than Htay acting as members of panel of chairmen.

The start of the

Member of panel of chairmen USDA Secretariat Member U Kyaw Hsan made an opening speech.

State/division USDAs representatives

Group No 3 focused on Economic sector, and the meeting was presided over by Secretariat Member U Aung Thaug with the members of panel of chairmen CEC members

The discussion started with the permission of the chairman, who delivered an opening speech.

Representatives of state/division USDAs took part in the discussion,

Member U Aung Thaug made a concluding remark and the session ended.

The Group No 4 held discussion on sector for new generation youth who will implement national policies of the State. USDA Secretariat Member U Thein Zaw presided over the session with members of panel of chairmen USDA CEC members Thura U Aye Myint and Dr Chan Nyein.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the start of the ceremony with the presence of 80 delegates at the session.

Secretariat Mem-ber U Thein Zaw made a speech.

The Group No 4 discussed matters on the role of new generation youth who will implement national policies of the State. The session ended with the concluding remark by the chairman.

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Secretariat Member of USDA U Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at discussion on educational, social and cultural sector of the Group 2. — MNA

As the number of USDA representatives present on the occasion totaled 80, the start of the discussions was announced, and the seminar was held with the permission of the chairman, who gave an opening speech. Representatives of state/division USDAs took part in discussions, recorded findings on organizational and management sector, and selected representative who would present the suggestions on behalf of the group at the third-day session.

The Group No 2 discussed matters on Educational, Social and Cultural sector at the Lecture Hall of the university. Secretariat Member of USDA U Tin

discussions was declared as the number of USDA representatives present on the occasion totaled 79 out of 80. With the permission of the chairman the seminar was held.

participated in the discussions and chose representative to present the suggestions on behalf of the group at the third-day session.

Discussion of the

U Maung Maung Thein and U Tin Naing Thein.

The start of the discussion was announced as all 80 USDA representatives were present on the occasion.

recorded the findings on economic sector and selected representative to table suggestions for the group for the third-day session.

Next, Secretariat



Secretariat Member of USDA U Aung Thaug delivers an address at discussion on economic sector of the Group 3. MNA

Six representative groups participate...

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 The Group 5 held discussions on organizing the entire people to firmly support the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles adopted by the National Convention. USDA CEC member U Aung Min presided over the session with members of the panel of chairmen CEC members Thura U Myint Maung and U Nyan Tun Aung.
 The MC announced the start of the session with the presence of 80 delegates of the

meeting.
 Representatives of State/Division USDAs took part in the discussion and recorded the findings and chose the representatives for presenting the suggestions on behalf of the group at the third-day session.
 Discussion of the Group No 6 focused on guarding against the dangers posed by the internal and external destructive elements. Secretary-General U Htay Oo of USDA acted as

chairman and CEC member U Aung Thien Lin acted as member of panel of chairman.
 As all 80 USDA representatives attended the meeting, the discussion was declared as valid and the seminar was held with the permission of the chairman who made an opening speech.
 State/division USDAs representatives participated in the discussions, made recording on findings and choose the representatives to present the suggestions of the group at the third-day session. — MNA



Secretariat Member of USDA U Thein Zaw delivers an address at group-4's discussion on sector of participation of new generation in implementing the State's policies. — MNA



CEC Member of USDA U Aung Min delivers an address at discussion on organizational sector of the group-5. — MNA

Secretary-General of USDA U Htay Oo delivers an address at group-6's discussion on sector of guarding against the destructive acts. — MNA



IE Jonathan Sjuman, Manyar Kartika, of IV 26-28, Surabaya, Indonesia and family present K 20 million for Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Lt-Col (Retired) U Kyaw Shein. —H

1,269 jade lots sold within three days

YANGON, 19 Nov—Mid-year Gem emporium 2007 continued at the Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road this morning.
 At 8 am, patron of Myanma Gems emporium Central Committee Minister for mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint cordially greeted foreign gem merchants who bought jade lots through the tender system.
 Altogether 353 jade lots were sold through the tender system today.
 Merchants purchased 1,265 jade lots within three days. The sales are scheduled to

continue up to 23 November.
 A total of 3,582 merchants—2,261 merchants of 1,583 companies—gathered at today's sales. More merchants are expected to arrive. — MNA



Merchants view jade lots. —MNA

Announcement of national race delegates from Mandalay Division to the National Convention

Date: 19 November 2007

The Delegates Group of National Races out of eight groups that attended the successfully-completed National Convention comprises 641 and that is the largest group.

Our group believes that the Union of Myanmar is the consolidated State owned by all national races. It wants to suggest that if the words **“our country”** instead of **“my country”** contained in the statement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi released by Mr Gambari on 8 November was used, we could gently accept it.

We understand that it is unnatural for the statement to express that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s duty is to deeply consider the attitude and interests of the national races and the national races are invited to join her.

National races from 325 townships attended the National Convention. The decisions have been made through Union outlook and spirit, and desires and interests of the national races have widely been discussed at the National Convention. We consider that some powerful countries wanting to wield influence over us do not like and accept fundamental principles and detailed basic principles. We hereby announce that we firmly believe fundamental principles and detailed basic principles were laid down for all national races as correct policies through the signatures of our delegates.

With the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down at the National Convention, we are moving forward in accord with the seven-step Road Map and now the third step is being taken. We sincerely invite NLD party, SNLD and other political forces to participate in the fourth-step to hold the referendum for the draft, the fifth-step to hold a free and fair election for the formation of Hluttaws, the sixth-step to hold Hluttaw meetings in accord with the constitution and the seven-step to build a new modern developed democratic nation with the heads of the State, government and authoritative organs formed by the Hluttaw.

Delegate Group of National Races
Delegates of Mandalay Division

Announcement of national race delegates from Magway Division to the National Convention

Date: 19 November 2007

At the National Convention which was completed successfully, delegates representing national races frankly discussed matters related to flourishing of democracy and unity of national races in Myanmar. Representatives of national races participated in the National Convention and the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles were laid down at the National Convention. Therefore, we believe that these principles reflected the wishes of all national races.

In the statement by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi released through UN Envoy Mr Ibrahim Gambari, she said **“It is my duty to ...”** regarding the interests of national races and other political organizations.

By saying so, she seemed to try to gain political profit. Therefore, political parties and armed groups who had returned to the legal fold have rejected the point. Representatives of National Races from Magway Division do not accept the point either.

Moreover, the phrase **“to play a positive role as a respected member of the international community”** in Daw Aung San Suu Kyi’s statement implies that Myanmar is not respected by the international community.

It indicates that she neglected that Myanmar has been working together with the United Nations, Non-Aligned Movement and ASEAN and regional organizations since 1988. She seems to think that only she can lead Myanmar into international community. We believe that she should not have said so at a time when the national reconsolidation process is under way.

This being so, we do not accept the statement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as it does not comply with the wishes of national races and we hereby announce that we support the implementation of the seven-step Road Map in accordance with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles as the desires of the national races have been expressed at the National Convention.

Delegate Group of National Races
Delegates of Magway Division

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's statement released on her behalf to the United Nations Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon on 8 November 2007

As you know, I have just completed a mission to Myanmar from 3 to 8 November 2007. In My Capacity as Special Adviser to the Secretary-General for Myanmar, I hereby make the following statement on her behalf:

- I wish to thank all those who have stood by my side all this time, including the Secretary-General of the United Nations, Mr. Ban Ki-moon, for his support in reconciliation, democracy and human rights in **my country**.
- I welcome the appointment on 8 October of Minister Aung Mye Thaw as Special Adviser. My mission was constructive and I look forward to further regular discussions. I will conclude soon so that a meaningful and timebound dialogue with the Government can be initiated.
- In the interest of the nation, **I stand ready to cooperate with the Government for a success and welcome the necessary good offices role of the United Nations**.
- In full awareness of the essential role of political parties in democracy, I urge the members of my party and in my position as General Secretary of the **National League for Democracy**. However, in this time of vital need, I have a **duty to give constant and serious considerations to the interests of all national races, organizations and forces as possible, in particular those of our national races**.
- To that end, I am committed to pursue the path of dialogue construction with all political parties **to join me in this spirit**.
- I believe that stability, prosperity and democracy for **my country**, human rights, offers the **best prospect for my country to fully contribute to the partnership with its neighbors and fellow ASEAN members, and to the international community**.

Announcement of national race delegates from Mandalay Division to the National Convention

The seven-step Road Map has been laid down for the emergence of a democratic nation and for smooth transition to democracy. The drafting of the State constitution has been taken.

The laying down of fundamental principles and detailed basic principles by political parties, delegates of representatives-elect, delegates of national races, the legal fold and delegates of all walks of life participated meant the building of a new Myanmar.

However, the phrase **“invite the Government and all relevant parties to join me in this spirit”** in the statement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi issued through Mr Gambari.

At present, the Government hand in hand with the people is striving to build a new Myanmar. The NLD party has been weakened by disagreement among the party members.

At such a time, the offer made to the Government and national race delegates by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is not in conformity with the prevailing situation of the State.

Therefore, we hereby announce that only Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the people in implementing the remaining steps of the seven-step Road Map.

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's Statement Issued by Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General Mr Gambari on 19 November 2007

from 3 to 8 November, where I met today with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, General Secretary for Myanmar. I was authorized by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

at this time, both inside and outside **my country**. I am also grateful to Mr Gambari, for his unwavering support for the cause of national democracy.

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Delegation of National Races from Shan State (North) to the National Convention

Date: 19 November 2007

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basic principles by the National Convention in which delegates of national races, national race armed groups who had returned to the building of national reconsolidation.

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is striving for successful realization of the seven-step Road Map.

party members and the collective resignation of its members.

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of the State.

Suu Kyi and the NLD need to join hands with the government and

sp Road Map.

**Delegate Group of National Races
Delegates of Shan State (North)**

Announcement of national race delegates from Shan State (South) to the National Convention

Date: 19 November 2007

It is mentioned in the statement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi issued on 8 November through Mr Gambari, that, **"I stand ready to cooperate with the Government in order to make this process of dialogue a success and welcome the necessary"**

The Government of the Union of Myanmar issued Announcement (1/2007) dated 4-10-2007 which says a dialogue will be held between her and the Government if she declares to give up Confrontation, Utter Devastation, and Imposing All Kinds of Sanctions including Economic Sanction against Myanmar. We assume that holding a dialogue means Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is to cooperate in such steps as holding a referendum for the draft constitution after it has been written in accord with the fundamental principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention (the fourth step), holding free and fair elections for forming Hluttaws in accord with the new constitution (the fifth step), holding Hluttaw meetings with hluttaw delegates in accord with the new constitution (the sixth step) and building a new modern developed democratic nation in coordination with elected State leaders, the government and administrative bodies formed by the Hluttaw (the seventh step).

Moreover, the announcement of UNLD (LA) issued on 18 November 2007 says that it is necessary to hold a tripartite meeting among the democratic forces, national race groups and the government on equal footing.

The National Convention started on 9 January 1993 and eight groups including delegates of national races held discussions. Only expatriates and insurgent terrorists were not allowed to attend the NC as delegates.

The NC was temporarily adjourned on 31 March 1996 as NLD and SNLD walked out in the name of dialogue with the intention of grabbing power through short-cut while all the delegates including representatives-elect of the said parties were gathering momentum of discussions at the NC. As the government, however, wished to see the emergence of a genuine discipline-flourishing democracy, it publicly announced the seven-step Road Map of the State in August 2003.

The National Convention, the first step of the Road Map, was reconvened on 17 May 2004. According to the procedures and formalities of the NC, it is prescribed that if any delegate fails to attend the convention for two days in a row without prior permission of the panel of chairmen or without good reason, he shall be revoked as delegate. Yet the government, out of magnanimity, invited the abolished delegates of NLD to the National Convention. But it replied two days before the reconvening of the NC that it would not attend it. Anyhow, the government went on reconvening the NC on 3 September 2007 for the success of the seven-step Road Map. Now, even the Commission for Drafting State Constitution has been formed.

Anyway, we hereby announce with goodwill that NLD, SNLD and other political forces in disagreement are invited to participate in coming elections.

**Delegate Group of National Races
Delegates from Shan State (South)**

Announcement of national race delegates from Sagaing Division to the National Convention

Date: 19 November 2007

We are delegates representing Sagaing Division from delegate group of national races who attended the National Convention. The delegate group of national races comprised 641 delegates. The group represents the national races from states and divisions.

At a time when the government is implementing the seven-step Road Map, Sagaing Division national race delegates welcome the meeting of Minister for Relations U Aung Kyi and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as a move contributing towards national reconsolidation.

However, the statement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi issued on 8 November through Mr Gambari said **"Best Prospect of my country to fully contribute to the development and stability of the region."** We assume the statement meant that at present Myanmar does not contribute towards the development and stability of the countries in the region.

We assume that such expression in the statement ignored the situation of peace and stability in border areas as the national solidarity was built after 1988, development after the introduction of market-oriented economic system in Myanmar and economic and social cooperation with the countries in the region.

We understand that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi should have issued her statement at home first. The delegates view the statement issued abroad through Mr Gambari as an act relying on external elements.

Therefore the delegates of Sagaing Division of delegate group of national races to the National Convention do not accept the statement because it is not in conformity with the prevailing conditions and it is written in the interest of her party. We declare our attitude that we will steadfastly continue our efforts in accord with the seven-step Road Map.

**Delegate group of National Races
Delegates from Sagaing Division**



Lt-Gen Myint Swe delivers an address at a ceremony to commence 46th Defence Services C-in-C's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament. — MNA

46th Defence Services C-in-C's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament opens

YANGON, 19 Nov — The 46th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament for 2007 was held at the Aung San Stadium this evening, with an address by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, senior military officers, military attachés, officials of the Ministry of Sports, Tatmadaw members and their families and sport fans.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe said sport meets are held in the respective battalions, regiments and LIDs every year for Tatmadaw members to become healthy and fit.

He said the government is building a peaceful modern

and developed nation after laying down the 12 objectives. Uplift of health and fitness and education standards of the entire people was included in the four social objectives. The fact of uplift of health and fitness and education standards of the entire people play an important role in discharging the defence duties and national development tasks, he said.

Raising sport standards can promote the prestige of the State and victory in sport can also uplift national prestige and integrity and patriotism. After the opening ceremony, Camp Commandant's Office of the Ministry of Defence beat North East Command 2-1.

First round matches will be held in Mawlamyine, Patheingyi, Monywa, Mandalay and Toungoo zones from 19 November to 4 December. —MNA

Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport meets

YANGON, 19 Nov—The coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport was held at the Meeting Hall of Yangon Command, here, on 16 November.

Chairman of the Yangon Division Supervisory Committee Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win delivered an address on the occasion.

Next, faculty members of Universities and Colleges, departmental officials and chairmen of All Bus Lines explained matters related to traffic rules enforcement. Regarding the reports, the commander fulfilled the requirements and made concluding remarks.— MNA

Joint-venture companies engaged in jade and gems mining meet



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivers an address at work coordination meeting of joint-venture mining companies.— MNA

YANGON, 19 Nov— A work coordination meeting of joint-venture companies engaged in mining of jade and gems together with the government on mutually beneficial basis was held at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Mayangon

Township, here, this morning, attended by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.

It was attended by the Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise, departmental officials and entrepreneurs from joint-venture companies.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint called on joint-venture companies to touch up weaknesses and strengths for further achievements, to widely engage in mining of jade and gems in the open season and stressed the

need for the companies to do the business straightforwardly.

The minister also spoke of the need for them to stay away from drug business and money laundering.

He urged entrepreneurs to make innovation to be able to sell quality finished items rather than selling uncut jade and gems, and make concerted efforts for emergence of a strong gem market and do their bit in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Next, Managing Director of MGE U Thein Swe dealt with functions of the companies.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint.—MNA

H&T Ministry offers Kathina robes

YANGON, 19 Nov — Under the patronage of Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife Daw Tin Tin Latt, the families of the ministry held the 15th Kathina robes offering ceremony at the Dhammayon of the ministry, east of the Shwedagon Pagoda, here, on 17 November.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Abhidaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidaja Maha Saddhammajotika

Paññindabhivansa. The minister and wife offered Kathina robes and provisions to the Sayadaw.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and wife Daw Khin Swe Myint, managing directors and officials donated Kathina robes and offertories to the members of the Sangha.

Later, the congregation shared merits gained and the ceremony ended. After the ceremony, they offered day meal to the members of the Sangha.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Malaysia protests over EU envoy's criticism

KUALA LUMPUR, 18 Nov — Malaysia has sent a protest note to the European Union condemning critical remarks by the grouping's outgoing envoy as meddling in the affairs of the Southeast Asian nation, state news agency *Bernama* reported.

The diplomat, Thierry Rommel, told *Reuters* this week that Malaysia was living under an effective state of emergency after police used tear gas and water cannon last weekend to break up the biggest anti-government protest in a decade.

The comments, coming on Rommel's last day in Malaysia, chimed with a chorus of criticism from opposition parties and non-government groups over the government's handling of the protest, which it called an illegal assembly of

troublemakers.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar called Rommel's criticism unreasonable and outlandish, *Bernama* said.

"As a diplomat, he should be more cautious when issuing statements," Syed Hamid told reporters on Friday, adding that Rommel had not helped enhance ties between Malaysia and the European Union.

"We feel that it is appropriate that his term has ended. We are very happy that he has left Kuala Lumpur," Syed Hamid said.

He said he hoped Rommel's successor would be able to forge closer ties, adding: "It should not be somebody that likes to put his fingers into our domestic affairs."

MNA/Reuters

Two Canadian soldiers killed in Afghanistan

OTTAWA, 18 Nov — Two Canadian soldiers and an Afghan interpreter were killed Saturday after the vehicle they were travelling in struck a roadside bomb in southern Afghanistan, local media reported citing military officials.

Three other Canadian soldiers were wounded in the blast in Zahri District, about 40 kilometres west of Kandahar City, national broadcaster Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC) said.

The soldiers were riding in a Light Armoured Vehicle that hit an

improvised explosive device on a road north of a Canadian forward operating base near Bazar-e Panjwaii, said Colonel Christian Juneau.

The wounded received non-life threatening

injuries.

These latest casualties bring the number of Canadians killed in Afghanistan to 73 soldiers and one diplomat since the mission began in 2002.

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Iraq violence flares, three US troops killed

BAGHDAD, 19 Nov — At least 17 Iraqis were killed by explosions in Baghdad and other Iraqi cities on Sunday, and three US soldiers died in a suicide attack, Iraqi and US officials said.

In Baghdad, nine people were killed and at least 20 others were wounded in one of the worst attacks in the Iraqi capital in several weeks, which police said targeted Iraqi Finance Ministry adviser Salman al-Mugotar.

A Finance Ministry source said Mugotar was unhurt in the blast in al-Hurriya Square in Baghdad's Karrada District, but at least two wounded were reported to be his security guards.

Brigadier-General Abdul-Karim Khalaf, a spokesman for the Interior Ministry, said the car that was targeted belonged to



Miss China enjoys the Hainan Carnival in Sanya, south China's Hainan Province, on 17 Nov, 2007. Contestants from 106 countries and regions will compete at the final of the 57th Miss World Competition in Sanya on 11 Dec. — XINHUA

Scientists engineer crops to produce fish oil

LONDON, 18 Nov — British scientists have genetically engineered crops such as oilseed rape to produce fish oil, offering a new approach to improving diet.

The British scientists'

experiments have proved that crops containing genes from marine organisms are able to produce omega 3 fatty acids normally found in oily fish, according to BBC on Friday.

Scientists at Rothamsted

Research in Harpenden, Hertfordshire, north of London, isolated key genes from a species of microscopic single-celled marine algae known as *Thalassiosira pseudonana*, inserted the genes into crops such as linseed and oil seed rape, and found that the plants were able to synthesize omega 3 fatty acids in their seed oils.

"We know that this works, we've done proof of concept studies in model plants and also in crop plants and we can see the accumulation of some of the fish oils we're interested in," research group leader Johnathan Napier said.

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Demonstrators protest against US radar base in Prague

PRAGUE, 19 Nov — Several hundred people rallied on Saturday in the city centre of Prague, the capital of the Czech Republic, to voice disagreement with the planned stationing of a US radar base in the country.

The demonstrators demanded a referendum on the issue and criticized the position of the coalition government over the radar base.

The protesters unfolded the banners saying "War is the biggest business", "No missiles are peaceful" and "Trokavec and 70 per cent of Czechs want to live without the radar".

Jan Neoral, mayor of the village of Trokavec, situated near the planned site of the radar

installations, said: "We will be ruled again by corrupt and base people."

The rally was called by the No to Bases group at Prague's Wenceslas Square. It was attended by trade union activists and deputy chairman of the Chamber of Deputies Bohuslav Sobotka.

Washington initiated the plan to deploy an anti-missile radar base in the Czech Republic and a missile interceptor base in Poland earlier this year.

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Li Baoqi checks a 3.3 metre-long straw dragon, made by himself in more than one year, in Ninghe County, north China's Tianjin, on 17 Nov, 2007. Some 20,000 straws of sorghum were used in making the dragon.

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Russian, Cambodian ships collide in Kerch Strait

Moscow, 19 Nov—A Russian ship collided with a Cambodian vessel early Saturday in the Kerch Strait, but the accident posed no new threat to the environment of an area hit by fuel oil spills caused by recent sea accidents, *Interfax* news agency reported.

“The *Nika* ship sailing under the Cambodian flag, which was leaving the Kerch Strait for the Sea of Azov, and the anchored Russian vessel *Volgodon-5076* collided at about 1:45 am Moscow Time Saturday (2245 GMT, Friday),” *Interfax* quoted a source from the local crisis center as saying.

The Kerch Strait links the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov.

No one was hurt in the collision and the accident posed no threat to the environment, the source said.

Several ships from Russia, Turkey, Ukraine, Georgia and Greece sank or ran aground when they were caught in a severe storm that hit the Azov Sea basin last Sunday. A Russian tanker spilled about 2,000 tons of fuel oil, which experts say could linger for years.

MNA/Xinhua

Guangzhou reports big drop in criminal cases this year

GUANGZHOU, 19 Nov—Social security has continued to improve in Guangdong capital since the start of the year with a double-digit drop in the number of criminal cases recorded. Guangzhou, an economic powerhouse in south China, had 65,129 cases registered from January to October, a drop of 15.2 per cent from comparable statistics for the same period last year, according to Zhang Guifang, deputy secretary of the Guangzhou City Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC).

Zhang, also secretary

of the politics and law committee for Guangzhou, said during the January-October period, cases of robbery and theft of motor vehicles in the city plunged more than 30 per cent and 39 per cent, respectively.

Guangdong, which borders both Hong Kong and Macao, has benefited most economically from China's reform and opening-up drive over the past three decades. The economic boom, however, has turned many of the province's cities in this southern region into havens for crime.

Incidents of crime in

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Thailand deploys volunteers to prevent bird flu outbreak

BANGKOK, 19 Nov—Some 800,000 health volunteers spread throughout Thailand have been assigned to monitor sick poultry and people since the Public Health Ministry is worried about the possible outbreak of bird flu. The ministry's Permanent Secretary Prat Boonyawongvirot said on Saturday that he had urged

UN climate panel report highlights risks of global warming

MADRID, 19 Nov—The UN climate panel issued a landmark report on Saturday warning of severe consequences of global warming and urging governments to act to rein in greenhouse gas emissions.

The 26-page report, released in the Spanish city of Valencia by the Nobel Peace Prize-winning Intergovernmental Climate Change, said warming of the climate system is “unequivocal” and governments must take action to avoid catastrophic consequences.

Climate change is “evident from observations of increases in global average air and

ocean temperatures, widespread melting of snow and ice, and rising global average sea level”, the report noted.

The report, which will be the first point of reference for political negotiators meeting next month for talks aimed at finding out a successor to the Kyoto Protocol, attributed global warming mainly to greenhouse gas concentrations caused by human activities.

Signed in 1997, the Kyoto Protocol requires 36 industrial countries to significantly reduce their carbon emissions. It expires in 2012.

“Global total annual greenhouse gas emissions from human activities have risen by 70 per cent since 1970,” the report said.

It also said governments have a wide range of tools including higher taxes on emissions, regulations, tradeable permits and more investment in research.

UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon welcomed the report, saying the potential impact of global warming is “so severe and so sweeping that only urgent, global action will do”.

MNA/Xinhua

Poland to pull out troops from Iraq in 2008

WARSAW, 19 Nov—New Polish Defence Minister Bogdan Klich confirmed on Saturday that Poland will end its military presence in Iraq in 2008.

The details of the withdrawal would be announced next Friday when new Polish Prime Minister Donald Tusk outlines his government's policies in Parliament, said Klich who took up his post on Friday.

This marked a sharp turn from the previous government's plan to send a new contingent of soldiers to Iraq in 2008. Tusk's Civic Platform

party won last month's snap elections, with a pledge to pull out troops from Iraq, among other things.

Poland has been seen as one of the United States' closest allies over Iraq. Currently, it has about 900 troops deployed in the war-torn country, much less than the 2,600 troops deployed there in 2003.

Last month, Polish Ambassador Edward Pietrzyk was badly injured and his driver killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad.

Since 2003, 22 Polish soldiers have been killed in Iraq. — MNA/Xinhua

Floods kill 71 in Papua New Guinea

SYDNEY, 19 Nov—Around 71 people were killed and 51 missing after widespread flooding destroyed about 450 houses in Papua New Guinea following a week of heavy rains, police said.

Thousands of villagers were forced from their homes in eastern Oro Province by rising waters, which also washed away roads, bridges and food gardens, *Australian Associated Press* reported from the capital, Port Moresby. “There's some information coming in that mothers and their babies and old men and women were washed away in the floods,” Provincial Police Commander Buafe Hugo told *AAP*.

“Houses were washed away and we don't know if there were people in them or not,” he said.

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Infants of obese mothers have higher mortality risk

NEW YORK, 18 Nov — Obese women are at increased risk of having their infant die soon after birth, especially if premature rupture of membranes (PROM) occurs before full-term, according to a report in the journal *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

These findings may indicate there is a problem in how obese women with preterm PROM births are treated, Dr Ellen A Nohr from University of

Aarhus, Denmark told *Reuters Health*. It is also possible that “preterm infants of obese mothers may be more susceptible when they are not protected by the membranes”.

PROM occurs when the membranes rupture before labour begins, which is usually followed by labour and delivery. Umbilical cord compression is the primary risk for the foetus, while infection within the uterus

is the major complication in the woman. Nohr and colleagues used the Danish National Birth Cohort to investigate the association between prepregnancy obesity and infant mortality, with focus upon different types of preterm births.— *MNA/Reuters*

Ahmadinejad says ready to act if attacked

MANAMA, 19 Nov — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Saturday Iran was ready to respond if attacked, but played down the prospect of war with the United States.

Ahmadinejad was speaking during a visit to Bahrain which came amid

mounting concerns in the Gulf that the United States could launch military action against Iran, although Washington says it is committed to a diplomatic solution to a crisis over Teheran’s nuclear ambitions.

“We never want any war in this region, but from

another front, we have made all preparations, and if there is any suspicion on this matter, then we are ready,” said Ahmadinejad, speaking through an interpreter.

“I want to confirm again that we don’t think there will be a war in the region,” he told reporters, without giving reasons.

Ahmadinejad earlier told Al Arabiya television that the United States had no political, economic or military grounds for attack, and dismissed the US military as “shabby”.

The West accuses Iran of trying to build a nuclear bomb, but Iran says its nuclear ambitions are to generate electricity.

In a report on Thursday the UN nuclear watchdog said Iran had become more open in outlining its nuclear activities, but key questions remained unanswered. Washington says partial disclosure is not enough, and is pushing for sanctions.

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French “Spiderman” Alain Robert climbs Tianmen Mountain in the scenic area of Zhangjiajie, central China’s Hunan Province on 18 Nov, 2007. Alain Robert successfully finished scaling the left side of the steep 200-meter-high cave of Tianmen Mountain with about 1 hour on Sunday.— *INTERNET*

Ship with Russians on board sinks in Sea of Japan

MOSCOW, 19 Nov — A cargo ship with 36 people on board, most of them Russians, sank in the Sea of Japan on Sunday but the crew and passengers escaped on life rafts, the Russian Emergencies Ministry said.

The ship sank during a storm about 180 nautical miles off the port of Nakhodka in the Russian Far East, from where it was carrying timber to China.

“There were 30 Russian crew and six passengers on board,” ministry spokesman Viktor Beltsov said. “They

Gas explosion kills 6 in eastern Algeria

ALGIERS, 19 Nov — Six Algerians were killed on Saturday when a gas explosion ripped through a decrepit two-storey house in eastern Algeria, the official news agency *APS* reported.

Authorities were investigating whether a gas leak or something else caused the blast in Annaba, 600 kilometres (375 miles) east of Algiers, *APS* added. Eight others were injured.

Thousands of families are forced to live in sub-standard homes in several Algerian cities because of a severe housing shortage.

MNA/Reuters

all escaped on four life rafts.”

He gave no further details about the ship.

Beltsov said a nearby vessel was trying to pick up the crew and passengers, but the operation was hampered by the bad weather.

MNA/Reuters

LA resident launch campaign to raise funds for homeless

LOS ANGELES, 18 Nov — Hundreds of people took to the streets here Saturday to join a campaign to raise funds for the homeless, the first of its kind in the city.

The march, called HomeWalk, was organized by United Way of Greater Los Angeles in partnership with the Fannie Mae Foundation’s national Help the Homeless initiative.

The event was held simultaneously with

similar marches aimed at raising awareness about homelessness in Washington D C and six other cities across the nation.

“Today marks a turning point in our effort to fight homelessness,” said Elise Buik, president and CEO of United Way of Greater Los Angeles.

“HomeWalk is the cornerstone of our new initiative to move more people out of poverty by

educating and engaging residents and business leaders on the solutions to homelessness in order to get families and individuals permanently off the streets and into supportive housing,” she said.

“Today’s support from LA county and the city’s elected officials, along with neighbouring communities, shows there is a public will to solve this critical issue,” she added.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan fleet plans to hunt humpbacks draws protests

TOKYO, 18 Nov — Japan’s whaling fleet is set to depart on Sunday for an annual hunt that this year for the first time will take humpback whales—a perennial favourite among whale-watchers — sparking protests from activists.

Japan, which says whaling is a cherished cultural tradition, abandoned commercial whaling in accordance with an international moratorium in 1986, but began the next year to conduct what it calls scientific research whaling.

The meat, which under rules set by the International Whaling Commission must be sold for consumption, ends up in supermarkets and restaurants, but appetite for

what is now a delicacy is fading.

The fleet is scheduled to set sail from Shimonoseki Port in southwestern Japan for the Antarctic, where it aims to catch more than 1,000 whales before returning to port early next year, the environmental group Greenpeace said.

Among these are some 50 fin whales, which environmentalists say are endangered, and 50 humpbacks, which are favourites of whale-watchers for their distinctive silhouettes and acrobatic leaps from the water.

The remainder of the catch will consist of minke whales, which Japan says are now abundant enough to take. “The fact that they’re expanding the hunt to its largest ever is quite a problem,” Junichi Sato, a spokesman for Greenpeace Japan, told *Reuters*.

MNA/Reuters



Cambodian fisherman row their boat along the Mekong River near Phnom Penh, Cambodia on 18 Nov, 2007.— *INTERNET*

SPORTS

Wales, Ireland share spoils in 2-2 draw

CARDIFF, 19 Nov — Wales scraped a 2-2 draw with Ireland through an 89th minute penalty from Jason Koumas in their Group D Euro 2008 qualifier on Saturday. With Germany and the Czech Republic already qualified from the group only pride was at stake in the match.

Koumas opened the scoring in 23rd minute when he met a Chris Gunter pass and directed a header firmly across Shay Given into the far corner of the net.

Ireland struck back eight minutes later through Robbie Keane and took the lead on the hour when a cross to the near post by lively substitute Stephen Hunt caused panic in the home defence and Kevin Doyle prodded the ball home from close range.

MNA/Reuters

Healy sets Euro goal record as N Ireland floor Denmark

DUBLIN, 19 Nov — David Healy created a European Championship qualifying record when he grabbed the winning goal in Northern Ireland's 2-1 triumph over Denmark in Belfast on Saturday.

The Fulham striker netted his 13th goal of the campaign, beating the previous record set by Croatia's Davor Suker ahead of Euro 1996, in the 80th minute when he turned smartly before producing a delightful chip over keeper Thomas Sorensen.

Healy's goal also kept alive Northern Ireland's hopes of reaching next year's finals.

"For me it was all about winning tonight and I was just as pleased when Warren (Feeney) scored our equalizer," Healy told BBC television.

"We have been written off many times but tonight is for us. I am just proud to wear this shirt."

The Group F match went ahead despite lashing rain and Nicklas Bendtner put Denmark in front when he converted a cross in the 51st minute. Feeney headed the equalizer from a centre by Chris Brunt 11 minutes later before Healy floored the Danes with his late winner.

MNA/Reuters



Saudi Arabia's Omar Al-Ghamdi fights for the ball with Libya's Osami AL-Faziny during their soccer match at the Pan Arab Games in Ismilla 110 km (68 miles) northeast of Cairo, on 18 Nov, 2007. With 22 countries participating in 32 events, the 11th Pan Arab Games will take place from 11 to 26 November.— INTERNET



Brazil's swimmer Thiago Pereira poses with his gold medal during the winning ceremony for the Men's 200m individual medley final at the FINA swimming World Cup in Berlin, on 18 Nov, 2007.— INTERNET

Kuqi winner keeps Finland in hunt for Euro 2008 place

HELSINKI, 19 Nov — Striker Shefki Kuqi netted a winner five minutes from time to keep Finland in the hunt for the Euro 2008 finals after a 2-1 victory over Azerbaijan in Helsinki on Saturday.

Kuqi pounced from close range following a scramble to complete a fine fightback by the hosts after they trailed to Makhmud Gurbonov's 63rd-minute goal in the Group A tie.

Gurbonov chased a long pass into the Finnish penalty area and slotted home.

Striker Mikael Forssell equalised on 79 minutes when he took the ball down on his chest a few metres out and lashed it past keeper Farhad Veliyev. Finland, who have never qualified for a major tournament, have 23 points from 13 games going into final game in Portugal on Wednesday.—MNA/Reuters



Paula Creamer of the US watches her tee shot on the 6th hole during the final round of the ADT Championship LPGA golf tournament at the Trump International course in West Palm Beach, Florida on 18 Nov, 2007.— INTERNET

Hiddink backs on Croatian help to send Russia through

TEL AVIV, 19 Nov — Russia coach Guus Hiddink has backed Croatia to beat England at Wembley on Wednesday and put Euro 2008 qualification back in his side's grasp.

A 2-1 defeat to Israel in Tel Aviv on Saturday has left Russia needing to win their final match away to Andorra while hoping second-placed England lose against already-qualified Group E leaders Croatia.

"I expect them to win," Hiddink said of Croatia, who went down to a 2-0 defeat against Macedonia on Saturday, their first reverse of the campaign.

"If you saw Israel tonight, fighting, fighting, fighting, it's an honour to your sport. So I expect them also to show their commitment and their quality."

"If you dare to play there at Wembley, you can win."

Dutchman Hiddink brought his rebuilt side to Israel buoyant that last month's 2-1 defeat of England in Moscow had put them in the driving seat while England were forced to sit out Saturday's fixtures and hope for outside help.—MNA/Reuters

McClaren praises Israel for throwing England a lifeline

LONDON, 19 Nov — Steve McClaren enjoyed one of his most successful days as England manager on Saturday despite spending most of it with his feet up watching TV in a hotel. England began the day as outsiders to reach next year's European

championship but ended it needing only a draw in their final game at home to Croatia on Wednesday to go through.

That unlikely scenario was brought about by Israel's late 2-1 home win over Russia, a result that also guaranteed Croatia a place in the finals in Austria and Switzerland.

Elyaniv Barda put Israel ahead in the 10th minute in Tel Aviv but

Diniyar Bilyaletdinov levelled on the hour.

As the clock ticked down McClaren and the England players, watching in the team hotel near London as they prepared for Wednesday's game, must have been willing the final whistle to sound. They knew qualification was back in their hands and that they could go through by beating Croatia.—MNA/Reuters

Wu Jiao wins her first gold at World Wushu Championships

BEIJING, 19 Nov — China's Wu Jiao won her first gold at the 9th World Wushu Championships as she snatched the women's 65 kilogrammes Sanshou here on Saturday.

Wu beat her opponent Sophia Vialle of France 2-0 to lift the title with breeze. "It is my first World Championships," said Wu. "It is not easy."

"I'm taller than Vialle, so I fully used this advantage," Wu added.

MNA/Xinhua



Russia's figure skaters Jana Khokhlova and Sergei Novitski perform during the exhibition Gala at the Bompard Trophy event at Bercy in Paris, on 18 Nov, 2007. INTERNET

Paraguay hand Ecuador third straight defeat

ASUNCION, 19 Nov — Paraguay powered their way to a 5-1 win over hapless Ecuador on Saturday, leaving their opponents pointless after three games of the South American World Cup qualifiers.

Ecuador coach Luis Fernando Suarez, who led his side to the last 16 at last year's World Cup, quit immediately after the defeat. Nelson Haedo Valdez and Cristian Riveros scored from corners in the first half hour and Roque Santa Cruz added a superb third

shortly after halftime for the hosts.

Substitute Ivan Kaviedes pulled one back, the first goal scored by Ecuador and conceded by Paraguay in the group, only for Nestor Ayala and Riveros to add two more late in the game. Paraguay, who are attempting to reach their fourth successive finals, have seven points while Ecuador were left bottom of the 10-team South American group with 11 goals against after conceding five for the second match running.—MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh cyclone death toll tops 2,300, many missing

DHAKA, 19 Nov — Grieving survivors and rescuers picked through the rubble left in the wake of a cyclone that battered Bangladesh as the death toll reached over 2,300 on Sunday and a government official declared the disaster “a national calamity”.

Mohammad Abdur Rob, chairman of the Bangladesh Red Crescent Society, said the overall death toll from the cyclone could reach 10,000.

“Based on our experience in the past and reports from the scene I would guess the death toll may be as high as 10,000,” he told Reuters.

Officials also expected the death toll to rise as the search for hundreds of people missing after Thursday’s storm intensified.

Military ships and

helicopters were trying to reach thousands of people believed stranded on islands in the Bay of Bengal and in coastal areas still cut off by the devastating storm.

The Disaster Ministry had recorded 2,300 deaths by 1500 GMT on Sunday, but local media put the figure at more than 3,500. A much improved disaster preparedness plan has been credited with saving scores of lives.

Officials in affected areas say the death toll given by the ministry is far below the real numbers.

“Some 2,000 people have died in my area alone,” said Anwar Panchayet in Bagerhat District.

Pope Benedict called on Sunday for international aid for Bangladesh.

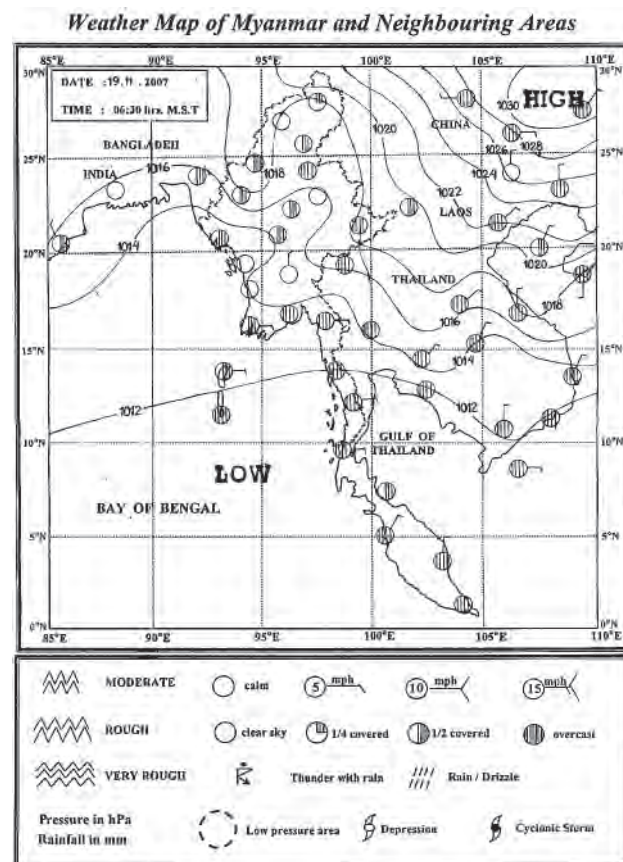
“In renewing my deep condolences to the families and the entire nation, which is very dear to me, I appeal to international solidarity,” the Pope said.

“I encourage all possible efforts to help these brothers who are suffering so much.”

A huge effort was underway to get food,

drinking water and shelter to tens of thousands affected by the storm, the worst to hit disaster-prone Bangladesh since 1991 when nearly 143,000 people died.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Monday, 19 November, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State and Yangon Division, scattered in Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (5°C) below November average temperatures in Chin State, (3°C) below November average temperature in Magway and Bago Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Shan State, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Myeik (0.08) inch. The significant night temperatures was Haka (1°C).

Maximum temperature on 18-11-2007 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 19-11-2007 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 19-11-2007 was 83%. Total sunshine hours on 18-11-2007 was (7.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 19-11-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.46) inches at Mingaladon, (140.83) inches at Kaba-Aye and (144.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from North at (12:30) hours MST on 18-11-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 20-11-2007: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin and Mon States, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60)%.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 20-11-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-11-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60)%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-11-2007: Partly cloudy.



Tuesday, 20 November
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music
-Don't look any further
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music
-Rama lama Daisy
- 8:50 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music
-All my life
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music
-Living eyes
- 1:30 pm News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Still loving you
-Hands to heaven
- 9:00 pm English speaking course
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9:35 pm Listening pleasure
-Feel
-Beautiful
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Dolly scientist abandons cloning

LONDON, 19 Nov — Scientist Ian Wilmut who led the team that controversially created Dolly the sheep is abandoning the cloning of human embryos in stem cell research, local Press reported on Saturday.

The scientist of Edinburgh University developed a cloning technique which involved creating stem cells — which have the potential to be grown into any cell in the human body — from human embryos.

Embryonic or stem cells are widely regarded as the most flexible cells in the body and are seen as the body's building blocks.

But the scientist has now embraced a

technique developed by Professor Shinya Yamanaka of Kyoto University, Japan, that involves genetically modifying adult cells to make them almost as flexible as stem cells. The research has been conducted on mice.

The scientist believes a rival method developed in Japan holds the key to curing serious medical conditions. The new method creates stem cells from fragments of skin and could remove the need to use human embryos.

Wilmut said his own research team held a meeting at which it was agreed the Japanese method had more potential than the use of embryonic cells.

MNA/Reuters

Tuesday, 20 November
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျဉ်

8:00 am

6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

7. Song of yesteryear

8:15 am

8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Let's go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (စီးပွားရေးပညာအထူးပြု) (စီးပွားရေးပညာ)

4:45 pm

4. Dance of national races

5:00 pm

5. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတိဝင်

5:10 pm

6. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

7. Evening news

6:30 pm

8. Weather report

6:35 pm

9. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

10. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညာဏ်ရှင်

7:15 pm

11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်သောရွှေနေ့ခြည်” (အပိုင်း-၃၁)

8:00 pm

12. News
13. International news
14. Weather report
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “အချစ်စေတမန်” (အပိုင်း-၁)
16. The next day's programme

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People's Desire

- ★ **We favour stability.**
- ★ **We favour peace.**
- ★ **We oppose unrest and violence.**

National race delegates to National Convention from Mandalay, Sagaing, Magway Divs and Shan State (South) and (North) issue announcements concerning Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's statement

NAY PYI TAW, 19 Nov — Mr Gambari, the special adviser to the UN Secretary-General, released a statement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on her behalf in Singapore on 8 November.

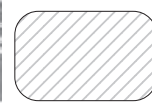
Political parties, national race armed groups, which had returned to the legal fold and national race delegates from the states and divisions to the National Convention are releasing announcements to express their disagreement and objection to the points stipulated in the statement.

The full text of the statement of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in English and among the announcements sent to the dailies, those of the members of the delegate group of national races to National Convention of Mandalay Division, Magway Division, Shan State (South), Shan State (North) and Sagaing Division are as follows:-



*Minister
for Relations U
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Weather Forecast for 20-11-2007

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Minister for Relations meets Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

YANGON, 19 Nov— Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi who was assigned duties as Minister for Relations to liaise with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met her at the Seinle Kantha Guest House here from 3 pm to 3.55 pm today. —MNA