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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing see off Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe on their departure for Singapore

YANGON, 12 Sept — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt, wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party left here by special flight of Myanma Airways for Singapore at 10 am today to pay a working visit to Singapore at the invitation of Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong of the Republic of Singapore.

The Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council and their wives, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, the ministers, senior military officers, Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of the Republic of Philippines Mme Phoebe A Gomez and heads of foreign missions in Yangon, the UN Resident Coordinator, Charge d'Affaires of the Singaporean Embassy and officials. Prime Min-



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing see off Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe before their departure for Singapore.— MNA

ister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe were accompanied by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and wife Daw San Yon, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win and

departmental heads.— MNA

International Rice Year 2004' is aimed to ensure adequate supply of food, to eradicate poverty, and to ensure vitamin enrichment. (Article on page 7)



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party see off Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Be a police force imbued with nationalism

The State Peace and Development Council has been striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation after laying down the political, economic and social objectives.

In this process, the seven-point future policy programme of the State has been laid down and is being implemented for ensuring the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. As a result, the National Convention, the first step of the road map is being successfully held.

Concerted efforts are to be made in all sectors with the national outlook for successful realization of the already laid down work programmes. Meanwhile, the strong political forces are to be fortified for perpetuation of the State.

Chairman of Myanmar Police Force Administrative Reform Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the first and second four-monthly work coordination meeting of MPF for 2004 held at the MPF Headquarters of the Ministry of Home Affairs on 11 September and made a speech on the occasion.

In his address, Lt-Gen Thein Sein stressed the need for the country to build political might, economic might and military might in order not to be influenced and bullied by others.

Community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order are imperative in ensuring the strong political might. The Tatmadaw and MPF are key players in discharging those duties. Like the Tatmadaw that has shouldered national duties conscientiously through the course of history, the MPF will have to follow suit. They are to protect the people to enable them to earn their living in a secure and peaceful society.

Economy is connected with politics. Strong economy will lead to national stability. Thus, effective measures are to be taken for ensuring security of the people, entrepreneurs and farmers who reside in the Union with peace of mind.

Being a reserve force of the State, the MPF are striving for ensuring the strong military might for peace and stability of the State. In so doing, they are to safeguard the State, fortifying the political, economic and military might.

With this end in view, the MPF, the reserve force, are urged to make relentless efforts in safeguarding the nation for its perpetuation while striving for turning themselves into a strong force with high calibre.

30th rice offering ceremony to be held in Pyay

YANGON, 12 Sept—The 30th Maha Bonmathaka rice offering ceremony will be held in Pyay on 22 September under the aegis of Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Yadana Manaung Taw-yakyaung Kaba Shweyin Aye Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Vijjabala in Pyay, Bagao

Division (West).

Provisions will be offered to 300 members of the Sangha and 150 nuns.

The Sayadaw will deliver a sermon at Dhammacakka Dhammayon on that day. Those wishing to donate cash and kinds are invited.

MNA

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

Dry Day inspection teams check Tatmadaw, departmental vehicles



Dry Day Supervisory Committee members and dry day inspection teams check departmental vehicles.—MNA

YANGON, 12 Sept — Member of the Dry Day Supervisory Committee Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Lt-Col Aung Thu of the Office of the Quartermaster-General, Commandant Maj Hla Myint Oo of Provost Unit (Air), Directors-General U Kyaw San Win, U Thaik Tun and U Khin Maung, Director Lt-Col Tin Maung Kyi, Secretary Deputy Director-General U Sein Hla of the Government Office and Joint-Sec-

retary Commander of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Naing supervised dry day inspection teams checking Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles this morning and afternoon.

The dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, licence of driver, wheel tax bill, wearing of departmental uniform and breaking of traffic rules at the main points of Yangon City from 7 am to 5 pm.—MNA

PHK donates hockey equipment to MHF



YANGON, 12 Sept — Pakistani Hockey Federation donated hockey gears to the Myanmar Hockey Federation on 10 September at Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna.

Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint accepted the hockey gears presented by Pakistani Ambassador Mr Muhammed Nawaz Chaudhry.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint next spoke words of thanks and presented gifts to officials of the Hockey Federation of Pakistan.

MNA

No 11 LID Commander's Shield Shooting Championship concludes

YANGON, 12 Sept—The prize distribution of the No 11 LID Commander's Shield Shooting Championship was held at the hall of the LID yesterday.

Present were Commander of No 11 LID Col Hla Htay Win and wife, senior officers, Tatmadaw members and families and shooters from ten teams.

Commander of No 11 LID Col Hla Htay Win presented the championship shield to the team that stood first in the competition and officials also presented prizes to the winners.—MNA

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint accepts hockey equipment donated by Pakistani Ambassador Mr Muhammed Nawaz Chaudhry.—MNA

Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium in Oct

YANGON, 12 Sept — The Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium 2004 will be held in October 2004.

National entrepreneurs wishing to sell gems and jade may contact Myanma Gems Enterprise during the period from 1 August to 30 September.

For serving the interests of the State and entrepreneurs, the MGE with coordinating departments concerned is making arrangements to sell gems and jade of national entrepreneurs and export them through GTC system during the period when the gem emporiums are not held.

MNA

All this needs to be known

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

UK soldier killed in Iraq road crash

BAGHDAD, 11 Sept—A soldier from north Wales has been killed in a road traffic accident in Iraq, the Ministry of Defence has confirmed.

Fusilier Stephen Jones, 22, from Denbigh, was serving with the Royal Welch Fusiliers when the accident happened.

He was killed 10 miles south of Al Amarah, an MoD spokesman said.

Mr Jones, who was married, was serving with a company of the 1st

Battalion of the Royal Welch Fusiliers.

He went to Iraq in April - a month after he married his 19-year-old wife, Zoe.

His father Ian said from their family home in Llanrhaeadr that it was "difficult" to cope.

"You never think it is going to happen to you,"

he said.

Mr Jones, who had also served in Ireland and Iraq, was due to fly home on Tuesday for two weeks leave - before returning to Iraq for a further four or five weeks.

A statement on the MoD's website read: "It is with deep regret that

the Ministry of Defence has to confirm that Fusilier Stephen Jones died in a road traffic accident south of Al Amarah on 10 September 2004.

His funeral will be held at Llanrhaeadr Parish Church. A date has yet to be confirmed.

Internet



British troops on patrol near Basra recently. A British soldier has been killed in a road accident in southern Iraq, the Ministry of Defence announced.

INTERNET

Judge may throw out criminal charges against US Marine

LOS ANGELES, 11 Sept—A judge may throw out criminal charges against a US Marine accused of killing an Iraqi prisoner in an American-run jail near Nasiriyah because of problems with the evidence, a Marine Corps spokesman at Camp Pendleton in California said on Friday.

A court martial for Major Clarke Paulus was set to begin on Monday but has been postponed to September 20 while lawyers grapple with what evidence can be presented during the proceedings, said Captain Christopher Logan.

"There are several issues they are actually working on ... some of this is make or break," Logan said. A pretrial hearing is scheduled for September 17.

Logan would not comment on a San Diego newspaper report that prosecutors admitted a US Government pathology lab may have lost or misplaced body parts that show how the inmate, 52-year-old Hagem Sadoom Hatab, died at Camp Whitehorse in Iraq on July 6, 2003.

Prosecutors also said they cannot find a confidential intelligence report and photo of Hatab, the San Diego Union-Tribune reported on Friday.

The judge, Colonel

Robert Chester, threatened to take "extreme measures to make things right" if prosecutors do not locate the missing parts by next week, the paper reported. Prosecutors say Paulus, 35, ordered a fellow Marine to drag Hatab out of his cell by the neck after he defecated on himself.

An autopsy conducted by a US Navy pathologist in Iraq found Hatab died of strangulation or asphyxiation caused by a broken hyoid bone in his

neck. He also had six broken ribs.

The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington, DC, where parts of the body were sent, has told prosecutors that Hatab's rib cage and hyoid bone are missing, the *Union Tribune* reported.

Defence attorneys said they wanted their own pathologist to examine the body parts to show that Hatab did not die as prosecutors said he did, the newspaper said.

MNA/Reuters

Tanzania, Rwanda get funds for railway project

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 11 Sept—Tanzania and Rwanda have secured 2.5 million US dollars from the African Development Bank to undertake feasibility studies of a proposed railway line linking the two East African countries.

The proposed railway will link Isaka in northwestern Tanzania with Kigali, capital of Rwanda, and will be further extended to cities in Burundi and the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The African Development Bank is expected to release the funds within the next six months, according to Mark Mwandosya, Tanzania's Minister in charge of Communications and Transport.—MNA/Xinhua

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Blast near US Embassy in Basra kills two

BASRA, 11 Sept—A roadside bomb detonated near the US embassy office in the southern Iraq city of Basra Saturday, killing two people and wounding three, a Reuters witness said.

The two killed were traveling in a vehicle at the time of the blast, some 50 meters from the US embassy compound, the witness said, adding the vehicle was destroyed.

Those wounded were passers-by. The US embassy in Baghdad and US military officials had no immediate comment. The nationality of those killed was not known.

The key oil city of Basra, where British forces are deployed, has witnessed frequent clashes between guerillas and US-led forces. There have been frequent car bomb and roadside bomb blasts in the city over the past 17 months.

Internet

Three Lebanese shot dead in Iraq

BEIRUT, 11 Sept—Three Lebanese were killed and one wounded by a group of gunmen in Iraq on Friday, said an official of the Lebanese Foreign Ministry.

The three are identified as businessmen Gebrane Badine and Karim Khoury, and Khoury's wife Evelynne Abou Dib and all of them are working in food exports in Iraq.

The incident occurred in the early hours in a Baghdad residence, said the official who refused to be named. Meanwhile, according to Iraqi Interior Ministry, the attack seemed to be crime-related in stead of politically motivated.

"Apparently, they were looking for something. They scattered things around. I don't think it was the insurgents. I don't know the motive yet, but I don't think it is political," said Sabah Kadhim, the spokesman. Lebanese Foreign Minister Jean Obeid condemned the killing and called on the Iraqi Interim Government to investigate the incident.

He said he wanted "protection provided to Lebanese nationals and other Arabs and foreigners in Iraq who have been subjected to abduction and murder without committing any crime".

MNA/Xinhua



An injured man is carried away after US helicopters fired missiles at a crowd of people cheering near a burning US Bradley Fighting Vehicle at Haifa street in Baghdad, Iraq on 12 Sept, 2004. Five people were reported to have died and over 40 injured in the incident.—INTERNET

Blasts rock Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 Sept—Six explosions rocked Baghdad and a US military vehicle was blown up in violence across Iraq.

Aljazeera reported that a US Humvee vehicle was destroyed on Saturday and its crew members wounded when an explosive device

went off in al-Jarayshi district northwest of the Iraqi city of Ramadi.

Iraqi fighters ranged against the US-led forces

fired six mortar rounds into central Baghdad and smoke was seen rising close to a hotel complex used by foreign contractors

and media.

There were, however, no immediate reports of casualties.

Iraqi Interior Ministry sources said the blasts caused some damage to a mosque near the Palestine Hotel.

A spokesman for the US 1st Cavalry Division said some civilian vehicles were also damaged.

Aljazeera also reported that the bodies of four Iraqis have been found from the debris of a house that US warplanes bombed several days ago in al-Sikharya village southwest of Baghdad

Internet



Iraqis celebrate around a burning US armoured vehicle, following heavy clashes in the centre of Baghdad, on 11 Sept, 2004. More than a dozen explosions shook central Baghdad at dawn on Sunday and heavy gunfire erupted in a street at the heart of the city, leaving a US armoured vehicle on fire, witnesses said. —INTERNET

Chinese economy begins to interact with globalization

BEIJING, 11 Sept — The Chinese economy has begun to interact with globalization, said Vice-Premier Huang Ju, here Friday.

At the International Forum on the Common Development of China's Economy and the World Economy opening here Friday, Huang, also member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made a speech on Seizing Opportunities in Opening-Up and Cooperation to Jointly Promote New World Economic Growth.

Analyzing the current economic situation, Huang said economic globalization is a deepening trend, coupled with sustained international trade growth and greater international capital liquidity. Regional economic integration has been accelerated, and the world economy is likely to keep its current momentum of growth as the pace of scientific advancement and industrial upgrading

quickens, he added.

In the meantime, Huang said, unbalanced economic growth becomes increasingly prominent and the gap between the south and the north keeps widening. International economic and technological competition is also becoming increasingly fierce, which makes national economies more vulnerable to the external impacts.

MNA/Xinhua

Nigeria Govt urged to join in W African battle against locusts

LAGOS, 11 Sept—The Nigerian Senate on Thursday approved a motion, urging the federal government to join a dozen of West African countries to combat locust swarms currently ravaging the sub-region, state media reported.

"It is a long-overdue motion. We must also appeal to the affected (Nigerian) states and local governments to do some-

thing about these agricultural terrorists," said Senate Majority Leader Seriki Tafida, cited by the official News Agency

of Nigeria.

The motion recommended that the Federal Ministry of Agriculture be directed to immediately extend aerial sprays to the northeastern state of Borno and other affected areas.

West Africa is currently fighting the locust crisis as a 12-country regional ministerial meeting in Dakar, Senegal, had agreed to use the Armed Forces to counter the threat. The 12 countries have also agreed to set up five operational bases in Senegal, Mali, Mauritania, Niger and Chad to coordinate crop-spraying efforts by sharing pesticides, vehicles, communication and other logistics. —MNA/Xinhua

Italy given 24-hour ultimatum on release of hostages

BAGHDAD, 11 Sept — An Islamic militant group has given Italy 24 hours to promise the release of Muslim women from Iraqi prisons in exchange for information about the two abducted Italian women aid workers, a statement released on a web site said Friday.

"We want Italy to promise unconditionally to release all Muslim women prisoners from Iraqi prisons. In turn we will give a little information about the two Italian women held hostages," said the group calling itself Ansar al-Zawahiri.

The statement which could not be independently confirmed, gave the Italian Government 24 hours to meet the group's demands, otherwise, "the Italian people will never know the fate of the Italian women hostages," the statement said. —MNA/Xinhua

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US soldier jailed for Iraq abuses

BAGHDAD, 11 Sept—A US court martial in Baghdad has sentenced a soldier to eight months in jail for maltreating and conspiring to maltreat Iraqi detainees.

Specialist Armin J Cruz had confessed to forcing three naked inmates at Abu Ghraib jail to crawl along a floor before making them simulate sex acts.

Cruz, 24, was spotted in a photo taken during abuses committed in October.

He is the eighth American soldier to be charged over the abuses but the first from military intelligence. In addition to the jail sentence—four months short of the maximum term—the court reduced Cruz to the rank of private and gave him a bad conduct discharge. Cruz is filing an appeal against the sentence. —Internet

Italians demand release of hostages in Iraq

ROME, 11 Sept — Italians were planning a candlelight demonstration on Friday to demand the release of two women aid workers kidnapped in Baghdad as politicians pressed Iraq's visiting President to pull out all stops.

Tens of thousands of Italians were expected to march through Rome from 1600 GMT to demand the release of Simona Pari and Simona Torretta and freedom for all hostages in Iraq.

The kidnapping on Tuesday of the two women, who worked in Iraq for the non-governmental organization Bridge to Baghdad, has shocked Italians, most of whom are opposed to Rome's military presence in Iraq.

They were the first Western women civilians abducted in Iraq and their abduction was seen as a

change in strategy by Iraqi militants opposed to any Western presence, military or not.

Religious leaders, politicians of all stripes, unions groups and aid organizations were expected to march arm-in-arm in Friday's demonstration.

On the political front, Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, a staunch ally of the United States, was holding talks with Iraqi interim President Ghazi al-Yawar.

Yawar, on a European tour to drum up support for reconstruction aid and debt reduction, was quoted by the Rome newspaper

Il Messaggero on Friday as saying his government "will do everything possible" to help free the women.

In France, which has been stunned by the kidnappings of journalists Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot on 20 August, Foreign Minister Michel Barnier said he had "serious indications" that they were alive and being treated well.

"We remain mobilized and our position is that we remain confident, we think a positive outcome to this hostage-taking is possible," he told Europe 1 Radio. —MNA/Reuters



People gather at the foot of the vittoriano monument to the unknown soldiers before a march past the Colosseum for the release of Italian aid organization 'Un Ponte Per Baghdad' (A Bridge for Baghdad) volunteers who were kidnapped in Iraq, in Rome, Italy, on 10 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Photos of dead US soldiers in Afghanistan, Iraq laid out in NY

NEW YORK, 11 Sept—Photos of more than 1,000 US soldiers who died in Afghanistan and Iraq were laid out in Union Square Park in New York on Friday in a display intended to put faces of the fallen before the public.

Coming just days after the 1,000th US soldier died in the war in Iraq, the display was organized by Army veteran Nicholas Cohen, who said merely listing deaths in the newspapers each day did not capture the human cost of the war.

"There's no political organization behind this," said Cohen. "This is about the soldiers."

Dozens of passerby stared quietly as volunteers laid out photos in Union Square, which three years earlier had been the site of makeshift memorials for victims of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Cohen's mother, Arlene Harrison, said the display was not meant as an anti-war statement.

"We're anti using military force in a knee-jerk way," she said. "We have to have a good, honest, compelling reason before we sacrifice our children." — MNA/Reuters

Kerry rebukes Bush over renewal of assault weapons

ST LOUIS, 11 Sept — Democratic candidate John Kerry on Friday said President George W Bush's failure to fight for a renewal of a ban on assault weapons will make it easier for terrorists to get the lethal weapons.

Campaigning in Missouri, where he trails Bush in opinion polls less than two months before the 2 November election, Kerry said as a hunter and outdoorsman he vowed he would never try to change the Second Amendment to the Constitution giving Americans the right to bear arms.

Under a 10-year ban enacted in 1994, weapons such as AK-47s, TEC-9s, and Uzis were outlawed, as were high capacity ammunition maga-

zines holding more than 10 rounds. That law expires on Monday and Congress does not plan to extend it.

Kerry rebuked Bush and others for "talking about the war on terror, trying to scare Americans." Vice-President Dick Cheney said this week that if the Democrat were elected the United States could be hit by another attack like the one on September 11, 2001.

"It's real, we've got a war," Kerry said. "But we should do more than just talk about it and try to scare people about it and make it a political issue."

Citing the 9/11 com-

mission and other reports, Kerry said that al-Qaeda, blamed for the attacks on America three years ago, had issued a manual that urged followers to "come to America and buy assault weapons".

"Why is George Bush making the job of terrorists easier and making the job for America's police officers harder?" he asked in a separate written statement.

The Massachusetts Senator told a town hall meeting in St Louis: "You can't fight a war on terror and you can't make our streets safe ... (by) selling assault weapons in the streets of America."

"But George Bush who says 'Oh, I'm for that' never asked the Congress to pass it, never pushed the Congress to pass it, never stood up, caves into the NRA (National Rifle Association), gives into the special interests and America's streets will not be as safe because of the choice George Bush is making."

Kerry, a New England blueblood who served 20 years in the Senate after two decorated tours in the Vietnam War, has tried to appeal to the more conservative voters in important battleground states by presenting himself as a lifelong outdoorsman.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi clears debris of a destroyed shop, following clashes between the US army and Shiite militia in the Sadr city district of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 10 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

Spanish PM says US loses credibility in M-E peace efforts

TUNIS, 11 Sept — Visiting Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said Thursday that the United States has lost its credibility in the Middle East peace efforts and stressed the need to return full sovereignty to Iraq.

Zapatero made the remarks at a Press conference at the end of a two-day visit to Tunisia, which are currently holding the rotating presidency of the Arab League, saying "the US-led military intervention has proved totally negative".

"Those who committed this flagrant error are no longer entitled to carry out the peace process (in the Middle East)," he said, noting a greater role thus "falls to Europe, the United Nations and the Arab League".

The Spanish leader, while stressing the need to "return (full) sovereignty to the Iraqi people as soon as possible", said Spain's decision to withdraw from Iraq was a "very correct decision" for it conforms to the interests of the majority Spanish people.

He called on other countries which

have troops in Iraq to follow Spain's example of withdrawal. He said: "If there were more decisions along the lines of the Spanish Government's (decision of withdrawal), more favourable prospect would be opened up."

Zapatero, whose country is holding the current rotating presidency of the UN Security Council, also condemned the kidnappings in Iraq and called on the United Nations to take "urgent political steps".

Zapatero and his Spanish Socialist Party beat the Popular Party led by former Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar in the general elections in March 14. The new government completed the withdrawal of its 1,300 soldiers from Iraq in May.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia accuses West of double standards on terrorism

MOSCOW, 11 Sept — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov slammed the West for adopting double standards on terrorism in the wake of recent hostage-taking tragedy in the south of the country, *Vremya Novosti* daily reported on Thursday.

Lavrov told the newspaper that the West had yet to shake off its adversarial mindset since the end of the Cold War, and their security services were not fully cooperating with Russia in the fight against terror.

Russia is angry that Britain and the United States have given asylum to spokesmen for Chechen rebel leader Aslan Maskhadov who Russia suspects of being behind the school siege with another rebel chief Shamil Basayev. "I would use a neutral term: It's a double standard," Lavrov said.

On September 1, more than 30 armed militants took about 1,200 hostages in a secondary school of the Beslan Town in Russia's North Ossetia Re-

public. The crisis ended on the third day after fierce exchanges of gunfire between Russian troops and the militants, but leaving at least 335 dead, half of them children.

Russian President Vladimir Putin has ordered an internal investigation into the tragedy,

which authorities blamed on Chechen separatists.

Russia's Federal Security Services on Wednesday offered a reward of up to 300 million roubles (over 10 million US dollars) for information that will help it hunt down Basayev and Maskhadov.

MNA/Xinhua

UN to draw scores of dignitaries to New York for UNGA session

UNITED NATIONS, 11 Sept — The United Nations this month is expected to draw scores of dignitaries to New York for its General Assembly session, but on Friday it welcomed a new contingent of a different sort — bomb sniffing dogs.

Scout, Jet and Candy, a trio of Labrador retrievers, were introduced to reporters before the main General Assembly session begins on September 21.

The trained dogs were a gift from New York State police. Three more bomb-sniffers will join the canine contingent at the United Nations before year's end, replacing a costly two-dog team used since 1998 that was hired through a private contractor.—MNA/Reuters



Supporter of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr are barred from arguing with Iraqi soldiers by their leaders as they congregate to show support for al-Sadr in Baghdad, Iraq on 10 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

US Army generals say CIA detained more Iraqis than disclosed

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — Army jailers in Iraq, acting at the request of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), kept dozens of detainees at Abu Ghraib Prison and other detention facilities off official rosters to hide them from Red Cross inspectors, *The New York Times* reported on Friday.

An Army inquiry completed last month found eight documented cases of so-called "ghost detainees." But two of the investigating generals said in testimony before two Congressional committees and in interviews on Thursday that depositions from military personnel who served at the prison indicated that the real total was many times higher, the report said.

"The number is in the dozens, perhaps up to 100," General Paul J Kern, the

senior officer who oversaw the Army inquiry, told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Another investigator, Major General George R Fay, put the figure at "two dozen or so," but both officers said they could not give a precise number because no records were kept on most of the CIA detainees.

Under the Geneva Conventions, the temporary failure to disclose the identities of prison-

ers to the Red Cross is permitted under an exemption for military necessity, but the Army generals said they were certain that the practice used by the CIA in Iraq went far beyond that, the report said.

The disclosure added to questions about the CIA's practices in Iraq, including why the agency took custody of certain Iraqi prisoners, what interrogation techniques it used and what became of the ghost detainees. It also

left unanswered the question of why Colonel Thomas M Pappas, the military intelligence officer who oversaw interrogations at the prison, agreed to let CIA officers use the prison to hide ghost detainees.

To date, two cases have been made public in which prisoners in CIA custody were removed from Iraq for a period of several months and held in detention centres outside the country, according to the report. —MNA/Xinhua

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US airstrike kills one Iraqi in Fallujah

BAGHDAD, 11 Sept — An Iraqi was killed and two others were wounded on Friday in a US airstrike on the flashpoint city of Fallujah, 50 kilometres west of Baghdad, witnesses and medical sources said.

The attack killed an employee of the Fallujah municipality, said Ahmed Thaer of the Fallujah General Hospital. The US airstrike on Fallujah has entered the fourth straight day.

After weeks of fighting that killed hundreds of Iraqis in Fallujah, US Marines pulled out of the city in May and handed over control of security to an Iraqi force. That force, the Fallujah Brigade, has collapsed and the city is now controlled by guerrillas. — MNA/Xinhua



A firefighter hoses down a car damaged in an explosion near the US consular office in Basra, Iraq on 11 Sept, 2004.

INTERNET

Report says insecurity limiting UN presence in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 11 Sept — International staff working for the United Nations in Iraq are "operating at the outer limit of acceptable and prudent risk" and the world body's presence on ground is limited because of insecurity, a new UN report has said.

The "volatile security situation", it said, is also playing havoc with the Iraqis' confidence in their political future, especially the electoral process as it heads towards polls scheduled for January next year.

The only solution to the insecurity and violence is a political process that is not based on threats or

Armed Force, but instead a genuine willingness to tackle political, economic, social and cultural grievances peacefully, it added.

In the report, Secretary-General Kofi Annan pledged to "do everything possible, as circumstances permit, to support Iraqi efforts in political and economic reconstruction of

the country".

"But no country has yet committed to providing any security staff for the UN workers," he pointed out. UN chief spokesman Fred Eckhard told reporters on Thursday that the world body has conducted "an exhausting and exhaustive search" for security units, adding that there have been "some promising leads".

The UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI) needs four personal security details, each comprising 12 officers, to protect the Secretary-General's Special Representative for Iraq, Ashraf Qazi, other designated UNAMI officials and visitors as they travel around the country.

MNA/PTI

Hu Jintao stresses importance of helping poor children

BEIJING, 11 Sept — Chinese President Hu Jintao urged the Communist Party and all levels of government to ensure all children from poor families receive an education, on Friday.

"So that they could feel the love of the Party and the government and the big socialist family," he said while visiting schools and teachers in Beijing on the 20th National Teachers' Day.

The trip first brought him to Hongzhi High School, a welfare school in the Eastern District of Beijing devoted to enrolling outstanding students from poor families. The nearly 700 students are exempt from paying for miscellaneous expenses, books and uniforms and receive a monthly boarding allowances. Hu went into teachers' offices and classrooms and spoke with teachers and students.

He noted that a number of children from poor families have received a good education at this school and developed in an all-round way, saying that it is a very significant innovation. He asked the students to value their opportunity and study

hard so as to repay the state and society when they grow up.

After leaving the school, Hu visited the homes of a primary school teacher and a retired high school teacher.

While talking with the retired high school teacher, Hu said that the key to the rejuvenation of the country depends on

education, and the key to rejuvenating education lies with teachers.

He called on teachers to instruct through words and actions, influence and motivate with exemplary acts and win the respect and love with their academic achievements and outstanding personalities.

MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh steps up security; orders close watch on border

DHAKA, 10 Sept — Bangladesh has ordered heightened vigil along its borders to prevent the suspects of the 21 August bombing from sneaking out of the country.

Twenty people were killed and over 300 sustained injuries on that date when a rally of opposition Awami League was attacked with grenade and bombs. League chief and former prime minister Sheikh Hasina survived narrowly.

As part of stepped-up security in view of the recent incidents of violence in the country, the Home Ministry ordered the formation of four anti-crime divisions with bomb disposal units to be deployed for quick response to bombing or bomb threat, officials said. — MNA/PTI

Indian Minister says modest progress made in talks

NEW DELHI, 11 Sept — Observing that "modest progress" has been made in the just-concluded Indo-Pakistan ministerial talks, Indian External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh on Thursday said the two sides have "moved forward" while pledging to continue the Composite Dialogue process. Singh saw a "departure from the past" in Pakistan Foreign Minister Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri's statement that Islamabad was "not unifocal" and committed to carry the Composite Dialogue process forward on all issues. — MNA/PTI



Members of the Iraqi National Guard secure the area during a rally in support of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sayid al-Sayid, Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric in the city of Najaf, on 10 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

International Year of Rice 2004

Ko Ye (Agriculture)

More than half of the world population mainly live on rice. As shown in the statistics of the FAO, the world demand for rice in 2030 will reach more than over 38 per cent of the 1999's agricultural output. New technologies are in need to satisfy the world demand for rice in future. Ways and means are to be sought for adequate supply of rice in the world. It is important for all the peoples of the world to know that rice is the most crucial crop.

The year 2004 was designated as 'International Year of Rice' at the 57th UN General Assembly held in December 2002. 'International Year of Rice 2004' is aimed to ensure adequate supply of food, to eradicate poverty, and to ensure vitamin enrichment. On 12 and 13 February 2004, the FAO held a International Rice Conference in Rome, Italy, where its headquarters is located. Hopes have been pinned on reducing the starvation facing 840 million of the world population by half in 2015. The onus is on all the peoples of the world to collectively realize that goal. The obvious answer to the surplus production of rice on which a majority of the world population rely is the extension of sown acreage. There must be an increase in per-acre yield. Under the patronage of the FAO together with member countries and International Rice Research Institute (IRRI), 'International Year of Rice' is being observed all over the world in this year 2004.

The consumption of rice is greater in Asian countries. The topographical conditions also favours the cultivation of paddy. It is therefore safe to say that the Southeast Asian region including Myanmar is the start of paddy

cultivation.

The practice of paddy cultivation in the world has come into existence since some ten thousand years ago. Records have it that rice has been major sustenance in the Southeast Asian region since some 6,000 years ago. Myanmar had annually put over two million tons of its rice and rice products on the world market for nearly two decades from 1920 to 1940, and became the world's leading exporter of rice. Rice has been produced enough and even in surplus since many years ago, when the population of the country was thin. Till this day, targets have been set on the surplus production of rice. As a result, the country enjoys sufficient and surplus rice. Relying on rice, Myanmar has had a tradition of building economic, social and cultural infrastructures since

Like major rice-growing countries, encouragement and assistance are offered in earnest to rice research works. Across the country, the culture of high-yield paddy and quality strain suited to the water and soil conditions of a particular area has proved successful. In consequence of it, monsoon and summer paddies are cultivated on a broader scale. Plans are also under way to cultivate and produce rice enough to feed the population that will grow in the future.

many years ago. From the times of ancient kings to the present era in Myanmar, the successive governments have striven through various ways and means for the betterment of cultivation and production of rice. Like major rice-growing countries, encouragement and assistance are offered in earnest to rice research works. Across the country, the culture of high-yield paddy and quality strain suited to the water and soil conditions of a particular area has proved successful. In consequence of it, monsoon and summer paddies are cultivated on a broader scale. Plans are also under way to cultivate and produce rice enough to feed the population that will grow in the future. In this process, measures are being taken to introduce technologies for boosting the rice yield, to extend paddy-sown acreage, to exceed per-acre yield so that targeted output will be obtained. Now that over 71 per cent of farmland have been put under high-yield paddy strain, sown acreage and paddy output are on a significant increase.

Indivisible are Myanmar and rice. And rice is the staple food for Myanmar people. Under the patronage of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar is taking part in the activities of 'International Year of Rice 2004', now being observed across the world, by organizing essay, painting, poster, article and photo competitions, televised discussions with rice growers and technicians and entrepreneurs, radio talks, exhibitions, and paddy seeding ceremonies in accord with the motto "Rice is Life". Furthermore, an exhibition will be held at Myanma Rice Research Centre in Hmawby in the first week of October.

Translation: KTY

The Objectives of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- * To vitalize patriotism and nationalism in all citizens
- * To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- * To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts
- * To preserve Myanmar national character
- * To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- * To prevent influence of alien culture

Commander inspects cultivation of Hsinshweli paddy strains in Lasho

YANGON, 12 Sept — Accompanied by officials, Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Chairman North-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing arrived at the 750-acre paddy fields of Hsinshweli strains in the irrigated area of Humon Dam, Lashio, on 10 September morning.

Next, township authorities and officials reported on cultivation of paddy.

The commander greeted service personnel and local

farmers and instructed them to use modern farming methods.

The commander also inspected the 41-acre paddy fields of Hsinshweli strains (F-1) owned by the Immigration and National Registration Department and 250-acre paddy fields of local battalions of Lashio Station.

He next gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the needs. Later, the commander viewed the thriving Hsinshweli paddy plantations in Manna

farm and left necessary instructions to officials.

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FMI Co Ltd holds annual general meeting

YANGON, 12 Sept — First Myanmar Investment Co Ltd (FMI Co Ltd) held its 12th annual general meeting this afternoon at the National Theatre here.

Present were heads of departments of the respective ministries, the chairman and advisers of FMI Co Ltd, members of board of executive directors and others.

First, Col Win Maung (Retd) who is the

chairman of the advisory board made an opening speech. At the meeting, Chairman of FMI Co Ltd U Hla Kyi extended greetings. Managing Agent U Theim Wai briefed those present on tasks of the Company and answered the queries raised by the shareholders of the company.

Afterwards, financial statement and annual report for 2003-2004 were approved and

executive directors were selected. Managing Agent U Theim Wai was assigned as Chairman of FMI Co Ltd. FMI Co Ltd has invested at 14 companies including Yoma Bank Ltd, FMI Garden Development Ltd, FMI Syndication Ltd, SPA Motors, SPA Motorcycle Ltd, Myanmar Nissan Co Ltd, Myanmar Suzuki Motor Co Ltd, Pun Hlaing International Hospital Ltd.

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FMI Co Ltd Advisory Board Chairman Col Win Maung (Retd) speaking at the 12th annual general meeting of First Myanmar Investment Co Ltd at the National Theatre on 12-9-2004.— NLM

Secretary-2 offers...

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung

Ministry of Defence, Cmdr Khin Maung Soe of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and Colonel General Staff (Air) Lt-Col Nay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) offered rice, oil and grams to the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw and the

and the nunnery donated by Tatmadaw families; K 36,000 by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council; K 300,000 by Myanmar Pyithahay KN Co; K 200,000 by U Bo Gyi-Daw Than Than; and K 150,000 by Great Wall Traditional Medicine Industry. Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister

were 337 bags of rice, 103 viss of edible oil, 206 viss of gram, 1,032 viss of iodized salt, 206 tubes of tooth paste, 4,460 bottles of traditional medicines, 2,064 cakes of soap and K 2,643,590.

Similarly, families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated provisions and cash to 27

Kyaw Myint, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and senior military officers of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) donated offertories to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, on behalf of the families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence, Cmdr Khin Maung Soe of Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and Colonel General Staff (Air) Lt-Col Nay Win of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) donated rice, edible

entrepreneurs in the township; K 200,000 each by Myanmar Pyithahay KN Company; Pylon Chantha Traditional Medicine House; and UMFCCI; K 198,000 by the wellwishers; K 150,090 by Sandi Traditional Medicine House; K150,000 each by BTB Company; and Great Wall Traditional Medicine Industry; K 180,000 by Win Yadana Transport Service; K 100,000 by Hman Cho Clinic; K 120,000 by Thammada Robes House; K 100,000 by Hsan Myanmar Co Ltd;



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein offers provisions to a Sayadaw at the donation ceremony for monasteries and nunneries in Thingangyun Township.—MNA

Pa, Commandant of Defence Service Records Office Commander of No 2 Military Region Brig-Gen Myo Myint, district and township authorities, religious and social organizations and well-wishers.

First, Akyaw Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Revata administered the Five Precepts. Next, the Secretary-2, the commander, the minister,

Presiding Nun.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Directors-General U Tun Mya Aung and U Htin Myo of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Chairman of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myat Min and Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Thein Maung and other

Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and senior military officers accepted K 108,000 donated by Win Yadana Tourism Service; K 120,000 by U Than Naing-Daw Kyi Kyi Swe; K 150,090 by (U Thein Maung)-Daw Pa Pa of Sandi Traditional Medicine Industry; K 100,000 by U Hla Htay-Daw Tin Nwe Oo of Hmancho Traditional Medicine Clinic; K 150,000 by entrepreneurs of Hlinethaya Township; K 100,000 by Wa Wa Win Co Ltd; and other wellwishers.

Colonel General Staff (Air) Lt-Col Nay Win supplicated on the purpose of Tatmadaw families to donate provisions.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tejavana delivered a sermon, and the Secretary-2 and party shared merits gained.

Today's donations in Hlinethaya Township

monasteries and 7 nunneries in Thingangyun Township of Yangon East District at Dhammayon of Kyaikkasan pagoda in



Senior military officers donate provisions to a Sayadaw at the donation ceremony in Thingangyun Township.—MNA

Thingangyun this evening. Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony and offered provisions and cash to members of Sangha.

First, the ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party as well as the congregation received Eight Precepts from Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Maha Theikpan Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Siridhamma.

Next, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen

Development Committee to members of the Sangha.

Later, departmental officials and wellwishers offered rice, edible oil, salt, gram and medicines to members of Sangha.

Today's donations were K 340,000 by families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air); K 102,000 by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council; K 200,000 by Yangon East District PDC and Thingangyun Township PDC; K 1.5 million by U Tin Maung Soe and Daw May Thet Hnin; K 500,000 by Shwetaung Construction; K 300,000 each by ILBC family; Mother Trading Co Ltd; and Naing Group Construction and Cherry Oo Shop; K 204,000 by

100,000 each by Tatlan Construction; and Aungthukha Construction; and other wellwishers.

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the minister, the deputy minister and senior military officers accepted the donations.

After donations, Col Aye Thaw of the Ministry of Defence supplicated on purpose of the donations. Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party shared merits gained.

Today's donations to monasteries and nunneries in Thingangyun Township were 793 bags of rice, 352 viss of edible oil, 3,018 viss of iodized salt, 598 tube of tooth paste, 628 viss of grams and 9,879 bottles of medicine and totalling cash K 7,949,640.

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Donations to 12 monasteries and one nunnery in Hlinethaya Township total K 2,643,590, 337 bags of rice, 103 viss of edible oil, 206 viss of gram, 1,032 viss of iodized salt and others.

senior military officers and the vice-mayor donated provisions to the Sayadaws.

On behalf of the Tatmadaw families, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the

wellwishers presented rice, oil, soap, salt, traditional medicines and offertories to the Sayadaw.

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepted K 120,000 for the monastery



Senior military officers present rice, oil and gram to a nun at the donation ceremony for monasteries and nunneries in Thingangyun Township.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe being seen off at the airport by diplomats. (New on page 1)—MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu addresses Greater Mekong Sub-region High Level Public-Private Consultation Meeting in Bangkok.—MNA

Commander tours Myeik, Pyigy Mandaing, Bokpyin

YANGON, 12 Sept—Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint inspected oil palm plantations of Kanbawza Co Ltd in Myeik Township on 6 September.

In the briefing hall of Htoo Trading Co Ltd, Daw Cho Cho Aung of the company reported to the commander on growing of oil palm saplings, land

reclamation and requirements. The commander inspected oil palm plantations of Htoo Trading Co Ltd and Yuzana Ltd.

In the afternoon, the commander proceeded to the briefing hall at Laynyar Bridge in Pyigy Mandaing. He met local authorities and instructed them to extend farmlands, cultivate paddy and grow flowery plants. The commander attended to their needs.

In the evening, the

commander met Chairman of Kawthoung District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Tin Soe and departmental officials of Bokpyin Township. He gave instructions on regional development, local food sufficiency, extended cultivation of suitable crops and oil palm for the region and better transportation. Later, he fulfilled the requirements of the local authorities.

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Myanmar delegation arrives back from Bangkok

YANGON, 12 Sept—The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu arrived back here by air this morning after attending the Greater Mekong Sub-region High Level Public-Private Consultation Meeting held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 9 to 11 September.

The meeting was aimed at exchanging views in sectors of agriculture, industrial development, tourism industry, commercial and investment, implementation of infrastructures and human resource development of the countries in Greater Mekong Sub-region. On 10

September, Deputy Prime Minister Mr Suwat Liptaparp of Thailand extended greetings.

Next, GMS Business Forum Chairman Vice-President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Aung and Asian Development Bank Vice-President Mr Liqun Jin delivered opening addresses.

Next, leaders of delegations from Myanmar, Cambodia, the People's Republic of China (Yunnan Province), Lao PDR, Thailand and Vietnam gave speeches. The booth of the Union of

Myanmar in the exhibition displayed the products at Inter-Continental Hotel.

Members of the delegation—senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the Ministry of Industry-2, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Construction, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development, the Ministry of Labour, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and the Ministry of Commerce and private entrepreneurs—also arrived back on the same flight.

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The booth of Myanmar being displayed at the exhibition relating to Greater Mekong Sub-region High Level Public-Private Consultation Meeting in Bangkok.—MNA

Mon State opens Traditional Cultural Performing Arts competitions

YANGON, 12 Sept—The 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts competitions of Mon State were opened in the State Hall of Mawlamyine on 10 September. Present on the occasion were Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-

East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and wife, Chairman of the leading committee for organizing the competitions Secretary of Mon State PDC Lt-Col Soe Myint Aung and officials, departmental officials, social organizations and guests. The commander briefed on the purpose of

holding the competitions and formally opened the competitions by cutting a ribbon. The commander and the guests watched dancing contest, musical instrument playing contest and song composing contest in designated places. The competitions continue till 12 September.—MNA

<p>Myanmar Golf Club September 14-19, 2004</p>			
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 Tiger	 Srixon	 Canon	 Grand Slam

Establishment of Archaeological Zone starts in Tagaung region

YANGON, 10 Sept—Archaeologists and staff of the Department of Archaeology excavated ancient Tagaung city beginning early 2003 and found evidences of Pyu periods such as urns, earthen plates, goglets, jars, various kinds of colourful beads, bricks, other artifacts, foundations of buildings of Pyu period, over 30 kilns, iron ring, bracelets, weapons, brasswares and stone weapons there and its nearby regions.

In July and August 2004, they excavated mound No TG-31 in the compound of Tagaung Basic Education High School and found 64 urns, goglets, pots and jars in No 1, 2, 3. and 4 pots. These artifacts

firmly show that Pyu city state like Hanlin and Beikthano cities existed in Tagaung region. It was a finding of great importance for Myanmar history and archaeology.

The excavated urns, earthen plates, goglets, jars and pots were decorated with drawings and other works of art such as pictures of human, animals and flowers. Inside the artifacts are bronzewares, ashes and charcoal. The experts of the Department of Archaeology put on record of the level of architecture in those days. They believe that they can assess the value of the artifacts and the ancient objects will be preserved

under the supervision of experts from the Ministry of Culture.

The experts will study the skull and bones found in No 14 pot and excavated the height and the way of living of Pyu people.

Now Tagaung region and its environs have been designated as Tagaung Archaeological Zone. An archaeological museum will be built and the archway of Tagaung will also be built beautifully with the decoration of pictures of blacksmith U Tint De and hero Pyusawhti. Hotels and other places of interest will be built there for tourist attraction.—MNA



Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay speaking at opening ceremony of Yangon Division OWA Patron's Trophy Women's Football Tournament.—YANGON COMMAND

Yangon Division women's soccer match opens

YANGON, 12 Sept—Yangon Division women's open football tournament organized by Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs and Yangon Division women sports federation was opened at Aung San sports ground here this afternoon.

Ministry of Transport Team played against Ministry of Defence Team.

A total of six soccer teams (women) participates in the tournament which lasts till 26 September. Dr Sai Saing Tun (Alpine safe drinking water) presented K 2.5 million for the tournament through Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay.—MNA

First CLMTV-ECS Trade Fair-2004 to be held

YANGON, 12 Sept—Central committee for holding of the First CLMTV-ECS Trade Fair-2004 held its fourth coordination meeting on 9 September at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township.

Before the meeting, Patrons of the committee Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone and

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected the preparation for the fair at the centre and gave instructions.

Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin made addresses.

At the meeting, Secretary of the central committee Director-General of

the Directorate of Trade U Nyunt Aye reported on preparation and chairman and officials of the sub-committees reported on arrangements for holding the fair. The First CLMTV-ECS Trade Fair-2004 will be held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township from 1 to 5 December.—MNA



Delegates to Workshop for ASEAN Cultural Interaction at Grassroots, Phase III visit Mawriya Traditional Medicine Industry on 11 September. (News reported)—MNA

Medical agents to meet for 51st Medical Conference

YANGON, 12 Sept—The 51st Medical Conference will be held at the Myanmar Medical Association in Mandalay from 19 to 25 January 2005.

A meeting between the Committee for Organizing the Medical Conference and medical and medical equipment agents

will be held at the Auditorium of MMA (Yangon) on Theinbyu Street, Mingalar Taungnyunt Township on 18 September for the success of the conference. All medical agents have been invited to attend the meeting.

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Myanmar Computer Federation President U Thein Oo presents certificate to a trainee of Programme on Basic IT for IT Engineers.—MCF

Programme on Basic IT for IT Engineers concludes

YANGON, 12 Sept—Under the arrangements of Myanmar Computer Federation (MCF) and the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS), the Programme

on Basic IT for IT Engineers (MMFE2W-1) concluded at MICT Park in Hline Township this afternoon.

President of MCF U Thein Oo and General

Manager Mr Kazuhisa Ogawa of AOTS (Bangkok Office) gave speeches. Next, certificates were presented to 30 trainees. The training course lasted 10 days.—MNA



Delegates to Workshop for ASEAN Cultural Interaction at Grassroots observe Silversmith and Handicraft Workshop in Ywahtaung Ward, Sagaing Township on 11 September. (News reported)—MNA

India's Plan Body to review feasibility of growth target

NEW DELHI, 12 Sept — Identifying deceleration in agriculture growth, poor infrastructure and lack of private investment as impediments to faster economic growth, India's Planning Commission Friday said it would examine the feasibility of the 10th plan growth target of 8.1 per cent.

The Plan Body said its Mid-Term Appraisal (MTA), to be completed by year-end, would focus on "policy correctives" in critical areas in terms of priorities laid down by the coalition government's Common Minimum Programme.

Indicating that the 10th Plan growth target may have to be scaled down, the Plan Body warned against "populism" as it had contributed to "disappoint-

ing" performance in power sector.

In the last two years, the approach paper for the MTA said, "plan allocations have been below expectations. States have not received as much resources as were envisaged through devolution".

Listing out various reasons for dismal resource position in the first two years of the 10th plan, including the government's ratio of tax revenue to GDP, the Commission said the appraisal would examine trends in resources and "identify priority corrective steps".

Pointing at low agriculture growth and development of infrastructure at "far below" the level required for the 8-per-cent economic growth, the paper sought review of the

regulatory mechanism in each sector and blamed states' populism for the "disappointing" performance of the power sector.

On employment scenario in the country, the paper pointed out that 400 billion rupees would be required to introduce an employment guarantee for rural areas even as it termed the labour laws reform as one of the crucial factors, both for sustained industrial growth and creating high quality job opportunities.

Criticizing the lack of the stock-taking of schemes for providing food and nutritional support, the paper said appraisal needs to reflect on this to rationalize the overall food and nutritional interventions made by the government.

MNA/PTI

Sore eye epidemic in Philippines puzzles doctors

MANILA, 12 Sept — An outbreak of viral conjunctivitis, or sore eyes, in Dagupan City, northern Philippines, has puzzled local doctors as this is not the season for such an epidemic outbreak, reported the *Philippine News Agency* (PNA) on Saturday. PNA quoted Dr. Leonardo Carbonnel, assistant city health officer in Dagupan City, as saying that the spread of viral conjunctivitis could be due to a possible shift from the normal epidemiology of the disease owing to environmental degradation.

He said in a radio interview that he was surprised to find out why there are so many people

afflicted with sore eyes when it is not summer yet.

Confirming that conjunctivitis is a summer disease, it is taking medical practitioners by surprise why the disease is raging this rainy season, which usually sees the outbreak of such diseases as gastroenteritis and dengue, he said. The summer season in the Philippines covers the period from February to April, during which time diseases such as sore eyes and chicken pox break out.

But Carbonnel assured those afflicted with sore eyes that viral conjunctivitis is not fatal, and can be cured within seven days unless the patient is fur-

ther infected.

He called on people to be careful because if they touch anything held by an infected person, chances are that they may also get sore eyes, a very contagious disease whose transmission is very fast.

People can wash their eyes with soap and lukewarm water, he said, advising people to develop the habit of washing their hands frequently with clean water and soap if they cannot afford to buy alcohol. He also said that since too many people are sick of sore eyes in Dagupan City, people should avoid crowds and those already infected stay at home.—MNA/Xinhua

China offers emergency aid to Russia

BEIJING, 12 Sept — China offered 10 million yuan (1.2 million US dollars') worth of medical equipment and medicine to Russia as emergency aid for the country's recent tragedy, Saturday.

The aid, collected from the whole nation during the past two days, has been loaded at the Tianjin Airport and will be sent to Russia, according to Miao Zhanli, manager from a drug company that is responsible for the collection.

Miao said that the aid includes hospital beds, heart electric monitoring equipment and anesthetic machine.

On September 1, more than 30 armed militants took about 1,200 people hostage in a secondary school in Beslan, a town in northern Russia. The crisis ended on the third day after a fierce exchange of gunfire, but left at least 335 dead — half of them children.

Chinese President Hu Jintao sent a message on September 8 to Russian President Vladimir Putin, strongly condemning the "atrocious terrorist acts". He said that the Chinese Government would offer goods to assist those affected by the tragedy and to show China's sympathy and support.—MNA/Xinhua

Traditional Chinese medicine has broad prospects in int'l market

BEIJING, 12 Sept — Chinese and foreign experts agreed at a symposium here Saturday that traditional Chinese medicine has broad prospects in international market as Chinese therapy and pharmacy have helped treat many severe diseases.

Last year, traditional Chinese medicine was successfully used in treating SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) patients, said Professor Tian Jingfu, former deputy director of the State Administration of Traditional Chinese Medicine. Currently, many

Chinese companies and individuals are studying ways to treat HIV/ AIDS patients.

China's success has increased international awareness about traditional Chinese medicine and served to push traditional Chinese medicine into the international market.

According to Hiromi Kumon and Haruki Kaku from Okayama University of Japan, Japanese medical universities have been ordered to resume teaching the subject of traditional Chinese medicine this year.—MNA/Xinhua

Former soldier turns himself in to US base in Japan

TOKYO, 12 Sept — A former US serviceman accused of deserting while serving in South Korea in 1965 turned himself in on Saturday to the US military at a base near Tokyo. Charles Jenkins, 64, departed from a hospital in Tokyo early morning and later arrived at the Camp Zama. He was accompanied by his Japanese wife Hitomi Soga and their two daughters, *Kyodo News* reported. Jenkins is expected to begin legal procedures at the base to avoid imprisonment by seeking a plea bargain for a dishonourable discharge from the US military in consultation with his

military defence lawyer, *Kyodo* quoted sources as saying. Jenkins was charged by the US military with escaping to North Korea in 1965.

He later married Soga who was one of the Japanese North Korea admitted to abduct in late 1970s and early 1980s.

Soga returned to Japan in 2002 after Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's visit to Pyongyang.

Jenkins and his daughters arrived in Tokyo in July via Jakarta. He was soon admitted into a hospital to receive medical treatment.—MNA/Xinhua

China finds first ceramic balls used by ancient hunters

LANZHOU, 12 Sept — Four ceramic balls unearthed in northeast China are believed to be weapons of ancient hunters some 3,000 years ago.

Chinese archaeologists discovered four such balls, 2-4 centimetres in diameter, in Guanghe County, Gansu Province, and before the finding people only knew of the ceramic balls from historical documents.

The balls are red, yellow and black. Some are solid with slick surfaces, some are hollow with fictile grains inside.

"These ceramic balls, in their shapes, sizes and weights, are very suitable for

people to hurl by hand or with a rope," said Wang Donghai, deputy head of the provincial institute of coloured pottery in Gansu.

"They must be efficient in hunting fast running animals," he said, adding that the hollow ceramic balls would make sounds during the movement.

The four balls provide evidence about the life of ancient people recorded in historical documents. They are of great value also for studies on ceramic culture, the history of human development and the history of Chinese civilization, said Wang.—MNA/Xinhua

Asia's longest tracked roller coaster built in Beijing

BEIJING, 12 Sept — A roller coaster with an 888-metre track, believed to be the longest in Asia, now in its final phase of installation at the Shijingshan Amusement Park in Beijing, will be operational during the National Day holiday period in early October.

The roller coaster cost 50 million yuan (approximately six million US dollars) to build. It runs at a maximum speed of 80 kilometres per hour and its

maximum height is 33 metres. All essential parts and equipment were imported from overseas, the park's general manager Liu Jingwang disclosed here Friday.

The park will continue to import the latest superb amusement facilities from various parts of the world as part of the preparations for the 2008 Olympics to be held in Beijing, Liu said.

MNA/Xinhua



Challenger BMW Oracle Racing of the United States, right, sails past defender Alinghi, of Switzerland, during the final race of the America's Cup opening act, off Marseille, southern France, on Saturday, 11 Sept, 2004.

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Aluminium could be unusual saviour for Atlantic salmon

OSLO, 11 Sept — Aluminium could be an unusual saviour for Atlantic salmon in prized Scandinavian and Russian fishing rivers because it kills a voracious parasite, researchers said on Friday.

The findings may help fly fishing enthusiasts, fish farming companies and nations from the United States to Scotland who boast rivers free of the tiny gyrodactylus salaris fresh water parasite and want them to stay that way.

An unprecedented test in western Norway this summer showed that tiny concentrations of ground aluminium, dripped into the Batnsfjord River, apparently killed the parasites stuck on the salmon skin without hurting the fish or other riverlife.

"We've not found parasites on the last 90 fish we've tested," Sigurd Hytterød of the Norwegian Veterinary Institute told *Reuters*. "A year ago, all of the fish had it."

"As far as we know, aluminium has never been tested like this elsewhere in the world," he said of the study by several Norwegian research groups. High concentrations of aluminium can damage fish gills.

Salmon have been almost wiped out in some of the about 40 rivers in Norway containing the parasite, which attaches itself to the fish with tiny hooks. It then eats through the skin, often bringing ulcers and infections that kill the fish.

The parasite has also affected rivers in other

Scandinavian nations and Russia, Hytterød said.

The aluminium was dripped into the river from three main points along the river in a dose of 200 microgrammes per litre of water — a microgramme is a millionth of a grammes (0.03527 ounce).

Previous more drastic cures often used rotenon, a pesticide that can also kill the fish.

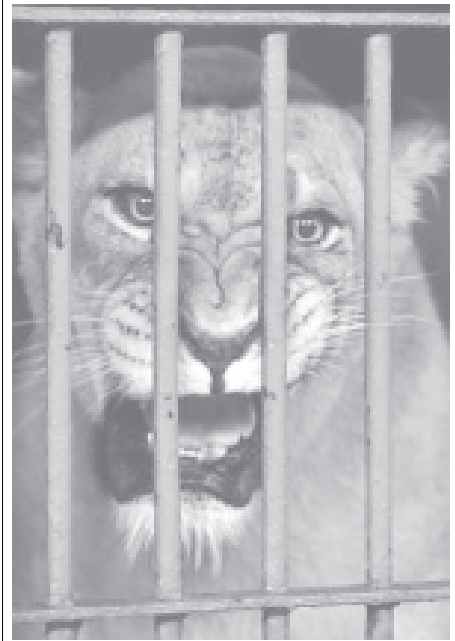
Researchers stumbled across aluminium's parasite-killing side-effects after finding that rivers without gyrodactylus salaris had high natural levels of metals, washed from the ground. Laboratory research showed aluminium was the best.

Other experts welcomed the findings, if confirmed.

"We don't have the parasite on this side of the Atlantic but we're scared to death of it," said Fred Whoriskey, vice-president of research and environment at the Atlantic Salmon Federation in New Brunswick, Canada.

"Scotland and Ireland are also free of it," he said. The parasite dies in salt water where salmon spend most of their lives, but there were risks that ships, for instance, might transport the parasite in ballast water over the Atlantic.

MNA/Reuters



A lion named Nabuko look out of its cage at the Safari park in Ramat Gan near Tel Aviv on 5 Sept, 2004, shortly before he was transferred to a zoo in the West Bank city of Qalqilya.

INTERNET

India steps up efforts to market home-grown helicopter

NEW DELHI, 11 Sept — India has stepped up joint efforts with Israel to market an indigenously developed helicopter around the world and is hopeful of receiving an order for it from Chile, the *Indo-Asian News Service* reported Friday.

NR Mohanty, chairman of India's aviation major Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) that makes the *Dhruv* advanced light helicopters, said his organization had signed an agreement with Israel Aircraft Industries for joint marketing of the aircraft.

HAL sold two of the home-grown helicopters to the Nepali Armed forces last year and it was recently demonstrated to the military in Chile by a team of Indian and Israeli experts.

"The Chileans were satisfied with the technical demonstrations and the commercial negotiations are yet to begin, but we are hopeful of orders from them," Mohanty told reporters here.

MNA/Xinhua

Scientists say "Genesis" crash landing left solar material intact

WASHINGTON, 11 Sept — After peering inside NASA's broken *Genesis* capsule with flashlights and mirrors, scientists said on Friday the craft's unexpected crash landing left solar material intact and most scientific objectives within reach.

"We should be able to meet most if not all of our primary science goals," Roger Wiens, a key scientist on the project, said at a telephone news conference. "Overall, we're quite confident that we can achieve a high degree of success from a science point of view."

The 264-million-US-dollar mission was designed to collect charged

solar particles on delicate wafer-like plates and return them to Earth for examination.

The wafers were believed to be so fragile that a helicopter-assisted parachute landing was planned. But the parachute failed to deploy on Wednesday, sending *Genesis* hurtling to Earth at 200 miles per hour.

MNA/Reuters

China becomes a powerhouse of world economy

BEIJING, 11 Sept — In the new economic map, China has become a powerhouse of the world economy, said Rubens Ricupero, secretary-general of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), here Friday.

Addressing the International Forum on the Common Development of China's Economy and the World Economy, Ricupero said the economies of the developing countries used to rely on support from developed countries, but China's growth has changed this, he said.

The rapid increase of China's demand has created a new market for both developed and developing

countries. In 2003 and the first half of 2004, the increase of China's imports has exceeded that of its exports, he said. But at the same time, China provided products for both developed and developing countries, he said. Ricupero said he believed that China's strong growth will benefit the world economy, reduce global poverty and stimulate the economies of other

developing countries. Ricupero's view was reinforced by both domestic delegates and representatives from abroad. Yew Kwang Ng, fellow of the Academy of Social Sciences of Australia, analysed the impact that China's development will bring, from an economic viewpoint. He said China is a big country with a big population and a big market.

MNA/Xinhua

Teachers best regarded in China

BEIJING, 11 Sept — Teachers are the most respected group of people in China, followed by scientists, doctors, soldiers, policemen, public servants, engineers, lawyers, entrepreneurs, farmers, athletes, artists, correspondents and workers, a national survey has found.

According to the outcome of a survey commissioned by the China Association of Sciences and Technology, 58 per cent of the 8,474 people surveyed across the country believe teachers are the most prestigious people in China. But 67 per cent of the surveyed at the age group 60-69 described teachers as the

most prestigious one, while only half of the young people aged 18 to 29 think so, according to the survey conducted in 2003. Nearly half of those surveyed hope their kids would take up teaching as a profession, and more women than men are willing to see their kids become teachers.—MNA/Xinhua



Residents of the Siboney village, 900 km east of Havana, look at the big waves splashing over the waterfront as Cuba is struck by Hurricane Ivan. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Powell to resurrect career by leaving Charlton

LONDON 11 Sept — Former England defender Chris Powell hopes to resurrect his career by leaving Premier League club Charlton Athletic to join Second Division West Ham United on loan.

The 34-year-old left back, capped five times by his country, signed a new one-year contract before the season but has not played in any of Charlton's four matches.

Powell will drop a division after agreeing a one-month loan with West Ham, who are chasing promotion having been relegated from the top flight last year.—MNA/Reuters

Maradona still stuck in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 11 Sept — Diego Maradona was still stuck in Argentina on Friday, frustrated by his family's refusal to allow him to continue his cocaine addiction treatment in Cuba.

A judge ruled this week that the 43-year-old former Argentina captain could leave a psychiatric clinic outside Buenos Aires, where his family has confined him since heart problems landed him in intensive care in April.

But Maradona's family has until next Tuesday to appeal the court decision, and some relatives have declined to sign forms allowing him to leave the country before then.

"It's very frustrating for him. I think it could even make him have a breakdown," Nestor Marchant, one of Maradona's psychiatrists, told local radio.

"So much sacrifice to get his spirits up for him to travel, for him to recover. And now these problems just fell out of the sky. This man should have been in Cuba by now," Marchant said.

A virtual army of news cameras has been camped outside the clinic, and television stations regularly break into live programming with the latest speculation on when Maradona might depart.

Maradona has made Cuba his second home in recent years, saying the island offers a respite from the media and fan frenzy in Europe and South America. Maradona is regarded as one of the most gifted players in the history of soccer and led Argentina to victory at the 1986 World Cup finals.

He says he has been fighting drug addiction for much of the last 20 years.

MNA/Reuters

Man Utd no longer inspire fear in opponents

LONDON, 11 Sept — Once-dominant Manchester United no longer inspire fear in their opponents, according to club captain Roy Keane.

United, English champions eight times in the last dozen seasons, already trail leaders Arsenal and Chelsea by seven points after one win in their first four games and face unbeaten Bolton Wanderers on Saturday.

"Look at Arsenal and maybe Chelsea to a certain degree — they seem to have that mentality where they don't look as though they are going to be beaten," Keane told British newspapers on Friday.

"Teams playing us think they have got a chance now."

United lost 1-0 at Chelsea in their opening match of the season before beating promoted Norwich City 2-1 at Old Trafford.

Alex Ferguson's side then just rescued a point with a last-gasp equalizer at Blackburn Rovers and were held to a goalless draw at home by Everton.

Arsenal and Chelsea have had perfect starts to the season, with the champions now unbeaten in a record 44 games.

"I saw some of our fans talking on TV before the Norwich game and they were so apprehensive. Not long ago they would be saying 'we're playing Norwich, bring it on,'" said Keane.

Bolton manager Sam Allardyce is also playing down United's prospects of recapturing the Premier League title.

"I've heard some United fans writing off their title hopes already — just four games into the season. That just shows the kind of pressure they are under," Allardyce said.

"You are already talking about Arsenal losing three games and Manchester United winning three to overtake them. And how many are Arsenal going to lose?"

"They didn't lose one last season so it's become a daunting task for United if Arsenal are going to continue in the same vein."

United have been hit by injuries and currently have only one fully fit striker in new signing Alan Smith, who has scored twice so far. —MNA/Reuters

Real not interested in signing Gerrard

LIVERPOOL (England), 11 Sept — Real Madrid are not interested in signing England midfielder Steven Gerrard from Liverpool, according to the Premier League club's manager Rafael Benitez.

Spaniard Benitez admitted he was concerned to read reports of Real Madrid's desire to add Gerrard to their trio of England internationals, David Beckham, Michael Owen and Jonathan Woodgate.

"I have read stories about Real Madrid wanting to sign Steven Gerrard but it is not true," Benitez told reporters on Friday.

"I have talked with the player and also talked to Real Madrid and they have both told me it is not true."

"I believe, here at Liverpool, we will have a long time to enjoy watching Steven Gerrard." —MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Paul Scholes (R) comes close to getting the ball past Bolton's goal keeper Jussi Jaaskelainen during their Premier League clash at The Reebok Stadium, in Bolton on 11 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

Manchester United applies for permission to expand stadium

LONDON, 11 Sept — Manchester United have applied for planning permission to expand their stadium in a move which would take the capacity of Old Trafford to 75,000.

United's stadium is the largest in the Premier League, holding almost 68,000, with Newcastle United's the second biggest at just over 52,000.

Champions Arsenal are in the process of building a new ground, costing 357 million pounds (637 million US dollars), which will hold 60,000 when it opens for

the start of the 2006-07 season.

"Manchester United announces that it is today submitting an application for planning permission to Trafford Metropolitan Borough Council to expand the North East and North West Quadrants of the Old Trafford stadium," United said in a state-

ment to the London Stock Exchange on Friday.

"If planning permission is granted, the board of Manchester United will take the final decision on whether to proceed with the project prior to the main construction contracts being awarded in early 2005."

United announced with their first half financial results in March that they were outlining plans for the expansion.

The club said at the time that the project, which also included increasing the range and quality of hospitality and executive facilities, would cost up to 45 million pounds and take two years to complete.

"The earliest that the new facilities are likely to be available is for the 2006-07 season, but we do not anticipate any disruption to the current capacity during this time," the club said.

MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Nistelrooy, Heinze return from injury

MANCHESTER (England), 11 Sept — Argentine international Gabriel Heinze is set to make his Manchester United debut and Ruud van Nistelrooy could return from injury via the substitute's bench at Bolton Wanderers on Saturday.

However, new signing Wayne Rooney is still three weeks away from a return to action with the England striker still recovering from a broken foot sustained at the European Championship in June, manager Alex Ferguson said on Friday.

Heinze is yet to play for United since a 6.9-million-pound (12.31 million US dollars) move from Paris St. Germain in June because of international commitments at the Copa America and the Olympic Games, where he won a gold medal in the soccer tournament.

MNA/Reuters



Svetlana Kuznetsova of Russia holds the Russian flag and the US Open trophy after defeating compatriot Elena Dementieva, in the final at the 2004 US Open in New York, on 11 Sept, 2004. Kuznetsova defeated Dementieva 6-3, 7-5 to win the championship. —INTERNET

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13-9-2004 (Monday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
- 9:06 Noble Month of Waso
- 9:10 Headline News**
- 9:12 Folk Art of Pottery
- 9:15 National News**
- 9:20 Thihathana Throne
- 9:25 Kachin Dance
- 9:28 Inn-Waing Waterfall
- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 Myanmar's Pride :
The Art of Carving
- 9:40 Songs on Screen
"What Love is"
- 9:42 Tour In Myanmar
"Bagan, Popa"
- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 Unique Biodiversity
of Indawgyi Lake
(Part-I)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

13-9-2004 (Monday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"

- 15:36 Noble Month of Waso
- 15:40 Headline News**
- 15:42 Folk Art of Pottery
- 15:45 National News**
- 15:50 Thihathana Throne
- 15:55 Kachin Dance
- 15:58 Inn-Waing Waterfall
- 16:00 National News**
- 16:05 Myanmar's Pride : The
Art of Carving
- 16:10 Songs on Screen
"What Love is"
- 16:12 Tour In Myanmar
"Bagan, Popa"
- 16:15 National News**
- 16:20 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-I)
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 16:30 National News**
- 16:35 Myanmar Traditional
Fan
- 16:40 Lacquerware Museum
- 16:45 National News**
- 16:50 The Alaung Daw
Kathapa National Park
- 16:55 Dance of the Oil Lamps
- 17:00 National News**
- 17:05 Myanmar Traditional
Musical Instruments
(Brass gong) (Maung
Saing)
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Flower Alike"
- 17:12 Plaster Toys
- 17:15 National News**
- 17:20 Mounzann Maywae
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and see
Myanmar"
- Evening Transmission**
(19:30 - 23:30)
- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting

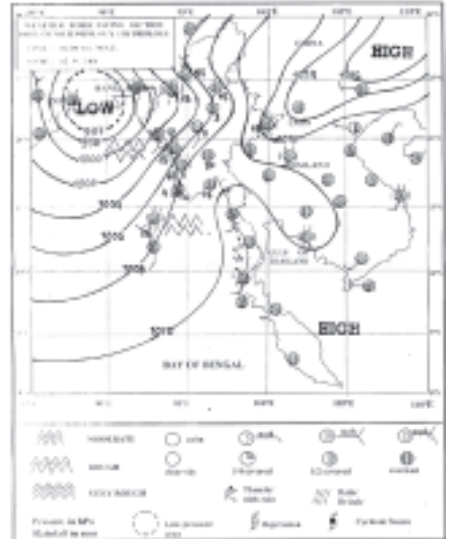
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 19:36 The Art of Basket
Weavings
- 19:40 Headline News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Brown Mol-
lusc Soup"
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:50 Myanmar Movie Im-
pact "The Sea .. the
Prince"
- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 Off-Shore Fishing In-
dustry
- 20:10 Song "Towards
Kachin Special Region
(I)"
- 20:15 National News**
- 20:20 Myeik, a Town in the
Southern part of
Myanmar
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "You From Next
Door"
- 20:30 National News**
- 20:35 Shrimp Farm Project
(Ma Aing Island)
- 20:40 Myanmar Traditional
Marionette (The royal
Page Dance)
- 20:45 National News**
- 20:50 Naga Traditional
handicrafts
- 20:55 Kachin Traditional
New Crop Feast and
Drum Dance
- 21:00 National News**
- 21:05 Pa-na-ma Aae' Khan
Gita Than (Welcoming
music, a curtain raiser)
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Heralding
Cloud"
- 21:15 National News**

- 21:20 Myanmar Marine
Products For All Na-
tions
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
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Rainfall on 12-9-2004

- 0.90 inch at Yangon Airport,
 - 0.67 inch at Kaba-Aye and
 - 1.07 inches at central Yangon.
- Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was**
- 104.21 inches at Yangon Airport,
 - 98.50 inches at Kaba-Aye and
 - 99.65 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER**

Sunday, 12 September 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Taninthayi Division, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Chin, Mon and Kayah States, Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in lower Sagaing Division, isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing, Magway, Mandalay Divisions and Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (5.63) inches, Kanbalu (4.25) inches, Homalin (3.11) inches, Thandwe (2.95) inches, Hpa-an (2.76) inches, Monywa (2.72) inches, Nyaung Oo (2.56) inches, Thaton (2.32) inches and Chauk (1.93) inches.

Maximum temperature on 11-9-2004 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 12-9-2004 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 12-9-2004 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 11-9-2004 was (2.3) hour approx. Rainfall on 12-9-2004 was (0.90 inch) at Yangon Airport, (0.67 inch) at Kaba-Aye and (1.07 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 104.21 inches at Yangon Airport, 98.50 inches at Kaba-Aye and 99.65 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 16 mph from Southwest at 17:30 hours MST on 11-9-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, the depression over North Bay has crossed the Coast between Chittagong (Bangladesh) and Maungdaw (Myanmar) at early night yesterday and weakened. Monsoon is strong in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 13-9-2004:** Rain will be isolated in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, Taninthayi Division, scattered in Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and lower Sagaing Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate to rough in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Decrease of rain in lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-9-2004: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-9-2004:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood bulletin

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 11.9.2004)

The water level of Dokahtawady River at Myitnge is (35) cm (1 ft) above the danger level at (06:30) hrs MST today. The water level may remain above the danger level during the next (3) days commencing noon today.



Monday, September 13
View on today:

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. Song of national races
- 8:05 am**
6. Cute little dancers
- 8:15 am**
7. ဂြုးရောင်းတံတား
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Islands of Dhamma
- 8:50 am**
7. အနုကရိတ္တိ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပရိတ်)

ရက်စက်အစဉ်အတိုင်း ဆရာတော်
နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့
ဓမ္မဗျူဟာတော် ဝန်ထမ်းများနှင့်
ပြင်ပမြို့များမှ ရက်စက်သော သီလ
မံယူဆောင်တတ်ကြခြင်း

- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold National
Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm**
4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း၊ အမှတ်(၃)အခြေစိုက်
ယောကျ်ားစု၊ ဆရာတော်ကြီး ဓမ္မဗျူဟာ
တော်စုကြီးပွဲ (ပထမဆုံး) (အထက်ပွဲ)
တစ်ပွဲ (အမျိုးသားတော်စုတစ်ပွဲ)
- 5:00 pm**
5. အဆောင်တော်ရှိသော ယောကျ်ား
စုကြီးပွဲကြီးသစ်စံနံ့စား
— ပထမပွဲ (အထူးပြုအားလုံး)
(အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Dance variety
- 5:30 pm**
7. ဂဝဏ်နိဂ္ဂဟသံဃမဏ္ဍိုင် (၁၂ကြိမ်)
ပြန်လည်ရောက်ရှိလာသော အမျိုးသား
အရပ်အဝန်းကြီးပွဲတော်များ ရွှေသာနိုင်
ကြရန် မဟာဂီတ (အဆင့်မြင့်ယောကျ်ားစု)
(အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:45 pm**
8. Song and dance of
national races

- 5:50 pm**
9. Musical programme
(The Radio Myanmar
Modern Music Troupe)
- 6:05 pm**
10. Discovery
- 6:10 pm**
11. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ
"ဓမ္မာနာဂါးပုရန်" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 6:30 pm**
12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
14. Industrial Achievement
- 7:15 pm**
15. မဟာဝံသမြတ်စွာ (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)
"သတ္တသတ္တပဉ္စကဓမ္မစာပေစုံ"
(ဥပသုတ္တရာဓမ္မစာပေစုံ၊ ဂြုဟ်
သီချင်းပရိသတ်)
- 7:35 pm**
16. ခေါင်းတည်မြတ်စွာတော်ပူဇော်ပွဲ
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ
"တစ်ရပ်ရပ်အခါ" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
21. မင်းကုန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး
ဦးစိစိတ္တဘုရားတော်သစ် အရပ်
ဓာတ်ဖျက်ရာ ဓမ္မဗျူဟာဝဏ္ဏာ
ဥပသုတ္တရာဓမ္မစာပေစုံ
22. The next day's
programme



- Monday, September 13**
Tune in today:
- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:
-Milk & Honey
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
-You got it
- 8:55 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9:05 am** Music:
I won't say I'm in
love
- 9:10 am** International news
- 9:15 am** Music:
-Crazy little party
girl
- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music
-The one you love
-Different season
- 9:00 pm** Spotlight on the
star
-Wings
- 9:15 pm** Article
- 9:25 pm** Women's affairs
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-A thousand
smiles by Yuri
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
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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



Secretary-2 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party taking Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at the ceremony to donate provisions to monasteries and nunneries in Hlinethaya Township.— MNA

Secretary-2 offers provisions to monasteries, nunneries in Hlinethaya, Thingangyun



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts K 200,000 from wellwishers at the ceremony to offer provisions to monasteries and nunneries in Thingangyun Township.— MNA

YANGON, 12 Sept— Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated rice, oil, salt, gram and cash to 12 monasteries and a nunnery in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon North District, this afternoon.

The donation ceremony was held at Thayagon Pariyatti Monastery on Minye Kyawswa Road in Ward 4, Hlinethaya Township, at 1 pm today, attended by Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were

Presiding Nayaka of Thayagon Pariyatti Monastery Ganthavaçaka Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tejavamsa and members of the Sangha, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

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Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil

- * In automobiles, natural gas can be used in place of petrol and diesel.
- * The use of natural gas cannot only save fuel oil but also extend engine duration.
- * Natural gas exploited at home can be used effectively and safely.
- * Natural gas burns cent per cent and is environment-friendly.
- * Adequate supply of natural gas helps facilitate passenger and cargo transport.

Performing arts competitions of Yangon Division opened

YANGON, 12 Sept— The 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon Division were opened today at Latha Township No 2 Basic Education High School. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe formally opened the competition and delivered an address.

Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon Division will be divided into two categories — professional level and amateur level. A total of

193 artistes participate in the competitions which will last till 14 September.

At the opening ceremony, artistes enter-

tained the audience with songs and dances. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay presented

flower baskets and cash to the artistes, and the ceremony came to an end.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe formally opens 12th traditional Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon Command.— YANGON COMMAND