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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Papua New Guinea

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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Mexican President

YANGON, 16 Sept — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Mr Vicente Fox Quesada, President of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2004. — MNA

Assistance provided for health care services in rural regions and education sector as much as possible

Secretary-1 attends opening of multimedia classrooms at Ngaphe BEHS



MEC Vice-Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses opening ceremony of multimedia classrooms at Ngaphe BEHS.— MNA

YANGON, 15 Sept — Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win attended the ceremony to open multimedia classrooms of Basic Education High School in Ngaphe on 12 September morning.

Accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye,

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, deputy ministers, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, the Secretary-1 arrived in Ngaphe of Minbu District by helicopter from Magway on 12 September morning.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed there by district and township authorities, departmental officials and local people. At Ngaphe Township Hospital, the Secretary-1 and party inspected the operation theatre, wards, the X-ray room and the medical store and fulfilled the

requirements.

Next, they proceeded to Ngaphe BEHS where students welcomed them by singing the song "Myanma Kyaung".

The Secretary-1 attended the opening ceremony of the multimedia classrooms at Ngaphe BEHS. Also present were departmental personnel,

school heads of basic education schools, members of the school board of trustees, teachers, social organizations, wellwishers and students. Headmistress

Daw Win Kyi and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Wunna formally opened the multimedia classrooms.

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MEC Vice-Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win views computer skill of students at multimedia classrooms of Ngaphe BEHS.— MNA

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Rural water supply projects: fruits of cooperation between the State and people

Endowed with moderate climate and natural resources, Myanmar is a pleasant and beautiful land. However, the central part of it, a dry region where rain is scarce, used to experience extreme temperature and scarcity of water. Therefore, in accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, plans are under way for greening the dry region and sufficiently supplying safe drinking water to the three divisions in it.

There are 8,042 villages in Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions and 15,183 in other states and divisions that are faced with the problem of safe drinking water. Every fiscal year, the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs has been spending large sums of money on safe drinking water projects for villages where water is scarce. During the fiscal years from 2000-2001 to 2003-2004, water supply projects for 4,907 villages in the dry region and 5,695 in other states and divisions were successfully implemented.

It is heartening to see that individual wellwishers, Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and international organizations are making generous donations towards the projects for supplying safe drinking water to the people in water-scarce rural areas.

The eighth cash donation ceremony for rural water supply projects of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was held at the Development Affairs Department on 13 September and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win attended it and delivered an address on the occasion and accepted the donations. In his address, the Secretary-1 expressed thanks to wellwishers. At the ceremony, 163 wellwishers donated more than K 120.3 million, US\$ 500 and Euro 500.

Due to the assistance of the State, donations of wellwishers and contributions of other organizations, ChaungU, Myinmu, Taungdwingyi, Minbu, Aunglan, Myittha, Kyaukse and Myingyan townships have now drinking water supply.

We believe that continued assistance of the State, donations of wellwishers and cooperation of internal and international organizations will ensure safe drinking water for more and more rural areas.

Performing Arts competitions held in Thayawady District

YANGON, 15 Sept — The 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Thayawady District began at Saya San Hall in Thayawady on 12 September morning.

Present were Chairman of Thayawady District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Khin Win and members, district and township level departmental officials, township authorities, contestants and local people.

The competitions were held from 12 to 14 September. On 14 September evening, officials gave away prizes to the winners. Later, the Chairman of District Peace and Development Council presented championship trophy for Thayawady Township to Chairman of Thayawady Township Peace and Development Council U Aung Soe Moe. — 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

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Mexican counterpart

YANGON, 16 Sept — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung has sent a message of felicitations to Dr Luis Ernesto Derbez Bautista, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the United Mexican States, on the anniversary of the Independence Day of the United Mexican States which falls on 16 September 2004. — MNA

Minister receives Japanese guests

YANGON, 15 Sept — Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing received Managing Director Mr Nakada and party of the Japan Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR Singapore) at Traders Hotel this morning.

Present at the call were Director-General of

the General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs U Myat Ko, Deputy Director-General U Maung Win, the adviser to the ministry and directors and the Japanese delegation members together with Japanese Ambassador Mr Nobutake Odano.

MNA

ASEAN Region Local Administration Forum-2004 opens



Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing addresses opening of ASEAN Region Local Administration Forum-2004. — MNA

YANGON, 15 Sept — The ASEAN Region Local Administration Forum-2004, jointly-organized by the General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Japan Council of Local Authorities for International Relations (CLAIR, Singapore) was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Director-General of the General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs U Myat Ko, Deputy Director-General U Maung Win, the adviser to the ministry, directors, heads of state/division and districts and township General Administration De-

partments, delegates from other ministries, Managing Director Mr Nakada and party of the Japan Council of Local Authorities for International Relations, (CLAIR, Singapore), the Japanese Ambassador, delegates to Administration Sector of Japan, Malaysia, Thailand, Laos, Singapore and Cambodia.

Next, delegates of

respective countries submitted a series of papers and discussed methods, policies and experiences of regional administration and the forum ended in the evening.

A total of 80 delegates — 50 from Myanmar and the rest from Japan and ASEAN member countries — attended the forum.

MNA

Cooperative local products market festival to be held from 26 Oct to 1 Nov

YANGON, 15 Sept — A coordination meeting for holding cooperative local products market festival was held at the Ministry of Cooperatives on Bogyoke Aung San Street yesterday.

The cooperative local products market festival will be held at Cooperative Commercial Centre (Saya San Plaza) at the corner of University Avenue and Saya San Road from 26 October to 1 November, 2004.

Patron of Leading Committee for holding the cooperative local products market festival Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo said cooperative product exhibition and market festival will be held

twice a year.

He said the cooperative local products market festival will be held with the aims of developing commodity market, seeking

regular market for local products and boosting production.

He called for cooperation for progress of cooperative activities. Next,

officials reported on work done.

The meeting came to a close with the concluding remark by Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo. — MNA



Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo speaking at coordination meeting to hold cooperative local products market festival. — COOPERATIVE

1,018 US servicemen killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept—As of Tuesday, 14 September 1,018 members of the US military have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 768 died as a result of hostile action and 250 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 65 deaths; three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia,

death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had

ended, 877 US military members have died—656 as a result of hostile action and 221 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers Tuesday.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 7,245 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defence Department's weekly tally.

Internet



Iraqi policemen inspect the scene of an explosion in central Baghdad, on 14 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

China, Albania sign seven cooperative documents

BEIJING, 14 Sept— China and Albania signed seven cooperative documents here Monday to cement their cooperation in areas of economy, education, sports, broadcasting and television, among others. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Albanian Prime Minister Fatos Nano attended the signing ceremony following a meeting between the two.

The documents included economic and technological cooperation, exemption of double taxation, and cooperation in areas of education, sports, radio broadcasting and television, and in chambers of commerce.

Nano arrived here Monday on an official visit to China. It was the first meeting between the heads of

the two governments in 38 years after the two countries established full diplomatic relations in November 1949.

Wen told Nano that China attaches great importance to its relations with Albania and hopes to bring bilateral relations to a higher ground under the principles of mutual respect, equality, mutual ben-

efit, and non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

"China is satisfied with the smooth growth of bilateral ties as we have strengthened political trust, expanded cooperation in economy, justice, culture, education and sports and other areas," Wen said.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq oil pipeline junction blown up

KIRKUK, 14 Sept— Saboteurs blew up a junction where multiple oil pipelines cross the Tigris River in northern Iraq on Tuesday, setting off a chain reaction in power generation systems that left the entire country without power, officials said.

Firefighters struggled to put out the blaze after the attack near Baiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad. Crude oil cascaded down the hillside into the river. Fire burned atop the water, fueled by the gushing oil.

In Vienna, Iraqi Oil Minister Thamer al-Ghadhban said the country would try to keep up its production of more than 2.5 million barrels of oil a day, 2 million of which is exported daily, but he didn't say how.

"I'm confident security will be improved," al-Ghadhban said ahead of

an OPEC meeting here Wednesday.

Beiji is the point where several oil pipelines converge, said Lt Col Lee Morrison of the US Army Corps of Engineers.

One of them apparently was a domestic pipeline that fed a local power plant. The explosion set off a fire that melted cables and led to the power outage, electricity officials said. "Beiji is the chokepoint," Morrison said. "It's so easy to hit."

The 3 a.m. attack came soon after engineers had completed a two-month project to install two criti-

cal valves that had been damaged in an earlier blast.

Morrison, commander of the northern office of Task Force Shield, based in Kirkuk, said US soldiers dropped off barriers to guard the lines two days ago, but Iraqi authorities had not yet erected them.

Iraqi officials have been struggling to protect the country's vast oil infrastructure, deploying thousands of security officers to guard the lines. Guerillas, however, have largely acted with impunity — and often inside knowledge. —Internet

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Dozens killed by Baghdad car bomb explosion

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept—A car bomb has exploded close to an Iraqi police station in central Baghdad, killing 47 people, Health Ministry officials say.

More than 100 people were injured in the huge mid-morning blast, which devastated a busy shopping area in Haifa Street.

Gunmen also shot dead 12 policemen and a civilian in Baquba, north of Baghdad.

A statement said to be from alleged al-Qaeda militant Abu Musab al Zarqawi's group said it carried out the attacks.

Tuesday's explosion was the deadliest such attack in Iraq since July, when 68 people were killed by a car bomb outside a police station in Baquba. —Internet

Turkey threatens to halt cooperation with US in Iraq

ANKARA, 14 Sept— Turkey has threatened to halt cooperation with Washington in Iraq after a US offensive in north Iraq and the reported deaths of ethnic Turkmen civilians, Ankara's Foreign Minister was quoted on Monday as saying.

US troops mounted a major offensive last week in the town of Tal Afar, a suspected haven for foreign fighters near the Syrian border which has a large indigenous Turkmen population.

Turkey, a NATO ally of the United States, views northern Iraq as part of its sphere of influence and has close ethnic and linguistic links with the region's Turkmen minority.

"If things continue in this way, we told them (the US side) very clearly that Turkey's cooperation on matters concerning Iraq will come to an end," CNN Turk television quoted Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul as saying.

"We will continue to say these things. Of course we will not stop only at words. If necessary we will not hesitate to do what has to be done," Gul added.

He did not specify what cooperation might suffer but Turkey is a key US ally in a largely hostile region and US forces, for example, use its Incirlik military base. Earlier, US Ambassador to Turkey, Eric Edelman, tried to calm Turkish concerns, saying the US forces were doing their

best to keep civilian losses to a minimum as they fought the Iraqi guerillas.

"We cannot completely eliminate the possibility (of civilian casualties)... (But) we believe the operation is being conducted with great care," he said after briefing Turkish officials.

Last Friday, Turkey's Foreign Ministry urged the United States to halt its offensive. The Turkish military also said it was monitoring the situation closely in Tal Afar.

Turkish officials say Turkmen representatives put the number of Turkmen civilians killed in the violence as high as 500, but they quote US sources as putting the death toll at fewer than 50. No independently verifiable figures are available. There should not be any civilian casualties. Even a few casualties is unacceptable," a Turkish official told reporters.

Developments in northern Iraq have put a strain on traditionally warm ties between Turkey and the United States since the ousting of Iraqi ex-president Saddam Hussein.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi policemen and oil company personnel walk on the road next to burning oil pipeline, near the town of Baiji, on 14 Sept, 2004. Engineers at the power station said they had shut down the plant on Tuesday, knocking out power to the Iraqi town, because of a sabotage attack on a nearby oil export pipeline. —INTERNET

Inmates sue to force training for Iraq interrogators

LOS ANGELES, 14 Sept—Lawyers representing nine former Iraqi prisoners on Tuesday asked a federal judge in San Diego to ensure that US defence contractor CACI International trains the interrogators it sends to Iraq in international laws against torture.

The request for a preliminary injunction is the latest salvo in a class action lawsuit filed in June by the Centre for Constitutional Rights in New York and two law firms on behalf of the former inmates at Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad who said they were tortured by American military personnel and private contractors.

Titan Corp of San Diego and CACI are accused of conspiring with US officials to humiliate, torture and abuse detainees. The companies are accused of violating US racketeering laws by maintaining a conspiracy about the abuse.

John O'Connor of law firm Steptoe & Johnson, which represents CACI, predicted the judge would throw out the injunction request as an attempt to illegally interfere in the contract between

CACI and the US government.

"The interrogators provided by CACI without exception satisfied all of the qualifications set forth in the (contract) issued to CACI by the United States government," O'Connor said in a statement.

Titan spokesman Will Williams said the company, which was not named in the preliminary injunction, trains the lin-

guists it sends to Iraq in human rights protocols and the provisions of the Geneva Conventions.

The US military launched several investigations into the abuse and torture of Iraqi prisoners. Seven US military police soldiers and an intelligence specialist have been charged in the scandal.

Employees from both Titan and CACI were named in a report on the abuses by US Army investigator Maj General Antonio Taguba.

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Police recruits targeted in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept—Guerillas seeking to topple Iraq interim government are targeting the young men who gather in long lines to seek jobs in the country's nascent security services, killing scores of them in a campaign that poses a direct threat to US efforts to increase the size of Iraq's police and National Guard.

In the latest attack on aspiring recruits, a suicide bombing on Tuesday, a car bomb laden with artillery shells tore through a crowd of men who had been forced to stand outside blast-absorbing concrete barriers at a police headquarters in central Baghdad. At least 47 people were killed and 114 wounded, police and public health officials said.

More than 700 policemen and prospective recruits have been killed in insurgent attacks since US forces toppled former president Saddam Hussein government in April 2003, according to Iraq's Interior Ministry. Most were killed in suicide bombings, and many were simply applying for jobs.—*Internet*



Residents return after days of fighting between US forces and armed groups, in the besieged city of Tal Afar, northern Iraq, on 14 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

Malaysia continues to reduce budget deficit

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 Sept — Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said Monday the government would continue to reduce its budget deficit gradually but would not be able to achieve a balanced budget by 2006 as planned before.

"We are not obsessed with meeting that target (of balanced budget). The important thing we are doing is that we must keep the deficit to continue reduce gradually," the Prime Minister told a Press conference in Putrajaya, Federal Administrative Centre, on the 2005 Budget which he tabled in the Parliament last Friday.

"As long as we do not allow the deficit to go up beyond 6 per cent, then I think we are able to manage our economy well," he said. Malaysia has been gradually reducing the budget deficit, from 5.6 per cent of the gross domestic product (GDP) in 2002, to 5.3 per cent in 2003 and 4.5 per cent in 2004. Next year it aims to reduce the deficit further to 3.8 per cent, ac-

cording to the 2005 budget.

"We have done it with prudent management and we have been able to reduce the deficit and at the same time, we are achieving very high growth which was evident during the first and second quarters of this year," said Abdullah, who is also the Finance Minister. Malaysia saw a 7.6-per-cent growth of GDP in the first quarter 2004 and 8 per cent growth in the second quarter.

Abdullah said the government would ensure that it would not reduce the deficit drastically at the expense of pressuring the economy and that adopting prudent management on this matter would be a realistic step.

"I can guarantee that our management (of the

economy) will be prudent and our deficit can be reduced gradually," he said.

On fuel subsidies and taxes, he said the government had to forego 2.81 billion US dollars annually in taxes and additional 1.02 billion US dollars in subsidies.

Noting that the subsidies were already high, he said if the price of crude oil continued to increase further, it would not be healthy if the government were forced to give out more subsidies.

When asked whether there would be an increase in retail petrol prices soon, he replied, "I can't say. We are currently evaluating the possible impact as a result of increases in the price of petrol."

MNA/Xinhua

Jordanian reportedly taken hostage in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 Sept—The Arab television network Al-Jazeera broadcast footage Tuesday of a Jordanian truck driver purportedly taken hostage in Iraq. Separately, a militant group said it would release a Turkish hostage but threatened to behead those who deal with the coalition forces here.

The footage shown on Al-Jazeera showed three masked men standing behind the kneeling hostage,

who held his passport in front of him. The group, which called itself "Brigades of Al-Tawhid Lions," gave the man's employer 48 hours to suspend its activities in Iraq. The man's employer was not named.

The footage was broadcast a day after guerillas warned Jordanian truckers that they would be killed if they entered Iraq. The Islamic Army in Iraq accused Jordanian drivers of trans-

porting supplies to American forces.

"We tell all those who do not abide by this statement... that your only punishment will be death," said the leaflets distributed by masked gunmen in the western city of Ramadi.

He warned other Turks who want to come to Iraq to work with the American forces that they could be held captive and killed, whether they are Muslims or not.—*Internet*

Philippine investments grow sharply in first seven months

MANILA, 14 Sept—Capital investments in the Philippines grew by 493 per cent year-on-year to 2.58 billion US dollars during the first seven months in 2004, the government said Monday.

The capital inflows were approved by the Philippine Board of Investments and the Philippine Export Zone Authority, sharply up from 436.79 million

dollars during the same period last year, the Philippine Department of Trade and Industry said in a report.

Among which, capital inflows approved by the Board of Investments totalled 2.08 billion dollars for the seven months, up from 217.14 million dollars for the same period last year, the department said. —*MNA/Xinhua*



A US soldier turns back an elderly man, who wants to enter the town, at the check-point in the outskirts of the town of Tal Afar, some 390 km north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 14 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

Iraqi President drops plans to address at European Parliament

BRUSSELS, 14 Sept— Iraqi President Ghazi Yawar has dropped plans to address European parliamentarians in France's city of Strasbourg, a week after Paris called off a visit by him, officials said on Monday.

They said no reason had been given for the sudden cancellation of Yawar's visit to Strasbourg on Wednesday, but it followed the Paris decision due to sensitivity over the kidnapping of two French journalists in Iraq.

"The French Government did not intervene (over the Strasbourg visit)," said a spokeswoman for European Parliament President Josep Borrell.

French diplomatic sources said last week Yawar was turned away from Paris because the kidnapping of journalists Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot by

Islamic militants had made receiving the US-backed president too sensitive.

Yawar had been due to meet European Parliament faction leaders and the foreign affairs committee in Strasbourg, but had not been granted the privilege of addressing the full assembly as he is only an interim leader.

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier, speaking to reporters at an European Union foreign ministers' meeting, said Paris had "no reservation or objection whatsoever to the Iraqi President's visit to the European Parliament".

Earlier, other officials said Paris was upset at remarks by interim Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi in newspaper interviews that France's stance against the U.S.-led invasion of Iraq last year would not spare it from terrorist attack.

Borrell voiced disappointment over Yawar's decision to stay away from Strasbourg.

"This is a pity, as it would not only have allowed us to engage in some serious debate with him, but it would have marked — following the transition to Iraqi rule in June — the start of political relations with Iraq, a

country with which the EU has never had any relations," he said in a statement.

Yawar began a European tour in Rome last week to rally support for post-war reconstruction of his country and debt relief.

He will be in Brussels on Tuesday, where he is scheduled to meet NATO ambassadors and EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana. — MNA/Reuters

Powell admits Iraq's WMD may not be found

WASHINGTON, 14 Sept — US Secretary of State Colin Powell said on Monday that it was unlikely any stockpiles of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction (WMD) would be found.

"It turned out that we have not found any stockpiles. I think it is unlikely that we will find any stockpiles," Powell said at a hearing of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee.

"We have to now go back through and find out why we had a different judgment. What I have found over the last year and several months is that some of the sourcing that was used to give me the basis upon which to bring forward that judgment to the United Nations were flawed, were wrong," Powell said.

The Bush Administration has accused the Saddam Hussein regime of developing weapons of mass destruction, a major excuse for going to war with Iraq in March last year. However, no such weapons have been found more than one year after the Iraq war.

MNA/Xinhua

Canadian journalist released in Iraq

OTTAWA, 14 Sept — A Canadian freelance reporter said on Monday he was kidnapped briefly last week in northern Iraq and handed over to Arab militants who beat him and threatened repeatedly to behead him.

Scott Taylor, who specializes in covering conflicts, said he was released on Sunday after five days in captivity. He said his captors had accused him of being a spy for Israel's Mossad secret service.

"At least three times in five days I was told that I was about to be beheaded," he told CBC radio from Turkey.

"I was beaten one day and the next day I was told I'd be killed and it was all over. And then eventually I guess they just got tired of me and let me go," he said.

Taylor said he had been originally detained by a Turkmen group last Wednesday after he went to check out reports of a planned US attack on the town of Tal Afar, 60 miles east of the Syrian border in northern Iraq.

He said the group first took him to a safe house, which was subsequently attacked and destroyed by American

Apache helicopters. Taylor said he lost his briefcase, passport and video camera in the raid.

"So here I was, with an eagle tattooed on my arm and no identification in the midst of the Mujahedin in the middle of a battle," he told CBC radio. Iraqi officials say 22 guerrillas were killed when US forces attacked Tal Afar on Thursday.

Taylor told the *Ottawa Citizen* newspaper that his initial captors handed him over to a non-Iraqi Arab group "who beat the living shit out of me". He said they put him in handcuffs and chains and gave him 24 hours to admit he was a Mossad spy.

Then, without explanation, Taylor said he was put in a cab and driven to the main highway between Mosul and Turkey. "I can barely walk away from the beatings I got, but it was the mental torture of thinking six times you're about to die that's tough," he told the *Citizen*. — MNA/Reuters



US soldiers stand guard next to a sign, reading in Arabic 'Tal Afar is closed', at the outskirts of the town of Tal Afar, some 390 km north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 14 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Italian FM calls for release of hostages

KUWAIT CITY, 14 Sept— Visiting Italian Foreign Minister made a fresh call here Monday on kidnappers of the two Italian hostages and other nationals held in Iraq to let them go, the *Kuwait News Agency* reported.

During his visit in Kuwait, Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said, "I seize the opportunity to make a call for the release of the hostages in Iraq, including the Italian captives who had served in Iraq for the Iraqi people."

Frattini, on a Gulf mission to press for the release of the two hostages, arrived in Kuwait earlier Monday. The Italian Foreign Ministry declared on Sunday that Frattini would tour the region in an effort to set free the two female

hostages.

Simona Pari and Simona Torretta, who worked on projects aimed at helping Iraqi children, were seized at gunpoint in Baghdad on 7 September along with two Iraqi colleagues. — MNA/Xinhua

Blast hits through crowded Baghdad market

BAGHDAD, 15 Sept — A huge blast tore through a crowded Baghdad market close to a police station on Tuesday and *Reuters* witnesses said at least 35 people were killed.

The US military and Iraqi Interior Ministry said the blast was a car bomb attack on a police station in Haifa Street.

But some witnesses and police at the scene gave a different account, saying two mortar rounds had landed in the area.

Reuters correspondent Mariam Karouny counted 15 bodies lying near the blast site. *Reuters* television cameraman Alaa Saad said there were at least 20 bodies in the morgue of Karkh Hospital.

Rescuers pulled bodies from mangled market stalls. The area was littered with shoes, clothes and body

parts, as well as scattered fruit and vegetables from the market.

A huge crater had been punched into the road and at least nine cars were destroyed. Ambulances with sirens wailing ferried the dead and wounded to hospital.

US helicopters buzzed overhead.

"Initial reports are that a car bomb detonated at the north end of Haifa Street. It seems there are some Iraqi civilian casualties, possibly some killed," a spokesman for the US 1st Cavalry Division said.

He said a girls' school was also near the site of the blast. — MNA/Reuters



A man walks inside his destroyed house, following heavy clashes in the town of Tal Afar, some 390 km north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 14 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Hun Sen highly values ASEAN strengths for Cambodia, region

PHNOM PENH, 14 Sept — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Monday highly valued the important strengths of ASEAN for Cambodia and the region's peace, stability and prosperity.

The royal government of Cambodia always made "the membership in ASEAN as a priority policy and a prerequisite for our geo-politics and geo-economics," Hun Sen said.

The Premier made the remarks at the opening ceremony of the 25th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) held at Chaktomuk Conference Hall.

He said there are four important factors that have been fundamentally important in ensuring ASEAN's achievements and successes as a regional organization.

"First, ASEAN created a regional environment of security, peace and stability, allowing this region to prosper," he said.

"Second, ASEAN is a region of cooperation, thus

it plays a crucial role in fostering the community spirit among members."

"Third, ASEAN is a region known for its strong economic growth" which makes the region a main economic growth centre over the last three decades, Hun Sen added.

"Fourth, ASEAN is the arena for diplomacy and a major international gateway," he said, adding

that "with an entrenched mechanism for cooperation and consultation, ASEAN maintained and strengthened the friendships with its external partners".

Hun Sen, meanwhile, called on the ASEAN member countries to mobilize their energy to enhance these strengths with a view to building a more developed and prosperous Southeast Asia.

More than 300 delegates from ASEAN member countries, as well as lawmakers of AIPO's dialogue partners outside Southeast Asia, including China, Japan and South Korea, took part in the four-day meeting.

MNA/Xinhua



Cambodia urges ASEAN to safeguard peace, stability in region

PHNOM PENH, 14 Sept — Cambodian National Assembly President Prince Norodom Ranariddh on Monday urged the Asian region to strengthen their anti-terrorism efforts to safeguard peace, stability and unity in the region.

"Not only drug dealers that menace our region but also international terrorism, which could strike our region at anytime," said the Prince, who is also the current ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO) president.

Prince Ranariddh stressed the issue in his inaugural address of the 25th General Assembly of

AIPO opened here on Monday, which will focus on various regional issues as security, economic, environment and information and technology cooperation.

Noting that "one stroke of the terrorist act could paralyze our regional peace, security and development", the Prince urged the ASEAN member countries to "be constantly alert on this matter".

Moreover, he called for the regional exchange of security information and promoting cooperative and joined efforts to safeguard the regional peace, stability and unity. Ranariddh, at the same time, addressed the challenges that the region is facing, and appealed the parliaments to develop policies and legislative measures towards alleviating poverty and reducing gap between the rich and the poor.

More than 1,600 police officers were deployed on the main streets in the capital to strengthen security as more than 300 delegates from ASEAN and other countries are attending the four-day AIPO meeting.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers inspect the site after a massive explosion outside a police station at the end of Haifa Street in Baghdad, Iraq, on Tuesday, 14 Sept, 2004.

INTERNET

China to promote comprehensive cooperation with ASEAN

PHNOM PENH, 14 Sept — China will promote comprehensive cooperation with ASEAN in economy, politics, security, science and technology, culture and other fields, said a Chinese senior official here on Monday.

In a speech at the 25th General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO), Wang Yingfan, vice-chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) of China, reaffirmed that "China will always be a good neighbour, a good friend and a good partner

of ASEAN".

"The NPC of China stands ready to make joint efforts with AIPO and its member parliaments to push ahead the friendly cooperation, and make contributions to peace, stability and prosperity in our region," Wang added.

In recent years, the relationship between China

and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) has become more mature, said Wang.

Good-neighbourly ties and mutual trust have been enhanced, and the economic cooperation and trade between China and ASEAN countries have developed drastically, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Fertilizer prices in Vietnam soar

HANOI, 15 Sept — Prices of fertilizers in the Vietnamese market are now increasing 40 per cent compared to early this year, posting an all-time high over the past few years.

The higher prices are mainly due to rising prices of fertilizers in the world market, according to the Vietnam Fertilizer Association on Tuesday.

Import prices of urea stood at around 250 US dollars per ton in mid-September 2004, up from 150 US dollars earlier this year, which pushed up retail prices in the domestic market to 280-286 US dollars per ton.

To stabilize the domestic market, the Ministry of Trade has recently proposed the government slash the value-added tax on fertilizers to zero from current 5 per cent. In a broader move, Vietnam will build four major fertilizers plants with combined annual capacity of 1.79 million tons between 2005 and 2010 to lessen its reliance on import.

The local demand for fertilizers will be around 7.3 million tons this year, including some 2.2 million tons of urea. To meet the demand, Vietnam will have to import some 3.8 million tons of fertilizers, mainly from China, said the association.—MNA/Xinhua

Singapore sends 6 fighter aircraft to France for joint exercise

SINGAPORE, 15 Sept — Singapore has sent six fighter aircraft to France for a joint military exercise as part of its efforts to strengthen the island state's military relation with the European country.

According to local Press reports on Monday, two KC-135R tankers will provide air-to-air refuelling support for the Singapore Air Force's F-16C/D fighting Falcons, which will transit through India, United Arab Emirates and Greece en route to France.

The exercise, codenamed Exercise Western Arc, will be conducted at the Dijon Air Base in eastern France from 20 September to 4 October. During the exercise, the first of the series with the French Air Force, the Air Forces of the two countries will engage in air combat and air-to-air flying manoeuvres.—MNA/Xinhua



Children at a Cyber cafe in Singapore.

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Libraries built to disseminate knowledge



Opening ceremony of a library in Nyaungbintha Village in Myaungmya District, Ayeyawady Division.—MNA



A library was opened in Ngapeinn Village in Kyauktaga Township, Bago Division, to disseminate knowledge to local people. —IPRD

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People living in Myinmu Village, Pindaya Township, Shan State (South) gain knowledge through a library opened in the village.—IPRD

**Up to 14 September 2004,
altogether 8,104 self-reliant
libraries were opened nationwide.**



The opening ceremony of a library in Phayehnbinsu model village in Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Division. —IPRD



Self-reliance library in Magyihtoo Village in Myothit Township, Magway Division. —IPRD



MEC Vice-Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presents cash towards the funds of Ngaphe Township BEHS to Headmistress Daw Win Kyi.— MNA

Assistance provided for health care...

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Next, Vice-Chairman of MEC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win unveiled the signboard of the multi-media classrooms.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party inspected the computer aided instruction room, the computer skills room, the language lab, the learning centre, the altar room and the domestic science room.

They then enjoyed the entertainment programmes of students at the music room.

At Bo Ywe Hall, the Secretary-1 and party met departmental personnel, townselders, teachers and officials. First, the Secretary-1 heard reports on education, health and regional development of Ngaphe Township presented by departmental officials and attended to their needs.

Next, the Secretary-1 delivered an address, saying that they arrived at Ngaphe to fulfil requirements of the township after inspecting its development. He said he had attended to the needs of the township hospital.

Likewise, he said, assistance has been provided for the health care in rural region and education sector as much as possible. As development of the entire nation reflects progress region-wise, the government is making arrangements for enabling all the regions of the Union to achieve progress.

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MEC Vice-Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects Ngaphe Township Hospital.— MNA

they are attending to the needs in development of Ngaphe region.

He added that the local people from Ngaphe region should try to carry out tasks for regional and economic development and measures for peace, tranquillity and security of the region under the leadership of the State. And then, the local people are to strive in their respective sectors for implementing

the aims of the entire people— perpetual existence of the Union, national unity and emergence of a modern nation— with the nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit.

Next, MEC Vice-Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presented 500 dozens of exercise books for basic education schools in Ngaphe Township to Township Education Officer U Ba Thein.

Vice-Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presented medicines and medical equipment for Ngaphe Township Hospital to Dr Nyunt Wai.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and Lt-Gen Tin Aye presented cash towards the funds of the school to the headmistress.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party cordially conversed with those present and had docu-

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mentary photo taken with teachers, members of the SBT and students.

While flying to Ngaphe by helicopter, they inspected flow of water into Mann Dam built near Ngaphe and thriving paddy plantations in the irrigated areas of the dam. — MNA

Coord meeting for organizing Myanmar Furniture Fair held

YANGON, 15 Sept — The first coordination meeting on Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004 to be organized by the Ministry of Forestry was held at the meeting hall of the ministry this afternoon with an address by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

Also present on the occasion were Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, deputy ministers, directors-general and managing directors of respective departments and officials.

Next, Secretary of Leading Committee for Organizing the Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004 Managing Director of Myanma Timber Enterprise U Win Tun reported on preparatory tasks for the fair, followed by a general round of discussions.

The meeting ended with the remarks by the minister.

The First Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004 will be held from 22 to 26 October at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wizara Road on a grand scale.

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Lt-Gen Tin Aye presents cash towards the funds of Ngaphe BEHS to Headmistress Daw Win Kyi.— MNA

Bago Division needs to...

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected water storage capacity of South Nawin Dam with 16,674 feet in length and 141 feet in height. Bago Division has set a target of 2.6 million acres of monsoon paddy and 300,000 acres of summer paddy this cultivation season and the facility will supply water for growing 20,602 acres of summer paddy in 2004-2005 fiscal year.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than held a meeting with officers and other ranks and their families at local battalion in Paukhaung Township. On the occasion, he instructed officials at different levels to fulfil the requirements for betterment of education and health sectors and welfare of their families, and extension of small-scale agriculture and livestock breeding tasks. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted the officers and other ranks and families.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attended the demonstration of cotton growing carried out by the Myanmar Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise in Paukhaung Township. Manager of the Division MCSE U Mya Aung reported on steps being taken for meeting the targeted output of long staple cotton, hybridization of long staple cotton species, organizing local farmers to use only high-yield strains and agricultural tasks in Bago Division (West).

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on broad dissemination of agricultural methods to enable the farmers to grow the crops systematically, cooperation of related departments to distribute high-yield strains, and mixed cropping of edible oil crops including groundnut and cotton.

Out of the targeted 34,350 acres of cotton, so far Bago Division (West) has grown 22,271 acres.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met division, district and township level departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsmen at the office of Township PDC.

The chairman of the Township PDC reported on facts about the region and its education, health, social and health sectors and agriculture and livestock breeding works.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that it being one of the six divisions which can make effective contributions towards the State's economy, Bago Division needs to place more emphasis on agriculture and livestock

breeding sectors. Measures are being taken for extended cultivation of paddy up to 2.6 million acres of monsoon paddy and 300,000 acres of summer paddy in the region. So, efforts are to be made with added momentum for boosting per-acre yield of the ten major crops adopted by the State and for exporting the surplus. In Bago Division, Paukhaung Township grows edible oil crops and cotton most and it is extending its monsoon paddy sown acreage. He called for systematic cultivation of pepper, one of the three new crops introduced in the region and officials will render as much assistance as possible to grow that crop on a commercial scale. He urged all households to grow Thitseint (belleric myrobalan) trees. As Paukhaung Township's main business is agriculture and livestock breeding, officials are to make trips down to the

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grassroots level. Each household is to breed local species chicken and ducks on a small scale to increase their per capita income and it will lead to higher economy of the region.

The Government is making endeavours in all spheres to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation and at the same time it is putting the State's seven-point future policy programme into action so as to transform the nation into a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Now, it is holding the National Convention as the first step. Community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, economic development and human resources play an important role in upgrading the nation to a peaceful, modern and developed one.

Now, peace and stability has been restored across the nation and the State's economy is gaining a good momentum of development. The government has been constructing universities and hospitals in the 24 development regions to produce more human resources

and implementing the five rural development tasks including a rural education standard promotion plan.

So far, the number of universities and colleges stands at 156, up from 32 in the past. It has also opened more and more primary schools, post-primary schools, basic education middle schools and high schools for raising the basic education standard. At such time, officials at all levels are to take part in these tasks in cooperation with the people. He instructed officials concerned to cooperate with local senior citizens in carrying out tasks to make Paukhaung Township possess all fine characteristics of a city, he said.

Paukhaung Township has been able to cultivate 43,460 acres of monsoon paddy out of the targeted 35,916 acres in this cultivation season.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than had a cordial conversation with those present.

In the afternoon, they went to Innagwa sugar mill No 11 in Paukhaung Township. Deputy General Manager U Bo Yi of Myanmar Sugarcane Enterprise (Pyay Zone) reported on production, targets and distribution of strains of sugarcane. Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials gave supplementary reports. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions and inspected the plantation of sugarcane.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to Basic Education Primary School in Byugon Village in Pyay Township and met Headmaster U Aye Thwin and teachers. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented 50 dozens each of exercise books and pencils to the headmaster.

In the evening, he arrived at Thegon Township where he met local authorities and townsmen.

Out of 82,128 acres of monsoon paddy targeted for 2004-2005, 800,40 acres have been grown in the township.

This morning, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met officers, Tatmadaw members and families at the hall of regional battalion in Pyay Station and discussed matters on education, health, welfare and cultivation on manageable scale.

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Rules relating to...

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Precursor Chemicals on 1 July, 2004. Moreover, State, Division, District and Township Committees for Drug Abuse Control have organized to conduct the training course for functions and duties of the supervisory committee at Drug Elimination Museum. He also stressed that after the course the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control is to implement the supervisory tasks in accord with the rules as soon as possible. Police Lt-Col Win Myint of Yangon Division Police Force clarified the rules with the use of power point.

Also present were Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi, Police Col Aung Daing and departmental officials.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects the tax-free market in Sangyoung Township.—YANGON COMMAND

Commander inspects tax free markets

YANGON, 15 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe this morning inspected tax free markets in Yangon Division and attended to the needs.

This morning, the commander went to Pantaya tax free market in Dagon Township, Hanthawady tax free market in Sangyoung Township, Konmyinttha tax free market in Mayangon Township, Nawaday tax

free market on KabaAye Pagoda Road, Yankin tax free market in Yankin Township and Kyaikkasan tax free market in Tamway Township. The commander inspected the shops of the ministries and regiments and units of the Yangon Command.

Tax free markets are opened so that local people can buy fresh vegetables, food and meat at reasonable price.

The commander also attended to the needs.—MNA

Pyu period ancient objects handed over

YANGON, 15 Sept—A ceremony to hand over gold articles of Pyu period was held at Wundwin Township PDC Office, Mandalay Division, on 5 September morning, attended by Deputy Director-General U Aung Kyaing and Director U Moe Kyaw Kyaw of Archaeology Department (Upper Myanmar).

The gold bead and 25 small articles, six gold rings, six stone beads, a small elephant figure, a moon-shaped gold hook and a gold elephant figure unearthed in Aingtha Village, Wundwin Township, were handed over to officials of the Archaeology Department (Upper Myanmar) through Wundwin Township Peace and Development Council.

The department will present handsome prize to the farmer.—MNA

Health care services course opened

YANGON, 15 Sept—The Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health jointly organized basic course No 2/2004 on health care services with traditional medicines for nuns and laity who are performing religious missionary tasks in hilly regions. The opening of the course took place at the Missionary Division of the DPPS on Kaba Aye Hill here this afternoon.

It was attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Director-General of the Traditional Medicine Department Dr Thein Swe, Director-General of the DPPS U Sann Lwin, Deputy Director-General U Tun Mra Aung, officials, course instructors and trainees.

The Minister delivered an address on the occasion.

Altogether seven nuns and 89 lay persons are attending the four-week course.—MNA

The pearl of knowledge in human life

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

Like a pearl that increases the value of the sea, knowledge enhances the value and importance of a man. We need work to get a pearl from the sea. So also, we need efforts to gain knowledge. And knowledge improves the vision and intellectual power of man. Human beings have tried to improve their vision and intellectual power throughout the different eras of history till the emergence of an advanced human civilization. As human beings have tried to gain knowledge throughout their history, they are the most intelligent beings of the world. The teachings of Lord Buddha have helped enhance the knowledge of Buddhists, till they are able to find the correct path to Nirvana. Life is full of hardships and struggles, and based on their experiences and knowledge, parents and teachers have imparted knowledge to youngsters. Moreover, whether they are good or bad, the experiences the nation had faced in history and is facing at present will help enrich the knowledge of her citizens. With their knowledge and intellectual power, they will be able to further improve the dignity of their nation and their own standard.

The present era is called the knowledge age, because sciences in various fields are advancing with high velocity. All the new advancing branches of knowledge including multimedia, electronic media and

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print media are challenging mankind. Thanks to the information and communication technology, the world at present is in the process of globalization, and even a time span of a minute is important for man at this age. Thus, man needs to always get in touch with the ever developing sciences to catch up with the advancing world. Only if we possess knowledge, will we be able to see the world from the correct point of view and get ahead of others who are advancing together with the rapidly changing and developing era.

Man will have the intellectual ability to distinguish between good and evil, only if he can see the world through his own knowledge. He will realize the causes behind the success and failures of human life. Thus, knowledge is the true wealth of man. In this regard, the State laid down and is implementing an objective — Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation.

“Our ministry is striving with the aim of disseminating information to all parts of the nation including the remote border areas, enabling the Myanmar’s information sector to distribute news to other nations and ensuring dynamism of the information machinery”, said Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at a meeting to discuss opening of knowledge banks or libraries in villages on self-reliant basis. They can also be called the pearl of knowledge.

At the meeting, which was held at the ministry of information at 1 pm on 17 August, the minister also said, “In accordance with the aim, the ministry has been working hard for the emergence of more and more self-reliant libraries in rural areas. In the first phase, libraries have been opened in 4,962 village-tracts out of a total of 13,478 village-tracts all over the nation. Thus, the ministry will have to open libraries in the remaining 8,516 village-tracts.” In his address, the minister referred to the libraries as the pearl of knowledge or the dawn of

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a new day. He also pointed out that, “The task of opening rural libraries with the assistance of the State can be implemented more speedily if the wellwishers and rural people take part in it.”

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“Only then will the rural people be able to reach literature and sciences of various branches, and improve their knowledge in health, education and their main profession — agriculture. Thus, their living standard will further improve”, he noted.

“In addition, the libraries will help the works of literati to serve the national interest in all parts of the nation in a way”, he said. He also urged all to make utmost efforts in providing assistance and suggestions for the emergence of libraries in villages all over the nation.

(To be continued)

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Progress of Saikkhaung-Punchaung section of Saikkhaung-Namhsan railroad inspected

YANGON, 15 Sept— Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min together with Deputy Minister U Pe Than arrived at Htamsai camp on the Saikkhaung-Punchaung section of Saikkhaung-Namhsan railroad building project on 11 September. Col Thaung Aye of Mongnaung Station reported on progress of the railroad. The minister inspected quarries and gave necessary instructions.

On 12 September morning, the minister and party arrived at the briefing hall of Saikkhaung-Namhsan railroad building project. First, Col Thaung Aye of Mongnaung Station reported on earth work, gathering gravel, laying sleepers and railtrack, building bridges and using heavy machinery on Saikkhaung-Punchaung railroad section and Punchaung-Namhsan railroad section.

Next, the Deputy Minister reported on fulfillment and future tasks. The Minister attended to their needs. The minister and party presented foodstuff to the Tatmadawmen and the workers who participated in the railroad construction project.

Out of Saikkhaung-Namhsan railroad section, Saikkhaung-Htiri railroad section has been opened. Employees of Myanma Railways is making efforts for opening 29.2 miles long Htiri-Punchaung and 27.5 miles long Punchaung-Kaungsai sections before November for ensuring better transportation of the local people.

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Minister inspects waterway in Nyaungdon

YANGON, 15 Sept— Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than and Director-General of the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems U Chit Khin, inspected progress of preventive measures against bank erosion at the top of 12th Street in Nyaungdon yesterday morning.

The minister and party proceeded to Panhlaing River toll gate of the DWIRS. Chief Engineer U Hla Myint Thein reported on conditions on sailing of vessels along the waterway and collection of taxes. The director-general and the deputy minister gave supplementary reports.

Together with local authorities, the minister inspected Nyaungdon-Sakkawt waterway, changing of routes for ensuring safety of the vessels moving under Bo Myat Tun Bridge along

the waterway.

On arrival at the briefing hall on Kyeinbinhse Bank, the minister heard a report by an official on programmes of changing

routes for avoiding possible damage to the bridge due to the vessels and maintenance of the banks and results with the use of charts. The deputy minister gave a

supplementary report. After giving instructions to officials, the minister looked into construction tasks for maintenance of banks near Bo Myat Tun Bridge. — MNA



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspects waterway of Nyaungdon-Sakkawt waterway. — TRANSPORT

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

Second cash donation ceremony for Performing Arts Competitions held

YANGON, 15 Sept — The Fund-raising and Prize Presentation Sub-committee of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions organized the second cash donation ceremony at the City Hall, here, this afternoon, attended by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, members of the leading committee, Chairman of the Fund-raising and Prize Presentation Sub-committee U Aung Soe and officials, officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and guests.

First, the commander accepted K 3 million donated by YCDC through Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

Next, the commander and the mayor accepted K 1 million donated by Col Tin Tun (Dagon Seikkan Township Development Co Ltd); K 220,000 by 11 City FM advertisement entrepreneurs; K 200,000 by Yuzana Construction; K 150,000 by Olympic Construction; K 100,000 each by Wah Wah Win Construction U Shein Win (Tetlan Construction), U Kyaw Win (Thein Than Chit Co), U Kyaw Hsan Myint (Collective Triangle Co Ltd), U Khin Maung Phyu (Pan Hay Wun Restaurant & Play Station) and mines entrepreneurs.

Later, the commander thanked the donors.

The Fund-raising and Prize Presentation Sub-committee has received K 10.97 million in total including K 5.17 million of the second cash donation.— MNA

L & F Minister tours Taninthayi Division

YANGON, 15 Sept — Central Executive Committee Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on 11 September discussed tasks to be implemented in the region based on agriculture with Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and officials at Myeik Airport Hall in Myeik.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, together with officials, went to Kyaukphya Village-tract in Myeik Township and inspected prawn breeding camps of the Fisheries Department.

In the evening, Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein also met district/township USDA executives at Myeik District USDA Office and discussed tasks to be carried out by the USDA for regional development.

Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Deputy Commander Col Hong Ngai on 12 September also met with officials concerned at Kambawza Oil Palm Farm in Yephayu and Taungnge Village in Pyigyid Mandaing. The minister gave instructions on reclamation of farm lands for oil palm cultivation for the regional development. Similarly, the minister and party also met Kawthoung District Peace and Development Council members and townsmen and discussed land reclamation in the region.

In the evening, they arrived at oil palm cultivation of Yuzana Oil Palm Company in Bokpyin Township and the minister urged officials concerned to extend oil palm cultivation aiming at creating job opportunities for the local people. — MNA

Entrepreneurs in Shwepyitha Industrial Town urged to try to achieve more successes in respective works



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects Myanmar Arman Automobile Factory in block-4 of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone.— MNA

YANGON, 15 Sept — In-charge of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met members of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone Supervisory Committee and Shwepyitha Industrial Town Management Committee and entrepreneurs at Kanaung Hall in the zone at 2 pm today. Present on the occasion were Secretary of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council Maj Chit Nyunt, Chairmen of Shwepyitha and Insein Township Peace and Development Councils U Kyee Nyo and U Win Lwin, officials and entrepreneurs.

On behalf of the industrial zone supervisory committee, Maj Chit Nyunt reported on location and area of the industrial zone, setting up of the management com-

mittee, factories of the town and their functions, investment, strength of employees, construction of roads, proper flow of water at drains, power supply, communication, construction of the management office, housing estates and shops, markets, schools, the day nursery and playground.

Chairman of Shwepyitha Industrial Town Block-1 U Khin Sein and Chairman of Blocks 2, 3 and 4 U Min Than Htay submitted reports on production of factories in their respective blocks. Next, the entrepreneurs reported on requirements of their factories.

After attending to their needs, the minister delivered an address. He said that he thanked the industrial entrepreneurs for their performance in manufacturing import-substitute industrial pro-

ducts for ensuring development of the country and the people. So, requirements of the entrepreneurs will be fulfilled as much as possible. Efforts are to be made for improvement of agro-based industries so as to keep abreast of the other nations. For making progress in the industrial sector, the government, on its part, is performing a national duty to encourage the entrepreneurs earnestly for development of the industrial sector. Likewise, private industrial entrepreneurs should try to achieve more and more successes in their respective works. In so doing, the entrepreneurs are to unitedly overcome difficulties in their tasks.

Next, the minister cordially conversed with the entrepreneurs.

Shwepyitha Industrial Town is set up with four

blocks. The industrial town is established with 177 factories including 29 textile factories, 55 foodstuff industries, 37 personal goods factories, five electronics plants, 19 forest products and finished wood products factories, two chemicals plants, six paper and stationery factories, nine machinery factories and 12 cold storage and three construction materials factories.

The entrepreneurs are carrying out not only fulfilling needs of the people but also manufacturing import-substitute products. In addition, 98 factories are under construction in the town.

On arrival at the MAM automobile manufacturing factory in block-4, the minister heard reports on location of the factory of Myanma Force Industry & Manufacturing Co Ltd, manufacturing of frames of local-made automobile, butterfly to be attached to the frame, spray bake, manufacturing of local-made CNG vehicles and measures being taken for minimizing fuel use and preventing air pollution presented by Managing Director of the company U Sai Myo Win.

Next, the minister inspected production process of the factory and gave necessary instructions. After inspecting test-assembling of CNG-used MAM vehicle the minister left Shwepyitha Industrial Town in the evening. — MNA

Commerce Minister receives Japanese guests

YANGON, 15 Sept — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone received Managing Director Mr Lmai Mitsuo of Taiyo Co Ltd and party at his office here this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Director-General U Nyunt Aye of Directorate of Trade, Director-General U Nay Win of Border Trade Department and officials of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading.

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Head of Shan State (North) Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Dr Thauk Htaik and U Sai Lin of Sint-in Village-tract open the village library on 27.8.2004.— H

Singapore Airlines to outsource "IT" jobs to lower costs

SINGAPORE, 15 Sept — Singapore Airlines (SIA), the island state's national carrier, will outsource some of its information technology (IT) jobs to lower costs this year.

The SIA said in a

statement on Tuesday that it operates in a highly competitive industry where costs can be a major differential between the airline and its competitors, and that as an airline, it must work to bring its

costs down to be competitive. The carrier said that the staff of the IT Infrastructure Department have been kept apprised of its plans and the status of the project.

MNA/Xinhua

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated

* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered

* Do not be softened whenever appeased

INVITATION TO TENDER MYANMA RAILWAYS

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Venezuela accuses US of imperialist blackmail

CARACAS (Venezuela), 14 Sept — Venezuela on Monday accused the United States of imperialist blackmail after President George W Bush ordered a cut in US assistance because he said the South American state was not doing enough to fight the trafficking of women and children.

In a presidential memorandum on Friday, Bush instructed his administration not to provide certain funding for Venezuela in the 2005 fiscal year after the State Department said President Hugo Chavez's government had failed to crack down sufficiently on trafficking of persons for sexual exploitation.

"This is an attempt at blackmail," Venezuela's Deputy Foreign Minister Azevalo Mendez said in a

statement released in Caracas. He described Bush's order as an example of "feudal imperialist policies".

The dispute threatened to derail apparent moves by Bush and Chavez's governments to improve their ties following the left-wing Venezuelan leader's victory in a referendum on his rule last month. Venezuela, the world's No. 5 oil exporter, is a leading petroleum supplier to the United States.

Chavez has called for high-level talks to discuss tensions caused by sharp US criticism of his populist "revolution" to aid the poor and his close ties with Cuba's Communist leader Fidel Castro. He has accused Bush of backing opposition.

US officials said Bush's instructions would

mean the United States would not support Venezuelan loan requests which were expected to be made to international financial institutions in the next fiscal year.

Mendez condemned the US move as politically motivated and said Venezuela neither needed nor wanted US financial help.

He added the US attitude could affect the work of the new US Ambassador to Venezuela, William Brownfield, who has not yet presented his credentials to the Chavez government.

"His government is giving him public instructions that are contrary to the spirit of what should be a productive and respectful relationship," Mendez said.

MNA/Reuters

Japan's police to introduce sky marshals on commercial flights

TOKYO, 14 Sept — Japanese police are preparing to introduce sky marshals on commercial flights as part of their anti-terrorism measures, but no date has been fixed for the system to be put in place, a police spokesman said on Monday.

The United States said last December that it could deny entry to air-

lines that refuse to comply with a request to position armed undercover police on flights "where necessary".

"Preparations are moving ahead, but no decision has been made on timing," said a spokesman at the National Police Agency.

The US position has sparked criticism from

some countries concerned at the risk firearms could pose to passengers.

Armed sky marshals will be placed on some Japan Airlines Corp. (JAL) and All Nippon Airways Co. (ANA) planes bound for the United States, the daily *Yomiuri Shimbun* reported on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters

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UN General Assembly ends 2004 session

UNITED NATIONS, 14 Sept — The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) concluded Monday the work of its fifty-eighth session.

Julian Hunte, outgoing president of the UN's main deliberative organ, praised the assembly's genuine drive to overcome the crisis of confidence that had gripped the UN in the wake of the war in Iraq.

In his closing remarks, Hunte noted that the assembly had proceeded to make real headway on such issues as sustainable development, revitalizing the body's work and reform of the Security Council, which had "languished on its agenda

without comprehensive resolution for ten years".

He said that multilateralism had been the guiding principle of his presidency and the basis on which decisions were made on the issues on the assembly's wide-ranging agenda.

The "negotiating table" had been given a central role, and "this is how it ought to be" when addressing global challenges such as terrorism, HIV/AIDS, poverty and nuclear proliferation, he said.

"My presidency was one that ensured that the General Assembly broke free of convention in challenging times that demand new ideas, vision and innovation," he said. "I am

heartened to leave the Assembly with a more positive outlook — our accomplishments over the session prove what we can achieve when we work together, cooperatively, with a clear sense of purpose underpinned by political will."

Before closing the session, the assembly adopted a resolution by which it approved the draft Relationship Agreement between the International Criminal Court, the world's first permanent war crimes tribunal, and the United Nations.

The opening of the assembly's next session will take place Tuesday afternoon.

MNA/Xinhua

Annan urges world's cities to embrace inclusiveness, equity

UNITED NATIONS, 14 Sept — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Monday urged world's cities to embrace inclusiveness and equity where cultures can enrich each other and educate all about the planet's "wondrous diversity."

Annan made the call in a message delivered by Mervat Tallawy, executive director of UN Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia, to the UN World Urban Forum, now being held in Barcelona, Spain.

"Otherwise, they will remain reservoirs of poverty and potential

flashpoints of conflict, and ultimately, barriers to advancing the human condition," the UN chief said in the message.

Annan said. "A globalizing world of movement and migration brings with it fears and tensions, which governments and local authorities can overcome only with sensitivity and skill."

"Only by bringing all communities and all citizens, new and old, into the development process and into the halls of urban governance as full partners, will we stand a chance of achieving sustainable development and

the Millennium Development Goals," Annan said.

The goals, set by the Millennium Summit in 2000, seek to halve extreme poverty and hunger, reduce infant and maternal mortality and achieve other social goals, all by 2015.

Some 3,000 delegates are attending this second gathering of the UN Human Settlements Programme's World Urban Forum, a ground-breaking global initiative held every two years to address the main challenge of the new millennium, the planet's transition to an urban world. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Experts say developing trend of SDS not optimistic

BELJING, 14 Sept— Experts attending the International Symposium on Sand and Dust Storms (SDS) noted here Monday that the developing trend of the storms is not optimistic, and that they are likely to affect more places in the world.

Beijing has been tortured by horrible sand and dust storms since 1999. However, the spring was much cleaner and windless in 2003, and many optimistically thought that the terrible weather phenomenon would disappear from the capital.

The holders of this opinion may be discouraged by Dr. Tan Jiqing, Director of the Institution of Meteorological Information and Prediction of Disaster Events attached to Zhejiang University, who said analysis and computation on the sand and dust storms should integrate all factors — including sand content, area coverage and destruction — not simply count occurrences.

Tan added that sand and dust storm often ebb after several strong years, and last year might have been an example of that.

The severe situation in the northern and northwestern parts of China this year shows the problem is still there, said the expert.

Actually, sand and dust storms are influencing an increasing number of places on the globe year by year, said Tan after his research on the long-term observation results.

China's sand and dust belts are mainly located in the vast northern and northwestern areas, said Dr. Zhang Xiaoye from Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences. The dry climate and damaged vegetation produce a great deal of sand in the areas and the sharp altitude difference between the world roof Qinghai-Tibet Plateau and the surrounding terrain brings concentrated sinking air current to the places, Zhang said. China has the world's leading SDS early-warning system. It established a specialized forecast mechanism in 2002, which has now evolved into a highly precise digital one sending four reports each day, he said. —MNA/Xinhua

Campaigner dressed as Batman evades Queen's London residence

LONDON, 14 Sept— Britain has ordered an urgent security review at Buckingham Palace after a campaigner dressed as Batman evaded armed police and spent five hours on a ledge at Queen Elizabeth's London residence.

Father's rights campaigner Jason Hatch used a portable ladder in broad daylight on Monday to scale the perimeter fence at the palace, dash across the parade ground and climb some 10 metres (30 feet) up the front wall.

It was the latest in a series of high profile security scares in Britain involving both the royal family and Prime Minister Tony Blair who has been a staunch ally in US President George W. Bush's war on terror declared after September 11, 2001.

Metropolitan Police Commissioner Sir John Stevens, who has warned of an inevitable terror attack on Britain and told of several already thwarted, said he had ordered a report to be on his desk by Tuesday morning.

"There was a breach, and we have to look at how that took place," he said after the incident on Monday.

Stevens said his officers had quickly established that it was a stunt, otherwise Hatch would have been shot dead.

The group, which has already staged several stunts, says courts discriminate against fathers in divorce cases.

A companion dressed as his trusty sidekick Robin turned back when police threatened to shoot him as he climbed the ladder.

"I am ... clear that the alarm and camera systems installed over the last three years worked and that police acted correctly in assessing the threat he posed," Home Secretary David Blunkett told the House of Commons in a late night sitting. — MNA/Reuters



Fishermen unload anchovies, the type of fish used to produce nuoc mam, from a fishing boat at a port in southern Phu Quoc island. The island, some 45 kilometres off Vietnam's southwestern coast in the Gulf of Thailand, is famed for making the best fish sauce — or nuoc mam as is known in Vietnamese — in the world and its 80,000 inhabitants are justifiably proud of their reputation. — INTERNET

"The Tweenies" set for big-screen debut

LONDON, 14 Sept — Children's characters The Tweenies are set for their big-screen debut after being bought by Britain's Entertainment Rights, home of wise-cracking puppet fox Basil Brush.

Entertainment Rights (ER) said on Monday it had bought Tweenies creators Tell-Tale Productions for 3.1 million pounds (5.5 million US dollars) and planned a major motion picture in 2005-2006 for the pre-school favourites.

The media firm, which also holds film rights to Mattel's Barbie doll and Casper the Friendly Ghost, said first-half profit before tax, goodwill and exceptional items was 400,000 pounds, compared with a loss of 200,000 pounds in the year earlier period.

Sales were up 21 per cent to 9.1 million pounds.

The group said it was in "advanced stages of negotiation" over a planned Tweenies movie. Characters Bella, Milo, Jake and Fizz already have a foot in the door of 80 million homes in the United States through Viacom's Nickelodeon and Noggin networks. Stage shows and a merchandising roll-out are also planned for The Tweenies, who have broadcast in over 60 countries and sold more than three million videos in Britain. —MNA/Reuters

Study finds polar bears contaminated by PCBs, pesticides

OSLO, 14 Sept— New evidence shows that polar bears are suffering from industrial chemicals swept to the Arctic from nations thousands of miles to the south, the WWF global conservation organization said on Monday.

It called for a wider ban on the toxic chemicals, including some in a newer generation meant to be less harmful than a "dirty dozen" outlawed by a 2001 convention.

"Three new scientific studies published recently

provide strong indications that polar bears are contaminated by PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls) and pesticides, and are already being affected by these chemicals," it said in a report. The WWF said that it was calling for

"the immediate phase out of the most hazardous chemicals", saying the studies added to evidence of contamination of the Arctic by chemicals swept north by winds and currents from nations to the south.

MNA/Reuters

Gartner says 40% of chip vendors to leave in 10 years

LOS ANGELES, 14 Sept — The semiconductor industry has become inflated with hundreds of vendors competing in a crowded marketplace, however, within 10 years, 40 per cent of today's semiconductor vendors are likely to leave the industry, according to a study released Monday by Gartner.

Gartner, a high-tech market research firm, identified five mega-trends that will lead to significant changes in the industry over the next 10 years, at Gartner Dataquest Semiconductor Industry Summit in San Francisco.

The five mega-trends include increasing device integration, the increasing scale and size of manufacturing, the shift from business to consumer markets, the increasing role of service providers and disruptive technologies.

Increasing device integration is the first and most fundamental of the

mega-trends, Gartner said, adding that this gives tremendous benefits in terms of increased chip speed, lower power dissipation, greater functionality per chip, lower system cost and physically smaller-end equipment. "Increasing costs and complexity of design, increased system content and greater flexibility means fewer vendors will have the capability to supply chips in the future," said Jim Tully, vice-president and chief of research for Gartner's emerging technologies and semiconductor group. —MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

Germany may not play World Cup opening game

BERLIN, 15 Sept— Hosts Germany could opt not to play the opening game of the 2006 World Cup finals, organizing committee chairman Franz Beckenbauer said on Monday.

Beckenbauer confirmed reports that Germany coach Juergen Klinsmann wanted the hosts to start the tournament three days later than the opening match to have more time to prepare.

Beckenbauer said the original plan to have Germany playing the opening game in Munich could be changed and world champions Brazil could play instead, providing they qualified.

"We, at the organizing committee, don't mind whether Germany or Brazil play the opening game," Beckenbauer told German sports television channel DSF. "We would have liked Germany to start with a highlight but the Brazil solution would not be bad either," he added.

Klinsmann, who was appointed in July, also said he was against the idea of having Germany's training camp in Leverkusen, which he felt was not practical.—MNA/Reuters

FA cancels Droghda receiving yellow card

LONDON, 15 Sept— The yellow card Didier Droghda received for diving during Chelsea's Premier League match at Aston Villa has been rescinded by referee Rob Styles, the Football Association said on Monday.

Styles sparked controversy on Saturday when he booked the Ivory Coast striker in the 80th minute for diving following what looked like a trip by Villa defender Ulises De La Cruz in the penalty area. The match ended goalless.—MNA/Reuters



Chelsea's forward Tiago Mendes Cardoso (R) is challenged by PSG Cameroonian defender Modeste M'Bami during their Champions League group H football match in Paris.—INTERNET

Valencia win 2-0 victory over Anderlecht

VALENCIA (Spain), 15 Sept— Vicente scored the opening goal and created the second to give Valencia a comfortable 2-0 victory over Anderlecht in their opening Champions League Group G match on Tuesday.

Valencia, last season's UEFA Cup winners, took the lead in the 17th minute when Vicente took advantage of a bad mistake by Anderlecht goalkeeper Daniel Zitka to score from the edge of the area.

Vicente set up the second in the first minute of first-half injury time when he found Ruben Baraja just outside the box to thread a shot past Zitka.

The Spanish champions continued to dominate in the second half and clinched their first victory over Belgian opposition with little difficulty.

Valencia, twice beaten finalists in the Champions League and returning to the competition after their Spanish league and UEFA Cup double last season, were quickly into their stride at a packed Mestalla.

Curro Torres whistled a shot over the bar after five minutes and a couple of minutes later Pablo Aimar picked out Miguel Angel Angulo to test Zitka after a powerful run.

Vicente then beat Michal Zewlakow and Lamine Traore with a wonderful run down the left but Angulo, in space in the middle, could not find the target.

Vicente showed a cooler head himself to open

the scoring in the 17th minute thanks to Zitka's mistake. The keeper had ample time to gather Rufete's cross but the ball bounced off his chest and straight to Vicente to pick a spot inside the post.

MNA/Reuters

Milan win Shakhtar 1-0

KIEV, 15 Sept— A late goal by midfielder Clarence Seedorf gave AC Milan a 1-0 win over Shakhtar Donetsk in their opening Champions League Group F match on Tuesday. The 2003 winners struggled to break down their Ukrainian opponents, despite enjoying a one-man advantage for most of the second half, until Seedorf fired home a loose ball from the edge of the area in the 84th minute.

It was the Dutch international's third goal in two matches after a brace in Milan's 2-2 draw with Serie A rivals Livorno at the weekend.

Shakhtar had won five of their last six home fixtures against continental opposition, but had been expected to struggle, especially as Milan welcomed back Italy internationals Alessandro Nesta and Andrea Pirlo, both of whom had been rested against Livorno.

Instead it was Shakhtar who dominated the first half and Milan might have been two goals down within the first 10 minutes, as striker Zvonimir Vukic and Brazilian midfielder Matuzalem, forced Dida to palm shots round his posts.

It was almost 30 minutes into the match before a Pirlo chip over the defence created Milan's first scoring chance, but Jon Dahl Tomasson headed straight at the keeper.—MNA/Reuters

Arsenal edges PSV Eindhoven 1-0

LONDON, 15 Sept— English champions Arsenal needed an own goal to make a winning start to their Champions League campaign in a 1-0 Group E victory over PSV Eindhoven on Tuesday.

Arsenal had plenty of possession but could only find a way through PSV's rearguard when Brazilian defender Alex turned a Thierry Henry cutback into his own net after 42 minutes.

Though they deserved the points, the difficulty in wresting them from Guus Hiddink's well-organized side was a reminder that Arsenal have long underperformed in this competition.

Hiddink's side denied Arsenal the time and space which they enjoy in the Premier League and could have snatched a draw in the closing stages.

Arsenal had Robert Pires playing in an unfamiliar role on the right in place of injured Fredrik Ljungberg, with Spanish international Jose Antonio Reyes playing on the left.

Against a disciplined opponent, Arsenal took nearly 15 minutes to warm up, before Henry put Reyes in for an angled effort and the France striker rifled a shot into the side netting.

Arsenal continued to press but lacked the killer final ball through a packed

defence, though Pires should have done better than the scuffed volley from an Ashley Cole chip. Skipper Mark van Bommel fired PSV's first real shot in anger, collected by Jens Lehmann.

Arsenal thought the breakthrough had come in the 37th minute when keeper Edwin Zoetebier punched out Henry's rasping shot and Pires headed home — from an offside position.

Five minutes later Henry won back possession by the touchline, darted into the area and saw his cutback turned in by Alex, who was being pressured by the lurking Patrick Vieira.

There was little change after the restart, with Arsenal looking for the security of a second goal but denied the opportunity in a game of few chances.

Henry had a free kick charged down, while PSV's Park Ji-Sung and Van Bommel failed to keep attempts on target and Arsenal's Brazilian midfielder Gilberto sent a header from a Dennis Bergkamp free kick wide of the post.

MNA/Reuters

Porto booed off at end of 0-0 draw against CSKA Moscow

PORTO (Portugal), 15 Sept— European champions Porto were booed off by their fans at the end of a frustrating 0-0 draw against CSKA Moscow when they began the defence of their trophy on Tuesday.

Porto dominated much of the game but were unable to find a way through the stubborn CSKA defence whose goalkeeper Igor Akinfeev had an outstanding game. Helder Postiga squandered the Portuguese side's best chance just after the hour when the unmarked striker struck the post when left with a clear shooting chance from close range.

CSKA Moscow were content to defend throughout but created danger for Porto when they counter-attacked with striker Ivica Olic hitting the post and bar midway through the second half.

"We played much better than we have compared to other games -- much faster, better team play, and we had a lot more shots on goal," said Porto coach Victor Fernandez.

"We were really pushing in the second half. The worst thing was the score,

a 0-0 draw leaves a bad taste. The team had the will to win but we let the Russians off the hook."

Porto do not appear to be anything like the force they were last season and the absence of playmaker Deco in midfield was especially noteworthy.

CSKA coach Valeri Gazzaev said he was satisfied to tie the defending champions since his side had only two players with Champions League experience. He added that allowing Postiga to hit the post was the only defensive lapse by his side.

"We picked the right tactics, we created more chances but unfortunately we couldn't produce anything solid," he said.

"This is going to be a big morale boost for our players, who are very young. Did I expect more from FC Porto? A team gets what the other side gives it."

MNA/Reuters



Barcelona's Ronaldinho (R) is challenged by Celtic's Neil Lennon in the Champions League Group F soccer match at Celtic Park in Glasgow, on 14 Sept, 2004. Barcelona won the match 3-1.—INTERNET

MRTV-3
**16-9-2004 (Thursday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Photo by Actor
- 9:10 National News**
- 9:12 Let's have a chat
online
- 9:15 National News**
- 9:20 Production of A Delic-
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- 9:25 Lively Dancer,
Myanmar Mintha
- 9:28 Tour In Myanmar
"Taunggyi, Inlay"
- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 The Mountain With
Antique Stone Sculp-
tures
- 9:40 Song "Hill Resort
Town"
- 9:42 A Glance of Myanmar
Woman Artist
- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
IV)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**16-9-2004 (Thursday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
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- 15:40 National News**
- 15:42 Let's have a chat
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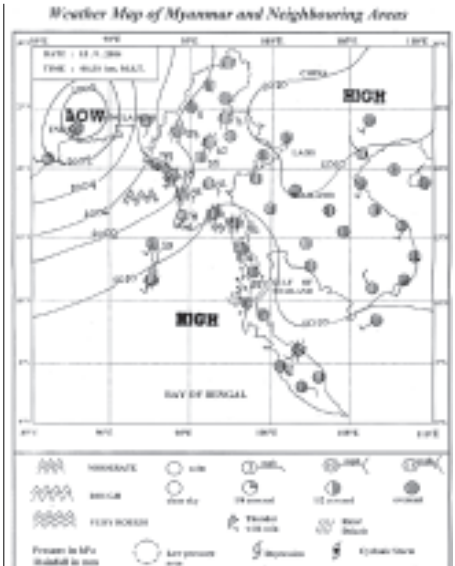
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- 16:35 Parahita Tiger School
- 16:40 Interview with an Or-
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- 16:45 National News**
- 16:50 Greening of the Hills
and Ranges, in order to
achieve Climate
Change (Tant-Kyi-Hill)
Magway Division)
- 16:55 The Rakhine Dance,
The Pride of Yoma
- 17:00 National News**
- 17:05 The Wooden Walking
Stick
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "The Beauty of
Lay Nyar Man Dai"
- 17:12 Myanmar International
Fish Market
- 17:15 National News**
- 17:20 Quality Rice Produc-
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- 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 "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Beauty of Gall Wood
Display
- 19:40 National News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes
- 19:45 National News**

- 19:50 Prospering and Develop-
ing Mon State
- 19:55 Vram Naga Harvest
Dance
- 19:58 The beautiful green ice
- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 National Races Village
(Shan & Bamar)
- 20:10 Song "Speaking
through our eyes"
- 20:12 The Royal Animal
Weights of the
Myanmar Empires
- 20:15 National News**
- 20:20 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
III)
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "Land of Beauty"
- 20:30 National News**
- 20:35 Pickled Featherback
- 20:40 Artistic Touch
- 20:45 National News**
- 20:50 Interview on Marquetry
Painting
- 20:55 The Ozi (or) Kettle-
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- 21:00 National News**
- 21:05 Only Water, Not Gold
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Glory of
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- 21:15 National News**
- 21:20 Talent Show on a
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- 22:55 The Rakhine Dance,
The Pride of Yoma
- 23:00 National News**
- 23:05 The Wooden Walking
Stick
- 23:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "The Beauty of
Lay Nyar Man Dai"
- 23:12 Myanmar Interna-
tional Fish Market
- 23:15 National News**
- 23:20 Quality Rice Produc-
tion in Myanmar
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and see
Myanmar"

**WEATHER****Wednesday, 15 September 2004**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, scattered in Shan State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, isolated heavyfalls in Shan State and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (15.75) inches, Sittway (5.39) inches, Maungdaw (5.04) inches, Pinlaung (3.27) inches, Kanbalu and Myingyan (2.68) inches each, Pakokku (2.40) inches, Kalay (1.85) inches, Minbu and Magway (1.81) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 14-9-2004 was 78°F. Minimum temperature on 15-9-2004 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 15-9-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 14-9-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 15-9-2004 was (1.38 inches) at Yangon Airport, (1.93 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (2.01 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 108.11 inches at Yangon Airport, 101.61 inches at Kaba-Aye and 103.78 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from Southwest at 11:30 hours MST on 14-9-2004. **Bay inference:** Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and strong in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 16-9-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls are likely in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough sea are likely Deltaic off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Thundery conditions in central Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-9-2004:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-9-2004:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Warning

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 15-9-2004)

The water levels of Ayeyawady River at Minbu and Magway may rise 80 cm (about 2.5 ft) and reach their danger levels (1700) cm during the next (3) days commencing noon today.

The water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo may rise (15) cm (about half ft) and exceed the danger level (600) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 15-9-2004)

The water level of Chindwin River at Kalewa is (30) cm (about 1 ft) above the danger level at (06:30) hrs MST today. The water level may fall below the danger level during the next (4) days.

The water level of Dokhtawady River at Myitnge is (185) cm (about 6 ft) above the danger level at (06:30) hrs MST today. The water level may remain above the danger level during the next (5) days.

New Rainfall Record

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 15-9-2004)

The amount of rainfall 400 mm (15.75 inches) observed at 09:30 hrs MST on 15-9-2004 at Kyauktaw is the 24 hrs new maximum rainfall record of the station for the month of September during last (18) years. The former record was 183 mm (7.20 inches) on 8-9-1998.


**Thursday, September 16
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. မင်းသမီးဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏
သေရဟန်းမော်ကွန်း
"ပွဲပွဲဆယ်စုံစုံ" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 8:00 am**
5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:10 am**
6. Dance of national races
- 8:20 am**
7. Dance of Variety
- 8:30 am**
8. International news

- 8:45 am**
9. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold National
Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့ လေ့လာရေး
ရပ်ခြင်းကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
- ပထမနှစ် (ရှုထောင့် အထူးပြု)
(ရှုထောင့်)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm**
7. ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ် ပြည်သူ့ဆန္ဒခံယူခြင်း (၁) ကြိမ်
မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာဇာတ်ကဏ္ဍ အဆို၊ အက၊
အဓမ္မ၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဆုတံဆိပ်ပြား
ကြေးနီ ဖယောင်း (အခြေခံပညာ
၁၀-၁၅ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:50 pm**
8. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 6:05 pm**
9. Musical programme

- 6:15 pm**
10. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစိုက်ပျိုးမှု
စီမံကိန်းစာတမ်း
- 6:30 pm**
11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းဆွဲ
"လူမှုရေးအခြေအနေ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 7:40 pm**
14. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. "ပြည်ထောင်စု ကြံ့ခိုင်ရေးနှင့်
ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးအသင်း" ရန်ပုံငွေတည်
ပုံကြံ့ခိုင်ရေးအသင်း
ရွှေတောင်လွှမ်းသည့်ရွှေလင်းဆီသို့
(အပိုင်း-၂)
လှူဒါန်း စနစ်တည်သူ၊ ရေဝေအောင်၊
မြင့်မြင့်နိုင်၊ မောင်မောင်နိုင်၊ မောင်မောင်၊
နိုင်ငံရေး၊ နေရာ၊ ပွင့်ပွင့်မောင်၊
ရတနာစင်
- ၁၂ နာရီတော် - ဓာတ်လျှောက်တင်သန့်စိုက်မှု
19. The next day's
programme

**Thursday, September 16****Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:
-I'll be there for
you (Solid Har-
monie)
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
-See sight through
you (N'syne)
- 8:50 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:
-If I told you
that (Whitney
Houston)
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music:
-Simple thing
(Amy Grant)
- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music
-I'll be there
(Mariah Carey)
-Faith (Celine
Dion)
-Somewhere
Someday (Jennifer
Paige)
-Should have been
the one (911)
- 9:00 pm** Aspects of
Myanmar
-Environmental
Conservation &
Bago Yoma
Greening Project
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Pourri
-HK to launch
Cervical Cancer
Screening Exhi-
bition
-Free meteoro-
logical data web
site launched in
China
-Tanzanian Go-
vernment released
fund for HIV
'AIDS' drugs
- 9:30 pm** Favourite songs
chosen by music
lovers Nan Hsar
Oo
-Rhythm of the
rain (Tracy
Haung)
-Crying in the rain
(Green Field)
-Raindrops keep
falling on my head
(BJ Thousas)
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

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

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends felicitations to Papua New Guinea

YANGON, 16 Sept — On the occasion of the Independence Day of Papua New Guinea, which falls on 16 September 2004, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt has sent a message of felicitations to the Right Honourable Sir Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.— MNA

Out of the targeted 34,350 acres of cotton, so far Bago Division (West) has grown 22,271 acres.

Bago Division needs to place more emphasis on agriculture and livestock breeding sectors

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on inspection tour of Bago Division



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Inngagwa Sugarcane Farm of No 11 Sugar Mill in Inngagwa, Paukhaung Township.— MNA

YANGON, 15 Sept—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Chairman of Bago Division (West Branch) PDC Col Hla Min, Col Khin Zaw Oo of local station and officials, arrived at South Nawin Dam in Paukhaung Township, Pyay District, yesterday morning.

Officials of the Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation reported on salient points on the dam, irrigated acreage and supply

of water for cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy. Col Hla Min and Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko gave supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that it needs to

supply more irrigation water to meet the target of 300,000 acres of paddy. He called for growing of suitable seasonal crops including black gram.

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Rules relating to the Supervision of Controlled Precursor Chemicals clarified

YANGON, 15 Sept — Clarification of the rules relating to the Supervision of Controlled Precursor Chemicals organized by the Yangon Division Committee for Drug Abuse Control was held this morning at Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Office on Bank Road here.

Chairman of Yangon Division CDAC Chairman

of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address. In his address, he said the government organized the Supervisory Committee for Controlled Precursor Chemicals in 1998 and issued the rules relating to the Supervision of Controlled

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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 life.
- * 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.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses opening ceremony to clarify the rules relating to Supervision of Controlled Precursor Chemicals.— YANGON COMMAND