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General Thura Shwe Mann delivers an address at the coordination meeting 7/2004 for development of seasonal and perennial crops farming.—MNA

## Government upgrading private sector without losing sight of entire people's interest Nation relying on agricultural produce in export promotion drive

### General Thura Shwe Mann meets entrepreneurs

YANGON, 16 Sept.—A coordination meeting (7/2004) for development of seasonal and perennial crops farming was held at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 8 am today, with an address delivered by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of Ministry of Defence.

Also present at the meeting were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Chairman

of Agricultural Development Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the senior military officers, officials of State Peace and Development Council Of-

fice and departmental heads, the President and officials of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and guests.

In his address, General Thura Shwe Mann said that he had met with entrepreneurs running seasonal or perennial crop farms for seven times to this date.

the seven-point future policy programme for the emergence of a democracy system that is in conformity with the history and social condition of the nation and the people. All have the responsibility for success of the National Convention and the policy programme. As the nation is going to march with democracy



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses coordination meeting 7/2004 for development of seasonal and perennial crops farming.—MNA

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The common aim of all the countrymen is for progress and prosperity of the entire national people and enabling the nation to stand shoulder to shoulder with the global countries. The goal of the State is to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation through democracy system. Convening of the National Convention is in progress at present, and the National Convention is the most important step of

system, the Government has been giving encouragement to national entrepreneurs to be skilled in their profession and for systematic emergence of a market economic system. He said the government has been upgrading the private sector at present, without losing sight of the entire people's interest, while mobilizing their strength for the nation-building task. With the collective force of national entrepre-

neurs, the State will successfully materialize the market-oriented economic system. In accord with the Head of State's guidance, the Government has been nurturing national entrepreneurs including farm entrepreneurs, industrialists, traders and services entrepreneurs in all aspects to develop their businesses firmly in the State's economic sector.

As the nation is an agro-based one, it is relying on agricultural produce in its drive to pro-

mote of exports to develop and strengthen the national economy.

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Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses coordination meeting 7/2004 for development of seasonal and perennial crops farming.—MNA

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Constant learning: key to perpetual existence of nation and people

Development of various regions is important to that of the entire nation and therefore the Government is taking all the necessary steps to ensure harmonious development of each and every region of the Union. As education is the key to overall development of the nation, the Government has placed a special emphasis on education promotion.

The Special Refresher Course No 21 for Basic Education Teachers was opened at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, on 6 September. Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, also Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee, attended the ceremony and delivered a speech.

In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-2 said that the education sector is required to constantly turn out highly-qualified human resources that can build and safeguard a new nation and only then will the future of the nation and the people thrive.

The world today is experiencing rapid development of science and technologies, especially information technology, and in this fast-developing world, the Union of Myanmar, like every other nations, is taking calculated measures for its future. Moreover, it is reviewing and reforming its education systems to be able to produce well-rounded citizens who are capable of weathering future challenges.

Education can determine the long-term interests of the nation and the people. Development of the nation rests on the higher educational standard of the people and knowledge and skills of the people are the lasting resources of the future nation. This being the case, teachers are required to try to widen their horizon of knowledge and hone their skills and at the same time they should fuel their students' desire to pursue education and master their studies.

We would like to call upon teachers as well as students to constantly learn so that the goal of national education promotion programmes can materialize and then the future of the nation and the people will thrive.

### 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



Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo of the Ministry of Defence and wife being welcomed by Malaysian Defence Adviser Col Hj Abbas Bin Hj Mat and wife at the reception to mark 71st Anniversary Armed Forces Day of Malaysia.— MNA

### Sub-committee of MTCPAC meets

YANGON, 16 Sept — The second coordination meeting of Reception and Accommodation Sub-committee of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at No 1 Transit Centre on Bayintnaung Road this afternoon.

Chairman of the Sub-committee Commandant of Defence Services General Hospital Brig-Gen Than Sein spoke on the occasion. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Officials submitted their reports.— MNA

### C-in-C's Cup Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Taekwondo Tournament ends

YANGON, 16 Sept — The final events of the 13th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Cup Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Taekwondo Tournament were held at the stadium of the People's Sport Grounds in Myitkyina on 14 September morning.

Present on the occasion were Kachin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Patron of the Supervisory Committee for Kachin State Organization for Women's Affairs and for Maternal and Child Welfare Association and wife of the commander Daw Tin Tin Nwe, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, Commander of Myitkyina Air Base Col Zaw Tun, and others.

The tournament which started on 10 September attracted 23 teams. At the final men's event at level A, the North-West Command team played against the No 77 Light Infantry Division team, in which the latter beat the former. At the final men's event at level B, the Northern Command team met with the Yangon Command team, in which the former beat the latter. At the final women's event, the South-West Command team beat the Northern Command team. Later, the commander, his wife and officials presented prizes to winning teams. Honourary awards were also presented to the members of judges, the skill demonstration troupe, the Tatmadaw taekwondo team and the medical unit.

MNA

### Best choice

- \* If one tries to be independent  
You'll be pushed over  
Imagine what it's like
- \* If one is dependent on him and does what he likes  
He is pleased when you do what he likes  
Imagine what it is like
- \* Even if dependent  
It'll be to his advantage  
You'll still be pushed  
What's your choice?
- \* If one depends on him  
Do as he says, stay where he keeps  
Will surely be slaves.
- \* If not dependent and he pushes over  
You must be able to stand firmly  
Prepare your strength in advance  
That's the best choice

Byan Hlwar (Trs)

### UMFCCI officials meets Thai entrepreneurs

YANGON, 16 Sept — General Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing and Executive U Kyaw Thein received Managing Director Mr Paticom Charuchinda of Ayeyawady Multitrade Co Ltd and five Thailand entrepreneurs yesterday at the head office of the UMFCCI. Matters relating to bilateral relations were discussed.— MNA

### Cooperatives Market Festival to be held in Shan State

YANGON, 16 Sept — Under the arrangement of Shan State Cooperatives Department, with the permission of Shan State Peace and Development Council, with the assistance of the Director-General's Office of the Cooperatives Department, the Cooperatives Market Festival of Shan State will be held in assembly grounds of No 2 Basic Education Middle School of Nyaungshwe from 18 to 22 October.

A variety of goods such as products of co-operatives, handicrafts, imports and exports goods of entrepreneurs, cosmetics, foodstuff, traditional medicines, kitchen items, soap, washing powder, men's and women's fashion items, stationery, machines and parts, personal goods and farm equipment will be displayed at the festival.

Those who wishing to display their goods

at the festival may contact with the Director-General's Office of the Cooperatives Department, Trade Department (Branch), Yangon, (Tel-243854), Shan State Cooperatives Department, Tounggyi, (Tel-081-21056 and 21672) and Township Cooperatives Department, Nyaungshwe (Tel-08129005 and Shwe Inn Tha Trading, Mahaban-doola Park Road, Yangon (Tel-01-382121). —MNA



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents K 700,000 to Kay Khine Lwin who won three gold medals in 66th Singapore Track & Field Championship.— NLM



# Iraq war illegal, says Annan

## US-led invasion of Iraq an act that contravened UN charter

The following is the reproduction of interview between UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and BBC on 16-9-2004 on the Internet. —Ed

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"The arguments over the invasion's legality live on"

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Watch Kofi Annan

UNITED NATIONS, 16 Sept — The United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan has told the BBC the US-led invasion of Iraq was an illegal act that contravened the UN charter.

He said the decision to take action in Iraq should have been made by the Security Council, not unilaterally.

And he feared elections planned for January would not go ahead in Iraq unless security considerably improved.

The UK government responded by saying the attorney-general made the "legal basis...clear at the time".

Mr Annan said that "painful lessons" had been learnt since the war in Iraq.

"Lessons for the US, the UN and other member states. I think in the end everybody's concluded it's best to work together with our allies and through the UN," he said in an interview with the BBC World Service.

### 'On track'

"I hope we do not see

another Iraq-type operation for a long time — without UN approval and much broader support from the international community."

When pressed on whether he viewed the invasion of Iraq as illegal, he said: "Yes, if you wish. I have indicated it was not in conformity with the UN charter from our point of view, from the charter point of view, it was illegal."

Mr Annan said the UN would give advice and assistance in the run-up to

the elections but it was up to the Iraqi interim government to decide whether such a vote should go ahead.

He warned there could not be "credible elections if the security conditions continue as they are now."

In response, a UK foreign office spokeswoman said: "The Attorney-General made the government's position on the legal basis for the use of military force in Iraq clear at the time".

She also said there was a full commitment to hold-

ing elections in January, with election and political party laws already passed and an independent electoral commission established.

"The task is huge and the deadline tight, but the Iraqi people clearly want elections," she said.

Earlier on Wednesday, the head of the British army General Sir Mike Jackson said national elections in Iraq were still on track. He told BBC Radio 4's Today programme: "People are pretty confident that they can take place if everybody puts in the required effort and arrangements into it."

His comments came a day after a car bomb close to an Iraqi police station in central Baghdad killed 47 people and gunmen opened fire on a police minibus in Baquba, killing 12.

At the beginning of the week, Iraq's interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi said elections must go ahead as planned al-

though he conceded the violence might stop some Iraqis voting.

"If, for any reason, 300,000 people cannot vote because terrorists decide so—and this is imposing a very big if—then frankly 300,000 people is not going to alter 25 million people voting," he told The Time and Guardian newspapers.

There are problems, yes. But to the point that we can't conduct an election? I don't think so."

Mr Annan also spoke of the Middle East road map to peace during his BBC interview, admitting it was in "deep, deep distress".

But he added "we haven't given it up yet", and said the quartet of powers behind the road map—the US, UN, EU and Russia—would meet next week to assess the situation and how to take it forward.

Internet

## New Iraq attacks are more sophisticated

BAGHDAD, 15 Sept — The scale and sophistication of militant attacks in Iraq are steadily increasing, with coordinated strikes and complicated ambushes that increasingly hit their targets, officials and analysts said Wednesday.

The spike in bloodshed — more than 200 dead in four days — has stifled American hopes that the transfer of sovereignty and the prospect of a democratic vote in four months could take the steam out of the uprising and pave the way for a reduction in US troops.

Instead, there are signs the Americans and their Iraqi allies are facing an enemy more determined than ever. Insurgents have learned from past mistakes and shifted strategy, cooperating more closely with each other and devising new ways to put their relatively simple arsenal to treacherous use.

"More thought is going into the execution of the attacks," said Lt Col Paul Hastings of Task Force Olympia, which is trying to bring stability to a swath of northeastern Iraq. Militants now follow up roadside bomb at-

tacks with a deluge of rocket-propelled grenades instead of fleeing, or fire off mortar rounds to lure soldiers out of their base and into freshly laid mine fields, military commanders say.

"The enemy has been able to construct IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices) that are more complex, include more rounds in the form of a "daisy chain," and tend to have a higher lethality," said Maj Neal O'Brien of the Army's 1st Infantry Division. O'Brien also said that an increase in the use of car bombs in the last two months coincided with an influx of foreign fighters with the bomb-making know-how in July.

"They graduated to more coordinated attacks," he said. "The set of attacks that occurred over the weekend were definitely more simulta-

neous than in the past," said Lt Col Steven Boylan, spokesman for coalition forces in Baghdad. Analysts say the plethora of armed groups behind the insurgency are increasingly working together.

Internet

## Canada ranks first in education among OECD countries

OTTAWA, 15 Sept — Canadians are among the best educated in the world, says an annual study measuring education levels among developed countries.

The report, released Tuesday by the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), says 43 per cent of Canadians aged 25 to 64 have some form of post-secondary education, more than citizens of any other industrialized country and almost double the average of 23 per cent.

United States is next with 38 per cent, according to the report entitled Education at a Glance.

Eighty-three per cent of Canadians have graduated from high school, compared with the OECD average of 65 per cent, it says. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi child stands among the wreckage of her destroyed house in the battered northern town of Tal Afar recently. Residents were still returning to Tal Afar as medical sources said that more than 56 people were killed and 152 wounded in five days of heavy battles between US forces and militants. — INTERENT

## Tropical storm "Jeanne" forms in N-E Caribbean Sea

MIAMI, 15 Sept — Tropical storm Jeanne formed in the northeastern Caribbean Sea on Tuesday, prompting storm alerts for Puerto Rico and a host of small islands.

Jeanne was the 10th tropical storm or hurricane in the Atlantic this year.

Forecasters told residents in a large part of the northeastern Caribbean to be ready for storm conditions on Wednesday.

One of the affected areas was expected to be the US territory Puerto Rico, home of about 4 million people, the US and British Virgin Islands, St Kitts and Nevis, Saba, St Eustatius and St Maarten. — MNA/Reuters

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## Turkish hostage released in Iraq

ANKARA, 15 Sept—A Turkish interpreter taken hostage in Iraq in July has been released by his armed kidnappers and will soon return home, a senior Turkish diplomat revealed.

"Aytullah Gezmen has been released and is currently at our embassy in Baghdad," the diplomat said Wednesday on condition of anonymity.

"He is in good health and will go back to Turkey in the shortest time possible."

In a video broadcast

on Turkish television last month, Gezmen said his kidnappers were threatening to kill him if his employer, Bilintur, and its mother company, Tepe, did not pull out of Iraq within 72 hours.

Both companies soon left quit the war-torn country in order not to risk the

life of Gezmen, a 23-year-old interpreter whose Ankara-based catering company does business with the US army.

Gezmen was kidnapped along with Murat Yuce, who was later killed by a bullet to the head by the Tawhid wal Jihad (Unification and Holy

War) group of alleged Al-Qaeda operative Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi.

Footage broadcast earlier this week showed a second Turk — truck driver Durmus Kumdereli — having his throat slit, also by al-Zarqawi's followers.

Several other Turkish men, mostly truck drivers, have been kidnapped in Iraq but most have been released.

Internet



A US soldier on patrol in the southern Iraqi city of Najaf recently. A US Marine was killed in Al-Anbar Province, west of Baghdad, the frontline of the Sunni Arab area in Iraq. —INTERNET

## Foreign Affairs says Canadian was killed in car bombing in Iraq

OTTAWA, 15 Sept—A Canadian was killed in a car bombing in Iraq this week that killed 47, Foreign Affairs said Wednesday.

The department confirmed the death, but would release no other details, saying the family had requested privacy. Foreign Affairs has warned Canadians not to travel to Iraq. There is no Canadian Embassy in the country and Foreign Affairs has few resources to help Canadians there. At least five Canadians have now been killed in Iraq since US-led coalition forces moved in.

In March, Andrew Braddell was

killed by gunmen in the city of Mosul. In August 2003, Gillian Clark and Christopher Klein-Beekman were killed in the bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad. And in April of 2003, Vatche Arslanian, a delegate to the International Committee of the Red Cross, was killed when the vehicle he was in came under fire as coalition forces fought with troops loyal to Saddam Hussein. —Internet

## UAE's auto manufacturing eyes Iraq, GCC markets

ABU DHABI, 15 Sept—Leading international automobile manufacturers are targeting the huge Iraqi and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) markets through potential joint ventures in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the *Khaleej Times* reported Tuesday.

The potentially large demand growth of cars in Iraq and the GCC markets is expected to provide the critical minimum demand to support a few manufacturing or assembly units, according to a top executive of a leading European automobile

manufacturer in UAE.

Iraq imports a large number of used cars from UAE, Kuwait, and Jordan. Buyers from Iraq prefer low-priced German BMW or Mercedes, or American cars imported from Japan through the UAE.

Besides the used cars, the market has nascent demand for new cars primarily from international agencies and government establishments.

The top executive estimates that in years between 2005 and 2007, the demand for automobiles in Iraq will be increased in line with growing indi-

vidual wealth. By the year of 2009, the Iraqi per capita income could surpass that of Iran, with the population enjoying a natural shift in demand from used cars to new cars.

The UAE-based leading international automobile manufacturers are planning to capitalize on the right phase of the market. Some automobile manufacturers are talking with regional governments, expressing their willingness to start manufacturing or to begin assembling of imported completely knocked down auto parts. —MNA/Xinhua

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## US Marine killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 15 Sept—A US Marine was killed in Al-Anbar Province, west of Baghdad, the frontline of the Sunni Arab insurgency in Iraq.

"One Marine assigned to First Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in action 14 September, while conducting security and stability operations in the Al-Anbar Province," a military statement said Wednesday.

The Marines gave no further information about the attack. Before the latest fatality, the Pentagon had reported 1,018 US military deaths in Iraq since last year's invasion. —Internet

## Judge orders US to open Iraq records

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—Suggesting the government was acting as if it had something to hide, a federal judge Wednesday gave Washington one month to release records related to the treatment of prisoners in Iraq.

US District Judge Alvin Hellerstein chastised officials for moving at a "glacial pace" in responding to nearly year-old Freedom of Information Act requests from the American Civil Liberties Union and four other watchdog organizations.

"If the documents are more of an embarrassment than a secret, the public should know of our government's treatment of individuals captured and held abroad," Hellerstein wrote. "We are a nation that strives to value the dignity of all humanity."

The groups brought a lawsuit in June, saying they wanted to expose the

treatment of detainees.

Hellerstein said though the government had raised "important issues" of national security as a reason for the delays, "merely raising national security concerns cannot justify unlimited delay."

Megan L Gaffney, a spokeswoman for federal prosecutors in New York, declined to comment.

Jameel Jaffer, an ACLU lawyer, was heartened by the action.

"Increasingly, the administration's response to requests has been to stone-wall or delay as long as possible until documents are forced out of them by a court," he said. —Internet

## ADB approves grant for India to improve highway network

MANILA, 15 Sept—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a technical assistance (TA) grant of 1 million US dollars to help improve a strategic national highway network in India by preparing two high priority projects.

The two projects, to be financed by ADB, will

each cover about 1,000 kilometres of roads, the Manila-based ADB said on Tuesday in a statement.

The selection of roads will be based on the 10,000 kilometres of national highways covered by the Prime Minister's national highway programme for integrating India, which aims to promote trade and

reduce regional disparities by improving a strategic highway network.

The TA, which is due for completion in June 2006, will make sure that the proposed projects are economically and financially viable, and socially and environmentally responsible, the statement said. —MNA/Xinhua



Najia Hamad looks at a medical attendant treating her son, Jassim Hamad, in Ramadi, Iraq, on 15 Sept, 2004. Jassim received shrapnel injuries during clashes between US troops and armed groups. Five people were reportedly killed during the clashes. —INTERNET



# British lawyer uncovers evidence US troops mistreated detainees

**LONDON, 15 Sept—** A British lawyer said on Tuesday he had uncovered evidence that US troops mistreated detainees in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, suggesting abuse had spread far beyond the notorious Abu Ghraib Prison in Baghdad.

Phil Shiner sent *Reuters* statements by two Iraqis who said they were hooded, stripped naked, beaten and doused with cold water at lengthy torture sessions in a place called "the disco" because of loud Western music constantly blasted at detainees.

One said he had seen a 14-year-old boy bleeding from his anus. The other said he was threatened with sexual assault.

The allegations appear to be the first reports of abuse in Mosul. Washington has acknowledged detainees were abused at Abu Ghraib, and Shiner is leading a case on behalf of Iraqis who say they were mistreated by British forces in Basra. Three Iraqi staff working for *Reuters* say they were beaten and sexually humiliated by US troops near Fallujah in January.

A US military spokesman for detainee operations in Iraq said in Baghdad that he was unaware of the allegations. "I am surprised by them," he

said.

In the statements provided by Shiner, Haitham Saeed al-Mallah, an engineer, said he was brought to "the disco" where "they left me standing for hours, handcuffed and hooded".

"Then I was kicked very hard in the stomach, which was followed by continuous beating with a stick and with their boots until I fell unconscious. I only woke up after they poured over my head very cold water."

He said he was then abused in groups with other detainees, forced to carry out exhausting exercises and beaten or doused with cold water whenever they fell to the floor. They were not permitted to use the toilet and allowed only two hours sleep.

"I saw a young man of 14 years of age bleeding from his anus and lying on the floor. He was Kurdish and his name was Hama. I heard the soldiers talking to each other about this guy. They mentioned that the reason for this bleeding was inserting a metal

object in his anus," he said.

The other alleged Mosul victim, Yasir Rubaii Saeed al-Qutaji, was described as an Iraqi lawyer investigating reports of abuse at "the disco" when he was arrested.

After a day and a night forced into stress positions and doused with cold water at "the disco", he was taken to a regular prison. Staff and interrogators there treated him properly at night, but allowed the same "disco team" to abuse him by day. He was threatened with sexual assault on his final day.

"The only reason he was detained was that he was working on documenting these cases of torture, at this prison and the Americans then went and detained him," Shiner said.

The US Government has said abuse of prisoners in Iraq was mainly confined to a few rogue soldiers at Abu Ghraib.

But in January, three Iraqis working for *Reuters* said they had been sub-

jected to sexual humiliation, anal abuse, beatings, stress positions, sleep deprivation and disorientation using bright lights and loud music during three days of detention at a US base outside the city of Fallujah west of Baghdad.

The US Army said an investigation found no evidence of such abuse. The Iraqis working for *Reuters* were never interviewed for the investigation, which took evidence only from US soldiers who denied that abuse took place.

The Pentagon has rejected demands by *Reuters* for a more thorough investigation.

*MNA/Reuters*

## IDP prevented from reconstruction work in Iraq

**TEHERAN, 16 Sept—** Insurgency and kidnappings in Iraq have prevented the Islamic Development Bank (IDB) from allocating any of the 500 million US dollars it has approved for reconstruction work there, bank officials said on Wednesday.

"In Iraq, we have given a pledge but the projects are not identified," Nik Zainal Abidin, IDB director in Kazakhstan, said on the sidelines of the two-day annual meeting of the bank.

Iraqi Planning Minister Mehdi Hafedh this week said his country needed 3.4 billion US dollars for power and water projects, seen as crucial to future stability. But militant groups often target foreign contractors and drivers, making such work dangerous.

Selim Karatas, an IDB executive director, said lawlessness meant it could not be sure about approving projects, we have to be sure the money goes to that project," he said.

The 55-member IDB, established in 1975 to boost trade between Islamic states, is the financial arm of the Organization of the Islamic Conference.

US officials also say the dangers of working in Iraq have stopped them from investing heavily. The United States has so far this year spent only 700 million US dollars of the 18.4 billion US dollars earmarked for reconstruction.

US-led forces are trying to put down an insurgency across north and central Iraq. The US-backed Iraqi interim government also faced rebellions in the south and crime is rife. — *MNA/Reuters*



People chant anti George Bush slogans as they blame him for his inability to provide security to Iraqis after a massive explosion outside a police station in Haifa Street in Baghdad, Iraq, on 14 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

## Japanese Prime Minister arrives in Brazil

**BRASILIA, 15 Sept—** Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi arrived in Brazil on Tuesday for a three-day official visit aimed to strengthen relations with the South American country.

Koizumi will stay in Sao Paulo on Tuesday and on Wednesday, where he is scheduled to meet with Sao Paulo State Governor

Geraldo Alckmin and representatives of the Japanese community.

On Thursday, Koizumi and Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva will discuss a possible free trade agreement (FTA) between Japan and the Common Market of the South (MERCOSUR), a bloc comprising Brazil,

Argentina, Uruguay and Paraguay.

Japan is concerned over the possibility of the South American bloc signing free trade agreements with the European Union and the United States, which could remove competitiveness to Japanese products in the region.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Iraqi firefighters extinguish fire from burning vehicles at the site of a car bomb explosion outside the headquarters of Baghdad Police station in the Haifa Street area of Baghdad, on 14 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

## NCIS investigating US soldier's disappearance

**WASHINGTON, 15 Sept —** US Marine Corporal Wassef Ali Hassoun was returned to full duty at a North Carolina base on Tuesday, but the Marine Corps said it was still investigating his June disappearance and his contention he was kidnapped in Iraq.

"Medical authorities declared him to be fit for full duty late Monday, allowing Hassoun to return to duty in the brigade motor pool where he worked prior to his deployment to Iraq last February," the Marine Corps said in a statement from Camp Lejeune, North Carolina.

But Major Matt Morgan, a spokesman at Camp Lejeune, said the Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS) was still investigating the circumstances surrounding Hassoun's disappearance and subsequent release.

Officials said earlier that the NCIS was looking into whether Hassoun was abducted by militants in Iraq as suggested by a videotape, whether the abduction was a hoax or whether he had deserted.

"The NCIS investigation will determine what, if any, criminal action would

be taken," Morgan said in a telephone interview. He said investigators were likely to question Hassoun within days.

Meanwhile, no restrictions on movements have been placed on the Lebanese-born Hassoun, who told reporters in July after he was found in Beirut and returned to the United States that he was captured and held against his will and did not desert the military.

Three months after Hassoun went missing from his Marine unit near Fallujah, the circumstances of his disappearance remain unclear.

Hassoun was seen in a videotape, apparently held by militants, blindfolded with a sword poised over his head. An Islamic militant Internet site later claimed he had been beheaded. But he showed up unharmed at the US Embassy in Beirut on July 8. — *MNA/Reuters*

## ASEAN members to enhance transport cooperation

HANOI, 15 Sept — Members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) are gathering in Laos' capital city of Vientiane to discuss issues on transport cooperation, according to reports reaching here from Vientiane on Tuesday.

At the two-day meeting on transit transport which started on Monday, delegates discussed the Protocol 1 on Designation of Transit Transport Routes and Facilities, and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multi-modal Transport, so that the two documents will be signed at the 10th ASEAN Transport Min-

ister Meeting slated for next month in Cambodia.

They also approved a memorandum on ASEAN-China transport cooperation, reviewed the implementation of ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership Project, and discussed preparatory work for the implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the

Facilitation of Goods in Transit.

The meeting was attended by transport officials from 10 ASEAN countries and Japan. ASEAN comprises of Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

MNA/Xinhua



A Cambodian mahout plays with his elephant as he waits for potential tourist customers at the Bayon Temple, near Siam Reap, northwest Cambodia, on 14 Sept, 2004. The world heritage site, built in the 12th Century, is among more than 100 temples in the area built from AD 802 to 1432 that are drawing increased numbers of tourists. — INTERNET

## Singapore, Chinese firms agree to launch budget airline

SINGAPORE, 15 Sept — A-Sonic Aerospace, a Singapore-based aircraft and avionics retro-fitting company, has agreed to join hands with two Chinese companies to launch a budget airline in China.

The Singapore company will invest about 5.4 million Singapore dollars (about 3.19 million US dollars) in cash for a 25-per cent stake in the joint venture, which will be based in Guangzhou, capital of the southern Chinese Province of Guangdong, according to local Press reports on Tuesday.

The new venture, which is expected to start operation in the second half of next year, will enable A-Sonic to have exclusive rights to the repair and overhaul, management services and fleet maintenance of the carrier's fleet.

MNA/Xinhua

## Singapore's Tiger Airways launches maiden flight

SINGAPORE, 16 Sept — Tiger Airways, an offshoot of Singapore's national flag-carrier Singapore Airlines (SIA), on Wednesday started its maiden flight from the Changi Airport to Bangkok, capital of Thailand.

This is the second Singapore-based low cost carrier to start operations at the Changi Airport after the budget carrier ValuAir launched its first flight in May this year.

Speaking at a send-off ceremony at the airport, Minister of State for Finance and Transport Lim Hwee Hua said with the arrival of low cost car-

riers, both Singapore and its regional neighbours can look forward to greater opportunities for travel.

This is a huge, but not well tapped travel market, she said, adding that Singapore intends to be at the forefront of partnering low cost carriers, to ensure that the island state caters to their needs and business

models.

As a city state with a population of some four million, Singapore has attached great importance to no-frills airlines. To serve well the budget carriers in the future, Singapore has decided to build a new terminal for low cost carriers, and the terminal will be ready in early 2006. — MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia adopts new law on fishery

JAKARTA, 16 Sept — The Indonesian House of Representatives has endorsed a new law on fisheries, which not only stipulates a more sustainable way of exploiting sea resources, but also stern punishments, including jail terms and heavy fines for illegal fishing activities.

Minister of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Rokhmin Dahuri was quoted on Wednesday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying that the enactment of the law, after about a year of deliberation, is expected to help reduce rampant illegal fishing activities in the country's wa-

ters, which have caused the state trillions of rupiah in losses annually.

Rokhmin said that, even before the enactment of the law on Tuesday, the maritime and fisheries ministry — set up in 2000 — had managed to scale down the number of foreign ships operating ille-

gally in the country's territory from some 7,000 to just above 1,000, saving about 3 billion US dollars in potential losses per year.

"We expect to reduce that figure even more after the enactment of the law," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thai PM to visit Italy, Sweden

BANGKOK, 16 Sept — The Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra will visit Italy and Sweden from next Wednesday to Friday to boost bilateral trade and business ties.

During his stay in Italy, Thaksin will meet with his Italian counterpart Silvio Berlusconi. The two are scheduled to sign a memorandum of understanding for increased cooperation in the fields of small-and medium-sized enterprises, culture, science and technology.

In Sweden, Thaksin will meet with his counterpart Goran Persson to follow up on bilateral cooperation discussed during Persson's visit to Thailand in January.

The two countries plan to increase their cooperation in information technology, communication, organic farming, industrial design and tourism.

The Thai Prime Minister is also expected to promote Thailand's cuisine and traditional massage and ask the two governments to invest more in his kingdom. — MNA/Xinhua

## Road accident becomes top killer in Thailand

BANGKOK, 16 Sept — Road accident has become the top killer of Thai people in the past eight months among various non-disease deaths, the state-run Thai News Agency (TNA) reported on Tuesday.

Overall, more than 6,000 people were killed in traffic accidents from January to August around the country, TNA quoted a government report issued on a related meeting as saying.

The other 141 lives were claimed by natural

and man-caused disasters including flood, drought, fire and storm, said the report.

Meanwhile, more than 40,000 Thais were injured in 11 different types of disasters in the past eight months. The disasters have caused two billion baht (47.62 million US dollar) damage to Thailand, mainly in the destruction of agricultural crops and public facilities.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam to face shortage of paper pulp

HANOI, 16 Sept — Vietnam may face a shortage of 700,000 tons of paper pulp in 2010 due to its low production capacity, according to *Vietnam Economic Times* on Wednesday.

Under a development plan of the local paper industry, the country will need one million tons of pulp in 2010, but it is expected to produce only 300,000 tons in 2010, up from an estimated of 200,000 tons in 2004.

Due to the low pulp production capacity, the industry will have to rely more heavily on imported materials, which is to make locally-made paper less competitive than imported one, as pulp accounts for up to 60 per cent of paper's production cost.

Although Vietnam has to import more than half million tons of pulp and paper each year, the country has just decided to stop the implementation of a project worth nearly 245 million US dollars to build its biggest pulp plant with annual capacity of 130,000 tons in the Central Highlands region. — MNA/Xinhua

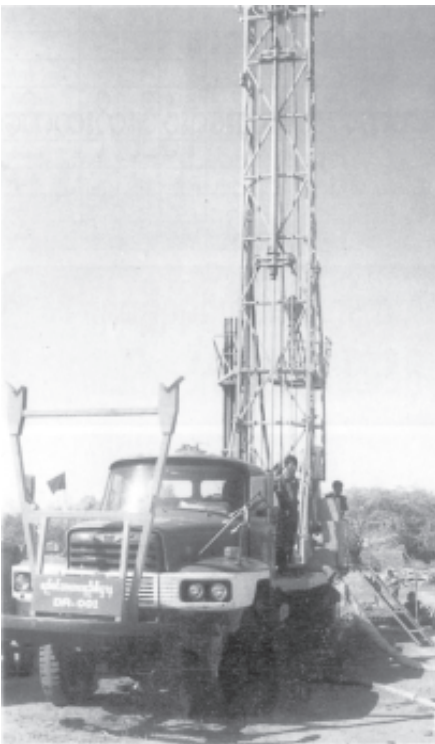


A worker checks a Tiger Airways' plane prior to the new budget airline's first flight on 15 Sept, 2004 at Singapore's Changi Airport. — INTERNET





*A four-inch tubewell being sunk in Ngaywedaw Village, Chauk Township, Magway Division.—KYEMON*



*A tubewell being sunk in Pyibin village, Chauk Township in Magway Division to supply potable water to rural people. — PBANRDA*

## Harmonious efforts of the State and people to supply clean drinking water to rural people

*Eight-inch tubewell No 2 sunk in Model Theingon Village, Yamethin Township, to supply water for townspeople.—KYEMON*



*A water pipeline installed by Development Affairs Committee in Mogok Township to supply potable water to local public.—PBANRDA*



*The government is spending a large sum of money on water supply projects in rural areas. The photo shows machinery used to sink artesian wells as deep as over 1,000 feet in Taungdwingyi Township, Magway Division.—PBANRDA*

## Government upgrading private sector...



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reports on development of seasonal and perennial crop farming.— MNA

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In this regard, he has met with seasonal and perennial farm entrepreneurs and fish and prawn breeding entrepreneurs whose businesses are based on the nation's rich land and water resources, to give them physical and material assistance to the most possible degree for development and prosperity of the economic forces utilizing land and water resources.

The General expressed pleasure to see the emerging new local investors joining the farm business, in addition to

the success of their farming business, in which they have invested a large amount of cash.

Secretary-1 Soe Win delivered a speech, saying that the nation is rich in terrestrial and marine resources and so measures are to be taken for ensuring food security of the people as well as growing population of the nation then for greater surplus of crops.

In the process, endeavours are to be made in a fundamental way to create new opportunities such as setting up more modern agricultural farms

dustries and will they become reliable entrepreneurs. Therefore, they are to strive for achieving greater success in the agricultural sphere.

The Secretary-2 said that there were many vast areas of virgin and fallow land in the nation. With arable land and water resources, it is blessed with favourable climate. So if agricultural services are extended with the use of modern methods, there will yield fruitful results in the long run, he said.

100,000 acres.

Other entrepreneurs wishing to make investments have also received land for agricultural purpose. So, Taninthayi Division will be the edible oil bowl of the nation before long.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha reported on matters relating to resolutions made by the work coordination meeting No 6/2004 with the entrepreneurs for the development of oil palm and rubber cultivation and

ance to entrepreneurs for 500,000 oil palm cultivation in the division, allotments, land preparations and tasks being carried out for better transportation to the farms.

Next, Secretary of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Zaw Thein reported on allotments, cultivation of rice, edible oil crops, beans and pulses, cottons, and other crops in

Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin also reported on allotments to entrepreneurs in states and divisions, land reclamation, construction of palm oil factory in Taninthayi Division, arrangements to grant agricultural subsidies and rendering assistance to entrepreneurs wishing to extend coffee and macadamia cultivation.

Next, officials of the Union of Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and

**Entrepreneurs will have to join hands with the Government by responding to its goodwill and helping materialize its vision with correct deeds and outlook, while reviewing their past experiences**

Magway Division.

Similarly, Secretary of Mon State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Myint Aung reported on rubber cultivation in Mon State which accounts for 46 per cent of the entire nation. Next, Secretary of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Thein Hlaing reported on cultivation of monsoon crops in the fields of the entrepreneurs and cultivation of 3.6 million acres of monsoon paddy in co-operation with entrepreneurs in this rainy season.

Afterwards, Minister

Industry and entrepreneurs reported on tasks being carried out for development of cultivation and requirements.

After hearing reports, General Thura Shwe Mann gave instructions on extended cultivation, ensuring correct data and figures of agriculture outputs, granting permission for working on farms as soon as possible, allotments and win-win cooperation with local farmers for development of the regional.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by General Thura Shwe Mann.— MNA

**Government has been nurturing national entrepreneurs including farm entrepreneurs, industrialists, traders and services entrepreneurs in all aspects to develop them firmly in the State's economic sector.**

the entrepreneurs reclaiming large stretches of land for cultivation. The nation needs a large number of entrepreneurs.

Entrepreneurs will have to join hands with the Government by responding to its goodwill and helping materialize its vision with correct deeds and outlook, while reviewing their past experiences, he said, urging them to strive with zeal and perseverance for

of national entrepreneurs in addition to conventional plots of the farmers, exporting the produce from the modern farms and establishment of more agro-based industries at home.

Doing businesses through easy ways can last short, and only when national entrepreneurs try their utmost and carry out their basic businesses thoroughly, will there ensure extra durability of the in-



Minister for NPED U Soe Tha submits reports at the coordination meeting to develop seasonal and perennial crop farming.— MNA

Now, the nation still has to import edible oil. So, the 500,000-acre oil palm project has been implemented in Taninthayi Division since 1999 with the encouragement of the government aiming at ensuring local edible oil the sufficiency and exporting the surplus. Free land allotments were provided for national entrepreneurs who could make investments. And they are also being supplied with necessary assistance to do their businesses.

Indeed, oil palm farming benefits the growers and the nation for a long time. So far, the companies, local people and regiments and units have run oil palm farming on over

land reclamation.

Next, Secretary of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myo Nyunt reported on rendering assist-



Entrepreneurs attending the meeting to develop seasonal and perennial crop farming.— MNA

## Victorious athletes in Singapore, Malaysia Track & Field C'ships honoured

YANGON, 16 Sept — A ceremony to honour victorious Myanmar athletes in the 66th Singapore Track and Field Championship and the 81st Malaysia Track and Field Championship was held at Panda Hotel on Warden Street in Lanmadaw Township yesterday evening, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Also present were Member of MOC Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, officials of the Ministry of Sports, Leading patrons of the Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, the president of Myanmar Track and Field Federation and executives.

The minister gave a speech. Next, Vice-President of the federation U Min Thein and executive U Tha Aung recounted their experiences in the two

championships.

Next, the minister presented K 700,000 to three gold medal winner Kay Khine Lwin in the 66th Singapore Track and Field Championship and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, K 700,000 to three gold medal winner Myint Myint Aye.

Officials of the ministry and MTFF presented K 600,000 to two gold medal winner Aung Thiha; K 500,000 to one gold and one silver medal winner Phyu Wah The; K 500,000 to one gold and two silver medal winner Le Le Win; K 300,000 each to one gold medal winner Kay Khine Myo Tun; one gold and one silver medal winner Yin Yin Khaing; one gold medal winner Kyaw Swa Moe; and one silver and one bronze medal winner Zaw Min Htwe and K 500,000 to Nay Nay Win who set new record in the women's pole vault event. Later, those present were served with dinner. — MNA

## Industry-1 Minister receives guests

YANGON, 16 Sept — Vice President of Chengda Chemical Engineering Corporation in China Mr Sun Zhi and party this afternoon called on Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung at the latter's office here.

At the meeting, they discussed matters relating to 50-ton CTMP pulp mill, 80-ton paper mill and 120-ton hydrated salt factory projects in Yendi.

Also present were the directors-general and managing directors of the departments under the ministry.— MNA





Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses coordination meeting No 4/2004 on industrial development.— MNA

## The State and industrialists...

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committees for the industrial zone, chairmen of the management committees, the president of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, officials and guests.

In his speech, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win said there are two points concerning the industrial zones, the first point is the participation of the industrialists at the zone in efforts to turn to Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) vehicles.

The world's oil price is now soaring incredibly. At a time like this, there arises a better prospect for our country to exploit cost-effective natural gas on a greater scale. The use of the natural gas in cars in place of petrol and diesel is nothing new. The use of the natural gas in vehicles in Insein, Hmawby, Magway, Minbu, Yenangyoung and Chauk dates back twenty years. In these regions, gas-engine vehicles are in use successfully, and their number stands at 587.

By applying the most of such experiences, the State is making arrangements to introduce gas-engine vehicles. In this process, priority is being given to passenger buses and cargo trucks to ensure a smooth and swift flow of commodities and to bring down transport charges.

The Ministry of Energy will be responsible for the sale of natural gas. Therefore, it is necessary for private industrialists to take charge of the replacement of natural gas engines in remaining vehicles.

Only when the purchase, installation and production of CNG Kits are handled at the private sector will the drive gain more momentum. And the Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of Industry-2 will provide technical assistance.

The State and

private industrialists will work together for the replacement of natural gas-engine vehicles.

The second point is that high-tech foundries are being built in Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya industrial zones. It is therefore important to make efforts to synchronize the completion time of construction tasks with the arrival of machinery from abroad. Preliminary coordination should also be made to ensure that all the required raw materials are in hand.

With the application of modern technologies in moulding, the work quality of private industry will also improve. Later, the Secretary-1 called upon officials concerned to render necessary assistance for the development of private industry and to give encouragement to promising new industrial products and to import-substitute items.

the minister gave an account of automobile manufacturing of industrial zones, and the construction of modern foundries at Monywa, Ayethaya and Mandalay industrial zones.

Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee Minister for Industry-

reports on progress of building the modern foundry plant and the mould shop in Monywa Industrial Zone.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win explained the necessary requirements for successful transformation of diesel and petrol cars into gas-run vehicles, and the

Thaketa Industrial Zone Car Production Committee, and a gas-engine MAM Extra Cap Mark 1 of Myanmar Ah-man Car Producers of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone, and met with industrialists who have made the innovations. They also viewed the parts of gas car engines manufactured by No 1 Automobile Factory of the Industry-2 Ministry and the

use of gas in running various kinds of engines; and saloon cars, Mazda Jeeps, TE-21 trucks and light trucks that are being transformed into gas-run vehicles by Rail Transportation Ministry, Industry-2 Ministry, Energy Ministry and industrial zones.

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Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung.—MNA



Industry-2 Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin.—MNA

Next, Secretary of Industrial Development Committee and Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung explained the conditions of the world's soaring oil prices, tasks being taken for the replacement of natural gas engines in vehicles, assistance to be provided by the State, and the drop in prices as a result of using natural gas in place of petrol and diesel. And the minister urged private industrialists to render cooperation in maximizing the number of gas-engine vehicles. Later,

2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin reported on test of vehicles assembled at the industrial zone and arrangements being made for turning vehicles into CNG-used vehicles.

Chairman of Automobile Manufacturing Supervisory Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw submitted reports on installation of CNG engines in buses and trucks.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe presented

raising production efficiency of industrial zones and extension of new types of finished goods, and the harmonious cooperation of entrepreneurs for success of the seven-point future policy programme of the State for democracy transition.

At the compound of the Industry-1 Ministry, the Secretary-1 and party viewed a 10-wheel gas-run truck, whose engine was adapted by Shwethaya Car Producers; gas-driven Nibban-UD light track of

## Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein...

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The first round matches of the tournament will be held in respective zones from 20 to 29 September. Group-A teams will play in South-East Command Zone in Mawlamyine, Group-B teams in South-West Command Zone in Patheingyi, Group-C teams in North-West Command Zone in Monywa, Group-D teams in Central Command Zone in Mandalay and Group-E teams in Southern Command Zone in Tounghoo.

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## Applications to be...

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The external students are to buy the applications at their Township Education Officer's Office and to submit their applications at the latter's in which they live from 1st to 29 October 2004.

The schoolheads are to buy the applications for the students who are going to sit the examination in BEHS (Branch) and Affiliated Schools and to collectively submit the applications at the office of MBE from 1st to 31st December 2004.

Those who are not to submit their applications to the designated place in schedule would not be allowed to sit the examination.

The applications and stamps are available at MBE (Zwegabin Hostel) in the campus of Hline University, Hline Township. — MNA

# The pearl of knowledge in human life

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

(Continued from yesterday)

At the end of the opening speech of the Minister for Information, Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department U Chit Naing explained arrangements being made for the opening of self-reliant libraries at every village and supply of books and periodicals. Later, publishers and distributors gave sound advice in respect of the above-mentioned matters. On the occasion, wellwishers donated books and periodicals worth K 5,411,340, and U Ohn Maung (Yama) of Pyinnya Alinpya Book House contributed to a trust fund of K 90,000 for the establishment of such libraries.

Similarly, at the meeting hall of IPRD on Pansodan Street at 10.30 am the same day, wellwishers donated books and periodicals. At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein

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accepted the donations and expressed his thanks. The ceremony was also attended by IPRD Director-General U Chit Naing, NPE Managing Director Col Soe Win, MMPE Managing Director U Bo Kyi, PPE General Manager U Thet Soe, officials of IPRD and wellwishers. Books worth K 1,512,150 were also donated on the occasion.

Likewise, the second coordination meeting on the opening of self-reliant libraries across the country was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of

Information on Theinbyu Road on 7 September, in conjunction with a books donation ceremony. On the occasion, 15 wellwishers donated books worth K 1,544,000 and another 75 wellwishers, books worth K 4,992,950.

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Before 1988, there was a single library in Loilem. Although there are eleven townships in the whole Loilem district, there were only three libraries — each in Kehsi, Monai and Loilem. Although the townships were busy, the libraries were not visited by many. To be frank, knowledge did not mean much to Loilem-dwellers.

An analytical approach to the root cause of this condition will reveal that the armed struggle stemming from the ill legacy of the colonialists is to blame for regional instability. In consequence of it, nationalistic sentiment and Union Spirit were corrupted on account of insecure transport, bearish market, unstable agriculture and lack of knowledge. At the time when the country was in dire straits, the present Tatmadaw Government assumed the responsibility of the State, worked hard to make the dim fate vanish and brought with it bright prospects to spread peace rays across border areas. As a result, peace and stability now reigns in Loilem District, alongside the development of transport, communication, education, health, agriculture and every other sector.

The development of Loilem-dwellers in their quest for general knowledge at the time of the present Government against the previous years in which there existed only three libraries in the region can be seen as follows:

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|------------|----------|
| 1. Leikha  | 1-5-91   |
| 2. Namhsan | 21-12-91 |
| 3. Mongpan | 1-3-92   |
| 4. Lankho  | 1-5-92   |

**Books are needed for all those readers. The willingness to read is also necessary. The pearls of knowledge are to be sought in the sea of life with a plenty of books and with avidity for reading. The sea of life will thus look splendid with the pearls of knowledge.**

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|-----------------|----------|
| 5. Kunhein      | 22-10-92 |
| 6. Mongshu      | 27-10-92 |
| 7. Maukmai      | 6-7-94   |
| 8. Mongkai      | 14-10-97 |
| 9. Homein       | 1-5-02   |
| 10. Panglong    | 1-10-02  |
| 11. Kyaingtwang | 1-10-02  |

Just as libraries are being opened for broader knowledge of Loilem-dwellers by the State and the Ministry of Information, Shan State Peace and Development Council Chairman and Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint also renders assistance to the drive for the establishment of self-reliant libraries in every village.

A self-reliant library was opened in Honam village, Maukmai Township to honour the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint himself attended the ceremony and donated 500 books to the library. And local authorities also donated books and periodicals to the library. Nowadays, there have been 26 village libraries in the whole Loilem District. Books are needed for all those readers. The willingness to read is also necessary. The pearls of knowledge are to be sought in the sea of life with a plenty of books and with avidity for reading. The sea of life will thus look splendid with the pearls of knowledge.

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## Development of Twantay, Kawmhu and Kungyangon Townships inspected Commander attends launching of Letkhokkon Model Village

YANGON, 16 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Patron of Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Thet Htay, together with officials, went to Twantay, Kawmhu and Kungyangon Townships this morning and inspected regional development and agricultural tasks.

In the office of Yakainggyaung Bridge Project on Dalla-Thakhut-Letkhokkon Road in Twantay Township, they were welcomed by officials of the Bridge Construction Project Special Group-13. Officials reported on

construction of the bridge and availability of construction materials.

The commander gave instructions that as Yakainggyaung Bridge is located on the road linking Letkhokkon beach resort and Dalla, construction tasks are to be completed in time meeting the set standard.

Next, the commander met local farmers. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the region is located in the area of greening 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport all the year round. Therefore, the plan is to be implemented to put lands under monsoon and summer paddy, pulses and beans, edible oil crops, vegetables and other crops on

commercial scale in all the seasons. He added that local farmers are to cultivate monsoon paddy with the use of four methods to meet the targeted production. Next, the commander attended to their needs.

Under the arrangement of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for MCWA, the opening ceremony of Letkhokkon Model Village in Kungyangon Township was held at the entrance of the village. Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay opened the ceremony. The commander formally opened the signboard of the model village.

The commander and wife then inspected books and periodicals at Aleinma Ooyin Library in the village.

At the station hospital,

the commander and party presented cash assistance to patients ward at the station hospital of the village.

Under the sponsorship of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, they attended the ceremony to give 12 eyedrops to 6,587 domestic poultry for the fifth year was held in Letkhokkon Model Village, attended by the commander and party.

At the Pre-Primary School of Village MCWA branch, the commander and party viewed skill demonstration of the children. On arrival at Letkhokkon BEHS, they inspected preparations for opening the multimedia classrooms and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, they proceeded to Koehsu Pagoda. They donated flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to

the pagoda and made cash donations.

Afterwards, the ceremony to mark the opening ceremony of the model village was held at Letkhokkon Beach Hotel. The commander made a speech on the occasion.

The commander accepted K 1.96 million for opening the multimedia classrooms at BEHS donated by 35 wellwishers.

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### 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



## Yangon being upgraded to a city on a par with international level city Parami Overpass put into service

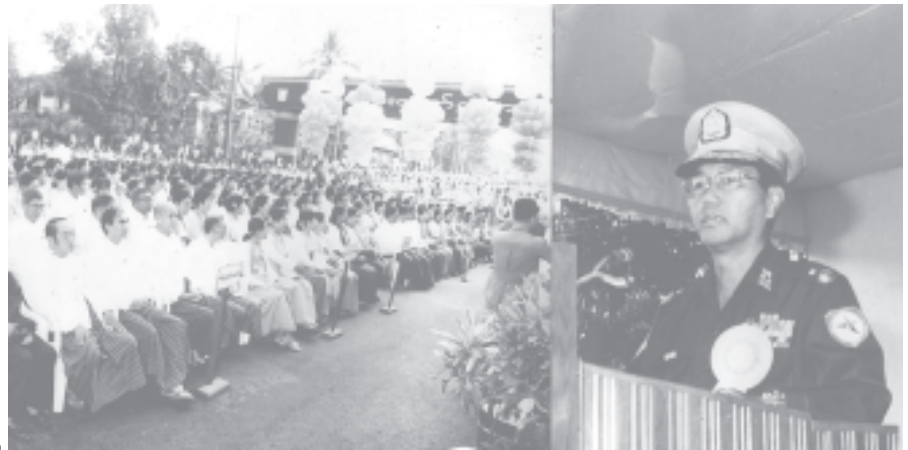
YANGON, 16 Sept — A ceremony to inaugurate Parami Overpass built by Myanmar Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation was held at the pandal of the overpass at the junction of the circular railroad and Parami Road linking Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Yankin Township and Waizayanta Road in South Okkalapa Township, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, departmental heads, local authorities, Managing Director U Min Swe of MR and officials, engineers and employees, social organizations, local people, students and guests.

The commander in his speech said that the government has been making concerted efforts in implementing development projects the length and breadth of the nation for ensuring all-round progress of the nation.

The Ministry of Rail Transportation has built many railroads and bridges and is also building new ones one after another to help the nation gain a good momentum of development with mushrooming transport facilities throughout the country.

It is natural that with economic development, the populations of economically strategic regions of the world nations have more populations and growing number of vehicles, which can cause frequent traffic jams. So every nation has to handle these problems through various ways of their own. Among them,



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses opening ceremony of Parami Overpass.—MNA



Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min speaking at the opening ceremony of Parami Overpass.—MNA

the MR is also building overpasses at the level crossing sites.

Parami Overpass is the finest and the most magnificent facility of its kind in the nation, and it will be able to contribute toward smooth transport and fast flow of commodities, he said.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min also delivered a speech on the occasion.

Master of ceremonies Assistant Director Daw Than Than Win of Myanmar Radio and Television read out the purpose of building the overpass and its facts and norms.

Next, the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers and departmental heads took the designated places. At the auspicious time, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin formally opened the overpass.

Afterwards, the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers and departmental heads passed through the overpass.

Together with officials of MR, the commander, the ministers and officials posed for documentary photo in front of the archway on the side of Waizayanta Road.

Myanmar Railways started construction tasks of the overpass on 24 April 2004 and it was successfully completed on 15 September. Construction period is four months and 24 days.

The total length of the Box Grinder Bridge type facility is 1,176 feet — main structure 742 feet long and six inches, approach road (Kaba Aye Pagoda Road side) 178 feet and six inches, and approach road (Waizayanta Road side), 255 feet.

The upper structure is of pre-stressed reinforced concrete, and the lower structure, of reinforced concrete pile and reinforced concrete column. The 56-foot-wide facility has a 48-foot-wide four-lane road and two four-foot-wide pedestrian lanes on it. It can withstand 60-ton loads and its clearance is 14 feet high. On its both sides are two motorways leading to the wards.

The facility was illustrated with multicoloured lights at nights prior to the opening day.

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Aerial view of Parami Overpass.—MNA

some nations have been able to overcome such problems, but some have not been yet, the commander added.

As for Myanmar, the figures of Yangon City's population and automobiles are growing day by day, now standing at 949,994, up from 294,590 ten years ago. The government is upgrading Yangon City by establishing new towns, expanding the roads and building new bridges as well as carrying out beautifying tasks.

The Committee for Building Overpasses is making effective contributions towards smooth passenger traffics and transport in the City. The commander said his special thanks went to the Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation for its energetic performance to complete the project earlier than scheduled.

Nowadays, Yangon is being upgraded to a city which is on a par with an international level city. And,

### 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.

### Mayor inspects laying new pipeline in Latha Township

YANGON, 16 Sept — Central Executive Committee Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor of Yangon City Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this afternoon inspected laying of a new pipeline at 22th street (Upper) in Latha Township carried out by Latha Township USDA.

He also accepted USDA membership applications.

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Sr. No.	Tender No. & Description	Issuing Date	Closing Date & Time
1.	ICB No. 9/MR/OPEC(E) 2004-2005 (III) Purchase of Ballast Regulator 1 Set (Ballast Distributing and profiling machine)	16.9.04	16.11.04 12:00 noon

Tender Documents are available at the Office of the Managing Director, Myanmar Railways, Room No. 511, 4th Floor, No. 357/361 Merchant Street, Botataung Township, Yangon, during office hours on payment of US\$ (or) FEC 200 per set.

Bids are to reach the office of the Managing Director, Myanmar Railways, No. 357/361 Merchant Street, Botataung Township, Yangon, Myanmar, on or before the Closing Date and Time shown against each Tender. The Bids will be opened publicly at 14:00 hour on the Closing Date at the Myanmar Railways Head Office.

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The above Goods and Services are to be purchased from the proceeds of OPEC Fund in various currencies towards the cost of Yangon-Nyaunglaybin Railway Line Rehabilitation Project.

For further details please call: 298589, 291982, 201555 Ext-510,540,228

**Managing Director  
Myanmar Railways**

### Japanese Language Proficiency Test

Host Institutions: Yangon University of Foreign Languages (YUFL), Embassy of Japan Sponsors: The Japan Foundation, Association of International Education, Japan.

Date: December 5, 2004 (Sun)

Place: Yangon University of Foreign Languages (YUFL), Mandalay University of Foreign Languages (MUFL)

Application period: from July 28 (Wednesday) 2004 to September 24 (Friday) 2004

The TEST has four different levels; the examinee can choose the level that best matches his or her ability and training.

Each TEST is made up of three sections:

- (1) Writing - vocabulary;
- (2) listening;
- (3) reading - grammar

Further informations and TEST GUIDE are available at Host Institutions as follows.

YUFL Tel: 514371 (Ext -123)  
MUFL Tel: 02 - 32330

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV GEE HONG VOY NO (418)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GEE HONG VOY NO (418) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 17.9.2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Sr.	Description	Quantity
1.	Spare Parts for 14 Tons Nissan Truck	1 - Lot.
2.	MS Round Bar, Plate, Angle, Channel	1 - Lot.
3.	Cutting & Grinding Disc	1 - Lot.
4.	Steel Electrode	1 - Lot.
5.	Roller Bearing & Spherical Bearing	1 - Lot.
6.	Foam Rubber	1 - Lot.
7.	Thinner	1 - Lot.
8.	Leaf Spring	1 - Lot.
9.	Spare Parts for Diesel Rail Car	1 - Lot.

Closing Date.- 1-10-2004 (Friday) (12:00) Hours

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanmar Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 17-9-2004 during the office hours.

3. For further detail, please call: 291982, 291994, 201555 Ext- 602,613

**Deputy General Manager  
Supply Department, Myanmar Railways,  
Botataung, Yangon**

### Japan to help Mozambique improve education, health

MAPUTO, 15 Sept — Japan is to grant about 15 million US dollars to Mozambique, in order to improve the education and health situation in the African country.

To that end some agreements were signed on Monday in Maputo by Mozambican Deputy Foreign Minister Frances Rodrigues and Japanese Ambassador Kanji

Tsushima.

Some 8.4 million dollars is earmarked for the construction of new premises in the central Mozambican province of Zambezia for the Institute of Health Sciences, with the capacity to take 270 students a year. The funding includes equipment for training first and second level health technicians.

MNA/Xinhua

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Dated. 17 September 2004

### Ethiopia to hold first national cultural festival

ADDIS ABABA, 15 Sept — Ethiopia's first ever national cultural festival featuring the music and dance traditions of all regional states in the country will be staged for five days in Addis Ababa, beginning from 4 December.

The festival in bringing together the entire spectrum of music and dance traditions of Ethiopia is believed to provide the opportunity to strengthen the unity of the people of Ethiopia.

The Ethiopian Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture said the festival will

also serve as a good opportunity for the promotion of the country's tourism as it presents the remarkable cultural diversity and kaleidoscopic image of the country.

Ethiopia's geographical and historical factors have had a great influence on the distribution of its people and languages.

Through its long history, the country has become a melting pot of diverse customs and varied culture, some of which are extremely ancient.

MNA/Xinhua



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## Scientists say bird flu can spread more easily among humans

AMSTERDAM, 15 Sept — Dutch scientists have determined bird flu can spread more easily among humans than was previously thought, researchers said on Tuesday. Albert Osterhaus, a professor at Rotterdam's Erasmus University, said the finding was based on a study into the spread of the potentially fatal disease among humans after an outbreak of the disease in the Netherlands in 2003.

He said researchers who tested medical workers and friends and family of 90 people who contracted the highly infectious avian influenza last year found hundreds of undiagnosed cases.

MNA/Reuters

## US to develop nano-devices to fight cancer

WASHINGTON, 15 Sept — The US National Cancer Institute announced a new five-year plan on Monday to develop the use of tiny tools to fight cancer, saying nanotechnology just might provide the edge needed to defeat the disease.

Nanotechnology — the design and use of devices the size of molecules — offers new ways to detect, diagnose and to treat cancer at its earliest stages and with minimal side effects, experts told reporters. "If we can do that then we can eliminate this disease," said Richard Smalley, a professor of nanotechnology at Rice University in Houston.

The 144.5-million-US-dollar plan will include the NCI Alliance for Nanotechnology in Cancer, an initiative to team up researchers, physicians, companies and not-for-profit groups to develop nanotechnology products for use in diagnosing and treating cancer.

Medicine already employs molecular size devices in the shape of natural and artificially engineered proteins such as antibodies. "What's new is we can build new nano-objects that never existed before," Smalley said.

These can be coated with homing devices such as antibodies, artificial or natural, that will find cancerous cells.

They could also carry drugs to kill the cells or imaging agents to help detect cancer, said Dr. Mauro Ferrari, a special adviser to the NCI and a professor of biomedical engineering at Ohio State University. "By doing this on a very small scale there will be different effects," said Dr. Samuel Wickline of Washington University in St. Louis.

"The possibilities are enormous for finding very small cancers far earlier than ever before and treating them with powerful drugs at the tumour site alone, while at the same time reducing any harmful side effects. This initiative will allow us to explore using this technology to its full potential."

A drug delivered using a nano-device, for example, could precisely target cancer cells without affecting healthy cells — the way chemotherapy and radiation do now. Drugs based on monoclonal antibodies — engineered immune system proteins — do this but the science could be expanded, the experts said. — MNA/Reuters



A sea lion is fed at Gulf World Marine Park in Panama City Beach, Fla., on 14 Sept, 2004. Although Panama City Beach officials have called for a mandatory evacuation, several trainers and employees at the park will remain with the sea lions and other residents of the park through Hurricane Ivan, expected to hit the coast Wednesday or Thursday. — INTERNET

## Health experts warn more needs to be done to reduce TB

LONDON, 15 Sept — Global efforts to control rising levels of tuberculosis are not working and more needs to be done to reduce infections from the deadly airborne disease, public health experts said on Tuesday.

The World Health Organization (WHO) introduced a strategy in 1993 aimed at halving deaths over the next decade from the contagious illness that kills about two million people each year. But researchers at Harvard University in the United States said a decade after the DOTS (Directly Observed Treatment, Short-course) plan was introduced, the global burden of TB continues to rise.

"Despite almost 10 years of DOTS, much of the world remains no closer to achieving control of TB," Dr Tim Brewer and Dr. Jody Heymann said in a report in the *Journal of*

*Epidemiology and Community Health*.

"Improving TB control worldwide requires approaches that go beyond the current WHO programme."

DOTS is a multi-level approach that involves patient treatment and surveillance. DOTS Plus was introduced later to deal with multiple drug resistant strains of TB.

Brewer and Heymann, who used computer models and recent epidemiological data on the disease, concluded that the current strategy is likely to have only a modest impact in controlling the illness.

MNA/Xinhua

## TB patients in Tanzania to be tested for HIV

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 15 Sept — The Tanzanian Government has moved to start testing tuberculosis sufferers in the country for HIV/AIDS, local Press reported on Tuesday.

Saidi Egwaga, who is in charge of the country's TB and leprosy programme, was quoted by *The Guardian* newspaper as saying that the screening scheme focuses on

congested areas such as prisons as well as health-care programmes covering HIV/AIDS patients who are to receive free anti-retroviral drugs.

The government made

the move in the wake of findings that 44 per cent of TB patients in the country are also HIV-positive and Tanzania is among 22 countries in the world with the highest incidence of

TB. Tanzania ranks the sixth in TB incidence in Africa. — MNA/Xinhua

## Volcano in central Japan spews smoke

TOKYO, 15 Sept — A volcano in central Japan spewed smoke high into the sky on Tuesday afternoon in its second eruption in less than a day, but officials said the scale did not appear to be large.

Mount Asama, a 2,568-metre (8,425-foot) peak 140 kilometres (87 miles) northwest of Tokyo, sent greyish smoke about 1,000 metres into the sky around 3:30 p.m. (0630 GMT), an official at Japan's Meteorological Agency said.

MNA/Reuters



A South Korean model displays new mobile phones from Samsung Electronics, which said it had developed a new image sensor chip for mobile products. It said the new chip had the highest sensitivity and was the smallest in the industry. — INTERNET

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## Reliance, Wipro among eight Indian companies in "Forbes" list

NEW YORK, 15 Sept — Eight Indian companies, including Reliance Industries, Bharti Tele ventures and software giants Infosys and Wipro have made it to the *Forbes* A-List featuring 400 most attractive public companies for investors.

The others figuring in the magazine's list are Bharat Petroleum and Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) in the energy sector while State Bank of India gets the honour in the banking sector, and ITC in consumer goods.

These companies,

*Forbes* said, "offer sustainability and prospect for growth investment".

Three of the selected Indian companies have achieved a sales turnover in the region of 12 billion US dollars — SBI (12.1 billion US dollars) Bharat Petroleum (12 billion US dol-

lars) and Reliance (11.8 billion US dollars).

ONGC leads the table with 21.3 billion US dollars followed by Reliance (14.4 billion US dollars) and Infosys (8.6 billion US dollars) in terms of market capitalization.

MNA/PTI

## SPORTS

**Panathinaikos beat Rosenberg 2-1**

ATHENS, 15 Sept — A goal in each half from Argentine midfielder Ezequiel Gonzalez was enough to give Panathinaikos a 2-1 win over Rosenberg Trondheim in their opening Champions League Group E match on Tuesday.

Gonzalez found the net for the first time three minutes before the interval when his volley from the edge of the area looped over the Norwegian side's goalkeeper Espen Johnsen.

His second came 11 minutes from time when a through ball from Greek international Dimitrios Papadopoulos found Gonzalez on the edge of the box.

Gonzalez twisted past two defenders before unleashing a left-foot shot that cannoned off the underside of the bar and into the net.

Trondheim, who hit the post and the bar during the first half, had a late consolation in injury time when Panathinaikos goalkeeper Mario Galinovic allowed a speculative shot from Frode Johnsen to slip through his hands into the net.

MNA/Reuters



Liverpool's Milan Baros (C) scores past Monaco's Douglas Maicon (L) in their Champions League Group A soccer match at Anfield, Liverpool, on 15 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

**Barcelona defeats Celtic 3-1**

GLASGOW, 15 Sept — Barcelona striker Henrik Larsson marked his return to Celtic with his side's third goal in an impressive 3-1 win against the Scottish champions in Tuesday's Champions League Group F opener.

The Swede — who left Celtic three months ago as the club's third highest scorer of all-time with 242 goals from 315 games — came on in the second half and scored in the 82nd minute to end the home's side three-year unbeaten home record in Europe.

Celtic fought back bravely after being outclassed in the first half as Deco's 19th minute strike gave Barca a deserved lead at the break.

Celtic goalkeeper David Marshall enjoyed an inspired night as he stopped Ronaldinho's 55th minute penalty and made several other superb stops to keep Barca out.

Substitute Chris Sutton brought Celtic level on 79 minutes but Ludovic Giuly's deflected 77th minute goal knocked the stuffing out of the home side before Larsson finished them off.

Celtic's unbeaten home run in Europe had lasted 19 matches since they lost to Ajax Amsterdam in a Champions League qualifier in August, 2001.

Barca, seeking their first win over a Scottish side since they beat Celtic in the 1964 Fairs Cup, refused to be intimidated by what was a physical confrontation as their pace overwhelmed Celtic for long spells.

Marshall produced a sublime performance in Celtic's UEFA Cup win against Barcelona last season and made a number of fine saves to stop them finishing his side off before halftime.

He saved from Julian Belletti and Giovanni van Bronckhorst while Ronaldinho fired wide in the opening 10 minutes as Barca's pace and subtlety of touch proved elusive.

Ronaldinho then played in Deco who struck a powerful opening goal which was hardly a surprise given the visitors' domination.

The gap in class was all too apparent — Celtic spending 1.5 million pounds (2.70 million US dollars) to Barca's 45 million in the close season — and the visitors' new signings Belletti, Giuly, Samuel Eto'o and Deco all helped carve through the home side. — MNA/Reuters

**Rangers suffer losses of \$10.62m**

GLASGOW, 16 Sept — Rangers suffered losses of 5.9 million pounds (10.62 million US dollars) as their debts increased from 68 to 72 million pounds in the last financial year, the Scottish Premier League club said on Tuesday.

The figures were, however, a big improvement on the 29.6-million-pound losses reported by the club last year.

The sales of Barry Ferguson and Lorenzo Amoruso to Blackburn Rovers and Neil McCann to Southampton netted Rangers over 10 million pounds but the team's form suffered from the departures of leading players.

Glasgow rivals Celtic reclaimed the league title and Scottish Cup as Rangers finished without a trophy a year after winning the domestic treble. They have failed to qualify for this season's Champions League.

Reaching last season's Champions League group stages brought a 16.5 per cent increase in turnover from 49 to 57.1 million pounds but Rangers and Celtic continue to be hampered by a lack of television revenue from the unfashionable SPL.

Celtic remain 15.8 million pounds in debt despite reporting reduced losses and an increase in turnover in their annual results last month. — MNA/Reuters

Champions League:

**Adriano scores goals as Inter beat Werder Bremen 2-0**

MILAN, 15 Sept — Brazilian Adriano scored both goals as Inter Milan beat Werder Bremen 2-0 in their opening Champions League Group G match on Tuesday. The German champions were forced to play with 10 men from just the fifth minute after French defender Valerien Ismael was sent off for a "professional foul" inside the area on Adriano.

Christian Vieri had the resultant penalty saved but Adriano made no mistake in the 34th minute converting Inter's second spot kick.

The Brazilian, who has scored in all four of Inter's competitive games this season, finally made sure of the win in the 89th minute with a powerful drive.

Ismael's dismissal was the joint-fastest in Champions League history, equaling the fifth-minute sending off of Newcastle United striker Craig Bellamy against Inter in November 2002.

It should have made life easy for Inter but, although they enjoyed plenty of possession and created numerous chances, Roberto Mancini's side suffered some scares and it was not until Adriano's late second that they were able to relax.

Much of the credit for Inter's failure to wrap the game up earlier should go to Werder keeper Andreas Reinke who produced some excellent saves as well as his penalty stop.

Mancini made two surprise changes to his side with Dutch winger Andy van der Meyde coming in on the right flank and Turkish international Emre Belozoglu preferred to Edgar Davids in midfield.

Emre, given a role wide on the left, made an instant impact when he threaded the ball through to Adriano and Ismael clipped the heels of the big Brazilian. Slovak referee Lubos Michel pointed to the spot and sent off the Frenchman.

Reinke did superbly to block Vieri's penalty with his legs and keep his side on level terms and he was in action again moments later, racing out to foil Van der Meyde after he had burst into the area from the right.

There was nothing Reinke could do, though, about Adriano's penalty in the 34th minute, awarded after he had been brought down by Frank Baumann as he raced on to a pass from Juan Sebastian Veron.

MNA/Reuters

**Chilean Olympics Committee head may face criminal charges**

SANTIAGO (Chile), 15 Sept — The disgraced head of the Chilean Olympics Committee could face sanctions and even criminal charges for falsifying receipts and mishandling public funds, a source close to the committee said on Tuesday.

Fernando Eitel stepped down last week from the committee after admitting his son, who worked as a driver for the committee, had falsified up to 800 US dollars in receipts.

Eitel said his son's actions were not for personal enrichment but to raise funds for the work of the committee.

The committee's board is investigating allegations of embezzlement of larger amounts of money, according to media reports.

The board will meet on Tuesday to decide whether to ask for an outside audit of the committee's books and if they find signs of wrongdoing, could

send the matter to the courts, a source close to the committee told Reuters on condition of anonymity.

Eitel was the fourth consecutive head of Chile's Olympic Committee in 20 years to step down in a money scandal. In 1999, the head of the committee left amid charges he took 20,000 US dollars in the Salt Lake City Olympics bribery scandal.

Ernesto Velasco, the government's deputy secretary for sports, told reporters on Tuesday that Eitel also missed the deadline to submit an 800,000 US dollars expense report for different activities of the committee. — MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's Ronaldo of Brazil jumps over Leverkusen's Juan during their UEFA Champions League group B soccer match between Bayer 04 Leverkusen and Real Madrid at the Leverkusen Bay Arena Stadium, on Wednesday, 15 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET



## Oil palm plantations, bran oil mill in Taninthayi Division inspected

YANGON, 16 Sept— Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, member of the Central Executive Committee of Union Solidarity and Development Association and incharge of Taninthayi Division, inspected the reclamation of lands for growing oil palm in Kawthoung District, Taninthayi Division on 13 September morning.

The minister and party then inspected the oil palm nursery of Htoo Trading Co and the construction of the bran oil mill of Kanbawza Group.

In the afternoon, on arrival at BEHS Taninthayi township, the minister met with chairman of township PDC, departmental heads and officials of organizations, and explained programmes for upgrading the schools in the villages and promoting economy of the rural people.

Later, the minister and party inspected growing of oil palm of Myannaing Myint oil palm enterprise,

Asia World Integrated Farm Ltd and successfully growing oil palms trees on mountain range in Myeik District, Taninthayi Division.

On 14 September, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and the minister, together with officials arrived at the fish market and the jetty in Myeik Industrial Zone. They inspected measures being taken on the market and the jetty and attended to the needs.

The commander, the minister and party then proceeded to 1000 ton capacity cold storage and fish, prawn producing factory in Pahtat, Kyunsu township and inspected the extension of new factories.

The minister arrived at Taninthayi Division Fishery Department office and met with head of Taninthayi Division Fishery Department U Tun Win and staff and gave necessary instruction.—MNA

## Rail Transportation Minister inspects railroads construction project

YANGON, 16 Sept — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than arrived in Kyaukse Railways Station on 13 September afternoon. Project Engineer U Kyaw Wai reported on construction of dual railtrack of Pyinmana-Myohaung and requirements. The minister instructed them for timely completion of the tasks and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the minister inspected beautifying and cleaning the station and its environs and construction of railtracks and instructed officials to supervise arrival and departure of trains for ensuring right time.

In the morning on 13 September, the minister and party, together with officials of Division 5 of Myanma Railway, left there by DRC 101 and inspected completion of land preparation with the use of

machinery along the railroad. The minister gave instructions for timely completion of dual railtrack project.

Later, they proceeded to the site of Ngalaik Creek bridge construction. At the briefing hall, Project Engineer of Pyinmana-Shwemyo section on Pyinmana-Myohaung railroad construction U Than Htay reported on progress of upgrading Yangon-Mandalay railroad, dual railtrack construction works and Ngalaik Creek Bridge construction work. Deputy Minister U Pe Than gave a supplementary report.

Next, the minister instructed the staff to carry out tasks of the project in harmony, driving of piles for Ngalaik Creek Bridge, welding works and gathering of gravel. On arrival at Pyinmana Station, the minister inspected the station and gave instructions on its beautifying tasks. — MNA

## A & I Minister inspects dam projects

YANGON, 16 Sept — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, together with Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander of the Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint on 13 September inspected the site chosen to build Malenattaung Dam which will be built on Malenattaung creek in Singu Township in Mandalay.

Officials concerned reported on arrangements for construction of main dam, water storage and supply systems.

Afterwards, the minister went to Thabeikkyin Township and inspected production of phosphate to be used for fertilizer by the Myanma Agriculture Service.

He also inspected tea plantations near Kyaukphyi Village and tea and Macadamia planta-

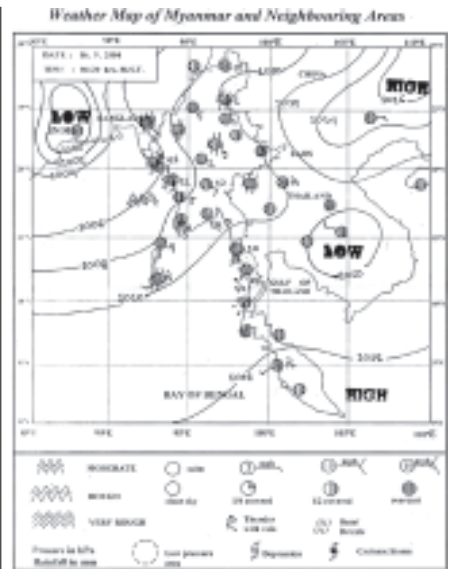
tions in Mogok Township.

The minister and party proceeded to Momeik Township in Shan State (North) the next day and saw over site chosen to build Sintkin Dam on Nantmiek Creek. The deputy director of the Irrigation Department, Shan State (North) reported on facts about the dam including length and height, water storage capacity and construction of diversion dam.

On completion, the dam will irrigate over 15,000 acres of farm land. After hearing reports, the minister gave necessary instructions.

In the afternoon, the minister arrived at Khatatchin farm in Singu Township where responsible officials reported to him on production of crops and measures for high yield production. Next, the minister gave instructions and inspected the farm produce.

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### WEATHER

Thursday, 16 September 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

**MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain has been scattered to widespread in the whole country with locally heavyfalls in Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taung Twin Gyi (2.40) inches, Minbu (1.93) inches and Sittway (1.69) inches.

Maximum temperature on 15-9-2004 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 16-9-2004 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 16-9-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 15-9-2004 was (2.2) hours approx. Rainfall on 16-9-2004 was (0.55 inch) at Yangon Airport, (1.50 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (0.87 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 108.66 inches at Yangon Airport, 103.11 inches at Kaba-Aye and 104.65 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 20 mph from Southwest at 16:30 hours MST on 15-9-2004. **Bay inference:** Monsoon is moderate in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 17-9-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay, Magway, lower Sagaing Divisions and scattered in Kachin, Shan and Chin States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with rough sea are likely at times 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:** General decrease of rain in the whole country. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-9-2004:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-9-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

### Flood Warning


(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 16-9-2004)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Mandalay is (1242) cm. The water level may rise (20) cm (about half feet) and reach the danger level during the next (24) hours.

### Flood Bulletin

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According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is (28) cm (about 1-foot) above the danger level during the next (4) days.

			
Friday, September 17- View on today:			
7:00 am	1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara	5. လှည့်ပတ်ပြောဆိုသော	4. Musical programme
7:25 am	2. To be healthy exercise	6. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies	5:00 pm
7:30 am	3. Morning news	8:10 am	5. အစောင့်သင်တန်းသို့ လေ့လာရေးခရီးသွား (ရန်ကုန်-မန္တလေး)
7:40 am	4. Nice and sweet song	8:20 am	6. Song of national Races
7:05 am		8:30 am	5:25 pm
		8:45 am	7. ဂန္ထဝင်သံသရာ (၁၂ ပုဒ်)
		9. International news	8:00 pm
		10. English for Everyday Use	8. ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်အားကစားအချိန်
			5:50 pm
		4:00 pm	9. ကာလသံသရာ (၁၀ ပုဒ်)
		1. Martial song	5:40 pm
		4:15 pm	10. Musical programme
		2. Songs to uphold National Spirit	6:05 pm
		4:30 pm	6:20 pm
		3. Practice in Reading	
		4:45 pm	

**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