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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council

Order No 8/2004

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Reassignment of duty of Minister

The State Peace and Development Council has reassigned Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo as Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation with effect from today.

By Order,
Sd/ Soe Win
Lieutenant-General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council

Order No 9/2004

5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1366 ME
(18th September 2004)

Reassignment of duty of Minister

The State Peace and Development Council has reassigned Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe as Minister for Transport with effect from today.

By Order,
Sd/ Soe Win
Lieutenant-General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council

Order No 11/2004

5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1366 ME
(18th September 2004)

Reassignment of duty of Minister

The State Peace and Development Council has reassigned Minister for Labour U Tin Winn as Minister at the Prime Minister's Office concurrently as Minister for Labour with effect from today.

By Order,
Sd/ Soe Win
Lieutenant-General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council

Order No 12/2004

5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1366 ME
(18th September 2004)

Appointment of Ministers

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed and assigned duties to the following persons as the ministers of ministries shown against each with effect from today.

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| (1) Maj-Gen Nyan Win | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |
| (2) Col Zaw Min | Ministry of Cooperatives |
| (3) Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein | Ministry of Commerce |

By Order,
Sd/ Soe Win
Lieutenant-General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council

Order No 10/2004

5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1366 ME
(18th September 2004)

Reassignment of duty of Minister

The State Peace and Development Council has reassigned Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone as Minister at the Prime Minister's Office with effect from today.

By Order,
Sd/ Soe Win
Lieutenant-General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council

Order No 13/2004

5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1366 ME
(18th September 2004)

Assignment of duty of Deputy Minister

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Col Maung Myint as Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs with effect from today.

By Order,
Sd/ Soe Win
Lieutenant-General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards promoting Myanmar-Singapore economic cooperation

Practising independent and active foreign policy in the international relations, Myanmar has been dealing with the world nations especially with her neighbours and ASEAN members amicably.

State leaders of Myanmar and regional countries and ASEAN members have been exchanging goodwill visits occasionally to enhance friendly ties and economic and technological cooperation.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, at the invitation of Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong, paid a goodwill visit to the Republic of Singapore on 12 September.

The two prime ministers held frank talks at Istana, Singapore, on 13 September. On the occasion, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that bilateral relations and mutual cooperation between the two countries were excellent. The purpose of the visit was to further strengthen cordial relations between the two nations. He expressed his heartfelt thanks to the host country for its cooperation in many sectors with Myanmar and support for Myanmar in regional and international affairs.

The Singaporean Prime Minister said that Singapore wished to promote trade with and make investments in Myanmar. He also expressed his thanks to General Khin Nyunt for briefing him on the progressive situations of Myanmar. He pledged that Singapore appreciated and had sympathy for Myanmar, and so it would continue to support Myanmar in regional and international affairs.

During the visit, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt paid a courtesy call on Singaporean President Mr SR Nathan at Istana. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt dealt with Myanmar's efforts in various sectors including political, economic and social fields and unity of all national races. The Singaporean President expressed his loving kindness and sympathy for the Myanmar people and appreciation of Myanmar's democracy transition endeavours and developments. Cooperation between the two sides was in progress and in excellent shape, he added.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt also met Singaporean Senior Minister Goh Chok Tong. The meeting turned to broad exchange of views on common interests. The two leaders viewed that the developing bilateral relations served the interests of the peoples of both sides.

So, the visit of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe to Singapore has helped further fortify bilateral friendly relations and boost economic cooperation.

Computer security measures under way in Myanmar

YANGON, 18 Sept — The Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs founded Myanmar Computer Emergency Response Team (mm CERT) on 23 July 2004 for computer security.

Getting in touch with CERTs of international community, the committee is taking steps to disseminate spontaneous information to Internet users about computer security, the occurrence of virus and hacking incidents, aids for problem shooting, and ways to protect possible security attacks.

The website of the committee can be accessed at www.mmcert.org.mm. Available on the website is the information of latest viruses and common viruses and their names. Moreover, the website has also a link that will direct the visitors to 'virus removal tools', which can be downloaded easily. Therefore, computer users are now able to prevent the viruses from entering their computers and tackle them, according to the mm CERT. — MNA

People's Desire

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

Cash, gold plates donated for all-round renovation of Sule Pagoda

YANGON, 18 Sept —

The 307th ceremony to present gold plates and cash donations for all-round renovation of the Sule Pagoda was held at the hall of the pagoda this afternoon, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Ovadaçariya of the pagoda board of trustees Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Aungmyebonsan Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññinda-bhivamsa and members of



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepts gold plates for the Sule Pagoda from a wellwisher. — MNA

the Sangha, officials and wellwishers.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññindabhivamsa administered the Five Precepts. Alms were offered to members of the Sangha.

Next, the com-

mander and officials accepted K 88,535,743 and 46 gold plates donated by wellwishers. Later, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññinda-bhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

Those wishing to make donations for all-round renovation of the pagoda may contact Office of the Sule Pagoda Board of Trustees, Tel: 371007, 371009 or 371561. — MNA

Cash, medicines donated to home for the aged

YANGON, 18 Sept — In commemoration of the International Day for Older Persons, which falls on 1 October 2004, a ceremony to donate cash and medicines was held at the Shwethanwin Home for the Aged in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township yesterday morning.

Vice-Chairman of the Work Committee for

Observing the International Day of Older Persons Director of Social Welfare Department U Bo Than explained the purpose of the holding of the IDOP and the donation of cash and kind, and presented K 200,000 donated by the Committee to Chairman of the Shwethanwin Home for the Aged Management Committee Di-

rector-General of Department for Human Settlement and Housing Development Col Aung Win.

Next, member of the Work Committee Deputy Director of Social Welfare Department U Win Hut Oo presented medicines donated by well-wishers to Vice-Chairman of the Management Committee Col Tin Tun.

Chairman of the Management Committee Director-General of Department for Human Settlement and Housing Development Col Aung Win expressed thanks.

After the ceremony, members of the Work Committee cordially greeted the older persons of the centre.

MNA



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses opening ceremony of Myanmar Economic Bank (Chauk Branch). (News on page 8) — MNA

F&R Minister meets personnel under the ministry

YANGON, 18 Sept — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun met staff of Myanmar Economic Bank, Internal Revenue Department, Myanmar Insurance and Myanmar

Small Loans Enterprise in Myingyan District at the meeting hall of Myingyan Myanmar Economic Bank on 17 September and gave work instructions yesterday. Officials of the departments in Myingyan

District under the ministry reported on their respective sectors at the meeting. The minister instructed the staff to have systematic accounts, good public relations and to abide by the rules and

regulations. The meeting was also attended by Managing Director of Myanmar Economic Bank Col Hsan Tun, general managers, departmental officials and staff.

MNA

France backs Annan's description of US war on Iraq as "illegal"

PARIS, 17 Sept — France backed UN Secretary General Kofi Annan's description of the US-led war on Iraq as "illegal", with Foreign Minister Michel Barnier saying that long-held stance was why his country had opposed joining the conflict.

"You well know that what explains our country's disagreement with the way the war was carried out was that it clearly did not at that time abide by international law and there was not a clear request from the United States to start that action," he said Friday at a joint

news conference with visiting New Zealand Foreign Minister Phil Goff.

That was "traditionally" France's view from the start, he added.

"We have always considered that it's international law that constitutes the framework for any action, notably against ter-

rorism or for stability in the world," he said.

Barnier's comments added fuel to a debate over the legitimacy of the US-British invasion of Iraq that promises to loom large at the United Nations headquarters in New York next week when world leaders and ministers gather for the

world body's 59th general session.

Annan threw the spotlight back on the issue and tore the skin off old transatlantic wounds when he told BBC radio Wednesday that the United States had failed to seek a needed second resolution before launching the war in March 2003.

"I've indicated that it was not in conformity with the UN charter from our point of view, and from the charter point of view it was illegal," Annan said.—Internet



Supporters of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr rush to a position in Basra, Iraq, on 17 Sept, 2004. Fighting erupted between British troops and fighters loyal to al-Sadr near al-Sadr's office in al-Tuwaisa neighbourhood in the city centre. — INTERNET

British Govt confirms Briton killed in Saudi capital

LONDON, 17 Sept — The British Foreign Office confirmed on Thursday that a British man had been shot dead in the Saudi capital Riyadh.

His relatives had not yet been informed as further information was being sought, the Foreign Office said.

Earlier reports said the man had been identified as Edward Stuart Muirhead-Smith, an employee of the communications company Marconi. Witnesses said two gunmen in a Toyota car fired four bullets at Muirhead-Smith as he walked toward his car at a shopping centre car park in eastern Riyadh on Wednesday.

Security sources were quoted as saying the shooting was linked to a wave of anti-Western attacks in Saudi Arabia by supporters of al-Qaeda.

Several Britons are among the victims of recent attacks by militants in Saudi Arabia.

In May, two Britons were among six people

shot dead by militants in an oil contractor's office in Yanbu, north of the Red Sea port of Jeddah. Another died in an attack on a housing complex in the eastern city of Khobar later in the month.

BBC correspondent Frank Gardner was shot and seriously wounded in a shooting in Riyadh in June. His Irish colleague, cameraman Simon Cumbers, was killed in the same attack. — MNA/Xinhua

CIS leaders agree to intensify fight against terrorism

Moscow, 17 Sept — The summit of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) decided to boost the role of the Anti-Terrorist Centre and draft a concept of cooperation in the fight against international terrorism and extremism, Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma said on Tuesday.

Leaders of the CIS member states had adopted a statement to condemn terrorist acts, Kuchma, an outgoing head of the CIS, told a Press conference following the CIS summit in the Kazakh capital of Astana.

They expressed their full solidarity with Russia in its struggle against terrorism and believed the spread of international ter-

rorism can be prevented only by consolidating efforts of the whole civilized world, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

The CIS, set up in 1991, is made up of 12 former Soviet republics. Russian President Vladimir Putin was elected new chairman of the council of the heads of state of the CIS at the summit. — MNA/Xinhua

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1,027 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

BAGHDAD, 17 Sept — As of Friday, on 17 Sept, 2004, 1,027 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 777 died as a result of hostile action and 250 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 65 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 889 US military members have died — 668 as a result of hostile action and 221 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers Thursday.—Internet

Iraq airstrike, car bombings, clashes kill 53

BAGHDAD, 17 Sept (Bloomberg) — At least 53 people died in violence in Iraq that included a US airstrike near Fallujah, two car bombings in Baghdad, and clashes in the capital and in Abu Ghraib, the Iraqi Health Ministry and the US military said.

Forty-four people were killed today in the strike near Fallujah, west of the capital, and at least 27 were hurt, Health Ministry spokesman Saad al-Amily said in a telephone interview from Baghdad. He said 17 children and 2 women were among the wounded, adding that it isn't known who was included in the dead.

The bombings in Baghdad killed seven people and injured at least 21, according to the ministry spokesman and e-mailed military statements. Two died and 21 were hurt in the clashes between the US-led military and insurgents in Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad, and in Baghdad's Haifa Street, al-Amily said.

Today's air strike was carried out in south-central Fallujah at about 2:45 am local time, the military said in an e-mailed statement. "Multi-National Forces-Iraq conducted a precision strike

and destroyed a terrorist compound known to be used by the Abu Musab al-Zarqawi terrorists," the military said.

That strike followed one late yesterday on a "terrorist meeting site" used by al-Zarqawi in the town of Qaryat ar Rufush, according to a separate military statement. About 60 insurgents died in yesterday's strike, the military said.

A bomb detonated near Iraqi police units in Baghdad at about 12:20 pm local time today, the military said in an e-mailed statement. Those killed were policemen, Agence France-Presse reported, citing First Lieutenant Jafaar Hussein.

An earlier car bomb exploded at 6.17 am in the capital when soldiers fired on the vehicle as it tried to break through a checkpoint, the US military said. The two rebels in the car were killed and one Iraqi National guard soldier was injured, the military said.

Internet



An US Abrams tank seals off an entrance to Haifa Street in Baghdad, Iraq, on 17 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

Bush acknowledges tough going in Iraq

CHARLOTTE, 17 Sept— President Bush acknowledged on Friday the United States faced “tough” going in Iraq but he insisted elections will be held in January and

that US troops will come home when the country is on a path to democracy.

Bush, at a campaign event, spoke at length about the occupation in

an apparent response to a withering attack from Democrat John Kerry who accused Bush of “living in a fantasy world of spin” and failing to tell the truth about chaos and violence in Iraq.

Bush, who has always avoided talking about when US troops might come home, was a bit more expansive on Friday amid mounting US casualties and efforts by the US military to train Iraqis for their own army and police.

He again defended his decision to go to war despite the failure to find

weapons of mass destruction. He spoke of the search for these weapons in the past tense, after holding out hope for months they might be found some day.

Officials said on Thursday that a draft report by the top US weapons inspector in Iraq, Charles Duelfer, concluded that no stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction would be found but that there was evidence Saddam Hussein had intended to resurrect weapons programmes.

Internet

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Iraq forms supreme body to lay down reconstruction strategy

BAGHDAD, 17 Sept— The Iraqi Ministry of Planning has formed a supreme body to lay down reconstruction strategy for the war-torn country, said Al Mashriq newspaper on Thursday.

Mehdi Al Hafidh, the Iraqi Minister of Planning, would head the body, added the report.

The body would be responsible for laying down an international mechanism to finance the reconstruction projects and to help coordinate the efforts of the Iraqi side and the donor countries in the fields of loans and financing, the newspaper quoted a source in the ministry as saying.

He also pointed out that the ministry counts a lot on this body, especially as the donor countries will hold a conference in Tokyo next month.

MNA/Xinhua



Supporters of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr at a fighting position in Basra, Iraq, on 17 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

India to double phone connections by 2007

NEW DELHI, 18 Sept— The Indian Government has planned to more than double the country's fixed-line and mobile phone connections to 200 million in the next three years, the *Indo-Asian News Service* (IANS) reported on Thursday.

“We hope to release 200 million telephone and mobile connections in India by 2007,” IANS quoted Minister of State for Communication and IT Shakeel Ahmad as saying in Patna in East India.

Ahmad said right now there are only 85 million fixed-line and mobile phone connections in India.

“We have to provide more telephone and mobile connections to people, particularly in rural areas,” he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Defence Minister claims French hostages still alive

PARIS, 17 Sept— France's Defence Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said Thursday that some information showed that the two French journalists held in hostage in Iraq for nearly a month were still alive and in good health.

“We have had information which allows us to think that, without having concrete proof, that our hostages are alive, in good health and safe. You will understand if I cannot say any more,” she said in an interview to be published on Friday in French daily *Le Parisien*.

Christian Chesnot of Radio France International and Georges Malbrunot of Paris daily *Le Figaro*, were reportedly kidnapped on their way from Baghdad to Najaf, a Shiite holy city of Iraq, on 20 August by a group calling itself the Islamic Army of Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

Secret papers show Blair was warned of Iraq chaos

BAGHDAD, 17 Sept— Tony Blair was warned a year before invading Iraq that a stable post-war government would be impossible without keeping large numbers of troops there for “many years”, secret government papers reveal.

The documents, seen by The Telegraph, show more clearly than ever the grave reservations expressed by Jack Straw, the Foreign Secretary, over the consequences of a second Gulf war and how prescient his Foreign

Office officials were in predicting the ensuing chaos.

They told the Prime Minister that there was a risk of the Iraqi system “reverting to type” after a war, with a future government acquiring the

very weapons of mass destruction that an attack would be designed to remove.

The documents further show that the Prime Minister was advised that he would have to “wrong foot” Saddam Hussein into giving the allies an excuse for war, and that British officials believed that President George W Bush merely wanted to complete his

father's “unfinished business” in a “grudge match” against Saddam.

But it is the warning of the likely aftermath - more than a year in advance, as Mr Blair was deciding to commit Britain to joining a US-led invasion - that is likely to cause most controversy and embarrassment in both London and Washington.

Internet

Vietnam protests US religious freedom decision

HANOI, 17 Sept— Vietnam strongly protests a recent decision by the United States to enlist it as one of “the countries of particular concern” on religious freedom, the Vietnamese Ministry of Foreign Affairs said in a statement on Thursday.

“The decision of the State Department of the United States (about the enlistment in its annual report on religious freedom) by no means benefits the common efforts of the governments and peoples of Vietnam and the US to build a relationship of stability and lasting cooperation in the interests of the two peoples,” the ministry spokesman said in the statement.

There is no such thing as “religious prisoners” or “forced renunciations of faith” in Vietnam in which all religious organizations are given favourable condi-

tions to function normally in accordance with the laws. Vietnam's laws do not allow any violation of the rights to freedom of beliefs and religions and rights to freedom of non-beliefs and non-religions, said the statement.

“Vietnam requests the United States to take right decisions in conformity with the principles of the bilateral relations on the basis of mutual understanding and respect so as not to undermine the broad interests of the two countries,” it added.

The US State Department released Wednesday its sixth Annual Report on International Religious Freedom, which examines the “status of religious freedom around the world”. The report cites Eritrea, Saudi Arabia and Vietnam as new “countries of particular concern”.

MNA/Xinhua



Relatives try to console a woman whose brother died after a suicide bomber detonated an explosives filled car targeting an Iraqi police convoy near Rasheed street in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 17 Sept, 2004. At least 5 died and 20 were injured in the attack.

INTERNET

Over 100 people protest US treatment of immigrants

NEW YORK, 17 Sept — More than 100 people began a fast on Wednesday to protest US treatment of immigrants seeking permanent residency or citizenship, which they say has worsened since the September 11, 2001, attacks.

The protest, which will last up to five days, is a "call to the heart and conscience" of politicians who are not addressing the needs of immigrants, said Guillermo Chacon of the New York Immigration Coalition, which organized the fast.

It is part of a national effort by immigrant groups this week to press federal lawmakers to strengthen immigrants' rights.

"We have 8 to 10 million people in this country who are working, who are being exploited and abused in workplaces around the country, and yet we have not created any way for them to become legal," said Margaret McHugh, the coalition's executive director.

Immigrants are being detained, denied civil

rights and separated from their families because of backlogs in processing green card and naturalization applications and other paperwork since September 11, she said.

Despite promises by the Bush Administration to speed up the process, the waiting time for green cards more than tripled after the September 11 attacks, said Norman Eng, policy associate at

the coalition.

In New York City, waiting times for green cards rose from about 12 months to 42 months as immigration staff were diverted to interrogate Arab Muslim immigrants, he said.

The group wants Congress to ensure due process for detainees, legalize seasonal farm workers and provide higher education benefits for undocumented immigrants.

MNA/Reuters

US military vehicle under attack near Fallujah

BAGHDAD, 17 Sept — Guerrillas attacked a US Humvee with roadside bomb south of Iraq's restive city of Fallujah on Thursday, the US military said in a statement.

The incident took place at about 10.30 am (06.30 GMT), said the statement from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force.

Witnesses said the vehicle was ablaze on the main road near Fallujah and the US troops had sealed off the area.

"Force protection measures preclude the release of any further information that could aid enemy personnel in assessing the effectiveness or lack thereof with regard to their tactics, techniques and procedures," the statement said.

It gave no further details about the incident.

Fallujah, some 50 kilometres west of Baghdad, has become a Sunni hotbed of resistance against the US forces.

MNA/Xinhua

British troops exposed to greater danger in Iraq than necessary

LONDON, 17 Sept — British troops fighting in Iraq were exposed to greater danger than necessary by being ill-equipped for the task, an influential parliamentary committee said on Thursday.

The cross-party Public Accounts Committee said Britain deployed a large force to the region in around half the time it took in the first Gulf War in 1991 but that the speed of movement created serious logistical problems.

Inadequate stocks of equipment were held by the Ministry of Defence and it failed successfully to track the passage of kit to the front line.

"Equipment shortages at the front line exposed troops to increased risk," the committee concluded, noting that troops did not have enough enhanced body armour or nuclear, biological, chemical detection and protection kit.

"Troops should not be exposed to anticipated attack without the detection and protective equipment required for their defence," the politicians said.

Reports that British soldiers were ill-equipped crystallized around the case of Sergeant Steven Roberts, who was shot in the chest near the Iraqi town of Basra last year, after being asked to hand in his body armour because it was in short supply.

Opposition Conservative defence spokesman

Nicholas Soames said when the case came to light that Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon should resign, a call echoed by Roberts' widow.

The Ministry of Defence (MoD) has acknowledged difficulties in ensuring front line forces received supplies in time, and a report from the National Audit Office (NAO) watchdog in December last year found troops were sent to Iraq badly-equipped.

The NAO said while the logistics effort had been successful overall, the means of tracking supplies had been ineffective.

The parliamentary

committee said the MoD had not managed equipment well, stating that 200,000 body armour components had been issued since 1999 but that the department did not know their whereabouts.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi police officers watch a smoldering police car after a suicide bomber blew a vehicle near a police convoy in central Baghdad, Iraq, killing at least five people and wounding 20, on 17 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

Sanctions cannot solve crisis in Sudan

BEIJING, 17 Sept — The threatened sanctions championed by the United States and the European Union (EU) on Sudan could not help solve the crisis in the African country, said a leading Chinese newspaper on Thursday.

The crisis in Darfur, western Sudan, is a problem caused by a slew of factors ranging from historical issues, tribal and religious differences, refugees as well as poverty, which could not be solved within a short period of

time, said the *People's Daily* in a signed article.

"The Sudanese Government, which has stated its commitment to solving the crisis, needs assistance from the international community instead of sanctions," it added.

On Tuesday, the United States put forward a new draft UN resolution, threatening sanctions on Sudan's oil industry if the Sudanese Government fails to end the bloodshed in its western region of Darfur. Also, the EU foreign ministers warned Monday the European bloc would slap sanctions against the Sudanese government and relevant parties if "no tangible progress" is made in meeting the EU's demands.

The EU said it would continue to impress the Sudanese Government with the urgency to meet the demands set by the ministers last July as well as in UN Security Council Resolution 1556.

"With reservation, the Sudanese Government accepted the resolution and accelerated its efforts to disarm the rebels, which

had paved the way for humanitarian access to the troubled region and eased tension there," said the article.

In addition, the African Union (AU) also sent observers to the area. With the joint efforts by Sudan, the AU and United Nations, the situation in Darfur has been improving.

The article urged both the United States and the EU to provide aid to the Sudanese Government and not threaten it with sanctions, which cannot help solve the problem.

The Darfur crisis started in February 2003 when militia and Black African farmers clashed with each other over scarce resources. Thousands of people have been killed or displaced as a result of the clashes.

MNA/Xinhua



Supporters of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr keep guard Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, on 17 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

Bush, Kerry clash over outlook for Iraq

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept — President George W. Bush and Democratic rival John Kerry clashed on Thursday over the outlook for Iraq, with Kerry accusing Bush of living in “a fantasy world of spin” and the Bush campaign condemning Kerry’s pessimism.

The intensified skirmishing came as two new polls showed the White House race deadlocked and the post-Republican convention bounce for Bush beginning to fade. Other polls show Bush still holds an advantage.

Bush and Kerry renewed their battle over Iraq after a classified CIA report surfaced predicting a bleak outlook for the country, where gunmen snatched two Americans and a Briton from a Baghdad house on Thursday.

Kerry, appearing before National Guard veterans in Las Vegas, said Bush “failed to tell you the truth” about growing chaos in Iraq during an appearance at their convention two days ago.

“He did not tell you

that with each passing day, we’re seeing more chaos, more violence, more indiscriminate killings. He did not tell you that with each passing week, our enemies are getting bolder,” said the Massachusetts senator, a decorated Vietnam War veteran.

“You deserve a president who will not play politics with national security, who will not ignore his own intelligence, while living in a fantasy world of spin,” he said. The chairman of Bush’s campaign, Marc Racicot, decried Kerry’s “continually shifting positions on Iraq” and accused him of “sinking rhetoric of a defeated America.”

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi firefighters extinguish fire from destroyed cars as Iraqi police inspect the site of a suicide car bomb explosion in central Baghdad on 17 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

US intelligence report shows pessimism on Iraq’s future

WASHINGTON, 17 Sept — A classified National Intelligence Estimate prepared for US President George W Bush in late July spelled out a dark assessment of prospects for Iraq, the *New York Times* said in a report on Thursday.

Citing US Government officials, the report said that the estimate outlined three possibilities for Iraq through the end of 2005, with the worst case being developments that could lead to a civil war in the country.

“There is a significant amount of pessimism,” a

government official who has read the document, about 50 pages, was quoted as saying. The intelligence estimate, the first on Iraq since October 2002, was prepared by the National Intelligence Council and was approved by the National Foreign Intelligence Board under John E

McLaughlin, the acting director of the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), the report said.

The report noted that the estimate, initiated by the intelligence council under George J Tenet who stepped down as CIA director on 9 July, was in contrast to recent statements by Bush Administration officials claiming progress was being made in Iraq.

More than one year after Bush declared the Iraq war ended, the insurgency in the country is increasing as more than 1,000 US soldiers have been killed since the Bush Administration launched the Iraq war in March last year.

French President Jacques Chirac, a strong opponent of the Iraq war, said in Spain on Monday that the Iraq war had opened a Pandora’s box and the situation in Iraq was not getting any better. — MNA/Xinhua

Former British Colonel accuses US, Britain over Iraq

LONDON, 17 Sept — A former British Army officer who became well-known for a rousing speech to troops in Iraq has accused the United States and Britain of failing to plan for the postwar period.

The United States and Britain should have given more thought to what would happen after former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein was deposed, Colonel Tim Collins, who has now left the Army, said in an interview with BBC on Thursday.

In hindsight, Collins told BBC Radio 4’s Today programme, he had questioned the coalition’s motivation for attacking Iraq when preparations for the aftermath were not made.

“There was very little preparation or thought for what would follow on after the invasion itself,” Collins said. Collins’ comments came as UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan told the BBC that the US-led invasion of Iraq was an illegal act that had contravened the Charter of the United Nations. — MNA/Xinhua

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US forces attack Fallujah

BAGHDAD, 17 Sept — US forces attacked a target in the Iraqi city of Fallujah on Thursday believed to be a building used by fighters loyal to Jordanian al-Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the US military said. “Multi-National Force-Iraq conducted a successful precision strike today on a confirmed Abu Musab Al-Zarqawi terrorist site in Fallujah,” the US military said in a statement.

“Sources reported the presence of guerillas, foreign fighters, and weapons systems that were intended for use against Iraqi and Multi-National forces.”

Washington says Zarqawi is its top foe in Iraq and has offered 25 million US dollars for information leading to his death or capture. Zarqawi’s group has claimed responsibility for a wave of suicide bombings and the killings of hostages in Iraq.

Over the past few months, US forces have mounted several air strikes in Fallujah, west of Baghdad, on targets they said were buildings used by Zarqawi’s network. The US military has conceded it does not have control of Fallujah, and that the city is in the guerillas’ hands. — MNA/Reuters

US soldier sentenced 30 months in jail by S Korean court

SEOUL, 17 Sept — A Seoul court sentenced a US soldier to 30 months in prison Friday for stabbing a South Korean man during a street brawl, reported South Korean *Yonhap* news agency.

Private First Class John C Humphrey from Austin, Texas was convicted of stabbing a 27-year-old South Korean man who tried to stop him from causing disturbances on a downtown Seoul street in this May.

“The accused stabbed the victim in the neck with his military knife during a brawl. The victim would have died if the knife slipped a bit deeper,” the Seoul District Court said in a ruling.

Humphrey had been in a South Korean prison since early August. He became the second US soldier to be held in pre-trial confinement by South Korean authorities under a revised 2001 legal pact — Status of Forces Agreement (SOFA) — governing the US troops here.

The revised SOFA allows South Korea to take pre-trial custody of any US service member suspected of committing one of 12 major crimes, including rape, aggravated assault and murder.

In December 2003, South Korean authorities put Sergeant Jerry Onken

from Minnesota in a detention centre before indicting him on charges that he fled a traffic accident in which a South Korean woman was killed. Earlier this year, a South Korean lower court sentenced Onken to three years in jail.

Crimes committed by

US soldiers have been a source of anti-American sentiment among South Koreans. Anti-US protests peaked in 2002 following the acquittals of two US soldiers on negligent homicide charges in the accidental death of two South Korean schoolgirls. — MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers stand near a crater left after a suicide car bomb exploded in central Baghdad on 17 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

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

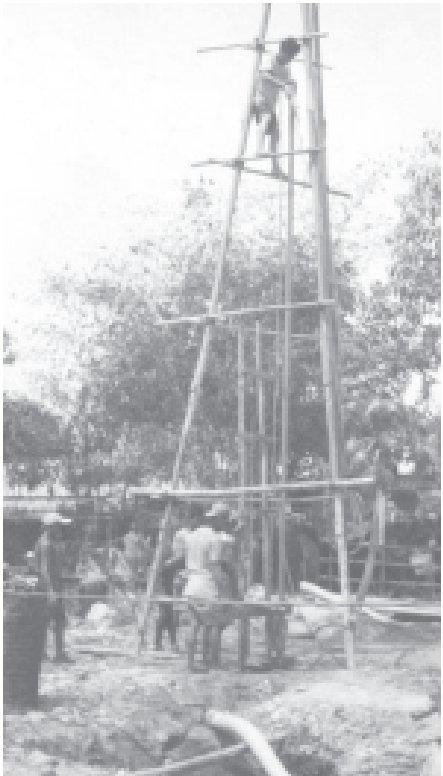


Photo shows sinking of a tubewell in Kyeikin Village in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division.
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Heavy machinery at work to drill tube-wells at Natyegan village, Magway Township, Magway Division.—PBANDRA



A drilling machine at work to supply potable water to rural people in Myitkyin model village in Mahlaing Township, Mandalay Division. — PBANDRA

Photo shows sinking of a tubewell in Kyakhatwayon Village in Nattalin Township, Bago Division by Township Development Affairs Committee.—TDAC



Myingyan Township development Affairs Committee sinks a four-inch tubewell in Pinle Village in Myingyan Township, Magway Division to supply water for townspeople.
TDAC





Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveils signboard of Myanmar Economic Bank in Chauk.— MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint attends ceremony to inaugurate Myanmar Economic Bank in Chauk

YANGON, 18 Sept—A ceremony to inaugurate new building of Myanmar Economic Bank of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue in Chauk was held in front of the bank building, Chauk Township, Magway Division, yesterday morning, attended by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present were Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tint of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development

Council Col Zaw Min, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials, Managing Director Col Hsan Tun of Myanmar Economic Bank and officials, local authorities, social organizations, students and local people totalling over 1,500.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun said that the Myanmar Economic Bank is set up with seven sections of the head office, 13 State/Division offices, district and township branches, totalling 354.

The government is contributing towards de-

velopment of its banking service in the long term.

Nowadays, the new two-storey bank building, 70 feet long and 30 feet wide, has been built in Chauk at a cost of K 68.52 million.

Banking services will improve through contact with the bank by local people.

That is why, employees of the bank are to strive for achieving success in the banking service.

Next, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min spoke on the occasion.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the signboard of the bank.

Then, officials formally opened the new bank building.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed round the bank. The bank is located in Ward 15 of Chauk.

At present, local people can join the bank conveniently.

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Korean information delegation visits Shwedagon Pagoda, Drug Elimination Museum

YANGON, 18 Sept—A 12-member information delegation led by Journalist Mr Kim Jin Ho of The Kyung Hyang Daily News of the Republic of Korea which arrived here under the arrangement for exchanging information delegations between ASEAN countries and ROK visited downtown Yangon this morning.

Accompanied by Counsellor Mr Park Joon-yong and officials of the Korean Embassy, the guests arrived at Shwedagon Pagoda this morning. Officials of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and explained the history of the pagoda and conducted them round the pagoda.

The Korean guests made donations and signed

in the visitors' book. They viewed round Jade Buddha Image and zedis on the platform of the pagoda, the bell of King Thawady, the Htada who hoisted atop the pagoda by King Mindon in 1871 and religious edifices.

Director-General U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department hosted a lunch to the Korean guests at Dusit Inya Lake Hotel. In the afternoon, they proceeded to Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady and Kyundaw Roads in Kamayut Township. Deputy Director of the museum Police Lt-Col Htay Aung conducted them round booths of the museum.

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Journalist Mr Kim Jin Ho of The Kyung Hyang Daily News of ROK and party present cash donation to Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees.— MNA

Women's Taekwondo team of Northern Command honoured

YANGON, 18 Sept—The women's team of Northern Command that won championship trophy in the 13th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Taekwondo Tournament was honoured at the station hall of the command in Myitkyina on 15 September.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Kachin

State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Patron of Kachin State Organization for Women's Affairs and Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee wife of the commander Daw Tin Tin Nwe, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, Commander of Myitkyina Airbase Col

Zaw Tun, senior military officers, Secretary of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Myo, local authorities, coach and players.

The commander spoke on the occasion and the manager and officials of the team presented the championship trophy to the commander.

The commander, his wife and officials presented gifts to the players, coaches and manager.

On behalf of the victorious team, U Kyaw Kyaw of Myanmar Taekwondo Federation, spoke words of thanks.

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Mandalay Division Performing Arts Competitions begin

YANGON, 18 Sept—Mandalay Division 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions were held at the National Theatre in Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay on 15 September.

Present were Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and wife, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen

Yan Thein, Secretary of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyi Thein, departmental officials and contestants.

The commander formally opened the competitions and delivered a speech. The contestants and artistes of Fine Arts Department entertained the guests. Altogether 719 contestants are taking part in the competitions which will continue up to 19 September.

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Renovation of pagodas in Bagan Archaeological Region inspected

YANGON, 18 Sept—Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung yesterday arrived at Dhamyangyi Pagoda in Bagan Archaeological Region where he inspected renovation tasks.

The minister went to Pawdawmu Pagoda and gave instructions on sanitation tasks and maintenance to be carried out. He then inspected renovation of western wall of Naddaunt Pitakattai near Kyansittha Cave. Next, the minister inspected Thihopon Pagoda and Meenyeingon Pagoda.

Later, the minister inspected excavation of King Anawrahta Palace and renovation of Zeyabon Palace of King Kyansittha and Arimadanapura Golden Palace of King Anawrahta. — MNA

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- * 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.

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

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects maintenance of Padaung-Taungup Road

YANGON, 18 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence and party left Pyay for Okshiptin by car on 15 September morning.

Accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo and officials, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected maintenance of the 59 miles road section out of 102 miles and two furlongs long Padaung-Taungup Road.

In the afternoon, they arrived at the briefing hall of the Office of Road Special Construction Group-8 of Public Works in Myaya, Taungup Township.

Deputy Superintending Engineer U Saw Ronald Win reported on maintenance of the 59 miles long road section on Padaung-Taungup Road, preparations for upgrading bailey bridge No 3 and No 9 to the 30 feet long and 20 feet long concrete bridges, collection of construction materials for maintenance works, Senior Engineer U Aung Htay on maintenance and repaving tasks on the road.

Chief Engineer U Tun Paw, Bago Division Superintending Engineer U Tin Htut and Rakhine State Superintending Engineer U Thein Kyaw gave supplementary reports. In response to the reports, Lt-



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets officers, other ranks and families of local battalion in Taungup Station.—MNA

Gen Khin Maung Than instructed them to dredging drains for proper flow of water and carry out maintenance of Padaung-Taungup Road for better transportation all the year round.

Together with the commander, Col Myint Soe of Taungup Station and officials, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than saw over maintenance tasks along the road by car and went to Taungup in the evening.

At the local battalion in Taungup Station, Lt-Gen

Khin Maung Than and party met officers, other ranks and families.

And then, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on requirements to be fulfilled for Tatmadawmen and families in education, health, social and welfare and agriculture and livestock breeding tasks on a manageable scale to be performed.

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Industry-1 Minister U Aung Thaung presents prize to a student who passed matriculation exam with flying colours for 2003-2004 in Natmauk.—INDUSTRY-1

Prizes given to outstanding students

YANGON, 18 Sept — Member of the Secretariat of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung attended the sixth prize-presentation ceremony held at Pyithu Hall in Natmauk, Magway Division, yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, prizes were given to students of high school in Natmauk who won distinctions in the matriculation examination of the

2003-2004 academic year.

On the occasion, the minister presented prizes to students who got three to five distinctions in the matriculation examination. Managing Director of Myanmar Textile Industries U Oo Thein Maung, Managing Director of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries U Myint Oo, Executive of Natmauk Township USDA U Han Maung and Assistant Education Officer of Magway Divi-

sion Education Department U Soe Naing also gave away prizes to students who won one to two distinctions in the examination.

The minister also presented honorary awards to teachers for their success in making the students won distinctions. Next, he gave away a prize to Thahmonekon affiliated high school for its highest pass rate in the 2003-2004 academic year.

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NPE Managing Director receives Korean delegation

YANGON, 18 Sept—Under the information delegations exchange programme between ASEAN nations and the Republic of Korea, a 12-member Korean information delegation led by Journalist Mr Kim Jin Ho of the Kyung Hyang Daily News of the ROK is on a visit in Yangon now.

The Korean delegation called on Managing Director Col Soe Win of the News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Informa-

tion at The New Light of Myanmar Daily on Strand Road here this morning.

Also present at the call were Director (News) U Win Tin, Director (Admin) U Soe Win, Chief Editor of The New Light of Myanmar U Maung Maung Aye, Chief Editor of the Kyemon Daily U Zaw Min Thein, Chief Editor of Myanma News Agency (Internal) U Tin Hlaing, Chief Editor of Myanma News Agency (External) U Thein Htut,

Deputy Director (News) U Swe Thant Ko, Deputy Director (Admin) U Mya Hlaing and Korean Attaché to Myanmar Mr Park Joon-yong.

The Korean delegation arrived at the Myanma Alin Daily on 1st Naukmauk Lane in Bahan Township at 10 am. They were welcomed there by Chief Editor U Ye Myint Pe, Deputy Chief Editor U Hlaing Win, Manager U Zaw Win, editors and officials.

The Chief Editor briefed the Korean guests on background history of the daily, distribution of the newspaper, facts about the sub-printing houses in respective towns, collection of news and publishing process.

The Korean delegation observed the Internet room, editing section, computer room and press room. The Chief Editor and officials conducted the guests round the daily. The Chief Editor and officials and Korean delegation members posed for a documentary photo.

The NPE Managing Director hosted a dinner to the Korean delegation at the Karaweik Palace Hotel in the evening.

Also present on the occasion were departmental heads under the ministry, Director-General of the ASEAN Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Aung Bwa and guests.

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Journalist Mr Kim Jin Ho of the Kyung Hyang Daily News and journalists of ROK visit Myanma Alin Daily.—MNA

Han Golf Masters Junior Golf Series 28 Sept



YANGON, 18 Sept — The Han Golf Masters Junior Golf Series 2004, to be organized by Myanmar Golf Federation, will be held at Myanmar Golf Club at 9th-mile on Pyay Road on 28 September morning to be able to turn out new generation golfers. The players will be divided into five classes—the 8-10 age group, the 11-12 age group, the 13-14 age

group, the 15-17 age group and U-18 women's event. Those wishing to participate in the tournament may enlist at HGM Pro-shop, YGC, Tel: 635563, YCDC Tel: 641341, MGC Tel: 661702 and Han Event Management Office No 15/A, Kanbawza Street, Bahan Township, Tel: 542989 and 723221 not later than 2 pm on 27 September.

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All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated

* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered

* Do not be softened whenever appeased

Responsibility of all mankind

Nge (Thayawady)

The problem of narcotic drugs is a scourge for entire mankind. In other words, it is a common enemy of all human beings. In this regard, peoples of the whole world are required to collectively take part in eliminating the narcotic drugs that are endangering them.

Myanmar has been laying down and implementing plans systematically to end the cultivation of poppy for opium and drug production in the country. It has laid down strategies and tactics to continuously wipe out the narcotic problem.

In her anti-drug drive, the country is relying mainly on her own strength, without depending on any other country or organization. But it also welcomes the assistance of the international community for work facilitation. Under her international cooperation programme concerning the drug issue, the country successfully opened the Mongka Dam and canal system in Mongkhat Township, eastern Shan State, on 18 May 2003, with the assistance of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and donor countries — the US, Japan and Italy. The programme is the first step towards the total eradication of narcotic drugs in Wa region.

The construction of Mongka canal project started on 15 October 2002 in accord with the ardent wish of the national races of the Wa region. The main canal of the system is 5.8 kilometres long and

of laws, the nation has seized large hauls of stimulant drugs at present. But the nation believes that the problem must be solved from its root cause.

In accord with the motto — No chemical agents, no stimulant pills — the efforts to prevent precursor chemicals from entering the nation need cooperation of the international community, especially, the neighbouring countries.

Thanks to the genuine goodwill and correct deeds of the Tatmadaw Government, a number of armed groups have returned to the legal fold, a sign that leads to pave the way for all-round development of the entire nation and fulfils the basic needs and improves the living standard of the people of border areas. As peace and stability is prevailing in the whole nation, every region has become accessible at present. Thus, sound foundations also do exist in the nation.

Because of the improving situation, alternative cultivation and livestock breeding and regional development undertakings have been launched to gradually eliminate the drug problem, alongside the drug control and eradication tasks.

Moreover, the Government is cooperating with the neighbouring countries for development of border areas and national races. It is launching a project in cooperation with the People's Republic of China in Laukkai area for progress of Kokang region, and a 16-bed hospital, built under the Yaungkha Village Project in Monghsat District, eastern Shan State, covered by Myanmar-Thailand Joint Drug Elimination and All-round Border Development Programme, has been put into commission on 2 December 2003. The Thai Prime Minister contributed 20 million baht for the project.

In accord with the agreement reached at a meeting between officials of the two countries in fiscal 2001-2002, Yaungkha village-tract 30 miles west of Tachilek, has been chosen as the project area. The project is benefiting the whole village-tract comprising 13 villages and also the local villagers. The implementation of the project started in January 2003. Under the project, a primary school with a capacity of 500 students was built in May 2003. The Education Ministry began to run the school with 10 teachers and 222 students in June the same year.

In the health sector, beginning February 2003, the Health Ministry has been running a 16-bed hospital with a doctor and four female nurses, and providing medical treatment to local people.

An alternative crop project has been laid down in the agricultural sector, and rice has been cultivated on 1,300 acres of highland farms and 900 acres on seasonal crops fields. And plans are under way to build mini dams to conduct double and mixed cropping in the region. With the participation of the local villagers, six mini dams and 20 kilometres of canals have been built at present. Thanks to the facilities, local farmers can grow crops on 840 acres of land throughout the year and produce over 2,000 tons of surplus rice annually.

A model farm is distributing soybean, bamboo and mecadaemia seeds and fish fingerlings to villages. Arrangements are being made to export the agricultural produce of the region to Thailand.

Various species of fish and layers and broilers as well as pigs are being raised in the area. Plans are under way for assisting every household to run a farm.

An agreement to build the second Myanmar-Thailand Friendship Bridge linking Tachilek in eastern Shan State, Myanmar, and Maesai in Thailand, was reached in Tachilek. Both countries have expressed their wish to further strengthen the

existing bilateral friendly relations by building the bridge.

The bridge will benefit both countries, helping increase the volume of border trade between the peoples of the two nations, and will also promote tourism in the area. The bridge will be an invaluable facility for the peoples of the two countries living in the places along the Mekong basin.

The bridge will also produce other good results including economic development, regional peace and stability. In addition, it will not only link Myanmar and Thailand but also the South Asia and the

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Southeast Asia. The facility stands as a proof of readiness of the two countries to face and overcome hardships together, to live through thick or thin and to cooperate for regional development.

The farsightedness and endeavours of the leaders of both countries will remain a milestone in the history of the two nations, because the bridge will bear valuable fruits and bring economic progress and regional peace and stability.

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All in all, the long arm of law will reach the remote border areas if smooth and secure transport can be ensured in the whole nation. In addition, the problem of narcotic drugs will automatically come to an end if the regional people enjoy a sufficient amount of food, clothing and shelter needs.

(Translation: TMT)

Myanma Alin+Kyemon: 17.9.2004.

Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-mega-watt power station can supply.

Myanmar has already made a firm resolve to wipe out the drugs totally, and is making progress in actively implementing the 15-year narcotic elimination plan. The nation has seen development and success even in the first five years of the plan. Thus, we all are confident that we will successfully reach the goal of the plan as targeted.

one metre wide. The secondary canal is 7,000 metres long, and can irrigate up to over 500 hectares of farms. Thus, the canal system is most beneficial to the local farmers.

The building and opening of the Mongka Dam and its canal system is an important step of the collective efforts of the UNODC and local people to eradicate opium poppy in the region.

The dam will surely help develop regional agriculture that is a part of the alternative crop programme. It is also a milestone of the international community's cooperation in the nation's anti-drug drive.

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It is encouraging to know that both of the opium survey reports of the US and UN clearly indicate that there is a dramatic fall in Myanmar's poppy cultivation. It is a success for the nation, and the success is achieved due to the ardent participation of the people, especially the local national races. In addition to its drive to root out the poppy cultivation, the country is also solving the problem of stimulant drugs with firm resolve. Thanks to the enforcement

ASEAN to coordinate to fight illicit wildlife trade

BANGKOK, 18 Sept — Southeast Asia is to announce its first coordinated effort to fight the multi-billion dollar illicit trade in wildlife, environment group TRAFFIC said on Thursday.

The group which monitors international wildlife trade said the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations would announce the plan at a global environment conference in Thailand next month. There will be some kind of joint announcement by ASEAN countries in mid-October to tell everybody that they have plans to pursue specific actions and commitments on law enforcement training and scientific research," the group's Angie Woo said.

"The announcement will be very general and it will focus on the recognition that these are regional problems that need regional solutions," Woo. TRAFFIC's coordinator for Southeast

Asia told a news conference.

The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) meeting of 166 countries in Bangkok aims to update trade rules governing some of the world's most exploited wildlife species. Asia is an international hotspot for the illegal trade in endangered plants and animals, driven mostly by increasing demand from China which uses animal parts in traditional medicines, according to the World Wildlife Fund (WWF). The WWF says it believes Vietnam, Malaysia, Indonesia and Thailand are the major routes used by smugglers to transport exotic species, particularly snakes, fresh water turtles, and wood from the Ramin tree.

Robert Mather, WWF's Thailand representative, said the ASEAN initiative was a promising sign that governments were taking

the plight of wildlife seriously.

"National politicians have a lot of other things to think about and it's quite understandable that many of them see the wildlife trade as a minor issues," Mather told Reuters.

But he said illegal trade in wildlife was equally rampant and profitable as the illegal arms or drugs trade and often involves the same crime networks.

"I think there has been a lack of political will in the past. There are signs now that it is starting to develop especially in Thailand, because clearly no country can solve this problem alone."

Environmental lists have long expressed concern about the loss of natural habitats and the rapidly declining populations of some plants and animal species in Asia, a region which depends heavily on its natural resources.

MNA/Reuters

\$12b to be invested in Zhejiang's railway construction

HANGZHOU, 18 Sept — Some 100 billion yuan (about 12.1 billion US dollars) is expected to go to railway construction in east China's Zhejiang Province in six years, according to a meeting document signed by Zhejiang provincial government and the Chinese Ministry of Railways. This move will make Zhejiang become the first province in China enjoying the most advanced railway network by the year 2010.

According to the province's railway development plan, with some new railroads to be built, express trains may run directly through the province to the southern Chinese provinces, forming a major railway artery linking China's top two economic rings, the Shanghai-centred Yangtze River Delta and the Guangzhou-centred Pearl River Delta.

The province also decided to connect all of its cities with railways. In addition, some major railway lines like the Shanghai-Hangzhou and other trans-province lines will be improved into electric railways by 2010.

Sources from the provincial government said construction of some electric railways has kicked off. The Zhejiang-Jiangxi trans-province line, for instance, will be changed into the best electric railroad in China on completion.

Earlier this year, the Chinese State Council approved in the country's medium- and long-term plan of railway construction, a record event for China's railway industry.

Under the state plan, railways in operation in China will be extended from the current 72,000 kilometres to 100,000 kilometres by

2020, the ratio of double-track railways and electric lines will both reach 50 per cent, and the major railway technology and equipment will reach or near the international advanced level. The plan also calls for separate lines for cargo and passenger transportation in busy trunk lines, 12,000 kilometres of special lines for passenger trains will be built before 2020, along with express passenger transport systems planned in the Bohai Sea ring, the Yangtze River Delta and Pearl River Delta. The Ministry of Railways said that 2004 is the first year to implement the state railway plan, adding that China will see a nationwide railway construction tide and all provinces will increase investment in railway construction to speed up their railway improvement. —MNA/Xinhua

Polish Vice-FM concludes China tour

BEIJING, 18 Sept—Polish Vice-Foreign Minister Boghslaw Zaleski left here Friday, concluding his eight-day visit to China.

Zaleski met with Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Dai Bingguo and held talks with Vice-Foreign Minister Zhang Yesui, during which both sides expressed satisfaction over the healthy relations since the two countries established diplomatic relations 55 years ago.

The two sides agreed that Chinese President Hu Jintao's successful visit to Poland in June this year serve to push forward bilateral relations to a new stage.

Both sides also exchanged views on deepening mutually beneficial cooperation and on international issues of shared concern.

Zaleski, as guest of the Chinese Foreign Ministry, also visited Tibet besides Beijing. —MNA/Xinhua

China-Japan relations facing opportunities, challenges

BEIJING, 18 Sept—China-Japan relations now face opportunities for historical development as well as challenges, said State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan here on Friday.

Tang made the remark in meeting with a delegation of lawyers' consultant mission from the Liberal Democratic Party of Japan. Komura Masahiko, president of the Association of Dietmen League for Japan-China Friendship is the delegation's adviser and Suzuki Toshihaku, director-general of the

lawyers' consultant mission is the delegation head.

"The two sides should pay great attention and carefully deal with the bilateral relations," said Tang.

The promotion of friendly cooperation with Japan is an important part of China's good-neighbourly diplomacy. The two countries should stick to the principles set by the China-Japan Joint Statement and other political documents, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Wu Yi meets guests to attend 11th Global Conference

BEIJING, 18 Sept —Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi met with guests attending the 11th Global Conference of Women Entrepreneurs here Thursday.

Wu said women entrepreneurs from more than 20 countries and regions have gathered in Beijing to discuss issues of their common concern.

Wu said that China's development is an indispensable part of the world's prosperity and its achievements will contribute to world peace and development.

Svetlana Orlova, vice-chairwoman of the Russian Federation Council, who is also one of the participants to the conference, said women entrepreneurs are playing an increasingly more important role in the global economy.

The conference will arrange discussions on issues like partnership in globalization and developing women's small and medium enterprises. The conference will also hold an exhibition of Chinese women entrepreneurs and trade talks. —MNA/Xinhua

Singapore's non-oil exports grow sharply in August

SINGAPORE, 18 Sept—Singapore's non-oil domestic exports (NODX) rose sharply by 29 per cent to 11.8 billion Singapore dollars (about 6.98 billion US dollars) in August this year as compared with the same period of last year. According to the figures released

by the International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore) on Friday, the NODX growth in August, the strongest annual growth since last December's 30.7 per cent, was boosted by sharp gains in the shipments of pharmaceutical and petrochemical products. —MNA/Xinhua



A marina is flooded from Hurricane Ivan in Weeks Bay. At least 14 people died as Hurricane Ivan slammed the southern United States.—INTERNET

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

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- (2) listening;
- (3) reading - grammar

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E China air crash kills two, injures five

HANGZHOU, 17 Sept—Two people were killed and five others badly injured when a civil helicopter crashed in Ningbo City of eastern China's Zhejiang Province on Thursday, said local police.

The helicopter, carrying seven people including crew members and journalists from the local TV station, went down into a hill-top at around 2 pm Thursday. The helicopter was rented by the Ningbo TV Station from the Zhejiang TV Station and used for a camera plane at a local scenic spot.—MNA/Xinhua

Residents in N-E Thailand on alert after 5 die of dengue fever

BANGKOK, 17 Sept—Residents in a northeastern Thai province have been warned to keep alerted of dengue fever after five people recently died of the mosquito-borne disease.

The public in the northeastern province of Nakhon Ratchasima is being urged to protect themselves against the infection and to see a doctor if they are suffering from high fever, vomiting or bloody stools, a senior public health official named Samrueng Yangkratok on Thursday was quoted by *Bangkok Post* as saying.

Five people have recently died of dengue fever in the central district of the province lying some 259 kilometres northeast of Bangkok, he said.

Besides, around 1,300 people have fallen ill from the disease, most of them children aged 10-14.

In early September, the public health officials have warned a possible rebound of dengue fever next year despite of the country's success in fighting down the disease in the past two years.

The dengue fever is expected to flare up early next year as part of its three-year cycle and the authorities are now trying to map out risky areas so as to prevent further spread, said the Public Health Ministry's Dengue Fever Control Division's head Kitti Pramattol.

MNA/Xinhua

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**Deputy General Manager
Supply Department, Myanma Railways,
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**Earthquake
jolts western
Greece**

ATHENS, 17 Sept—An earthquake measuring 4.7 on the Richter Scale rocked western Greece early Thursday, but no injuries or damage were immediately reported.

The quake, which was strongly felt in the western city of Ioannina, was recorded at 4.24 am (01.24 GMT), with its epicentre 334 kilometres northwest of Athens, according to the Athens Observatory's Geodynamic Institute and the University of Thessaloniki's Geophysics Laboratory.

The quake caused some panic among residents in Ioannina and was more strongly felt near the Greek-Albanian border.

MNA/Xinhua

Schizophrenia, more prevalent in women in China

LONDON, 17 Sept—Schizophrenia, more common in men than in women in most parts of the world, is more prevalent in women in China, suggesting several external factors can play a part in the mental illness, scientists said on Friday.

The research, published in the journal *The Lancet*, shows social, economic or cultural causes can contribute to schizophrenia in addition to genetics.

The researchers, led by Dr Michael Phillips of China's Beijing Hui Long Guan Hospital, used census data and information from the Ministry of Health and other sources to estimate that 4.25 million people in China suffer from schizophrenia.

Unlike in other parts of the world, most Chinese schizophrenics were women.

Dr. Mao-Sheng Ran, of the University of Hong Kong, said the research challenges the assumption that schizophrenia, has a uniform prevalence worldwide with only minor variations.

"Indeed the different cultural, so-

cial and economic characteristics of communities could influence the onset and course of schizophrenia," he said in a commentary.

The researchers also detected a link between schizophrenia and suicide. Nearly 10 per cent of the 285,000 deaths from suicide in China each year are in people suffering from schizophrenia, the researchers concluded.

Those who commit suicide are also more likely to be women than men.

"Our high estimate of annual suicide deaths in people with schizophrenia in China indicates that this is a major public health problem for the country that will require development of suicide-prevention strategies specifically designed for people with schizophrenia," Phillips wrote.—MNA/Reuters

**Panama's new leader to
strengthen dip ties at UN summit**

PANAMA CITY, 17 Sept—Panamanian President Martin Torrijos will take the chance of attending the 59th session of UN General Assembly to strengthen ties with other countries in his first appearance in the world forum.

Torrijos will attend the meeting in New York on 19-24 September and deliver a speech at a forum on fight against hunger and poverty, Panamanian Foreign Minister Samuel Lewis Navarro told reporters Thursday.

The 41-year-old President, who was sworn in on 1 September, will meet with the Presidents of Bolivia, Paraguay, Guatemala and Peru on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly, according

to the minister.

Lewis underscored that the important thing for Panama, on occasion of the Summit, is to show a will to strengthen relations with other countries, and it will be a top priority to present a new image of Panama to the world.

Panama just normalized ties with Venezuela on 6 September, and the President has vowed to mend diplomatic ties with Cuba in his inauguration speech.

In August, Cuba broke diplomatic ties with Panama and Venezuela withdrew its ambassador after Torrijos' predecessor Mireya Moscoso pardoned four men jailed for plotting to assassinate Cuban leader Fidel Castro in 2000. The former Panamanian President claimed that the life of a US convict of Cuban origin would be in danger if he was sent to Venezuela or Cuba.

MNA/Xinhua

**11 killed in
rainstorm in
northern Vietnam**

HANOI, 17 Sept—There are so far 11 people killed and six heavily injured in the flood caused by rainstorm in Son La Province in northern Vietnam, the *Vietnam News Agency* reported on Wednesday.

According to primary estimate, the flood has swept away nearly 20 houses, submerged 24 hectares of land, damaged sets of dyke and whirled hundreds of critter.

The local governments are helping victims to conquer all the difficulties caused by the disaster, as well as examining the water line of the reservoir and manoeuvring in the explosive area.—MNA/Xinhua

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Indian Premier chairs meeting of NSC

NEW DELHI, 17 Sept — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Tuesday chaired a meeting of National Security Council (NSC) where matters pertaining to Indo-Pakistani relations were discussed.

This was ahead of Singh's crucial visit to New York where he will meet Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf on the sideline of UN General Assembly session.

The details of the discussion were not officially known, but sources said the Prime Minister and his Cabinet colleagues took stock of the status of relations between India and Pakistan.

The sources said New Delhi would stress on certain Confidence-Building Measures, including those pertaining to nuclear weapons, during the proposed talks between Singh and Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf.

The meeting also discussed the militancy situation in the North Indian state of Jammu and Kashmir and continued attempts by Pakistan-based mercenaries to infiltrate into the state.

The newly-constituted NSC is headed by the Prime Minister as the Chairman and comprises of Defence, Home, External Affairs and Finance ministries of the Indian Government.

The Council advises the Central Government on matters relating to internal security, economic security, technological strength and foreign policy with a view to promoting national security goals and objectives. —MNA/PTI



Skyscrapers dominate Shanghai's skyline. China's urban fixed-asset investment in the first eight months rose 30.3 percent year-on-year to 3.22 trillion yuan (388 billion dollars), official data showed. — INTERNET

Arroyo vows to promote agriculture, tourism in south

DAVAO (Philippines), 17 Sept — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo Thursday vowed to promote the development of agriculture and tourism in the southern Philippine island of Mindanao.

"Mindanao is the 'food basket of the Philippines'," Arroyo said at the 13th Mindanao Business Conference which opened here on Wednesday.

She unveiled her plans of developing Mindanao as the agri-business centre of the country, which produces many high-quality fruits and seafood, like bananas, pineapples and tuna among others.

Mindanao also has many natural and beautiful spots which may attract large amount of tourists in the future, Arroyo added, noting the need to improve infrastructure and transportation.

Also, Arroyo said she would lead the fight against poverty in the island, considered as the poorest region in the country, focusing her efforts on health, housing and education. Earlier, she launched her first call centre in Mindanao, saying she would further boost investments in the information and communications sector in Mindanao.

She also defended a new package of revenue and cost-saving measures to help the country start its journey to lasting economic stability, saying the people deserve no less

than the truth.

Arroyo said it is her duty to inform the people of vital matters affecting their lives, referring to the package of tax measures which her economic managers recommended that includes raising 80 billion pesos (1.43 billion US dollars) in revenues and 100 billion pesos (1.79 billion dollars) in cost-saving and austerity measures.

The three-day conference is aimed to promote the competitiveness and business opportunity of the Mindanao amid economic globalization.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 6,000 illegal turtle eggs seized in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 17 Sept — Singapore's immigration officers on Thursday seized 6,555 pieces of marine turtle eggs on board an Indonesian vessel at the island state's southwestern fishing port of Jurong. The illegal eggs, which weigh more than 400 kilogrammes, come from green turtles and hawksbill turtles, and they have been handed over to the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) for further investigation, according to a statement issued by the AVA. The 48-year-old Indonesian captain of the vessel is now being questioned.

In Singapore, anyone found guilty of smuggling turtle eggs without permission will be jailed for one year and fined 5,000 Singapore dollars (about 2,960 US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam Airlines eyes more international destinations

HANOI, 17 Sept — Vietnam Airlines, the national flag carrier, will open more international routes to Europe and America, and will purchase and lease more planes in the next few years, local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* reported on Thursday.

In addition to developing existing routes to Asia, the carrier plans to conduct flights to England and the Far East of Russia. It will also open routes to the western region of North America with a weekly frequency of 3-4 flights per destination in late 2005 or early 2006.

By 2010, Vietnam Airlines will own and lease some 47 passenger planes and three cargo aircraft, hoping to serve 10 million passengers and 190,000 tons of cargoes in the year. From 2006 to 2010, it plans to record an annual growth of 11 per cent in passenger transport and of 12.5 per cent in cargo transport, and make the five-year revenue of 99 trillion Vietnamese dong (6.3 billion US dollars).

The national flag carrier, which operates 20 direct international routes and three indirect ones, targets to carry roughly five million passengers, including 2.4 million foreigners, and 85,000 tons of cargoes, and gain revenues of 11.2 trillion VND (713.4 million dollars) this year. It served four million passengers and 74,000 tons of cargoes last year.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN lawmakers urge agricultural aid for new members

PHNOM PENH, 17 Sept — ASEAN lawmakers, attending the 25th General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Organization (AIPO), on Thursday urged relatively developed member countries to help new members of the organization to improve their productivity in the agricultural sector.

In a joint communique, the richer ASEAN member countries were urged to help the new members to improve farm productivity through scientific co-operation and human resources development, as well as to improve access and exchanging knowledge along with modern techniques of agricultural production.

The new ASEAN members were mainly agrarian with the majority of their population living in rural areas, and that most of these people were smallholders "who are currently under-utilizing agricultural resources".

The document said that promoting technology, reform and investment in agriculture would enhance intensifica-

tion and diversification towards high-value crops and high-yielding production. "As long as low value-added growth remains, inequality and chronic poverty for the rural poor will persist," it stressed.

The communique was also signed by heads of AIPO's special observer delegations from Brunei and Myanmar.

Some lawmakers from outside ASEAN, including China, Japan and South Korea, also attended the four-day assembly as observers between September 13-16.

ASEAN includes Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Laos, Myanmar, Vietnam and Cambodia.

MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

Roberto Carlos says Real need to work smarter

MADRID, 17 Sept— Real Madrid will need to work smarter, not harder if they are to play their way back into form, according to Brazilian defender Roberto Carlos.

Real were lambasted by the normally supportive Spanish media on Thursday in the wake of an abject 3-0 defeat by Bayer Leverkusen in the Champions league on Wednesday.

Roberto Carlos accepted that Real had played badly against the German side but rejected any suggestion of an attitude problem within the team.

"Nothing went right against Leverkusen," the defender said, after training on Thursday. "People think the solution is to run harder but in fact we have to think harder.

"We need to let the ball do the running. The ball doesn't get tired." —MNA/Reuters



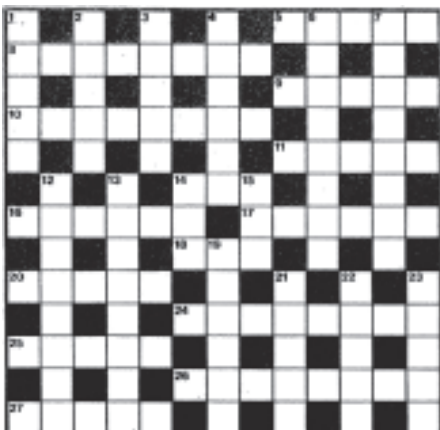
Bayer Leverkusen fans celebrate their team's victory against Real Madrid. Nine-time European champions Real Madrid started the 2004/05 season as favourites to win the Champions League but a 3-0 drubbing by Bayer Leverkusen could see their odds lengthened.—INTERNET

Trabzonspor beat Athletic Bilbao 3-2

ISTANBUL, 17 Sept— Trabzonspor hung on to a 3-2 lead to beat Athletic Bilbao in the first leg of their UEFA Cup first round tie on Thursday after a brave fight-back by the Spanish team from a 3-0 deficit.

The Turkish side stunned the visitors with two goals in rapid succession in the first half. Gokdeniz Karadeniz sent in a cross which sailed past outstretched goalkeeper Daniel Aranzubia to Bilbao defender Javi Gonzalez who mistimed a clearance and knocked the ball into his own net after 25 minutes.—MNA/Reuters

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Sand helps Schalke 04 to 5-1

GELSENKIRCHEN (Germany), 17 Sept— A hat-trick from Denmark striker Ebbe Sand helped coachless Schalke 04 to a 5-1 demolition of Latvia's Liepajas Metalurgs in a UEFA Cup first-round, first-leg match on Thursday. Sand, playing his first match of the season after recovering from meningitis, opened the scoring on 20 minutes, gave the German side a 2-1 lead with a diving header in the 52nd minute and completed his treble with a deflected shot on the hour.

Georgia midfielder Levan Kobiashvili and substitute striker Gerald Asamoah completed the rout.

Striker Alexander Katasonov had put the Latvian side level from close range in the 34th minute. Schalke are looking for a successor to coach Jupp Heynckes, who was sacked on Wednesday after the Gelsenkirchen club made an awful start to the Bundesliga season.

Newcastle defeat Bnei Sakhnin 2-0

NEWCASTLE (England), 17 Sept — Israel's Bnei Sakhnin's dreams of a huge upset remained alive as Newcastle United struggled to a 2-0 victory in their UEFA first-round, first-leg match at St James' Park on Thursday.

But an ill-tempered game, the first foray into European competition by an Arab team, erupted into chaos as both sides had a player sent off, with Sakhnin skipper Abas Suan and England midfielder Nicky Butt dismissed after a second-half confrontation.

Dutch international Patrick Kluivert scored both Newcastle goals in what was manager Graeme Souness' first game in charge of the English Premier League side but the tie remains very much alive.

Kluivert put Newcastle ahead in the third minute when he knocked the ball past the Israeli-Arab team's goalkeeper Energy Murambadoro from close range, and the striker doubled his team's advantage in the 42nd minute when he headed in Laurent Robert's corner.

MNA/Reuters



Newcastle's Kieron Dyer (L) holds off Mallorca's Txomin Arbizu. Graeme Souness suffered his first serious setback as Newcastle boss when Dyer was ruled out of action for several weeks with a recurrence of the hamstring problems that have dogged his career.—INTERNET

Ferrero, Scheuttlar come up short, Safin cruises in China Open

BEIJING, 17 Sept— Juan Carlos Ferrero's hope of a first ATP title was left in tatters at the China Open on Thursday when the second seed was beaten by Kevin Kim from the United States.

And China Open thus became the slayer of seeds with three of the top four' early exit.

Top seed Carlos Moya of Spain lost his first rounder to Frenchman Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, a fresh man in ATP tour. And Ferrero followed his fellowman's footsteps to return home early in the second round after being ousted 6-4, 6-4 by American Kevin Kim, who has played just 22 ATP matches.

China Open was also an nightmare for fourth-seeded Rainer Schüttler. He was defeated by Russian Mikhail Youzhny 7-5, 6-1. However, Russia's

No. 1 player Marat Safin, the 2000 US Open winner by crushing Pete Sampras, marched into the second round by kicking out his doubles' partner Alex Bogomolov from the United States 6-4, 7-5.

Kevin Kim was the sharper player throughout the match, breaking his opponent both in the decisive ninth game of each set to wrap up victory with an ace.

Ferrero never got the opportunity to trade breaks

with three break points being wasted in both game four and eight to help his opponent secure all serves.

Since reaching the final of US Open 12 months ago, the 2003 French Open champion has struggled with stomach, back and wrist injuries, while a bout of chickenpox sidelined Ferrero, who was labeled as the claycourt specialist, during part of the claycourt season after a stellar performance last year.—MNA/Xinhua

AS Roma makes official apology to Anders Frisk

ROME, 17 Sept— Italian club AS Roma made an official apology to referee Anders Frisk on Thursday after he was struck on the head by an object thrown from the stands during a Champions league match against Dynamo Kiev.

The incident at Rome's Olympic Stadium on Wednesday, which happened as players and officials headed for the tunnel at halftime, left the Swede with blood pouring from a head wound and resulted in the match being abandoned.

"I want to apologize officially to the referee, to whom we gave all possible medical attention," the club's sporting director Franco Baldini said.

"Frisk was checked over by our doctors and accompanied back to his hotel at 1.30am."

Baldini denied that security at the Olympic Stadium had been lax.

"There were 400 police plus 400 of our own employees on hand to make sure the match took place in the most correct way possible.

"We will give our full assistance to catch the person responsible (for throwing the object)."

Meanwhile, Roma's administrative delegate Rosella Sensi defended the behaviour of the vast majority of fans who, she said, had acted "in an exemplary fashion".

"This was a gesture of madness that will ruin all the efforts of the team and the club," Sensi said.

MNA/Reuters



Bayer Leverkusen's Jacek Krzynowek (L) vies for the ball against Real Madrid's Zinedine Zidane. Zidane will be out for at least three weeks after dislocating his right shoulder in the 3-0 Champions League defeat in Germany.—INTERNET

MRTV-3
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Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
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- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
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Sights "Myanmar Pano-
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- 9:06 Waso Food Donation
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- 9:10 National News**
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- 9:15 National News**
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- 9:25 Traditional Lamp
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- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 Where the Rhododen-
dron Blooms
- 9:40 Song "Your Lover's
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- 9:50 Survey of Hu Koung
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- 15:32 Song of Myanmar

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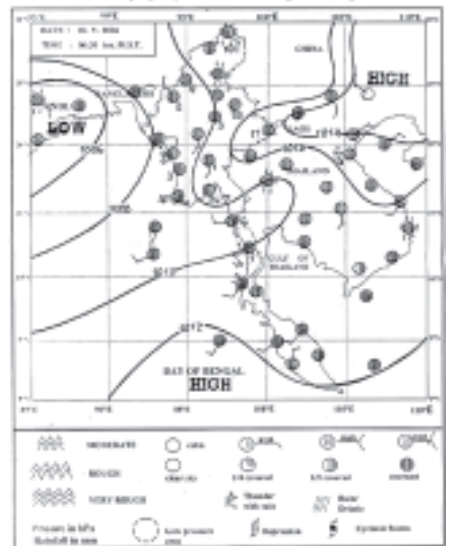
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- 19:40 National News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:50 Myanmar Traditional
Flower Arrangements
(Decoration with
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- 19:55 The "Htaung Yaung
Nay" (Classical Male
Dance)
- 19:58 Myanmar Coffee
- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 Survey of Hu Koung
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Rainfall on 18-9-2004

- 0.32 inch at Yangon Airport,
 - 0.94 inch at Kaba-Aye and
 - 1.25 inches at central Yangon.
- Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was**
- 109.02 inches at Yangon Airport,
 - 104.13 inches at Kaba-Aye and
 - 105.94 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**WEATHER****Saturday, 18 September 2004**

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, southwest monsoon has withdrawn from the central Myanmar areas. Rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yay (2.84) inches, Patheingyi (1.60) inches, Chauk (1.57) inches, and Kanbalu and Pyaw (1.54) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 17-9-2004 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 18-9-2004 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 18-9-2004 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 17-9-2004 was (2.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 18-9-2004 was (0.32 inch) at Yangon Airport, (0.94 inch) at Kaba-Aye and (1.25 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 109.02 inches at Yangon Airport, 104.13 inches at Kaba-Aye and 105.94 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from Northwest at 13:55 hours MST on 17-9-2004. **Bay inference:** Weather is cloudy in the North Bay and monsoon is generally weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 19-9-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kayin and Mon States, Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered in the remaining states and divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of thundery conditions in the lower Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-9-2004:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-9-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood bulletin

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 18-9-2004)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada is (23) cm above the danger level. The water levels may rise (70) cm (about 2 ft) during the next (5) days.

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (130) cm (4 ft) above the danger level. The water level may remain above the danger level during the next (6) days.

Flood warning

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The water level of Ayeyawady River at Chauk and Pyaw may rise (40) cm (about 1.5 ft) and reach the danger level (1450) cm and (2900) cm during the next (48) hours.

The water level of Ayeyawady River at Aungmye may rise (25) cm (about 1 ft) and reach the danger level (2550) cm during the next (24) hours.


Sunday, September 19
View on today:
7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကုန်းသုတေသီတို့ ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံသရာ မဟာ နာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာဗျူဟာ အဘိဓမ္မာ မဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဓမ္မာဘိဇ္ဇာ တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မသမ္ဗုဒ္ဓါဂါရီတိ၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိနိစ္ဆိမ္မာသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ် တရားတော်
- To be healthy exercise
- Morning news
- Nice and sweet song
- ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၀)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ
- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- နိုင်ငံပြတ်ထွန်းတံတား
- International news
- Say it in English

11:00 am

- Martial song
- Musical programme
- Round-up of the Week's International News

11:40 am

- နိုင်ငံပြာမင်္ဂလာမင်္ဂလာ "သမ္မာဓုရိပဉ္စင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

12:15 pm

- ရွှေတိဂုံဆရာတော်ဘုရားက ပြန်မာ ဗျူဟာပိုင် အားတော်

12:30 pm

- Myanmar video feature: "ရန်ကုန်ရုံးရှိ" ဓမ္မ၊ နိဗ္ဗာန်၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင် ခါရိတ်တော်-တိဓမ္မ (အရုဏ်ဦး)

2:15 pm**2:30 pm**

- အတုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- ကျောက်တံတား၊ ရေကူးရေကောင်းတံတား

2:45 pm

- International news

4:00 pm

- Martial song
- Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:15 pm

- English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

- အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့ လံ ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

- ပထမပိုင်း (သုတ္တံ၊ ရုက္ခဏာ အထူးပြော) (သုတ္တံ)

5:10 pm

- ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ ဇွန်လအကြိမ် (၁၂ကြိမ်) ပြန်မာရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရုပ်၊ အတီး၊ ဖြိုင်ပွဲတော်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် ဓမ္မ ပုဇာတော် (ဗုဒ္ဓာရှင်အောင်) (အမျိုးသမီး)

5:30 pm

- လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတတော်

5:40 pm

- Sing and Enjoy

6:30 pm

- Evening news

7:00 pm

- Weather report

7:05 pm

- နိုင်ငံပြာမင်္ဂလာမင်္ဂလာ "ရန်ကုန်ရုံးရှိ" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)

7:35 pm

- Agricultural Source Country's Development

7:45 pm

- Musical programme

8:00 pm

- News
- International news
- Weather report
- နိုင်ငံပြာမင်္ဂလာမင်္ဂလာ "ရန်ကုန်ရုံးရှိ" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- The next day's programme

**Sunday, September 19****Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music:
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music:
- 8.55 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am** Music:
- 9.10 am** International news
- 9.15 am** Cultural Images Of Myanmar: -Myanmar Marionette
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Story for Children
- 1.50 pm** Songs for Children -The frog and the rat
- 9.00 pm** Weekly news review
- 9.10 pm** Music
- 9.15 pm** Article
- 9.25 pm** Let's Improve English Through Songs!
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council

Order No 6/2004
5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1366 ME
(18th September 2004)

Permission granted for retirement

The State Peace and Development Council has permitted the following ministers to retire from duties with effect from today.

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| (1) Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin | Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation |
| (2) Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe | Ministry of Transport |
| (3) U Win Aung | Ministry of Foreign Affairs |

By Order,
Sd/ Soe Win
Lieutenant- General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council

Order No 7/2004
5th Waxing of Tawthalin, 1366 ME
(18th September 2004)

Permission granted for retirement

The State Peace and Development Council has permitted Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win to retire from his duty with effect from today.

By Order,
Sd/ Soe Win
Lieutenant- General
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State Peace and Development Council

NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein calls for timely completion of work for reconvening of NC



NCCC Commission Chairman Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the meeting of the National Convention Convening Commission. — MNA

YANGON, 18 Sept — The National Convention Convening Commission held a meeting at the meeting hall of the NCCC in Kyaikkasan Grounds, here, this morning, with an address by Chairman of the Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman of the Commission Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Attorney-General U Aye Maung and members of the NCCC.

Joint-Secretary of the Commission Director-

General U Myint Thein of Pyithu Hluttaw Office acted as master of ceremonies.

First, Chairman of the Commission Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address, saying that the National Convention Convening Work Committee is to make efforts for timely completion of the tasks of the National Convention which had been held. At the same time, it is necessary to make preparatory tasks for reconvening of the National Convention. The National Convention Convening Commission, on its part, is to go through the reports of the Work Committee in time. Similarly, the Management Committee is to perform present tasks

on time and to start its functions.

Next, Vice-Chairman of the Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung presented reports on tasks being carried out by the Commission, progress of works and preparatory tasks.

Afterwards, members of the Commission discussed arrangements for the National Convention which will be continued successfully and laying down of detailed basic principles to be included in drawing the State Constitution.

Later, Chairman of the Commission Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave the concluding remarks.

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Commander, Mayor inspect beautifying, sanitation measures in Yangon City

YANGON, 18 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected proper flow of water at drains and upgrading and sanitation tasks in Yangon City this morning.

In Kyauktada

Township, the commander and the mayor inspected upgrad-ing of platform along Bogyoke Aung San Street between Bo Aung Kyaw Road and 40th Street and dredging of drains for proper flow of water.

They saw over sanitation tasks, placing of concrete tiles on platforms in Botahtaung, South Okkalapa, Mayangon and Bahan townships and installation of steel beams at the

overpass linking Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo (Yangon) in Mingala Taungnyunt Township.

On their inspection tour, the commander and the mayor gave instructions, saying that as upgrading tasks are being carried out for having city characteristics, officials are to lay down plans for beautifying and keeping the city clean and pleasant. Next, they attended to the needs.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect sanitation tasks. — YANGON COMMAND