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Senior General Than Shwe sends congratulatory message to Chinese President

YANGON, 20 Sept — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe has sent a congratulatory message to President Mr Hu Jintao, who has been assigned as Chairman of the Central Military Commission of the People's Republic of China. — MNA

GAD officials play important role in running Government administrative machinery Secretary-2 urges them to give priority to further cementing national unity based on Union Spirit for perpetuation of Union

YANGON, 20 Sept— A work coordination meeting of General Administration Department Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein. Also present were Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, and Development Council Office, directors of GAD (Head Office) and GAD officers from role. Thus, it is important for them to enhance their qualification to uplift



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at work coordination meeting of General Administration Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs. — MNA

of the Ministry of Home Affairs for 2004 was held at the Ministry this morning, with an address by Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, the director-general of Myanmar Police Force, directors-general of departments, advisers, officials of the State Peace

States and Divisions. Director-General of GAD U Myat Ko reported on organizational set-up of GAD from the Head Office to divisions at different levels, conducting work efficiency courses for staff, implementation of four major tasks and functions of GAD.

In his address, the Secretary-2 said GAD staff especially staff officers of respective State and Division GADs are helping run the Government administrative machinery smoothly and they play an important

their morale and conviction, and to be able to observe the codes of conduct, uphold dignity, and to be versed in laws, rules and regulations and procedures and their work.

He said GAD staff should try to possess noble spiritual qualifications such as uprightness, being free from corruption and bribery, the spirit of giving priority more to honesty and reputation than wealth and correct vision.

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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



Indian goodwill delegation arrives

YANGON, 20 Sept — Indian goodwill delegation led by Lt-Gen J S Varma PVSM, AVSM, ADC, Commander of the Eastern Command of the Indian Armed Forces and wife Mrs Meera Varma arrived here this afternoon by air.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Htay, Vice Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, Vice-Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw, Maj-Gen Aung Thein and Brig-Gen Khin Aung of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, senior military officers and Indian Military Attaché Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra and wife.

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With the development in all parts of the Union including border areas, administrative system is being materialized fully in order to carry out regional administrative, economic and social matters effectively in parallel with regional development.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for development of agriculture by making good use of opportunities created

The Union of Myanmar is an agro-based nation. Earnest efforts are being made for development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well.

Ways and means are being sought to ensure water supply for agriculture purpose for enhancement of socio-economic life of the people through the agricultural sector.

In the time of the Tatmadaw Government, altogether 163 dams and reservoirs have been built, and another 28 are under construction. Meanwhile, a total of 265 river water pumping stations have been established and another 30 are being implemented.

Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspected Kayan Sluice Gate construction project being implemented by Construction-6 of the Irrigation Department near Old Chaungwa Village, Thanlyin Township and gave instructions to officials. He stressed the need for timely completion of the project, minimizing loss and wastage on machinery, construction materials, finance, labour and time. Only when the sluice gate is completed earlier than scheduled, can the people enjoy fruitful results sooner. He spoke of the need to build the facility meeting the set standards.

The sluice gate is being built with the aim of preventing river water from flowing into the lands and from flooding in Kayan, Thongwa and Thanlyin Townships, supplying water to the farmlands after storing fresh water during the late monsoon period, retaining moisture for cold season crops, preventing salt water and silt from flowing into the fields. Upon completion, it will benefit 30,000 acres of farmlands.

The Government built scores of irrigated infrastructures. As a result, progress has been made in the agricultural sector. Moreover, farmers have been able to engage in double and triple cropping, thereby contributing to improvement of their socio-economic life.

Therefore, we would like to call on departmental officials and farmers to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts for development of agricultural sector by making good use of the opportunities created by the Government.



Ma Pa Pa Tun (a) The Mon seen together with seized stimulant tablets. — 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

Strategic Planning Workshop for MMCWA opened

YANGON, 20 Sept — The opening ceremony of Strategic Planning Workshop for Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association (2005-2009) was held at the Internal Business Centre on Pyay Road here at 9 am today, with an opening address by MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, heads of department, MMCWA Vice-Presidents

Dr Kyi Soe and Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, CEC members, officials of social organizations, patrons, chairpersons and secretaries of Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committees from states and divisions and the project manager of International Planned Parenthood Federation IPPE.

After the opening ceremony, the first day session of the workshop was held and those present held discussions. The workshop continues tomorrow. MNA



President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe delivers a speech at Strategic Planning Workshop for MMCWA (2005-2009). — MNA



President of MCBA briefs on the course. — MNA

Course on coding system and export import procedures opened

YANGON, 20 Sept — Course No 1 on Basic Harmonized Commodity Coding System and Export Import Procedures, jointly conducted by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and MCBA, was opened this morning

at UMFCCI Training Centre in Pabedan Township.

A total of 35 trainees are attending the course which lasts a week.

UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and President of MCBA U Myo Thant delivered the opening speeches. — MNA

Stimulant pills seized

YANGON, 20 Sept — A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Mandalay Special Anti-drug Squad on 10 August searched the house of Ma Pa Pa Tun (a) The Mon of Naungkwe Ward, Aung Myaythasan Township, Mandalay and arrested her together with 1,900 stimu-

lant tablets packed in a palasitic bag.

In connection with the case, action is being taken against Ma Pa Pa Tun (a) The Mon, daughter of U Ngwe Tun, by Mandalay Police Station No (4) under section 15/19(A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. MNA

Minister inspects factories in Bago Division

YANGON, 20 Sept — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thauang together with officials yesterday morning inspected sale of goods of Industry-1 at Win Thu Za shop in Pyay, Bago Division and gave necessary instructions on storing goods and following directions and policy of the ministry.

The minister proceeded to Shwe Taung Textile and Finishing Mill of Myanmar Textile Industries where he inspected textile of new design and gave instructions on production of more textile of fashionable design, distributing to the people at reasonable price.

The minister inspected ginning, assembly line and gave necessary instructions.

Later, the minister inspected clothes of various designs produced from 1996-97 to

2003-2004 fiscal year.

The minister then met service personnel and urged them to discharge duties and to be loyal to the State. He also called on them to strive to meet the production target through their qualified skills.

In the afternoon, the minister saw over production process at Thayawady ceramics factory of the Myanmar Ceramics Industry and gave instructions.

The minister then inspected progress in construction of the building for Shanding-type stove and various items and gave instructions.

Afterwards, the minister inspected samples of colourful ceramics.

In the evening, the minister met with officers and staff and gave instruction on striving for exceeding the target.

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Senators urge Bush to rethink Iraq policy

WASHINGTON, 19 Sept—Senators from both parties urged the Bush administration on Sunday to face the reality of the situation in Iraq and change its occupation policies.

"The fact is a crisp, sharp analysis of our policies is required. We didn't do that in Vietnam, and we saw 11 years of casualties mount to the point where we finally lost," said Sen. Chuck Hagel, a Vietnam War veteran who is co-chairman of President Bush's re-election committee in Nebraska.

"We can't lose this. It is too important," Hagel, R-Neb., said on CBS'

"Face the Nation."

A major problem, said leaders of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, was incompetence by the administration in reconstructing the country's shattered infrastructure.

The chairman, Senator Richard Lugar, noted that Congress appropriated \$18.4 billion a year ago this week for reconstruction. No more than \$1 billion has been spent. "This

is the incompetence in the administration," Lugar, R-Ind., said on ABC's "This Week."

Senator John McCain, who has campaigned often with the President, said mistakes in Iraq generally can be attributed to inadequate manpower. McCain, R-Ariz., said problems began arising shortly after the dash through the desert to take Baghdad, the capital, in April 2003.

"We made serious mistakes right after the initial successes by not having enough troops on the ground, by allowing the looting, by not securing the borders," McCain said. "Airstrikes don't do it; artillery doesn't do it. Boots on the ground do it," McCain told "Fox News Sunday." Senator Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., said Bush had pointed out from the beginning that the risks of combat in Iraq.

"I find it shocking that some people are surprised by the fact that it is a long and difficult conflict," Kyl said. Senator Lindsey Graham, R-S C., acknowledged that the situation may deteriorate further before it gets better —Internet

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Three Lebanese kidnapped in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 Sept—Three Lebanese men and their Iraqi driver have been kidnapped in Iraq, the Lebanese Foreign Ministry said on Sunday.

The four—identified as Lebanese Fadi Munir Yassin, Cherbal Karam Haj and Aram Nalbadian and Iraqi Ahmed Mirza—were abducted by the gunmen on Baghdad-Fallujah highway on Friday night, a Foreign Ministry official said. The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that the three Lebanese worked for a travel agency that has a branch in Baghdad.

The motive for the kidnapping was not immediately clear. Lebanese Foreign Minister Jean Obeid has instructed the Lebanese charge d'affaires in Iraq, Hassan Hejazi, to contact Iraqi authorities to secure the release of the three Lebanese, the official said. About 120 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq, and many have been killed by their captors.

Guerillas have carried out most of the kidnappings in a bid to drive foreign companies out of Iraq and thwart the US-led reconstruction of the country.

Internet

Militants behead three Kurd hostages in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 Sept—Militants beheaded three hostages said to be Iraqi Kurd militiamen, showing their deaths in a video posted on a Web site Sunday and denouncing Kurdish political parties for cooperating with Americans in Iraq.

In a separate incident, a group claimed to have kidnapped 25 members of the Iraqi National Guard, and a report on the Arabic station Al-Jazeera said the soldiers were threatened with death unless a detained Shiite leader is freed within 48 hours. The bodies of the three slain hostages were found by a road outside the northern city of Mosul, said Sarkawt

Hassan, security chief in the mainly Kurdish town of Sulaimaniyah. He identified them as members of the peshmerga militia of the Kurdistan Democratic Party.

"They beheaded them," Hassan said.

The 25 National Guard troops were taken by a group calling itself Brigades of Mohammed bin Abdullah, according to the Al-Jazeera report. A brief video clip aired by the station showed men in military dress sitting on the floor, with men standing behind them pointing guns to their heads. Most of the hostages had their heads bowed, but they were not blindfolded and appeared uninjured.

No audio was aired, but Al-Jazeera's announcer said the militants threatened to kill the 25 unless Hazem al-A'araji, a member of rebel Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's office in Baghdad, was released within 48 hours.

Internet

Indonesia drafting amendments to anti-terror law

JAKARTA, 19 Sept—Indonesian Justice Minister Yusril Ihza Mahendra said Friday that the country is drafting amendments to the anti-terror law.

He said the amendment is aimed at strengthening the current law, following the bloody car bombing in front of the Australian Embassy to Indonesia on 9 September. —MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier secures the scene of a car bomb explosion near a police station in central Baghdad, on 17 September, 2004. —INTERNET

French "Macif" to join Cambodia's insurance industry

PHNOM PENH, 19 Sept—Cambodia's small and young insurance industry will have a more competition with the joining of France's largest insurance company, Macif.

Macif will join Cambodia's insurance industry with an investment of six million US dollars in Cambodia's financially troubled Indochine Insurance, local media reported on Saturday.

"I did not think that the joining of Macif will greatly affect Cambodia's

insurance market," an industry source, speaking on condition of anonymity, told Xinhua on Saturday.

Acknowledging that there will be a challenge, she said, "We have the confidence to maintain and develop our market share. "But what is more important is to improve our professional knowledge, skills and service level," she added.

Macif, has total assets of more than 15 billion dollars, will hold about 50 per cent of the Indochine Insurance company and to rename it as Macif (Cambodia) to be inaugurated in February 2005.

The government has an insurance law in 2002 that requires a capital investment of seven million US dollars for a five-year operating licence and a 700,000 deposits at the National Bank of Cambodia.

Indochine was ordered to close by the government about two months ago because it did not meet that minimum requirement.

Cambodia has four insurers currently operated in insurance market, including Forte, Asia Insurance, Indochine and the state-run Cambodia National Insurance Company, or Caminco, which started providing insurance in 1992.

Cambodia, with a population of about 13 million, is a less developed country in Southeast Asia with a 35 per cent of its population still living under the poverty line. —MNA/Xinhua

Chinese youth delegation leaves for Russia

BEIJING, 19 Sept—A 100-member delegation of Chinese youth left here Saturday night for Russia for a week-long visit.

Vice-Chairman Hu Wei of the All-China Youth Federation, the delegation leader, said that this is the largest exchange activity between Chinese and Russian youth over the past few years, with the aim of enhancing mutual understanding.

The event also commemorates the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between Russia (then the Soviet Union) and the People's Republic of China, and the Sino-Russian youth friendship year.

MNA/Xinhua



Local residents stand near a truck after an improvised explosive device went off under it, in Baghdad, Iraq on 19 September, 2004. The driver died and two persons were injured in the explosion. —INTERNET

French PM optimistic over fate of hostage-journalists

PARIS, 20 Sept — A message purportedly from an Iraqi group holding two French hostages in Iraq is more reliable than previous statements posted on Islamism web sites, Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin said on Sunday.

An Islamist web site said on Saturday it had received a message purportedly from an Iraqi group holding the men saying it had conditionally agreed to free them.

But although he was "slightly optimistic" over the fate of journalists Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot, who were seized in Iraq on

August 20, Raffarin urged caution.

"Today we have information which has not been authenticated 100 per cent but which appears to us to be more serious than the previous ones," he told TF1 television. "So we are slightly optimistic, but we must of course remain prudent."

Islam Memo web site

quoted the Islamic Army in Iraq as saying the kidnapped men had willingly agreed to work for it to inform the West about the realities of the war and the "truth" about the Iraqi resistance.

Militants have seized scores of foreign hostages in Iraq since April. At least 26 have been killed.

MNA/Reuters



Rashad Rashid, left, cries while touching the remains of the truck his brother Ziad Rashid was killed in after an improvised explosive device went off under it, in Baghdad, on 19 Sept, 2004.

INTERNET

WTO concludes 4th trade policy review of S Korea

GENEVA, 19 Sept — The World Trade Organization (WTO) concluded the fourth trade policy review of South Korea on Friday, saying that further trade liberalization and structural reforms are the key to South Korea's sustained growth.

South Korea's economy has achieved an impressive recovery from the Asian crisis, with its GDP per capita having been restored to pre-crisis levels, according to a report released Friday by the WTO Secretariat.

This economic recovery has undoubtedly been fostered by wide-ranging structural reforms and the maintenance of outward-oriented trade and investment policies as far as manufacturing and services are concerned, says the report.

The recovery was also facilitated by a favourable external economic environment, it adds.

Nonetheless, the WTO Secretariat report notes that South Korea faces several related economic challenges.

These challenges include sluggish domestic demand, resulting in possible over-reliance on exports as the main source of current growth, and the need for further trade liberalization and structural reforms to develop a more competitive economy, says the report.

All 147 members of the Geneva-based trade organization receive trade policy reviews regularly.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese, Sudanese FM's talk on phone

BEIJING, 19 Sept — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing exchanged views Friday night with his Sudanese counterpart Mustafa Osman Ismail on the revised UN Security Council draft resolution on the Darfur humanitarian crisis in western Sudan.

During a telephone

conversation, Li briefed Ismail on China's exchanges with other members of the UN Security Council on the issue.

Ismail said that Sudan has taken new, active measures today to improve the Darfur situation, adding that Sudan will continue to cement coop-

eration with the United Nations, the African Union and the League of Arab States.

The United Nations estimates that at least one million people are currently living in refugee camps in Darfur under barbaric conditions.

MNA/Xinhua

Italian aid group releases emotive images to Arab TV

ROME, 20 Sept — Piecing together old video footage, an Italian aid group released emotive images to Arab television on Sunday of its two female Italian charity workers and two Iraqi colleagues kidnapped in Baghdad.

The group, which calls itself a "A Bridge to Baghdad", hopes the four-minute video may help win the release of the hostages. It pans into schools and shows reconstruction that highlighted the hostages' humanitarian work in the war-ravaged city.

The video was passed to two Arabic television channels but only one aired it on Sunday. "I love Iraq," said Simona Torretta, one of the Italian captives. "There are so many children that have serious diseases and birth defects...I feel that distributing medicine and being close to these people is a duty."

MNA/Reuters

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Iraqi ambassador presents credentials to UN

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Sept — Iraq's first post-Saddam ambassador to the United Nations formally presented his credentials on Friday, but he cannot vote until Baghdad pays 14.5 million US dollars in back dues.

"Welcome to the UN and we have a lot to do. You can count on our cooperation," Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in greeting Iraqi envoy Samir Sumaidy.

"I am so delighted to be the first delegate to represent Iraq at the United Nations after its freeing," Sumaidy said. The credentials ceremony came as the 191-nation UN General Assembly this week opened its 59th session at its New York headquarters.

Iraq has had no UN ambassador since the fall of Saddam Hussein's government last year. Mohammed Aldouri, its top envoy in the period running up to the US-led invasion, fled New York just before the conflict began in March 2003. Sumaidy, a Sunni Muslim writer and businessman who was a prominent opposition figure while Saddam was in power, was named by the United States to the Iraqi Governing Council after the war and later served as Interior Minister.

Although a sovereign interim government took power in Baghdad in later June, Iraq cannot resume voting in the General Assembly until it pays the United Nations at least 14.5 million US dollars in dues, according to a report Annan issued earlier this week.

The General Assembly is the main UN deliberative body, with each country normally having one vote.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq's first ambassador to Iran since 1980 submits credential

TEHRAN, 19 Sept — Iraq's first ambassador to Iran since 1980, Mohammad Majid al-Sheikh, on Saturday officially kicked off his mission by submitting credential to Iran's Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Sheikh took over from Iraqi Charge d'Affaires Khalil Salman al-Sabihi the post to represent his country in the Islamic Republic.

During the meeting with Kharrazi, Sheikh touched on political, historical and cultural commonness of the two countries and stressed the need for exploiting them to put the two neighbours bitter past behind.

The relation between Iran and Iraq

has been complicated with conflicts and disputes on religion and territory.

The two neighbours plunged into a destructive war from 1980 to 1988, which caused prolonged enmity.

Iran strengthened its effort to build friendliness with Iraq after the downfall of former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein, especially after the transfer of power in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi policemen gather around smouldering police cars after a suicide bomber detonated an explosives-filled car targeting an Iraqi police convoy near Rasheed Street in central Baghdad, on 17 Sept, 2004. Five died and 20 were injured in the attack. — INTERNET

Kerry charges Bush over rewarding companies with defence contracts

ALBUQUERQUE (New Mexico), 19 Sept — Democrat John Kerry charged President George W Bush's Administration on Friday with rewarding politically connected companies with huge defence contracts and then "turning a blind eye to the massive overcharging and waste".

The presidential candidate proposed an overhaul of the way firms bid for lucrative government deals, saying the Bush Administration favours old cronies like Halliburton, big political contributors and special interests in secret backroom deals that cost taxpayers billions of dollars.

"It's an abuse of the American taxpayer. It's an abuse of trust," he said in a scathing attack on Bush at a campaign stop in New Mexico, a battleground state where polls show him and the incumbent Republican locked in a tight contest.

The Massachusetts senator campaigned later on Friday in Colorado, another Western state where polls also indicate a close race.

Speaking in New Mexico, Kerry singled out

Halliburton, the multinational company Vice-President Dick Cheney once headed, for landing huge no-bid government contracts to rebuild Iraq.

"It is clear that almost every aspect of this war, from how we went to how it was conducted, has been mismanaged, all the way to turning a blind eye to the massive overcharging and waste that their friends at Halliburton engage in," he said.

The Bush Administration has been dogged with questions surrounding the awarding of big contracts, without a competitive bidding process, to Cheney's old firm, which has been accused in several reports of overcharging.

"That's their cronyism," Kerry said. "They chose to give it to the big folks at the expense of the average person in the country."

Kerry also accused Bush of hiding plans to call up more members of the part-time National Guard and Reserve after the November election to compensate for thinning ranks in the fulltime US military due to the Iraq war.

Nearly 40 per cent of the US troops deployed in Iraq and Afghanistan are from the National Guard and Reserve.

"He won't tell us what Congressional leaders are now saying, that this administration is planning yet another substantial call-up of reservists and Guard units immediately after the election," Kerry said. "Hide it from the people through the election, then make the move".

In Washington, Democratic Representative John Murtha, a member of the House Subcommittee on Defence, backed Kerry's claim. — MNA/Reuters



After days of violence when several car bombs were used by guerillas, a US soldier looks at a suspected car bomb through a pair of binoculars in Baghdad, on 16 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Blair warned chaos could follow toppling Saddam

LONDON, 19 Sept — Britain's Foreign Secretary and senior officials warned Prime Minister Tony Blair a year before invading Iraq that chaos could follow the toppling of Saddam Hussein, a newspaper said on Saturday.

The *Daily Telegraph* said that Foreign Secretary Jack Straw sent a letter marked "secret and personal" to Blair in March 2002 warning that no one had prepared for what might happen afterwards.

The Foreign Office declined to comment directly on the report but said in a statement that Iraq was moving towards a democratic future for the first time.

If confirmed, the leak — which comes amid a sharp escalation in violence in Iraq — could prove to be damaging to Blair with an election looming in 2005. It also illustrates the depth of concern in his government to joining the US-led invasion in March 2003.

"There seems to be a larger hole in this (postwar planning) than anything," the *Telegraph* quoted Straw as saying.

"No one has satisfactorily answered how there can be any certainty that the replacement regime will be any better," Blair defended his position on Saturday.

"The idea that we did not have a plan for afterwards is simply not correct," he told a news conference on Saturday.

"We did and indeed we have unfolded that plan but there are people in

Iraq, outsiders as well as former regime elements, who are determined to stop us. That's why it is all the more important that we carry on until we win it and we will."

The opposition Conservatives — which backed Blair over the war but later said their support was based on bogus intelligence information from his security services — said the leak revealed a lack of a comprehensive reconstruction plan.

"The assurances given to us by both the Prime Minister and Jack Straw that such a plan was in hand were clearly misleading," the Conservatives' foreign affairs spokesman Michael Ancram said on Saturday.

The *Telegraph* also said that senior ministerial advisers warned in a "Secret UK Eyes Only" paper that success would only be achieved if the United States and others committed to "nation building for many years".

"The greater investment of Western forces, the greater our control over Iraq's future, but the greater the cost and the longer we would need to stay," it said.

MNA/Reuters

UNHCR resumes repatriation of Iraqi refugees from Iran

GENEVA, 19 Sept — The United Nations (UN) refugee agency said Friday that it has resumed its voluntary repatriation programme for Iraqi refugees in Iran.

A total of 251 Iraqi refugees left Ansar camp in Iran on Tuesday morning and arrived later that day in Basra in southern Iraq, UN High Commis-

sioner for Refugees (UNHCR) spokesman Ron Redmond told the reporters.

This was the first such convoy for over a month.

On 12 August, all return movements were halted at the request of Iraqi authorities because of security concerns.

Also this week, UNHCR was able to organize its convoy for non-camp Iraqi refugees in Iran, many of whom have been asking for assistance to repatriate for several months.

UNHCR reiterated that it does not encourage Iraqis abroad to repatriate now because Iraq is not yet ready to absorb large numbers of returnees, but it does provide assistance to refugees in neighbouring countries who insist on returning despite the difficult conditions in Iraq.

Around 14,000 Iraqis have repatriated with UNHCR help from Iran, Saudi Arabia and Lebanon since last year, and 9,000 of them from Iran.

MNA/Xinhua



British soldiers are positioned outside the Basra office of radical Iraqi cleric Moqtada Sadr on 19 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Released Turkish translator returns home from Iraq

ANKARA, 19 Sept — Aytullah Gezmen, a Turkish translator who was held hostage by militants in Iraq and then released after 52 days, arrived back in the southern Turkish city of Adana on Friday, *Anatolia* news agency reported.

Anatolia quoted Gezmen as saying that he is very happy to be back, but he added "there are other Turkish hostages in Iraq. I hope they will be rescued as well".

Gezmen went missing in July along with Murat Yuce, who was later killed by a bullet to the head by Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi's Tawhid wal Jihad (Unity and Holy War) group.

MNA/Xinhua

Canada funds Tanzania's anti-"AIDS" programme

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 19 Sept — Canada has donated 4.5 million Canadian dollars (about 3.47 million US dollars) to help Tanzania provide HIV/AIDS patients with free life-prolonging drugs.

Visiting Canadian Minister for International Cooperation Aileen Carroll handed over the money to the east African country, according to local media Saturday.

The Tanzanian Government has decided to distribute from next month anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs) free-of-charge for some 30,000 nationals living with the virus. The programme is scheduled to reach out to 220,000 HIV/AIDS patients between 2005 and 2006.

MNA/Xinhua

Bulgarian President opposes redeploying troops in Iraq

SOFIA, 20 Sept — Bulgarian President Georgi Purvanov has expressed his opposition to redeployment of his country's troops from Iraq's Karbala to Najaf, local media reported on Saturday.

Purvanov said Friday that he had serious reservations about the transferring of Bulgarian troops to Najaf.

"Our troops have carried out their mission effectively and forged friendly relationship with residents in Karbala," said Purvanov. "But Najaf is a totally new place to our troops and residents there could even be hostile to

our soldiers."

The Bulgarian President was responding to reports that the US military in Iraq is planning to transfer the Polish and Bulgarian troops to Najaf to replace the US troops.

In May 2003, Bulgarian Parliament approved sending about 500 troops to Karbala, south of Baghdad. The mission of the Bulgarian troops was to restore or-

der and protect reconstruction projects in the region.

However, the barracks of the Bulgarian troops were attacked by a suicide car bombing in December 2003, which left five dead and 26 injured. Another soldier was killed while on patrol earlier this year.

MNA/Xinhua



A British soldier secures an area in the Iraqi southern city of Basra on 18 Sept, 2004. British military sources said one British soldier was wounded during clashes against militants loyal to cleric Moqtada Sadr.—INTERNET

Increasing number of tourists flock to Tibet

LHASA, 19 Sept — Unique highland landscapes folklore and the holy and mysterious lamaseries of Tibetan Buddhism all add to the appeal of the Tibet Autonomous Region, southwest China, which has caught the attention of an increasing number of tourists from home and abroad.

The region received a record of 870,000 domestic and overseas tourists in the first eight months of this year, up 98 per cent from the same period last year, according to the latest statistics released by the regional tourism administration.

The tourists included 60,000 overseas tourists who came from

the United States, Japan, Germany, France and Britain and 810,000 domestic tourists from across the country.

Tourism income topped 800 million yuan (about 96.73 million US dollars) for the eight-month period, up 93 per cent over the corresponding period of last year. The income included 20.68 million US dollars in

foreign exchange.

According to the regional administration, Tibet has made marked achievements in construction of highways leading to tourist resorts and hotels in scenic areas.

The region has also arranged a series of festivals and activities, which showcase local beautiful natural scenes and unique culture, to attract tourists.

The regional tourism administration predicted that the number of tourists to Tibet will reach 950,000 by the end of September. Covering more than 1.2 million square kilometres, or one-eighth of China's total landscape, Tibet is located in the southwestern part of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau.

MNA/Xinhua

Bolivia earmarks \$951m for coca eradication effort

LIMA, 19 Sept — The Bolivian Government announced Friday that it will invest 951 million US dollars by 2008 in reducing coca cultivation in the country, reports from La Paz said.

The Bolivian Government will use 557 million dollars in promoting the cultivation of replacement crops and the other 394 million dollars in anti-drug operations, the reports said.

Bolivia is one of the largest drug producers in Latin America, with 28,000 hectares of farmlands growing coca, the raw material for cocaine.

The Bolivian authorities have seized more than 30 tons of drug so far this year. — MNA/Xinhua

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Iraqi group agrees to free two French journalists

DUBAI, 20 Sept — An Islamist web site said on Saturday it had received a message purportedly from an Iraqi group holding two French journalists hostage saying it had conditionally agreed to free them.

The web site said it could not authenticate the message.

Islam Memo web site quoted the message from the Islamic Army in Iraq as saying that kidnapped French journalists Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot had "willingly agreed" to work for it to inform the West about the realities of the US-led war and the "truth" about the Iraqi resistance.

"The Islamic Army in Iraq... has ended the imprisonment of two French journalists," the site quoted the statement as saying.

"They are now conducting their work in agreement with the Islamic

Army and it was agreed (that) they work for the army to cover battles and attacks ... for a limited period which has not been announced," the message was quoted as saying.

In Paris, a government spokesman said France was studying the message. "It is premature to say whether or not this statement is authentic. We are analysing it," the spokesman said. France's objection to "Allawi's agent army" was one of the reasons for the group to agree to free the hostages, the message said.

European diplomats said on Friday that France and Belgium, which have opposed the US-led war

on Iraq, had stalled plans for NATO to launch a training academy for senior Iraqi military officers in Iraq.

The Islamic Army said mediation efforts to release the journalists had been halted "after it became known that these mediating parties were either enemy spies or the enemy was spying on their communications", Islam Memo said.

The group said the Syrian driver also captured with the two on August 20 was now on trial at the "Army's court" for spying. Militants have seized scores of foreign hostages in Iraq since April, including two Italian women aid workers, two Americans and one Briton. At least 26 have been killed.

Another group of suspected al-Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi threatened in an Internet video on Saturday to kill the Briton and two American hostages unless US forces released female prisoners from two Iraqi jails within 48 hours.

MNA/Reuters

Turkish driver killed in armed attack in Mosul

ISTANBUL, 20 Sept — A Turkish truck driver was killed in an armed attack in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Saturday as he transported goods from Turkey, the NTV news channel reported.

The driver was named as Ali Bayindirli from Gaziantep in southeast Turkey, who set out from the western Turkish city of Izmir five days ago, NTV said. It did not specify a source for the report or give details of Saturday morning's attack, but said officials from his company were expected to bring his body back to Turkey on Sunday.

The killing comes a day after the Iraqi National Guard said three Turkish truck drivers had been seized by gunmen on a road north of Baghdad. At least three other Turkish truck drivers have been killed by their abductors in Iraq in recent months. Several others have been released after their employers agreed to pull out of Iraq.

Overall more than 100 foreigners from dozens of countries have been snatched in the last six months, and at least 30

have been killed.

MNA/Reuters



A young boy picks up reusable pieces of materials after rockets allegedly fired from a US fighter plane damaged a house, according to eyewitnesses, in Sadr City, Baghdad, on 19 Sept, 2004. One person was injured in the attack. — INTERNET



The opening ceremony of self-reliant library in Sint-in Village-tract in Shan State (North). — H

Libraries built to disseminate knowledge

Achievements show the genuine goodwill of the Government, the quick steps taken by the Ministry of Information, and well intention of the kind-hearted people



The opening ceremony of the self-reliant library of Kyatmauk Model Village in Thazi Township, Mandalay Division.
KYEMON

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



The self-reliant library of Narkhe Village in Mahae Village-tract Hsipaw Township in Shan State (North) being opened. — KYEMON

**Knowledge banks
or libraries opened
in villages on
self-reliant basis**



Shwetheindaw self-reliant library being opened in Khawtaw Village in Wetlet Township, Sagaing Division. — KYEMON



People living in Shaukpinyoe Village in Singu Township, PyinOoLwin District, have now access to books in the self-reliant library opened in their village. — KYEMON

GAD officials play important...

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Continuing he said, they are to make endeavours for success of the objectives of GAD—prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquillity, regional development and carrying out community welfare services.

The Secretary-2 pointed out that security, stability and community peace and tranquillity are essential to a nation. The world events and 50-year history of the country after regaining independence in 1948 clearly showed that development tasks could not be implemented effectively if there was no security, stability and prevalence of law and order. That was why the government gave first priority to the security, stability, prevalence of law and order and community peace and tranquillity, he added.

Now there is stability and community peace and tranquillity in the country but there are internal and external elements who want to undermine better conditions. We are to be aware of such elements and to prevent the danger, he said.

As is known to all, the government has laid down border area development project, 24 major regions development project and rural development projects and is implementing them day and night for national development. Border areas once lagged behind in development as there was no security, peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order. Under the Tatmadaw government, there is mutual understanding and confidence and the government is able

to undertake border area development project. Nowadays rapid developments have been made. With the development in all parts of the Union including border areas, administrative system is being implemented fully in order to carry out regional administrative, economic and social matters effectively in parallel with regional development.

Only when there is administrative system based on prevalence of law and order can all the national races earn their living safely under the rule of law.

GAD officers discharging duties in border areas are required to carry out their tasks efficiently in accord with the aims, while giving priority to further cementing national solidarity based on Union Spirit for perpetuation of the nation.

As human resources are essential for national development, 24 development zones have been set up in the nation for its all-round development. Institutions of higher learning and hospitals have been built in the zones to produce highly qualified and fit and healthy human resources. Thus, the GAD officials are urged to strive collectively for successful realization of the State's aims. As majority of the population are living in rural areas, the nation will develop only if the rural areas are developed. In this regard, the five rural development tasks — to develop rural health, to develop rural education, to improve rural transport, to ensure clean enough for cultivation and household needs and to develop rural economy — have been implemented. They will have to tour every village in the regions they are assigned to for the successful implementation of the tasks.

They will have to join hands with staff of other ministries, and strive through collective leadership, responsibility and efforts for the success of the State projects. Moreover, they should join forces with volunteer and social bodies including the Union Solidarity and Development Association, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Red Cross Society and the Auxiliary Fire Brigades and the War Veterans Organization.

The National Convention, the first step of the seven-point future policy programme of the State,

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has been reconvened from 17 May to 9 July, with the participation of people of all walks of life. The National Convention has already discussed the basic principles concerning the legislation that must be included in drawing a constitution. The National Convention will continue to discuss the remaining chapters. The GAD officials should take play a role for the success of the National Convention. The meeting continued in the afternoon.

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Myanmar to host World Ranking Tennis Tourney

YANGON, 20 Sept — Press briefing on 1st Myanmar Junior World Ranking Tennis Tournament was held this evening at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here. The tournament will be hosted in Myanmar from 25 to 31 October.

Patron of the Myanmar Tennis Federation Maj-Gen Kyaw Win briefed on efforts and arrangements made by MTF in a bid to host international tennis tournaments, to receive the green light from the International Tennis Federation and maintenance of tennis courts in Myanmar. Next, MTF



Patron of MTF Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and President of MTF U Zaw Zaw brief on 1st Myanmar Junior World Ranking Tennis Tourney. — MNA

President U Zaw Zaw (Max Myanmar Co Ltd) explained the arrangements being made by

MTF for improvement of junior tennis. Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and U Zaw Zaw answered the queries

raised by journalists.

Athletes of the MTF have participated in international events in an

effort to improve the standard of tennis in Myanmar. Moreover, Myanmar hosted Asia

Zone-2 Tennis tournament (U-14 and under) from 9 to 20 January 2004.

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Korean journalist delegation leaves

YANGON, 20 Sept — Korea journalist delegation led by Mr Kim Jin Ho

of the Kyung Hyang Daily News of the Republic of Korea left here this

afternoon by air.

The delegation this morning visited National

Races Village in Thaketa Township and officials conducted round the village.

Director (News) of the News and Periodical Enterprise U Win Tin, Director of the ASEAN Affairs Department U Myint Soe and officials saw the delegation off at the airport.

Under the information delegations exchange programme between ASEAN nations and the ROK, the Korean delegation arrived here on 17 August. — MNA



Korean journalist delegation seen at Yangon International Airport before their departure. — MNA

Navy's Volleyball Championship tourney opened

YANGON, 20 Sept — A unisex volleyball tournament for 2004 Championship Shield of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) was opened this morning at the ceremony held at Thihattuntin Hall of Ayeyawady Naval Regional Command Headquarters.

Ayeyawady Naval Regional Commander Commodore Maw Thein opened it with a speech on behalf of the Com-

mander-in-Chief (Navy) and it was also attended by officers, other ranks, athletes and their families from Office of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) as well as from Headquarters, Central Depots and water crafts from Yangon and Thanlyin Military Regions. The tournament will continue up to 29 September with 12 teams in men events and 10 in women events. — MNA

Donate Blood



Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Indian delegation enjoy Myanmar traditional cultural dance after dinner at Myayeknyo Royal Hotel. (News on page 16)—MNA



Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife welcomes Lt-Gen JS Varma PVSM, AVSM, ADC and wife Mrs Meera Varma at the airport. (News on page 1)—MNA

What is needed is ...

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authorities and departmental staff to make field trips right down to grass-roots level and to promote rural economy and undertake extensively agriculture and livestock

tem, it will soon thrive. Hence, cooperation between departmental officials and local people is crucial. Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on development measures being taken for

gave instructions on efforts for extended cultivation of pepper in every township of the region so as to turn Rakhine State into pepper region with the realization of the three-year plan. In 2004-2005, a total of 1,589 acres of land in Taungup and 4,374 acres in Thandwe have been put under pepper.

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Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived at Taungup by car at 2.15 pm. At the hall of Taungup Township, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders.

On the occasion, local officials reported on matters related to education, health, social welfare, economy of the region. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said the Government is now taking steps in every aspect for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed country. Projects

are also under way to ensure parallel development in every area of the nation. In this process, the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was set up to speed up rural development momentum. Thanks to these endeavours, development is now evident in all regions including border areas. As regards the health sector, the number of hospitals increased from 617 to 776. As for the education sector, the Government is opening universities and colleges with the aim of developing the human resources. The number of higher learning institutions now stands at 156, up from 32 in the past. As a result, higher education can now be pursued at one's own region. To have school-age children at school, as part of one of the five rural development tasks, the number of schools are being extended, while multimedia classrooms are being opened nationwide. Rakhine State is blessed with a wealth of land and water resources favourable for economic boost. What is needed is willingness to work hard. Although it was first targeted to cultivate 1 million acres of paddy in the region, a total of 1.01 mil-

lion acres could be put under paddy. Hope has been also set to extend the acreage to 1.1 million. To make Rakhine State a pepper region, it is necessary to cultivate pepper with an increase of sown acreage by 300 acres in every township.

Col Myint Soe of Taungup Station handed over K 1 million donated by Taungup Station and Taungup Township Development Committee, to Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo. Thandwe District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Hla Tint handed over

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After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented prizes to students who won distinctions in the matriculation examination of 2003-2004 academic year. Later, cash were donated to the education trust funds of Taungup. On the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than handed over K 1 million each donated by Rakhine State PDC and Taungup Township Education Development Committee, to Taungup Township EDC Patron Dr San Hlaing.

K 500,000 donated by Thandwe District PDC, to an official. Wellwishers also donated cash to the education trust funds. Today's donations amounted to K 5.6 million.

Teachers who offered their assistance to the education promotion programme were also presented cash awards. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted those present on the occasion. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party stopped over at Taungup for the night. —MNA

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breeding tasks. The State has designated ten major crops to ensure local food sufficiency and to export surplus crops. Efforts are to be made to obtain target yield through the extension of sown acreage. Four methods — correct cultivation method, use of high-yield paddy strain, use of organic and inorganic fertilizers and the extension of sown acreage — have also been applied to achieve that goal. As for the livestock breeding sector, the breeding of fish, prawn and poultry should also be undertaken from a manageable to commercial scale. Of three new kinds of crops, pepper should be cultivated to earn more income. Now that Ma-ci has better transport sys-

tem, it will soon thrive. Hence, cooperation between departmental officials and local people is crucial.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than greeted those present on the occasion and inspected the construction of a school building at the high school. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than left the school by car. Along the road, he inspected thriving paddy fields.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived at the pepper plantation on 50 acres of land in Tayaba village, Taungup. Officials of the Myanmar Agricultural Service reported on conventional cultivation of pepper in the region for 2004-2005. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects coffee farm

YANGON, 20 Sept—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence visited Nyaunggyo coffee farm in Padaung Township, Pyaw District, Bago Division (West), on 18 September.

He was accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Col Myint Soe

of Taungup Station and officials.

Division Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service U San Maung reported to him on coffee plantation in the farm, future programmes, coordination made with the Myanmar Agricultural Bank and other matters. In response to the report, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than spoke of the need to strive for realization of the plan target, and to cultivate

macadamia and pepper that grow well in the region, in addition to coffee. Together with officials, he inspected coffee and other crops at the farm.

Up to now the departments and the entrepreneurs have put 495.5 acres of land under coffee, out of a five-year target of 2,500 acres. The farm has planted 59,000 saplings of coffee and other crops.

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Peaceful and tranquil border regions

Myint Soe (Natala)

From 1989 to this date, 54 hospitals, 81 dispensaries, 33 rural health care centres and 56 rural health care branches have been opened in rural areas to provide health care services.

The very first meeting of the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races was held on 22 May 1989, aiming to implement the tasks for development of border areas and national races in accord with our three main national causes — Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of Union solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty.

The meeting formed a work committee and various subcommittees and laid down the policies to form regional work committees. It also discussed detailed matters related to the sectors of transport, education, health, agriculture, energy, housing estates, and distribution of basic consumer goods.

Nine subcommittees were formed to implement border area development tasks. Health and education subcommittees were also formed and individual subcommittees are being formed today. At the meeting held on that day, Chairman of the Central Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance concerning the health sector that everyone wants to live long, and it is necessary for us to render medical assistance and to build hospitals for them.

With the upturn in socio-economic life of people in border areas, some villages have developed significantly like inner cities. Small towns have become cities and possessed characteristics of a city. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Ministry of Health had opened more hospitals in border regions. It also undertook the tasks for upgrading of existing station hospitals.

In accordance with this guidance, in 1989 alone, Laukkai Hospital, Chin Shwehaw Hospital, Hsiaw Clinic, Parsinkyaw Clinic and Tarshwehtan Dispensary were opened in Kokang region; Mongmao Hospital and Namtit Dispensary in Wa region; and Mongla Hospital, Mongyu Hospital, Hsilu Dispensary, Mongma Dispensary, Monghe Dispensary, Kyaingkhaw (Mongwa) Dispensary and Mongkha Rural Health Care Centre in Kengtung Region (East). To provide more effective health care services that started with the opening of five hospitals and nine dispensaries in 1989 for the health of people living in border regions, more health care facilities are being constructed and now there are 54 hospitals, 81 dispensaries, 33 rural health care centres and 56 rural health care branches. The hospitals opened region-wise are: Nazunbaw, Chibwe and Hsawlaw in Kachin Special Region-1, Khaunglanphu and Nagmon in Kachin Special Region-2, Chinshwehaw, Laukkai, Kongyan and Monekoe in Kokang Region, Mongmao, Panwaing, Weinkaung, Pansang, Panlon and Pantit in Wa Region, Hsinkyauk and Ponwoe in Shan Region, Namsang, Manton, Namkham and Pyinlon (Monewi) in Palaung Region, Kaungkha in

North-East Kachin Region, Mongla, Mongkaing, Mongkhon, Wanpon, Kayinglat, Mongyu, Pungpahkyem, Mongpauk and Yaungkha in Kengtung Region (East), Homein in Homein Region, Makman and Hsutwoe in Mawpha Region, Kyauktalon, Pachakalok and Kyauktan in PaO Region, Hoya, Dawtamagyi, Hsibu, Khayadon and Piking (Loiyin) in Kayah Region, Khawza in Mon Region, Myainggying and Kyaikdon in Kayin Region, Kyainchaung, Alethankyaw, Aungthapyae and Taungbaza in Rakhine Region, Loitee, Lonle and Kyikha in Chin Region, Mintha in Kabaw Basin and Namyon in Naga Region.

Among them, Namkham Hospital is the 100-bed one, Laukkai, Pangsang and Mongla Hospitals the 50-bed ones and others 25- and 16-bed ones. Although there were as many as hospitals and dispensaries built in border regions, the government with genuine goodwill is still trying to build more health care facilities. At the meeting of the central committee for progress of border areas and national races held on 30 April 2002, the Head of State gave guidance calling for construction of station hospitals and rural health care centres based on regional requirements.

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Regarding the provision of health care services, preventive measures against common diseases are also being taken besides performing effective treatment. Campaigns are being conducted in villages for malaria control, vaccinations for children, and pre-health care services. In addition, activities of health education, family planning, environmental sanitation and treatment of drug addicts are being provided. Qualified national race girls were given a three-year diploma course in nursing and an 18-month midwifery training course and they were appointed to serve in their regions.

In the early years of border region development works, hospitals and clinics were opened in temporary buildings that we could call merely huts and small houses. Nurses could not be sent to far-flung and inaccessible regions. There were only a doctor in charge, a nurse and a compounder at a hospital. In

such a hospital, the doctor himself might be sometimes a nurse, sometimes a dustman, and he had to do all kinds of chores. He also had to encounter language barrier. Some patients were left behind at the hospital and the doctor was asked to prepare for

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their meals. Doctors and nurses surely had to face poor transportation, the trouble of eating and living in their work and language barrier. However, when they saw the honesty and friendliness of national races who lacked health care for many years, they felt that their difficulties encountered would relieve and alleviate. They provided health care services out of goodwill. In some cases, some doctors and nurses were inflicted with some disease and died while they were performing their assigned duties. Those included in such death cases are Dr Than Aung of Weinkaung Hospital, Dr Tin Htut Win of Hsutwoe Hospital, Dr Aye Ko and Dr Win Hlaing of Pangsang Hospital, Dr Myo Min of Mongmao Hospital, Dr Kyaw Kyaw Aung of Hsaddon Hospital and Dr Nyi Nyi Tin of Namkham Hospital.

Lack of regional peace and poor transport were the root cause of the obstacle of health sector in border regions. At that time, national races living in the border areas mainly relied on their traditional-medicine and opium for their health.

But, nowadays, border regions are enjoying peace and tranquillity, the thing they never achieved in the past. The projects of border areas and national race development, 24 special development regions and rural development tasks are helping enhance the health sector across the nation including border areas. For these reasons, I would like to say that border regions are now enjoying peace and tranquillity.

(Translation: ST)

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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
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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.

Members of MPF are to protect the people Yangon Division Police Force holds coordination meeting

YANGON, 20 Sept — Yangon Division Police Force held a coordination meeting at its meeting hall on Bank Road, Kyauktada Township this morning, with an address delivered by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi and members, Police Col Aung Daing of Yangon Division Myanmar Police Force, heads of department at division level, local authorities and township police officers.

First, Maj-Gen Myint Swe made a speech on the occasion. In his speech he said the Head of State instructed police officers to transform the police force into a reserve force of the State's defence, to become the police force on which the public rely and the systematic one as well because Myanmar Police Force is a main institute which takes up responsibility for community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order. The police officers are to build security, stability and prevalence of law and order for development of the State. The policemen are to protect the people enabling them to earn their livings with peace of mind, to combat the danger of narcotic drugs and trafficking in persons. The policemen in Yangon Division



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivers an address at coordination meeting of Yangon Division Police Force. —MNA

sion are to lay emphasis on crime prevention in Yangon City.

Next, Police Col Aung Daing of Yangon Division MPF explained clarification of Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council, Chairman of Myanmar Police Force Administrative Reform Committee, guidance given by the Minister and the Deputy Minister for Home Affairs, Commander of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Force

Police Lt-Col Aung Naing and district/township police officers presented reports on functions of sector-wise and Deputy Commander of MPF Police Lt-Col Win Myint on effective actions to be taken for reducing of crimes.

Regarding the reports, Police Col Aung Daing gave necessary instructions and made concluding remarks.

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Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun unveils the stone inscription of Tawwin Chaung Bridge. — MNA

New bridge inaugurated in Magway Division

YANGON, 20 Sept — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister for Cooperatives Co Zaw Min yesterday morning inaugurated the Tawwin Bridge on Gangaw-Kale Road near Hnankhar Village in Gangaw Township, Magway Division.

The commander and Minister for Co-operatives Col-Zaw Min delivered the inaugural speeches.

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun also unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge.

The new bridge is situated at mile post No 29/3 on Gangaw-Kale Road linking Magway and Sagaing divisions. It is 408 feet long spanning Tawwin Creek near Hnankhar Village. On account of the new bridge, people can easily travel to Chin State from Magway Division through Kale in Sagaing Division. Moreover, economic, social, education and health standards of local people will be improved. — MNA

Deputy Minister for Health arrives back from India

YANGON, 20 Sept — Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo attended the Regional Ministerial Consultation on Maternal and Child Nutrition in Asian Countries jointly sponsored by World Food Programme and the Indian government held in New Delhi from 15 to 17 September.

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare of India Dr Anbumani Ramadoss delivered a speech at the opening ceremony of the meeting in Vigyan Bhavan government building on 15 September.

The meeting held at Ashok Hotel in New Delhi was attended by ministers from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Cambodia, the People's Republic of China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Mongolia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor Leste and Vietnam, deputy ministers, ambassadors, nutrition experts and delegates from Chile, Australia, WFP, FAO, UNICEF, WHO, World Bank, Asian Development Bank, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), Micronutrient Initiative group and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

At the meeting maternal and child nutrition in Asia, relation between reduction of poverty and nutrition development, food sufficiency and development of maternal and child care and health services, intergenerational cycle of malnutrition and cooperation with countries in Asia for nutrition were discussed.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo said malnutrition is the cause of poverty and lack of health knowledge. Poverty is a consequence of the worst suffering and loss of life for the people of the world.

He spoke on active participation of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association in nutrition development activities and cooperation with WHO, UNICEF and NGOs from home and abroad.

The closing ceremony of the meeting was held at Ashok Hotel. Union Minister of Human Resource Development of India Shri Arjun Singh spoke on the occasion. The Delhi Declaration on Maternal and Child Nutrition in Asia was released.

The delegation arrived back here on 18 September.

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Donations invited for Buddhist Missionary Monastery in Paris

YANGON, 20 Sept — Under the organization of Sayadaw Kyunnatha Ashin Nandasiri (Dip in French, Paris), residing in Paris, wellwishers in the nation are presenting donations to build a Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery in Paris. A committee to build the monastery has been formed with 15 members and two advisers. The committee has opened its office at 49/51 Abhidhamma Dhamma Beikman on Bahan Road in Bahan Township, Yangon. A number of bodies and individuals that were collecting cash from wellwishers under the request of the Sayadaw, before the advent of the committee, may contact the committee to substitute their papers with the new ones issued by the committee. They are requested to present the collected cash together with the financial accounts to the committee not later than 30 September 2004. Only then will the committee be able to do its functions well in accord with the rules and issue its reports. Wellwishers are urged to make donations for emergence of the first Buddhist monastery in France, a country in West Europe.

If the wellwishers are not able to come to the committee office, the committee members will conduct door-to-door services to collect donations for the monastery. Contact Ph Nos: 09-80-32692 (the Abhidhamma Beikman); 09-9921198, U Shein Win, chairman; 09-8022716, Daw Theingi Win, vice-chairperson, 525150, U Khin Maung Aye, vice-chairman; 09-5002983, U Min Lwin, general secretary; 09-80-32896, U Thein Htaik Oo, secretary; 09-50-10427, U Htay Myint, treasurer. — MNA



President of Insein Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Yin Kyi presents a prize to Secretary of Taungthugon Ward MCWA Daw Mi Mi Yi at annual meeting and prize presentation ceremony of Essay competition for Breast Feeding held on 20 September at the building of Insein Township MCWA. — H

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Dated: 21 September 2004.

DON'T SMOKE

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV KOTA MUTIARA VOY NO (139)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KOTA
MUTIARA VOY NO (139) are hereby notified that
the vessel will be arriving on 21.9.2004 and cargo will
be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it
will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and
subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of
Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER**
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

စားပွဲနှင့် ကုလားထိုင်များငှားရန်

အလှူ၊ ထိမ်းမြားမင်္ဂလာ၊ အစည်းအဝေး၊ အခမ်းအနားများတွင် ခေတ်မီ
ပလတ်စတစ်စားပွဲနှင့် ကုလားထိုင်များ ရှေးနန်းသက်သာစွာဖြင့် ငှားရမ်းနေပါသည်။

နံနက် ၇:၃၀ မှ ည ၉:၀၀ နာရီအတွင်း စောက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

အမှတ် ၂၂၀-သိမ်မြောက်၊ ဗိုလ်တထောင်မြို့နယ်၊

မုန်း-၂၄၅၂၀၊ ၂၄၅၄၇၂

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော် ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၃၆/၂၀၀၄ (၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်၊ စက်တင်ဘာလ ၁၄ ရက်) ဧည့်သည်အသွယ်အခြေ

၁။ အမှတ်(၁) စက်မှုဝန်ကြီးဌာနကြီးကြပ်မှုအောက်ရှိ အဖွဲ့အစည်းများတွင် လစ်လပ်လျက်
ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများ အလိုရှိပါသည်။

| စဉ် | ရာထူး | ပညာအဆင့်အမျိုးအမည် | လစ်လပ် |
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| (က) | အလုပ်ရုံခွဲမှူး/ဌာနခွဲမှူး/ လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ | မြို့ပြအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ | ၁၀ နေရာ |
| (ခ) | အလုပ်ရုံခွဲမှူး/ဌာနခွဲမှူး/ လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ | လျှပ်စစ်စနစ်အား အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ | ၃၇ နေရာ |
| (ဂ) | အလုပ်ရုံခွဲမှူး/ဌာနခွဲမှူး/ လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ | စက်မှု အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ | ၄၈ နေရာ |
| (ဃ) | အလုပ်ရုံခွဲမှူး/ဌာနခွဲမှူး/ လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ | ချည်ချုပ်နှင့်အထည် အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ | ၅၈ နေရာ |
| (င) | အလုပ်ရုံခွဲမှူး/ဌာနခွဲမှူး/ လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ | ဓာတု အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ | ၃၂ နေရာ |
| (စ) | အလုပ်ရုံခွဲမှူး/ဌာနခွဲမှူး/ လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ | အီလက်ထရွန်းနစ် အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ | ၅ နေရာ |
| (ဆ) | အလုပ်ရုံခွဲမှူး/ဌာနခွဲမှူး/ လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ | သတ္တုစက်မှုဓာတ် အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ | ၁ နေရာ |
| (ဇ) | အလုပ်ရုံခွဲမှူး/ဌာနခွဲမှူး/ လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ | ဝါဏိဇ္ဇာဘွဲ့၊ ရရှိပြီး လက်မှတ်ရ ပြည်သူ့စာရင်းကိုင်အောင်လက်မှတ်ရရှိသူ | ၁၅ နေရာ |
| (ဈ) | အလုပ်ရုံခွဲမှူး/ဌာနခွဲမှူး/ လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ | ဆေးဝါးကျွမ်းကျင်မှု ပညာဘွဲ့ | ၃ နေရာ |

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်၊
(ခ) ၁၁-၁၀-၂၀၀၄နေ့တွင် အသက်၃၅နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀နှစ်) ထက်

မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၁-၁၀-၂၀၀၄နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။
၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိသည့် စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ
၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေနှုတ်ခြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်
စစ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/၉၁ ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေး
အဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၃၆/၂၀၀၄ နှင့် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လစ်လပ်နေသော
သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၅။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်မန္တလေးမြို့ များတွင် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများထားရှိမည်။ မိမိမြေဆိုလိုသော
စာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာဖော်ပြရမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှ
တစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာနခွဲမှူး/ဌာနခွဲမှူး/ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၁-၁၀-၂၀၀၄နေ့
အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှ

၇။ ၁၃-၁၁-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၁၄-၁၁-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ်ဆေးရေးစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။
၁၁-၁၁-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်း အထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့မှတစ်ဆင့်
မြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ ကြော်ငြာပါရာထူးများတွင် တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ခြင်းနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ အမှတ်(၁)စက်မှုဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏
သီးခြားစည်းကမ်းသတ်မှတ်ချက်များရှိပါသဖြင့် ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ ကမ္ဘာအေးဘုရားလမ်းရှိ အဆိုပါဝန်ကြီးဌာနသို့
ကြိုတင်ဆက်သွယ်ရန်မရှိပါ။

၉။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ဤအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၁-၁၀-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ လူကယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် (၃၇၁၆၃၄)သို့ဖြစ်စေ
ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

၁၀။ ဤကြော်ငြာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့၏ Website လိပ်စာ csstb.imis.
com.mm တွင်လည်း ဖော်ပြထားပါသည်။

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၁။ ဟိုတယ်နှင့်ခရီးသွားလာရေးလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့ဟိုတယ်နှင့် ခရီးသွားလုပ်ငန်းတွင်
လစ်လပ်လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများ အလိုရှိပါသည်။

| စဉ် | ရာထူး | ပညာအဆင့်အမျိုးအမည် | လစ်လပ် |
|-----|---|--|--------|
| (က) | လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ (စီမံကိန်းဌာနနှင့် စီမံရေးရာဌာန) | ဝိဇ္ဇာဘွဲ့(အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ) သို့မဟုတ် စီးပွားရေးပညာဘွဲ့ (ဘောဂဗေဒ) သို့မဟုတ် စီးပွားရေးပညာဘွဲ့ (စာရင်းအင်းပညာ) သို့မဟုတ် စီးပွားရေးလုပ်ငန်းစီမံခန့်ခွဲမှု ပညာဘွဲ့ သို့မဟုတ် စီးပွားရေးလုပ်ငန်းစီမံခန့်ခွဲမှု ပညာဘွဲ့ သို့မဟုတ် ကွန်ပျူတာသိပ္ပံဘွဲ့ | ၈ နေရာ |
| (ခ) | လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ (ဟိုတယ်လုပ်ငန်းဌာန) | ဝိဇ္ဇာဘွဲ့ (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ) သို့မဟုတ် ဝါဏိဇ္ဇာဘွဲ့၊ ရရှိသူ (အမျိုးသား) | ၅ နေရာ |
| (ဂ) | လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ (ခရီးသွားလုပ်ငန်းဌာန) | ဝိဇ္ဇာဘွဲ့ (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ) သို့မဟုတ် တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုမှ ဘွဲ့ရရှိပြီး နိုင်ငံခြားဘာသာသင် တက္ကသိုလ်မှ နိုင်ငံခြားဘာသာ ဒီပလိုမာတစ်ခု ရရှိသူ(အမျိုးသား) | ၃ နေရာ |
| (ဃ) | လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ (ယမကာလုပ်ငန်းဌာန) | ဝိဇ္ဇာဘွဲ့ (စီးပွားရေး) သို့မဟုတ် စီးပွားရေးပညာဘွဲ့ (ဘောဂဗေဒ) သို့မဟုတ် စီးပွားရေးပညာဘွဲ့ (စာရင်းအင်းပညာ) (အမျိုးသား) | ၄ နေရာ |

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်၊
(ခ) ၁၁-၁၀-၂၀၀၄နေ့တွင် အသက်၃၅နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀နှစ်) ထက်
မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။

(ဂ) လက်ထောက်မန်နေဂျာ (ဟိုတယ်လုပ်ငန်းဌာန)၊ (ခရီးသွားလုပ်ငန်းဌာန)နှင့်
(ယမကာလုပ်ငန်းဌာန) ရာထူးများအတွက် အမျိုးသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၁-၁၀-၂၀၀၄နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးထက်ပို၍ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းလိုပါက ရာထူး တစ်မျိုးစီအတွက် ဝင်ကြေးငွေ
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၅။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိသည့် စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ
၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေနှုတ်ခြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်
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အဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၃၆/၂၀၀၄ နှင့် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လစ်လပ်နေသော
သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၆။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်မန္တလေးမြို့ များတွင် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများထားရှိမည်။ မိမိမြေဆိုလိုသော
စာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာဖော်ပြရမည်။

၇။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှ
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အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှ

၈။ ၁၃-၁၁-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၁၄-၁၁-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ်ဆေးရေးစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။
၁၁-၁၁-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်း အထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့မှတစ်ဆင့်
မြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၉။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ဤအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၁-၁၀-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ လူကယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် (၃၇၁၆၃၄)သို့ဖြစ်စေ
ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

၁၀။ ဤကြော်ငြာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့၏ Website လိပ်စာ csstb.imis.
com.mm တွင်လည်း ဖော်ပြထားပါသည်။

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ကိုယ်စားလှယ်များထံတွင် လက်လီဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

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Panama declares state of emergency due to torrential rains

PANAMA CITY, 20 Sept — Panama declared a state of emergency on Saturday, a day after torrential rains and mudslides killed at least 14 people and wrecked or damaged the homes of about 10,000 people.

President Martin Torrijos, whose newly installed government is under pressure to repair state finances, announced the creation of a disaster fund for victims of the rains, which hit hardest east and northeast of the capital, Panama City.

Worst hit were poor residential areas close to riverbanks. Emergency workers were searching for at least 20 people swept away after rivers burst their banks, authorities said.

"We are not in a comfortable economic situation but we have to show solidarity with those that

are suffering and those that have lost everything," Torrijos told reporters after an emergency Cabinet meeting. We are in crisis but I still don't know if we will ask for international help because we have not quantified the total damage," he said.

The civil protection agency, Sinaproc, warned the public to remain vigilant amid forecasts of more heavy rainfall.

Torrijos said he would travel as planned to New York on Sunday for the UN General Assembly session.

MNA/Reuters

Tropical storm "Jeanne" heads over S Bahamas

MIAMI, 20 Sept — Tropical Storm Jeanne headed over the southeastern Bahamas on Saturday after an assault on the Dominican Republic that killed 11 people, destroyed hundreds of houses and forced thousands from their homes.

Jeanne, which killed two people in the US territory of Puerto Rico earlier in the week, prompted storm warnings in parts of the Bahamas, a 700-island chain with a population of 300,000. US President George W Bush declared a disaster in Puerto Rico on Saturday, a move that releases federal aid.

At 5 pm EDT (2100 GMT), Jeanne's centre was about 45 miles southeast of the southeastern Bahamas, near the tiny Caicos Islands, and was expected to move north-northwest at about 7mph in the coming day.

MNA/Reuters

Hurricane "Ivan" blamed for at least 42 deaths in US

WASHINGTON, 20 Sept — Hurricane Ivan were blamed for the deaths of at least 42 people in the United States since the hurricane began to hit southern states of the country early Thursday toppling trees, destroying homes and leaving hundreds of thousands without power, news reports said on Saturday.

In Florida, which was hard hit by Hurricanes Charley and Frances last month and early September, 16 people died in the hurricane. Ivan, the deadliest hurricane since 1999, when Floyd killed 56 people in United States, was also blamed for 70 deaths in the Caribbean. More than 1.8 million people were made without power in nine states, and basic necessities were in such short supply in the Panhandle of the southeastern state of Florida that National Guard soldiers were marshalled to hand out food and water.

By Saturday morning, more than one million people remained without power across eight states. In Florida, over 340,000 homes and businesses were without power, and officials said it would take weeks for power, sewer and water services to be restored in parts of the Panhandle.

In Alabama, about 660,000 homes and businesses remained without power Friday, down from the state

record of 1.1 million power outages reported after the hurricane slammed the state Thursday.

Insurance experts estimated Ivan's damage at anywhere from 3 billion to 10 billion US dollars, compared with combined estimated insured damages between about 11 billion and 13 billion dollars caused by Charley and Frances.

On Saturday, heavy rains were reported across eastern states of Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New York, where tens of thousands of customers were blacked out during the hurricane.

Ivan was downgraded to a tropical depression by the time it reached North Carolina late Thursday, before it swept through Virginia, West Virginia and Pennsylvania, where state of emergencies were declared. In other states, spawning tornados toppled trees, damaged buildings, shut down roads, and prompted widespread evacuations. — MNA/Xinhua

India has over 5.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS

NEW DELHI, 20 Sept — Half of India's new HIV infections occur in the age group of 10-to-25 years but only 59 per cent of adolescents in the country know about condoms, a government

report said.

India currently has over 5.1 million people living with HIV/AIDS, the second largest number outside South Africa, and experts say the number of people contracting full-blown AIDS could touch 5.5 million by 2033 as the disease spreads to the countryside and among married women.

The "India Country Report" by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare said data collected by the government showed that the probable source of HIV infection in 86 per cent of new cases was through unprotected heterosexual sex, mainly among young people and adolescents. The report, seen by Reuters on Saturday, paints an alarming picture of the lack of knowledge about safe sex among India's young population.

MNA/Reuters

Leukaemia mother, Hepatitis-B father give birth to healthy baby

GUANGZHOU, 19 Sept — The 26-year-old woman has suffered from leukaemia for 11 years. Her husband has been tested positive for Hepatitis-B. Last year, they made a brave and risky decision: to have a baby of their own.

The baby weighed 3.5 kilograms, when he came to the world in September through a Cesarean delivery. After a check on her umbilical blood, the baby was proved to be completely healthy.

"What a miracle!" said Li Songwen, the doctor whose Army Hospital has treated the leukaemia patients from the very beginning.

Li praised the treatment the woman received, which he said kept her stable and optimistic.

MNA/Xinhua



Diedre Downs from Alabama waves after being crowned Miss America 2005 at Boardwalk Hall in Atlantic City, New Jersey, on 18 Sept, 2004.

INTERNET

Zambia buys vaccine to control FMD disease

LUSAKA, 19 Sept — The Zambian Government has bought 50,000 pieces of vaccines for the control of foot-and-mouth disease in the Central Province, the official Zambia Daily Mail newspaper reported Saturday.

MNA/Xinhua

ကျေးရွာတိုင်း ကိုယ့်အားကိုးစာကြည့်တိုက်ရှိသင့်သည်



ကျေးရွာတိုင်းအားကိုးစာကြည့်တိုက်များအတွက် သုတ/ရသ စာအုပ်များလွှဲဒါနံ့မိပါသည်။

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SPORTS

Real beaten 1-0 by Espanyol

MADRID, 19 Sept—Espanyol beat a chaotic Real Madrid side 1-0 in Barcelona on Saturday to move top in Spain and inflict further misery on the nine-times European champions.

Three days after a humiliating 3-0 defeat by Bayer Leverkusen, Real lost to a 42nd minute goal from Maxi Rodriguez.

They missed the chance to equalize early in the second half when Ronaldo won a penalty on a run into the box but then saw his spot-kick turned away by Carlos Kameni.

By that stage, Jose Antonio Camacho's side were facing a goalkeeping crisis following injuries to Iker Casillas and Cesar and matters went from bad to worse when Walter Samuel was sent off after 74 minutes for a second yellow card.

Real, also missing Zinedine Zidane and Luis Figo through injury and with Raul and David Beckham dropped from the starting line-up, fought on bravely but finished with nine players when Michel Salgado was sent off in injury-time.

MNA/Reuters

Last gasp goals earn Bayern Munich dramatic 2-2 draw

BERLIN, 19 Sept—Last gasp goals from Brazilian defender Lucio and Dutch striker Roy Makaay earned Bayern Munich a dramatic 2-2 draw at Borussia Dortmund on Saturday.

A headed goal from Lucio in the 88th minute was followed by another from Makaay two minutes into extra time to leave a shocked Dortmund ruing a lost opportunity to beat their arch rivals from the south.

A superb strike from Dortmund's Brazilian striker Ewerthon, who took the ball in his own half before running through the Bayern defence and slotting past Oliver Kahn in the 44th minute, underlined Dortmund's superiority over a weak Bayern for most of the match.

The Brazilian followed up with a second-half penalty after Bayern de-

fender Thomas Linke brought down Czech Republic striker Jan Koller in the penalty area.

But Bayern grew stronger towards the closing moments and Lucio's clenched fist salute after his goal showed that Munich were not prepared to accept defeat. Makaay's strike rubbed in the message.

"I thought we could have played more calmly after the 2-0 and waited for the break but Bayern kept getting stronger," Dortmund coach Bert van Marwijk said after the match.

MNA/Reuters

Inter held 1-1 to promoted Palermo

MILAN, 19 Sept—Inter Milan were held to a 1-1 draw at home to promoted Palermo on Saturday after Luca Toni cancelled out Adriano's opener for Inter at the San Siro Stadium.

The result was Inter's second successive draw in Serie A this season but proof that Palermo, back in the top flight after a 31-year absence, are a side to be taken seriously.

Italy international Toni had a goal harshly ruled out for offside in the 17th minute of a disappointing first half but the game came alive straight after the break.

From the kick-off Inter's Brazilian fullback Ze Maria burst down the right flank and picked out his compatriot Adriano who firmly headed home at the back post.

The goal maintained Adriano's record of scoring in all five competitive games this season at home and in Europe and was his seventh of the campaign so far after his double against Werder Bremen in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Adriano's strength and skill proved hard for Palermo to contain and he went close again in the 58th minute when only a fine save from Palermo keeper Matteo Guardalben stopped him from a second.

Palermo never stopped working and creating and Mario Santana should have done much better in the 65th minute when he fired high over the bar from a promising position.

Two minutes later though Palermo drew level when winger Lamberto Zauli produced some superb skill on the right flank to lose three Inter defenders and slip the ball into the path of Toni who poked home from close range.

Inter threw everything forward in a bid to regain their lead and when substitute Obafemi Martins was hauled down by Palermo defender Giuseppe Biava as he raced goalwards, the visitors were reduced to 10 men.

With five minutes left, Adriano unleashed a thundering drive from more than 20 metres out which crashed out off the cross-bar but Inter were almost caught out in the final moments when their keeper Francesco Toldo did well to foil Toni from close range.—MNA/Reuters



FC Inter Milan's Dutch midfielder Edgar Davids jumps with the ball over Palermo's Argentinian midfielder Mario Alberto Santana during their Serie A football match at San Siro Stadium.—INTERNET

Arsenal drop first points of season

LONDON, 19 Sept—Champions Arsenal dropped their first points of the season when a late Henrik Pedersen equalizer earned Bolton Wanderers a 2-2 draw at Highbury on Saturday.

The Danish substitute poked the ball home after 85 minutes to deny Arsene Wenger's team their sixth win in six Premier League games.

Arsenal, who nonetheless extended their unbeaten record to 46 league matches, led through a first-half effort by Thierry Henry. Tunisian defender Radhi Jaidi levelled with a header on the hour but Robert Pires quickly put Arsenal back in front.

The draw meant Arsenal have 16 points, three clear of second-placed Chelsea who entertain Tottenham Hotspur on Sunday. Improved Bolton are third on 11 points.

Only two fine interceptions by Jaidi prevented the visitors falling behind before Henry ruthlessly dispatched his fifth league goal of the season in the 31st minute.

Displaying instant control, the Frenchman exchanged passes with Patrick Vieira and his angled, left-footed finish rendered Bolton keeper Jussi Jaaskelainen a spectator.

Bolton looked unlikely to equalize until Arsenal keeper Jens Lehmann flapped weakly at a 63rd-minute corner and Jaidi headed in his first goal in English football.

The Highbury home fans were silent for only three minutes. Ljungberg deftly slipped his marker on the right and

crossed for Pires who scuffed the ball fortuitously past Jaaskelainen.

Bolton refused to buckle and when Les Ferdinand flicked on a long clearance, fellow substitute Pedersen showed fine opportunism to beat Lehmann and earn a superb point for Sam Allardyce's team.—MNA/Reuters



Bolton's Radhi Jaidi (L) heads the ball away from Arsenal's Thierry Henry. Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger will be hoping Sol Campbell comes safely through his first match in three months after poor defending cost the Gunners the chance to extend their winning start to the season.—INTERNET

Olympique Marseille beat Toulouse 1-0

PARIS, 19 Sept—Olympique Marseille beat French league leaders Toulouse 1-0 on Saturday thanks to a first-half strike by Peguy Luyindula at the Stade Velodrome.

In-form Toulouse, who were previously unbeaten, deserved more from the game as Marseille goalkeeper Fabien Barthez was forced into several fine saves in the first half. Luyindula scored the winner in the 34th minute, converting a fine cross from Habib Bamogo, to hand Marseille their first victory in three outings.

In a tense contest both sides played the second half with 10 men after Marseille defender Johnny Ecker and Toulouse midfielder Eduardo were sent off for fighting in the 40th minute.

Marseille's victory was a great relief after defeats against Metz and Sochaux in their last two league games. But they owed much to Barthez who denied Toulouse strikers Nabil Taider and Daniel Moreira.

"Fabien did a great job tonight," said coach Jose Anigo. "He proved again if it was needed that he is still one of the best in his position."

"We must thank him. The win was a relief as we badly needed it. But I must admit that Toulouse gave

us a lot of trouble."

Despite the success, the Marseille fans were still not happy, booing their team off the pitch.

Olympique Lyon and Bastia take over as co-leaders after they drew 0-0 in a match Lyon dominated for 90 minutes.

The title holders ap-

peared tired after their 2-2 draw against Manchester United in a midweek Champions League clash.

"They (Lyon) dominated for most of the match but we managed to hang on," said Bastia defender Alexandre Song. "This is a pretty good result for us."—MNA/Reuters

PSV Eindhoven beat NEC Nijmegen 3-0

AMSTERDAM, 19 Sept—Two late goals by Michael Lamey and Swiss international Johan Vonlanthen guided PSV Eindhoven to a 3-0 win at NEC Nijmegen in the Dutch First Division on Saturday.

The result lifted PSV three points above Feyenoord, who host Utrecht on Sunday, and to the top of the standings. PSV have 13 points while Vitesse Arnhem are third with 10 after their 4-0 drubbing of ADO Den Haag on Friday.

Champions Ajax trail in fourth place with eight points and travel to Den Bosch on Sunday.

Captain Mark van Bommel opened the scoring for PSV after 29 minutes from the penalty spot.

In a keenly-contested match featuring eight bookings, defender Lamey doubled the lead with a header 18 minutes from time. Vonlanthen completed the rout in the final minute.

Heerenveen also heaped a 3-0 defeat on 10-man NAC Breda. Pieter Collen's dismissal just 22 minutes into the game left Breda facing an uphill task as they tried to contain the Heerenveen attack.

Klaas-Jan Huntelaar opened the Heerenveen's account in the 30th minute and doubled the lead soon after the break.

MNA/Reuters

Lt-Gen Ye Myint receives Indian delegation, hosts dinner

YANGON, 20 Sept—

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence received visiting Indian delegation led by Lt-Gen, JS Varma PVSM, AVSM, ADC Commander of Eastern Command of Indian Armed Forces at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthar, here, this afternoon.

Present at the call together with Lt-Gen Ye Myint were Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, Vice-Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw, Maj-Gen Aung Thein and Brig-Gen Khin Aung of the Ministry of Defence and the guests were accompanied by Military Attaché Colonel Jasvinder Singh Chopra of the Embassy of the Republic of India.

At 7 pm, Lt-Gen Ye Myint hosted a dinner in



Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets Lt-Gen JS Varma PVSM, AVSM, ADC and party at Zeyathiri Beikman. — MNA

honour of visiting Indian delegation led by Commander of Eastern Command of Indian Armed Forces and wife at Myayeknyo Royal Hotel, Bahan Township, here.

Present at the dinner were Member of the State Peace and

Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence and wife Dr Tin Lin Myint, member of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin,

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Chief of Staff (Navy) Captain Nyan Tun, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, Vice-

Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw and their wives, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Maj-Gen Aung Thein, Brig-Gen Than Aung, Brig-Gen Khin Aung and their wives, senior military officers, Military Attaché Colonel

Jasvinder Singh Chopra of the Embassy of the Republic of India and wife. Before and during the dinner, entertainment programmes were presented by artistes of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture.—MNA

What is needed is willingness to work hard Regional development measures inspected in Rakhine State

YANGON, 20 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development

Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accom-

panied by Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Chairman and

health, education, economy, social welfare, agriculture and livestock

merous rivers and creeks was difficult of access in the past, but now its trans-

The State, on its part, is taking measures for development of rural areas



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivers a speech at the meeting with departmental officials and townspeople in Taungup Township. — MNA

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Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Col Myint Soe of Taungup and officials, inspected the construction of Ma-ei police station in Ma-ei on 17 September morning.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than went to Ma-ei Basic Education High School, where he met with departmental staff, members of social organizations and townsmen and spoke on the occasion. At the get-together, officials reported on measures being taken for activities of

breeding.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said the region with nu-

port network has been improved by the construction of four bridges including Ma-ei Bridge.

with the five rural development plans. It is therefore necessary for local (See page 9)

စာပေဒါန

ကျေးဇူးတင်အားကိုးကိုး စာကြည့်တိုက်များအတွက် သုတ/ရသစာအုပ်များနှင့် စာပေဒါနငွေပဒေသာပင်လှူဒါန်းပွဲကို အောက်ပါအစီအစဉ်အတိုင်း ကျင်းပမည်—

နေ့ရက် - ၂၄-၉-၂၀၀၄ (သောကြာနေ့)

အချိန် - ညနေ (၃)နာရီ၊ (၃၀)မိနစ်

နေရာ - ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ အစည်းစားခန်းမ

စာပေဒါနပြုလိုကြသော စေတနာရှင်၊ အလှူရှင်များ အချိန်မီတက်ရောက်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်မိတ်ကြားအပ်ပါသည်။

ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ပြန်ကြားရေးနှင့်ပြည်သူ့ဆက်ဆံရေးဦးစီးဌာန

၂၂-၂၄၊ ပန်းဆိုးတန်းလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့

ဖုန်း - ၃၇၃၃၃၀၊ ၃၇၆၇၆၀၊ ၃၇၆၇၇၀