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## Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Thai Minister

YANGON, 22 Sept — Chairman of the National Health Committee Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received Minister of Public Health of Thailand Mrs Sudarat Keyuraphan and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta here at 5 pm today.

Present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Ministers for

Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, Director-General at the Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal.

The Thai Minister discussed promotion of cooperation in the health sector between the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Thailand with added momentum. — MNA

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## Myanmar-Thailand Collaborative Health Meeting held

YANGON, 22 Sept — The Myanmar-Thailand Collaborative Health Meeting was held at the meeting hall of National Health Committee of the Ministry of Health on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road in Dagon Township this morning, attended by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Thai Public Health Minister Mrs Sudarat Keyuraphan and party, Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal, Director-General Dr Thein Swe of Traditional Medicine Department, WHO Resident Representative Dr Agostino Borra, Resident Representative of Thailand Dr Ral Nyoman Kumara and officials. Minister for Health

Dr Kyaw Myint and Thai Public Health Minister Mrs Sudarat Keyuraphan delivered addresses.

Next, Thai Public Health Minister Mrs Sudarat Keyuraphan presented medicines and antiretro viral drugs and condoms worth US\$ 60,000 to Ministry of Health. Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint accepted the donations and gave a certificate of honour to the Thai Minister.

Afterwards, the ministers and party had documentary photo taken.

Later, the Myanmar and Thai Ministers held a press conference concerning health cooperation between the two countries and WHO. — MNA

## Cash and kind donated to MMCWA

YANGON, 22 Sept — Local Wellwishers and those from abroad donated cash and kind to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association at the meeting hall of the association at the corner of Thanthuma and Parami roads in South Okkalapa Township this afternoon, attended by President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepted three suction machines worth K 180,000 donated by Myanmar Consul-General to Kunming of the PRC U Thein Zaw-Daw Khin Lay Mar; drums of milk powder worth K 12,243,600 by Pahtama Group Co Ltd; K 10 million by Pyay Phyo Aung Construction Co; US\$ 1,000 for Kalay Township MCWA in Sagaing Division by Dr Lucy Seet from Singapore; 300 child-used tooth brushes by Myanmar Dental Association; and medicines worth K 1,010,400 by Htoo Kyaw Co Ltd. She then presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Later, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe thanked the donors. — MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### To increase revenues of the State through gems trading

The Union of Myanmar is rich in terrestrial and aquatic resources and Myanmar jade and pearl are popular in the world market.

Gem blocks have been designated region-wise and the Government and national entrepreneurs are working together in these blocks for mutual interests.

Gems of Myanmar are precious and world-famous. A huge jade boulder measuring 70 feet in length, 16 feet in width and 30 feet in height and weighing about 3,000 tons was found in Phakant in Kachin State. Recently, a gem merchant presented two gem stones of highest quality to the State through the Prime Minister.

In the past, gem trading was run only by the State but since 1990 joint ventures between the State and national entrepreneurs have been introduced for the mutual benefits of both. The Myanmar Gems Law was enacted on 29 September, 1995, for the emergence of a gems market in Myanmar and for the national entrepreneurs to be able to enjoy the benefits they deserve.

As the State has entrusted the national entrepreneurs with the permission to explore and trade in precious stones, the national entrepreneurs, on their part, will have to fully cooperate with the State and work in the gem blocks in accordance with the Myanmar Gems Law.

Myanmar Gems Emporiums are held every year in the interests of the State and the citizens. The mid-year Myanmar gems emporium for 2004 will be held from 27 October to 4 November. The national entrepreneurs who are engaged in gems exploration and trade can attend the emporium and purchase the gems according to the stipulations.

We would like to urge all the national entrepreneurs to run their business in accordance with the Gems Law in the interests of the State as well as in their own.

### Facts about MWAF explained at Supreme Court

YANGON, 22 Sept—A talk on facts about Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held in the meeting hall on the ground floor of the Supreme Court on Pansodan Street this afternoon, attended by Secretary-General Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win.

Also present were Secretary Dr Daw San Shwe and Secretariat members of the federation, leaders of the working groups, Daw Aye Kyi, wife of Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Daw Khin Mar, wife of Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe, wives of Supreme Court Judges, Director-General U Soe Nyunt of the Supreme Court and wife, officials and women staff totalling about 200.

Secretary-General

Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win explained emergence of the federation, background history, organizational set up, seven objectives, duty and functions of 16 working groups and the work plan. She added that the entire Myanmar women on their own accord are to participate in achieving success of lofty objectives of the federation.

Next, Daw Khin Ni, wife of Supreme Court Judge U Khin Maung Aye, thanked for explanation about the federation.

Later, Daw Khin Mar, wife of Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe, presented K 100,000 for the federation to Secretary-General Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win.

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### 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

### Anti-money laundering course opened



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses opening of training course on anti-money laundering and combating acts to finance terrorists.— F&R

YANGON, 22 Sept—A training course on anti-money laundering and combating acts to finance terrorists sponsored by Central Bank of Myanmar was held at the meeting hall of Central Bank of

Myanmar this morning. Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivered a speech.

Present on the occasion were Patron of Myanmar Banks Association Minister for Home Affairs Col

Tin Hlaing, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, heads of departments under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue,

guests from private banks, course instructors and trainees. The three-day course was attended by 42 trainees from Central Bank of Myanmar, State-run banks and private banks.

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Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt hears reports on development of Tatkon Township by an official.

PBANRDA

### PBANRDA Minister tours Nyaunglebin, Pyu, Toungoo, Tatkon townships

YANGON, 22 Sept—Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, accompanied by Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe and officials, on 17 September arrived at Office of Development Affairs Committee of Nyaunglebin Township. An official reported to the minister on development tasks and arrangements for upgrading and beautifying the town.

Later, the minister and party proceeded to Pyu Township DAC Office where an official of township DAC reported on progress of Pyu-Banlaung Road and Kanyutkwin-

Meikthalin Road which is under construction with the assistance of the State. Minister Col Thein Nyunt urged the officials to carry out the tasks with added momentum for the completion of work in the open season meeting the set standards.

In the afternoon, the

minister and party arrived at Toungoo. The Executive officer of Toungoo DAC reported on beautifying tasks and upgrading plans for the town, extension of the road to Toungoo University and building of macadam road linking the university and Nyaungkai Village with

the assistance of the State. Next, the minister urged the officials concerned to step up the efforts for completion of work as soon as possible.

During his tour, the minister also inspected the upgrading tasks of Tatkon Township on 20 September. — MNA

### Myanmar hockey team leaves for Bangladesh

YANGON, 22 Sept—The selected Myanmar youth hockey team left here by air today to participate in the U-21 Six Nations Challenge Cup to be held in Dhaka, the Republic of Bangladesh, from 27 September to 5

October. The athletes were seen off at Yangon International Airport by President of Myanmar Hockey Federation Commandant of Defence Services Records Office Brig-Gen Myo Myint and officials.

The Myanmar hockey team is made up of 30 members.

The Myanmar team will compete with the host Bangladeshi youth hockey team on 28 September.

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# 1,037 members of US military killed since beginning of Iraq war

BAGHDAD, 21 Sept — As of Tuesday, 21 Sept, 2004, 1,037 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 787

died as a result of hostile action and 250 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military

civilians.

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

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 899 US military members have died — 678 as a result of hostile action and 221 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers Monday.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 7,413 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defence Department's weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

Two Marines were killed in separate attacks west of Baghdad, the military said Tuesday.

*Internet*



US soldiers walk past a wrecked civilian car at the site of a car bomb explosion that destroyed two Humvees in Baghdad, on 21 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

## Almost three-quarter of Britons want date for troops to leave Iraq

LONDON, 21 Sept — Almost three-quarter of voters want Prime Minister Tony Blair to set a date for the country's troops to return from Iraq.

The survey for Tuesday's edition of the *Guardian* newspaper showed that 71 percent of people wanted a date for the withdrawal of British soldiers, in Iraq since the start of the US-led war to remove Saddam Hussein in March 2003.

The findings mark a change in opinion from a similar poll in May, when 45 percent of those asked said that British soldiers should remain in Iraq "for as long as necessary".

Since then violence against both troops and foreign civilians in Iraq has escalated further, such as the kidnapping of British engineer Ken Bigley and two US colleagues in Baghdad last week.

Fears were growing for Bigley's life

after grisly footage of the execution of his co-worker Eugene "Jack" Armstrong were posted on the Internet late on Monday.

Britain currently has around 8,000 military personnel in Iraq, based in the southern city of Basra.

Despite the sentiment over troops, overall feeling towards the war has softened slightly in recent months, the poll of 1,005 people found.

The *Guardian* said that 45 percent of respondents said the conflict was unjustified, against 40 percent who back it.

This was down from a peak of anti-war sentiment in July, when 56 percent were against the war and 38 percent were in favour. — *Internet*

## Vietnam to build big steel plant

HANOI, 21 Sept — Vietnam will invest some 250 million US dollars in building a steel plant in the southern province of Ba Ria Vung Tau in the next few months, so as to meet its growing demand for steel products.

The Southern Steel Company will build the Phu My II Steel Plant, its second factory in the province, with an annual capacity of 530,000 tons of steel billet and 500,000 tons of laminated steel in the 2006-2010 period, said the company on Monday.

The company will construct another facility with a yearly capacity of 500,000 tons of steel from 2010 to 2013.

The company, a major steel producer in Vietnam, has planned to put into operation its Phu My I Steel Plant with an annual

capacity of 500,000 tons of steel billet and 500,000 tons of steel products in November 2004. The total investment for the plant stands at 135 million dollars.

Vietnam has imported 3.1 million tons of steel products and billets worth more than 1.4 billion dollars, mostly from China, Russia, Ukraine and Malaysia in the first eight months of this year, down 3.4 per cent in volume, but up 25 per cent in value over the same period last year, according to the General Statistics Office.

Specifically, it has

spent 498 million dollars on importing steel billets in the period, year-on-year rise of 51.5 per cent and 8.3 per cent, respectively.

Vietnam imported 4.6 million tons of billets and steel products valued at nearly 1.7 billion dollars in 2003, down 7.4 per cent in volume, but up 24.1 per cent in value against 2002.

The country is expected to have a total finished steel demand of some six million tons this year, half of the volume to be met by imports.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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## Bush, Annan trade barbs over Iraq at UN

UNITED NATIONS, 21 Sept — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and US President George W Bush traded fresh barbs over Iraq at a sombre meeting of world leaders held in the shadow of Iraq's ongoing bloodshed.

Opening the UN's annual debate, Annan said Iraqi prisoners had been "disgracefully abused" and made veiled references to the United States in a wide-ranging speech calling on all nations to obey the rule of law.

Bush fired back that the United States had enforced "the just demands of the world" by ousting Saddam Hussein in a war that has left world opinion still bitterly divided more than one year after the US-led invasion.

Aides had insisted Annan, an outspoken critic of the war who last week called it "illegal," would be keen to avoid re-opening old wounds. But he cited the prisoner abuse among "flagrant" examples of lawlessness across the globe.

"In Iraq, we see civilians massacred in cold blood, while relief workers, journalists and other non-combatants are taken hostage and put to death in the most barbarous fashion," Annan said with Bush in the audience. "At the same time, we have seen Iraqi prisoners disgracefully abused," he said, drawing a parallel between the Iraq bloodshed and the prisoner scandal in a way destined to irk the US administration.

Annan has repeatedly been at odds with Bush's contention that the UN Security Council, which had passed a resolution threatening "serious consequences" for Saddam, had provided the legal basis for the war.

The UN chief last week called the war "illegal" and on Tuesday said Security Council resolutions were the "best foundation" for bringing law to a lawless world marked by bloodshed, genocide and attacks on the innocent. — *Internet*

## "Kalashnikov" Vodka launched in Britain

LONDON, 22 Sept — The creator of one of the world's most famous guns, the AK-47 assault rifle, launched another weapon in Britain on Monday — Kalashnikov vodka.

Lieutenant-General Mikhail Kalashnikov who invented the AK-47 after being shot by German soldiers during World War II, said he wanted to continue "the good name" of his gun.

"I've always wanted to improve and expand on the good name of my weapon by doing good things," he told *Reuters*

Television.

"So we decided to create a vodka under my name. And we wanted that vodka to be better than anything made, up until now, in both Russia and England."

The Kalashnikov rifle has become the weapon of choice for guerillas and gangsters across the world. But

Kalashnikov said his original intentions for the gun were purely patriotic. "I did not create the gun for international conflicts, I created it to protect the borders of my country," he said. "It is not my fault that it has been spread all over the world. It is its reliability and its simplicity that have taken it all over the world. — *MNA/Reuters*



Local residents complain as their homes incurred damages after a controlled explosion of a car bomb in Baghdad, on 21 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

# Kerry accuses Bush of lacking credibility on Iraq

WASHINGTON, 22 Sept — US Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Tuesday accused President George W. Bush of lacking credibility and failing to level with world leaders on Iraq when Bush spoke at the United Nations earlier in the day.

Hours after Bush delivered a speech at the United Nations General Assembly to defend his decision to invade Iraq and ask foreign leaders for assistance in supporting the new Iraqi interim government, Kerry said Bush "failed to level with the world's

leaders" about Iraq.

The President "barely talked about the realities at all of Iraq" and "missed an opportunity of enormous importance for our nation and for the world," Kerry told reporters in Jacksonville, Florida.

Accusing Bush of

lacking "the credibility to lead the world" and having "no credibility with foreign leaders, who hear him come before them and talk as if everything's going well, and they see that we can't even protect the people on the ground for the election," Kerry said the United States

needed to "deal with the truth and with reality."

He added that he had a plan to make the United States safer, and "a plan to be successful in Iraq" which he said it required "urgency." The United States needed to change its policies in Iraq to be successful, starting with bringing in more help from other nations, he said.

For his part Bush lashed at Kerry over the latter's credibility on Iraq. "My opponent has taken so many different positions on Iraq that his statements are hardly credible at all," Bush said after addressing the United Nations. — MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers and Iraqi policemen investigate a car-bomb explosion that killed three in Mosul, northern Iraq, on 20 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

## Jiang urges Chinese mily to follow Party's orders

BEIJING, 21 Sept— Jiang Zemin, former chairman of the Central Military Commission of the Communist Party of China, expressed his hope here Monday that Chinese military forces would always follow the Party's orders and well perform its duty of safeguarding national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

Jiang Zemin handed over his post as the military chief of the Communist Party of China (CPC) to Hu Jintao Sunday.

"I'm very glad to come here to join you today," said Jiang, 78, while he and Hu attended together an enlarged meeting of the CPC Central Military Commission (CMC) held in Beijing on Monday morning. "As a veteran Communist, I would like to express some hope on all of you here."

"Firstly, I hope the military will always resolutely follow the Party's in-

structions and guidance, obey the orders from the Party and accept the Party's absolute leadership," said Jiang.

"Secondly, I hope the military will always preserve the political nature of the Red Army, ... to carry on our Army's glorious tradition and fine style of work one generation after another," Jiang added.

He went on to express the hope that the Chinese military would try hard to "stand in the front of the global tide of military development", and that the military would constantly "consolidate and develop a high level of (internal) solidarity and unity".

"Fifthly, I hope that military will earnestly fulfil its sacred mission of safeguarding national sovereignty and territorial integrity," said Jiang. "The realization of the reunification of the Motherland is a major issue to which (the late) Chairman Mao (Zedong) and Comrade (Deng) Xiaoping had always paid great attention." He called on "all comrades of the military" to "bravely safeguard national sovereignty and territorial integrity with resolution and faith", and to "make still greater contribution to the realization of the complete reunification of the Motherland". The 16th CPC Central Committee, at its Fourth Plenum which concluded here Sunday, accepted Jiang's resignation and approved Hu, 61, to take over as the new Party military chief. —MNA/Xinhua

## McDonald's Corp loses legal battle in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 21 Sept— US fast-food giant McDonald's Corp lost a legal battle in Singapore on Monday to stop a food company from distributing products named "MacNoodles", "MacTea" and "MacChocolate". The world's largest fast-food company said Singapore-based Future Enterprises Pte Ltd had copied McDonald's trademarks when registering its products in 1995. The High Court dismissed the case in April but McDonald's appealed. "McDonald's has spent millions to create goodwill and instant public recognition for its 'Mc' series of marks," said Davinder Singh, a high-profile Singapore lawyer who represented McDonald's, before the judge ruled against the fast-food chain. —MNA/Reuters

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## Turk firm says quitting Iraq to save 10 hostages

ANKARA, 21 Sept—A Turkish company said on Tuesday it was suspending its operations in Iraq to save 10 employees abducted at the weekend by an Iraqi militant group which has threatened to kill them.

"We are halting our activities in Iraq," said Ali Haydar Veziroglu of the Vinsan construction company in a statement faxed to Reuters.

"The 10 kidnapped Turks are innocent and came from Turkey with the aim of providing for their families and also to serve the Iraqi people."

In a videotape aired by Arabic television station Al Jazeera on Saturday, the Abu Bakr al-Seddiq Battalions threatened to kill the workers within three days if the company did not quit Iraq.

Veziroglu denied a claim made by the kidnappers that his company was "American-Turkish."

"In general, we have no American or Iraqi partner," he said.

Militants have seized scores of foreign hostages in Iraq since April, of which at least 26 have been killed, including at least three Turkish truck drivers. —Internet

## Foreigners taken hostage in Iraq top 135

BAGHDAD, 21 Sept—Guerillas in Iraq have kidnapped more than 135 foreigners in their campaign to drive out coalition forces.

Ten Turkish employees of the construction company vision. The Ankara-based company said 21 September that it was freezing operations in hopes of

saving the workers.

Three Lebanese travel agency workers, and their driver, an Iraqi, were Kidnapped 17 Sept on the road between Baghdad and Fallujah.

Americans Jack Hensley and British engineer Kenneth Bigley. Kidnapped in Baghdad on 16 September along with Eugene Armstrong, an American civil engineer. Employed by Gulf Services Co of the United Arab Emirates.

Italian aid workers Simona Pari and Simona Torretta, both 29. Abducted in Baghdad on 7 September.

Christian Chesnot, 37, and George Malbrunot, 41, French journalists. Disappeared 21 August while apparently driving toward Najaf.

Faridoun Jihani, Iranian consul to Karbala. In video made public 7 August.

Vlada Abu Ghadi, Lebanese director of Lara construction company. Abducted 31 July in Baghdad.

Aban Elias, 41, Iraqi-American. Held since 3 May by group calling itself the Islamic Rage Brigade. —Internet

## ADB to focus on social programmes in Tonga

MANILA, 21 Sept— Improving urban social infrastructure will be the focus of the programme that the Asian Development Bank (ADB) will conduct in Tonga in 2005 and 2006.

ADB said in a statement on Monday that Tonga had made progress toward achieving many of the targets set in the Millennium Development Goals, with a high literacy rate, good school enrollment ratios and widespread access to safe water.

However, a number of social indicators, such as unemployed youth, rising petty crime, substance abuse, and teenage pregnancies still remain concerns, the Bank said.

MNA/Xinhua



A British soldier keeps watch while patrolling the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 21 September 2004. — INTERNET



# Blair urged to apologize for mistakes over Iraq

LONDON, 21 Sept — Britain's second largest opposition party on Monday urged Prime Minister Tony Blair to apologize for his mistakes over Iraq.

Liberal Democratic Party leader Charles Kennedy made the plea as he opened his party's annual conference in southern England.

It was "too late to turn back the clock" on much of the damage, but the Prime Minister could at least apologize for his mistakes, Kennedy told his delegates.

"Prime Minister, why not just, even now, admit

that you got it wrong?"

Apologize? Say sorry for the damage you have done, the anguish you have caused, the wrongs that you can never now right?"

"Our reputation as a steady and stable force in international affairs is in tatters," Kennedy told the rally. "We are no longer sure we can trust our intelligence services."

"We recoil from the

loss of trust in government lawyers, former judges, senior civil servants, who have been sullied by entanglement with this mistaken war," he added.

Blair, the staunchest US ally on Iraq, has been under new pressure over Iraq after United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan told the BBC last week that the US-led war against Iraq was illegal.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier stands guard near the site of a car bomb explosion that damaged two US Humvees in Baghdad, Iraq on Tuesday, 21 Sept, 2004. Four US soldiers were wounded along with nine civilians. — INTERNET

## Chinese top legislator calls for promoting Sino-Japanese ties

BEIJING, 21 Sept— Only if correctly treating historical facts could historical tragedy be avoided from happening again, Chinese top legislator Wu Bangguo said here Monday.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC), made the remarks during the talks with Speaker Kono Yohei of Japan's House of Representatives. The two sides exchanged in-depth views on promoting bilateral friendly cooperation and other issues of common concern.

Wu said China and Japan, as two important neighbouring countries, share traditional exchanges and cultural origins. Since the two countries realized normalization of diplomatic relations over 30 years ago, China and Japan had worked together for the great progress on exchanges and cooperation in various fields, such as economy, trade and personnel exchanges, which brought concrete benefits to the two countries, Wu noted.

The Sino-Japanese friendship had been rooted with the signing of the Sino-Japanese Treaty of Peace and Friendship 26 years ago, and the treaty also legalized the principle on handling historical and Taiwan issues, which had been enshrined in the Sino-Japanese Joint Statement, Wu said.— MNA/Xinhua

## Jordan, Iraq to improve health cooperation

AMMAN, 21 Sept— The Jordanian Government on Monday ratified a health cooperation agreement with Iraq to regulate bilateral cooperation in food and pharmaceutic products, the state-run *Petra* news agency reported.

Under the agreement, Jordan's food and medical supplies to Iraq will be based on the same standards and rules applied to food and medicinal imports to Jordan, the country's Food and Medicine Department said.

The department also provides Iraq with laws

and legislations executed in Jordan in the fields of food safety and quality control of medicine.

The agreement encourages cooperation between the concerned departments in both countries to increase drug and food product deals and calls for further cooperation on

monitoring and controlling contagious diseases at the regional level.

The agreement, aimed at rebuilding the war-torn country's food security system, also includes health experts exchange between the two countries.

MNA/Xinhua

## At least two workers killed in US airstrikes on Fallujah

BAGHDAD, 21 Sept— At least two were killed and three others wounded in the latest US airstrikes on the restive city of Fallujah, medical sources said Monday.

The casualties were municipal workers who were working on a construction project near the railway station in the northern part of the city, a source from Fallujah General Hospital said.

US warplanes frequently attack construction sites on the edge of the city, some 50 kilometres west of Baghdad.

MNA/Xinhua

## Inter-Arab eco integration conference kicks off in Amman

AMMAN, 22 Sept— An inter-Arab trade and economic integration conference opened here Monday in a bid to promote economic cooperation among regional countries.

Addressing the opening session, Jordan University's President Abdullah Al Mosa urged Arab economic experts to enhance cooperation and openness to the outside world in order to benefit from the new international order.

He also called to analyse and assess experiment of Arab economic integration and the effect of international changes on Arab trade.

Mosa said despite the existence of regional economic organizations and free trade zones, Arab economic integration has not been materialized. Economic experts and scholars from the academia of Jordan, the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Bahrain, Algeria, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, Oman, Lebanon, Morocco, Egypt, and Yemen took part in the three-day conference.—MNA/Xinhua



A medical attendant bandages policeman Ahmed Abbas after he was injured in a roadside bomb in Baqouba, Iraq, on 21 Sept, 2004. A police vehicle hit a roadside bomb, triggering an explosion that killed one person and injured six in this city north of Baghdad, police and hospital officials said. — INTERNET

## Ancient stone pillars discovered in western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 21 Sept — Ancient stone pillars of about 800 years ago have been discovered in western Nepal by a British researcher, and were displayed in Nepal recently.

The 65 photographs of the pillars, taken by Tim Harward, co-director at Cambridge University in Britain, are being exhibited on September 16-24 in the Siddhartha Art Gallery in Kathmandu.

This is the first time such historic pillars were discovered in Nepal and neighbouring India's Kumaon and Garwhal, a guide at the gallery told *Xinhua* Monday.

"It took Tim Harward seven years to complete his search of these 185 pillars," said Anital Sharma, adding that Harward has been working in Nepal and India since 1998 on the origins and history of the Malla kings of western Nepal.

In mid-western Nepal, the majority of pillar stones are to be found along the ancient trade route linking Nepal's western city of Nepalgunj and China's Tibet Autonomous Region, she noted.

MNA/Xinhua

## Kuwait to strengthen oil supervision

KUWAIT CITY, 21 Sept— Kuwait would enact new oil strategy next year to supervise and monitor the oil sector, the *Kuwait News Agency* reported Monday.

The Ministry of Energy was ready to begin field inspection and supervision on national oil companies and coordinate with them to enhance performance and realize defined strategic goals, the ministry's undersecretary Essa Al-Oun was quoted as saying.

Meanwhile, the ministry's assistant undersecretary for technical affairs Ali Bin Sabt said the ministry would train staff to prepare for monitoring duties in the oil sector.— MNA/Xinhua

## UAE eye-scanning system thwarts thousands of illegal entry

ABU DHABI, 21 Sept— The UAE immigration authorities have arrested some 10,000 foreigners attempting to enter the country illegally since the start of using the eye-scanning system two years ago, the official WAM news agency reported Monday.

A UAE senior official said the arrests were made between October 2002 and August 2004 at various ports of the country. — MNA/Xinhua

# Kidnappers release 18 Iraqi soldiers

BAGHDAD, 21 Sept—Eighteen Iraqi National Guards taken for hostages have been freed by an Islamist group, Qatar-based al-Jazeera TV channel reported on Monday.

The kidnappers, known as the Mohammed bin Abdullah Brigades, released late Monday the 18 soldiers they had threatened to kill unless a Shiite cleric was immediately released.

The group did so at the request of Moqtada al-Sadr, a young Shiite cleric who had led an uprising against the US-led coalition forces throughout the central southern Iraq this year, according to the channel.

With a short video aired, the channel reported on Sunday the armed men would

kill the 18 hostages if Hazem al-Araji, one of Sadr's senior aides in Baghdad, was not released within 48 hours.

Araji and his brother were arrested during a US-Iraqi joint raid on their house in the capital city the day before, when the militant Shiites refused in a new round of negotiation with US forces to lay down their arms.

Sadr group had denied any involvement in the kidnapping. It was not known if Araji had been released.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese President stresses role of top advisory body

BEIJING, 22 Sept—Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Tuesday that China would give full play to the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), China's top advisory body, for injecting impetus to the causes of the people and the Party.

Hu made the remarks when addressing a rally marking the 55th founding anniversary of CPPCC, the country's most influential and broad-based advisory institution.

Hu, also general secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), pledged to give full play to CPPCC as a patriotic united front organization for the united front

has always been a treasure for pushing forward the causes of the Party and the people. "It is a natural requirement to develop the most broad-based patriotic united front and realize a great solidarity among all political parties, communities, ethnic groups, social groups and all China-loving people under the leadership of CPC," Hu said. China would make

better use of CPPCC as an important form of carrying out socialist democracy in the country's political life, and constantly develop socialist democratic politics and promote socialist political civilization, said the President. He urged to firmly grasp the two major themes of solidarity and democracy in the future to strive relentlessly for the realization of the central task of the Party and the state.

The President said CPPCC shoulders significant responsibility and occupies important position as the country is working hard to build itself into a well-off society.

China has managed to establish its socialist political system that adapts to its actual conditions during its long-term experience.—MNA/Xinhua

## Four Turkish citizens wounded in armed attack in Iraq

ANKARA, 22 Sept—Four Turkish citizens were wounded on Monday in an armed attack in Iraq, semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

Concerned sources were quoted as saying that the attackers opened fire on a vehicle carrying Turkish journalists and Turkish Red Crescent workers in Iraq's northern city of Mosul.

Two journalists and two Red Crescent workers were wounded in the attack, added the sources.

The sources gave no more details about the incident.—MNA/Xinhua



A woman looks at the house in the al-Mansour neighbourhood of Baghdad, Iraq, from where two Americans and one Briton were kidnapped earlier in the week, on 21 September, 2004.—INTERNET

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## US hostage's wife appeals for husband's life

WASHINGTON, 22 Sept—The wife of the US hostage threatened with execution in Iraq made another impassioned appeal on Tuesday for her husband's life and urged his captors to open up the lines of communication.

"His daughter, Sarah,

would just like to say, 'Daddy, I miss you and I love you, please come home,' and me too," said Patty Hensley, speaking from Atlanta, Georgia.

Militants in Iraq have threatened to kill US contractor Jack Hensley and Briton Kenneth Bigley on Tuesday, just one day after releasing footage showing them beheading another US hostage, Eugene Armstrong.

Mrs Hensley said she

hoped the hostage-takers would recognize that her husband was in Baghdad only to help the Iraqi people. Wednesday is his 49th birthday.

"We are putting a lot of strength in our belief that Jack was honestly there to help the people and because of that they should not harm him and hopefully will not," Mrs Hensley told ABC's "Good Morning America" show.

MNA/Reuters

## Kuwait to buy Iraqi bank

KUWAIT CITY, 21 Sept—The National Bank of Kuwait (NBK) has agreed to buy the Credit Bank of Iraq, which may be the first foreign purchase of an Iraqi lender in four decades, the Kuwait Times reported Monday.

The NBK will hold 75 per cent of the Iraqi bank and will take over Credit Bank "hopefully before the end of the year," said NBK chief executive Ibrahim Babboub.

"Iraq's medium-term prospects are very good, because in the end, this insurgency has to end," he said while declining to say how much the NBK is paying for its stake.

NBK is the fifth biggest lender by assets within the Gulf monarchies of Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain.

MNA/Xinhua



Supporters of radical Shiite cleric, Moqtada al-Sadr, stay ready at a battle position in Sadr City, on 21 September, 2004. They put up several positions after bombs and missiles exploded overnight in the Baghdad slum.—INTERNET

## China to further military cooperation with Egypt

BEIJING, 22 Sept—The Chinese Armed Forces attach great importance to its military ties with the Egyptian Army, and is willing to enhance exchanges and cooperation between the two sides in various fields, said Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan here on Monday.

Cao, also vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and state councillor, made the remarks in his talks with Mohammed Hussein Tantawi, commander-in-chief of the Egyptian Armed Forces and Minister of National Defence and Military Production.

Cao said the Chinese and Egyptian people enjoy profound traditional friendship. The two countries have conducted sound cooperation in various fields since the establishment of diplomatic relations 48 years ago.

The two Armed Forces have kept frequent high-level visits, he said, adding that the cooperation fields have been continuously expanded.

Cao also briefed the guests on Chi-

na's stance on the Middle East and international issues, China's domestic construction, Army construction and the Fourth Plenum of 16th Central Committee of the Communist Party of China.

Tantawi said the two armies have many similarities and the Egyptian side is willing to enhance exchanges and cooperation with the Chinese Army.

He spoke highly of China's stance on resolving the Taiwan issue, noting that Egypt will unswervingly adhere to the one-China policy.

Before the talks, Cao held a welcome ceremony for Tantawi's China visit.

Tantawi arrived in Beijing Sunday for a six-day official good-will visit to China as Cao's guest.

MNA/Xinhua





*The opening ceremony of self-reliant library in Myoma Ward-2 in Hmawby Township to disseminate knowledge to local people. — IPRD*

**Up to 21 September  
2004,  
altogether 8,317  
self-reliant  
libraries were  
opened  
nationwide.**

## **Libraries built to disseminate knowledge**

*A self-reliant library of Mahamyang Ward-2  
being opened in Mahaangmyay Township,  
Mandalay Division. — IPRD*



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

*The opening ceremony of a self-reliant library of  
Ngapyapay Village in Singu Township,  
PwinOoLwin District, Mandalay Division. — IPRD*



*People in Yapaiktha  
Village in YeU  
Township, Sagaing  
Division, gain  
knowledge through a  
library opened in the  
village. — IPRD*

*Under the  
arrangements of South  
Okkalapa Township  
Information and  
Public Relations  
Department, a  
self-reliant library of  
the township being  
opened. — IPRD*



## Pabedan Township USDA holds annual meeting 2004

YANGON, 22 Sept—Pabedan Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held its annual meeting 2004 at No 1 Basic Education High School in the township here starting at 5 pm today, with an address by USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung.

It was also attended by local authorities, Yangon Division USDA Executive U Min Thein, Yangon West District USDA Secretary U Tin Win, Township USDA Secretary U Aung Naing

and executives, social organizations and townsenders.

On the occasion, the USDA Secretariat Member elaborated on conducting regular courses and refresher courses to enhance knowledge and organizing skills of the members, effective implementation of future tasks, and active cooperation with local administrative bodies in community welfare works.

At the second session, respective Township USDA executives pre-



USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung addresses annual meeting of Pabedan Township USDA 2004.—INDUSTRY-1

sented on annual reports, followed by a general round of discussions.

The Township USDA passed seven objectives and nine future tasks.

The meeting passed resolutions, made approvals and put matters

on record. The Township USDA Secretary delivered closing remarks.—MNA

## Textbooks are to be sent to remote areas in open season Printing and distribution of school textbooks coordinated

YANGON, 22 Sept—The School Textbook Printing and Distribution Committee for 2005-2006 academic year held the coordination meeting at the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Street yesterday evening, with an address by Chairman of the Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present at the

meeting were member of the School Textbook Printing and Distribution Committee, Chairman of the School Textbook Printing Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and sub-committee members, Chairman of the School Textbook Distribution Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min and

sub-committee members and officials of departments concerned.

In his address, Committee Chairman Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that school textbooks for 2004-2005 academic year have been distributed to the students in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. He said the meeting was to coordinate printing and distribution

matters for 2005-2006 academic year. In so doing, it is necessary to distribute school textbooks to the students at a reasonable price by the 2005-2006 academic year in accord with the guidance of the Head of

State. He stressed the need to print quality school textbooks at State-owned presses as much as possible and the textbooks for students in Upper Myanmar at the Upper Myanmar Government Press to be opened

soon, to practise thrift in the printing matter and organize the students in order to use the textbooks through the relay system. Hence, production in number of new textbooks can be decreased. And then, the textbooks are to be sent to remote areas in open season. Later, the minister urged all to coordinate printing and distribution matters.

Next, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min reported on arrangements being made for printing and distribution of school textbooks for 2005-2006 academic year.

Those present took part in the discussions. Later, the minister fulfilled the requirements and the meeting came to a close.—MNA

**Textbooks for students in Upper Myanmar will be printed at the Upper Myanmar Government Press to be opened soon.**



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the coordination meeting to print and distribute school textbooks. MNA

## Balar bridge will provide...

(from page 16)

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for the Special Zone Commissioner U Hla Soe of General Administration Department presented reports on arrangements for transferring technologies to growers and breeders and exporting surplus vegetables.

National entrepreneurs reported on cultivation and production of quality vegetables and requirements.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said that the Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry and Fish Breeding Special Zone was set up with the aim of meeting vegetable, meat and fish demands of city dwellers without relying on products of other states and divisions and exporting surplus products to foreign countries. The national entrepreneurs are fulfilled with facilities in water for cultivation purpose, electricity, auto-telephones and transport sectors. The entrepreneurs are urged to carry out cultivation tasks on vacant and virgin lands for boosting production.

Next, the commander and party inspected vegeta-

ble patches in the special zone-2 and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Ministries and national entrepreneurs are carrying out breeding of poultry and fish and vegetable cultivation in the special zone. This year, 6,180 acres of land have been put under vegetables. Up to now, over 1.24 million of broilers and layers are being bred and over 1.1 million of broilers have been sold. Over 1.36 million of fish have been put in 568 acres of fish ponds.

The commander and party went to monsoon paddy cultivation farm of Yangon Command at the junction of Yangon-Bago Six-lane Road and No 3 Highway at the border of Mingaladon and Hlegu Townships. The commander inspected thriving monsoon paddy on 83 acres of land and cultivation of vegetables on vacant lands.

The commander gave instructions on systematic cultivation of monsoon paddy with the use of four methods to meet the target and attended to the needs.

On arrival at the site of No 2 Balar Bridge Construction Project in Mingaladon Township, Project Engi-

neer U Cho Aung reported on facts about the project, progress of tasks, collection of construction materials, preparations for building Balar Bridge No 1 and No 2 and arrangements for repaving the bypass in open season.

In response to the reports, the commander instructed them to build the bridge and tar the bypass in December for better transportation among townships in Yangon East, South and North Districts.

Next, the commander inspected construction of No 2 Balar Bridge and laying of gravel on the bypass and gave instructions on timely of the construction tasks meeting the set standard.

Balar Bridge No 2 will be 65 feet long. The bridge will have 28 feet wide motorway and four feet wide pedestrian ways on both sides. Its clearance will be nine feet high. The reinforced concrete bridge can withstand 60-ton loads. The bridge is being built on the circular road of Yangon City. On completion, local people from townships of Yangon East, South and North Districts can enjoy fruitful results of better transportation among their regions.

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MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepts K 10 million from an official of Pyi Phyo Aung Construction Co. (News on page 1) — MNA

## Myanmar has concentrated on...

(from page 16)

Myanmar formed Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs in 1996 and laid emphasis on anti-human trafficking as a serious issue. Under the committee, Women's Affairs Work Committee and Work Committee for prevention against human trafficking were formed and they carried out the tasks with added momentum. The two committees laid down systematic plans for preventive measures, taking actions in accord with the law, receiving the victims and resettling them.

The working group on Trafficking in Women and Children had exposed and taken action against offenders in 412 cases up to 17 July 2002. Of the 166 criminal cases, 335 offenders were sentenced to prison terms — two to life imprisonment; 78 to jail terms from ten years and above; 177 to five to ten years' imprisonment; 78 to less than five years' imprisonment. The Central Supervisory Committee, formed in 2001, has given educative talks to 701,897 persons and sent 15,959 persons back to their parents. Myanmar has been drafting a law concerning trafficking in persons. A workshop on the issue was held on 6 and 7 September 2004, with the cooperation of UNIAP. Under the MoU signed between Myanmar and Australia on 22 December 2003, an anti-human trafficking body was formed, and 40 Myanmar police officers have been sent abroad for training. The Myanmar Police Force has obtained permission to form a body to handle transnational crimes.

Myanmar is accel-

erating her cooperation with the region, other countries, departments, NGOs and INGOs. However, again, the US mentioned Myanmar as a country doing nothing to curb human trafficking. Relying on her own internal strength and resources, Myanmar has been making utmost efforts, with goodwill and sincerity to curb human trafficking. The human trafficking exists because of the demand of the host countries to exploit the labour of foreign workers. Thus, the host countries should make effective efforts to control and curb human trafficking, instead of

meeting.

In order to hold the COMMIT successfully, a preliminary meeting which was attended by Minister for Home Affairs, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Minister for Labour, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin and officials from related ministries was held on 25 June.

The meeting formed the leading committee, the work committee and eight subcommittees and passed the resolutions to hold COMMIT at Sedona Hotel and to draft a law in

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pointing a finger at others.

He said Myanmar will host the COMMIT on 29 October. Three ministers each from related ministries of China, Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, the six nations of Greater Mekong Sub-Region (GMS) will attend the meeting.

A preliminary meeting of senior officials will be held in Yangon on 27-28 October. Arrangements are being made for signing an important MoU on anti-human trafficking.

He said Dr Su Su Tha Tun of UNIAP (Bangkok) made arrangements for holding the COMMIT after coordination with officials from six GMS nations. As the Secretariat, the UNIAP (Bangkok) takes charge of the meeting. Donor nations, UN Agencies and NGOs will bear the expenses of the

accord with international norms after holding a workshop on anti-human trafficking participated by international experts, he said.

He called on those present to begin to perform the duties before the meeting.

Joint Secretary of the Leading committee for organizing the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT) Police Chief of Staff Police Brig-Gen Win Mya reported on functions of the work committee, subcommittees, agenda of the meeting to be held from 27 to 29 October.

He also explained the Yangon excursion of the participants and draft of the MoU to be signed at the meeting.

The Deputy Programme Manager of UNIAP

(Bangkok) elaborated on the holding of the ministerial meeting and its importance.

President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe expressed belief that the meeting will be a successful one because of preparations and cooperation of the UNIAP. The MWAFF will take part in the respective sector to the best of its ability.

At the meeting, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa said that the purpose of combating human trafficking among the six Mekong region countries is noble, that for an example, 95 women have been rescued from danger in Myanmar. It is encouraging to see that the respective ministries are curbing not only the trafficking in women, but also in male children. Myanmar is ardently launching the anti-human trafficking drive.

In his discussions, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shein said that Myanmar has been striving to enact a new law concerning the anti-human trafficking drive. A

workshop was held recently with the participation of legal experts of world countries to enact a law that meets the international standard. Moreover, the MoU of the six Mekong Subregion countries is a milestone in history. Thanks to the cooperation of UN agencies, the drive will be more effective.

try and prosperity of its people and it is cooperating actively with international community.

At the same time, the government has been combating narcotic drugs, forced labour, recruitment of minors for armed forces, violating human rights and trafficking in persons.

Now, with enthusi-

**The human trafficking exists because of the demand of the host countries to exploit the labour of foreign workers. Thus, the host countries should make effective efforts to control and curb human trafficking, instead of pointing a finger at others.**

In conclusion, Minister Col Tin Hlaing said Myanmar has concentrated on the care of women and children since 1992 and she is a country in which every family brings up its children well. Despite certain nations' one-sided accusations on Myanmar's endeavours to fight trafficking in persons, the government has been making endeavours for progress of the coun-

astic participation of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar has been able to tackle human trafficking problems, and the crimes of raping Myanmar women in border areas, that were accused by expatriates. In conclusion, he called on all to play an active part in trying to achieve success of COMMIT.

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint meets Thai Minister of Public Health Mrs Sudarat Keyuraphan and party. — MNA

## Thai Health Minister visits downtown Yangon

YANGON, 22 Sept — Under the programme of health cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand, the delegation led by Minister of Public Health Mrs Sudarat Keyuraphan arrived here by air this morning.

The Thai delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, directors-general and deputy directors-general of the departments under the ministry, Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and embassy staff, resident representative of WHO Dr

Agostino Borra, Thai resident representative Dr Rai Nyoman Kumara and officials.

At 11 am, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint met Minister of Public Health Mrs Sudarat Keyuraphan and party at his office on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road and they discussed bilateral health cooperation between the two countries.

Next, the Thai delegation visited White Elephant Garden where Director of Forest Department (Zoological Gardens) U Myint Swe explained facts about the

white elephants and they together with the white elephants posed for documentary photos.

Afterwards, the Thai delegation visited Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image on Mindhamma Hill and made cash donations. Chairman of the pagoda board of trustees U Shein Aung Bo explained facts about Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image.

Next, they went to Bogyoke Market and studied items of Myanmar handicraft.

MNA

# From the policy "Live and let die" to the policy "Live and let live"

Bala Min Htin

While reading a copy of Beijing Review issued on 10 June 2004 one day, I found an interesting editorial under the title 'Live and let live', from which, I have extracted some paras and points to write this article.

In its leading para, the editorial said, "For a given nation, to live means to pursue its own interests and to realize its rights of survival and development. To let live refers to respecting the interests and rights of other nations."

"This simple and clear truth was summed up by our ancestors based on the same simple and clear fact that we have inhabited, and will continue to inhabit, a planet that is diverse in all aspects," it also stated. In my view, the fact can also guarantee global peace.

As the editorial said, "Superficially, few people find it hard to fathom the truth, or even deny it. In reality, however, there are countless cases that disquiet us. International wars, border skirmishes and racial conflicts, which unfortunately become the fabric of our daily discourse, have provided the evidence, that this principle has not yet been fully accepted and really understood. So, it's still necessary to elaborate on the idea." I have come to realize the fact that the agreeable basic principles of the policy — Live and let live — have become inappropriate to the practical social lives on the global stage to some extent, and there occur incidents that go against the UN Charter and Oath. In addition, the whole human civilization, that was built by the successive generations for years, and that also serves as a correlation between spiritual and physical lives of human beings, fell into ruin.

In order to perform the humanist duty well, we will have to analyze and view ourselves correctly as no country

can enjoy safety and prosperity without paying attention to others' living rights and conditions, meaning that all nations must have sympathy for others. In this world of human relations, sympathy is an attitude to be adopted in relations between individual humans beings or between nations and regions in the process of globalization itself. Thus, as a matter of fact, the relationship between nations constitutes an important part of the history of human civilization as a branch of the delicate subject of social science.

The editorial continued to say, "How to handle international relations is an art, which is what diplomacy is all about. The highest purpose of diplomacy is to create and maintain a harmonious, at least a harmless, international circumstance in which a nation exists. Here, flexibility is indispensable. As a Malay proverb says, 'A diplomat should be yielding and supple as a liana that can be bent but not broken.'" This fact implies that a nation

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must be decisive in observing its policy and must be flexible in materializing its strategy, while trying to find the middle way between the two extremes — the extreme of dancing to the tune of the prevailing situation on one end and the extreme of standing firmly on one's own policy on the other. During a revolution, an eminent politician of the world once asked his comrades a question "What is politics?", saying that if the word would be

defined, its meaning would go beyond explanation. His followers were able to give answers to the best of their ability, based on the actual life of the people. He told them that their answers were not wrong, and then gave a complete answer of the question in a single sentence — Politics is to reduce the number of persons who hate you, and increase the number of people who love and have sympathy for you to the most possible degree.

Peace, stability and development are the only alternative for the world at present. It is easy to hate others, but to love others requires much efforts. In this regard, the author of the classical novel 'War and Peace' once said that peace required more knowledge, wisdom, consideration, tolerance, sympathy, forgiveness and understanding and greater degree of moral ethics and philosophy than war. Only the person who can create a peaceful social environment can be called a man with the doctrine to serve the mankind's interest actually. But what is the essence of the foreign policy? The answer is "Foreign policy of a nation is nothing but symbolization of its domestic policy in international relations reflection. In other words, whether it is called the political framework of domestic economy, politics and social situation or the constitution, the most important thing is that it must be the real embodiment of humanism. In the present international relations field, a lot of new words such as — protectionism, peaceful co-existence, domino theory, the rich-poor gap, preemption, arms reduction, nuclear free zone and ceasefire agreement to old and neo colonialism and hegemonism — have continuously come into being.

(To be continued)

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## Workshop on health development of youth held

YANGON, 22 Sept — Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint addressed opening of workshop on health development of youth, organized by Sports and Physical Education Department and WHO, at Youth Training

Centre in Thuwunna yesterday.

Present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry of Health, officials of Department of Health and Medical Research De-

partment, instructors and trainees.

After Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint had made a speech on the occasion, Resident Representative of WHOMr

PP Singh (Programme and Administrative Officer) extended greetings. Altogether 45 trainees are attending the workshop which will last up to 24 September. — MNA

## Tourist Map Myanmar appears

YANGON, 22 Sept — Under the directive of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Tourist Maps of Myanmar (2004-02) are distributed free of charge by Design Printing Services Co Ltd (DPS).

Since 1995, DPS has handed out 300,000 copies of tourist guide maps for the development of tourism industry in Myanmar.

The maps are available free of charge at DPS, Head Office of the Myanmar Tourism Services and tourism information counter at the airport.

MNA

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

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

### စာပေဒါန

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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
- \* Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

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

## ကမ္ဘာ့နှလုံးကျန်းမာရေးနေ့

## World Heart Day

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 “ပုံမှန်လေ့ကျင့် အစားကိုချင့်၊  
 နှလုံးကျန်းမာ တစ်သက်တာ”

“A Heart for Life”

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



## Education Minister receives Indian Ambassador

YANGON, 22 Sept — Minister for Education U Than Aung received Indian Ambassador Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia at Diamond Jubilee Hall, here, this evening.

During their meeting, they frankly discussed cooperation in education between the two countries.

Similarly, visiting technicians of Indian Marine Science Department Dr PS Rao and Dr V Ramaswamy called on Minister U Than Aung at Diamond Jubilee Hall this evening. Present at the call were Deputy Ministers U Myo Nyunt and Col Aung Myo Min and directors-general of the departments under the ministry. — MNA

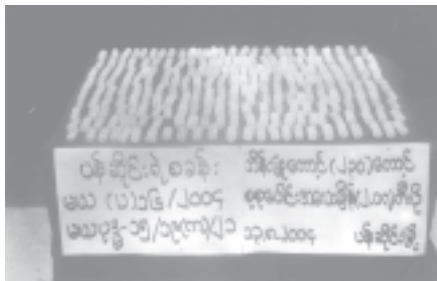
## UMFCCI officials meet Japanese guests



UMFCCI officials meet with the President of Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry and party.— UMFCCI

YANGON, 22 Sept — Chairman of Grater Mekong Sub-region Business Forum (GMS-BF) U Win Aung, General Secretary of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing, CEC members and officials met with President of Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Yangon (JCCY) Mr Kiyoyoshi Katagiri and General Manager Mr Hajime Tamanyu of Itochu Corporation at the office of UMFCCI, here, yesterday morning.

They discussed excursion of Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Bangkok and East-West Economic Corridor.— MNA



230 bars of heroin weighing 2.07 kilos seized in Pangsai on 13-8-2004.— MNA

## Heroin seized in Pangsai

YANGON, 22 Sept—Acting on information, a combined team consisting of members of local intelligence unit and anti-drug squad stopped a passenger bus with the number plate KaKa/5731 and searched the passengers on 13 August this year.

The authorities found 130 bars of heroin weighing 1.17 kilos from Ma Yan Shwe Twant and 100 bars of heroin weighing 0.9 kilo from Ma Han Lin Le.

In connection with the seizures, Pangsai Police Station is taking action against Ma Yan Shwe Twant, daughter of U Yan Yoh Chan and Ma Han Lin Le, daughter of U Han Chao under Sections 15/19(A)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA

## Mekong region sports meets on 23-25 September

YANGON, 22 Sept—Friendly Sports Meets of Mekong region countries will be held on 23-25 September in Thailand. Myanmar athletes group led by U Kyaw Soe Myint, Director of the Sports and Physical Education Department left here this morning for Thailand to participate in the sports meets.

The athletes group comprises 49 members and will participate in track and field, football, rowing and Sepak Takraw events. Mekong region countries are Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. — MNA

## Paper-reading session to mark International Day of Older Persons held



Writer Ledwintha Saw Chit presents his paper to paper-reading session to mark International Day of Older Persons.— SWD

YANGON, 22 Sept — The paper-reading session to mark the International Day of Older Persons, co-organized by Social Welfare Department of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, was held at Hninzigon Home for the Aged on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Patron of the Organizing Committee for International Day of Older Persons Deputy Minister for SWRR Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Chairman of the Work Committee for Organizing the IDOP Director-General U Sit Myaing of SWD, Vice-Chairman Director U Bo Than and members, Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and vice-chairmen, Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) and CEC members, members of the Home

for the Aged Administrative Board and guests.

Vice-Chairmen of MWJA U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), U Than Maung (Than Maung) and U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung) presided over the paper-reading session.

Vice-Chairman U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) gave a speech. Next, CEC member Daw Khin Than Win (Kyu Kyu Thin) introduced the resource persons to the audience.

Writer U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin), writer Dr Tin Tun Oo (Dr Tin Tun Oo) and writer U Tin Hlaing (Ledwintha Saw Chit) submitted papers to the session and answered the queries.

Later, the paper-reading session concluded with the remarks by Vice-Chairman U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) in the evening.— MNA

## Tekkatho Htin Gyi's Reference Section to be set up

YANGON, 22 Sept — Wife Daw Khin Nwe and relatives of late Tekkatho Htin Gyi (U Tin Maung), MA (Journalism), Director of Sarpay Beikman and member of Myanmar Language Commission, who passed away in January 2004, donated K 600,000 of late Saya Tekkatho Htin Gyi to Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association in September.

Honouring Saya U Htin Gyi who discharged duty and functions of MWJA and produced literary works in his life, MWJA took some records and books of the writer in coordination with his family and makes

arrangements to establish the Tekkatho Htin Gyi's Reference Section. Reference for the history of literature, photos, works of writers, journalists, poets and cartoonists, diaries and computer database comprising Myanmar and international knowledge will be kept at the section. On 19 September, the coordination meeting to set up the Tekkatho Htin Gyi's Reference Section was held.

Writer Maung Hay Mar (U Maung Maung Aye-Alinka Wutyi) pledged that he will donate computer and its accessories for the section. Those wishing to make donations for the Tekkatho Htin Gyi's Reference Section may contact MWJA, No 527, Merchant Street, Tel: 252417 and 244173.— MNA

## Exhibition and competitions on traffic rules in December first week

YANGON, 22 Sept—The Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee is going to organize the second exhibition and competitions on traffic rules in the first week of December 2004 in Yangon.

It comprises short story, article, cartoon, poster and digital poster competitions (open). Candidates are to send original and a copy for each entry. Word count for short story is limited between 3,000 and 5,000. A candidate may take part in short story and article competitions.

As for poster competition, an entry is to be a 30" x 20" size one with the signature of the candidate on its back, not in the front side.

Entries for digital poster competition are to be created with an appropriate computer and put in a floppy disk or a compact disk (CD-ROM).

Each candidate is to send their entry attached with two passport-size photos, a biography and a written undertaking that the entry is own creation and has not been printed before.

Entries for short story, article and cartoon competitions are to be sent to Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Second Floor, Sarpay Beikman, Yangon, (Tel: 252417, 254173); for poster competition, to Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon, Eastern Wing of Bogyoke Aung San Market (Tel: 240966 Ext: 706/707); and for digital poster competition, to U Mya Thein of the University of Computer Studies (Hline Campus) (Tel: 664254) not later than 3 pm on 1 November 2004. — MNA



Myanmar youth tennis team seen at the airport before its departure for Pakistan.— SPED

## Myanmar youth tennis team leaves for Pakistan

YANGON, 22 Sept — The Myanmar youth tennis team left here by air this evening to take part in the World Class-5 Under-18 Tennis Tournament to be held in Karachi, Pakistan, from 25 September to 4 October.

The team was seen off at Yangon International Airport by officials of Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Tennis Federation. Coach/Manager is U Aung Myint. Players of the team are Kyaw Zaw Naing, Nyi Nyi Tun and Chit Su Yi of Mingala Taungnyunt BEHS No 1. Myanmar Airways International sponsored the tennis team air fares.— MNA

**UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION  
MYANMA RAILWAYS  
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Expressor Complete and Spare Parts for Various Locomotives which will be purchased in US dollars and Myanmar Kyats:-

Sr No.	Tender No	Description	Quantity
1.	12(T)18/MR(ML) 2004-2005	Expressor Complete (Air Compressor Exhauster)	1 - No
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Closing Date.- 26-10-2004 (Tuesday) (12:00) Hours- For Sr.No. 2

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51<sup>st</sup> Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 23-9-2004 during the office hours.
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**Deputy General Manager  
Supply Department, Myanma Railways,  
Botataung, Yangon**

## Chinese Premier leaves Beijing for Kyrgyzstan, Russia

BEIJING, 22 Sept — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao left here on Tuesday morning to pay a visit to Kyrgyzstan and Russia and attend the third meeting of prime ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization member states and the ninth regular meeting between prime ministers of China and Russia.

Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Li Hui

said earlier that during Wen's visit to Kyrgyzstan, the first by a Chinese Premier in 10 years, the leaders from the two countries will sign an agreement to outline cooperative programmes within the next decade.

During his stay in Russia, Wen is scheduled to meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin, hold talks with Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov, and

confers with State Duma Chairman Boris Gryzlov and Federation Council Chairman Sergei Mironov.

Wen's entourage included Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and several other ministers.

Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi has already been in Russia to make preparatory work for Sino-Russian prime ministers meeting. — MNA/Xinhua

## Annan urges quick action against hunger, poverty

UNITED NATIONS, 21 Sept — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan Monday urged world leaders to move quickly in the global fight against hunger and poverty and make the following decade one of real achievement.

Opening the world leaders' meeting on action against hunger and poverty, Annan said the meeting is an important step along the way, the international community needs to ensure the efforts to achieve the Millennium Development Goals are on track.

The meeting, which was convened at the sidelines of the 59th session of the UN General Assembly, aimed to help set the stage for next year's summit that the General Assembly is holding to assess progress toward meeting the goals

that world leaders agreed on at the 2000 Millennium Summit.

But the UN chief noted that the international community has been falling short to meet the Millennium Development Goal, with progress in eliminating extreme poverty uneven, and the number of chronically hungry people worldwide on the rise.

"With creativity and political will, we could do much better. That is precisely what is on display here today," the UN chief said.

He said recent years have seen important gains in mobilizing financing for development, and a turnaround in the volume of official development assistance. There is also growing awareness of the need to disconnect aid from the business

or geopolitical interests of donors.

He also called attention to the fact that there are still serious problems. Policies are still too often in contradiction with each other, and current trade negotiation does not necessarily conclude in a way that brings real gains for developing countries. "It is easy to say that something must be done to generate more resources to defeat poverty and hunger. The challenge is what to do," Annan said.

He urged the international community to move quickly and make the most of next year's review. "Between now and then, if we come up with clear proposals that command broad political support, we can make the progress we seek," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

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## UN consults on setting up Internet governance group

GENEVA, 21 Sept — The United Nations is holding consultations here on Monday and Tuesday on the establishment of a working group on Internet governance that was requested last December by the World Summit on the Information Society. The consultations aim to develop a common understanding of structure and functioning of the working group, the UN said in a Press release.

Discussions will focus on the scope and working methods of the working group, as well as the profile, qualities and characteristics of its members, it said.

Participants of the meeting include officials from UN member states, representatives from the private sector and civil society, as well as delegates from international and regional organizations dealing with Internet governance issues. — MNA/Xinhua

## China puts forth three propositions on poverty elimination

UNITED NATIONS, 21 Sept — A top Chinese official in charge of poverty alleviation on Monday said poverty reduction presses for a solution from both individual countries and the international community.

"Poverty is born out of political, economic, social and historical factors. The problem gets even worse in an irrational international political and economic order amidst unbalanced development," Liu Jian, Minister in charge of poverty alleviation in the Chinese State Council, told a world leaders' meeting on action against hunger and poverty, held here Monday afternoon.

Liu said hunger and poverty had become a global problem menacing world peace and human development. Liu put forth three propositions of the Chinese Government on the elimination of hunger

and poverty. They include: — First, joining hands to foster a favourable international environment for poverty reduction.

"In the political field, the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and universally recognized norms of international law must be observed in maintaining world peace and stability. In the economic field, efforts should be made to formulate fair, reasonable, open and transparent international rules for world trade, investment and finance so that developing countries can have their fair share of development dividend," Liu said.

— Second, taking up "our respective responsibilities and obligations" while boosting collaboration.

Liu said developing countries need to work out poverty reduction strategies in light of their own

situation and change the state of underdevelopment through self-reliance and hard work.

"Developed nations, on the other hand, are duty-bound to render more assistance to their developing counterparts, making good their commitments on financial aid, technology transfer, debt relief and market access in particular," he said.

He said international organizations must play a greater role in the global campaign against poverty, pressing for implementation of follow-up actions of relevant international conferences and exploring new ways to better support the global efforts on poverty reduction.

— Third, mobilizing resources for the elimination of poverty. Liu said the roles of government, the business sector and the civil society should be given full play and complement one another in poverty reduction. "All available resources should be mobilized and diverse modalities of collaboration be explored through extensive dialogue and consultations."

MNA/Xinhua

## Mystery disease kills 24 in north India

NEW DELHI, 21 Sept — A mystery disease has killed at least 24 people and affected about 50 others in a village in Uttar Pradesh State in north India, the *Indo-Asian News Service* (IANS) reported Monday. At least 50 people from the village in Sitapur District have been hospitalized with high fever and shivering, followed by dysentery and vomiting. — MNA/Xinhua

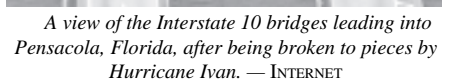


*United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan rings the peace bell at an opening ceremony of the UN General Assembly in New York, on 21 Sept, 2004. The bell was a gift from Japan fifty years ago.*

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## SPORTS

## West Bromwich suffer embarrassing 2-1 defeat at Colchester United

LONDON, 22 Sept—English Premier League strugglers West Bromwich Albion suffered an embarrassing 2-1 League Cup defeat at Third Division Colchester United in the only shock of Tuesday's second round action.

A goal two minutes from the end of extra time by Ben May handed Colchester a well-deserved victory at Layer Road and left Albion, 19th in the top flight, still searching for their first win of the season.

A fine strike from Craig Fagan gave Colchester a first-half lead but Geoff Horsfield levelled the score five minutes after the break.

Premier League basement side Crystal Palace appeared to be heading out of the competition until Dougie Freedman scored 10 minutes from time to cancel out a goal from Hartlepool's Eifion Williams. Just 4,233 fans turned up at Selhurst Park to witness Palace snatch a 2-1 victory over the Third Division side in extra time through Tom Soares.—MNA/Reuters



Brazil's Juninho of Lyon, foreground, evades Nabil Taider of Toulouse during their French Ligue 1 soccer match played at the Toulouse Stadium, southwestern France, on Tuesday, 21 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

## Lyon defeats Toulouse 2-0

PARIS, 22 Sept—Second-half goals by midfielder Mickael Essien and striker Florent Malouda handed champions Olympique Lyon a 2-0 win at Toulouse in Ligue 1 on Tuesday.

They provisionally take over top spot in the 20-team table with 15 points from seven matches, two ahead of overnight leaders Monaco, before the rest of the teams play on Wednesday. Essien scored with a free kick inside the box seven minutes after the break in a fast-paced but evenly-balanced match.

Malouda slotted home a fine pass from Milnar a minute into injury time to seal their first success in three games. Lyon had been held to a 2-2 draw by Manchester United in a Champions League match last weekend and had to make do with a goalless draw at home to Bastia last weekend.

Toulouse had made an impressive start to the season with three wins and two draws but suffered a second consecutive defeat having lost 1-0 at Olympique Marseille last weekend.

They remain fifth with 11 points.—MNA/Reuters

## World 200-m champ tested positive for marijuana

RALEIGH (North Carolina), 22 Sept—World 200 metres champion John Capel was given a public warning by the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) on Tuesday because of a positive test for marijuana.

The positive test prompted the US to remove him from their 4 x 100 metres relay team at the Athens Olympics.

Capel tested positive at a meeting in Munich on August 8, USADA said.

He received a public warning and

was stripped of his second-place finish in the 100 metres in Munich in accordance with International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) rules for first offences, USADA said.

A second positive would result in a two-year ban.

US men's coach George Williams refused to allow Capel to run in the Olympic semifinals of the 4 x 100 metres relay after learning of the positive test last month.

MNA/Reuters

## Maradona goes to Cuba for drug treatment

BUENOS AIRES, 22 Sept—The former Argentine football star, Diego Armando Maradona, travelled on Monday to Cuba to continue his treatment against his addiction to drugs. The plane with Maradona on board, of the Copa company, left at 12:56 local time from the Ezeiza Airport in Buenos Aires, and will arrive at midnight to Havana, after making a stop in Panama.

Maradona is accompanied by his older sisters, Ana and Rita, his personal doctor, Alfredo Cahe, and some assistants whose identities are not known.

There was a family encounter, besides his parents and siblings, there were his ex-wife, Claudia Villafale and his two Argentine daughters, Dalma and Gianinna.—MNA/Xinhua

## Chile coach drops Pizarro from squad for next matches

SANTIAGO, 22 Sept—Chile coach Juvenal Olmos has dropped playmaker David Pizarro from the squad for next month's World Cup qualifying matches against Ecuador and Argentina for indiscipline.

Pizarro kicked an advertising board and stormed straight into the tunnel after being substituted in last month's qualifier against Colombia.

"When a player puts his personal interests above the collective interest, I believe that the problems and difficulties begin," Olmos told reporters



Osasuna's goalkeeper Ricardo Sanzol can't stop Real Madrid's David Beckham's shot during their Spanish First Division soccer match at Madrid's Santiago Bernabeu Stadium on 21 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

## Beckham's free kick gives Real 1-0 victory over Osasuna

MADRID, 22 Sept—David Beckham struck with a 25-metre free kick to win back some support from a furious Bernabeu crowd and give Real Madrid a 1-0 victory over Osasuna in their first match in the post-Camacho era.

The first act of coach Mariano Garcia Remon, drafted in following the shock resignation of Jose Antonio Camacho on Monday, was to restore Beckham and Raul to the starting line-up.

There was little improvement but the night's one moment of brilliance, an exquisite Beckham free kick in the 61st minute, sent the side into provisional top spot in the Primera Liga.

"The team was under tremendous pressure," Beckham told reporters. "It wasn't a brilliant performance but it was important to get the result."

"We can take heart from the togetherness of the team."

A third 1-0 victory of the season gave Real nine points from four games and took them two points clear of a group of six teams who held the lead going into the midweek fixtures.

Among them are Espanyol, who are away at bottom club Getafe on Wednesday,

champions Valencia, who travel to face Deportivo Coruna, and Barcelona, who are at home to Real Zaragoza on Thursday.

Camacho resigned after two defeats in four days, citing a lack of faith in his own ability to inspire any improvement in the side's poor performances so far this season.

Real ran out to whistles and boos from fans upset over the perceived role of the players in Camacho's departure, with much of the venom reserved for Roberto Carlos and Beckham.

A first touch of the ball for the Brazilian full-back led to ear-splitting whistles and Beckham, Luis Figo and Ronaldo were all jeered in the opening few minutes.

It was not until the 28th minute that Real created a chance, Luis Figo taking a nodded through ball from Morientes and slipping a shot wide.—MNA/Reuters

## Aimar ruled out of Valencia for three weeks for thigh injury

MADRID, 22 Sept—Valencia midfielder Pablo Aimar will be ruled out action for up to three weeks after sustaining a thigh injury during his side's 3-1 victory over Real Sociedad at the weekend. The Spanish champions said that the Argentine international had suffered a small tear in the thigh muscle in his left leg and would be sidelined for between 15 and 20 days.

The 24-year-old midfielder missed much of the second half of last season because of similar injury problems. As well as up to four league games, Aimar will also miss his side's second Champions League group match against Werder Bremen but should be available for the following game at home to Inter Milan.—MNA/Xinhua

Chile, fourth in the 10-nation South American qualifying group with 12 points from eight games, continue their attempt to Ecuador in Quito on October 10 and then host Argentina at the National Stadium three days later.

Swiss-based striker Jean Beausejour and Luis Ignacio Quinteros of Mexican side Puebla were included in the squad.

Goalkeeper Nelson Tapia was also picked, even though he has been relegated to the substitute's bench at Brazilian championship leaders Santos.

Midfielders Rodrigo Melendez and Mark Gonzalez return after missing the Colombia game through suspension and injury respectively.

MNA/Reuters



**MRTV-3**
**23-9-2004 (Thursday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Hand-Made Bags
- 9:10 **Headline News**
- 9:12 Kayin Traditional Vegetable Curry (Tarlabaw)
- 9:15 **National News**
- 9:20 Dawei Traditional Longyi Weaving Art
- 9:25 Kayan Dance
- 9:28 Plaster Toys
- 9:30 **National News**
- 9:35 Native home of the Kham
- 9:40 Myanmar Modern Song "Loving Smile"
- 9:45 **National News**
- 9:50 Lacquerware In Bagan
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**23-9-2004 (Thursday)  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 15:36 Hand-Made Bags
- 15:40 **Headline News**
- 15:42 Kayin Traditional Vegetable Curry (Tarlabaw)
- 15:45 **National News**
- 15:50 Dawei Traditional Longyi Weaving Art
- 15:55 Kayan Dance
- 15:58 Plaster Toys
- 16:00 **National News**
- 16:05 Native home of the

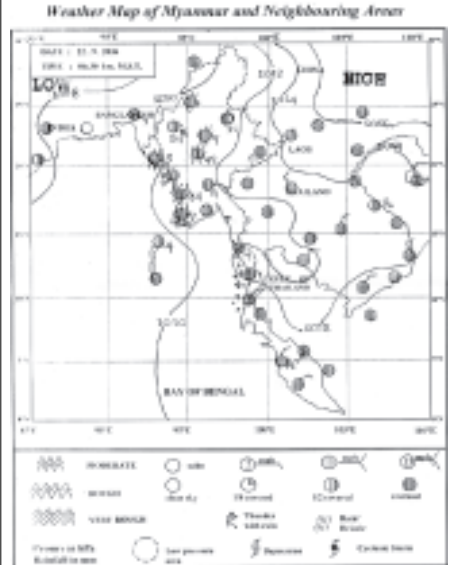
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- 16:20 Lacquerware In Bagan
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- 16:35 Lawka Nanda Sanctuary Garden
- 16:40 Myanmar Musical Orchestra (Bwe Song)
- 16:45 **National News**
- 16:50 Traditional Chin House
- 16:55 Taking Shelter at Mandalay Hill
- 17:00 **National News**
- 17:05 The Zingyike Waterfall
- 17:08 Songs On Screen "Musical Maze"
- 17:12 The National Museum (I)
- 17:15 **National News**
- 17:20 Myanmar Elephants from Myanma Forest
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and see Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission  
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 19:36 Gold Fishes and their "Water Palace"

- 19:40 **Headline News**
- 19:42 Medicinal Plants at Popa Mountain Park
- 19:45 **National News**
- 19:50 The Art of Playing Cane-Ball
- 19:55 Sandaw Chain
- 20:00 **National News**
- 20:05 Marine Undertakings of Myeik Archipelago
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Feel like an Earthquake"
- 20:12 Teak-Tissue Culture
- 20:15 **National News**
- 20:20 Intricate Art of Silver-smith
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern Song "Saying with the Eyes"
- 20:30 **National News**
- 20:35 Fishery Industry in Thandwe Township
- 20:40 The Folk Art of Making ornaments with leaves
- 20:45 **National News**
- 20:50 Clothes decorated with Sequin-like Colourful Plastics
- 20:55 Kayah Dance
- 21:00 **National News**
- 21:05 Border Towns in Northern Shan State
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Everlasting"
- 21:15 Village of Palaung
- 21:15 **National News**
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- 21:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
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**WEATHER**

Wednesday, 22 September 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours**

**MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Yangon Division and scattered in Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thayawady (3.35) inches, Monywa (3.02) inches, Pyinmana (2.48) inches, Meiktila (1.65) inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-9-2004 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 22-9-2004 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 22-9-2004 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 21-9-2004 was (4.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 22-9-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 109.41 inches at Yangon Airport, 104.17 inches at Kaba-Aye and 106.22 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from Southeast at 13:10 hours MST on 21-9-2004.

**Bay inference:** Weather is cloudy in North Bay, Central Bay and monsoon is weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 23-9-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah and Kayin States, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered in Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, lower Sagaing, Yangon, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Thundery conditions in Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-9-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-9-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Flood bulletin**

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 22-9-2004)

The water level of Sittoung River at Toungoo is (15) cm (about half ft) above the danger level at (06:30) hours MST today. Although the water level may rise another (15) cm (half ft), it is forecast to fall below the danger level during the next (5) days.

**Asleep in Jesus Christ****Naw Rebecca (a) Naw Yo Ka Bay**

82 years

Naw Rebecca (a) Naw Yo Ka Bay, only daughter of (Saw Ba Htaw-Naw Mee Thar) and beloved wife of Saw Morris Zan, of No 23, U Loo Ni Street, Kayin National Quarter in Kyimyindine Township, beloved mother of Saw Moses Kun-Naw Sakura, Naw Deanna Poo Nyo-Saw Maw Lay, Saw Edgar Zan (Aung Thwet)-Naw Lily Toe, Naw Teresa Zan-Saw Billy Myint Aung (Saw Maxwell Kar Kar Du), grandmother of Naw Amethyst Poo Nyo (Twenty), Naw Hazel Poo Nyo, (Nyo Nyo), Saw Na Gar Thwet (Ju Ju), Saw Hser Say Wah (Boe Lay), Saw Matthew, Saw Eh Hsue (Ei Tone), Naw Kittura, Saw Adam, Saw P'saw Htee, fell asleep in Jesus Christ on 22-9-2004.

The date of funeral service will be announced later.

**Bereaved Family**
**Thursday, September 23  
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music:
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music:
- Can't get you out my world
- 8.55 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music:
- Born to make you happy
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music:
- Stop the rock
- 9.15 am News/Slogan
- 1.30 pm Lunch time music
- 1.40 pm -One second thought
- Making up for the lost time
- Straight & narrow
- The one I loved back then
- 9.00 pm Aspect of Myanmar
- 9.10 pm Myanmar cuisine
- 9.20 pm Article
- Pourri
- Scientists develop tiny atomic clock
- Study says genetic material may help make Nano-Devices
- Special X-rays unmask mummy's face, virtually
- 9.30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- A whole new world
- If I never knew
- A place called home
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Thursday, September 23

**View on today:**

- 7:00 am
1. Parittas Recitation by Mingun Sayadawgyi
- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
5. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am
6. Dance variety
- 8:20 am
7. ဝတ်စုံတေး
- 8:30 am
8. International news
- 8:45 am
9. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song

- 4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
5. အစောဆုံးသောအချိန် ဝတ်စုံတေး
- 5:15 pm
6. Cute little dancers
- 5:25 pm
7. ဝတ်စုံတေးအချိန် (၁၂ နှစ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာဇာတ်ကား အချိန် အတေး အတေး အတေး (မြင့်မြင့်ဝင်း များ)
- 5:45 pm
8. လတ်ဆံ့ကမ်းပေးကတေး
- 5:55 pm
9. "စောင့်မြင်ဟန်ပြန်" မင်းအုပ်စိုး ကုသိုလ်
- 6:05 pm
10. Musical programme
11. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစုန်းပြိုင်

- 6:15 pm
12. မူလနည်းလမ်း ဆိုကြမယ်
- 6:30 pm
13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းဆွဲ
- "လူမှုစီးပွားရေး"
- (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 7:30 pm
16. Musical programme
- 7:40 pm
17. ခြားသေးအကြိမ် (၁၂ နှစ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာဇာတ်ကား အချိန် အတေး အတေး အတေး (မြင့်မြင့်ဝင်း များ)
- 8:00 pm
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. Myanmar video feature: "နိဂုံးတစ်ပုဒ်သက်တမ်းစွယ်"
- (အပိုင်း-၁)
- လူမင်း ထွန်းအိမ်ကုန်း ပွင့်အိမ်ကုန်း
- ခါနီးကတေး-နောင်ထွန်းထွန်း
- ညီညီထွန်းထွန်း
22. The next day's programme

**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

## Balar bridge will provide better transport services to locals

### Commander inspects agriculture, livestock breeding, construction tasks in Yangon North District

YANGON, 22 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by division level departmental officials, inspected regional development, agriculture and livestock breeding tasks in Mingaladon, Hlegu and Hmawby Townships this afternoon.

At 2.30 pm, the commander and party arrived at Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry and Fish Breeding Special Zone near Nyaungnapin Village in Hmawby Township.

In the briefing hall of the special zone-2, officials reported on cultivation of vegetables, breeding of poultry and fish and land preparation.

Director of Yangon Division Irrigation Department U Kyaw Thein submitted reports on production of vegetables, breeding of poultry and fish and irrigation facilities for cultivation purpose and Division Manager of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications U Saw Mu Dae Lu on installation of auto-telephones in the special zone and supervision of communication tasks.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects construction of Barlar Bridge No 2 in Mingaladon Township.

YANGON COMMAND

## Myanmar has concentrated on care of women and children since 1992

### First meeting of leading committee for holding Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT) held



Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing addresses the meeting on Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative Against Trafficking-COMMIT.— HOME AFFAIRS

YANGON, 22 Sept — The leading committee held its first meeting on organizing the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT) at the

Ministry of Home Affairs this afternoon.

The ministers and senior officials from China, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam will participate at the meeting which will be held in the last week of October, 2004 here.

Present were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, the deputy ministers of Home Affairs, Hotels and Tourism, Information, Foreign Affairs and Health, President

of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-President of MWAF Professor Dr Daw May May Yi, General Secretary Professor Dr Daw Khin Aye Win, the directors-general and officials of Office of Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence and Yangon Command. Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing said at the meeting that human trafficking not only ruins the dignity and mental health

of victims, but also their souls as the traffickers are trading them like commodities, torturing exploiting or killing them or forcing them into prostitution. According to the reports, 80 percent of the victims are women and children. The Myanmar society values human dignity more than life, and loss of human dignity is unacceptable in the thousand-year-old, culture and religious teachings of Myanmar.

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## Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil

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