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Some powers of West putting pressure on Myanmar with excuses of democracy, human rights, drugs, human trafficking

Anti-drug drive will achieve success only if basic needs of poppy farmers fulfilled

International community acknowledges nation's anti-drug drive success



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses Special Meeting No 2/2004 of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control.—MNA

YANGON, 24 Sept—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the special meeting (2/2004) of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control held at the administration hall of Drug Elimination Museum in Kamayut Township, here, at 3 pm today.

Also present at the meeting were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence, the deputy ministers, the vice-attorney-generals, senior military officers, members of CCDAC and its working groups, officials of the Office of the State Peace and Development Council, the Director-Gen-

eral of Myanmar Police Force, departmental heads, Chairmen and officials of Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association and Border Areas Development Association.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered an address. He said that Myanmar is launching her anti-drug drive in combination with the task to develop the border areas and national races. Myanmar has been continuously carrying out the anti-drug drive throughout the successive eras. But the nation now has been achieving greater success in her drive than in the years before the present Government took over the State duties. In the past, the drive could not be launched effectively in the poppy growing areas due to lack of peace and stability there. But now, peace and stability is prevailing in the border areas, and thanks to the participation of the local national races, the drive is becoming stronger and covering more areas and achieving greater success. Myanmar is not the place where the problem of narcotic drugs has started. The narcotic drugs were imported and introduced to the country by the colonialists. Later, the nation became the host of the drug problem.

Ignoring the history, the neo-colonialists are pointing a finger at Myanmar concerning the drug issue. During the time when Myanmar was under subjugation, the colonialists had ruined the lives of the successive generations of the national races of the border areas with drugs. Thus, the problem of drugs has taken root in Myanmar for a long time. Under the circumstances, it is difficult for the nation to root out the problem of drugs within a very short time. However, Myanmar has been making efforts to root out the problem of drugs totally from the country. The 15-year narcotic elimination plan was drawn and is being implemented along with the border areas development projects. The New Destiny Project has been implemented to reinforce the

anti-drug drive. Hence, the drug elimination task is achieving success with greater momentum. The ten-year anti-drug drive of the Government has achieved greater success than any of the previous successive governments that ruled the nation in the past since the regaining of independence in 1948.

The Government is not conducting the drug elimination task superficially just for show, but with the firm resolve to wipe out the problem totally from the country within a specific span of time. Despite the slanderous accusation and disturbances from others, Myanmar has a firm belief that it can

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Evil legacy of narcotic drugs shall be eliminated from Myanmar soil

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The special meeting (2/2004) of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control in progress.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Industrial development calls for harmonious cooperation

The State Peace and Development Council is taking practical measures to shift the country's agricultural system from manual to mechanized farming. Accordingly, efforts are being made to raise the momentum of industrial development.

Development of the agro-based industry plays a pivotal role in our drive to establish an industrialized nation. As the acreage of farmland increases, it is necessary to use more and more farm machinery to be able to cultivate two or even three crops in a year. Now, the government-owned factories and industrial zones are able to mass-produce not only the most-needed farm machines such as power-tillers, combine harvesters and transplanters but also trucks and other types of automobiles.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, also Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee, met industrialists of Yangon Division at Kanaung Hall of the Management Office of Shwepyitha Industrial Town in Yangon North District on 23 September and coordinated matters related to industrial development.

In his instructions given to officials of the industrial zones, the Secretary-1 spoke of the importance of harmony and understanding between the State and the private sector. With the harmonious cooperation, the private industries will move with great velocity and bring success to the whole economic sector of the State.

At present, there are 19 industrial zones across the nation. And plans are also under way to accelerate the momentum of the industrial sector of the State. With this end in view, the State has been implementing projects to boost the industrial sector as of 2004-2005.

Of the existing 19 industrial zones nationwide, 18 industrial zone complexes are located in Yangon Division. In the economic sector of Yangon Division, the industrial sector is far more successful than the agricultural sector.

At industrial zones nationwide, some 7,000 private industrialists have engaged in various industries, trying to manufacture new lines of products. Of the industrial zones, Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi Ayethaya and Monywa industrial zones are leading industries, which are of great help for technological assistance under the Ministry of Industry-2.

At a time when the conventional farming methods are being changed to the mechanized ones, the onus is on the private-owned industries to join hands with the State in the drive for rapid development of industrial sector.

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

Workshop on GMO in Agriculture opened



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo addresses opening ceremony of Workshop on GMO in Agriculture.—A&I

YANGON, 24 Sept — The Workshop on GMO in Agriculture was opened at the meeting hall of the head office of Myanmar Agriculture Service at Ninth Mile on Pyay Road, here, this morning.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo gave

an opening address.

Vice-President of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forest, Livestock and Fisheries Science Dr Myint Thein presided over the workshop. Resource persons submitted papers on genetically-modified organism to the workshop.

The workshop

was also attended by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Ministers for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung and U Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Chan Nyein, members of

the Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forest, Livestock and Fisheries Science, scholars of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Forestry, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Education and officials.

Minister inspects Mechanical Division of Myanmar Airways

YANGON, 24 Sept — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung and Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Myo Tin inspected the Mechanical Division of Myanmar Airways at Yangon International Airport this afternoon.

Managing Director of the MAU Tin Hlaing Hmi and officials reported to the minister on conditions on spare parts of the aircraft and aeroplanes under repair or repaired.

The Deputy Minister gave a supplementary report. After giving necessary instructions, the minister attended to the needs and inspected the repair work in the division. —MNA



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects mechanical division of Myanmar Airways.—TRANSPORT

Book on Functions of Attorney's-General Office comes out

YANGON, 24 Sept — The book titled "Functions of Attorney-General's Office according to Attorney-General Law

2001" published by the Attorney-General's Office is in circulation beginning July 2004.

The book is avail-

able at K 200 per copy at bookstalls of the Office of Attorney-General, Sarpay Beikman, Inwa and News and Periodicals Enterprise. —MNA

Two drug possessors sentenced in Tachilek

YANGON, 24 Sept — A combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit and Tachilek Special Anti-Drug Squad, stopped vehicles in front of the bus lines control committee office in Winkyauk Village of Tachilek to search them on 15 February 2004.

A motorcycle

tried to escape after firing five shots at the inspection team. Next, the inspection team chased the motorcyclist and seized him. At the building of Ar Ti behind the market, the authorities arrested Sai Yi Lu with 35 stimulant tablets, one .38 revolver, three rounds of ammunition and 2,015 stimulant tablets, .22 gun and 135

rounds of ammunition in the room of Sam Kar.

Tachilek Police Station filed Sai Yi Lu (a) Law He, son of U Law Lu of Winkyauk Village, Honglek Village-tract, Tachilek Township and Sam Kar, son of U Nyi Kin of the same address under sections 15/19(A)/21/22(B) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic

Substances Law.

On 9 July, Tachilek District Court sentenced Sai Yi Lu (a) Law He to life imprisonment under Sections 19(A)/22(B) and Sam Kar to 17 years' imprisonment under Section 19(A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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Musharraf snubs pleas for Pakistani troops in Iraq

"Our going there now will be totally counterproductive"

UNITED NATIONS, 23 Sept — Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf on Thursday ruled out sending troops to help restore stability in Iraq, rebuffing pleas from the Iraqi interim government and the United States.

"As far as Pakistan is concerned, our domestic environment is not conducive. It continues to be not conducive. We cannot be seen as an extension of the present forces there," Musharraf said.

In a wide-ranging news conference, he said too much attention was being paid to whether he retained his army chief title while progress on other issues was being ignored.

Ahead of a key meeting on Friday with India's new Prime Minister, Musharraf said he would bring no specific proposals but hoped the two leaders would develop a relationship and "judge each other's intentions."

Iraqi interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi said on Tuesday he had pressed Musharraf to contribute troops to the US-led multinational force fighting an insurgency in his country.

The United States and the United Nations also encouraged Pakistan to contribute to a force to protect UN staff in Iraq, diplomats said.

But Musharraf said Pakistani troops did not want to be seen as occupation forces, "so our going there now will be totally counterproductive."

Given the realities in Iraq, with an interim government preparing for elections, "security forces should come from Iraq itself," he said.

"That itself will be the best option of substituting the US and British forces to withdraw from their high visibility, handing over to Iraqi local forces, and then ultimately working out an exit strategy after an elected



Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf addresses the United Nations General Assembly on 22 September, 2004. —INTERNET

government also comes on the ground," Musharraf said. He noted that no Muslim country had so far been prepared to contribute troops to the US-led force.

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1,039 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

BAGHDAD 23 Sept—As of Thursday, 23 Sept, 2004, 1,039 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 789 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, 901 US military members have died — 680 as a result of hostile action and 221 of non-hostile causes, according to the military.

The latest deaths reported by US Central Command:

A Marine was killed Wednesday in Iraq's Anbar Province.

Internet

Canada reminds its citizens to leave Iraq

OTTAWA, 23 Sept—Canada reiterated that its citizens should leave strife-torn Iraq, two days after a Canadian woman who had been held hostage for 16 days in Iraq regained her freedom.

For several months, Ottawa has recommended that its citizens not travel to Iraq and has urged any of its citizens, including humanitarian workers, to leave the country.

"Canadians are reminded that they should not travel to Iraq under any circumstances and that all Canadians in Iraq, including humanitarian aid workers, should leave," the government said Thursday.

"There is no Canadian Embassy in Iraq at this time, and the government of Canada has an extremely limited capacity to provide assistance to Canadian citizens in distress in Iraq," the government added.

A 38-year-old woman of Iraqi origin, Fairuz Yamulky, was freed on Tuesday after being held hostage for 16 days after persuading one of her abductors to free her, according to media reports.

According to Canada's Foreign Ministry, about 100 Canadians are currently working in Iraq. —Internet

Chinese, Russian vice premiers meet on bilateral cooperation

Moscow, 23 Sept—Vice premiers of China and Russia made a candid and in-depth exchange of views on Wednesday on major issues concerning Sino-Russian cooperation, and they hope that the two countries will further tap potential for future bilateral development.

Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi and Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zhukov co-chaired the eighth meeting of the committee for regular meeting of prime ministers of China and Russia here on Wednesday. The two reviewed the work of the committee in the past year, reached consensus on various issues, and made necessary preparations for the upcoming ninth regular meeting of the two countries' prime ministers. During their meeting, the two focused their discussion on an early completion of negotiations on Russia's entry into the World Trade

Organization (WTO), the middle- and long-term goals for Sino-Russian relations, and the promotion of bilateral cooperation in science and technology, investment and other sectors.

The good political relations between China and Russia have laid a sound foundation for future economic cooperation between the two countries, Wu said.

Bilateral trade has been growing for the sixth year, reaching 12.87 billion US dollars in the first eight months of this year or 35 per cent up over the same period of last year, according to Wu. She said bilateral trade for the whole year is expected to reach 20 billion US dollars, a new record

in Sino-Russian trade relations. Zhukov also spoke highly of the remarkable development in cooperation between Russia and China. He said the meeting of the two countries' prime ministers is very important since it enables leaders from both countries to analyze the state of their cooperation and make plans for the future. —MNA/Xinhua



US Army soldiers watch over the Sadr City section of Baghdad, from a rooftop position on 23 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Japan says it wants permanent Security Council membership

UNITED NATIONS, 23 Sept — Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi on Tuesday expressed the hope that his country wants permanent membership on the United Nations Security Council.

In his speech, the Japanese leader urged the United Nations to speed up reform, saying that as the international community rises to meet the challenges it faces in today's world, the United Nations

must not be left on the sidelines.

"We need a strong and effective United Nations. Indeed, we must create 'a new United Nations for the new era'," Koizumi said. —MNA/Xinhua

Bombs kill most US troops in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 23 Sept—For US troops in Iraq, homemade bombs are the main killers, despite the hundreds of millions of dollars the Pentagon has spent trying to curb the weapons made from simple, easy-to-obtain materials.

As September shapes up as one of the deadliest months in Iraq for US troops, the Pentagon estimates it is finding 40 percent of roadside bombs before they explode. But military officials say the problem persists even with teams of technical experts working to defeat the threat.

In the first 22 days of the month, at least 63 members of the Army, Marine Corps, Navy and Air Force died, Pentagon casualty reports show. With a week to go, September is the fifth deadliest month since President Bush declared an end to major combat operations on 1 May, 2003.

In addition, September has seen the beheadings of two American civilians

and guerilla attacks that have killed dozens of Iraqi police and hundreds of civilians.

More than 7,400 soldiers have been wounded since the war began, of whom 4,026 were unable to return to duty, according to Pentagon figures.

The pace of US military deaths has grown each month since the American occupation force handed over political control to an interim Iraqi government June 28. Both President Bush and military leaders like General Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, have said they expect the violence to grow further in the months before January elections.

Internet

Marine killed in Iraq's Anbar Province

BAGHDAD, 23 Sept—A US Marine was killed while conducting security operations in Anbar Province, the military said Thursday.

The Marine, assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, was killed Wednesday. No details were disclosed.

The name of the Marine was withheld pending notification of

next of kin.

In the Anbar city of Ramadi, two Iraqis were injured Thursday during clashes between US troops and insurgents, said Dr Alaa al-Ani of the Ramadi General

Hospital.

Witnesses said the incident occurred when gunmen attacked US troops stationed at a local government building in the city 70 miles west of Baghdad.—Internet

India stands on threshold of tremendous eco growth

NEW YORK, 23 Sept—There is growing recognition in the United States that India stands on the threshold of tremendous growth and influence as an economic power in the global community, the chief of New York Stock Exchange, the world's largest bourse, said here recently.

"Your economic reforms favouring freer markets, development of infrastructure...prudent spending and commit-

ment to education will further India's position in the global leadership," said John A Thain, CEO of NYSE welcoming Manmohan Singh who was the first Indian Prime Minister to visit the place.

Welcoming Singh as the leader who is directing India's effort at sustainable growth which will benefit every segment of India's society, Thain said Singh, in his previous role as Finance Minister was

instrumental in directing an economic agenda that has become the foundation of India's economic growth in the past decade.

Hailing Singh as the leader of the world's largest democracy, Thain said the financial community is looking forward to hearing his vision for India's future. "We hope to hear of the opportunities for greater economic cooperation between our two great nations." —MNA/PTI



A security guard takes aim as he guards the Italian Embassy in Baghdad, on 23 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

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Gunmen kill oil official in northern Iraq

MOSUL, 23 Sept—Gunmen killed a senior official of Iraq North Oil Co in this northeastern city Thursday, less than two weeks after his boss escaped an assassination attempt, officials said.

Sana Toma Sulaiman, the Deputy Director of the company's oil products department in the Nineveh province, was shot dead as he headed to work in a taxi in Mosul, said Hazim Jallawi, a spokesman for the Nineveh governor's office.

The attack came after Mohammed Zibari, the department's director, survived an attempt on his life on 18 Sept

when assailants opened fire on his convoy in Mosul, killing five of his bodyguards. The products department is in charge of supplying Nineveh with oil and gas.

Guerillas waging a 17-month insurgency here have repeatedly targeted Iraq's crucial oil infrastructure in a bid to destabilize Iraq and undermine the US-backed interim authorities. —Internet



Policemen and private guards stand near a burning oil pipeline after suspected guerillas blew it up at Angour, 80 kms east of Fallujah, Iraq, on 23 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

China, central Asian nations highlight fight against terrorism

BISHKEK, 23 Sept—Heads of governments of China, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan on Wednesday reaffirmed their readiness to cooperate in fighting terrorism, extremism and separatism.

This came when Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao met separately with Kazakh Prime Minister Daniyal Akhmetov, Uzbek Deputy Prime Minister Utkur Tukhtamuradovich Sultanov and Tajik Deputy Prime Minister Asdulo Gulomof. They are here to attend the third meeting of prime ministers from member states of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

Wen and the other heads of government extensively exchanged views on such focal issues as strengthening bilateral trade and fighting terrorism. They pointed out that China and the three countries all treat the development of bilateral ties from a strategic perspective and plan accordingly, thus laying a solid foundation for all-round cooperation.

The heads of government expressed the willingness to strengthen cooperation in such areas as infrastructure, energy, resources, communications, telecommunications and investment and to push forward construction of large projects so as to lift their bilateral trade to new levels.

All the government leaders agreed that the fight against terrorism, extrem-

ism and separatism is the common task faced by every country and is in the interests of all countries concerned. They agreed to strengthen cooperation in this respect.

At the same time, all the leaders agreed to conduct closer cooperation in cracking down on drug trafficking, weapon smuggling and transnational crimes so as to create a sound environment of peace and stability for all the countries in the region.

The government leaders of Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan all said their countries will firmly adhere to the one-China policy and support China's cause of reunification.

When meeting with Akhmetov, Wen said the expansion of energy cooperation will bring benefits to both China and Kazakhstan. Wen said the two sides should adopt a long-term vision and continue to deepen cooperation.

Akhmetov said Kazakhstan will provide preferential policies for Chinese companies participating in the oil and natural gas cooperation in his country. He said Kazakhstan will adopt measures to ensure that the Kazakhstan-China oil pipeline complete on schedule.

MNA/Xinhua

Kerry accuses Bush of being “stubborn and ideological”

WEST PALM BEACH, 23 Sept — Democratic candidate John Kerry on Wednesday dismissed President George W Bush's policies as guesswork and said his Republican rival lived in “fantasy land” on domestic issues as well as Iraq.

Campaigning in politically crucial Florida after being shut out of the state for a month by a trio of devastating hurricanes, Kerry pressed his attack on Bush's handling of the Iraq war and its aftermath.

“I'm going to talk softly and carry a big stick,” a raspy-voiced Kerry told a town hall meeting. The Democratic presidential nominee — who has a cold — said Bush was avoiding the truth about chaotic conditions in Iraq but declared himself “an optimist” about the future there.

Kerry, who held a rally in Orlando on Tues-

day night “right next door to (Walt Disney World's) fantasy land,” said the difference between himself and Bush was, “I drove by it and he lives in it.”

The Massachusetts senator rebuked Bush for saying the CIA was “just guessing” about the situation in Iraq and tried to tie that statement to the president's judgment on domestic policy, including the government retirement programme, health care and prescription drug benefits for the elderly.

“Now, George Bush's guesswork on privatizing Social Security is going to cost two trillion US dol-

lars,” Kerry said. “The president should stop guessing about Iraq, about Social Security ... until he faces up to his own realities and choices, we're not going to be able to make the decisions that set our country on the right course.”

Kerry accused Bush of being “stubborn and ideological” and said the president was pessimistic about the future of Iraq and country's ability to govern itself.

“Once again, he's avoiding the truth and the reality of what's happening,” Kerry said. “I am an optimist about what could be achieved there ... we need a president who

doesn't just stay the wrong course but changes course to make us win.”

Iraq led off the discussion in West Palm Beach, epicenter of the disputed 2000 presidential election, even though its intended focus was the Social Security retirement system and Bush's plans to partially privatize it.

With less than six weeks left before the November 2 election and lagging in some national polls, Kerry has decided to aggressively confront Bush almost daily on what is considered one of the president's strengths — national security.

MNA/Reuters

Car bomb kills five in west Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 23 Sept — A suspected suicide car bombing rattled on Wednesday a busy street west of Baghdad, killing at least five Iraqis and wounding some 10 others, a *Xinhua* photographer reported on the scene.

The blast apparently targeted a makeshift recruiting centre. The *Xinhua* photographer saw at least five people killed, two of them were badly charred in their cars and more than five cars were ablaze.

A huge plume of gray smoke followed by columns of black smoke billowed into the sky over the area, hit by another car bombing a day before.

Shortly after the explosion, ambulances and fire vehicles rushed to the scene.

People were seen helping each other to rescue the casualties. Pieces of wreckage were sent everywhere as fuel tanks of ablaze cars exploded.

Meanwhile, *Xinhua* correspondent reported that clashes pitting US forces and Iraqi guerillas erupted in central Baghdad's Haifa Street Wednesday morning as the US military sealed off bridges and roads leading to the area. — MNA/Xinhua

Three injured as US chopper crashes in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 Sept — A US military helicopter crashed shortly after taking off in southern Iraq, wounding three crew members, a US military spokesman said Wednesday.

The incident took place on Tuesday night near the city of Nassiriya, 375 kilometres south of Baghdad.

“The three crew members sustained minor injuries. The aircraft

was severely damaged,” the spokesman said.

The cause of the US *Black Hawk* crash is still unknown, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

15 killed in fierce clashes in Baghdad's Sadr City

BAGHDAD, 24 Sept — Fierce clashes pitting US troops and militants loyal to radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr broke out in Baghdad's Shiite neighbourhood, killing 15 people and wounding 52 others, the Dubai-based al-Arabiya television reported Wednesday.

The clashes erupted as the Iraqi forces backed by US troops searched for weapons caches in the Shiite stronghold east of Baghdad, the channel said.

“Fifteen people were killed and 52 others

wounded in the American bombardments of several districts of Sadr City,” the channel quoted an official from Sadr office as saying.

US aircraft and tanks attacked the rebel positions of Sadr

followers after fierce fighting broke out early in the morning, it added.

MNA/Xinhua



A picture released by the Multi National Force-Iraq (MNF-I) shows US troops securing an alley during a raid in Baghdad's Shiite Sadr City neighbourhood recently. — INTERNET

Anti-Iraq-war document film gets new distributor

LOS ANGELES, 23 Sept — Film director David O Russell's anti-Iraq war documentary “Soldier's Pay” has found a new distributor in independent film company Cinema Libre Studio after Warner Bros balked at sending the movie to theatres or packaging it in a DVD.

In a statement, Cinema Libre said it will release Russell's movie in theaters along with “Uncovered: The War on Iraq” as a political documentary double bill.

Cinema Libre said the films compliment “each other with strong arguments about the conse-

quences of the war and the lies that were told to get there”.

“Uncovered” was made by documentary filmmaker Robert Greenwald, and attempts to deconstruct President George W Bush's case for invading Iraq. It has been playing in theaters since mid-August.

Russell's 35-minute film, which was made with Tricia Regan and Juan Carlos Zaldivar, was set to be shown in theaters with a rerelease of Russell's fictional Gulf War movie “Three Kings” from Warner Bros. film studio.

MNA/Reuters

WHO issues revised drinking water guidelines

GENEVA, 23 Sept — The World Health Organization (WHO) issued new drinking water guidelines on Tuesday to help prevent water-related outbreaks and disease.

“This is an extremely important change in orientation from a public health point of view,” Kerstin Leitner, WHO's Assistant Director-General for Sustainable Development and Healthy

Environments, said in a statement.

“The revised Guidelines will allow public health management to focus on prevention of microbial and chemical contamination of water sup-

plies,” he said.

Traditionally, drinking water regulations have emphasized testing water samples for levels of chemical and biological contaminants.

MNA/Xinhua

27 kilos of drugs seized in Albania

TIRANA, 23 Sept — Albanian police seized 15 kilos of heroin and 12 kilos of cocaine in two actions on Tuesday, the ATA news agency reported.

According to the report, local police found 15 kilos of heroin and detained the owner of the hotel Grand located in Lushnja, western Albania. All persons working there at that time had also been taken to the police station for investigation.

Just a few hours later, the police forces of Vlora Port in western Albania, seized 26 packages containing a total of 12 kilos of cocaine in a truck with destination to Italy, and detained the two owners of the truck and a driver.

MNA/Xinhua



Oil workers try to stop the oilflow close to a burning pipeline near al-Fahhama Village, 25 kms north of Baghdad, on 23 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

China-ASEAN free trade area offers great opportunities

NANNING, 24 Sept — The planned China-ASEAN free trade area will create a bright future of great business opportunities and promote bilateral trade and investment between China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), said an official with the ASEAN Secretariat.

Pengiran Mashor Ahmad, Deputy Secretary-General of the ASEAN Secretariat said here recently on the upcoming first Sino-ASEAN fair to be held in this November in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, that the free trade area plan will attract more private companies to attend the fair.

The plan to set up the China-ASEAN free trade area is a major decision made by the Chinese and ASEAN governments from a long-term and strategic viewpoint, he said. China and ASEAN agreed to work faster toward a free trade agreement in 2010, thus creating the world's most populous market with nearly two billion consumers.

Ahmad said the free trade area will help ASEAN increase exports to China

by 48 per cent and help China increase exports to the ten ASEAN countries — including Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam — by 55 per cent.

The construction of the China-ASEAN free trade area is reciprocal to both sides, said Ahmad, noting that the "early harvest" preferential tariff programme launched by China and ASEAN on January 1 this year has been a marked step towards the goal of a free-trade market.

Under the programme, both sides began to reduce tariffs of agricultural products no later than early 2004, planning to finally reduce about 600 agricultural tariffs to zero by 2006.

MNA/Xinhua

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Chinese youths dressed as ancient soldiers and ladies perform to entertain visitors at a property fair in Xian, the capital of China's Shaanxi Province, on 23 Sept, 2004. China property sales surged 41.4 per cent year-on-year to 365.7 billion yuan (\$44.32 billion) in the first seven months, with 134 million square metres of property sold, up 25.2 per cent, according to official figures. —INTERNET

Cambodian FM to meet UN chief in New York

PHNOM PENH, 23 Sept — Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Hor Namhong will meet UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan next week on the sidelines of the 59th General Assembly, a senior government official said Wednesday.

The official who preferred not to be named said that Hor Namhong is scheduled to meet with Annan next Tuesday in New York, but gave no further details of the planned talks.

However, another official said Cambodia desires to become a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council for the year 2006-2007.

Also, on Wednesday, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation issued a statement saying that Hor Namhong will attend the UN General Assembly and a series of other meetings already set in New York, including the Asia

Cooperation Dialogue Breakfast (ACD), and the Informal ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting.

Prime Minister Hun Sen had planned to attend the UN General Assembly and meet Annan, but cancelled the trip just days before he was due to leave the country, saying that he was busy with domestic affairs.

Instead, he assigned Hor Namhong to attend the 59th General Assembly, which is held from September 21 to October 1. Hor Namhong will leave Cambodia on Friday for New York.

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Report says prospects for FDI in Asia promising

BANGKOK, 23 Sept — Prospects for a further rise in foreign direct investment (FDI) flows to Asian and Pacific are promising in 2004, said a report released here Wednesday by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD).

"FDI inflows to the Asia-Pacific Region are set to rise," said a Press release on this year's world investment report entitled The Shift Towards Service.

From a broad perspective, global flows of FDI continued their downward trend for the third consecutive year in 2003, reaching the lowest level since 1998.

The largest declines

took place in developed countries, such as the European Union (EU) and North America while sharp differences were detected among developing country region, it said.

With inflows of 107 billion US dollars last year, the Asia-Pacific Region fixed its position as the top destination for FDI in the developing world.

Excluding Luxembourg, China became the

largest FDI recipient worldwide, as flows to the United States, the traditional leader in inward FDI flows, plunged in 2003, it noted.

In 1999, Asian and Latin America account for the same share of all FDI. The structure altered last year with FDI pouring into Asia doubling that into Latin America.

Despite the downward trend in 2003, the

UNCTAD forecasted a rebound in investment flows in 2004. Data from the first half of 2004 proved an upswing in several key countries and resumed growth in merger activity. Meanwhile, various surveys conducted by the organization indicate that prospects are particularly promising for further increase in investment into Asia as well as Central and Eastern Europe.

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APEC's "IT" experts meet in Singapore to discuss e-security

SINGAPORE, 23 Sept — Telecommunications and information technologies (IT) experts from members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) gathered here Wednesday to discuss ways of strengthening cooperation on e-security.

According to a statement issued by APEC Telecommunications and Information Technologies Working Group (APEC TEL) on Wednesday, the 30th APEC TEL Meeting, which will last until Sep-

tember 24, is an opportunity for delegates from around the region to enhance cross-border cooperation on international telecommunications and IT issues.

APEC TEL Chairwoman Salma Jalife said at the meeting that pro-

tecting networks, safeguarding online transactions and strengthening wireless security are major issues for business and governments as people work towards achieving a regional Information Society.

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"SATS" announces retrenchment to cut costs as competition increases

SINGAPORE, 23 Sept — Singapore Airport Terminal Services (SATS), the ground handling unit of Singapore Airlines (SIA), on Wednesday announced the retrenchment of 108 employees to cut costs as competition increases in the island state.

SATS will also speed up its outsourcing programme in its airport services and inflight catering divisions to cover 1,064 jobs. They will have to face the choice of working with the contract labour service providers or being released from employment.

Describing the retrenchment as "an option of last resort", SATS president and Chief Executive Officer Ng Chin Hwee said that it is necessary to ensure that the company is positioned for the new competitive landscape. —MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam exports more woodwork

HANOI, 23 Sept — Vietnam is estimated to obtain woodwork export turnover of nearly 700 million US dollars in the first three quarters of this year, up 85 per cent year-on-year.

Local wooden products, including tables, chairs, beds and wardrobes, are exported mainly to the European Union, Japan, the United States, and Taiwan, according to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Wednesday.

Vietnam Plans to boost the turnover of woodwork export up to 750 million US dollars in 2004 and one billion US dollars in 2005, up from 563 million US dollars in 2003. It will expand exports to the United States and open such new markets as South Africa, Kuwait, Chile and Peru. —MNA/Xinhua



A man works underneath a billboard advertising mobile phone services in Guangzhou, the capital of southern China's Guangdong Province, in this picture taken on 22 Sept, 2004. China is the world's largest mobile phone market and occupies a growing share of the global handset market. —INTERNET

Say no - to drugs



CCDAC Chairman Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Singaporean Ambassador Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz, Japanese Ambassador Mr Yuji Miyamoto and Thai Ambassador Suphot Shiravaosal press the button to set fire on seized narcotic drugs in the compound of Drug Elimination Museum on 27-6-2004.—MNA



Ambassadors, diplomats, UN officials test narcotic drugs to be burnt on 27-6-2004. — MNA



Diplomats and UN officials destroying narcotic drug potent cough syrup on 27-6-2004.— MNA

Efforts to eradicate narcotic drugs

Local farmers in Pinlaung Township, Shan State (South), destroy a poppy field. — MNA



Members of Myanmar-US opium yield survey team conduct opium yield survey in Tanyan Township in Shan State (North) on 25 February 2002. — MNA



The Government has designated the drug elimination as a national task and has been cooperating with NGOs, UN agencies, neighbouring countries and the subregion countries to implement it.

Myanmar will continue to speed up implementation of drugs elimination plans in harness with neighbouring countries, regional nations and international organizations

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On the whole, Myanmar is concentrating all its efforts on translating its national goal into reality—transforming the nation into a peaceful,

implemented step by step for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Next, CCDAC Chairman Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin

pulses and beans, edible oil and kitchen crops could be provided to the second five-year project regions. In addition, saplings of perennial crops such as tea, coffee, mango, lychee

performed in the first five-year period. The working group for organizing the educative talks disseminated and produced 1,196 items of news, 415 times of talks, 28 times of radio and TV plays at Myanmar Radio, Myawady TV and MRTV, 349 items of songs, 18 leaders of newspapers and 3,182 news photos.

For disseminating knowledge on danger of narcotic drugs to students,

dispensaries, rural health care units and power supply task including small-scale hydroelectric power projects will be implemented. Therefore, ministries are to make efforts for exceeding target of regional development.

In the poppy cultivation season, 7,544.72 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed. From 1 January to 15 September 2004, action is taken against 2,883

problem was solved with the cooperation of Department for Progress of Border Areas and National Races.

In accordance with the instructions given by the Prime Minister at the special meeting of CCDAC held on 7 September, 2003, the construction of Shwepyithit Rehabilitation Centre was started near Teema Village in Muse Township and is now 90 per cent completed. And efforts are being made so that it can be inaugurated in the coming November. Moreover, necessary steps are being taken to be able to establish Tachilek, Kawthoung and Myawady Districts as



Seized narcotic drugs seen at the 17th destruction on 27-6-2003.—MNA

modern and developed one — after laying down national objectives that are based on national policies namely “non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty”.

To achieve this goal, the State's seven-point policy programme is in progress.

Hlaing reported on endeavours of the CCDAC. He said that the CCDAC has performed poppy-substitute cultivation tasks not only 22 townships in the first five-year project and 20 townships in the second five-year project but also southern part of Wa region, Mongyawng, Hotaung, Mongpauk, Mongka region, Tachilek

and pepper were also distributed to the regions. A total of 280.3 acres of land was set up as the model plot and 18 acres of land as the test plot. Courses on agricultural methods were conducted for 62 times for 5,836 trainees. In 2004-2005, a total of 1,591 acres of land was reclaimed into the cultivable land. And, 3,433 acres of land had been put under poppy-substitute crops.

In the livestock breeding sector, one million fingerlings were set free into water and veterinary service was provided to 17,199 cattle, 5,212 pigs and 55,983 poultry in the project area during the six-month period of the second five-year project. During the first five-year plan,

The Government is taking steps to completely wipe out smuggling and trading narcotic drugs in Tachilek, Myawady and Kawthoung, which share border with neighbouring nations, after designating these townships to be drugs free zones.



Bottles of cough syrup with drug potency being destroyed by rollers at the 17th destruction ceremony of seized narcotic drugs on 27-6-2003.—MNA

the training courses on dangers of narcotic drugs, HIV/AIDS, stimulant tablets, ATS and smoking were conducted to 440 teachers from Kengtung, Loikaw, Kalay, Tamu and Myitkyina districts. Moreover, the plan is under way to open more training courses.

From the beginning 2004 to date, 308 persons have bounced back at the rehabilitation centres.

The committee could carry out regional development tasks exceeding the target within the first five-year period. Plans are under way to build 164 miles of earth, gravel and tarred roads in Shan State (North), 56 miles in Shan State (East), 77 miles in Shan State (South) and 320 miles in Kachin State. Furthermore, BEPSS, BEMSS and BEHSS, post and telegraph offices and telephone exchanges, hospitals and

culprits from 2,070 drug-related cases. In addition, opium, heroin, stimulant drugs, Ephedrine and marijuana were seized. And then, one machine that used in producing stimulant drugs and two heroin refineries were destroyed. CCDAC held seminars and training courses in Myanmar. Myanmar-US survey work on opium yield and ground survey work on illegal cultivation of poppy were carried out in cooperation with UNODC in the first five-year period of the plan and are still being done. The US opium yield survey team (CNC) has acknowledged that, in the past nine years, poppy cultivation has been reduced by 81 per cent and opium production by 88 per cent. Farmers in Kokang and Wa regions and in Shan State (South) were faced with shortage of food supplies and this

drug-free zones according to the instructions of the Prime Minister.

In 2003, with the arrangement of CCDAC, 6,000 bags of rice and 150 bags of salt were distributed to Shan State (North) and 760 tons of rice to Kokang Special Region-1 with the cooperation of WFP. In 2004, with the funds of Department for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and with the arrangement of Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence, 2,000 bags of rice and 50 bags of salt have been distributed to the Wa region and 3,000 bags of rice and 100 bags of salt to farmers in Pinlaung and Phekho Townships in Shan State (South). Moreover, under the food supply programme of WFP and Department for Progress of Border Areas and

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The drug elimination tasks have met progress to a greater degree, and Myanmar was proud to have declared to the international community that Mongla Region in Shan State (East) had been a narcotic drugs free area. At the same time, Kokang and Wa regions are putting their goal into practice to eliminate narcotic drugs in respective regions by 2005.



Seized narcotic drugs seen at 18th Destruction of Seized Narcotic Drugs on 27-6-2004. — MNA

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on the entire people to be united in the tasks for accomplishment of policy programmes to be

Township, Lwedawkham region, Kaungkha region of Kutkai Township, northern part of Wa region and Namtit (Hopang). Seeds of paddy, maize,

community-based tasks could be extended for drug addicts to quit their bad habit.

Furthermore, tasks of the educative talks were

Efforts are to be made to ensure the world community know the right efforts of Myanmar

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National Races, 2,400 tons of rice have been shipped to Laukkai, Pangsang, Mongton, Mongpan, Monekoe and Kaungkha regions and arrangements are being made to distribute them.

The first five-year of the 15-year plan met with success due to the cooperation of respective ministries and continued efforts will also be made to ensure the success during the second five-year period.

CCDAC Vice-Chairman Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt reported on connection between the border area development and narcotic drugs elimination, participation of Ministry for PBANRDA in tasks of CCDAC, use of money and materials, international cooperation, cultivation and sales of poppy-substitute crops and cooperation of

Sein Htwa and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein submitted reports on participation of ministries in drug eradication tasks.

Secretary of CCDAC Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi presented reports on implementation of the minutes of the CCDAC Special Meeting No 1/2004 held on 2 May 2004.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe reported on supervision of working groups in cultivation of poppy-substitute crops, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung on progress in growing poppy-substitute crops and functions of New Destiny Project, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo on treatment provided to drug addicts in respective regions, health education tasks and training courses, Deputy

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw submitted reports on assistance to be rendered to ensuring smooth communications in carrying out drug eradication.

Next, chairmen of Border Areas Development Association and Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association and officials participated in the discussions.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister made a concluding speech. He said that Myanmar has been making strenuous efforts day in, day out for eradication of narcotic drugs. As a result, efforts for eradication of narcotic drugs are meeting with success.

However, there has been still a weak point in making the world community know Myanmar's efforts in the fight against drugs.

Some western nations holding negative



US and Myanmar joint opium survey in 2004.—CCDAC

national development are huge as they are to be carried out on self-reliant basis. But they are to be regarded as national duties.

Nowadays, tasks for eradication of narcotic drugs are meeting with success. At the same time, poppy cultivation in the nation has been on the decrease year after year and it has been acknowledged by the world community.

Myanmar in cooperation with Criminal Narcotics Centre (CNC) of USA conducted survey on poppy yield ten times from 1993 to 2004. According to a report of US embassy in Yangon on poppy yield for 2004 regarding survey on opium yield conducted by Myanmar and USA in March 2004, poppy cultivation in Myanmar was 30,888 hectares (75,984.4 acres) with the opium yield of 292 metric tons, and there was 34 per cent decrease in poppy cultivation and 39 per cent decrease in production in comparison with those in 2003. In addition, there was 89 per cent decrease in opium yield in comparison with 2,650 tons produced in 1996.

Moreover, the ground survey on poppy cultivation conducted by Myanmar in cooperation with UNODC showed that there was 29 per cent decrease in opium yield and 54 per cent decrease in opium yield in 2004 in comparison with those in 2003.

The success in the fight against drugs was the

Tasks for drug eradication are huge and profound. Thus, efforts are to be made in preventing poppy cultivation, controlling narcotic drugs including heroin, preventing precursor chemicals, controlling production of stimulant pills and drug trafficking.

result of integrated and well-coordinated efforts of high-ranking officials, departmental officials and the national races who returned to the legal fold.

Progress has been made in the first five-year plan of the main drug elimination 15-year project. Likewise, relentless efforts are to be made for successful realization of the second five-year plan of the main drug elimination 15-year project.

Tasks for drug eradication are huge and profound. Thus, efforts are to be made in preventing poppy cultivation, controlling narcotic drugs including heroin, preventing precursor chemicals, controlling production of stimulant pills and drug trafficking. Meanwhile, necessary assistance is to be provided to poppy growers to fulfil their food, clothing and shelter needs for ensuring poppy substitute cultivation and to seek the market for poppy substitute crops.

Measures on treatment and rehabilitation for drug addicts, educative

measures for ensuring youths to stay away from drugs, and health care services and educative measures on AIDS are to be taken.

Similarly, cooperation with international community, neighbouring nations, ASEAN nations, nations in the region and NGOs is to be further strengthened.

Systematic steps are to be taken in the fight against drugs as the tasks are enormous and profound.

At the same time, projects for development of border areas and national races are to be fully implemented for further cementing national solidarity and perpetuation of the Union.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on the entire national people to strive together with the Government for successful realization of the seven-point future programmes of State for the emergence of a peaceful, modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation which is the national goal.

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Chinese drug kingpin, Tan Xioli repatriated to China on 23 April 2001.—CCDAC

national organizations.

CCDAC Vice-Chairman Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win also reported on international cooperation in drug eradication tasks of Myanmar and arrangements for diplomats to visit border areas.

CCDAC member Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen

Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min on educative talks on danger of narcotic drugs given to teachers and students, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein on arrangements for dissemination of accelerating endeavours in drug elimination to local and international media and Police Chief of Staff of MPF Police Brig-Gen Win Myaing on destruction of poppy plantations and seizures of drug-related cases.

views are making fabricated news with every intention of tarnishing the image of Myanmar and only those false news reports are overwhelming.

Therefore, efforts are to be made to make the world community know the right efforts of Myanmar.

Being a sovereign nation, the Union of Myanmar has been making all-out efforts on self-reliant basis in the interest of the State and the people. Tasks for

No 1 and No 3 middle schools in Myeik, Taninthayi Division, get multimedia centres

YANGON, 24 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening of the multimedia centre of No 1

Basic Education Middle School in Myeik township, Myeik District, Taninthayi Division, yesterday.

Also present were Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and

Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and wife, senior military officers, officials, local authorities, members of the school

board of trustees, the school head and others.

Chairman of the School Board of Trustees U Kya Maung and Headmaster U Win Hein formally opened the centre. Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveiled its signboard. He then visited computer application, electronic media (video system), language lab, computer aided instruction, printed media (reading corner), art and culture and domestic science rooms. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo accepted a set of computer, 1.9 million kyats donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them. Next, other wellwishers donated K 300,000 and Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint

accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to them. He made a speech.

Then, Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivered a speech and the ceremony came to a close.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party posed for a group photo together with members of the school board of trustees, wellwishers, the school head, teachers and students, and left the school. Today's donations made by wellwishers at the opening of multimedia classrooms designed to promote educational standard of No 1 BEMS were K 2.55 million and one set of computer.

A ceremony to

open multimedia classrooms also took place at No 3 BEMS in Myeik in the morning, attended by Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party. On the occasion, outstanding students unveiled the stone plaque bearing Myanmar education goal. The school head and officials of the school opened the ceremony. Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveiled the signboard of the multimedia classrooms.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected the computer-aided instruction room, computer application room, video room, reading room, painting room and language lab. They also encouraged students learning their school lessons and doing their work of arts. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports on matters related to the school and accepted cash donations.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint delivered addresses. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party posed for a group photo together with officials of the school, wellwishers, teachers, and students. Today's donations made at the school amounted to K 4.63 million.



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects multimedia classrooms at Myeik BEMS No 1.—MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveils signboard of the multimedia classrooms at Myeik BEMS No 3.—MNA

Thai health minister visits health care centres in NyaungU, Popa

YANGON, 24 Sept—Under the programme of cooperation between Myanmar and Thai Governments in health sector, a visiting delegation led by Thai Minister for Health Mrs Sudarat Keyuraphan arrived at Bagan-NyaungU in Mandalay Division by air in 23 September.

They were welcomed by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Chairman of NyaungU District PDC and officials. The Thai minister for health paid homage to Shwezigon and Arnanda pagodas and signed in the visitors' book. The health ministers from two countries proceeded to NyaungU district hospital and head of district health department reported on health care services in the district. The ministers

comforted patient Mrs Bunsae Ngtip who is being hospitalized at the hospital and posed for documentary photo together with staff of hospital and officials from social organizations. They proceeded to Popa rural health care centre and the health assistant there reported on health care services. The visiting Thai minister studied traditional herbs planted at the centre.

The visiting Thai minister made study tours of Popa resort and Bagan Archaeological Museum and left for Thailand by air from Bagan-NyaungU airport in the evening. The Thai minister was seen off at the airport by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and officials.

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Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and visiting Thai counterpart comfort patients at NyaungU District Hospital.—HEALTH

Mayor inspects water treatment plant

YANGON, 24 Sept—Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, accompanied by Joint-Secretary U Aung Soe and officials, looked into the Water Treatment Plant Project of the YCDC in

Thanlyetsun, Botahtaung Township, Yangon East District, this morning.

The officials reported on progress of implementation of the project and work being done and conducted the Mayor round the project site.

The Mayor gave instructions to the officials on systematization in putting the project into practice and greening of the compound of the plant. Next, the Mayor attended to the requirements.

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Trainees of Journalism Course visit Thingangyun IPRD

YANGON, 24 Sept — The trainees of No 1/2004 Journalism Course organized by News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information, led by Course-in-Charge U Nyunt Hlaing visited Office of Information and Public Relations Department of Yangon East District in Thingangyun Township this morning.

First, Staff Officer of Yangon

East District IPRD U Nyunt Hlaing extended greetings to the trainees at the library.

Afterwards, Assistant Director of IPRD (Head Office) U Kyaw Hoe explained the functions of IPRD.

Next, the leader of trainees expressed thanks and the trainees viewed around the library.

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54 wellwishers donate 46,785 books, periodicals, K 3,989,000 for establishment of self-reliant village libraries

YANGON, 24 Sept — The third books, periodicals and cash donation ceremony for self-reliant village libraries of the Information and Public Relations Department was held at the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Street at 3.30 pm today, with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, departmental officials, well-

wishers and periodicals donated by wellwishers, active participation of rural people in opening libraries and assistance of local authorities, he said, 8,317 libraries have been opened so far, though there were about 4,000 in the past. However, it is necessary to open more 5,161 self-reliant village libraries. Hence, IPRD manages to provide more books to the library spending its fund. The minister thanked the donors for their cooperation.

Due to cooperation of wellwishers and de-

velopment of the libraries.

First, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win presented K 50,000 as the trust-fund to IPRD Director-General U Chit Naing.

Next, the minister accepted K 2 million of Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing; K 1 million donated by U Tint Hsan (ACE Construction Co Ltd); K 200,000 each by U



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses third ceremony to donate cash and books to self-reliant village libraries.— MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts books from Maj Mya Than San (Retd).— MNA

wishers and writers.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that today is the education age. Hence, the government is striving for emergence a constant learning society which can face challenges of the education era. The Ministry of Education plans development of human resource. Similarly, the Ministry of Information is making arrangements for opening libraries in rural areas in which majority of the population reside.

The minister said that the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information plans to complete opening of libraries in 13,478 village-tracts throughout the nation within 2004-2005 for the first phase and libraries in over 30,000 villages in the entire nation in 2005-2006 for the second phase. In so doing, arrangements are being made for improvement of the libraries gradually. So, the government is providing books and periodicals to the libraries, he added.

Thanks to cash,

partments concerned, he believed development of the libraries can reflect to improve reading practice of rural people and development of human resources. He pledged to systematically spend cash donated at the ceremonies on purchase

Tin Aung Sein (Foundation) and High Tech Concrete Co Ltd; K 100,000 each by Director U Han Thein Lwin (High Tech Concrete Co Ltd) and U Kyaw Thang-Daw Mya Mya Win and family of Dagon Myothit (South)

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of books and periodicals.

He said that as opening of self-reliant library is essential for the State and the people, participation of wellwishers will achieve success in implementation of opening libraries. And, the minister invited them to give suggestions as well as donate cash.

Director-General U Chit Naing of IPRD reported on matters related to today's donations, providing of books and periodicals and durability and de-

Township, K 94,000 by Ma Yu Yu Maw; K 50,000 by Printing Officer U Thein Tun of Myawady Literary House; K 20,000 by U Su Phaw-Daw Khin Sein of Pabedan Township; K 15,000 by U Tin Oo-Daw Ohn Myint of Pazundaung Township; K 20,000 by Po Zar The Aung of Hline Township; K 10,000 by Headmistress Daw Aye Aye Thwe of Dagon Myothit (East) BEMS No 1; 1,500 books for the second time by Managing Director Col Soe Win of

News and Periodicals Enterprise; 55 books by Adviser to NPE U Tin Kha; 4,000 books by U San Oo of Seikku Cho Cho Literary House; 22,876 copies of Maha Journals by U Zeya Myat Khaing; 1,000 books by U Nyo Hmine of Armanthit Sarpay; 1,000 copies of Maubin University Annual Magazine by Maubin University Magazine Committee Secretary U Win Myint; 2,120 copies of magazines by U Aung Hla of Pan Aung Sarpay; 286 books of Daw Khaing Khaing Oo of

and 116 books by U Min Htut Min of Yadanabon Literary House. The minister then presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Similarly, Director-General U Chit Naing of IPRD accepted 300 copies of magazines donated by U Hein Zay; 340 books by Shwenaga Tin Win; 50 books by U Myat Lin Shwe of Lin Yandana Literary House; 90 books by U Hein Moe Myint Lwin; 170 books by Associate Professor Daw Sein Sein Thein; 50 books by Daw

journals and magazines by U Thet Naing; 474 copies of magazines and journals by U Than Lwin; 17 books by U Myo Hlaing-Ma Thida Nyein; 300 copies of science magazines by Theikpan Hmu Tin; 206 copies of journals and magazines by Daw Nyunt Yi; 125 copies of magazine by Dr Tin Tun Oo; 600 books by Daw Pyone Pyone Khin of Pyone Sarpay; K 20,000 by Daw Nyunt Yi; K 50,000 by Deputy Director (Retd) Daw Aye Aye Myint of Planning Department;



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts books of U Sein Win -Capt Daw Cho Cho Than and family.— MNA

Bagan Literary House; 900 books by writer Yu Pa Thein; 760 copies of novels and magazines by U Myint Tun-Daw Khin Mar Shwe; 811 books by Maj May Than San (Retd); 200 books by U Sein Win-Capt Daw Cho Cho Than and family; 1,664 copies of magazines and journals and 500 books by Daw Myint Myint Aye of Maha Peinne Sarpay; 100 books by U Kyaw Khin Myint (Maung Yint Kyu-Myaungmya)-Daw Sein Sein of Arthawka Sarpay;

Aye Aye Tun of Tagun Sarpay; 3,675 copies of magazines and journals by U Thein Lwin (English); 200 copies of magazines and journals by Daw Aye Aye Maw; 65 books by U Hla Naing; 224 copies of magazines and journals by Daw Khin Tha Htet; 105 copies of magazine by SSAA rice and oil family; 360 copies of magazine by U Hla Myint Aung; 400 copies of magazine and journal by Daw Ngu Wah of Tut Pi Literary House; 240 copies of

K 20,000 each by U Kyaw Tin, U Aung Thein Win-Daw Nilar Sein and Daw Nyunt Nyunt Win. Next, certificates of honour were presented to the donors.

The ceremony ended with the remarks by the minister.

Altogether 18 wellwishers donated K 3,989,000 to the trust-fund and 36 wellwishers, 46,785 books and periodicals worth K 7,885,775. Today's donations amounted to K 11,874,775. — MNA

World Bank, France to improve Mozambique's water supply

MAPUTO, 23 Sept — The World Bank, the French Development Agency and Mozambican Government are to invest about 15.6 million US dollars to improve the quality and quantity of water supplied to four Mozambican cities, including the capital Maputo, local media reported on Tuesday.

The Mozambican Government's Water Supply Investment and Assets Fund (FIPAG) have signed an agreement in Maputo this week with the companies that won the international tenders for the undertakings, launched in 2003 and 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV QING CHUN MEN VOY NO (093)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV QING CHUN MEN VOY NO (093) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26.9.2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Annan urges Security Council support for UN peace-building efforts

UNITED NATIONS, 23 Sept — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan called Wednesday for Security Council support to make UN peace-building efforts successful.

"Your tangible support, in a number of ways, will make the difference between success and failure of our current and future peace-building efforts,"

Annan told a Security Council ministerial meeting on civilian aspects of conflict management and peace-building.

The UN chief listed five aspects where greater efforts were needed to make UN peace-building successful. First, he said, the Security Council needs to sustain its interest and focus on each and every peace operation. "Disinter-

ing current realities.

"We reject any move to try to create a new category of semi-permanent or rotational permanent members of the UN Security Council, saying there has to be 'equal status' for all in the world body as Japan, Germany and Brazil joined it in pressing for 'meaningful' UN reforms reflect-

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	
1.	12(T)18/MR(ML) 2004-2005	Expressor Complete (Air Compressor Exhauster)	1 - No
2.	12(T)25/MR(ML) 2004-2005	1. Ball & Roller Bearing for Various Locomotives	55 - Items
		2. Gauge & Battery for Various Locomotives	8 - Items
		3. Check Valves & Isolating Cocks for various Locomotives	9 - Items
		4. Nomex Paper for Various Locomotives	4 - Items
		5. Spare Parts for DEL & DHL	1 - Lot (730 - Items)

Closing Date.- 13-10-2004 (Wednesday) (12:00) Hours- For Sr.No. 1

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 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 23-9-2004 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 201555 Ext- 602,605,612

Deputy General Man-

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Supply Department, Myanma

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV BOUGAIN VILLA VOY NO (067)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BOUGAIN VILLA VOY NO (067) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27.9.2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PREMIER SPECTRUM**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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Sealed Tenders from eligible suppliers are invited for the supply of the following Tyre Sizes, prices to be quoted in Myanmar Kyats-Yangon.

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(a) Tender Documents are available at the office of Procurement & Stores Department, Head Office, Road Transport, No. 375, Bogyoke Aung San Street, Yangon, Myanmar, Commencing on the 24th September, 2004.

(b) Tender will be closed on 6th, October, 2004 at (16:00) hours.

(c) The Road Transport reserves the right to reject any or all Tenders.

(d) Detailed information will be available at the office of the procurement & Stores Department, or contact Phone Nos. (01) 252574 or (01) 376549

**Managing Director,
Road Transport**

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the claims day.

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UN's reform should elevate common humanity

UNITED NATIONS, 23 Sept — Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin on Wednesday said the reform of the United Nations should be designed to put the common humanity at the centre of the world body's agenda.

Speaking at the general debate of the 59th UN General Assembly session, he noted that the world is organized into independent states, with the primary obligation of their governments is to take care of their own people, thus presenting the world with a fundamental dilemma.

"For unless we also act collectively on the basis of our common humanity, the rich will become richer, the poor will become poorer, and hundreds of millions of people will be at risk. Thus we need institutions whose primary obligation is to our common humanity," he said.

Though the United Na-

tions is composed of member states, its mission is indeed to serve the world's peoples, he added. He singled out five areas where bold steps are required:

— the "responsibility to protect," namely, the need to develop the rules and political will that would allow the international community to intervene in countries to prevent a humanitarian catastrophe;

— the "responsibility to deny," which encompasses the need to ensure that weapons of mass destruction do not spread to states or terrorists prepared to use them under any circumstances, and especially against innocent civilians;

— the "responsibility to respect," which encompasses the dignity, freedom and culture of human beings, the protection of collective rights and pluralism as reflected in the concept of cultural rights;

MNA/Xinhua

India for equal status for all in UNSC

NEW YORK, 23 Sept — India firmly rejected any move to set up a new category of semi-permanent or rotational permanent members of the UN Security Council, saying there has to be "equal status" for all in the world body as Japan, Germany and Brazil joined it in pressing for "meaningful" UN reforms reflect-

ing current realities.

"We reject any move to try to create a new category of semi-permanent or rotational permanent members of the Security Council as this not only diverts attention and skirts the need for reforming it but takes it in the opposite direction," Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said during

his meeting with UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan recently.

Foreign Secretary Shyam Saran told reporters that Singh reaffirmed India's commitment to the UN and its role in the international community while stressing that UN reforms were essential for effective multilateralism.

MNA/PTI

thirtieth of the amount that was spent last year alone on global military expenditures, according to the UN chief.

Third, "we need to make sure that our efforts are well integrated," Annan said. The UN, other intergovernmental organizations, bilateral donors and non-governmental organizations must strengthen their institutional links and work together on the basis of shared goals and shared priorities, he said.

Fourth, "we must make sure that we have the best people available to carry out the tough assignments," Annan said. And finally, he said, the security of UN staff should be ensured both by the provision of troops and politically.

MNA/Xinhua

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CCTV lays foundation of its new Hqs in Beijing

BEIJING, 23 Sept — China Central Television (CCTV), China's state broadcaster, Wednesday held a stone laying ceremony for its new headquarters in Beijing.

The 230-metre building with a total construction area of 550,000 square metres will cost about five billion yuan (602.4 million US dollars), said CCTV's official web site.

The huge project won the approval of the central government 18 months after it had been halted due to worries about over-heated property investment as well as fears of traffic congestion around the 230-metre-tall structure, *China Youth Daily* reported at the time.

The project, covering an area of 187,000 square metres, was designed by Dutch architect Rem Koolhaas, and will include three major buildings: the main building, the television culture centre and the energy service centre.

The main building will consist of host studios, broadcasting and programme production centres and administration departments, said the web site.—MNA/Xinhua

Tainted rice cause high-level cadmium in Thailand

BANGKOK, 23 Sept — About 400 farmers in Thailand's northern Tak Province were found having extremely high levels of cadmium in their bodies resulted from eating contaminated rice.

In the province, about 426 kilometres northwest of Bangkok, local hospital and health authorities have conducted checks on all residents to measure the extent of damage to their health caused by cadmium intake.

Test results showed that 625 among the total 6,802 villagers in the region had quite high cadmium levels in their bodies (five-10 micro-

grammes of cadmium per gramme of creatine), and 172 had high levels of cadmium (more than 10 microgrammes), that account for 9.2 per cent and 1.7 per cent of its total population, respectively.

The 795 farmers have been put under close watch by the Public Health Ministry. They will be provided with free medicine and regular

treatment, especially the 31 suffering from kidney failure and malfunction, Dr. Witthaya Sawasdivuthipong was quoted by the *Bangkok Post* as saying on Wednesday.

He added villagers would be told to cut down cadmium intake by stop eating contaminated food.

However, Naruedom Nathoen, a member of

the local committee for co-ordinating social problems caused by cadmium contamination, said 409 residents in one of the three localities who have unusually high levels of cadmium in their bodies still had to eat rice from contaminated paddy fields as they could not sell it out and had no money to buy untainted rice.

MNA/Xinhua

Warner Bros to promote "Alexander" for Oscar

LOS ANGELES, 23 Sept — Warner Bros film studio has delayed the release of its widely anticipated Oliver Stone film "Alexander" by about three weeks, saying that it wanted to give the movie a better shot at winning Oscars.

The film, starring Colin Farrell as the conqueror Alexander the Great, had been set to debut on 5 November against another major release, the computer-animated "The Incredibles." "Alexander" will now debut November 24.

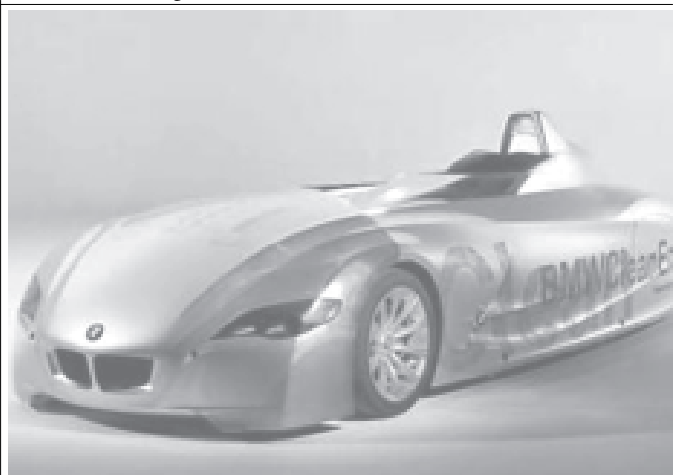
"We think that moving 'Alexander' to November 24th positions it better for Academy consideration," Warner Bros. president of domestic film distribution Dan Fellman said in a statement.

The date appears to be less competitive for box office dollars, too, as the debut of Pixar Animation Studios Inc.'s "The

Incredibles" looks set to steal most of the marquee power on its opening weekend.

On 24 November "Alexander," which *Entertainment Weekly* magazine reported cost as much as 150 million US dollars to make, faces comedies "Christmas with the Kranks" and "Beauty Shop," as well as adventure movie "Flight of the Phoenix."

"Alexander" will now debut the Wednesday before the long Thanksgiving holiday weekend in the United States, which should help boost its box office. Warner Bros is owned by Time Warner Inc. —MNA/Reuters



German luxury carmaker BMW unveiled the world's fastest hydrogen-powered car, dubbed the H2R, at the Paris auto show on 22 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

Heavy rains claim 44 lives in north India

NEW DELHI, 23 Sept — Heavy rains lashed several areas of Uttar Pradesh State in north India, claiming 44 lives in four districts, the *Press Trust of India* quoted local official sources as reporting on Wednesday.

In the worst hit Sitapur District, 40 people, including women and children, were killed in a number of incidents of house collapse caused by incessant rains since Tuesday, they said.

Two persons were killed in Baskhi-Ka-Talab area near Lucknow while one death each was reported from Barabanki and Kaushambi districts.—MNA/Xinhua

China set to use record amount of overseas investment in 2004

BEIJING, 23 Sept — A Chinese official said Wednesday the actual overseas investment in China is expected to exceed 60 billion US dollars this year, compared with 53 billion US dollars in the previous year.

Liao Xiaoli, Vice-Minister of Commerce, said the actual foreign direct investment (FDI) in China during the first eight months of this year totalled 43.559 billion US dollars, up 18.77 per cent from last year.

According to the estimate by an

official with the Department of Overseas Investment of the ministry, the figure for the whole year will exceed 60 billion US dollars if the inflow of overseas investment continues at the same speed.

MNA/Xinhua

10 feared dead in chopper crash in N-E India

NEW DELHI, 23 Sept — A minister of the north-eastern Indian state of Meghalaya and two legislators were among at least 10 people feared dead Wednesday in a helicopter crash in that state, the *Indo-Asian News* service quoted local officials as reporting.

A police spokesman said the helicopter with eight passengers and two pilots crashed near Kyrgyzkuloi, about 18 kilometres from Meghalaya's capital Shillong. Two legislators and a minister were among the passengers.

"The helicopter took off from Guwahati in Assam State in northeast India at 1:30 p.m. and went off the radar screens half an hour later," an Indian Air Force (IAF) official said.—MNA/Xinhua

Floods kill 1,029 Chinese during flood season this year

BEIJING, 23 Sept — The State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters on Wednesday announced the end of this year's flood season, saying that 1,029 Chinese were killed by floods during the period.

Zhang Zhitong, a senior official with the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters said that by September 15, floods had affected a total of about 7.59 million hectares of cropland and 114.70 million people, killed 1,029 persons, demolished 650,000 rooms and caused 64.7 billion yuan (approximately 7.8 billion US dollars) of direct economic loss. Altogether 773 of those killed and missing came as the result of mountain torrents and mud-rock flows, he said. —MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

Porto held 1-1 by Uniao Leiria

LISBON, 23 Sept — Title holders Porto continued their poor start to the Portuguese Premier League season when they were held 1-1 at home by Uniao Leiria on Wednesday.

The European champions have begun their domestic campaign with three successive draws and are down in 10th place in the table, the club's worst start for decades. Porto, who have won the Portuguese title in seven of the past 10 seasons, went ahead after eight minutes thanks to a powerful 25-metre shot from winger Ricardo Quaresma.

But Leiria levelled when Croatian winger Petar Krpan pounced on a rebound with 16 minutes to go.

Benfica, the only side with a 100 per cent record, top the table with nine points from three matches, two more than Vitoria Setubal, Boavista and Belenenses.

MNA/Reuters

Barcelona join Valencia at top of table

MADRID, 24 Sept — Barcelona put on a sparkling performance at the Nou Camp to come forward from a goal down and clinch a 4-1 victory over Real Zaragoza in the First Division on Thursday.

The Catalans joined Valencia at the top of the table with 10 points from four games but the champions, who crushed Deportivo Coruna 5-1 on

Wednesday, lead the standings on more goals scored.

Real Madrid are a point behind in third following their 1-0 win over

Osasuna on Tuesday, while Espanyol head a chasing pack of seven teams a further two points adrift.

The evening started badly for Barca when Brazilian left back Silvinho and right back Gabri left the pitch with what appeared to be serious knee injuries inside the first 10 minutes. They suffered a further setback when an error by striker Samuel Eto'o helped Zaragoza take the lead five minutes later.

The African Player of the Year sent a sloppy back pass to the feet of opposite number David Villa who checked past two defenders and fired the ball low inside the post beyond keeper Victor Valdes.

The hosts appeared shaken by the setbacks and did not find their usual spark until midway through the half when Giovanni van Bronckhorst and Xavi went close with powerful long-range efforts.

Eto'o atoned for his mistake and put Barca level with a cracking goal on 25 minutes. The Cameroon striker brought down a long pass from Deco with his chest on the right-hand-side of the area, cut inside and unleashed a perfectly struck curling shot that gave Zaragoza keeper Luis Garcia no chance.

Eto'o grabbed his second a minute after the break, finishing off a superbly worked move initiated when defender Carles Puyol launched a long pass towards the Zaragoza area from inside his own half.

MNA/Xinhua



FC Barcelona's Brazilian player Ronaldinho (R) eludes Zaragoza's goalkeeper Luis Garcia (L) during their Spanish first division soccer match at Nou Camp Stadium in Barcelona on 23 Sept, 2004. FC Barcelona won 4-1. —INTERNET

Valencia storm, to 5-1 win to Deportivo Coruna

MADRID, 23 Sept — Defending champions Valencia produced a scintillating display of attacking football to storm to a 5-1 win away to Deportivo Coruna and claim the leadership of the Primera Liga on Wednesday.

Claudio Ranieri's side were in an unstoppable form at the Riazor as they roared into a 4-0 lead at halftime and gave their bemused opponents no chance with their slick, one-touch passing football.

The victory put Valencia a point clear of Real Madrid at the top after four games, although Barcelona could join them if they beat unbeaten Real Zaragoza at home on Thursday.

Real won 1-0 at home to Osasuna on Tuesday thanks to an exquisite free kick from David Beckham, but turned in an otherwise tepid performance in their first game since coach Jose Antonio Camacho decided to throw in the towel.

Atletico Madrid and Espanyol lost their unbeaten records when they slumped to respective 1-0 defeats away to Levante and Getafe on Wednesday and are now three points off the pace.

MNA/Reuters

Last-gasp penalty helps Monaco reclaim Ligue 1 top spot

PARIS, 23 Sept — A last-gasp penalty helped Monaco reclaim the Ligue 1 top spot from Olympique Lyon after a 2-1 home victory over Nantes on Wednesday.

The win gave the principality team 16 points from seven games, one ahead of Lyon who were the overnight leaders after a 2-0 away win at Toulouse.

The top two face each other on Saturday in Lyon before Monaco host Deportivo Coruna in the Champions League while the French champions travel to Sparta Prague for their second group match of the competition.

Monaco had to come from behind before clawing their way to victory against lowly Nantes who opened the scoring just before the break through Florin Bratu.

Pontus Farnerud levelled two minutes after the restart and the game seemed destined to end in a draw until Nantes defender Nicolas Savinaud brought down Mohamed Kallon in the area a few seconds from time and the Sierra Leone-born midfielder dispatched the penalty.

France's third Champions League representatives, Paris St Germain, failed to

clinich their first Ligue 1 win of the season with a 2-2 draw against Racing Lens.

PSG thought the game was theirs after Lorik Cana and Fabrice Pancrati gave them a 2-0 lead with 15 minutes left but Jacek Bak and Vitorino Hilton snatched a point for Lens, scoring in the 81st and the 85th.

PSG, who will be away to CSKA Moscow in the Champions League next week, slipped into the relegation zone. They are 18th in the 20-team league on four points, 12 adrift already of Monaco.

Bastia lost their unbeaten league record with a 4-1 home defeat to Girondins Bordeaux.

Frederic Nee opened the scoring for Bastia in the 31st minute but a flurry of goals including a Lilian Laslandes double gave Girondins Bordeaux a 3-1 lead eight minutes later. Marouane Chamakh made it 4-1 helping Bordeaux move to fourth place. —MNA/Reuters

Messina upset champions AC Milan with 2-1 victory

MILAN, 23 Sept — Promoted Sicilian side Messina upset Italian champions AC Milan with a 2-1 victory at the San Siro in Serie A action on Wednesday.

Riccardo Zampagna gave Messina — back in the top flight after 39 years — another shock win following Sunday's 4-3 victory over AS Roma.

Early leaders Juventus kept up their 100 per cent record with a 3-0 win at Sampdoria but Roma's troubles continued as they were held to a 2-2 draw at home to Lecce.

Inter Milan got their first victory of the season in dramatic fashion, a superb 87th minute solo strike from Brazilian forward Adriano giving them a 3-2 win at Atalanta.

Milan had not lost at home in the league since a defeat to Udinese more than eight months ago and must have thought they were heading for another positive result after Giuseppe Pancaro headed them in front after 54 minutes.

But within a minute Messina had pulled level through Domenico Giampa who burst through the middle of the Milan defence before firing past Dida.

Just four minutes later the Sicilians, who had not won on their previous two visits to Milan, went ahead when Alessandro Parisi's cross was headed home by Zampagna.

He also scored the winner against Roma on Sunday and along with Lecce's 18-year-old Bulgarian Valeri Bojinov has become one of the surprise packages of an unpredictable season so far.

Bojinov was on target again for Lecce as they produced an excellent display to maintain their unbeaten start to the campaign.

Marco Cassetti put the visitors ahead in the 41st minute with a low shot that beat Roma goalkeeper Ivan Pelizzoli at his near post.

Roma wasted a chance to pull level on the stroke of halftime when Francesco Totti's attempt at a chip from a penalty backfired embarrassingly as his gentle

shot fell into the arms of Lecce keeper Vincenzo Sicignano.

Antonio Cassano brought Roma level, though, in the 54th minute only for Bojinov to restore Lecce's lead with a brilliant lob five minutes later.

Brazilian Mancini earned Roma a point in the 72nd minute, slotting home after great work from Egyptian Mido.

Alessandro Del Piero put Juve on the way to their third straight win of the season with a 19th minute penalty at Sampdoria.

Swedish international Zlatan Ibrahimovic added the second in the 69th minute before Frenchman David Trezeguet completed the win with a goal three minutes from the end.

MNA/Reuters



Russia's US Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova returns a forehand to China's Li Na during a second round match at the China Open WTA tennis tournament in Beijing on 23 Sept, 2004. Kuznetsova won 6-3, 6-7, 7-6.

INTERNET

MRTV-3
**25-9-2004 (Saturday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
Asian Tourism Forum
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Art & Deco (Fashion Shop)
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Myanmar Earthen Pots
9:25 Kayin Dance (We Bu (or) Paddy Winnowing Dance)
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Showcase of Myanmar Fabrics and Designer Wears
9:40 Myanmar Modern Song "Those days of Bagan (English)"
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Around Bagan by Pony Cart (Ananda Temple)
9:58 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**25-9-2004 (Saturday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
15:36 Asian Tourism Forum
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Art & Deco (Fashion Shop)
15:45 **National News**
15:50 Myanmar Earthen Pots

- 15:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu (or) Paddy Winnowing Dance)
16:00 **National News**
16:05 Showcase of Myanmar Fabrics and Designer Wears
16:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Those days of Bagan (English)"
16:15 **National News**
16:20 Around Bagan by Pony Cart (Ananda Temple)
16:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
16:30 **National News**
16:35 Myanmar Traditional Flower Arrangements (Harp)
16:40 The Myanmar Turban-Unique
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Myanmar Movies Impact "Missing Rhythm"
17:00 **Weekly News Highlights**
17:05 Myanmar Modern Song "To a Silvery Seagull"
17:10 Pan-Say Region, Home to Kho-Hlon-Lishows
17:15 **Weekly News Highlights**
17:20 Percussion of "Pan" (or) Communal Drum
17:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and see Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune

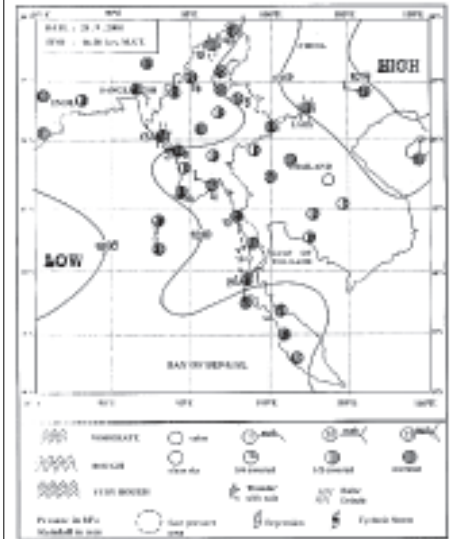
- Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
19:36 Journey to Mogok (The Ruby Land)
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Grouper Breeding Enterprise
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Myanmar Art of Mari-onette
19:55 Dance of the Maidens
20:00 **National News**
20:05 Annual Pilgrims from the River
20:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Sagawa Flowers Land"
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Brave and Courageous Myanmar Women
20:25 Myanmar Modern Song "We'll Be Waiting For You"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 Myanmar Custard Apple
20:40 Rakhine Ordination, Novitiation & Ear-boring Auspicious Ceremony
20:45 **National News**
20:50 The Beauty & The Chinlone
20:55 Dawei Water Fetching Dance
20:58 The National Museum (II)
21:00 **National News**
21:05 Myanmar Tapestry Artist
21:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Peace be with you"

- 21:15** **Weekly News High-lights**
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Rainfall on 24-9-2004 was

- nil at Yangon Airport,
 - 0.16 inch at Kaba-Aye and
 - nil at central Yangon.
- Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was**
- 109.45 inches at Yangon Airport,
 - 104.33 inches at Kaba-Aye and
 - 106.22 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas


WEATHER

Friday, 24 September 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan and Chin States, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Katha (2.17) inches and Putao (1.69) inches.

Maximum temperature on 23-9-2004 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 24-9-2004 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 24-9-2004 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 23-9-2004 was (7.1) hours approx. Rainfall on 24-9-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, (0.16 inch) at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 109.45 inches at Yangon Airport, 104.33 inches at Kaba-Aye and 106.22 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from North at 13:30 hours MST on 23-9-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in Southwest Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 25-9-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Shan State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be generally fair 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: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-9-2004: Isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-9-2004: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for last weekend of September 2004: During the coming weekend, light rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Yangon Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Mandalay Division.

Flood bulletin

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 24-9-2004)

According to the (06:30) hours MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Pha-an is (54) cm (about 2-ft) above the danger level. The water level may fall below the danger level during the next (3) days.

**IN MEMORY OF DAW NYUNT NYUNT
(Mrs Dorothy Gyi)**

Though one year had passed on 25-9-2004, you are always loved and remembered.

Sadly missed by—Loving Husband, Capt Maung Maung Gyi, MN, Ambassador (Retd): Children, Capt Tin Gyi (Mariner Shipping Enterprise) - Thida Lin: Khin Sabai (MRTV3): Capt Nyunt Gyi (Mariner Shipping Enterprise) - Nyunt Nyunt Htwe: Grandchildren, Kay Zin Soe, Moe Bwint Hpyu, Aung Lin Myat Gyi, Thaw Htoo Nyunt and Thway Htoo Nyunt.



Saturday, September 25
View on today:

- 7:00 am**
1. ကျေးဇူးတင်စကားပြောရန်အတွက်
တရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်ယဉ်ကျေးမှု
ဇာတိအမွေအနှစ်တော်အောင်မြင်
အသံအသွေးပြပွဲ၊ အသံအသွေး
မဟာသမ္မတတော်၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊
ဓမ္မဘူတဂါရီ၊ ဆရာတော်
အနုပညာရှင်တော်တို့၏ ပရိတ်
တရားတော်
- 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. အကပွဲပြပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
6. ဒါကတော့(စရာတိုတို)
- 8:30 am**
7. International news
- 8:45 am**
8. Grammar Made Easy
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical programme

- 11:30 am**
3. News
- 11:40 am**
4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm**
5. Round-up of the week's
TV local news
- 12:35 pm**
6. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်မှု
"အစောပိုင်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 1:10 pm**
7. ပစ္စည်းတော်
- 1:20 pm**
8. "အစောပိုင်း"၏အစောပိုင်း
လူသားသုတေသနစာအုပ်တော်
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-သတ်တော်)
- 2:20 pm**
9. Dance of national races
- 2:35 pm**
10. စောင့်လေ့ရှိတော်
- 2:45 am**
11. International news
- 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. အစောပိုင်းတရားသီလံ
ပရိတ်တော်ကြီးအသံအသွေး
-တစ်ဖန် (စုပေါင်းစာတော်)
အစောပိုင်း (စုပေါင်း)
5:15 pm
6. ဗုဒ္ဓမြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓအသံအသွေး

- 5:25 pm**
7. ဘုရားရှင်တော်အသံအသွေး
(အစောပိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
8. ဆိုင်းအသံ၊ နေရာပြပွဲ
9. Musical programme
10. "အသံအသွေးအသံအသွေး"
ဗုဒ္ဓမြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓအသံအသွေး
(အစောပိုင်း) (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
11. Discovery
12. Evening news
13. Weather report
14. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်မှု
"အစောပိုင်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
15. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာသတင်းစာ
အသံအသွေး
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်မှု
"အစောပိုင်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
20. The next day's
programme



Saturday, September 25
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am** Brief news
8:35 am Music: I do
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
-May be I'm right
National news/
Slogan
9:05 am Music:
-One lone
9:10 am International news
9:15 am Music (Spotlight
on a star)
-Selena
- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan
1:40 pm Request
-Ghost town
-Down town train
-Now & forever
ASEAN review
9:00 pm -News
Article
Myanma culture
by Dr Khin
Maung Nyunt
-Myanmar traditional
boat races
Souvenirs
-Among my
souvenirs
-Wish you were
here
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Government is not conducting drug elimination task superficially just for show, but with firm resolve to wipe out the problem totally from the country

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end the internal drug problem. In the process of globalization, the neo-colonial powers of the West enjoying advantage over other nations in science, technology,

goal and policy and unwavering national objectives to the world. As the country is launching the anti-drug drive with full conviction and confidence, all are certain that the drive will

achieve success only if the food, clothing and shelter requirements and basic health, education, economic and social needs of poppy farmers can be fulfilled.

Thanks to the alternative farming projects, the nation has been achieving sustainable progress in her drive, and the success has been acknowledged by the

At the same time, Kokang and Wa regions are putting their goal into practice to eliminate narcotic drugs in respective regions by 2005.

The Government is taking steps to completely wipe out trafficking narcotic drugs in Tachilek, Mya-wady and Kawthoung, which share border with neighbouring nations, after designating

Poppy destroyed from 1 January to 15 September 2004

In the poppy cultivation season, 7,544.72 acres of poppy plantations were destroyed. From 1 January to 15 September 2004, action is taken against 2,883 culprits from 2,070 drug-related cases. In addition, opium, heroin, stimulant drugs, Ephedrine and marijuana were seized.

wealth and progress have the greater opportunity to manipulate and interfere in the affairs of the developing nations like Myanmar.

Some powers of the West are applying various

reach its goal one day.

The comprehensive anti-drug drive also covers a wide array of sectors including the projects to develop border areas and national races, to further cement national



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means to dominate the developing countries, and at the same time, the developing countries like Myanmar are facing their domination attempts. They are putting pressure on Myanmar, with excuses of democracy, human rights, drugs and human trafficking. Myanmar has already declared her firm national

solidarity, to further improve the economy and social standard of the people, and to ensure the spiritual development of the people.

The 15-year plan has been implemented in connection with the New Destiny Project as the task of drug eradication alone cannot bring success. The anti-drug drive will



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international community.

At present the international bodies like World Food Programme are providing assistance for the drive.

The drug elimination tasks have met with success to a greater degree,

these townships to be drugs free zones.

Besides, Myanmar is implementing the bilateral and multilateral agreements signed with her neighbours, regional nations, sub-regional nations and international

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and Myanmar was proud to have declared to the international community that Mongla Region in Shan State (East) had been a narcotic drug free area.

organizations to eradicate narcotic drugs. Myanmar-China, and Myanmar-Thailand and UNODC tripartite agreement was signed in 1992, Myanmar-



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India agreement in 1993, Myanmar-Bangladesh and Myanmar-India agreements in 1994, Myanmar-Laos, Myanmar-Philippines, and Myanmar-Russia agreements in 1997, Myanmar-China, and Myanmar-Thailand stimulant drugs and precursor control agreement in 2001. Myanmar also signed MoUs with such non-governmental organizations as Malteser, AMI, Asian Harm Reduction Network in 2003.

It also cooperated with Artsen-zondir Grenzen (AZG) and Brunet Institute in Australia in 2004.

In addition to these, she is actively participating in ASEAN + China (ACCORD-Plan of Action).

Myanmar will continue to speed up implementation of drugs elimination plans in harness with neighbouring countries, regional nations and international organizations.

She will also continue cooperating with any world nations and international organizations whose views,

outlooks and concepts of drugs eradication are the same as Myanmar's. It is Myanmar's firm belief that all the nations of the world are to make combined efforts in narcotic drugs elimination because it is the concern of all countries.

Myanmar will be moving forwards on her correct path sticking to her plans to be able to annihilate the evil legacy of narcotic drugs with or without foreign assistance.

Narcotic drugs elimination tasks are interrelated with her greater goals such as development of border areas and national races and further strengthening national solidarity.

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