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Chinese Theravada Buddhist monk, disciples present K 125 million

YANGON, 28 Sept — Under the patronage of Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Sobhita, Chinese Theravada Buddhist Monk Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Subhana (Suhsanli) of North Min Si Missionary Monastery in Maesai, Thailand, and lay persons presented K 125 million religious affairs in Myanmar today. The ceremony held at Five Nikayas Pitaka Thonebon Sarthintaik in Dagon Myothit (South), Yangon East District, was attended by Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, DawKhin Than Nwe, widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, the wives of members of State Peace and Development Council, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of (See page 8)



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, offers alms to Chinese Theravada Buddhist Monk Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Subhana (Suhsanli). — MNA

Shwehtidaw hoisted atop Maha Sakkja Muni Buddha Image Gandakuti Tazaung of Kyaunggyi Taik Monastery



Daw Kyaing Kyaing sprinkles scented water on Seinbudaw (Diamond Orb) to be hoisted atop Maha Sakkja Muni Buddha Image Gandakuti Tazaung. — MNA

YANGON, 28 Sept — Under the patronage of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, a ceremony to hoist Shwehtidaw atop the Gandakuti Tazaung housing the Maha Sakkja Muni Buddha Image in Kyaunggyi Taik Monastery in Kyimyindine Township was held at the monastery today. The ceremony was held in conjunction with the sharing of merits for donating a new building for the presiding monk of the monastery. The building was donated by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family. The Gandakuti Tazaung was built with cash contributed by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and wellwishers.

The ceremony was attended by members of the Sangha led by Vice-Chairmen Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Aungmyaybonsan Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maharatha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Pañinda Bhivamsa and Sayadaw of Jotikayon Monastery in Pyay Agga

Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Kundala Joti, Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and family, Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Daw Khin Than Nwe, widow of

Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, wives of

the members of the State Peace and Development Council, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, the ministers, the Yangon Mayor, wives of senior military officers, the deputy ministers, departmental heads, social organizations, members of religious associations, wellwishers and people.

At the ceremony, Head of Yangon Division Religious Affairs Department U San Thin Hlaing read out the agenda.

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Wellwishers donate K 177,192,000 for Maha Sakkja Muni Buddha Image Gandakuti Tazaung of Kyaunggyi Taik Monastery in Kyimyindine Township.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Taninthayi Division to be State's edible oil bowl

The State Peace and Development Council, in a bid to implement nation-building tasks, has been enlisting the might of the entire people, while fulfilling all their necessary requirements.

In the process, the government is polishing the private sector for proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system at home. Being blessed with natural resources in abundance and with a temperate climate, the Union of Myanmar relies on the agricultural field.

The nation has placed emphasis on development of the agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors, boosting export and raising the State's economy. Now, the nation has achieved success in growing perennial crops such as tea, coffee, rubber and oil palm.

Oil palm farming is, indeed, a prudent investment from which the investors can make an excellent profit and the nation can gain much benefit in the long run. The nation pays a serious attention to boosting production of edible oil crops to cover local consumption and to be able to reduce import of edible oil.

Now, the area of oil palm farms of companies and local people stands at over 100,000 acres in the nation. Taninthayi Division runs oil palm farming and it has been making sustainable efforts to hit the target of 500,000 acres of oil palms in it since 1999 with a view to ensuring local edible oil sufficiency and exporting the surplus. More national oil palm entrepreneurs have been provided with land allotments. Therefore, the Division will definitely be the nation's edible oil bowl before long.

Moreover, the Division is rich in terrestrial and marine resources and it can make remarkable contributions towards regional progress as well as the State's economy.

If the Division makes integrated endeavours with added momentum through coordination adhering to laws, rules and regulations adopted by the State in doing business, it will be able to benefit the region and the nation to a greater degree.

Oil palm farming thrives in Kawthoung Region. Hence, the local entrepreneurs are to expand the horizon of the agricultural industry in the interests of their own and the nation. By doing so, it can elevate the State's economy to an extent and create more job opportunities for locals.

Upholding the motto "Taninthayi Division must be State's edible oil bowl", the entrepreneurs and local farmers are to make efforts in concert to achieve greater success in oil palm farming in their interests and their mother land's.

MPT introduces Security Code Numbering system

YANGON, 28 Sept—Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications has introduced the Code Numbering System for subscribers in order to prevent others from using illicit extensions of the telephones in Yangon City. The caller is to use the code number which will be provided by the Auto Exchange concerned. The new security system will affect the out-going calls when the phone is not in use, but the in-coming calls will not be affected.

The subscribers may contact the Auto Exchange concerned in person or through their representatives producing the Citizenship Scrutiny Cards.

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People's Desire

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



Wellwishers presenting donations to the Shwedagon Pagoda through an official of the pagoda board of trustees. — MNA

Gold plates, Shwethingan, cash donated to Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 28 Sept—The Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees organized the 444th presenting of gold plates, Shwethingan (robes) and cash donations to the pagoda at the ancient Buddha images Tazaung (prayer hall) of the pagoda this afternoon.

Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Ovadacariya of the pagoda board of trustees Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Gandhamabhivamsa of Phetpin-ai Pariyatti Monastery in Thingangyun Township graced the occasion by his presence. A total of 539 wellwishers presented the donations worth K 14,431,290 to the pagoda through officials. — MNA



On behalf of the Ministry of Transport women's football team, Chief Coach U Win Sein hands over the trophy for Yangon Division Women's Sports Federation Patron's Trophy women's soccer tournament (open division) to Managing Director U Soe Tint on 28-9-2004. — MNA

Course on money laundering control opens



Director-General U Win Kyi addressing the course on money laundering control. — MNA

YANGON, 28 Sept—Course on money laundering control organized by Settlement and Land Records Department, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was opened at the meeting hall of SLRD (Head Office) this morn-

ing, with an address by Director-General U Win Kyi of SLRD.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Director-General U Win Tun Ni and directors, Police Colonel Sit Aye of CCDAC, leader of Investigation

Body (International Relations) and officials, trainees and others.

At the training Police Colonel Sit Aye explained measures being taken on the Law. The course will continue tomorrow.

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Han Golf Masters Tour



U Kyaw Min Min Lat presents the trophy for aged 8-10 age group to Zue Lin Ngwe. — MGF

YANGON, 28 Sept—The sixth Han Golf Masters Junior Golf Championship sponsored by Myanmar Golf Federation concluded at Myanmar Golf Club, 9th-mile on Pyay road, here, this afternoon. It was attended by President of MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Rtd) and guests. After the contest, Manager U Aung Tun Oo of Srixon Brand presented consolation prize to Phone Pyi Chan Han, Director U Aung Hla Han of Wilson gave away first prize to Swan Thiha Aung in Wilson Putting Challenge, General Manager U Thant of Pan-West (Myanmar) presented first, second, third, fourth prizes to winners in under-18 event, U Kyaw Min Min Lat of Thaik Diamond Shop first, second, third and fourth and fifth prizes to winners in Age 8-10 level event, Vice-President of Myanmar Golf Club U Myo Thein first, second, third, fourth and fifth prizes to winners in Age 11-12 level event.

General Secretary U Aung Kyi of MGF presented first, second, third, fourth and fifth prizes to winners in Age 13-14 level event. President of MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Rtd) gave away first, second, third, fourth and fifth prizes to winners in Age 15-17 level event. The tournament was mainly sponsored by Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd and also co-sponsored by Pan-West (Myanmar) Co Ltd, Thaik Diamond Shop, Wilson, Srixon, Mya Yeik Nyo Golf Driving Range, Alpine Drinking Water, Star Ice-Cream and Myanmar Golf Club. —MNA



Winners announced

YANGON, 28 Sept — Winners of the article competition to mark the International Year of Rice 2004 were announced today by the Work Committee for holding of the International Year of Rice 2004.

Daw Khin Ohn Myint (Khin Ohn Myint-Taunggyi), U Kyaw Zaw Lin (Kyaw Zaw Lin-Magway) and U Thet Aye (Maung Thet Aye-Gitakabyar) won first, second and third prizes respectively in the competition. Consolation prize winners are Daw Nan Tin Yi (Tekkatho Nan Phyu Phyu Tun), Ma Chaw Ye (Ma Chaw Yin-Mohnyin) and U Tin Tun Ohn (Mann Chaint Pha Lay). — MNA

1,049 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

BAGHDAD, 27 Sept—As of Monday, 27 September, 2004, 1,049 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 799 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, 911 US military members have died 690 as a result of hostile action and 221 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers as

of Monday.

The latest deaths reported by US Central Command: Two US soldiers were killed Monday near Balad, north of the capital. The first died in a car crash and the second was killed when a patrol came under fire as it returned from the crash, the military said.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defence:

Army Spc Robert Oliver Unruh, 25, Tucson, Ariz; died Saturday when his unit came under attack in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to the 44th Engineer Battalion, Camp Howze, Korea.

Army Spc Clifford L Moxley, Jr, 51, New Castle, Pa; died Saturday of non-combat related injuries in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to the Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 103rd Armor Regiment, Berwick, Pa.

Army Spc David W Johnson, 37, Portland, Ore; died Saturday when an explosive detonated near his vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq; assigned to the Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 162nd Infantry Regiment, Cottage Grove, Ore.—Internet



US Army soldiers guard a rooftop stronghold in the Sadr City section of Baghdad, on 23 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

Egyptian, Iranian hostages freed in Iraq

CAIRO, 27 Sept—An Egyptian engineer working with a telecommunications company who was kidnapped in Iraq last week was freed today, Egypt's Middle East News Agency reported.

Alaa Muqar was among six Egyptian nationals abducted by gunmen in Iraq on Wednesday and Thursday.

The semi-official agency said two Iraqis also kidnapped with the Egyptians were freed.

The report said the five remaining Egyptians would be freed. It did not say when.

Meanwhile, a kidnapped Iranian dip-

lomat has been released after more than a month in captivity, the Iranian Embassy said today.

Faridoun Jihani, the Iranian consul in Karbala, was seized while travelling between Baghdad and Karbala in early August. He arrived at the embassy this afternoon, an embassy official said on condition of anonymity. No further details were disclosed.—Internet

China for peace in its neighbourhood

BEIJING, 27 Sept—China cherishes a good international and surrounding environment for the country's modernization drive but will not tolerate any subversive activities by foreign forces in Taiwan affairs, said a major policy document of the Communist Party (CPC) released on Sunday.

The party will adhere to the independent foreign policy of peace and constantly improve its ability to handle international affairs so as to create a good international and surrounding environment for China's modernization drive, the document said quoting a decision adopted at Fourth Plenum of the CPC Central Committee. It also said the CPC would crush any conspiracy aimed at separating Taiwan from China and safe-

guard national sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The plenum had appointed Chinese President and CPC general secretary, Hu Jintao to the powerful post of Chairman of the Central Military Commission after Jiang Zemin resigned.

The party will improve its ability to judge international situation, unwaveringly implement the set foreign policy and constantly enhance its capability of carrying out

exchanges with the international community, the document said.

Facing the new situation characterized by the interweaving of traditional and non-traditional threat to security, "we should enhance the sense of state security, improve the strategy of state security, and spare no time to establish a scientific, well-coordinated and highly efficient work mechanism to maintain state security," it said.

MNA/PTI

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Two US soldiers killed in Fallujah

BAGHDAD, 27 Sept — Two US 1st Infantry Division soldiers were killed in separate incidents today near Baghdad, Iraq, the US military said, and three Iraqi soldiers were killed by a suicide bomber near the guerilla-held city of Fallujah.

Violence also raged around eastern Baghdad's Sadr City slum, with US air strikes hitting "several enemy positions" in the area, and killing four suspected fighters, the US military said. The area is home to as many as two million people and a stronghold of the anti-US Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr.

US Secretary of State Colin Powell said yesterday that Iraqi elections scheduled for January would go forward even if guerillas prevent some voters from casting ballots. Iraq's Prime Minister Ayad Allawi told a joint meeting of the US Congress on 23 September that his interim government would hold elections on time and throughout the country.

World leaders including United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan and Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Zapatero Rodriguez have said they doubt a legitimate vote can be taken under the current timetable.

US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has said areas in the so-called Sunni Triangle, such as Fallujah, and Sadr City, must be pacified through negotiation or force before the elections.

One 1st Infantry Division soldier was killed when a US patrol came under small-arms fire this morning in Balad, about 40 miles (64 kilometres) north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad. The patrol returned fire, the statement said, without disclosing additional information.

A second soldier was killed in the same area when a US military patrol vehicle swerved to avoid an Iraqi truck that was being driven erratically. Two soldiers were injured, and one died later from his injuries, the statement said. Outside Fallujah, a suicide car bomber attacked a checkpoint, killing three Iraqi National Guard soldiers, the Associated Press reported.

Internet

Russian PM hails Chinese counterpart's visit

Moscow, 27 Sept—Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov on Saturday hailed Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's visit to his country as a great success, saying his meeting with Wen on Friday was "very fruitful". During a meeting with President of the Xinhua

news agency Tian Congming on Saturday, Fradkov spoke highly of Premier Wen's official visit to Russia between 23 and 25 September.

Both the Russian and Chinese sides are very satisfied with the visit, Fradkov said, adding that

he hoped the ITAR-TASS news agency and Xinhua will continuously strengthen their friendly and cooperative relations and promote the development of the strategic partnership of cooperation between the two countries.

MNA/Xinhua



US Marines from the 1st Expeditionary Unit patrol along the Iraqi-Syrian border on 25 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Iraq's gloom overshadows yearly meeting of Blair's party

RIGHTON, 27 Sept— The annual conference of the Labour Party of Prime Minister Tony Blair opened here on Monday under the pall of the war in Iraq as the fate of a British hostage, Ken Bigley, remained uncertain, and family members and British Muslims made new appeals for his release.

Mr. Blair had hoped to use the Labour gathering at this seaside resort on Britain's south coast as the platform from which to lead the party into a record-setting third term when elections are called as early as next May. He had hoped to shift the national debate away from the war and onto domestic goals for education, national health care and jobs.

But 11 days of hostage coverage - now centered on Mr Bigley after the two American colleagues kidnapped with him were killed - has proved politically corrosive for Mr Blair and his party.

Even the Conservative Party opposition leader, Michael Howard, observed in a BBC interview last week, "I feel for Mr Blair."

Tory-leaning newspapers, however, were less sympathetic.

Writing in *The Sunday Telegraph*, Matthew d'Ancona pointed out that "for the third successive year, the war and the resentments it has sown will curl through the conference chamber like the smell of cordite."

The commentary added that while most Britons believe that Mr Blair cannot surrender to the demands of kidnappers, Mr Bigley's plight nevertheless highlights a deepening sense of national discontent.

"When they see Mr Bigley, bowed, broken and lost, they see a British civilian who - in their eyes - has paid a terrible price for the prime minister's" alliance with President Bush, it said.

Internet



Fadil Abbas, a construction worker, looks at the damage caused to a house after a mortar landed on it near Palestine Street in Baghdad, on 27 Sept, 2004. The mortars targeted a nearby military establishment.—INTERNET

Singh allays fears about reforms; encouraged more FDI

NEW YORK, 27 Sept — Setting at rest fears of any derailing of reforms, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Saturday proposed an Indo-American CEO group to raise foreign direct investment (FDI) flows to 10 billion dollars annually.

"To my mind there should be no doubt at all about the fact that the economic reforms are going to continue and that this is a process which is irreversible," Singh told a news conference at the conclusion of his week-long visit to London and New York.

Stressing that his discussions with Indo-American CEOs were "very productive, Singh proposed that they should establish a group which could make recommendations on what we should do to achieve "our objective of FDI inflows of 10 billion dollars annually".

Singh at his meeting

with 17 top American CEOs at the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) on 22 September had said India would be requiring 150 billion dollars in the next 4-5 years for infrastructure development.

Singh's assertion on economic reforms and raising FDI flows came amidst stiff opposition from left parties to the proposal to raise sectoral caps on FDI in telecom, insurance and civil aviation to attract more foreign investment.

Asserting that there are new opportunities to strengthen Indian-American economic relationship, Singh said he saw his meet-

ing with US CEOs at the NYSE as an opportunity to emphasize India's credentials as a very attractive investment destination.

"My discussions with Indian-American CEOs yesterday were also very productive in terms of ideas to give a more positive orientation to our plans for reforms and growth," Singh said.

The Prime Minister said he also had an impressive interactive session with a group of CEOs and economic writers in London in which "we addressed all their concerns about economic reforms".—MNA/PTI

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Foreigners taken hostage in Iraq tops 140

BAGHDAD, 27 Sept—Guerillas in Iraq have kidnapped more than 140 foreigners in their campaign to drive out coalition forces and hamper reconstruction:

—Six Egyptians. Two workers for Iraq's mobile phone company abducted by gunmen 24 September from an office in Baghdad; four other company employees kidnapped outside the capital.

—Ten Turkish employees of the construction company vision. Kidnapping reported in a video broadcast 18 September and attributed to the Salafist Brigades of Abu Bakr al-Siddiq. The Ankara-based company said 21 September that it was freezing operations in hopes of saving the workers.

—Three Lebanese travel agency workers, Fadi Munir Yassin, Cherbal Karam Haj and Aram Nalbandian. Kid-

napped 17 September between Baghdad and Fallujah.

—British engineer Kenneth Bigley. Kidnapped in Baghdad on 16 September along with two Americans working for Gulf Services Co of the United Arab Emirates.

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

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

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

China emerges as major role in int'l civil aviation

OTTAWA, 27 Sept— China has emerged as one of the major countries of air transportation in world and its role in international civil aviation is increasing, said Assad Kotaite, President of International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO).

In an interview with *Xinhua* on Friday, Kotaite said ICAO appreciated the efforts made by China through the year in the development of air transportation. Now China has become a major country in air transport in the world.

He said China has made progress in implementing the standards of ICAO in ensuring safety and security of civil aviation both internationally and domestically through the airlines of China.

Speaking about the China's role in the ICAO,

Kotaite said, China joined the ICAO in 1974, China is also a member of the ICAO council. China has played very important and cooperative role in the organization.

He said at the forthcoming 35th session of the ICAO assembly, China will become the 11th member of first category in the council which represent great importance in international civil aviation.

He said the cooperation of China is not only within the ICAO council, but also in other areas.

"We have established a number of groups of experts and China is a member of some groups. In these groups China always provides executive ideas," he added.

Kotaite particularly mentioned China's cooperation in the establishment of the polar routes which are in good operation and beneficial to airlines of a number of countries.

Delegates from 188 member states and regions will participate in the 35th Session of ICAO Assembly.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers come out after checking a house near the Italian Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq, after mortars exploded near it, on 24 Sept, 2004.—INTERNET

Bush's assertions about progress in Iraq in dispute

CRAWFORD (Texas), 27 Sept—Many of President George W Bush's assertions about progress in Iraq — from police training and reconstruction to preparations for January elections — are in dispute, according to internal Pentagon documents, lawmakers and key congressional aides on Sunday.

Bush used the visit last week by interim Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi to make the case that "steady progress" is being made in Iraq to counter warnings by his Democratic presidential rival, Senator John Kerry, that the situation in reality is deteriorating.

Bush touted preparations for national elections in January, saying Iraq's electoral commission is up and running and told Americans on Saturday that "United Nations electoral advisers are on the ground in Iraq".

He said nearly 100,000 "fully trained and equipped" Iraqi soldiers, police officers and other security personnel are already at work, and that would rise to 125,000 by the end of this year.

And he promised more than nine billion US dollars will be spent on reconstruction contracts in Iraq over the next several months.

But many of these assertions have met with skepticism from key lawmakers, congressional aides and experts, and Pentagon documents, given to lawmakers and obtained by *Reuters*, paint a more complicated picture.

The documents show that of the nearly 90,000 currently in the police force, only 8,169 have had the full eight-week academy training. Another 46,176 are listed as "untrained", and it will be July 2006 before the administration reaches its new goal of a 135,000-strong, fully trained police force.

Six Army battalions have had "ini-

tial training", while 57 National Guard battalions, 896 soldiers in each, are still being recruited or "awaiting equipment", just eight Guard battalions have reached "initial (operating) capability," and the Pentagon acknowledged the Guard's performance has been "uneven".

Training has yet to begin for the 4,800-man civil intervention force, which will help counter a deadly insurgency. And none of the 18,000 border enforcement guards have received any centralized training to date, despite earlier claims they had, according to Democrats on the US House of Representatives Appropriations Committee.

They estimated that 22,700 Iraqi personnel have received enough basic training to make them "minimally effective at their tasks", in contrast to the 100,000 figure cited by Bush.

"Let me tell you exactly what the story is. They're saying they're trying to train them, yet they have not trained," Senator Joseph Biden, the ranking Democrat on the US Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said on CNN.

The White House defended its figures, and a senior administration official defined "fully trained" as having gone through "initial basic operations training." General John Abizaid, head of US Central Command that covers Iraq, told NBC's "Meet the Press" that the number of trained Iraqi forces "will continue to grow".

MNA/Reuters

Philippine economic zone and industrial park exports rise

MANILA, 27 Sept— Exports of the Philippine and foreign companies operating in state-owned economic zones and private-owned industrial parks jumped by 22.5 per cent to 21.62 billion US dollars in the first eight months this year, said the Department of Trade and Industry on Sunday.

This figure is much higher than the 16.18 billion US dollars registered in the same period last year.

Philippine Economic

Zone Authority (PEZA) Director-General Lilia de Lima said the strong shipments of electronics and semi-conductor companies pushed the

earnings of companies inside the economic zones and industrial parks during the January-August period.

MNA/Xinhua



Two US military Humvees burn after a car bomb exploded in al-Mansour neighbourhood of Baghdad, on 22 Sept, 2004. Eyewitnesses said that US soldiers were injured in the attack. — INTERNET

Iraq debt top issue on G-7 meeting agenda

PARIS, 28 Sept — Finance chiefs from leading industrialized countries must bridge a transatlantic rift over how much of Iraq's foreign debt to write-off if they are to make progress towards a deal at a meeting this week.

Iraqi debt is a top issue on the agenda at Friday's meeting in Washington of finance ministers and central bankers from the Group of Seven (G-7) rich nations — the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada.

The finance chiefs have their work cut out.

"To say there is deadlock is to exaggerate a little," said one European official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

"There are differences of opinion. But people are working with the intention of doing something before the end of the year."

The International Monetary Fund puts Iraq's total pre-war debt at 120 billion US dollars, some 40 billion US dollars of which is debt and arrears to the Paris Club of 19 industrialised nations, of which all the G-7 countries are members.

The United States

and Canada want industrialized countries to agree to a 90-95 per cent write-off of Iraqi debts to them, a G-7 source said. The United States is only the fifth-biggest creditor nation, surpassed by Japan, Russia, France and Germany. France, which opposed the US-led war in Iraq together with Russia and Germany, is insisting that a 50-per cent write-off is the most that should be offered in the first instance.

MNA/Reuters



Basra's oil refinery in southern Iraq.—INTERNET

OPEC official stresses need to set acceptable oil price band

ABU DHABI, 27 Sept— An official from the Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) said on Sunday that an acceptable oil price band possibly ranging from 30 to 35 US dollars a barrel could be the solution to the problem of huge speculative hikes in oil prices.

Adnan Shihab Eldin, the director of the OPEC's Research Division, made the remarks in a speech at an energy conference entitled "Gulf Oil and Gas Sector — Potential and Constraints."

He stressed the need to figure out a price band that would be acceptable both to producing and consumer countries, adding that an OPEC technical committee was studying the issue.

Talking of the OPEC's role in a globalized world energy market, Adnan said that the OPEC would be the pivot for stability in the oil market as its members prepare to invest in increasing their spare capacity to meet rising global demand.

The key to securing sufficient investment in creating spare production capacity is to maintain market stability and reasonable prices, he said.

He said that following a period of relatively stable prices between 2000 and 2003, this year has witnessed very high oil prices despite adequate supply.

He said he believes that oil prices would come down sooner or later and dismissed fears of further hikes in prices.

High oil prices would be felt most painfully in giant emerging Asian countries like China and India, as well as in Latin America and Africa, where demand for oil and gas is likely to rise substantially in the coming years, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Norway's shipping status declines

STOCKHOLM, 27 Sept — Norway has fallen from third to fifth place on the Institute of Shipping Economics and Logistics (ISL) ranking list of shipping nations, and it is the only one of the top ten seafaring nations to report a decline in the size of its fleet, a Norwegian web site reported on Saturday.

Bremen-based ISL is considered the final authority in world shipping statistics. Norway's fleet has been reduced by 13.8 measured in tonnage and has been passed by Germany and China. The world shipping leader is Greece, followed by Japan, Germany, China and Norway.

Marianne Lie, president of the Norwegian Shipowners' Association (NSA), said that the uncertain regulatory framework in Norway could mean continuing decline in the industry.

MNA/Xinhua

Blair admits mistakes in run-up to Iraq war

LONDON, 27 Sept — British Prime Minister on Sunday admitted mistakes in the run-up to the US-led war against Iraq.

"The intelligence that we had that he had actual deployable weapons has turned out to be wrong...Some of the information that we acted upon was wrong," Blair said in an interview with the BBC.

Blair, the staunchest US ally on Iraq, still insisted that to withdraw troops from Iraq would be to "surrender" to terrorists and denied there had been poor planning for the post-war situation in Iraq.

However, he said the degree to which terrorists from outside the country had moved in had surprised everybody.

Blair's comments came amid fears for Briton Ken Bigley, held hostage in Iraq by militants who have demanded the release of all women held in the US-run jails in the country.

The abduction of Bigley by militants who have killed Bigley's two American colleagues, in addition to the ongoing violence in Iraq and the lack of evidence of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, has put new pressure on Blair.

Two new polls have suggested public support for Blair's ruling Labour Party draining away, with one survey putting the party in third place for the first time in more than 20 years. — MNA/Xinhua

CPC stresses importance of governance capability

BEIJING, 27 Sept — The Communist Party of China (CPC) has conceded that it needs to enhance governance capability to consolidate its ruling status and meet domestic and global challenges.

Vigorously enhancing the Party's governing capabilities is "a major strategic subject with a bearing on the success of China's socialist cause, the future and destiny of the Chinese nation, the life and death of the Party, as well as the lasting stability and prosperity of the country," says a Party document published here on Sunday. The 36-page CPC Central Committee Decision on the Enhancement of the Party's Governance Capability was adopted at the Fourth Plenum of the 16th CPC Central Committee, held in Beijing from 16 to 19 September.

"It was history and the people that chose our Party as the ruling party," says the document. "And it was to meet the requirements of the times and the people that the Party should enhance its governance capability".

The party's governance capability refers to its ability to "put forth correct theories, guidelines, principles, policies and tactics, lead in the formulation and enforcement of the Constitution and laws, adopt a scientific system and mode of leadership, mobilize and organize the people to manage state and social affairs, economic and cultural undertakings according to law, effectively run the Party, the state and the military, and build a modernized socialist country," the document elaborates. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi woman leaves a damaged house, following fresh clashes between the US Army and the militia of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr in the mostly Shiite populated district of Sadr City in Baghdad, on 27 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET



Local residents gather around a car damaged in a US airstrike in Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, on 27 Sept. — INTERNET

British police arrest suspect over letter bombs

LONDON, 26 Sept — A man who has been hunted over a series of letter bombs posted to homes across England was arrested Saturday morning and is being questioned.

A total of 33 improvised explosive devices have been posted since 3 and 4 September to addressees in a number of locations across England including Blackpool in northwestern England and Luton nearby London. A nationwide alert was then issued.

Police then soon named Justin McAuliffe, aged 32 and unemployed, as the suspected letter bomber. But McAuliffe went missing from his flat in Bedford, central England on 4 September.

MNA/Xinhua

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Media reports two Italian hostages in good health

ROME, 27 Sept — A Kuwaiti paper said that the two kidnapped Italian aid workers in Iraq were in good health and being treated well by their kidnappers, Italian news agency ANSA reported on Sunday.

The *Al Ray Al-Aam*, Kuwait's top newspaper, said the kidnappers would not release the women Simona Pari and Simona Torretta, until Italian troops were withdrawn from Iraq.

The daily said it had been told by its sources that "all mediation at-

tempts will be rejected unless Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi's government respects the kidnappers' request for the complete withdrawal of Italian forces from Iraqi territory."

"They are determined not to free them until their demand has

been met," it said.

It also said two Iraqi aid workers kidnapped along with the Italians were being used as interpreters.

The paper denied recent claims that the two had been or were about to be killed.

It said its sources had confirmed that the two women had been kidnapped in order to "send a clear message to the Italian people and the Silvio Berlusconi government: that the Iraqi people denounces the sending of Italian troops to Iraq and calls for the courageous decision to withdraw them, like the Spanish Government which pulled its troops out in order to retain its friendly ties with the Iraqi people."

Italy has some 3,000 troops serving in Iraq and Berlusconi has repeatedly said that they will remain there for as long as the government considers necessary. — MNA/Xinhua

Pakistani media welcomes Singh-Musharraf talks

ISLAMABAD, 27 Sept — Observing that the talks between Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf in New York had "gone off well", Pakistani media on Sunday welcomed the absence of "barbs and rancour" in the meeting and said it should provide a fillip to the composite dialogue.

"The two leaders met in an atmosphere of goodwill and cordiality which speaks volumes about their commitment to a political settlement of their disputes. Missing were the barbs and the rancour that normally characterise such encounters between the two countries. Equally significant were the gestures and the body language of the two leaders," local daily *Dawn* said.

Acknowledging that the meeting had "gone off well," *The Nation* said in its editorial that "the pre-talks signals emanating from both sides had indicated they were determined to make the parleys successful. While leaving for New York, both the leaders had promised to give impetus to the peace process."

It said the joint statement revealed that "both sides have withdrawn, at least for the time being, from their stated stands on some of the issues. In its editorial *The News* cautioned about entertaining undue hopes due to "complicated nature" of the issues between India and Pakistan. *Dawn* said Pakistan "has stopped demanding a settlement on the basis of the UN resolutions which are now outdated and cannot be implemented to the advantage of Pakistan. — MNA/PTI

Schroeder to cancel visit to Libya

BERLIN, 27 Sept — German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder will cancel a visit to Libya next month if Tripoli fails to honour a deal to pay compensation to the victims of a 1986 disco bombing, a government spokesman said on Saturday.

Schroeder will meet Libyan leader Moammar Kadafi as scheduled on October 15 only if a first tranche of compensation is paid by then, the spokesman said. He added that Berlin was confident it would be paid.

The one-day visit was announced after Libya agreed in August to pay 35 million US dollars to more than 160 victims of the bombing of the La Belle night club in Berlin. Under the agreement, a first payment of 15 million US dollars had been due by 8 September.

MNA/Reuters

For whom does the US extend its economic sanctions on Myanmar?

Aung Moe San

The extension of another one year to the economic sanctions on Myanmar by the Bush's administration was only for the benefits of their Americans, not for the human rights and democratic process in Myanmar. In particular, it was just an attempt designed for the US government to obtain political gain, to hold sway over Myanmar, and to win the support of American voters for the US president and congressmen. There is nothing to be gained from such US's one-sided economic sanction, which ASEAN countries and almost every Asian nation find unacceptable.

In the Cold War period during which there existed only the East Bloc and the West Bloc in the world, the successive US governments followed the policies that condemned communist countries of the East Bloc. On the other hand, they exported millions of tons of grain to those countries annually. There also thrived a practice of the transfer and sale of technologies that could not be used for military purpose.

Beginning the 1970s, the socialist countries in the Europe and the Asia had been faced with the economic and political downturn, becoming no match for capitalist countries. Upon realizing the situation with their own sense, they tried to reform at the close of the 1970s and in the 1980s. It is obvious that these changes had nothing to do with the frequent economic sanctions imposed by the US and the West bloc. These changes occurred on account of the domestic need of the countries involved. Naturally, the peaceful coexistence between the capitalist group and the socialist group gave rise to these reforms.

At a time when the world's developing countries turn to the market economy and democracy, the foreign policy most suitable for the US to adopt should be something similar to the Marshal Plan that helped countries rise from the ashes in the post-WWII period. With the resurgent economy, war-ravaged countries of the west Europe at that time could establish and develop the market economy of the capitalist system and democracy. Later on, the US however lost its ability to win the victory over the world war and to help war-torn countries. After waging a regional war like the one in Vietnam, successive of US governments have become ones that have to tackle annual budget deficits. For this reason, the US governments have come to exercise 'the foreign policy that focuses on human rights and democratic reforms', which does not cost as much as Marshal Plan. This policy is in fact an impetus to the superficial political reform that lacks the potential for developing the basic economic production forces. It is just an ultra democratic reform that is totally against the Marshal Plan.

This US foreign policy is capable of making American voters and the international community to be under the illusion that the US government is the saviour or the champion of democracy. In real-

ity, it is just an attempt made by the US to seek their vested interests with a coating of human rights and democratic reform.

When compared with the People's Republic of China, the countries of the East bloc that are in support of the US foreign policy, have not seen economic upswing and higher living standard so far to this day.

Although the mainland China that is in the process of establishing a socialist market economy under the auspices of the Communist Party is against the US policy, the US government is taking measures for the promotion of cooperation in economy and trade with China, which still benefits them. A close examination will paint a picture that the US prioritizes only their interests.

Today's history bears no resemblance to the 19th century when England alone took the lead in the world's capitalist system nor to the 20th century when the US alone held the lead in the world's capitalist system. There in the capitalist world's market today

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has surfaced a tripartite competition. They are:

- (1) US-led Latin American countries,
- (2) European Union, and
- (3) Japan-led new industrial nations (South Korea), ASEAN and Chinese bloc.

Unlike in the past, neither England nor the US can monopolize the world's market.

For instance, there arose a great disagreement between the US and the EU as to the sanctions over Cuba. In like manner, the third world's countries like Japan, South Korea, China and ASEAN countries were not at one with the US in respect of the sanctions on Myanmar. Moreover, the matter of the lopsided economic sanction is not in unanimity even in the United States. A 50-strong consortium said that during the 1990-1996, the export of US products to ASEAN increased by 104 percent; that ASEAN was where the US exported their products on a most extensive scale; that US top entrepreneurs came to the region of their own volition; that unilateral lopsided pressure on Myanmar was wrong; that only the constructive relations could bring about changes; and that reforms

would occur only through a process of investment and bilateral relations.

The Bush administration invaded Iraq, the world's second most oil-rich country, with the use of force, on the pretext that there existed a stockpile of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq and that the US security was not safe. Now, it is clear that their excuse is totally false. In fact, they waged an unjust war with the use of force for their own benefits by making such excuses as human rights, democratic reforms and the elimination of despotism. These days, Iraqi people are suffering extremely as if they were locked in hell. How sympathetic!

Therefore, if analysed, the US foreign policy will show:

- (1) that the sanction policy is a wrong foreign policy, is an obstacle to the full-fledged emergence of the 21st century's world market system, and is a poison for human society;
- (2) that the present Bush administration prefers their vested interests to the human rights and the spread of democratic system; and
- (3) the US will avoid any great disagreement with its allies in Asia, just considering their vested interests.

Undaunted efforts are to be made to bring about solidarity among Myanmar nationals, to develop modern human society, and to shape democracy by taking into consideration deeply these matters. A modern and developed democratic country must be established with the might of the entire citizenry in consistence with the seven-point future policy programme. Otherwise, the preference of the imagined democracy that is imported will meet its end like the Burma Communist Party (BCP) did. All in all, the extension of the economic sanctions imposed by the US on Myanmar is not for the benefits of Myanmar people, but in their own vested interests.

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- ၁။ မြောက်အိန္ဒိယတိုက်ကြီးနှင့် ပြည်သူများအထိတ်တလန့်ဖြစ်စေခြင်း၊ မသမာသူများက ရပ်ရွာအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်လုံခြုံရေးကို ထိခိုက်အောင် လုပ်လာနိုင်ခြင်းတို့ကြောင့်မြောက်အိန္ဒိယတိုက်ကြီးကို တားမြစ်သည်။
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Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Shwehtidaw hoisted atop Maha Sakkja...

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The first session of the ceremony was held at the new building of the Presiding Sayadaw. The ceremony was opened with the three-time recitation of Namo Tassa. Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Kondala Joti invested the congregation with the Nine-Precepts.

Next, members of the Sangha recited the

parittas.

Afterwards, Daw Kyaing Kyaing presented Seinbudaw (Diamond Orb) to be fixed atop Gandakuti Tazaung, religious treatises, documents relating to the new building for the Presiding Sayadaw and offertories to Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maharatha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Pañinda Bhivamsa.

Daw Mya Mya San presented Hngetmyatnadaw (Vane) and alms to Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maharatha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Pañinda Bhivamsa.

Daw Khin Than Nwe, Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and wives of the members of the State Peace and Development Council and senior military officers also presented alms to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha.



Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents alms to the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of the SSMNC. — MNA



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, and family presents Seinbudaw (Diamond Orb) to the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. — MNA

Chairman of the Work Committee for Gandakuti Tazaung Construction No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan supplicated the construction work of the Gandakuti Tazaung.

Afterwards, Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maharatha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Pañinda Bhivamsa administered the sermon and the congregation led by Daw Kyaing Kyaing shared

the merits gained.

Shwehtidaw hoisting ceremony followed. Daw Kyaing Kyaing and Daw Mya Mya San conveyed the Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnadaw to decorated carriage. Daw Khin Than Nwe, Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and wives of the members of the State Peace and Development Council, wives of the senior military officers also conveyed parts of the Shwehtidaw to the deco-

rated carriage. Next, they sprinkled scented water on them.

At the auspicious time, Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Daw Mya Mya San and party hoisted the religious objects atop the Gandakuti Tazaung.

On behalf of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing,

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Chinese Theravada Buddhist ...

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Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, the deputy minister for Religious Affairs, Commander of Yangon Station and departmental heads, the chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council and members, officials of departments, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federa-

tion and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, members of social organizations, lay persons of Theravada Chinese Monk Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Subhana (Suhsanli) and guests.

Also present on the occasion were Presiding Sayadaw Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Bhaddanta Silakhandha Bhivamsa and Principal Sayadaw Agga Maha

Pandita Bhaddanta Kalyana of Five Nikayas Pitaka Thonebon Sarthintaik and Sayadaws.

First, Presiding Sayadaw Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Bhaddanta Silakhandha Bhivamsa administered the Nine Precepts. Afterwards, Sayadaws recited Parittas.

Next, Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe pre-



Daw Khin Than Nwe, widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, presents alms to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, presents alms to a Sayadaw. — MNA

sented alms to Presiding Sayadaw of Five Nikayas Pitakad Thonebone Sarthintaik and Donor Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Subhana (Suhsanli). Afterwards, Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, and Daw Khin Than Nwe, widow of

Lt-Gen Tin Oo donated provisions to the Sayadaws.

Later, on behalf of Chinese Monk Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Subhana (Suhsanli), Managing Director of Myanmar Leeco Co Ltd U Han Lin gave away K 100 million for Ponnya Thahaya Daily Soon Offering Association, K 10 million for Pittakataya Nikayi, Missionary Upatamaka Organization and Pokokku

Township Maha Withuta Aletaik Monastery and Nun Sukozhaing donated K 5 million for construction of Yatawgyi Monastery in Yatawgyi Village to Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

On behalf of donors, Managing Director of Myanmar Leeco Co Ltd U Han Lin supplicated on the purpose of donation.

Next, Five Nikayas Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained. — MNA

Respective ministries to lay down master plans...

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of Transport and the Ministry of Cooperatives and CSSTB established various universities and colleges.

In efforts to uplift national education and quality of education sector, all the universities and colleges under the ministries concerned are to draw plans for harmonious development, he said.

He said the government has laid down and is implementing the national education promotion four-year special programme in order to keep abreast of the educational standard of South East Asian countries.

He said accomplishments have been achieved to some extent at the universities and colleges under the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Science and Technology.

He said there are universities and colleges of the respective ministries in states and divisions.

Hence, respective ministries that have established universities and colleges are to lay down master plans for enabling their institutions to be on a par with the education standard of other ASEAN members.

In the drive for local institutions to be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with those of the world nations, officials concerned are to upgrade educational facilities to better ones through exchange of syllabuses, cooperation, study tours and students with universities in international community.

Now, local universities conduct Ph.D courses and the candidates are able to write international standard theses. National and foreign well-experienced scholars are scrutinizing their works. So, such fine traditions are to be maintained, the Prime Minister noted.

Myanmar has been implementing education promotion programmes in basic and higher education sectors, which cover the entire nation including border areas.

Moreover, three "Rs" courses are being conducted across the nation and so the adult literacy rate is rising year by year.

With respect to the national education promotion plans, the Ministry of Education holds conferences annually with those responsible, scholars and teachers from the educational field and makes reviews of previous tasks, coordinates future plans and adopts policies systematically.

Therefore, these ministries are to make efforts to achieve success in education promotion plans sector-wise in accord with the fine traditions.

Different ministries have established relevant universities and colleges the length and breadth of the nation. The education promotion plans are to be harmonious with national education policies and education goals laid down by the State in the whole education sphere

including universities, colleges and basic education schools. In this regard, equal emphasis is to be placed on the tasks for implementation of education policy each.

Now is a time when the entire people are making combined endeavours in putting the State's seven-point policy programme into motion in order to achieve the national goal.

Efforts are to be made from now to ensure the development of the national education sector in conformity with the national education policies until the nation

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has hit its national goal after accomplishing the State's seven-point road map, he urged.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on related ministries to take innovative steps in line with the State's educational aim to be able to keep abreast of the ASEAN members that are in the forefront in the education sector.

Next, those present approved the minutes of the meeting (2/2004) of MEC. Minister U Than Aung reported on construction of ICT foundation, opening of multimedia classrooms and 619 e-education learning centres, use of V-set at the Ministry of Education, installation of wireless video conferencing at universities and ip Star at education colleges, implementation of national education special four-year plans and 30-year long-term education plan and others. Next, educational tasks carried out by University Education Boards Council and University Central Council (1/2004) were reported.

Minister U Than Aung reported that although the rate of women's educational rights and participation in the world is decreasing, Myanmar women's participation in the education sector is very encouraging. Women's participation in the Ministry of Education accounts for 51.93 percent.

Among the students also, the rate of female students is 50.54 percent. The rates of women teachers account for 79.02 % in basic education sector, 81.30 % in high education and 82.55 % in higher education. Next, he reported on the cooperation programme on biological research between Pathien University and National Institute of Technology and Evaluation (NITE) of Japan and research cooperation between Myitkyina University and Tokyo University of Japan. He also presented reports on extension of 23 townships for school enrolment

programme, 96.56 percent of school enrolment in the whole country this year and 97.6 percent of 233 projected townships. Then, those present at the meeting reported on their respective sectors.

Later, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gave concluding remarks, saying that he believed regarding today's discussions, education-related ministries are to continue their exerted efforts for implementation of their respective educational tasks.

To ensure the consolidated future Union, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance that, it is of great importance for development of human resources in the whole country including the border areas. Only all the citizens of the country including the youth are experienced in educational knowledge and high-minded, will they become the good qualified ones. Only then can they build a developed nation and defend it. To keep abreast of some ASEAN countries that are at



Minister U Than Aung presenting a report. — MNA

the forefront of education area, Myanmar is striving its utmost and now success has been achieved to a certain degree. So, continued efforts are to be made for equitable educational development of all universities and colleges under the ministry. Universities and colleges, for their part, are needed to make plans for fulfilment of international set standard multimedia equipment and other electronic gadgets.

Measures are to be taken for continuation of school enrolment programme and class-wise educational tests being carried out by the Ministry of Education. Moreover, more further study courses for those who completed the 3 R's courses are to be opened, he added. At the same time, it is necessary to continue plans for opening of village self-reliant libraries which are being undertaken by the Ministry of Information. Later, the Prime Minister stressed the importance of cooperation of education-related ministries for realization of national education goals.

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Leading Committee for organizing 26th meeting of ASEAN ministers and senior officials meeting held

YANGON, 28 Sept — The second meeting of the leading committee for organizing the 26th meeting of ASEAN agriculture and forestry

ministers and senior officials and the 4th meeting of ASEAN+3 East Asian dialogue partners was held at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at 10 am today.

It was attended by Minister for Agriculture

and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, the deputy ministers for Agriculture and Irrigation, for Home

Affairs, for Transport, for Health and for Information, directors-general and managing directors.

After the discussions, the meeting ended with concluding remarks by Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspect Yangon International Airport. — H & T

Ministers inspect Yangon Airport

YANGON, 28 Sept — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected Yangon International Airport yesterday evening.

The two ministers were welcomed by Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Myo Tint of the Transport Ministry, the directors-general and officers of the

ministries concerned and inspected the restoration task to maintain arts and handicrafts from airport restaurant, arrival and departure of the tourists in

the airport and running of duty free shops. Officials concerned reported on the tasks and the ministers gave necessary instructions. — MNA

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated

* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered

* Do not be softened whenever appeased

Thaphanseik Dam ...

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health, education, economic and social sectors. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo gave a supplementary report.

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended to the requirements, speaking of the need to grow crops as targeted, to supply adequate amount of water for drinking, and to conserve the watershed areas of the dam. He cordially greeted the local people.

The North Yama Dam is 65 feet high and 10,400 feet long. The earth dam was built in fiscal 1995-96 by the Irrigation Department to irrigate 18,000 acres of crops in Pale and Yinnabin townships, and to supply drinking water for the region. In 2004-2005 cultivation season, the dam irrigated 10,620 acres of crops.

After having an aerial view of the support dam project in Pale Township and the site to build Hline Creek Dam, the Secretary-2 and party arrived at Thaphanseik Multipurpose Dam Project and were welcomed by Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut and officials. Officials briefed them on the aims of the dam, its location and salient points, annual rainfall in the watershed area, annual crop cultivation, tree growing project in the watershed area, and generating of electricity in Sagaing Division.

Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut briefed them on the power generation



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially meets aged persons in Seikphu-Myaung Model Village in Kanbalu Township. — MNA

capacity of the project and coordinated efforts of the Ministry of EP and the Ministry of A & I to generate electricity and irrigate crops, and Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye on extension of the sown acreage of monsoon and summer paddy in the region, maintenance works, and its links with other dams in the division.

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein urged officials

forests in the watershed area. Thaphanseik Dam is 108 feet high and 22,587 feet long. Built on Mu River near Thaphanseik village, Kyunhla Township, Shwebo District, in the division, the aim of Thaphanseik Dam is to supply water to Kindat diversion dam to irrigate 150,000 acres of crops, to conduct multiple-cropping in 350,000 acres of crop fields located in irrigated

Kanbalu. Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein urged departments and social organizations to make cooperative efforts for progress of their region and all to take part harmoniously in the task to implement the seven-point future policy programme of the State to build a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and deputy ministers looked into the requirements presented by local authorities.

At Seikphu-Myaung Model Village in Kanbalu Township, the Secretary-2 and party visited the rural health centre and provided cash for the aged persons and foodstuff for children of a day care centre. Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein also presented exercise books for the village post-primary school. In Monywa, the Secretary-2 and party paid respects to Shwesigon Pagoda and offered flowers and lights to the Buddha images. The Secretary-2 inspected the renovation of religious buildings and construction of a new one on the pagoda platform. — MNA

Thaphanseik Dam is to supply water to Kindat diversion dam to irrigate 150,000 acres of crops, to conduct multiple-cropping in 350,000 acres of crop fields located in irrigated area of the Kabo Dam and to generate 117.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually.

to put records on the daily, monthly and yearly inflow of water into the dam systematically and to make cooperative efforts with the departments concerned for the durability of the facility and generation of power as targeted. He inspected the power house and power generation of three 10-megawatt turbines, the control room, supplying of water to Kindat diversion dam through its 437-foot spillway, and thriving

area of the Kabo Dam and to generate 117.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity annually.

The dam is irrigating the crops in the Mu river valley round the year. As it is also producing electricity, the facility is helping develop the economy and social standard of the region.

In the afternoon, the Secretary-2 and party met with officials and members of social organizations in

New Nyaungdon oil well produces 5.016 million cu-ft of natural gas, 48 barrels of condensate per day

YANGON, 28 Sept — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, accompanied by officials inspected Nyaungdon oil and natural

gas field in Nyaungdon region, Ayeyawady Division this morning.

At the briefing hall of the field, U Ye Gaung,

Chief Engineer (Exploration) of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, reported on successful drilling of Nyaungdon new

oil well No 23 and production of oil, and Managing Director U San Lwin and officials gave supplementary reports. The minister laid down the plans to drill more new oil wells in the region and other regions that are connected with feasible geological conditions. He next awarded cash to the staff who drilled the well.

The minister inspected oil well No 23 which produces 5.016 million cubic feet of natural gas and 48 barrels of condensate per day. Now, a total of 17 wells of Nyaungdon oil and natural gas field produces 102 million cubic feet of natural gas and 1138 barrels of gas, it is learnt. — MNA



Oil well No 23 produces 5.016 million cubic feet of natural gas and 48 barrels of condensate per day. — ENERGY

ဝန်ထမ်းနှင့်လုပ်သားများအလိုရှိသည့်

၁။ တနင်္သာရီတိုင်း ကောသောင်းမြို့နယ်နှင့်ဘုတ်မြို့နယ်ရှိ ယူဇန ဆီအုန်း စိုက်ပျိုးရေး စီမံကိန်းအတွက် အောက်ပါ ဝန်ထမ်းများနှင့် လုပ်သားများ အလိုရှိသည်။

(က) ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ထမ်းများ (ဆရာဝန်၊ လက်ထောက်ကျန်းမာရေးမှူး၊ နှင့်သူနာပြု)

(ခ) ဆရာဝန် အမ်ဘီဘီအက်စ် (လစာကောင်းမည်) (ဂ) ဦး

(၂) လက်ထောက်ကျန်းမာရေးမှူး/သူနာပြု ဆရာမကြီး

Health Assistant/Green Staff (လစာကောင်းမည်) (၁၀) ဦး

(၃) သူနာပြု အထက်တန်းသူနာပြု

(Blue Staff)/

သူနာပြု (Red Staff)

(လစာကောင်းမည်)

(ခ) ဆရာ/ဆရာမ အခြေခံပညာ

မူလတန်းကျောင်းအတွက် (၆)ဦး

ဘွဲ့ရ(သို့မဟုတ်)

တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်တန်းအောင်

(လစာကောင်းမည်)

(ဂ) မော်တော်ယာဉ်စက်ပြင်/ ကျွမ်းကျင် (၁၀)ဦး

ဘေးဒီ/ဆေးမှုတ် (လစာ=ကျပ် ၇၀၀၀၀)

(ဃ) ယန္တရားစက်ပြင် ကျွမ်းကျင်မှုဆောင်ဆင့် (၅) ဦး

(လစာ=ကျပ်၇၅၀၀၀၊

၆၀၀၀၀၀၇၅၀၀၀၀)

(င) ယန္တရားစက်မောင်း ကျွမ်းကျင် (၁၀)ဦး

(လစာ=ကျပ် ၆၀၀၀၀နှင့်

လုပ်ကိုင်အပေါ်

ထပ်မံခံစားခွင့်ရှိသည်)

(စ) ယာဉ်မောင်း ကျွမ်းကျင် (၁၀)ဦး

(လစာ=ကျပ် ၅၀၀၀၀)

(ဆ) စိုက်ပျိုးရေးဝန်ထမ်း စိုက်ပျိုးရေးဒီပလိုမာ/ဘွဲ့ရ(၁၀၀)ဦး

(လစာကောင်းမည်အတွက်အကြံ

ရှိသူပိုမိုခံစားခွင့်ရှိမည်။)

(ဇ) စိုက်ပျိုးရေးလုပ်သား တောရှင်းခြင်း၊ အပင်စိုက်ပျိုးခြင်း၊

အပင်ထိန်းသိမ်းခြင်းများ လုပ်ကိုင်

နိုင်သူ (၅၀၀၀)ကျော်

(နေ့စာ-တစ်နေ့ ကျပ် ၁၀၀၀၀နှင့်)

၂။ ဆရာဝန်လျှောက်ထားသူများသည် အသက်(၆၀)ထက် မကြီးရ

ကျန်ဝန်ထမ်းနှင့် လုပ်သားလျှောက်ထားသူများသည် အသက် (၄၀)ထက်

မကြီးရ။ နေထိုင်မှုအခမဲ့စီစဉ်ပေးမည်ဖြစ်ပြီး ဆေးဝါးကုသမှု

စရိတ်ကိုလည်း ကုမ္ပဏီက ကျခံပေးမည်။ အလုပ်တာဝန်ခန့်အပ်ရသူ

များသည်ကန့်သတ်စာချုပ် (၂)နှစ်ချုပ်ဆိုရမည်ဖြစ်ပြီး ဆန္ဒရှိပါက

ရာသက်ပန်နေထိုင်လုပ်ကိုင်နိုင်ရန်စီမံပေးသွားမည်။

၃။ အပိုဒ်ခွဲ(၈)မှ(ဆ)အထိ ဝန်ထမ်းများ တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်မှု

တစ်နှစ်ပြည့်ပါက နားရက်(၁)လကို (လစာအပြည့်ဖြင့်) ခွင့်ပြုမည်

ဖြစ်ပြီး တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်မှု (၂)နှစ်ပြည့်ပါက နားရက်(၁)လ (လစာ

အပြည့်) အပြင်ခွင့်ပြုလိုပါက အသွားအပြန်ခရီးစရိတ်ကို ကုမ္ပဏီက

ကျခံပေးမည်။

၄။ အပိုဒ်ခွဲ(၈)မှ စိုက်ပျိုးရေး လုပ်သားများ တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်မှု

(၂)နှစ်ပြည့်ပါက ဆုငွေ ကျပ် ၃၀၀၀၀ ချီးမြှင့်ပေးမည်ဖြစ်ပြီး ခွင့်ပြု

လိုပါက အပြန်ခရီးစရိတ်ကို ကုမ္ပဏီက ကျခံပေးမည်။

၅။ လျှောက်ထားလိုသူများသည် အောက်ပါလိပ်စာများအတိုင်း

ဆက်သွယ်စုစမ်းလျှောက်ထားနိုင်ပြီး ခန့်အပ်ခြင်းခံရပါက ၎င်းလိပ်စာ

များတွင် စုစုပေါင်းရှိသည့် လုပ်ငန်းခွင်အရောက် ကုမ္ပဏီက တာဝန်ယူ

ပို့ဆောင်ပေးမည်။

(က)အမှတ်(၁၃၀) ရွှေတိုင်းလမ်း၊ ယုဇနစင်တာ (တတိယထပ်)၊

ဗဟန်းမြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ ဖုန်း-(၀၁)၅၄၀၇၄၅၊ ၅၄၀၇၄၆၊

၅၄၀၇၄၇၊ဖက်စ် ၅၄၀၇၄၁။

(ခ) အမှတ်(ယဉ္ဇ/၁)၊ ရန်ကုန်-မန္တလေးလမ်းနှင့် မြဝတီမင်းကြီး

လမ်းထောင့်၊ ကျဆည်ကန်ရပ်၊ ပြည်ကြီးတစ်နယ်မြို့နယ်၊ မန္တလေးမြို့၊

ဖုန်း-(၀၅)၈၀၈၆၅

(ဂ) ယုဇနတိုင်းဝေးလီမိတက်၊ ရန်ကုန်-မန္တလေးပြည်ထောင်စု

လမ်းမကြီးစီမံကိန်း၊ ပျော်ဘွယ်-မိတ္ထီလာလမ်း တည်

ဆောက်ရေးစီမံကိန်းရုံး၊ ပျော်ဘွယ်မြို့၊ ဖုန်း-(၀၆၄) ၂၂၁၉၉

(ဃ) စရဝတီတိုင်းလုပ်ငန်းလီမိတက်၊ အမှတ်(၁)ရပ်ကွက်၊

ကမ်းနားလမ်း၊ ရန်ကင်းတောင်စက်မှုဇုန်၊ ပုသိမ်မြို့၊ စရဝတီ

တိုင်း၊ ဖုန်း-(၀၄၂)၂၅၀၂၁၊ ၂၅၀၂၂၊ ၂၅၀၂၃၊ ၂၅၀၂၄

(င) အမှတ် (၁၂၅)၊ ဗိုလ်ချုပ်လမ်း၊ ဆိတ်ငယ်ရပ်၊ မြိတ်မြို့၊

တနင်္သာရီတိုင်း ဖုန်း-(၀၅၉) ၄၁၁၇၆၊ ၄၁၂၄၇

(စ) အမှတ် (၄၇၀)၊ ကြံ့ခိုင်ရေးလမ်း၊ အဏ္ဏဝါရပ်၊ ကောသောင်းမြို့၊

တနင်္သာရီတိုင်း ဖုန်း-(၀၅၉) ၅၁၂၀၉

၆။ ထိုအပြင် ပျဉ်းမနား၊ တပ်ကုန်း၊ ရမည်းသင်း၊ ပျော်ဘွယ်၊

မိတ္ထီလာ၊ သာစည်၊ ဝမ်းတွင်း၊ တောင်သာ၊ မြင်းခြံ၊ ရေစကြို၊

ချောင်းဦး၊ ပခုက္ကူ၊ မုံရွာ၊ ဘုတ်လင်း၊ ရွှေဘို၊ ရေဦး၊ ခင်ဦး၊

ဆားလင်းကြီး၊ ထီးလင်း၊ ပေါက်၊ မြင်း၊ ဂန့်ဂေါ၊ ဆော့၊ ရေနံချောင်း၊

ချောက်၊ ကျောက်ပန်းတောင်း၊ စလေး၊ စလင်း၊ ပွင့်ဖြူ၊ မင်းဘူး၊

မင်းလှနှင့် အခြားမြို့များရှိ အလုပ်သမားညွှန်ကြားရေးဦးစီးဌာနမြို့နယ်

များရှိလည်း လျှောက်ထားနိုင်သည်။

Shwehtidaw hoisted atop Maha Thakya...

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U Kyaing San Shwe and U Tun Naing Shwe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and officials hoisted the Shwe Htidaw, Ngetmyat-nadaw and the diamond bud atop the Gandakuti Tazaung of Maha Thagyamuni image and Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadharma U Than Hla shared the merit gained and the ceremony came to an end after three-time recitation of *Bud-*

light to Maha Thagyamuni image.

The cash donation ceremony continued at Maha Ponypakara Damayon and Vice-Chairman of the State Sanga Maha Nayaka Pyay Jotikayon Monestry Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Thudhamma Jotikadaza invested the congregation with the Nine Precepts.

On behalf of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family, K 530,000 by wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Daw Mya Mya San, and wives of members of the State Peace and Development Council, K 2850,000 by Commanders of the Ministry of Defence, K one million by YCDC, K 15 million by Agga Maha Thiri Thuddama Manijotadharma Thiri Thuddama Manijotadharma



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, and family present related documents to the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee. — MNA



Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sprinkles scented water on Hngetmyatnadaw (Vane). — MNA

dha Sasanam ciram Tithatu. Wife of Senior General Than Shwe, Daw Kyaing Kyaing, and party performed the rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the successful completion of the ceremony.

Headed by Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe, Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, and party offered "soon" to the monks at Maha Ponypakara Damayon and offered flowers and

wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, U Kyaing San Shwe and wife Maj Daw Khin Win Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and officials donated the robes and offertories to the sayadaws.

Wellwishers donated cash for the Gandakuti Tazaung including: K one million by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services

First Class Medalist for Excellent Performance in Social Field U Htay Myint and Daw Aye Aye Maw, Yuzana Co Ltd, K 12.5 million by Daw Nan Kham Tint, wife of Chairman of Myanmar Universal Bank, K 11 million by Chairman of Ruby Dragon and Jade Dragon Companies U Nay Win Tun and wife Daw Nan Aye Aye Myint and family, K 10 million each by Yoma Dragon Company and DHSDD, K 9 million by U Kyaw Naing Oo of Naing Group Construction,

K 5332,621 by charity collecting Pavilions in Kyimyindine Township, K 5 million each by family of U Ko Ko Htwe in tribute to his 50th anniversary and family of U Maung Maung (Construction Iron Trading, Industrial Zone-3, South Dagon), K 2.5 million each by U Maung Maung (Asia Express), Daw Mya Yin (Mya Theingi Medicine Shop), U Aik Tun (Shwe Taung Co), Maung Weik Co Ltd, Construction Entrepreneurs Association, Golden Flower Co Ltd, Dr Sai San Tun (Loi Hein Co Ltd) and SMI Co, K 2 million by management and staff of Krislite (Myanmar) Ltd, K 1950,000 by U Kyaw Thura Aung and U Aung Lwin Aung (KM aluminium), K 1890,000 by U Than Hla (Teintra Volunteer Htidaw Hoisting Group), K 1750,000 by U Soe Tint (Soe Electric Transformers), K 1.5 million by U Aik Lin (Great 9 Co), K 1.2 million each by U Tin Than (Thaketa Township) and U Thein Han (Tokyo Pipe), K 1130,000 by U Tin Oo-Daw Hla Myint (Shwe Zin Goldsmith), K 1.1 million by Chairman U

Win Myint of UMFCCI, K 1 million each by U Sai Aik Pao-Daw Nan Sein (Sein Myittamon Salt Mill), Dr Tint Soe Lin (Shwe Pazon Cake), U Khin Zaw (Nine Tigers Vehicles Manufacturing), U Aung Myat (Mother Trading Co Ltd), U Pe Hlaing-Daw Htay Khin (Silver Shine Medical Products), U Zaw Zaw Naing, Dr Zaw Tun-Daw Htay Htay Kyi family (East Dagon Industrial Zone), U Kyaw Min from Pyay Road, San Chaung, U Win Myint from Thanlwin Road, Kamayut, Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadharma U Sein Hla Win (Sein and San Co), Dr Moe Tin from U Tun Myat street, Tarmwe, Dr Win Zaw from Damayon street, Yankin, Daw Aye Myat Nwe (Bagan Hotel, Sayasan Road), U Zaw Min Zin from Thanlwin Road, Kamayut, Dr Tin Nwe Oo (Hman Cho Medical Shop), Daw Shwe Zin (Gold Uni Jewellery, Wingabar Street), Daw Khin Wah Wah (Bogyoke Street, Kyauktada), U Tin Win-Daw San Win (KM Co), U Sein Oo-Daw Sandar Aye (Pyithu Street, Mayangon),

U Sai Than Aung-Daw Nan Yin (Vantage Co Ltd), First Private Bank Ltd, U Aung Than Myint in tribute to U Shwe Pon Htwe and Daw Win Win, U Sai Myo Win, U Khin Maung San and All Private Bus Lines Control Committee; K 900,000 by U Nyunt Htay and Daw Nila Shwe (Kyamgakhine Robe House) Kyimyindine; K 750,000 by U Kyaw Soe; K 700,000 each by U Yi Htwe and Daw Win Shwe and sons Aung Myo Thu, Myo Min Thu (Kyimyindine), Ko Aung Myo Thu and Ma Moe Moe Thant and son Khant Wai Yan (Kyimyindine), Daw San Kyi and Daw Khin Khin (Plywood Trading) 27th Street, Ko Tin Aye, Ma Lwin Lwin Ma, Ma Ohnma Aung and Ma Aye Thin Thin Soe, Ma Tin Tin Hmon (Mibamyintta Family), daughter of U San Mya, Daw Tin Ohn and family, under the patronage of Daw Hla Myint (Kayaweik Robe House) Daw Nwe Nwe Yi and son Maung Myat Thu, U Bo Gyi and Daw Than Than (Yedashe Old Street, Bahan), U Hla Myint and

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Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party hoist Seinbudaw (Diamond Orb), Hngetmyatnadaw (Vane) and Shwehtidaw (Tired and Ornamented Finial) atop Maha Sakkja Muni Buddha Image Gandakuti Tazaung. — MNA



The Htidaw hoisting ceremony in progress. — MNA

မညာရေးနှင့် ခေတ်မီပွဲပြီးတိုးတက်လာ နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်အံ့

List of Japan's new Cabinet

TOKYO, 28 Sept — The following is the list of Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi's new Cabinet formed on Monday:

Prime Minister: Junichiro Koizumi, 62, LDP
Internal Affairs and Communications Minister: Taro Aso, 64, LDP
Justice Minister, State minister in charge of juveniles, falling birthrate: Chieko Nono (F), 68, LDP
Foreign Minister: Nobutaka Machimura, 59, LDP
Finance Minister: Sadakazu Tanigaki, 59, LDP
Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology Minister: Nariaki Nakayama, 61, LDP
Health, Labour and Welfare Minister: Hidehisa Otsuji, 63, LDP
Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister: Yoshinobu Shimamura, 70, LDP
Economy, Trade and Industry Minister: Shoichi Nakagawa, 51, LDP
Land, Infrastructure and Transport Minister: Kazuo Kitagawa, 51, NK
Environment Minister, State Minister in charge of Okinawa and Northern Territories: Yuriko Koike (F),

52, LDP
Chief Cabinet Secretary, State Minister in charge of gender equality: Hiroyuki Hosoda, 60, LDP
Chairman, National Public Safety Commission, State Minister in charge of disaster management: Yoshitaka Murata, 60, LDP
Director General, Defence Agency: Yoshinori Ono, 68, LDP
Financial Services Minister: Tatsuya Ito, 43, LDP
State Minister in charge of economic and fiscal policy, Postal reform minister Heizo Takenaka, 53, LDP
State Minister in charge of deregulation and Industrial Revitalization Corp. of Japan: Seiichi Murakami, 52, LDP
State Minister in charge of science and technology policy and food safety: Yasufumi Tanahashi, 41, LDP
(Note: LDP = Liberal Democratic Party, NK = New Komeito Party, (F = female). — MNA/Xinhua

“Jeanne” kills four in Florida

FORT PIERCE (Florida), 28 Sept — Hurricane Jeanne killed four people, filled oceanfront condos with sand and left large swaths of coastline knee-deep in water on Sunday as it plowed through parts of Florida scarred by Hurricane Frances three weeks ago.

Tree limbs and debris, including mattresses torn out of mobile homes, were washed down flooded streets along the Atlantic shore and about four million people were without electricity as Jeanne — a

record fourth hurricane to strike Florida this season — ripped across the state.

Four people are reported dead in Florida, including a man who apparently tried to move a fallen power line. The storm triggered floods in Haiti, the Dominican Republic and Puerto Rico last week in which as many as 2,000 people died.

An insurance industry group, Risk Management Solutions, estimated insured losses from Jeanne at four billion US dollars to eight billion US dollars. Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Ivan caused up to 18 billion US dollars in additional losses in Florida since mid-August.

“Just about everybody’s been impacted by the storm in one way or the other,” said Governor Jeb Bush. “We’re kind of getting used to this.”

MNA/Reuters



Huge waves caused by Hurricane Jeanne batter a sea wall in front of a water front home on the inter coastal waterway in Ft Pierce, Florida, battered southeastern Florida for hours on 26 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Environmentalists warn against reopening legal ivory trade

BANGKOK, 28 Sept — The number of African elephants will fall down dramatically if a world conference on wildlife trafficking adopts a proposal to reopen the legal ivory trade, an international animal rights group warned here on Monday evening.

“Studies showed that any legalized trading of ivory increases poaching and enables laundering of contraband ivory,” said a statement released here by the International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW).

The debate over resumption of a legal ivory trade has gained heat with the 13th Conference of the Parties of the UN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) to be held from October 2 to 16 in Bangkok. At the conference, the CITES Standing Committee will decide whether Botswana, Namibia and South Af-

rica can sell off their registered stocks as agreed at the previous conference and Namibia will propose an annual quota for ivory trade.

Pros to the proposal of enlarged legal ivory trade said the resumption of the trade will provide much-needed cash to many African countries that lack financial support for economic and social development. Cons, such as the IFAW, noted poaching of wild elephants will deteriorate with the resumption of legal ivory trade, for it’s difficulty to track the origin of ivory for lack of efficient trade controls.

MNA/Xinhua



Wild elephants cross the road at Rotawawe observation point in Anuradhapura, 110 miles (180 km) northeast of Colombo, Sri Lanka, on 27 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

Four terror suspects arrested in London

LONDON, 27 Sept — British police said Saturday they have arrested four terror suspects in London who were reportedly on suspicion of plotting to explode a dirty bomb on the streets of Britain.

Three men were held in a hotel in Brent Cross, west London on Friday while the fourth man was arrested later on the day at

his home address in north London.

Scotland Yard said the four were detained under Section 41 of the Terrorism Act: “on suspicion of commissioning, preparing or instigating acts of terrorism”.

“Several addresses have been searched. Some searches continue,” a Metropolitan Police spokesman said in a statement Saturday, with no further details given.

The raids reportedly followed a tip-off from the

News of the World, a Sunday tabloid, which had received an anonymous call about the alleged terror plot. All four have been taken into custody at a central London police station for questioning, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

Rangers move into second place

GLASGOW, 27 Sept— Rangers striker Nacho Novo scored twice against his former club Dundee on Sunday in a 2-0 victory that keeps the Glasgow side within five points of Scottish Premier League leaders Celtic.

Rangers had not won an away league match before their visit to Dens Park and seemed certain to drop more points until substitute Novo struck after 77 and 80 minutes.

Champions Celtic are top with 19 points from seven games after a 3-0 win over Dunfermline Athletic on Saturday while Rangers moved into second place on 14, one ahead of Motherwell.

"You're worried the longer the game goes at 0-0 because anything can happen but we kept strong and when we got the chances we took them," said Rangers manager Alex McLeish.

Rangers goalkeeper Stefan Klos was lucky to escape a caution in the 76th minute after appearing to handle outside his area from winger Chris Burke's short back pass.—MNA/Reuters



Liverpool's Harry Kewell tries to stop Christiano Ronaldo of Manchester United in a recent Premier League match. Kewell has been named in Australia's squad for next month's Oceania group World Cup qualifiers against the Solomon Islands.—INTERNET

Rafael Nadal sends Spain through to Davis Cup final

ALICANTE (Spain), 27 Sept— Teenager Rafael Nadal sent Spain through to the Davis Cup final against the United States with a scintillating 6-4, 6-1, 6-2 victory over France's Arnaud Clement on Sunday.

Nadal, drafted in to replace Carlos Moya, skipped, jumped and punched the air after winning all the big points in a heroic victory that gave Spain an unbeatable 3-1 lead over the French.

It will be a third final appearance in five years for Spain, who beat Australia to win the Davis Cup for the first time in 2000 in Barcelona and lost away to the same side last year.

This time they will have the advantage of hosting December's final against the Americans, who beat Belarus in the other semifinal.

Nadal had carried Tommy Robredo to victory in Saturday's doubles against Clement and Michael Llodra to put Spain 2-1 ahead and on the strength of that

performance, Spanish captain Jordi Arrese promoted him for the first match.

Moya went into the tie nursing a minor shoulder injury but the decision to replace the Spanish number one may have had more to do with his five-set defeat by Paul-Henri Mathieu on the opening day.

"I was surprised when I found out on Saturday night that I'd be playing but also eager," said Nadal, who had played just two Davis Cup singles matches, winning one and losing one, prior to this tie.

Arrese must have been concerned when Clement broke the Spaniard in the opening game and then served out to love keeping his opponent pegged back with a series of rasping drives.

MNA/Reuters

Davis Cup World Group playoff

VIENNA, 27 Sept— Tim Henman finally found form to drag Britain level at 2-2 in their Davis Cup World Group playoff in Austria on Sunday with just one singles match at Porthschach remaining.

Greg Rusedski, sporting a bandage on his right hand, and Stefan Koubek will now battle it out in the deciding final rubber.

The British number one outwitted Austria's Juergen Melzer 0-6, 6-2, 7-6, 6-2 in a match which fluctuated throughout each game.

Henman eventually prevailed as he began to recapture the baseline shots on the clay which took him to this year's French Open semifinals.

The world number four had played poorly in his straight sets defeat by world 81 Koubek on Saturday and struggled alongside Rusedski in Sunday morning's doubles. Julian Knowle and Alexander Peya sailed past the British pair 6-4, 1-6, 6-2, 6-1.

The match resumed with Austria leading by two sets to one after play was suspended due to bad light on Saturday and they had little trouble in polishing off the British duo.—MNA/Reuters

Club Bruges crush FC Brussels 6-1

BRUSSELS, 27 Sept— Club Bruges crushed FC Brussels 6-1 to move four points clear at the top of the Belgian first division as Anderlecht and La Louviere both lost.

Club Bruges have 19 points from seven matches, four ahead of champions Anderlecht and six clear of La Louviere.

FC Brussels took a shock lead against visiting Club Bruges through Chris Bruno but goals by Croatian striker Bosko Balaban and Gert Verheyen put the leaders 2-1 ahead at halftime.

Rune Lange added the

third and Balaban struck three more times to seal an emphatic victory.

Anderlecht, who host Inter Milan in the Champions League on Wednesday, lost 2-1 at Charleroi who climbed to fourth in the standings. Anderlecht dominated the first half, with Sweden midfielder Christian Wilhelmsson in fine form, but defensive errors cost them dear.

Charleroi scored two

minutes after halftime when the unmarked Abdelmajid Oulmers headed home a corner.

Anderlecht full back Olivier Deschacht equalized after a neat dribble but Charleroi midfielder Laurent Macquet struck the winner from a free kick when Anderlecht goalkeeper Tristan Peersman allowed the ball to squirm through his legs.—MNA/Reuters

Pujol half-volley gives Nantes 1-0 win over Racing Lens

PARIS, 28 Sept— A Gregory Pujol half-volley gave Nantes a 1-0 win over Racing Lens in Ligue 1 on Sunday as they continue to recover from a slow start to the season.

The 2001 French champions, who started with two draws and two defeats, moved from 17th to 14th place with nine points, eight behind leaders Monaco.

Lens, who briefly led the table after three games, have now slipped to consecutive defeats.

Pujol missed a good chance in the first half when he blasted the ball wide after Lens goalkeeper Charles Itandje parried a fierce effort from Florin Bratu into his path.

But the 24-year-old striker redeemed himself on the hour with a superb finish to put Nantes ahead.

"The main thing was to win. It was

our third game in a week and we were a bit tired but we played a solid game and we took our chance," said Nantes coach Loic Amisse.

On Saturday, a goalless draw at Olympique Lyon helped 10-man Monaco stay one point clear at the top. Monaco are on 17 points with Lille moving above Lyon into second place on goal difference thanks to a 4-0 win over Metz.

Monaco will host Deportivo La Coruna in their second Champions League group phase match on Tuesday while Lyon will play away at Sparta Prague.—MNA/Reuters

AC Milan beat Lazio 2-0

MILAN, 28 Sept— Ukrainian striker Andriy Shevchenko scored twice as Italian champions AC Milan came from behind with 10 men to beat Lazio 2-1 in Serie A on Sunday.

Milan's victory at the Olympic Stadium moved them up to fourth place, three points behind early leaders Juventus.

Lecce and Messina share second place on eight points behind Juve, who have 10 points from the opening four games following a 1-1 home draw with Palermo on Saturday.

Milan, smarting from their shock home defeat by Messina in midweek, fell behind to a Fernando Couto header

in the 37th minute.

The Milan defence left the Portuguese defender unmarked at the back post and Couto confidently headed home an Antonio Filippini cross.

The task for Carlo Ancelotti's men became tougher when eight minutes after the break midfielder Massimo Ambrosini was sent off after an elbow on Filippini.

But two goals inside four minutes from Shevchenko turned the game around. From a 70th-minute corner Shevchenko showed great agility to turn and hook the ball past Angelo Peruzzi and four minutes later he beat two Lazio defenders before driving in a shot from a narrow angle.

Lazio piled forward in the latter stages and almost grabbed an equalizer when Simone Inzaghi headed against the bar from close range.

Parma restored their lead just two minutes later through Marco Marchionni, only for Martins to strike again with a fine left-foot shot to give Roberto Mancini's side their third draw in the opening four games of the campaign.

"We are scoring goals but we have to start conceding fewer," said Mancini.

"We can't continue to concede goals in this manner, something has to change," said the Inter coach whose team picked up their only win of the season in midweek with a 3-2 victory over Atalanta.

MNA/Reuters



AC Milan's Andriy Shevchenko celebrates after scoring his second goal against Lazio during their Serie A match at the Olympic Stadium in Rome, on 26 September, 2004. AC Milan won the match 2-1. — INTERNET

Shwehtidaw hoisted atop Maha Thakya...

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Daw Hla May and daughter Ma Su Mon Nyein, son Aung Myo Zaw and Saing Nyi Nyi family, U Ko Ko Zaw and Dr Cho Ma Hlaing and son Mg Saw Yan Naung, daughter Ma The Su San family, Rector Sayadaw U Panyeindha and disciple and U Nay Win Swe and Daw Sanda (President of NWS Co); K 500,090 by U Thein Maung and Daw Pa Pa (Sandi Traditional Medi-

Bahan), Dagon Tin Win (U Phoe Saw Street, North Dagon), U Soe Thein (Shwenantha Street, Bahan), U Hla Myint of Kathipan Medicine House, U Aung Mon and Daw Hla Hla Maw of Myintmyat Paddy Trading, U Nay Win and U Thet Tin Win of Nayla Auto Manufacturing, North Okkalapa, U Myo Aung of San Myanmar Co Ltd, U Thine Win and Daw Htay Htay Nyunt (BTB Co Ltd), U Than Naing and

Committee of South Okkalapa, U Min Han of Sawbwagyigon, U Min Than Htay of Industrial Zone Nos 2,3 and 4 of Hlainethaya, Super Lamp Co, U Aung Thwin and Daw Kyin Yi of Aung Yadana Thedi Brokerage, U Aung Win of GS Battery, U Aung Thwin and Daw Kyin Yi of Hlainethaya and U Khin Maung Tun of Htet Lin Medicine House; K 199,000 by U Aye Thwe and Daw Ma Ma Khine of

port, U Nyein and Daw Ohn Kyin of OK Rice Trading, U Khin Sein of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone, U Kyaw Kyaw Myint of Good Morning Co Ltd, U Mya Thein (Myintmoaung), U Kyaw Win (Shweore), U Myo Thein (Top One), U Aung Moe Kyaw (IBT), U Htay Myint Aung of Htantabin, U Soe Lwin of Htantabin and U Htay Naing of Ve Ve Soft Drink; K 100,000 each by U Thaug Lwin's family, Police Sub-Inspector Nay Myo and Daw Myint Myint Aye, Daw Aung of Kunywe Street, U Aung Myint and Daw Hla San Wai, U Khin Aung's family of Ohnbin Street, U Kyin Thein and Daw Swe Swe Than of Kyaunggyi Street, U Soe Win Naing and Daw Myo Myo Khine, Daw Nyo Win, Daw Khin Myint and Daw Khin Tint of Galon Robe House, U Ohn Myint and Daw Hla Myint of Yadanabon Street, U Kyaw Khin KISJ + L Co Ltd, U Kyaw Sein of Jewellery Luck Co Ltd, U Kyaw Myint and Daw Sein Mya of Padaukpin Street, U Kyaw Kyaw and Dr Daw Win Win Myint of Dagon (East), U Aung Sein and Daw Nu Nu Aye of Kamayut, Police Capt Mya Htay and Daw Soe Soe of Kyimyindine Police Station and Daw Htwe's family.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin accepted cash K 177,192,000 donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them. Next, the congregation shared merits gained and the ceremony ended in the afternoon.

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New building for the presiding monk of the monastery. — MNA

cine House); K 500,000 each by U Hnin Sein and Daw Mya Nyein (Aung Thein Timber and Finished Wood Trading), U Tun Lin (Kamayut), U Shwe Mya (South Sayasan, Bahan), U Hla Htay Naing's family, U Tha Oo (Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs), KY Kyaw Kyaw Co Ltd, Col Zaw Lin and Daw Kyi Kyi Win (Mayangon), Dr Aung Thein (Nibban Electronic, Thaketa Industrial Zone), U Tin Sein (Country Cane Furniture Factory, Thaketa Industrial Zone), U Thet Aung (Winner Brothers Co Ltd), U San Lin (Super Seven Stars Auto and Spare Parts), Dried Fish Enterprise Project (Dagon Seikkan), U Kyaw Aung (Bin Ha Co Ltd), U Myo Oo (U Kyu Wheat Factory), U Ohn Saing (Nwe Golden Gate Co Ltd), U Htay Khine and Daw Khin Ma Htwe (Aung Thabyay Khine Co Ltd), U Myo Myint (M-3 Food Centre, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraph), Hlaine-thaya Industrial Zone and South Dagon Industrial Zone; K 480,000 by U Aung Than Myint (Super Power Co Ltd); K 400,000 by No 3 Industrial Zone Management Committee (South Dagon); K 312,000 by Surgeon Aung Zaw Lin; K 300,000 each by Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin (Ayechanthaya Street,

Daw Kyi Kyi Swe of Thamada Robe House, U Tun Shwe of Tun Shwe Wa Medicine House, No 2 Industrial Zone Management Committee of South Dagon, U Mya Min and Daw Thida Myint of Mayangon, Daw Mya Mya's family, U Chit and Daw Aye Shwe, U Hla Myint of PMG Company and U Wai Lin of Tawwin Factory; K 250,000 by Economic Development Zone Management Committee North Dagon Myothit; K 210,000 each by U Ka Si and Daw Khin Ohn Myint family, Bo Thura Street, Kyimyindine and U Kyaw Htay and Daw Tin Tin Maw of Padauk, Kyimyindine; K 200,000 each by A1 Ko Nyi Nyi of A1 Auto Parts Shop, Lt-Col Thein Toe and Daw Than Than Nwe of Sinphyushin Yeiktha, U Soe Soe and Daw Myint Myint San of Yuzana Plaza Ground Floor, U Kyaw Htay and Daw Tin Tin Maw, Padaukpin Street, Kyimyindine, U Aung Than Oo of Rice Dealers Association, U Thein Han of Oil Entrepreneurs Association, Daw Nan Khin Than Win Exports and Imports Co, No 1 Industrial Zone Management Committee of South Dagon Myothit, Industrial Zone Management Committee of Dagon Seikkan, Daw Aye Aye Myint of Cinoda Coffee Mix, Industrial Zone Management

Yankin; K 180,000 by U Tin Maung Swe and Daw May Thet Cho Oo; K 150,000 each by Daw Nyein Mya's family of Htana Street, Ahlon, U Ohn Tin's family and U Hla Win of Mamet Restaurant; K 129,600 by Mother Land Construction Co; K 115,000 by U Soe Aung of Kyaung-gyi Street, Kyimyindine; K 111,000 by Daw Tin Mya's family of Tan Hsaung Gyi Street; K 103,320 by U Tin Aung Lwin and Daw Khine Khine Htoo Aung of Kyaunggyi Street, Kyi-myindine; K 100,000 each by U Soe Shein of Hlawgha Street, South Dagon Myothit, U Tin Aung and Daw Hla Hla Nwe of Win Yadana Trans-

Rainfall on 28-9-2004

- 0.52 inch at Yangon Airport,
- 0.16 inch at Kaba-Aye and
- 0.16 inch at central Yangon.

Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was

- 110.32 inches at Yangon Airport,
- 104.49 inches at Kaba-Aye and
- 106.97 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 28 September 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State, lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Kachin and Kayah States, Bago and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining states and divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kalewa (2.48) inches and Putao (1.57) inches.

Maximum temperature on 27-9-2004 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 28-9-2004 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 28-9-2004 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 28-9-2004 was (8.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 28-9-2004 was 0.52 inch at Yangon Airport, 0.16 inch at Kaba-Aye and 0.16 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 110.32 inches at Yangon Airport, 104.49 inches at Kaba-Aye and 106.97 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from West at 17:50 hours MST on 27-9-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Central Bay and cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 29-9-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining states and divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-9-2004: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-9-2004:** Partly cloudy.

Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil

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

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

Respective ministries to lay down master plans for enabling their institutions to be on a par with other ASEAN members

Ministry of Education holds conferences annually with scholars and teachers, makes reviews of previous tasks, coordinates future plans



Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivers a speech at Meeting No 3/2004 of the MEC. — MNA

YANGON, 28 Sept— Myanmar Education Committee held its meeting No 3/2004 at the meeting hall of Universities Central Council in Kamayut Township this evening, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present were the ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Vice-Inspector-Gen-

eral of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Win Myint, the deputy ministers, members of MEC, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments and officials.

In his address, Chairman of MEC Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said the meeting was to discuss the acceleration of efforts by the respective ministries in connection with education sector for uplift of Myanmar education sector.

He said in the Union of Myanmar, not only the Ministry of Education but also the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Science and Technology, the Ministry of Culture, the Ministry of Forestry, the Ministry of Religious Affairs, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, the Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries, the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, the Ministry

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Thaphanseik Dam to irrigate 500,000 acres of crops through two other dams, to generate 117.2 million kilowatt hours of electricity

YANGON, 28 Sept— Chairman of the Agricultural Development Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspected North Yama Dam Project on

Yama Creek near Chinmyit village, Pale Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division, on 26 September.

Accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence,

Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council

Office and departmental heads, the Secretary-2 arrived at the project and was welcomed by officials, local authorities and local elders and people. He heard a report on salient points of the project, annual rainfall of the region, annual water

inflow and use of water, annual crop cultivation and building of a support dam 12 miles southwest of the facility, presented by officials. Local authorities also explained the developments in

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Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein looks into the Thaphanseik Dam. — MNA