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Prime Minister receives President of Canaan Farmers' School of ROK

YANGON, 29 Sept—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt of the Union of Myanmar received Mr Kim Bum-il, President of Canaan Farmers' School, and party at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthar, this afternoon.

Present at the call were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, Deputy Minis-

ters for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, Director-General U Soe Tint at the Prime Minister's Office, and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Korean delegation was accompanied by Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Lee Kyung Woo.

At the call, they discussed matters related to opening courses on agriculture in Myanmar.—MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets President Mr Kim Bum-il of Canaan Farmers' School of ROK.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives President Mr Kim Bum-il of Canaan Farmers' School of ROK and party. — MNA



As all national races living in 14 states and divisions are relatives and brethren, efforts are being made to ensure equal health, happiness and prosperity for all

Like parents, Government has been attending to the needs in all sectors for wellbeing of national races, who are its sons and daughters, and to shape better future for them

YANGON, 29 Sept — The conclusion ceremony of Instructor Course No 4 on Myanmar Development and Studies sponsored by the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at Pyidaungsu Hall of USDA Training School

in Hmawby Township this morning, with an address by member of the Panel of Patrons of the USDA (Central) Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present were Secretary-General of the USDA, members of the

Secretariat of the USDA, CEC members, officials of the USDA Headquarters, the principal of USDA Training School and trainees from states and divisions.

In his address, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win said the trainees had

learned national policies of the State and endeavours based on these policies by the State and the people day and night.

There have been almost cent per cent stability and tranquillity and security in all the regions of the Union, better foundations for

national solidarity, strong economy, infrastructures on social sectors such as education and health and transport and communication infrastructures such as roads, bridges, airfields, wharves and telephone. He said, they had learned

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PERSPECTIVES

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Strive to be on a par with other nations in education sector

The State Peace Development Council has laid down education objectives for raising the education standard of Myanmar up to the level of education of other southeast Asian nations and, to realize these objectives, is implementing national education promotion plans not only in urban but also in rural areas. The meeting (3/2004) of Myanmar Education Committee was held at the meeting hall of Universities Central Council on 28 September and it was attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, also Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee.

In his address on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that our efforts to raise the education standard of people and to upgrade the level of universities and colleges in Myanmar to that of the others in southeast Asia has met with success to some extent and called on all those responsible to strive for harmonious development of universities and colleges under the respective ministries.

For higher education institutions to be on a par with those of the world nations, measures are being taken for exchange programmes, study tours, delegations and further studies. At the basic education level, all the requirements are being fulfilled so that all school-age children and those above school-age can pursue education, post-primary schools can be built and vocational training and wider choice of subjects can be provided.

And 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.

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

At such a time like this, united and strenuous efforts will have to be made for the development of the national education sector in conformity with the national education policies and with the emerging democratic state.

We would like to urge all those responsible at the Ministry of Education and related ministries to take innovative steps in line with the State's educational goal to be able to keep abreast of the other ASEAN member nations that are in the forefront in the education sector.

BHCCSEIP Training Course concludes

YANGON, 29 Sept — The concluding ceremony of Course No 1 on Basic Harmonized Commodity Coding System and Export Import Procedures co-organized by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Association of Myanmar Custom Clearance Representatives, was held at Training Centre of UMFCI on Bo Sun Pet Street in Pabedan Township this morning.

First, General Secretary of UMFCI Chair-

man of Work Committee for Education U Sein Win Hlaing made a concluding speech. Next, Chairman of AMCCR expressed thanks on the occasion. Afterwards, Chairman of Work Committee for Education U Sein Win Hlaing and the executives of association presented completion certificates to the trainees.

Next, Chairman of AMCCR U Myo Thant presented gifts to the course instructors and a trainee expressed thanks.

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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

C-in-C (Navy)'s Shield Volleyball Tournament concludes

YANGON, 29 Sept — The Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s Shield Men's and Women's Volleyball Tournament 2004 was concluded at Thiha Thura Tun Tin hall, Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters, this morning, attended by officers, Tatmatawmen and their families of Yangon and Thanlyin stations.

U Sein Thuang of Myanmar Volleyball Federation presented sports gear to Chairman Lt-Comdr Tin Htut Aye of Tatmadaw (Navy) Volleyball Committee. U Sein Thuang and Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Commodore Maw Thein presented championship shields to women's and men's teams. — MNA

C-in-C (Air)'s Shield Shooting Tournament opened

YANGON, 29 Sept — The Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Shield Shooting Tournament was opened at the sports ground of Ground Training Base in Meiktila at 8 am on 27 September.

It was attended by Commander of Ground Training Base Col Thura Khin Maung Win, senior military officers of Meiktila Station, other ranks and guests.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Commander of Ground Training Base Col Thura Khin Maung Win made a speech on the occasion to open the tournament. — MNA

First meeting of Work Committee for holding Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking

YANGON, 29 Sept — The first meeting of Work Committee for holding the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT) from 27 to 29 October this year in Myanmar held the coordination meeting at Myanmar Police Force Headquarters of the Ministry of Home Affairs this afternoon.

At the meeting, Chairman of the Work Committee Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Shwe gave instructions on cooperation of departments concerned to successfully hold the meeting to be attended by ministers and senior officials from Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam.

Officials of Sub-committees reported on their sectors.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairman of the Working Committee Deputy Minister for Information



Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Shwe addresses first meeting of Work Committee for holding Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking. — HOME AFFAIRS

Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, the directors-general of General Administration Department, Consular and Legal Affairs Department, Immigration and National Registration Department, Labour Department, representatives from the Office of Com-

mander-in-Chief (Army), Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence and Yangon Command, the Police Chief of Staff, the Police Quartermaster-General, the Police Battalions Control Commander, directors of Information and Public Relations Department, Myanmar Radio and Television, Health Planning

Department, officials of News and Periodicals Enterprise and Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Services, Secretary-General of MWAFF Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win, Deputy Project Manager Dr Daw Su Su Tha Tun of UNIAP (Bangkok) and representative of Sedona Hotel.

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Mr M Khalid of Pakistan Administrative Staff College (PASC) and party visit the library of CICS (Phaunggyi). — MNA

Pakistan delegation visits Phaunggyi Central Institute of Civil Service

YANGON, 29 Sept — The visiting delegation led by Mr M Khalid of Pakistan Administrative Staff College (PASC) today went to Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi). The

delegation were welcomed by Rector Col Win Maung and officials.

At the briefing hall, officials concerned clarified facts about the institute and conducted them at

library, Ohndaw hall and computer rooms of the institute.

Afterwards, lunch was hosted to the delegation members.

In the afternoon, the

delegation went to Myanmar Gems Emporium. They were welcomed and conducted around the emporium by officials concerned.

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1,051 members of US military killed since beginning of Iraq war

BAGHDAD, 28 Sept—As of Tuesday, 28 Sept, 2004, 1,051 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 798 died as a result of hostile action and 253 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 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 de-

clared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 913 US military members have died—689 as a result of hostile action and 224 of non-hos-

tile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Tuesday.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 7,532 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defence Department's weekly tally.

The latest identifications reported by the Department of Defence : — Army Capt. Eric L Allton, 34, Houston; died Sunday when he was struck by a mortar round in Ramadi, Iraq; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 17th Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovey, Korea.

— Army Sgt 1st Class Joselito O Villanueva, 36, Los Angeles; died Monday when he was shot by a sniper in Balad, Iraq; assigned to 9th Engineer Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.—Internet



US soldiers guard the scene of a roadside bomb explosion in central Baghdad, on 28 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Former US soldiers balk at new Iraq, Afghan duty

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept—Thirty percent of former US soldiers who have been called back to duty involuntarily to serve in Iraq and Afghanistan have failed to report on time, and eight have been declared AWOL, the Army said on Tuesday.

The Army's problem with mobilizing soldiers from the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR), a seldom-tapped personnel pool, is another sign of the difficulty the Pentagon is encountering in maintaining troop levels in Iraq and Afghanistan.

So far, the Army has

mobilized 3,664 people from the IRR to active duty, but 1,085 have not reported on time to the Army post to which they were assigned, said Julia Collins, a spokeswoman for the Army Human Resources Command.

The Individual Ready Reserve is made up of

111,000 people who have completed their voluntary Army service commitments and have returned to civilian life but remain eligible to be mobilized in a national emergency. Many have been out of the active-duty military for years.

Eight of those recently ordered back to active duty have been listed as absent without leave, or AWOL, and could face military criminal charges as deserters, Collins said. All eight have been notified they are being classified as AWOL and still refused to report for duty, Collins added.

In addition, their names will be entered into a national criminal investigation database, and they could be arrested if, for example, they are stopped by a police officer for a routine traffic violation, Collins said. Six others had been listed as AWOL but have agreed to report after being contacted by the Army, Collins said.

MNA/Xinhua

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China calls for mutual trust in promoting world peace

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Sept—China stands for a new security concept of mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality and cooperation in tackling security issues and promoting world peace, said Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing Monday.

Speaking at the general debate of the 59th UN General Assembly session, the Chinese minister said this new concept calls on nations to transcend their differences in ideology and social system, respect each other's security interests in international relations and seek peaceful solutions to disputes through dialogue.

Peace is the precondition for human development and prosperity. "Without a peaceful and stable international environment, development is out of the question for any country. A chaotic world benefits no one," he said.

Having experienced the scourge of two world wars, mankind would not tolerate any more war or bloodshed and it is the fervent aspiration of all peoples to live and develop in a secure and stable environment.

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Intelligence report warned that US invasion will divide Iraq

WASHINGTON, 29 Sept—A US intelligence report before the Iraq war warned that an American invasion could lead to rogue elements fighting the new Iraqi Government and US forces, sources familiar with the report said on Tuesday.

While the classified report did not call it an insurgency, it raised the possibility of guerilla warfare in a postwar Iraq, sources said.

Intelligence reports compiled in January 2003 predicted that an American invasion would result in a divided Iraq prone to internal violence, and increased sympathy in the Islamic world for some terrorist objectives, the *New York Times* reported on Tuesday.

The assessments were compiled from the views of various intelligence agencies by the National Intelligence Council which reports to the CIA director.

There was a "big stack" of prewar intelligence reports that said there was a high degree of possibility of insurgency and unrest, and that "winning the peace will be harder than winning the war," one source familiar with the reports said on condition of anonymity.

Another government source dismissed the significance of prewar predictions of unrest in a postwar Iraq. "Anybody who studied Iraq for a semester could say that was possible," the source said.

Since US-led forces invaded Iraq last year, a persistent insurgency has developed, attacking American troops and Iraqis who are trying to create a new government.—MNA/Reuters

Singh says India "can do business" with Musharraf

GENEVA, 28 Sept—Observing that he was "encouraged" by his meeting with Pakistan President Pervez Musharraf in New York, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Monday expressed confidence that "we can do business" with him.

"I believe in General Musharraf we have a person with whom we can do business," Singh told reporters accompanying him when asked whether he would describe his meeting with the Pakistan President an "unusual encounter".

Singh, who met Musharraf on 24 September and termed it as "new beginning" and a "historic day", recalled that

before he had embarked on this trip, he had said his meeting with Musharraf would be an essay in mutual comprehension.

"I found the best way to size up for him to form an opinion of me and for me to get something of his personality ... was to meet one-to-one," Singh said.—MNA/PTI



A US soldier points out a place where they should assume position during clashes with Iraqi militants in Haifa Street in Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 Sept, 2004. Haifa Street, a militant stronghold, has been the scene of bloody car bomb attacks, raids and fierce firefights. —INTERNET

US official: Iraq veterans face long-lasting mental health issues

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept—US Secretary of Veterans Affairs Anthony J Principi said Tuesday that the violent guerilla tactics used by insurgents in Iraq will take a considerable toll on the mental health of troops, resulting in a lifetime of disability payments for many of those who return from war.

So far 20 per cent of returning Iraq veterans who've sought VA care have done so for mental health issues. While the exact cost of compensating those injured in the Iraq war is uncertain, the VA already expects to pay \$600 billion over the next three decades in disability payments to veterans of earlier wars.

Principi said the VA is readying itself for an influx of veterans with mental illnesses and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

"This type of war - insurgency warfare - where you don't know whether you're going to be the next victim of a car bomb or roadside bomb or (rocket-propelled grenade). It's like fighting in Vietnam when I was in the Mekong Delta," Principi said. "You don't know whether you're getting into an ambush with guerillas."

Of 168,000 service members who had served in Iraq and been discharged as of 22 July, 28,000 had sought medical care from the VA, according to the de-

partment's most recent statistics.

Of those, about 5,400 had mental health issues and nearly one in three of those suffered from PTSD, which results from a serious traumatic event and can cause debilitating flashbacks, nightmares, anxiety and uncontrollable anger. The disorder may not show itself for years.

Dr Matthew J Friedman, the executive director of the VA's National Center for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, said the insurgency's ambush tactics potentially expose a greater percentage of soldiers to the kinds of stress that causes PTSD.

"Whether you drive a truck or are medical personnel or a Special Forces person, the risks are more evenly distributed. So the likelihood of being exposed to war-zone trauma is greater," he said.

Only time will tell, he said, exactly how many veterans of Operation Iraqi Freedom will be afflicted.

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Pakistan starts process of confidence-building with India

PARIS, 28 Sept—Pakistan has started a process of confidence-building with India, President Pervez Musharraf said on Monday, calling the current situation between the nuclear rivals "encouraging".

His comments were published a few days after Musharraf and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh held their first face-to-face talks in New York and said they had made a fresh start towards ending decades of enmity.

"I would say the current situation is encouraging in that we have started a dialogue process and confidence-building measures," Musharraf said in an interview as part of a sponsored section

published in the *International Herald Tribune*.

It did not say when the interview was given.

South Asia's long-time enemies have held a series of talks at senior official level this year aimed at building confidence after they came to the brink of war in 2002.

"Both sides have to move forward in harmony, but we cannot rush ahead without resolving our disputes," he said.

Musharraf reiterated that Pakistan would not

send troops to help restore stability in Iraq, saying: "The domestic environment here does not allow the participation of Pakistani troops in Iraq."

"We are looking for the Islamic world, the Muslim world, to participate in Iraq," Musharraf said. "That will give us grounds to change public opinion here in Pakistan and is the only way to go forward. We cannot harm our internal environment for the sake of participating in Iraq."—MNA/Reuters



Firefighters hose down a car which caught fire after guerillas fired three mortars that landed close to a US base near Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 Sept 2004. —INTERNET

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Two Italian women aid workers freed in Iraq

ROME, 29 Sept—The release of two Italian women aid workers in Iraq was greeted with joy and relief on Tuesday following three weeks of anguish in Italy over their abduction.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi announced the news to cheers in Parliament, television stations broke into normal programming with special bulletins and out on the streets, ordinary Italians finally found something to smile at.

"It's like being reborn. Out of the darkness and into the light," said Annamaria Torretta, the mother of one of the two freed hostages, as she welcomed hundreds of well-wishers besieging her Rome apartment.

Simona Pari and Simona Torretta, both aged 29, were abducted from their Baghdad office on 7 September along with two Iraqi colleagues. Nothing had been heard of them since until early Tuesday evening when news of their release broke.

"This is an extraordinary moment of joy," said Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini.

Al-Jazeera television aired footage of the two Simonas, as they are fondly known in Italy, soon after their liberation.

It showed them wearing black veils, which they later lifted, smiling and chatting. They looked well and were immediately put on a plane home, which was due to arrive at Rome's Ciampino Airport at 10.30 pm (2030 GMT).

"They will be in Rome tonight and will be able to hug their families," said a delighted Berlusconi.

A Kuwaiti daily said earlier on Tuesday the women's captors had agreed to free them for a one-million-US-dollar ransom.

Berlusconi told Parliament the secret services had located the whereabouts of the hostages, but rather than risk using violence to secure their release, the Italian government had preferred to negotiate.—MNA/Reuters



From left, Simona Pari's mother, Simona Pari, Simona Torretta, her sister Laura and mother Annamaria are greeted by Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi upon their arrival at Rome's Ciampino military airport, on late Tuesday night, 28 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

China to further open banking business

BEIJING, 28 Sept—China will develop more favourable conditions to further open its banking business, according to the country's top banking watchdog.

"The ultimate goal is to realize an equal and mutually beneficial development situation between domestic and foreign-funded banks," said the China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC).

According to the CBRC, China will make efforts in four aspects to promote the opening of China's banking business.

First, through implementing China's commitments on its entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO), the Renminbi business scope of foreign-

funded banks will gradually expand.

According to a plan by CBRC, by December of this year, China will open Renminbi business for foreign funded banks in Beijing, Kunming and Xiamen. It will add Xi'an, Shengyang, Ningbo and Shantou by the end of 2005.

And by late 2006, foreign funded banks will be allowed to carry out Renminbi business nationwide and begin to handle individual Renminbi business for Chinese residents.

Second, overseas strategic investors are welcome to cooperate with Chinese-funded banks in various forms in compliance with voluntary commercial principles.

Third — and also the most eye-catching aspect — is that China will approve more vehicle financial companies only if they are proven to be qualified. Foreign investors are encouraged to hold as much as 20 per cent of financing companies established by Chinese organizations.

MNA/Xinhua

US soldier will face court-martial on 19 charges

MIAMI, 28 Sept — A US soldier photographed holding a naked Iraqi prisoner on a leash will face court-martial on 19 charges that include sexually abusing and assaulting detainees at the Abu Ghraib Prison, the Army said on Monday.

Private First Class Lynndie England, the pregnant 21-year-old soldier who became the public symbol of the prison scandal that shocked world opinion and hurt US efforts to stabilize Iraq, could face up to 38 years in prison if convicted by the military court.

She also could face forfeiture of pay and a dishonourable discharge from the military, officials at the Fort Bragg Army base in North Carolina said.

The base commander, Lieutenant-General John Vines, referred the charges for trial after reviewing evidence from an August hearing.

England, an Army reservist stationed at Fort Bragg, was shown in infamous photographs holding a nude Iraqi prisoner by a leash, smiling and pointing at a hooded prisoner's genitals and posing behind a pyramid of naked Iraqis.

She was arraigned on Friday at Fort Bragg but deferred entering a plea. Vines set a pretrial hearing for 1-3 December at Fort Bragg, and scheduled England's

trial for 17-28 January.

England's lawyer could not immediately be reached for comment.

Charges against England include conspiring to commit cruelty and maltreatment of a prisoner, assaulting prisoners, violating discipline and good order, and committing indecent acts with soldiers and prisoners.

England is a personnel clerk with the 372nd Military Police Company and one of seven soldiers accused of abusing Iraqis held at the Abu Ghraib Prison near Baghdad.

Her defence lawyers argued at the August hearing that England acted on orders to "soften up" the prisoners for interrogation.

A military judge who recommended the court-martial described England as easily led and heavily influenced by another soldier charged in the case, Corporal Charles Graner. Investigators said England identified Graner as the father of her child, due next month. —MNA/Reuters

France says conf on Iraq must discuss possible US withdrawal

PARIS, 28 Sept — French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier said Monday that any international conference on Iraq should discuss the issue of the withdrawal of the US-led forces in the country.

"It is an issue which should be on the agenda of such a conference, if we want to hold it," Barnier told the state-owned France Inter radio station in response to a proposal by US Secretary

of State Colin Powell.

Powell on Sunday suggested the international community hold a conference on the situation in Iraq, adding that it could take place in October, just before the US presidential

elections.

Described the situation in Iraq as a "black hole", Barnier said the situation in Iraq already raised the question of the US withdrawal.

MNA/Xinhua

Bus crashes into truck in Greece

ATHENS, 28 Sept — Several children were believed to have been killed when a bus carrying them to watch the Athens Paralympic Games crashed into a truck in Greece on Monday, police said.

"The children were on their way from the (central Greek town of) Trikala to Athens to watch the Games when their bus collided with a truck," a police spokesman said. The crash happened about 100 miles north of Athens. There were 41 pupils and teachers on board the bus. — MNA/Reuters



Armoured vehicles and an Apache helicopter provide support during clashes with Iraqi militants in Haifa Street, Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET



A four-wheel drive vehicle burns during clashes between US troops and Iraqi militants in Haifa Street, Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Four Britons from Guantanamo to face military tribunals

LONDON, 29 Sept — The four Britons being held at Guantanamo Bay will face military tribunals within a month, the *Guardian* said on Tuesday, a process Britain has described as "unacceptable".

The newspaper quoted US military papers as saying the men would have no lawyer, have limited rights to call witnesses and would be presumed to be enemy combatants.

"There is a rebuttable presumption that the government evidence ... is genuine and accurate," the *Guardian* quoted the papers as saying.

The cases will be heard by three US military officers and hearsay evidence could be used against them, the paper said.

In a rare disagreement between the close allies, Britain's top legal officer has condemned the plans for military trials.

"While we must be flexible and be prepared to countenance some limitation of fundamental rights if properly justified

and proportionate, there are certain principles on which there can be no compromise," Attorney-General Lord Goldsmith said in a speech in June.

"We in Britain have been unable to accept that the US military tribunals ... offer sufficient guarantees of a fair trial in accordance with international standards."

If correct, the choice of trial will be a blow to Prime Minister Tony Blair who was said to have asked President George W Bush for the four Britons to be sent home.

Blair's office has refused to comment on whether a direct appeal was made to Bush but a lawyer acting for one of the detainees said the request had emerged from government papers filed in court.

The Foreign Office would not comment on the *Guardian* story, but said its position on Guantanamo remained the same.

"In the absence of the prospect of a fair trial consistent with international standards British detainees should be returned home," a spokeswoman said.

The Pentagon created the tribunals after a June US Supreme Court ruling that Guantanamo prisoners could go to US courts to seek their freedom.

The Guantanamo Prison was set up in January 2002 to hold combatants captured in Afghanistan, and also houses others suspected of association with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network.

MNA/Reuters

Saudi Arabia will hold combating terrorism conference

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Sept — Saudi Arabia told the UN General Assembly on Monday it would host a conference to combat terrorism in its capital Riyadh from February 5 to 8, the first by the oil-rich nation.

"The purpose is to exchange information and experience in the field of combating terrorism and to see how we can cooperate with other countries in the fight toward this universal threat," said Nizar Obaid Madani, the Saudi Foreign Ministry Undersecretary.

He said such a conference, which would include international organizations, could also review techniques for money laundering, drug smuggling and gun-running.

Madani said invitations had been

sent to international organizations and countries "that have suffered or are suffering from terrorism". But he did not say who had been invited or accepted.

So far few were aware of plans for the conference, including Algeria, which has set up an anti-terrorism centre for the 53-member African Union, to be launched in mid-October.

"We usually hear about these things," said Algeria's UN Ambassador Abdallah Baali.

MNA/Reuters

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
Second best time is now.**

US airstrikes launched in Fallujah, Sadr City

BAGHDAD, 29 Sept — US warplanes struck a suspected guerillas hideout in Fallujah on Tuesday and US tanks and aircraft bombarded areas of northeastern Baghdad, stepping up military operations against guerillas.

In Fallujah, the military said it had hit a house used by followers of Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, whose organization has claimed responsibility for several attacks in Iraq and the beheadings of foreign hostages.

It said the airstrike had targeted high-level members of Zarqawi's group, but did not say how many people were killed. The US military last week claimed to have killed around 100 of Zarqawi's followers in the past few weeks.

In Sadr City, a poor Shiite Muslim district of northeastern Baghdad, residents said US aircraft and tanks bombarded homes in some neighbourhoods, ratcheting up operations against Shi'ite militiamen who have the area largely under their control.

In a statement, US forces said they had conducted "precision strikes" on various targets, "destroying four guerilla forces and several enemy positions".

US Secretary of State Colin Powell has said the insurgency in Iraq is getting worse, threatening plans to hold elections by the end of January. The US military has said it intends to pacify all rebel-held areas by the end of December.

Zarqawi and the group he leads, known as Tawhid and Jihad (Monotheism and Holy War), are the US military's prime enemy in Iraq. Zarqawi,

who Washington says is allied to Osama bin Laden, has a 25-million-US-dollar bounty to his name.

The militant is believed to have built a stronghold in Fallujah, 30 miles west of Baghdad, since the US military withdrew from the city in April following weeks of heavy fighting. Since then, the town has become a magnet for Sunni insurgents and foreign fighters, the military says.

Zarqawi's group says it kidnapped British engineer Kenneth Bigley and two Americans from their home in Baghdad 12 days ago. The group demanded that female prisoners be released from jails in Iraq, a demand that was not met. The two Americans were subsequently beheaded and their deaths posted on the Internet.

Bigley, 62, is also threatened with beheading, but no deadline has been set. His family has mounted a huge media campaign to push for his release, and called upon British Prime Minister Tony Blair to do more to try to secure his freedom.

While Bigley's fate remains uncertain, an Iranian diplomat kidnapped south of Baghdad nearly two months ago was freed on Monday. He was said to be in good health. His release has raised hopes for the fate of two French journalists, Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot, who were seized by the same group, the Islamic Army in Iraq, on 20 August.

MNA/Reuters

Ambush kills two British soldiers in southern Iraq

LONDON, 29 Sept — The British Ministry of Defence said Tuesday that two British soldiers have been killed following an ambush on a convoy near the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

According to the ministry, an armoured Land Rover with British soldiers was badly damaged and while the soldiers from the second Land Rover were trying to get the casualties out of the first one, they came under further small arms fire.

The two soldiers in the first Land Rover later died in a field hospital, the ministry said.

Earlier reports quoted hospital officials in Basra as saying that at least two Iraqi bystanders were also injured in the attack that took place

southwest of Basra.

The incident brought the death toll of British service personnel in Iraq to 67 since the US-led war on Iraq began in March last year.

Britain now has more than 9,000 troops in the Basra area.

MNA/Xinhua



A British soldier stands near a damaged Land Rover after guerillas ambushed a British Army convoy near the southern city of Basra, Iraq, on 28 Sept, 2004.

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US Marines in a Light Armour Vehicle secure the Iraqi border with Syria in Al Waleed, on 28 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

Car bomb targets Iraqi National Guard base in Mosul

MOSUL (Iraq), 28 Sept — A car bomb targeted a base of the Iraqi National Guard in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Monday, causing some injuries, witnesses said.

Militants waging an insurgency against Iraq's US-backed interim government launch frequent attacks against Iraq's fledgling security forces in a bid to destabilize the country. — MNA/Reuters

Mortars hit police academy in east Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 28 Sept — Guerillas fired mortar bombs at a police academy in eastern Baghdad on Monday, but there were no reports of casualties, the Interior Ministry said.

Spokesman Colonel Adnan Abdul-Rahman said five mortar shells landed near the academy, causing no damage to the building.

Earlier on Monday, US planes fired at rebel positions in the eastern Baghdad Shitte slum of Sadr

City, residents and doctors said.

A doctor at one Sadr City hospital said the strike had killed one woman and two men.

"There are 40 wounded people in the hospital now," the doctor said. Three more were in criti-

cal condition and had been moved to other hospitals, the doctor added.

There have been frequent clashes between US forces and guerillas in Sadr City — a stronghold of rebels loyal to anti-US cleric Moqtada al-Sadr.

MNA/Reuters

Koizumi reshuffles ruling party leadership

TOKYO, 28 Sept — Japanese Prime Minister reshuffled his ruling party leadership on Monday morning and is set to do the same to his Cabinet later in the day as he is ardently pushing forward sweeping reforms.

Tsutomu Takebe, a former Farm Minister, was appointed the secretary-general of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP).

Koizumi also named LDP Acting Secretary-General Fumio Kyuma, 63, as chairman of the party's decision-making General Council and former Trade and Industry Minister Kaoru Yosano, 66, as chairman of the Policy Research Council.

Takebe, 63, was appointed to succeed Shinzo Abe, who resigned last

week. Abe will stay on in the party leadership as acting secretary-general.

LDP Diet Affairs Committee Chairman Hidenao Nakagawa retained the post.

Koizumi had said he would pick strong advocates for his reform policies to party leadership and the Cabinet but strike a balance between party factions.

Local media portrait Kyuma as an all-round policymaker in the party reshuffle. He served as Defence Agency director general in the Cabinet of Prime Minister Ryutaro

Hashimoto between 1996 and 1998.

At the time, he made efforts to review guidelines on defence cooperation between Japan and the United States.

The upcoming new Cabinet will be the fourth one since Koizumi took office in April 2001. The Premier had suggested he would retain Economic and Fiscal Policy Minister Heizo Takenaka. But Takenaka is widely expected to be switched to a new post of Postal Reform Minister, Japanese media said. — MNA/Xinhua

As they sincerely believe

Myint Soe (Na-ta-la)

In life, there are lots of things that we can learn from our own experiences only in our senior years. They include ups and downs as well as fond memories and bitter experiences. And from these experiences we gain wisdom and knowledge which cannot be fully expressed to make others understand and see.

Whenever I think about the national race leaders of peace groups which have returned to the legal fold, I remember above facts.

According to their political beliefs, they met and discussed with each other in the past. They laid down military plans and political policies. They also joined hands with other groups and set up organizations. They cooperated with each other to attack the government in power either short-term or long-term basis. There also occurred splits and divisions among them.

They did as they pleased for over 40 years. With the passage of time, they were able to distinguish between right and wrong. Besides, they came to realize the need to put the interests of their regions and the State before their own.

What did they do? After careful examination, they decided in favour of the interest of the State in whatever they did.

When they negotiated with the government for peace, they focused on the following points—whether they believe in and accept “Our Three Main National Causes” or not, whether they can return to the legal fold or not, and whether they are prepared not to engage in drug production nor support it.

In the negotiations that followed they agreed that they would not cooperate with and contact the above-ground or underground groups opposing the State and they will discuss political matters only at the National Convention. Therefore, they had an opportunity to attend the National Convention in 1993. This truly is the political forum.

The National Convention was then suspended temporarily for various reasons. As they believe in the National policies of the State and trust the leadership of the government, they were not included in those who made the trouble. They remained unperturbed over the divisive attempts.

According to their political beliefs, they hailed the seven-point future policy programme declared by the Prime Minister. The following peace groups met Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and pledged to actively participate in implementing the seven-point future policy programme successfully. Representatives of Shan State (North) Special Region-2 met General Khin Nyunt on 17-11-2003; Shan State (North) Special Region-3 on 21-11-2003; Kachin State Special Region-2 on 29-11-2003; Kayan Pyithit Party on 25-12-2003; Pa-O National Organization - PNO of Shan State (South) Special Region-6 on 27-

12-2003; Kayah State Special Region-2 on 3-1-2004; Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (Ya La La Pha) on 7-1-2004; Kayah State Special Region-1 on 9-1-2004; Shan National Organization (Shwepyia) on 14-1-2004; Shan State (North) Special Region-1 on 19-1-2004; Shan State (North) Special Region-5 on 22-1-2004; Shan State (North) Special Region-7 on 23-1-2004; Rakhine National Representatives (Aungzayya Peace Village) on 27-1-2004; Shan State (East) Special Region-4 on 15-2-2004 and New Mon State Party on 23-2-2004.

As part of the first step of seven-point future policy programme, National Convention was reconvened on 17 May, 2004, at Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division. The emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of the State. The National Convention will lay down the principles and detailed basic principles which are to be used in drafting the constitution for the emergence of discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

They believe that the policy of armed struggle they had embraced for forty years could not serve the interests of their nationals and region. They believe that only peace will bring prosperity and auspiciousness to their region, that national races will have to further enhance their spirit of national solidarity and the spirit to live in unity despite the attempts to divide them, and that emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of the State.

Hence, delegate groups to the National Convention including those from national race organizations have held group discussions at the convention. Without ideology, personal attachment and locality, the delegate groups presented their proposals and made suggestions at the National Convention.

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(Translation: AMS)

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ငိုင်းဝန်းကူညီဆောင်ရွက်ဖို့။

၂၀၀၄-ခုနှစ် စက်တင်ဘာလ (၂၈)ရက်နေ့ထိ နိုင်ငံအဝန်းတွင် ကျေးရွာ

ကိုယ့်အားကိုယ်ကိုးစာကြည့်တိုက် (၈၉၄)တိုက် ဖွင့်လှစ်ပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

ကျေးရွာကိုယ့်အားကိုယ်ကိုး စာကြည့်တိုက်များအတွက် သုတ/ရသစာအုပ်များကို

ပြန်ကြားရေးနှင့် ပြည်သူ့ဆက်ဆံရေး ဦးစီးဌာန ခရိုင်/မြို့နယ်ရုံးများသို့

လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

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ဝန်ထမ်းနှင့်လုပ်သားများအလိုရှိသည်

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

(က) ကျွန်ုပ်တို့မရေ ဝန်ထမ်းများ (ဆရာဝန်၊ လက်ထောက်ကျွန်းမာရေးမှူး နှင့်သူနာပြု)

(၁) ဆရာဝန် အမတ်ဘီအက်စ် (လစာကောင်းမည်) (၅) ဦး

(၂) လက်ထောက်ကျွန်းမာရေးမှူး/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

ဘော်ဒီ/ဆေးမှတ်

(လစာ=ကျပ် ၇၀၀၀၀)

(ဃ) ယန္တရားစက်ပြင် ကျွမ်းကျင်မှုအဆင့်ဆင့် (၅) ဦး

(လစာ=ကျပ်၇၀၀၀၀၊

၆၀၀၀၀၀၇၀၀၀၀)

(င) ယန္တရားစက်မောင်း ကျွမ်းကျင် (၁၀)ဦး

(လစာ=ကျပ် ၆၀၀၀၀နှင့်

လုပ်ကွက်အပေါ်

ထပ်မံခံစားခွင့်ရှိသည်)

(စ) ယာဉ်မောင်း ကျွမ်းကျင် (၁၀)ဦး

(လစာ=ကျပ် ၅၀၀၀၀)

(ဆ) စိုက်ပျိုးရေးဝန်ထမ်း စိုက်ပျိုးရေးဒီပလိုမာ/ဘွဲ့ရ (၁၀၀)ဦး

(လစာကောင်းမည်၊အထူးအကြံ

ရှိသူပိုမိုခံစားခွင့်ရှိမည်။)

(ဇ) စိုက်ပျိုးရေးလုပ်သား တောရိုင်းခြင်း၊ အပင်စိုက်ပျိုးခြင်း၊

အပင်ထိန်းသိမ်းခြင်းများ လုပ်ကိုင်

နိုင်သူ (၅၀၀၀)ကျော်

(နေ့စား-တစ်နေ့ ကျပ် ၁၀၀၀နှင့်)

၂။ ဆရာဝန်လျှောက်ထားသူများသည် အသက်(၆၀)ထက် မကြီးရ၊ ကျန်ဝန်ထမ်းနှင့် လုပ်သားလျှောက်ထားသူများသည် အသက် (၄၀)ထက် မကြီးရ။

နေ့တိုင်းမူအခမဲ့စီစဉ်ပေးမည်ဖြစ်ပြီး ဆေးဝါးကုသမှု စရိတ်ကိုလည်း ကုမ္ပဏီက ကျခံပေးမည်။ အလုပ်တာဝန်ခန့်အပ်ခံရသူ များသည်ကန်ထရိုက်စာချုပ် (၂)နှစ်ချုပ်ဆိုရမည်ဖြစ်ပြီး ဆန္ဒရှိပါက ရာသက်ပန်နေထိုင်လုပ်ကိုင်နိုင်ရန်စီမံပေးသွားမည်။

၃။ အပိုခံခွဲ(က)မှ(ဆ)အထိ ဝန်ထမ်းများ တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်မှု တန်ဖိုးရှိပြည်ပါက နားရက်(၁)လကို (လစာအပြည့်ဖြင့်) ခွင့်ပြုမည် ဖြစ်ပြီး တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်မှု (၂)နှစ်ရှိပြည်ပါက နားရက်(၁)လ (လစာ အပြည့်) အပြင်ခွင့်ပြုနိုင်ပါက အသွားအပြန်ခရီးစရိတ်ကို ကုမ္ပဏီက ကျခံပေးမည်။

၄။ အပိုခံခွဲ(ဇ)မှ စိုက်ပျိုးရေး လုပ်သားများ တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်မှု (၂)နှစ်ရှိပြည်ပါက ဆုငွေ ကျပ် ၃၀၀၀၀ ချီးမြှင့်ပေးမည်ဖြစ်ပြီး ခွင့်ပြုနိုင် လိုပါက အပြန်ခရီးစရိတ်ကို ကုမ္ပဏီက ကျခံပေးမည်။

၅။ လျှောက်ထားလိုသူများသည် အောက်ပါလိုအပ်မှုများအတိုင်း ဆက်သွယ်စုံစမ်းလျှောက်ထားနိုင်ပြီး ခန့်အပ်ခြင်းခံရပါက ၎င်းလိုအပ် စာများတွင် စုစည်းထားရှိပြီး လုပ်ငန်းခွင်အရောက် ကုမ္ပဏီက တာဝန်ယူ ပို့ဆောင်ပေးမည်။

(က)အမှတ်(၁၃၀) ရွှေတိုင်လမ်း၊ ယူဇနစင်တာ (တတိယထပ်)၊ ဗဟန်းမြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ ဖုန်း-(၁၀)၅၄၀၇၄၅၊ ၅၄၀၇၄၆၊ ၅၄၀၇၄၇၊ဖက်စ် ၅၄၀၇၄၁။

(ခ) အမှတ်(ယူ၇/၁)၊ ရန်ကုန်-မန္တလေးလမ်းနှင့် မြဝတီမင်းကြီး လမ်းထောင့်၊ ကျွဲဆည်ကန်ရုံ၊ ပြည်ကြီးတန်းမြို့နယ်၊ မန္တလေးမြို့၊ ဖုန်း-(၀၂)၈၀၈၆၅

(ဂ) ယူဇနဟိုင်းဝေးလိမိတက်၊ ရန်ကုန်-မန္တလေးပြည်ထောင်စု လမ်းမကြီး၊စီမံကိန်း၊ ဖျော်ဘွယ်-မိတ္ထီလာလမ်းတည့် ဆောက်လုပ်စီမံကိန်းရုံး၊ ဖျော်ဘွယ်မြို့၊ ဖုန်း-(၀၆၄) ၂၂၁၉၉၇

(ဃ) ဧရာဝတီတိုင်းလုပ်ငန်းလိမိတက်၊ အမှတ်(၁)ရပ်ကွက်၊ ကမ်းနားလမ်း၊ ရန်ကင်းတောင်စက်မှုဇုန်၊ ပုသိမ်မြို့၊ ဧရာဝတီ တိုင်း၊ ဖုန်း-(၀၄၂)၂၅၀၂၁၊ ၂၅၀၂၂၊ ၂၅၀၂၃၊ ၂၄၉၂၂

(င) အမှတ် (၁၂၅)၊ စိုလ်ချပ်လမ်း၊ ဆိတ်ငယ်ရပ်၊ မြိတ်မြို့၊ တနင်္သာရီတိုင်း၊ ဖုန်း-(၀၅၉) ၄၁၁၇၆၊ ၄၁၂၄၇

(စ) အမှတ် (၄၇၀)၊ ကြံ့ခိုင်ရေလမ်း၊ အဏ္ဏဝါရပ်၊ ကော့သောင်းမြို့၊ တနင်္သာရီတိုင်း၊ ဖုန်း-(၀၅၉) ၅၁၂၀၉

၆။ ထိုအပြင် ဖျဉ်းမနား၊ တပ်ကုန်း၊ ရမည်းသင်း၊ ဖျော်ဘွယ်၊ မိတ္ထီလာ၊ သာစည်၊ ဝမ်းတွင်း၊ တောင်သာ၊ မြင်းခြံ၊ ရေစကြို၊ ချောင်းဦး၊ ပခုက္ကူ၊ မုံရွာ၊ ဘုတလင်၊ ရွှေဘို၊ ရေဦး၊ ခင်ဦး၊ ဆားလင်းကြီး၊ ထီးလင်း၊ ပေါက်၊ မြိုင်၊ ဂန့်ဂေါ၊ ဆော၊ ရေနံချောင်း၊

ချောက်၊ ကျောက်ပန်းတောင်း၊ စလေး၊ စလင်း၊ ပွင့်ဖြူ၊ မင်းဘူး၊ မင်းလှနှင့် အခြားမြို့များရှိ အလုပ်သမားညွှန်ကြားရေးဦးစီးဌာနမြို့နယ်ရုံး များ၌လည်း လျှောက်ထားနိုင်သည်။



Prime Minister receives Malaysian guests

YANGON, 29 Sept— Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt of the Union of Myanmar received Executive Chairman of Mocom Corporation Sdn Bhd Lt-Gen Raja Dato Abdul Rashid (Retd) and party at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta, this afternoon.

Present at the call were Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, Head of Department Brig-Gen Thein Swe of the Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.— MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Executive Chairman Lt-Gen (Retd) Raja Dato' Abdul Rashid of Mocom Corporation Sdn Bhd of Malaysia at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA

With the material and spiritual developments of the national people, the Union of Myanmar will last forever as long as the world exists and social life of the national people will also be secure

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practically how better foundations needed for a modern, developed new nation serve the social life of the national people and present conditions. In other words, the trainees studied both the policy of the State and practical implementation to a certain extent in a short time.

Based on the knowledge gained at the course, he said, they are to cultivate their knowledge to be mature in combination with practical life of the individuals and share their progressive knowledge with the people. They should not keep their knowledge only for themselves but hand it down to members of the USDA, he said. It is the most basic and natural task for good organizers to serve the betterment and progress of the society. He said the trainees attended the course after being selected in order to take up duties at the multiplier courses to be conducted in the respective regions as good instructors.

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greater momentum for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation in accord with the lofty objectives. The USDA, a national force, hand in hand with the people is implementing tasks for the emergence of a peaceful, modern developed discipline-flourishing new nation, the national goal, he added.

In doing so, concerted efforts are to be made for consolidation of political, economic and defence strength.

With the political strength, there will be stability in the country and better foundations for development. If there is economic strength, defence strength can be built. If the defence is strong, it contributes towards the political strength and there will be peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order. Therefore, politics, economy and defence are interrelated, he said.

Training new generation youths to possess spiritual foundations such as knowledge, technology and thoughts by the association is to build a leading nation and to safeguard it after making use of better

foundations of the country fully, he said.

With the material and spiritual developments of the national people, the Union of Myanmar will last as long as the world exists and social life of the national people will also be secure.

Today, information and communication technology is advancing rapidly. An event in a part of the world can be heard or seen within hours in the rest of the world. So, the world has become a global village.

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Thus, Myanmar, a developing nation that is located in a geographically important place in the region, will have to be aware of such attempts. She will have to be aware of and ward off all means of instigation to destroy the historical tradition of unity and love among the national races living in solidarity on the same land and partaking water from the same source since time immemorial.

In addition, it is deplorable for all to see some big nations' attempts, that are lacking the international ethics, to interfere in the internal affairs of others to shape their democracies in accord with their will.

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alien disturbances and interferences detrimental to the independent national stand of the Union of Myanmar that is in the process to build a democratic system in accord with her historical traditions, national characteristics and traditions and culture.

The most important national task nowadays is to further strengthen the internal solidarity and to build a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

All the national people are required to strive in unity to build a new nation. In addition, a constitution that is in accord with the culture, customs and historical traditions of the nation is also an essential need. All the USDA members must accept that emergence of a constitution is their present task, while striving together with the people in their respective sectors for its emergence.

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Member of Panel of Patrons of USDA (Central) Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially converses with trainees of Instructor Course No 4 on Myanmar Development and Studies.— MNA

As all national races ...

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The State has already declared the seven-point Road Map in her transition to democracy. The convening of the National Convention, the first and most important step of the Road Map, is in progress at present.

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As the USDA is a national organization serving the interest of the entire national people, it is important that its members must be qualified and sincere and free from selfishness and especially, in this critical time when the dangers of alien pressures and interferences are threatening the nation, the members should stay away from deeds and words that may harm the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit.

The Head of State, who is the Patron of the Association, has given guidance, saying, **"As all the national races living in 14 states and divisions are relatives and brethren, efforts are being made to ensure equal health, happiness and prosperity for all."**

"Like the parents, the Government has been attending to the needs in all sectors for the well being of the national races, who are its sons and daughters, and to shape a better future for them. As all are living in the Union, the Government has no idea of discriminating them, but has the wish to see them enjoying prosperity and honour."

Considering her location, rich natural resources and population size, the nation will become a developed one in the forefront of the world when national races are able to fulfil the requirements in unity and with ardent efforts.

The guidance reflects the State's sincere goodwill for the people. Upholding the guidance, the USDA members should take part in nation-building task in harmony with local people, Government employees and other social organizations for proportionate progress of all the regions of the states and divisions, to narrow the gap between the rural and the urban areas, the hill regions and the plains, and to develop the border areas.

Various kinds of courses are being conducted for the members to have correct outlook and knowledge and united vision as only with them cooperative and energetic efforts will realize the goal.

Thus the trainees will have to further improve their knowledge gained at the course and to share it with others.

They should take part together with the people in the national development undertakings, while striving to further strengthen their spirit to live in unity.

The Secretary-1 cordially greeted the trainees. MNA

Regional development tasks in Hainggyikyun inspected

YANGON, 29 Sept — Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein and Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing on 26 September inspected the beautifying tasks at Patheingyi Jetty, thriving of monsoon paddy cultivation and condition of waterway in Patheingyi.

They met departmental officials and townsenders in Hainggyikyun on 27 September.

At the meeting, Rear-Admiral Soe Thein and Maj-Gen Soe Naing urged officials and local people to strive for the regional development and gave instructions on agriculture and livestock breeding tasks and transportation in the region.

The commander handed over a fire-engine worth K over 1.3 million to the Fire Services Department of Hainggyikyun.

Afterwards, they went to Basic Education High School of Hainggyikyun and viewed teaching and learning at the multimedia room of the school.

Later, they inspected pepper cultivation in Hainggyikyun Station.

Next, they proceeded to Hainggyikyun Station Hospital and inspected operation room, X-ray room and attended to the needs.

During their tour, they also inspected Myoma Police Force, Myoma communication office, office of the General Administration Department and condition of roads and fulfilled the requirements.

Rear-Admiral Soe Thein and Maj-Gen Soe Naing and party arrived at prawn breeding camp of local military unit where officials concerned reported on scientific breeding of prawn. Local military unit plans to breed 3 million prawns in 11 ponds. — MNA

Myothit Dam, 165th of its kind...

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Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, officials,



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye addresses opening ceremony of Myothit Dam. — MNA

district and township authorities, social organizations and employees, teachers, students and local people totalling over 4,000.

In his speech, the Secretary-2 said that Myothit Dam would be able to irrigate some 2,500 acres of arable land. Sagaing Division lies between Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers, and the townships in the lower Sagaing Division are arid regions where water is scarce. That was why the government had placed emphasis on construction of dams, diversion weirs and water pumping stations one after another in arid zones including Sagaing Division.

A total of 18 new irrigation facilities have been built in the Division, whose figure of irrigated acres stands at over 800,000. The Water Resources Utilization Department has established 49 water pumping stations that benefit over 68,000 acres of cultivable land. The Division's underground water tapping stations supply

over 5,000 acres of crops.

In addition to these facilities, the government in concert with local people is taking such measures as conservation and extending forests, establishment of trees plantations to be used for firewood, and extended production of firewood-substitute fuel. The Secretary-2 called for careful conservation of natural forests.

Sagaing Division needs to be a model one in utilizing water resources and in conserving its environment.

With Thaphansek Dam, the largest dam of its kind in the nation, that reflects the government's huge efforts, the number of irrigated areas as well as cultivated acres is growing in the Division. Now, the Division's cultivated area is around 4 million acres, up from 2.8 million acres 15 years ago.

The region is extending paddy cultivation to hit its target — 80 million baskets of paddy surplus — to be able to stand as the rice bowl of the Upper Myanmar in the near future. Moreover, expanding the scope of cultivating the remaining major crops such as beans and pulses, edible oil crops, cotton and sugarcane, the Division becomes economically reliable one for the State.

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implementing three development projects simultaneously for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation.

Almost all basic foundations necessary for development have been laid across the nation. Consequently, peace and stability can be restored national solidarity can be built unprecedentedly.

In such an opportune time, the government adopted the seven-point policy programme to introduce democracy suitable for the nation's historical traditions and customs. Step-by-step implementation of these points are in progress to transform the nation into a genuine discipline-flourishing democratic one.

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Newly-opened Myothit Dam built on Myothitchaung Village, Budalin Township. — MNA

Government plans to make Sagaing Division granary of Upper Myanmar

Mandalay Division sets target to grow one million acres of paddy Secretary-2 meets agricultural supervisory committees in Sagaing, Mandalay Divisions

YANGON, 29 Sept.— Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2004 of Sagaing Division at the city hall in Monywa on 27 September morning.

Also present on the occasion were 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, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, education officers, heads of basic education schools, teachers, students, social organization members and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that together with Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the ministers and the deputy

ministers, he arrived there to fulfil requirements of economic, education and health sectors of Sagaing Division.

As the Government has laid down plans and is implementing economic, education and health plans for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, all can enjoy fruitful results sector-wise in the entire nation.

In its retrospect, development tasks could effectively not be carried out in the country about 50 years ago after regaining her independence in 1948.

Therefore, the present Government is giving priority to prevalence of law and order and ensuring peace, security and tranquillity of the State. Nowadays, the country can enjoy good conditions of peace and stability and prevalence of law and order as well as economic development.

Accordingly, the Government is trying hard to build a modern and developed nation in order to keep abreast of other nations.

In so doing, human resource development is essential for the country.

Therefore, universities, computer colleges, technological colleges and hospitals were established in 24 development regions throughout the country with a view to turning out healthy, fit and highly-qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia.

So, concerted efforts are to be made with goodwill to achieve success in implementing the State goal.

The Government, on its part, has laid down plans for progress of all-round development in the education sector systematically. In this

regard, arrangements are being made for ensuring enrolment of school going children and for creating opportunities for those who had completed at primary level so as to pursue middle and high school education. And, multimedia classrooms were opened at the schools for uplift of education standard.

Monthly tests and continuing assessment can contribute towards improvement of students in their learning sector. Hence, the triangle of student, parent and teacher are to turn out outstanding students who will be reliable ones in the future.

As the Government is providing assistance to the students to be able to learning not only basic education but also higher one in the various regions, now outstanding educated persons have emerged. They will build a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Therefore, the Government plans to continue turning out (See page 11)



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets members of Sagaing Division and eight district agricultural supervisory committees.— MNA

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The Secretary-2 put the onus on officials concerned of contributing towards accomplishment of the State's future programme in harness with the Government, while striving collectively for ensuring stronger economy of the State.

In conclusion, the Secretary-2 called on local administrative bodies, departmental personnel and local people:



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo speaking at opening of Myothit Dam.— MNA

- to maintain the newly-inaugurated dam for its durability,
- to make efforts to achieve the State's agricultural goal through the most effective use of water from the facility,
- to carry out tasks with great diligence for regional

food sufficiency, greening of the region and elevating the living standard of local people, and

- to be united in carrying out rural development tasks to make dramatic progress of rural regions.

Next, the commander delivered an address at the opening ceremony.

Afterwards, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo delivered an address, saying that the purpose of building Salingyi Dam opened the previous day was for boosting production of agricultural produce in Monywa District and further development of rural areas. Myothit Dam opened today is the 165th of its kind, reflecting one of the fruitful results based on the Government's goodwill to the nation and the people.

Agricultural production is a basic factor to supply food to the people and ensure development of the State economy. Only if the agricultural production is boosted in the long term, economic development of the State and the people can be ensured. Therefore, ministries, local authorities and social organizations concerned are to cooperate with harmonious efforts of the farmers to achieve success in the agricultural tasks.

For ensuring development of the agricultural task, arrangements are being made for extending farmlands on a one-fourth of 167 million acres of the land. Furthermore, traditional farming is being changed to the mechanized one.

In conclusion, the minister urged all to maintain durability of the dam and canals.

Next, U Sein Win Hlaing, a local people, expressed gratitude.

Afterwards, the Secretary-2, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers and officials took the designated places. Next, Lt-Gen

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Thein Sein unveiled the stone plaque of the dam and Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo formally opened the dam.

They then posed for documentary photos together with local people in front of the archway of the dam. Next, the Secretary-2 and party inspected the dam.

At the briefing hall, Director of Sagaing Division Irrigation Department U Hoke Kyi reported on facts about the dam, tasks for the project and small dams to be built in the watershed areas of Thade Creek streaming through Budalin and Monywa townships.

Director-General of ID U Kyaw San Win, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and the commander gave supplementary reports.

The Secretary-2 gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks.

Myothit Dam opened today has a 60-foot-high and 2,600-foot-long earth embankment. Thanks to the project, the dam can prevent floods causing Monywa and Budalin-YeU Road due to heavy rain and supply water for about 2,500 acres of farmlands in Budalin Township and potable water for local people and cattle in villages near Budalin. — MNA

Government plans to make Sagaing...

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intellectuals and intelligentsia. So, teacher, parent and student should make earnest efforts in implementing the State's plan. Now, the Government laid down political, economic and social objectives and is striving for implementation of those objectives for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. For emergence of a peaceful, modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation in the political sector, the Government is implementing the seven-point future policy programme of the State. In so doing, the National Convention, which is the first step of the programme, is being convened.

As different steps of the seven-point future policy programme of the State including the National Convention will be carried out, all are to harmoniously participate in their sectors for achieving success of the tasks. Next, Sagaing Division Education Officer U Ohn Kyaw reported on progress of education sector in Sagaing Division annually.

At the prize-presenting ceremony, the Secretary-2 presented prizes to six-distinction winners Maung Zeya Phyo of Practising High School of Sagaing University for Development of National Races, Ma Khwa Nyo Kyaw of Dabayin BEHS, Ma Thet Thet of ChaungU BEHS, Ma Soe Su Su Swe of Kawlin BEHS and Ma The Phyu Htay of Monywa BEHS No 2 and prize to the best pass rate school of the matriculation examination to the headmistress of Ohntaw BEHS in Sagaing Township and the best pass rate township to the ChaungU township education officer.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented prizes to



Chairman of Agricultural Development Committee Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gives instructions to officials on agricultural development of Mandalay Division.— MNA

six students who won five distinctions in the exam and the second prizes for best pass rate to officials.

Similarly, the commander gave away prizes to four four-distinction winners and third prizes for best pass rate to officials. The ministers and the deputy ministers also presented prizes to other distinction winners. After the ceremony, the Secretary-2 cordially met with those present.

Next, Vice-Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspected units of Monywa General Hospital (200-bed).

At Myathala Hall of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council, Lt-Gen Thein Sein met departmental officials and agricultural supervisory committees at district and divisional levels.

Chairman of Agriculture Development Committee Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address, saying that now there are over 1.7 million acres of paddy in Sagaing Division though there were 1.2 million acres in 1988-89. So, the division is a food sufficiency region and it has 40 million baskets of surplus paddy annually.

Hence, the Government has planned that Sagaing Division must be the granary of Upper Myanmar and that two million acres of monsoon

paddy must be extended in order to have 80 million baskets surplus of paddy.

Therefore, Sagaing Division is responsible for extending cultivation of not only paddy but also cotton, pulses and beans, groundnut, sesame and sunflower. Emphasis is to be placed on extension of farmlands as well as meeting the production target of 10 main crops.

Sagaing Division is one of the six divisions on which the State relies. It is necessary for development of the agriculture sector and improvement of double cropping with the use of irrigation facilities, systematic agricultural technology and quality strains and fertilizers.

In addition, ways are to be sought to practise thrifty and to minimize loss and waste in the agricultural sector. Furthermore, extended cultivation of edible oil crops and such new crops as tea, coffee and pepper and suitable perennial crops for the region rubber, oil plam and Thitseint (Belleric myrobalan) are to be grown in Sagaing Division.

And then, division, district and township level officials are to go field trips to grassroots level for cultivation of two million acres of monsoon paddy within three years laid down by the government after conducting feasibility study on geographical conditions and extension of farmlands

and availability of water.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye reported on land utilization in the division, cultivation of monsoon paddy to meet 2 million acres target and progress of tasks, water supply, cultivation of monsoon crops, plans to put lands under summer paddy and cold season crops, cultivation of 10 main crops, local sufficiency of oil and food and requirements.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay reported on assistance being provided by ministries concerned to cultivation of 2 million acres of monsoon paddy and development of agricultural sector in Sagaing Division.

Next, the Secretary-2 gave necessary instructions that local authorities, agricultural supervision committees and departments concerned should go right down to grassroots level in carrying out agricultural tasks. He stressed the need to reclaim cultivable land and to supply water and requirements are to be submitted to higher levels.

Afterwards, Chairman of Central Organizing Committee for Myanmar War Veterans Organization Secretary-2 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspected the site chosen for building the office of Sagaing Division WVO Supervisory Committee and shops.

The Secretary-2 and party inspected progress in construction of 7.29 miles long Union Highway from Monywa Home for the Aged to Kyweye Junction.

On arrival at Mandalay International Airport at 2 pm, they were welcomed by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay Mayor

Brig-Gen Yan Thein and officials.

At the hall of the airport, the Secretary-2 met authorities and officials.

The commander reported on cultivation sector of the division and supply of water to Meiktila District and use of water from Dokhtawady River.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave a supplementary report. Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that Mandalay Division still needs to make much efforts to meet the paddy sown acreage target of one million acres as it could put only 610,000 acres of land under paddy in 2003-2004.

A peaceful, modern and developed nation is being built in accord with the 12 objectives. One of the four economic objectives states, "Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well". Thus, in line with the three aims — surplus production of rice, ensuring edible oil sufficiency and increase in the production of beans and pulses and industrial crops — dams and water pumping stations are being built and tube-wells sunk to irrigate crops, and priority has been given to meeting the set targets of ten major crops including rice.

The present-day efforts to extend sown acreage and multi-cropping in the whole nation is to ensure enough food for the future growing population of the nation. Thus, efforts are being made to extend sown acreage in Mandalay Division and to use the irrigation facilities effectively to meet the target of one million acres within a period of three years. Means including correct cultivation methods, the use of quality strains and fertilizers and insecticides will be applied, and multi-cropping will be extended.

According to the report presented by Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, a two-year plan and a three-year plan have been drawn to

realize the target of one million acres.

The main task is to increase sown acreage, and to find possible irrigation means. Officials will have to make inspection tours to get the actual irrigation capacity of dams in the irrigate areas. Thus, they will have to tour down to the grassroots to collect correct data and facts and to organize farmers.

The Secretary-2 and party arrived back here in the evening.

During their inspection tour of Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe met officials of Division, District and Township Police Forces and General Administration Department at the office of Sagaing Division Police Commander on 25 September.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than also met service personnel of Myanma Airways, Department of Civil Aviation, Inland Water Transport and Department of Water Resources and Improvement of River Water Systems the same day and fulfilled the requirements.

Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay inspected the marketing officer's office of Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise in Monywa and the sites for construction of diesel and petrol tanks.

He also inspected the site for distribution of fuel near the bank of Chindwin River. On 25 September, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min met Division, District and Township education officers at No 1 Basic Education High School in Monywa.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo inspected Division People's Hospital, Nursing and Midwifery Training Schools and Traditional Medicine Hospital. On 26 September, the deputy minister inspected People Hospital in Kanbalu.— MNA



NHC Vice-Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects Monywa General Hospital (200-Bed).— MNA

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China issues more than 700 million bank cards

SHANGHAI, 28 Sept — China is ranked first in the world in the growth of its bank card business, Chen Jing, head of the central bank's sci-tech department said earlier this week.

According to Chen Jing, the People's Bank of China, the central bank, is organizing work to hammer out China's financial IC (integrated circuit) card criteria, to normalize application of the banking smart cards. The central bank official said that efforts will be made to further improve bank card services, intensify control over bank cards, and contain various smart-card-based frauds. Use of tax-controlled cashiers will be popularized in the nation, the official added.

By the end of June this year, China issued 714 million bank cards, involving 1.35 trillion yuan (162.7 billion US dollars) in yuan-denominated deposits out-

standing and 2.735 billion US dollars in deposits in foreign currencies, according to Chen Jing. Between January and June, bank-card-based trade amounted to 12.14 trillion yuan (1.5 trillion US dollars) nationwide, a growth of 60.37 per cent over the same period of last year, Chen Jing added. According to statistics from China UnionPay Co, Ltd, which is devoted to the bank card networking business on the Mainland, 141 card issuers, 370,000 POS (point of sales) machines and 62,000 ATM (automatic teller machine) had been hooked up to the company's bank card business network by the end of June. — MNA/Xinhua



A Canada goose is seen flying across the moon at Oak Hammock Marsh, a wildlife reserve, just north of Winnipeg on 26 Sept. 2004.—INTERNET

Zero tillage farming spreading in India

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept — The new method of cropping with zero tillage is spreading in India and elsewhere in south Asia, according to the annual report of the Consultative Group on Agricultural Research (CGIAR).

Through the efforts of the Rice-Wheat Consortium (RWC) for the Indo-Gangetic Plains and its many partners from public and private sectors, farmers in south Asia have begun using practices that save water, fuel and other inputs and allow them to diversify their cropping systems, CGIAR said.

The most prominent of these practices — zero tillage to sow wheat after rice — was used on nearly 1.3 million hectares during the 2003-04 wheat season, a dramatic increase from only a few years ago.

The rapid expansion of zero tillage was made possible by the adoption of specialized implements — "seed drills" — for sowing directly into unploughed soil and crop stubble.

The seed drills were developed jointly by the RWC private companies and public sector research organizations, both national and international.

MNA/PTI

Anthrax kills 1,500 wild animals in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 28 Sept — An anthrax outbreak has killed 1,500 wild animals in two conservancies adjacent to the Gonarezhou National Park, southeast Zimbabwe, in the past few weeks, according to the *Herald* on Monday.

Stuart Hargreaves, director of the livestock and veterinary services, was quoted as saying the outbreak, reported three weeks ago, was one of the most serious in this southeastern part of the country.

"In both areas (Malalangwe and Save Conservancy), about 1,500 animals have died," he said. "This is one of the largest outbreaks of anthrax that we have experienced in a wildlife area."

The veterinary department has in the past weeks dispatched teams to the area to contain the disease.

"The situation is beginning to ease through enormous efforts from wildlife authorities and assistance from the veterinary services," Hargreaves said.

He said about 1,400 carcasses of animals that died from anthrax have so far been burnt and more than 700 of the country's most valuable wildlife stock

— rhinos and buffaloes — have been vaccinated.

"This is the reason why the disease is diminishing," he said. "The vet department is also vaccinating cattle in the surrounding areas," he said.

Anthrax is an acute infectious disease caused by spore-forming bacteria whose spores can survive in an environment for a long time. — MNA/Xinhua



Intricate earrings; A model wears a creation as part of Pollini by Rifat Ozbek's Spring/Summer 2005 women's collection at Milan's fashion week.—INTERNET

India's unmanned moon mission going smoothly

NEW DELHI, 28 Sept — India's unmanned moon mission — Chandrayan — is expected to take place in 2007-08 as it is progressing smoothly, the country's space agency chief G Madhavan Nair said here Sunday.

"There has been a lot of debate in the scientific community whether we should do this because of the huge cost, but what I would like to say is that the total cost of the project is just 83 million US dollars," Nair, chairman of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO), told reporters. He said a manned mission has been ruled out as it will cost 2.2 billion US dollars. Nair said India's space budget was just 500 million dollars while that of the United States was 12.5 billion dollars.

On the country's communication satellite programme, he said INSAT 4A would blast off from French Guyana in February next year with a payload of 3.7 tons and would have 12 Ku band antennas and an equal number of C-band antennas. After this, INSAT 4B and 4C would be launched.

MNA/Xinhua

Showcase for World Modern Art opens in Brazil

SAO PAULO (Brazil), 28 Sept — The Sao Paulo Biennale, a showcase for contemporary art from around the world, opened on Sunday with a massive exhibit that celebrates the subtleties of the creative process.

The biennale, which presents contemporary artwork every two years, is one of the oldest and largest shows of its kind. More than 100 artists from 62 countries will display their work.

The Sao Paulo show is one of the most important venues for cutting edge art, which organizers compared to the better-known Venice Biennale. Organizers said they are trying to emphasize art that is outside the mainstream.

Curator Alfons Hug said he chose this year's theme of "No Man's Land", to counteract a predominance of what he calls "sociological discussions" in international art exhibits.

"The no man's land is a space for art itself. It's a space outside the world of economics and politics," he said.

Calling it "a return to art", he said he hoped the show would "value the autonomy of art and of its aesthetic principles".

In contrast to the 2002 biennale, which focused on the energy and grit of metropolises, this show will have "more poetry, subtlety and extremely sublime works", Hug said.

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SPORTS

Man United beat Fenerbahce 6-2

MANCHESTER (England), 29 Sept— Teenage England striker Wayne Rooney scored a hat-trick on a sensational debut for Manchester United as they crushed Fenerbahce 6-2 in the Champions League on Tuesday.

Winger Ryan Giggs headed United into a seventh minute lead and 18-year-old Rooney lashed in his first with a left-foot shot 10 minutes later in the Group D tie at Old Trafford.

Rooney, who cost 27 million pounds from Everton last month and was playing his first game since England's Euro 2004 quarter-final exit, scored his second in the 28th minute with a fierce low right-foot drive.

Fenerbahce pulled one back a minute after the break through Marcio Nobre but Rooney brought up his first hat-trick at senior level with a curling free kick before Tuncay Sanli added a second for the Turkish side.

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Olympiakos beat Liverpool 1-0

ATHENS, 29 Sept—A header after 17 minutes by Greek international Ieroklis Stoltidis was enough to give Olympiakos Piraeus a 1-0 win over Liverpool on Tuesday and three points that put them top of Group A in the Champions League.

Just one goal, however, did not do justice to a game that Olympiakos, often inspired by their ex-Brazilian international Rivaldo, dominated from start to finish. It was a historic night for the Greek side who last beat an English club back in November 1972 when they scored a 1-0 win over Tottenham Hotspur in a UEFA Cup second round, second leg match — although they had already lost the first leg 4-0.

This time they were in charge of proceedings almost throughout and twice hit the woodwork.

They also had at least three other clear scoring chances, including a blistering shot from Rivaldo from outside the penalty area that whipped past the post.

Liverpool, who had never previously lost to a Greek side in six previous

meetings, were poor in the first half and even after bringing on Harry Kewell at halftime failed to bring a single save out of Olympiakos goalkeeper Antonis Nikopolidis. Olympiakos set the early pace when their Cypriot striker Yiannis Okkas struck the post after five minutes.

Twelve minutes later a well-flighted Rivaldo free-kick floated over the Liverpool defence and Stoltidis headed home.

By halftime, Olympiakos might have had five as Rivaldo, his Brazilian colleague Giovanni, and Pantelis Kafes all went close.

Liverpool showed more steel in the second half but it was the Greek side that again had the best chances with Stoltidis heading against the bar and substitute Georgios Georgiadis firing just wide.

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Liverpool's Milan Baros (C) fights for the ball against Olympiakos' Georgios Georgiadis (R) and Pantelis Kafes (L) during their Champions League Group A soccer match at Karaiskaki Stadium in Athens on 28 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Saviola's goals earn Monaco 2-0 win over Deportivo

MONACO, 29 Sept— Early goals by strikers Mohamed Kallon and Javier Saviola earned Monaco a 2-0 victory over Deportivo Coruna in a Champions League Group A match on Tuesday.

Kallon opened the scoring by slotting home a fine pass from Emmanuel Adebayor inside the box after five minutes and Saviola netted the second five minutes later with a close-range shot.

The principality team looked as if they might get a hatful of goals as they did in their 8-3 win over the Spanish side last season but they soon ran out of steam.

After the break, Depor created sev-

eral chances but Monaco goalkeeper Flavio Roma produced several fine saves.

But Monaco's man of the match Adebayor came closest to adding another goal with a volley against the bar in the 75th minute before being replaced by Uruguay's Ernesto Chevanton.

The win was a relief to Monaco as they bounced back from their opening 2-0 defeat at Liverpool two weeks ago.

MNA/Reuters



Juventus' Zlatan Ibrahimovic, centre, fights for the ball with Maccabi Tel Aviv's Marcio Giovanini of Brazil during the first round Champions League soccer match between Juventus and Maccabi Tel Aviv, in Turin's Delle Alpi Stadium, northern Italy, on Tuesday, 28 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Camoranesi's header gives Juventus 1-0 win over Maccabi

TURIN (Italy), 29 Sept— A first-half header from Argentine Mauro Camoranesi gave Juventus a 1-0 win over Maccabi Tel-Aviv in their Champions League Group C match on Tuesday, securing the Italians the maximum six points from two games.

Camoranesi, not noted for his ability in the air, powerfully headed home after goalkeeper Liran Strauber flailed at a Pavel Nedved corner in the 37th minute.

It was enough to win a disappointing match played in front of a feeble crowd of under 7,000.

Juve never managed to find a rhythm against a well-organized Maccabi side who showed with their discipline and work-rate that they certainly merit their first appearance in the group stage.

Perhaps with a little more ambition and an injection of flair up-front, Nir Klinger's side could have left the Delle Alpi stadium with a point from a game that never really came alive.

After a slow start

Juventus produced the first serious effort on goal in the 18th minute when midfielder Alessio Tacchinardi flashed a header over from a corner.

Maccabi looked solid at the back though and confident in midfield with Brazilian Bruno Reis the main creative force, although too often his options were limited.

It was Reis who created an opening for Maccabi in the 21st minute, slipping a pass into the path of Ghanaian striker Ishmael Addo who fired just wide of Gianluigi Buffon's post.

There was little urgency or fluidity in Juve's play there was relief in the home crowd when they broke the deadlock with Camoranesi's header.

Just before the break Juve's French striker David

Trezeguet fired a sweet shot just over the bar from over 20 metres out but apart from a couple of long-range shots from Nedved and an effort from Zlatan Ibrahimovic which was disallowed for offside, Juve produced very little after the break.

Maccabi reminded Fabio Capello's side that the game was not yet over when in the 74th minute a thundering long-range shot from Tamir Cohen forced a diving save out of Juve keeper Gianluigi Buffon.

It took another set-piece for Juve to finally bring Maccabi keeper Liran Strauber back into action as he did well to turn over an Igor Tudor header at the end of a low-key encounter.

MNA/Reuters

Real defeat Roma 4-2

MADRID, 29 Sept— Real Madrid captain Raul scored two and had a hand in another as he led his side's fightback from two goals down to claim a 4-2 win over AS Roma in the Champions League at the Bernabeu on Tuesday.

Visitors Roma got off to a flying start as they stormed into a 2-0 lead after 22 minutes, midfielder Daniele de Rossi and striker Antonio Cassano cashing in some appalling defending from the Real back four.

But Raul sparked the recovery six minutes before the break when he ran on to a pass from Zinedine Zidane and unleashed a powerful drive from the edge of the box which took a deflection off a defender and flew past keeper Ivan Pelizzoli. —MNA/Reuters



Japan's Shinobu Asagoe returns a backhand to her country fellow Seiko Okamoto during their first round of the \$140,000 Hansol Korea Open tennis tournament at Olympics Park in Seoul on Tuesday, 28 Sept, 2004. Asagoe won 6-0, 6-2. —INTERNET

Commander attends 109th Supervisory Committee for Traffic Rules Enforcement Meeting

YANGON, 29 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the 109th Supervisory Committee for Traffic Rules Enforcement Meeting at the meeting hall of Road Transport Administration Department on Thanthuma Street, Thingangyun this afternoon and made a speech on the occasion.

In his address he said that Yangon City has a population of some 6.2 million and over 150,000 vehicles. There had been 1,180 traffic accidents, in-

juring 2,208 and 210 death during 2002; 1249 traffic accidents, wounding 2270 and 189 death during 2003 and 821 traffic accidents, wounding 1423 and 110 death up to 2004 August. The traffic accidents which occurred involved many students—there had been 77 traffic accidents, injuring 82 and 10 death during 2002; 33 traffic accidents, injuring 103 and 6 death during 2003 and 34 traffic accidents, injuring 48 and 9 death up to 2004 August.

Due to these traffic accidents, the students who will take up responsibility of the State lost their lives and had been disabled.

Therefore, so as not to lose human resources, the Supervisory Committee for Traffic Rules Enforcement is taking measures for educative talks on traffic rules at basic education schools. During the school hours, the traffic policemen are systematically carrying out road safety for the students.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, No 2 Military Region Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint accepted cash donations donated by 66 wellwishers.

After that, Joint-Secretary of Supervisory Committee for Traffic

Rules Enforcement Police Lt-Col Aung Naing presented reports on matters relating to traffic rules enforcement during July, August and September of 2004 and so did subcommittees. In response to the reports, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe gave supplementary reports.

Afterwards, the Supervisory Committee for Traffic Rules Enforcement distributed educative books on traffic rules to basic education schools and presented flag-containers and VCDs on 'Hold the flag up' to 46 schools.

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Minister attends opening of cooperative shop for suburban areas

YANGON, 29 Sept — The opening ceremony of model sale centre of Khayma Trading Co-op Ltd was held this morning at that shop located at Khaymathi road, North Okkalapa township.

Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min attended it. Director-General Col Soe Win of Cooperative Department, Chairman of Yangon Division General Economics Cooperatives Union U Ye Aung

and Chairman of Township General Economics Cooperative Society U Tin Win opened the sale centre.

The chairman of Yangon Division General Economics Cooperative

Syndicate presented K 100,000 to Khayma Trading Co-op Ltd. Basic foodstuff, stationary, cosmetics, medicines are available at the shop and it is learnt that 13 shops have been opened in townships in Yangon Division.

The minister and party proceeded to head office of Cooperative Department in North Okkalapa Township and the minister met the staff there. The director general and the deputy director-general of the department reported on the implementing tasks. The minister and party inspected in the department. — MNA

Winners in World Teachers' Day commemorative essay, poem and article competitions announced

YANGON, 29 Sept — The Leading Committee for Organizing World Teachers' Day Ceremony held the poem and essay competitions, and the students at BEMS and BEHS levels, trainees of the Institutes of Education and Education Colleges participated in the competitions. Winners in the competitions were announced today.

In BEHS level essay contest, Maung Pyay Htwe Naing of 9th standard of Chaungzon BEHS stood first, 8th standard student Ma Nu Htet Htet Lwin of Sittway BEHS No 4, second and 10th standard student Maung Aung Ko Latt of Myitkyina BEHS No 2, third.

In BEMS level essay contest, 6th standard student Ma Nu Yin Min of Pyay BEMS No 2 stood first, 7th standard student Ma Zun Oo Hlaing of Nyaunglaybin BEMS, second and 6th standard student Ma Saw Mya Sandy of Sittway BEHS No 4, third.

In Institutes of Education and Education Colleges level essay contest, 2nd year student Ma Ei Mo Za Myint of Patheingyi Education College won the first prize, 2nd year student Ma Aye Thanda Naing of Taunggyi Education College the second and 2nd year student Ma Aye Mya

Thanda of Yankin Education College the third.

In BEHS level poem contest, 8th standard student Ma Hnin Wut San of Painnetaik Village BEHS (branch), Mudon Township, secured the first prize, 9th standard student Ma Yu Mon Kyaw of An BEHS No 1 the second and 8th standard student Ma Htet Wai Ei of Myoma BEMS in Yekyi Township the third. In BEMS level poem contest, 6th standard student Maung Htet Aung Lin of Myitkyina BEHS No 3 stood first, 6th standard student Ma Ei Mon Kyaw of Bago BEHS No 3, second and 7th standard student Maung Kaung Myat Han of Loikaw BEHS No 1, third.

In Institutes of Education and Education Colleges level poem contest, 2nd year student Ma Hin Thiri Aung of Toungoo Education College won the first prize, 2nd year student Maung Htin Aung of Patheingyi Education College the second and 2nd year student Ma Nwe Ni Hlaing of Yankin Education College the third.

The teachers who secured first, second and third prizes in BEHS level article contest were SAT Daw Aye Aye Myint of Hlinethaya BEHS No 1, SAT Daw Myint Myint

Than of No 2 BEHS Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township and SAT Daw Than Htwe of Chanayethazan BEHS No 14 respectively.

First, second and third prize winners in BEMS teacher level article contest were JAT U Shwe Tin of Thathon BEMS No 1, JAT Daw Moe Wah of Hline BEMS No 6 and JAT Daw Thuza Tin of Myittha BEMS respectively. The teachers who stood first, second and third prizes in article contest were Headmaster U Maung Maung Aye of Shwepaukkan Post-Primary School No 48, PAT Daw Htet Htet Thu of Chanayethazan BEHS No 14 and Headmistress Daw Kathy Soe Thein of Kamayut BEPS No 2 respectively.

In University, college, institute level article contest, Assistant Lecturer U Than Win of Myanmar Department of Myeik University stood first, Associate Professor Daw Cho Cho Tint of Myanmar Department of Maubin University second and Tutor Daw Myint Myint San of Yangon Institute of Education third respectively.

Winners are to contact Education Planning and Training Department at 123, Natmauk Street, Bahan Township, not later than 1-10-2004. — MNA

University entrance for 2004-2005 academic year

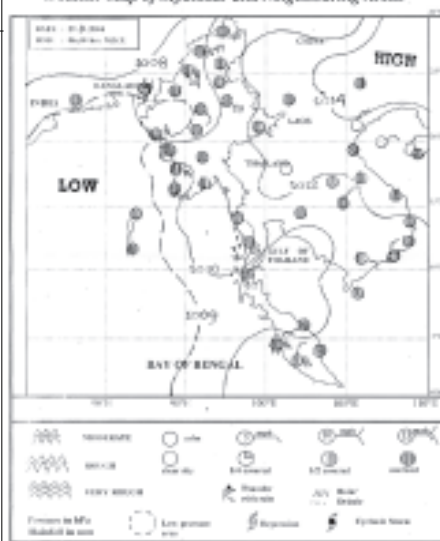
YANGON, 29 Sept — Those who passed the 2004 matriculation are personally to draw the mark lists, comprehensive personal record, university entrance manual and university entrance application from the supervisors of respective examination centres starting from 8 October to apply for the entrance.

The applications can be sent right to Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) daily inclusive Saturdays and Sundays from 8 to 22 October. Detailed information is available at Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) on Thathon Street, Kamayut Township, (Tel: 503147, 537677, 525612). — MNA

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.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 29 September 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, Magway and Yangon Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin, Kayah and Mon States, scattered in Kachin State, Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Tanintharyi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bago (2.51) inches, Hpa-an (2.13) inches and Putao (1.81) inches.

Maximum temperature on 28-9-2004 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 29-9-2004 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 29-9-2004 was 81%. Total sunshine hours on 28-9-2004 was (5.2) hours approx. Rainfall on 29-9-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and 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 7 mph from East at 08:50 hours MST on 29-9-2004. **Bay inference:** Weather is cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 30-9-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chin, Kayah, Mon States, lower Sagaing Division and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Scattered rain or thundershowers are likely in Southern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-9-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-9-2004:** Partly cloudy.

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

Fulfil the requirements in unity and with ardent efforts

- * As all are living in the Union, the Government has no idea of discriminating them, but has the wish to see them enjoying prosperity and honour.
- * Considering her location, rich natural resources and population size, the nation will become a developed one in the forefront of the world when national races are able to fulfil the requirements in unity and with ardent efforts.

*Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association
Head of State Senior General Than Shwe*



Member of Panel of Patrons of USDA (Central) Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses conclusion ceremony of Instructor Course No 4 on Myanmar Development and Studies. (News on page 1)—MNA



Myothit Dam, 165th of its kind, reflecting one of the fruitful results based on Government's goodwill to nation and people

Myothit Dam will supply water for about 2,500 acres of farmlands in Budalin Township

YANGON, 29 Sept.—The inauguration of the Myothit Dam built by Sagaing Division Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation on Myothit Creek near Myothitchaung Village in Budalin Township was held at the pandal of the dam on 27 September morning, with an address by Chairman of

Agricultural Development Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. Also present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of
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Chairman of Agricultural Development Committee Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses opening ceremony of Myothit Dam.—MNA