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## Four political objectives

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

## Four economic objectives

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

## Four social objectives

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

## State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of Japan

YANGON, 1 Oct — Mr Nobutake Odano, newly accredited Ambassador of Japan to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta, at 10.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.—MNA

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Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department. — MNA



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

## PERSPECTIVES

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## The National Convention: the only way to genuine democracy

As the Union of Myanmar is home to various national races, it is an absolute necessity to build it into a democratic state based on the unity of its national people.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt announced a seven-step road map for transition to democracy in August, 2003. The road map has been well received in the country as well as by our neighbours.

The first and most crucial step of the road map, the convening of the National Convention, was taken on 17 May, 2004. The current Convention is attended by 1,088 delegates from eight strata representing all walks of life.

In his address on the future of the Union of Myanmar at the 59th Session of the United Nations General Assembly on 29 September, 2004, Chairman of the Myanmar Delegation U Tin Winn, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office, said, "The new political structure needs to be strong and resilient and the country united. The future of the nation cannot be determined by one individual or one party acting alone. There is no alternative to the National Convention. It is the sole process through which the aspirations of the people of Myanmar for establishing a modern and democratic nation can be fulfilled."

The results of the first session of the National Convention was very encouraging and the desire to ensure the success of the seven-step road map was evident. Preparations are under way for the second session to be resumed in the forthcoming open season.

Over Sixty per cent of the delegates in the current Convention are from the national races. Over one hundred delegates are representatives of 17 major armed groups and 17 smaller armed groups who have come to the legal fold.

During the first session, the sensitive issue of power sharing between the central government and the States and Regions was the main focus of discussion. Once agreement is reached upon the fundamental principles in the National Convention, a new constitution will be drafted. The draft will be put to a referendum for the people of Myanmar to decide. After the adoption of the new constitution, there will be free and fair elections where the people will elect leaders of their choice.

The National Convention is the only way to meet the people's desire for emergence of a peaceful and prosperous democratic state. Therefore, the onus is on the entire national people to ward off anything that could derail the National Convention. We believe that the seven-step road map will surely meet with success.

## Lecture on health knowledge explained

YANGON, 1 Oct — The Reception and Accommodation Sub-committee for 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions gave talks on health knowledge in conjunction with providing of medical check up at the hall of No 1 Transit Centre on Bayintnaung Road, here, this morning.

Chairman of the

Sub-committee Brig-Gen Than Sein and Chairman of the Reception Group Col Win Naung gave speeches. Next, Dr Daw Mya Than Nwe of Yangon Division Health Department lectured on health knowledge and provided medical check up to those who will discharge duties of the Reception Group.

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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

## Cash donated to Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation

YANGON, 1 Oct — A ceremony to donate cash towards the funds of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation at 132, Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, this afternoon.

Present were President of MWAFF Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-Presidents Prof Dr Daw May Yi, Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and Daw Khin Khin Win, General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win and secretariat members, leaders of the working groups and wellwishers.

First, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe thanked the wellwishers for their donations.

Next, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepted K 7.4 million for applying MIS e-government portal system donated by MCC Co Ltd; K 1.5 million by U Ko Ko Htoo-Daw Sanda Aung and family; K 1.2 million by U Tint Hsan-Dr Daw Htay Htay Nyein (ACE Construction); K 1 million by Excellent Enterprise Ltd; K 600,000 by Managing Director U Soe Thein of Dhana Aung Co-Deputy Yangon Division Law Officer Daw Khin Cho Ohn and K 500,000 donated in memory of late father Maj Ohn Maung; and K 281,350 by Royal Garden Restaurant. Next, certificates of honour were

presented to the wellwishers.

Vice-President Dr Daw May Yi also accepted K 600,000 donated by the health working group of MWAFF; K 550,000 by Shwe Nandaw Diamond and Gold Shop; K 500,000 by Dr Win Sithu-Dr Su Hla Han of Myanmar Group Ltd; K 500,000 by Managing Director U Than Oo of MSC Construction; K 300,000 each by Thiha Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Tin Win-Daw San Win (KN Co Ltd); and U Khin Maung Tun and son of Htetlin Clinic. She presented certificates of honour to the donors.

Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Thet accepted K 200,000 donated by Nationalities Affairs Working Group; K 100,000 each by U Thein Han of Tokyo Pipe and U Myo Aung-Daw Khin Yi Mon (Sun Myanmar International Impex Co Ltd) and gave certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Today's donations for the federation amounted to K 14,731,350.

After the ceremony, Chairman of MCC Co Ltd U Tin Win Aung demonstrated use of g MIS e-government portal to MWAFF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party.

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## Cash donated to Hninzigon Home for the Aged

YANGON, 1 Oct — To hail International Day of Older Persons, Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee held a ceremony to donate cash and to give health care to Hninzigon Home for the Aged at the home this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of

Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife YDMCWASC Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay, military region commanders, Council Secretary Lt-Col Myint Kyi, local authorities, officials and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe said it is important to fulfill the health and social needs of older people. The YDMCWASC collected the census of 3,000 elderly people and attended

to their requirements. As the UN is carrying out the five basic principles to ensure the secure life of the elderly, Myanmar is also taking care of her elderly people in accord with her traditional culture.

Next, Daw Khin Thet Htay explained the purpose of holding the ceremony. Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board Vice-Chairman Lt-Col

Kyaw Shein (Retd), who in return presented a certificate of honour. Then, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Daw Khin Thet Htay and officials accepted K 3,650,090 donated by 39 wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Later, the commander and wife and officials viewed the giving of health care services to the aged by specialists and physicians. — MNA



Silver medal winning Myanmar kata team. — MKF  
**Myanmar team secures one silver in  
9th Shoto Cup World Karatedo C'ship**

YANGON, 1 Oct — The selected Myanmar karatedo team led by executive of Myanmar Karatedo Federation U Min Zeyar Hlaing won a silver medal in the men's team kata event of the 9th Shoto Cup World Karate Championship in Tokyo, Japan, on 22-23 September.

A total of 234 athletes of 36 countries took part in the championship.

The Myanmar team participated in the women's singles kata event, the women's singles kumite open event, the men's singles kata event and the men's singles kumite

open event. In the men's team kata event, the Myanmar team comprising Wan Ko Ko Oo, Myint Zaw Oo and Min Aye won a silver with 42.7 points. Host Japan team secured a gold with 43.2 points and Canada team, bronze with 42.0 points.

Altogether 54 athletes participated in the women's singles kata event. Yin Hwa Thong of Myanmar team stood fifth. Similarly, Myint Zaw Oo stood fifth and Wan Ko Ko Oo at seventh in the men's singles kata event. A total of 97 players took part in the event. — MNA

## UMFCCI officials meet Chinese guest

YANGON, 1 Oct — With the sponsorship of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce & Industry and the Chinese Chambers of Commerce & Industry of Kuala Lumpur & Selangor of Malaysia, Coordination Meeting for the 5th International Trade & Consumer Fair was held at Grand Plaza Parkroyal here yesterday morning.

Vice-President of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win made a speech.

Next, Deputy

Chairman Mr Michael Chai Woon Chew of the CCCI explained the history of their organization, the trade fairs already been held and "Expo Cintai Malaysia 2004" and "The 5th Malaysia International Trade & Consumer Fair" to be held in Kuala Lumpur from 20 to 28 November 2004.

Afterwards, the UMFCCI and Myanmar Industries Association signed an agreement on participating in the Expo Cintai Malaysia 2004.

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UMFCCI President U Win Myint and Mr Michael Chai Woon Chew signing the agreement. — UMFCCI



# Rumsfeld acknowledges guerillas have gained in Iraq

## US-led effort to establish democracy in Iraq "is not going to work"

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept—Guerillas are succeeding through bombings and assassinations in convincing some Iraqis that the US-led effort to establish democracy in Iraq "is not going to work," US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said.

In a radio interview Wednesday, Rumsfeld said he believed Iraqis and the US-led coalition still had a "very good crack" at creating a democratic system but acknowledged that the growing violence

has taken a toll on public confidence, and gained insurgents a following.

"But there's no doubt but that they (the guerillas) are being successful in some instances in making people believe that its

not going to work in Iraq, that they're not going ready for freedom, that they're not ready," he told WCHS-AM radio in Charleston, West Virginia.

"And some of those

people undoubtedly are joining the opposition — the former regime elements that are fighting it," he said.

"They may also be attracting some people in from other countries because of the hope they have of preventing a democracy there," he said.

Rumsfeld's comments followed other recent admissions by top administration and military officials that the insurgency in Iraq was growing worse, despite President George W Bush's upbeat portrayal of the situation during a visit last week by Iraqi interim prime minister Iyad Allawi.

Internet



US soldiers inspect the site after three bombs exploded near a US convoy in western Baghdad, on 30 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

## Russia starts drafting new national security concept

Moscow, 30 Sept—Russia has begun drafting a new national security concept to replace the one adopted four years ago, Secretary of Russia's Security Council Igor Ivanov said Wednesday.

Ivanov said the old national security concept, introduced in 2000 to guide the drafting of Russia's foreign policy and military doctrine, "has met most of its objectives", the *Interfax* news agency reported. Ivanov said that his council will be responsible for the task under an earlier order from President Vladimir Putin.

"Russia faces new threats that call for an appropriate detailed analysis and response" in the 21st Century, and that's why a new national security concept is needed, Ivanov said. Ivanov cited the September 11 attacks in the United

States, saying many terrorist attacks have prompted countries to revise principles of and approaches to national security.

"It is a universally accepted fact that the problem of international terrorism is being pushed to the forefront," said Ivanov, adding that Russia needs to take into account its own specific situations when dealing with the worldwide terrorist threat. He said the new security concept for Russia will be drafted "in a maximally open manner," and the process will involve civil society representatives. —MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese envoy in Russia gives reception to celebrate National Day

Moscow, 30 Sept — To celebrate the 55th anniversary of establishment of the People's Republic of China and the 55th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between PRC and the Russian Federation, Chinese Ambassador to Russia Liu Guchang gave a reception here on Wednesday.

Liu Guchang said that Chinese people could never forget that Russia was the first country which recognized the new China and established the diplomatic relations with China. Russia gave a great invaluable support and help in construction of the new China, Liu said. The Chinese Ambassador em-

phasized that the Sino-Russian relations at present are in the best period in history. Mutual trust in politics, mutually beneficial cooperation, good neighbourhood and common development are the truly portraiture of the relations between the two nations, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Arab network says 10 new hostages seized in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept—The Arab news network Al-Jazeera showed video Thursday of 10 new hostages seized in Iraq by militants.

Al-Jazeera said the 10 — six Iraqis, two Lebanese and two Indonesian women — were taken by The Islamic Army in Iraq. The group has claimed responsibility for seizing two French journalists last month. The video showed three of the hostages, who were not identified, and two masked gunmen pointing weapons at them. There was no mention of demands by the militants or when or where the hostages were captured.

General Hussein Ali Kamel, the deputy interior minister in charge of intelligence, said two Lebanese were kidnapped, along with "a group of others that included women."

Intelligence officials were investigating and trying to find them, he said.

The network said the 10 were employees of the Jib electricity company.

Several Lebanese businessmen and truck drivers have been kidnapped in Iraq in recent months. All were released unharmed except for one, Hussein Ali Alyan, a 26-year-old Lebanese construction worker found shot to death June 12. Foreign Ministry officials have said Alyan's kidnappers sought ransom and apparently were not politically motivated.

Hundreds of Lebanese, mainly construction workers and industrialists, have gone to Iraq looking for opportunities in postwar reconstruction. —Internet

## September among deadliest months for US in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept—September was one of the deadliest months for US troops in the 18-month-old war in Iraq, and the death toll for the first time has risen four straight months.

At least 76 US troops were killed this month, reflecting a steady increase in American deaths since the United States transferred sovereignty to the interim Iraqi government headed by Prime Minister Iyad Allawi on 28 June, officially ending the occupation, according to a count of US fatalities announced by the Pentagon.

Forty-two US troops were killed in June, 54 in July and 66 in August.

Only three other months have produced a higher American death count than September since US-led forces invaded Iraq in March 2003 to topple

President Saddam Hussein.

The highest death count, with 135 US military fatalities, came this past April, with the simultaneous flaring of the insurgency in the so-called Sunni Triangle and in the Shiite south. Eighty were killed in May as well.

In November 2003, 82 US troops died during a spike in guerilla violence that coincided with the Islamic holy month Ramadan. Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld acknowledged the worsening violence by insurgents, and said it "will very likely increase" ahead of national elections scheduled for January. —Internet



A boy picks up the damaged bicycle of his dead brother from the site after two car bombs and a roadside bomb went off in succession in the al-Amel neighbourhood of Baghdad, on 30 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

## UN approves security for staff in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 30 Sept— The UN Security Council on Thursday approved new arrangements proposed by Secretary-General Kofi Annan to protect an expanded UN staff in Iraq.

Annan is currently allowing just 35 international staffers in Iraq because of escalating violence and security concerns there. He pulled all UN international staff out of Iraq a year ago following two bombings at UN headquarters in Baghdad and a spate of attacks on humanitarian workers, and he allowed only a small staff to return in August.

The Security Council authorized a separate UN protection force on 8 June but to date not a single country has pledged any troops. As a result, the US-led multinational force has stepped in to provide security.

In a letter to the council, Annan out-

lined security arrangements for the UN staff in addition to the protection provided by the multinational force.

The secretary-general said UN security would consist of four elements — international security staff, protection coordination officers, personal security details and guard units. He said member states will be asked to provide three guard units, each comprising up to 160 armed civilian police, paramilitary or military personnel.

Council diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Fiji has agreed to provide one of these units.

Internet



A family leaves their residence on Haifa Street after several days of ongoing clashes at Haifa Street in Baghdad, on 29 Sept, 2004.

INTERNET

## UN appeals for aid to drought-affected African countries

JOHANNESBURG, 30 Sept— Nearly two million people in three southern African countries will face starvation early next year and urgently need international aid worth 78 million US dollars, the World Food Programme (WFP) said in Johannesburg on Tuesday.

Drought, the exacerbating effects of poverty and HIV/AIDS have caused “extremely poor harvests” in Lesotho, Malawi and Swaziland this year, which means food supply in the three countries could not be secured until the next harvest in April, 2005, the United Nations agency said.

“WFP requires 127,000 metric tons of food aid commodities valued at 78 million US dollars to meet the emergency needs of drought-affected households in Lesotho, Malawi and Swaziland in the first two quarters of 2005,” said WFP regional director Mike Sackett.

“We had hoped to scale back our activities in 2005 following two

massive regional aid operations over the past two years, but unfortunately the crisis in parts of southern Africa is far from over,” he said, adding that the lives of almost two million people would be at risk early next year.

Malawi’s cereal crop was estimated to be 17 per cent less than the five-year average. In Lesotho, the 2003 winter harvest failed, and improved rains early this year came too late to save the maize crop, which was estimated to be 68 per cent below the average.

Lowveld areas in Swaziland were hit by both a late start of the rainy season and below normal rainfall. That country’s maize crop was estimated to be 30 per cent less than

the average.

Sackett urged donors to start responding immediately, given the lengthy time lag between the confirmation of contributions and actual food distributions.

“We have to appeal now to ensure that we have the necessary food aid supplies in place in time,” he said. “If we were to wait any longer it would be too late and that would endanger people’s lives.”

In the meantime, the WFP’s current emergency operation in the three countries still requires an additional 32,000 tons of food valued at 17 million dollars to cover regional requirements between October and December 2004, he said. —MNA/Xinhua

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## Indonesia confirms two kidnapped in Iraq

JAKARTA, 30 Sept— Jakarta confirmed Friday that two Indonesian women were kidnapped in Iraq, but said their captors’ identity and demands were not known.

Arab television station Al-Jazeera showed footage Thursday of 10 hostages seized in Iraq by militants, saying two of them were Indonesians working for an “electricity company.”

“We can confirm there are two Indonesian women being held in Iraq,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Marty Natalegawa said. “We are trying to ascertain why they are in Iraq. We have no knowledge right now of who the captors are and we have not received any

demands for their release.”

He identified the women as Rosidah binti Anan and Rafikan binti Aming and said they were from Jakarta. He said the government was still trying to contact their families.

More than 140 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq by a range of groups, some holding them for ransom while others have set political conditions for their release. At least 26 hostages have been killed. —Internet

## UN chief welcomes release of hostages in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 30 Sept— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Tuesday welcomed the news that Iraqi, Egyptian and Italian civilians held hostage in Iraq had been released.

In a statement issued at the UN Headquarters in New York, the UN chief again decried the use of kidnapping to further a cause. “He once again calls for the immediate release of all the remaining hostages in Iraq,” said the statement.

“He strongly condemns all hostage taking,

which no cause can justify and appeals to all parties to adhere strictly to the fundamental precepts of human rights and respect for human life,” it added.

The last two Egyptian workers of an Egyptian telecom company kidnapped earlier this month in Iraq were released on

Tuesday.

Six Egyptians working for Orascom company were abducted along with two Iraqis on Wednesday and Thursday in separate incidents.

Meanwhile, two 29-year-old Italian girls seized on 7 September were also released.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iranian official refutes Bush’s statement on nuclear issue

TEHERAN, 30 Sept— Iranian Expediency Council Chairman Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani on Tuesday rejected a recent statement by US President George W Bush over Iran’s nuclear file, the official IRNA news agency reported.

“Iran is certainly entitled to have access to nuclear technology,” said Rafsanjani, referring to Bush’s remarks that Iran does not need nuclear energy given its plenty of oil reserves.

“A lot of countries in the world make use of nuclear energy today,” Rafsanjani said, adding “even the United States had plenty of oil when it launched its nuclear activity.” The United States, accusing Iran of secretly developing atomic weapons for years, has been consistently trying to prompt a referral of Iran’s nuclear case to the UN Security Council for possible sanctions on the Islamic republic.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi men wait to be searched at a temporary checkpoint at Haifa Street in central Baghdad, on 29 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET



# British hostage in Iraq criticizes Blair, of failing to help him

DUBAI/LONDON, 30 Sept—A British hostage in Iraq appealed to Tony Blair to help free him in a new videotape aired on Wednesday that left his family relieved Kenneth Bigley was alive but appalled to see him caged and in distress.

Chained and squatting in a bare wire cell, Bigley urged the Prime Minister to save his life by meeting his captors' demands to release Iraqi women and complained Blair had failed to help.

"Tony Blair is a liar. He doesn't care about me. I'm just one person," said Bigley, whose two American colleagues were beheaded on video last week by the al-Qaeda-linked group which snatched the three men from their Baghdad home two weeks ago.

"My captors don't want to kill me," he added in the film, broadcast by Qatar-based Al-Jazeera television, which also quoted him as complaining that Blair was refusing to negotiate.

The 62-year-old Bigley, who wore an orange jumpsuit of the kind widely associated with Muslim suspects held by US troops at Guantanamo Bay, had last appeared in a videotape on September 22, also pleading with Blair to save his life.

Americans Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley were dressed in similar clothes when they were shown being killed.

The fresh pressure on Blair — who insists he is doing all he can while refusing to negotiate on the kidnappers' de-

mands — came as he sought to move on from Iraq and focus on domestic policy at this week's annual conference of his Labour Party.

The shocking images of Bigley also contrasted with the jubilation in Italy where two aid workers were freed on Tuesday. The hostage's brother Paul Bigley, who is acting as a spokesman for the family, said it was a relief to see the building engineer alive but painful to see him in such a state.

"It's absolutely appalling. There's no other word for it — heart-wrenching. This is the age of technology doing its best," he told the BBC.

"They've had a worldwide coverage that nobody, not any publicity agent, could dream of. I hope they appreciate that fact and eventually release Ken as a reward for that publicity."

A black banner bearing the name of his captors, the Tawhid and Jihad Group, hung on the wall above the cage in the new film. No militants appeared in the clips. Led by Jordanian Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the group has said Bigley will meet the same fate as the Americans if its demands are not met. They have, however, set no deadline.

MNA/Reuters

## Iraqi ministries to be adjusted next week

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept—Several Iraqi ministries is expected to be adjusted next week amid mounting criticism over performances of the government, *Al Sabah Al Jadid* newspaper reported on Thursday.

The move comes at a time when Iraqis have criticized the performance of the government in many aspects, especially in the security held.

"The first ministry to be adjusted would be the Ministry of Planning because its minister Mehdi Al Hafidh was appointed as Vice-President for Eco-

nomics Affairs and other ministries might be the ministries of Interior, Agriculture and Justice," the paper quoted a source close to the government as saying.

The source said that National Assembly members have repeatedly criticized Iraqi Interior Minister Falah Hassan Al

Naqeeb over the performances of his ministry.

Milk Dohan Al Hassan the Minister of Justice has threatened to resign and the Ministry of Agriculture is suffering serious problems concerning the implementing of projects to develop the agricultural sector, said the sources.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers tend to their injured colleagues after a bomb exploded in Baghdad, on 30 Sept, 2004. September was one of the deadliest months for US troops in the 18-month-old war in Iraq, and the death toll for the first time has risen four straight months.—INTERNET

## Turkey takes measures to assure safety of citizens in Iraq

ANKARA, 30 Sept — Turkish Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Gul said Wednesday that Turkey has taken measures to assure the safety of its citizens in Iraq.

Gul made the remarks at Ankara's Esenboga Airport upon his return from the UN General Assembly in New York. "Every kind of measures will be taken to assure the safety of Turkish citizens. Unfortunately, there are some incidents which we can not prevent," Gul said.

He said that the Turkish businessmen and drivers who are in Iraq should be very careful and abide by necessary safety measures.

Nevertheless, Gul pointed out that "Turkey can not leave its neighbour Iraq; it can not say 'I am not interested in this country' and cuts relations."

The Foreign Minister said 290,000 Turkish lorries shuttled between Turkey and Iraq in the past six to seven months, and the activities will continue.

Meanwhile, Turkish drivers carrying goods to Iraq urged on Wednesday that their safety should be guaranteed in the war-torn neighbouring country.

Turkish drivers in southern Habur border pass and in Zakho north of Iraq complained that at least three or four craft brothers are attacked or kidnapped each day, appealing to the government to solve the problem.

MNA/Xinhua

## Pet passport applicable in EU

BRUSSELS, 30 Sept—New EU-wide legislation introducing a pet passport will be fully applicable from October 1, the European Commission (EC) announced here Wednesday.

The passport will allow pets and their owners to travel more easily within the European Union (EU) and the owners of all cats, dogs and ferrets need it when travelling to another EU member states.

According to a Press release issued by the EC, the document will provide proof that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies. — MNA/Xinhua

## Iranian DM refutes US claim of nuclear tests

TEHRAN, 30 Sept — Iranian Defence Minister Ali Shamkhani on Wednesday dismissed the US claim that nuclear tests have been conducted in the Parchin region in Iran, the official *IRNA* news agency reported.

"The claim is baseless. Such claims are not unprecedented on the part of the United States," Shamkhani was quoted as saying.

"Americans have also claimed before that nuclear experiments were launched in different parts of Iran, while no such things have happened," Shamkhani said.

MNA/Xinhua

## China Development Bank issues \$1b in global bonds

NEW YORK, 30 Sept—China Development Bank (CDB), the largest of China's three policy banks, issued here Tuesday one billion US dollars in global bonds, with Goldman Sachs and other top investment banks as major underwriters.

The bonds include 600 million US dollars in 10-year bond with interest rate of 4.75 per cent, and 325 million euros in 5.5-year bond with interest rate of 3.875 per cent.

This is the first time for the CDB to raise funds on international capital market since 2000, and the money would be used to support China's infrastructure facilities and industries, as well as pillar industries, the bank said.

CDB governor Chen Yuan said at Tuesday's signing ceremony that the bank would continue to leverage its strong credit standing and market expertise.

The success of this issue clearly shows the strong confidence by international investors in the CDB and China as a whole, Chen said, adding that he believed this would serve as a good benchmark for other Chinese entities.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers train their guns on an approaching vehicle suspecting it to be another car bomb, after two car bombs and a roadside bomb went off in succession in the al-Amel neighbourhood of Baghdad, on Thursday, 30 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

## Vietnam hosts more foreign visitors in first nine months

HANOI, 30 Sept— Vietnam welcomed over 2.1 international arrivals in the first 9 months of this year, a year-on-year increase of 30.5 per cent, the Vietnam National Administration of Tourism (VNAT) told *Xinhua* on Wednesday.

The number of tourists rose by 44.6 per cent to more than 1.1 million, followed by overseas Vietnamese returning home to visit relatives by 28.3 per cent to 364,000, and business visitors by 14.7 per cent to 374,000.

In the period, China's Mainland, the United States, and Taiwan were Vietnam's biggest tourism markets with the numbers of visitors increasing by 33.3 per cent, 32.6 per cent and 36.1 per cent to 585,000, roughly 211,000 and 187,000 respectively.

Vietnam targets to re-

ceive 2.7-2.8 million international arrivals and reap tourism revenues of 25 trillion Vietnamese dong (nearly 1.6 billion US dollars) this year, up 22.7-27.3 per cent and 25 per cent, respectively. It plans to host 3-3.5 million foreign visitors, and gain tourism revenues of more than 2 billion dollars next year, the VNAT said.

To this end, the local tourism sector has focused on raising the quality of services, and launched marketing and advertising campaign at home and abroad. Under

a VNAT plan, all of its management officials will have been trained professionally in tourism, 80 per cent of employees mastered foreign languages and information technology, and 90 per cent of training establishments applied standard curricular by 2010.

According to a recent assessment of the World Travel and Tourism Council, Vietnam's annual tourism growth rate will reach 8.3 per cent in the next 10 years, ranking the fourth after Montenegro, China, and India.—MNA/Xinhua

## India to invest \$1b more in Sakhalin oil block in Russia

NEW DELHI, 30 Sept — India plans to invest 1 billion US dollars more in the oil and gas-rich Sakhalin-1 block in Russia as part of a revised project estimate, the *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted officials of Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) as saying here on Wednesday.

In February 2001, the ONGC had taken a 20-per-cent stake in Sakhalin-1 block through its overseas investment arm, ONGC Videsh Limited (OVL), with a commitment of 1.74 billion US dollars, the highest Indian investment in any single overseas project.

"The revised project estimate is being worked on by the consortium partners. Though there is a cost overrun, the total project cost is the same," ONGC Chairman and Managing Director Subir Raha told a news conference.

Raha said the oil and gas production schedule

for the Russian block had been advanced to 2005.

"Of the 1.7 billion US dollars investment OVL had committed to in 2001, so far we have paid 1.1 billion US dollars. There has only been a readjustment in phases of the project alignment," a senior ONGC official said.

"According to the new adjustment in project development phases, we will pay an additional 1 billion US dollars apart from the 1.74 billion US dollars committed earlier. This will take our total investment to 2.7 billion US dollars," he added.

According to the revised estimate, Sakhalin-

1 block has recoverable reserves of 17 trillion cubic feet of gas and 2.23 billion barrels of oil, said R.S. Butola, the OVL's managing director.

"With the revised production schedule, the consortium hopes to begin production of gas by the middle or third quarter of 2005 in a limited quantity and oil by 2005 end or early 2006," said Butola.

In the case of oil, the OVL is still studying the feasibility of bringing its share from Sakhalin to India, while the option of selling it to the consortium partners remains.

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Businessmen walk past an electronic board of the Tokyo Stock Exchange's benchmark Nikkei-225 index in downtown Tokyo. Business confidence at large manufacturers in Japan hit a new 13-year high in the three months to September, the Bank of Japan said in its latest Tankan quarterly survey.—INTERNET

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Chinese youths use an Internet cafe in Shanghai. China has set up an official body to promote "healthy" online computer games for young people to play in its popular Internet cafes, according to state media.—INTERNET

## Chinese FM discusses ties, UN reform with foreign officials

UNITED NATIONS, 30 Sept— Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing met Tuesday with his counterparts from India, Indonesia, Iran, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Papua New Guinea, Ukraine, as well as representatives of the UN reform panel and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) on the sidelines of the 59th UN General Assembly and exchanged views with them on wide-ranging issues of mutual concern.

Their talks covered bilateral ties, regional peace and stability and the reform of the United Nations.

During his talks with Indian Foreign Minister Natwar Singh, Li said China is sincerely willing to develop relations of mutual benefit and good-neighbourliness with India. The two countries should make joint efforts to deepen understanding and friendship between the two peoples and boost bilateral cooperation in every field.

Singh said India attaches great importance to developing relations with China and will continue its efforts in this aspect.

While meeting with his Indonesian counterpart, Hasan Wirayuda, the Chinese Foreign Minister said that to develop long-term and friendly cooperation with Indonesia is China's consistent foreign policy.

China respects the choice of Indonesian people and hopes to continue strengthening cooperation after the Southeast Asian country's presidential election.

In his respective talks with Eritrean and Ethiopian foreign ministers, Li stressed that China attaches importance to its ties with developing countries and is willing to promote cooperation with the African Union.

During their meeting, Li and Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi focused their discussion on improving bilateral ties. Li expressed his gratitude for Iran's steady support to China on Taiwan and human rights issues. They also exchanged views on the Iraqi situation and the Iran's nuclear issue.

While meeting with representatives of the GCC, Li said the GCC is an im-

portant partner of China. The two sides should strengthen cooperation in the fields of economy, energy, culture and education, which are of great potential.

The GCC highly praised China's role in international and regional affairs and reiterated its adherence to the one-China policy. The two sides also discussed issues concerning the fight against terrorism, the UN reform, Iraq, the Middle East and the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula. During the meeting with members of the High-Level Panel on Threats, Challenges and Change, Li briefed them on China's views on the UN reform, saying the reform should be focused on solving problems and help realize the millennium goal of the United Nations.

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## Economic growth in Asia exceeds expectation this year

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept— Economic growth in Asia has continued to exceed expectation despite the adverse impact of higher oil prices on many countries, underpinned by the global recovery and the very strong growth in China, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) said on Wednesday.

The IMF said in its latest report World Economic

Outlook that the Asian regional growth rate averaged over 10 per cent from mid-2003 to the first quarter of 2004, with a particularly rapid growth in China and the Asian newly industrialized economies. Looking forward, on the assumption of a soft landing in China, the regional outlook is a continued solid but slowing growth in Asia, the IMF

said. Regional GDP growth is projected to average 7.3 per cent in 2004, 0.1 percentage point higher than expected in April.

The Japanese economy will also grow an annual rate of 4.4 per cent in 2004, 1.1 percentage points higher than the rate IMF forecast last April and compared with 2.5 per cent in 2003.

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# Seven-point Road Map should not be opposed

Aung Moe San

In this world, truth, that is totally free from bias, will come out, only if we are able to accept the reality, based on logic, without having any personality cult.

Social science scholars said that any kind of truth has value; that the qualification of knowing a mistake and amending it leads to the development of the entire human race; that thinking what is impossible as possible, what is true as false and what is wrong as right will harm the entire mankind; that truth can be searched in the actual life, but not in the theory.

There is a saying which goes, "Pride goes before a fall". Thus, we must search the truth with sincerity, but not with excessive pride. Scholars have taught us that sincere people are nearer to the truth than those with prejudice.

Some destructive elements, who are opposing the seven-point future policy programme or the Road Map do exist both at home and abroad at present. For this reason, we are going to find out whether their opposition is negative or positive or in other words constructive or destructive, and the search should take place within the objective life of the Myanmar society. How will their opposition against the Road Map benefit them? If it fails to benefit both the anti-Government forces and the majority, they should reconsider and amend their acts.

The seven-point Road Map for building a democratic nation is also the road to national re-consolidation, as the policy must be materialized with the consolidated force of the nation. At one time, the anti-Government elements from inside and outside the nation criticized and attacked the Road Map, saying that it lacked an exact timetable, and that it was just a trick. But their accusation and opposition based on negative views are in total contrast with actual situation at present. Because unlike what they have said, a portion of the National Convention, the initial step of the Road Map, has been completed successfully. And the holding of the National Convention have been in progress.

Since its assumption of the State duties and till at present, the Government has been building a new

democratic nation with deeds but not with words, in accord with the 12 objectives it has laid down, and today's developments stand witness to its practical endeavours.

Although the building of a democratic nation is in progress in accord with the Road Map, the so-called democracy activists at home and abroad are still opposing it, instead of lending a helping hand. Why? And for whose interest?

**Democracy is not a commodity that can be imported or exported. It flourishes and springs from the domestic social situation. Why does the democracy exported by the US and allies during the past two years fails to flourish in Afghanistan and Iraq? Instead, the social situation of both nations is worsening at present. The US and western allies attacked and occupied Afghanistan and Iraq, using human rights and democracy as excuses, and their failure to install democracy in both countries stands proof to the fact that democracy cannot flourish overnight.**

**1. Is it because the seven-point policy programme is not an instant copy of the democracy of the West Europe?**

Obviously, democracy is not a commodity that can be imported or exported. It flourishes and springs from the domestic social situation. Why does the democracy exported by the US and allies during the past two years fail to flourish in Afghanistan and Iraq? Instead, the social situation of both nations is worsening at present. The US and western allies attacked and occupied Afghanistan and Iraq, using human rights and democracy as excuses, and their failure to install

democracy in both countries stands proof to the fact that democracy cannot flourish overnight. Everybody can witness the marvelous developments and stability of the People's Republic of China that is making changes and launching reform programmes in accord with her social conditions. Thus, democracy is directly related to the domestic social life of a nation.

**2. Are they opposing the Tatmadaw's national political leadership role?**

As for the elements of intransigence, 15 years of experiences will be enough for them to understand that national re-consolidation can be restored only through the cooperation with the Tatmadaw; and that not any kind of democracy can be installed in a nation without the participation of the Tatmadaw. Throughout the course of Myanmar history, the Tatmadaw is the only institution that has always ensured the non-disintegration of the Union, the non-disintegration of national solidarity, and the perpetuation of sovereignty, risking the lives of its members. The Tatmadaw has always stood by the people in times of emergency. Had not the Tatmadaw controlled the 1988 unrest in time, the nation would be facing terrible consequences that are beyond imagination. No political party or political organization was able to deal with the unrest. But only the Tatmadaw was able to save the Union from falling apart. The prevalence of peace and stability and progress in the entire nation at present is the result of the Tatmadaw's endeavours.

Thus, all attempts to remove the Tatmadaw from the national political role before reaching the democracy goal are very dangerous and this has been prompted by the desire to copy the western style democracy. The representatives of the Tatmadaw and the people are going to join hands to take part in the national political leadership role till the people are able to practise democracy effectively.

(To be continued)

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## အထူးကျေးဇူးတင်ရှိခြင်း

ကျေးဇူးတင်ခြင်း ကိုယ်စားပြုသည့်အားဖြင့် တစ်ကြိမ်တည်းက လူထုအသံပြု  
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## Efficient use of electricity

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

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

## All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased



Senior General Than Shwe receives newly-accredited Japanese Ambassador Mr Nobutake Odano at Zeyathiri Beikman. (News on page 1) — MNA

## Prime Minister presents gifts...

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Plans are underway to provide assistance for 41 homes for the aged out of the homes for the aged founded by social organizations in Myanmar. In 2003-2004 fiscal year, altogether K 10.92 million was rendered to 39 homes for the aged.

In conclusion, the Minister called on the entire people to make efforts to enable the older persons to enjoy fruitful results fully like the others do. He also urged the youths to gain wider knowledge and multifarious experiences from older persons to be able to contribute much towards to nation-building tasks, calling for preservation of Myanmar's adorable tradition—caring for their older persons and attending to all their needs.

The presenting of gifts to older persons aged 80 and above from Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Music

Asiayon, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon, and Myanmar Traditional Artistes and Artisans Asiayon followed.

The Prime Minister

(Khin Thein Kyaw), U Shwe Daung Nyo (Shwe Daung Nyo), U Ba Galay (Cartoonist U Ba Galay), Daw Thein Hsaing (Ma Myat Lay), Daw Nu Yin



MWAF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents gifts, medicines and cash to an aged woman.— MNA

presented 33 kinds of gifts and K 60,000 each to Brig-Gen Khin Ohn (Retd) (Yamanya Ko Ko Naing), U Thaw Zin (Thiha Bala Thaw Zin), U Khin Than

(Nu Yin), U Ohn Pe (Pakokku U Ohn Pe), Sculptor U Lwin, U Sein Aung Min (Wunna Kyaw Htin Sein Aung Min), Daw Kyan (Ma Kyan), Daw May Nwe and Diving Tin Hla.

Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented 33 kinds of gifts and K 60,000 each to U Htein Lin, Guardian U Sein Win, Thakhin Hla Kun (Moe Nyo), U Kyaw Hsan (Thukhi Aung), U Hla Kyaing (Paragu), Col Saw Myint (Retd) (Hmu Thamein), U Kyaw Win (Nyo Win), Daw Ohn Kyi, U Myint Soe, U Tha Din, U Sein Hla Myaing, U Lay Myaing (Lay Myaing) and U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung).

President of Myanmar Women's

Affairs Federation Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented 33 kinds of gifts and K 60,000 each to Wunna Kyaw Htin U Sein Mya Maung, Artist U Thu Kha, U Hla Tun (Tun Foundation), Naukmauk Phone Kyaw, Daw Yin Yin (Saw Mon Hnyin), Banjo U Maung Maung, U Tin Yu, Major Tun Nyein (Retd), U Ba Toke, U Tin Nyunt, Goldsmith U Hmi, Daw Aung Than Tin and Bogalay U Tint Aung.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the older persons.

At the second session, Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented cash donations to homes



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents gifts, medicines and cash to an aged woman.— MNA



Daw Tin Tin from Hninzigon Home for the Aged.— MNA



Brig-Gen Khin Ohn (Retd) (Yamanya Ko Ko Naing).— MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presents gifts, medicines and cash to an aged man.— MNA

for the aged in Yangon Division. He presented K 222,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged, K 168,000 to Home for the Aged of Little Sisters of the Poor, K 92,000 to Shwe Than Lwin Home for the Aged, K 52,000 to Muslim Home for the Aged, K 47,000 to Phwar Thu Kha Home for the Aged, K 23,000 to Okkan Home for the Aged, K 20,000 to Kayan Home for the Aged through Secretary of Hninzigon Home for the Aged

Management Board Major Aung Than (Retd), and K 1,720,000 to homes for the aged in States and Divisions through Vice-Chairman of the Committee for Observing the International Day of Older Persons Director U Bo Than.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint presented K 1,700,000 to oldest man and woman each from States and Divisions and selected older man and

woman through Director U Bo Than. The Deputy Minister presented gifts to composer Hinthada U Myint Ngwe who composed a song to mark the International Day of Older Persons and vocalist Soe Sanda Tun who sang the song on the occasion.

On behalf of the older persons, Brig-Gen Khin Ohn (Retd) (Yamanya Ko Ko Naing) and Daw Tin Tin of Hninzigon Home for the Aged expressed their thanks.— MNA



## Ministries concerned are...

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meetings to implement the agreements between the two nations effectively and rapidly.

Through coordination, agreements accomplished by respective ministries, work being done and future plans can be listed, and that can make significant contribution to ministries concerned and the nation.

mutual interests in regional and international affairs.

Myanmar has constantly supported and practised One China Policy, while China has stood by Myanmar in regional and international affairs many times.

With progress of bilateral goodwill and mutual cooperation, the two nations have speeded up exchanges of goodwill

to accomplishing the tasks sector-wise, and the ministries concerned are also to provide assistance for implementing the agreements.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on all the ministries to accelerate implementation of the agreements between the two nations, bilateral cooperation and accomplishing respective tasks as well as to submit work progress constantly and to present frank reports on requirement.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu reported on assistance provided by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs for respective ministries to implement the tasks adopted sector-wise at the second coordination meeting, work progress of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and future plans.

Respective ministers and deputy minister also reported on progress of implementing the agreements and MoUs signed between Myanmar and China,



Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of newly-accredited Israeli Ambassador Mrs Ruth Schatz at Zeyathiri Beikman. (News on page 1)—MNA

**Myanmar has constantly supported and practised One China Policy, while China has stood by Myanmar in regional and international affairs many times.**

The diplomatic ties established between Myanmar and the PRC have turned 50 years, and the two nations have achieved success constantly in cementing Paukphaw relations between the two sides.

Moreover, the two nations have been able to work constantly for

visits of state leaders of two sides. As a result, Paukphaw relations between the two countries has been upgraded to fraternal relations.

At a time when the two nations are signing more and more agreements and MoUs, responsible ministries are to pay serious attention

work being done and future tasks.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin

Nyunt assessed the reports, calling on the ministries to take effective measures for

greater success in putting bilateral agreements into motion and all-round cooperation. —MNA

## Emergence of intellectual property system is a requirement in ensuring and defending the interest of economic, social and cultural sectors of the State

### Prime Minister attends meeting of Leading Committee for Emergence of the Intellectual Property System

YANGON, 1 Oct—The Leading Committee for Emergence of the Intellectual Property System held its meeting at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthathar here at 4.30 pm today with an address by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department and officials.

In his address, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that although the intellectual property system was launched in Myanmar ten years ago, it has not yet been fully taken shape. The emergence of intellectual property system is a requirement in ensuring and defending the interest of economic, social and cultural sectors of the State, he added.

There have been quite a lot of rare species of flora and fauna, valuable terrestrial and aquatic

resources and priceless ancient cultural heritage in Myanmar. Valuable living and non-living things including rare species of flora and fauna, terrestrial and aquatic resources, family in Myanmar such as rare animals on land and in water that are non-existent in other countries and resources such as forestry and mining are to be protected.

A workshop on intellectual property sponsored by World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) was held in Myanmar last June after the emergence of the WIPO in the international community.

Efforts are to be made for the emergence of an intellectual property system in Myanmar to be in line with rules and regulations of the WIPO and International Intellectual Property System.

Systematic measures are to be taken for prescribing laws on intellectual property system, amending laws to be in conformity with times and existing laws, rules and regulations, establishing an official organization for intellectual property system,

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses coordination meeting of Leading Committee for Emergence of the Intellectual Property System.—MNA



## 40th Anniversary of Myanmar Police Force observed Prime Minister presents sashes to model police members

YANGON, 1 Oct — A ceremony to mark the 40th Anniversary of Myanmar Police Force of the Ministry of Home Affairs which falls on 1 October 2004 was observed at the hall of Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady and Kyundaw Roads in Kamayut Township this morning, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, senior military officers, deputy ministers, members of the Committee for Reforming Management System of Myanmar Police Force, departmental heads, the directors-general of MPF and departments under the Ministry of Home Affairs, deputy directors-general, senior police officers, advisers, model police members, outstanding police members, families and guests.

First, Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi extended greetings.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt

presented sashes to model police members — Police Inspector Myint Kyaw of No 11 Police Battalion, Police Sgt Myo Htet Naing of No 6 Police Battalion, Police Cpl Nay Win of No 15 Police Battalion and Police L/Cpl Bo Bo Han of No 15 Police Battalion.

Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing presented one-step promotion orders to SIP Thin Thin Khaing of MPF Headquarters who won one gold in the Second Asian Circuit Archery Tournament held in Malaysia and participated in the Athens Olympic Games, SIP Tin Tin Than of Yangon Division MPF who secured one silver in the table-tennis tournament of the XXII SEA Games held in Vietnam, SIP San San Kyu of MPF Headquarters who bagged one silver in the football tournament of the XXII SEA Games in Vietnam and Police WO Kay Khine Lwin of MPF Headquarters who won one silver in the track & field event of the XXII SEA Games and three gold in the 66th Singapore Track & Field Championship.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspected police vehicles of MPF and gave necessary instructions.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents a sash to model police member Police L/Cpl Bo Bo Han of No 15 Police Battalion. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects police vehicles of Myanmar Police Force. — MNA

### Coord meeting on PM's Cup Myanmar Traditional Chinlone Competition held

YANGON, 1 Oct — The coordinating meeting for holding 2004 Prime Minister's Cup Myanmar Traditional Chinlone Competition was held at National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwana) this morning. Present were Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, officials of the Ministries of Information, Transport, Culture and Sports, and Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, the executives of Myanmar Chinlone Federation and guests.

The minister made an opening speech. Afterwards, the president of Myanmar Chinlone Federation reported on holding of the competition. This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The Prime Minister's Cup Chinlone Competition will be held from 25 to 31 December on a grand scale in Yangon. The trial for the lower Myanmar will be held on 4 and 5 December in Yangon and for upper Myanmar on 11 and 12 December in Mandalay. — MNA

### C-in-C (Navy) inspects development of Hainggyi, Ngapudaw, progress of Patheingyi Bridge

YANGON, 1 Oct — 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, accompanied by Captain Aye Pe (Navy) of Hainggyi Station and departmental officials, inspected sanitation of Strand Road in Hainggyikyun and fishery development on 28 September.

They went to Kyonku Village of Ngapudaw Township and inspected construction of the building at Basic Education High School branch in the village.

Next, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and the commander presented prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation exam for 2003-2004 academic year.

The 150 feet long and 32 feet wide two-storey school building is being constructed by Hainggyi Station at a cost of over K 50 million.

Next, they inspected thriving monsoon paddy

and rural development at the bank of Ngawun River.

On arrival at the site of Patheingyi Bridge across Ngawun River, they heard a report on progress of construction tasks. Patheingyi Bridge across Ngawun River will be steel frame suspension bridge. Construction of the bridge started on 30 July 2004 and now it is completed by 76 per cent. On completion, local people will be able to go to Yangon, Patheingyi, Chaungtha, Ngwehsaung and beach resorts in a short time. —MNA

### Emergence of intellectual...

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giving training to service personnel and taking actions.

Therefore, the Prime Minister called on those present to make discussions for the ministries concerned to be able to make concerted

efforts for the emergence of an intellectual property system in Myanmar.

Next, Minister for Science and Technology U Thauang reported on measures to be taken by the respective ministries for the emergence of the Intellectual Property

System and dealing with organizations for world intellectual property system. Next, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Chan Nyein reported on work carried out for drawing of draft and policy on Intellectual Property System, successful holding of workshops for

the emergence of Intellectual Property System and steps to be taken in accord with the laws of world intellectual property system. This was followed by a general round of discussions. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. —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.





Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects e-library of Public Works.— CONSTRUCTION

## Commerce minister inspects production of small rice mills

YANGON, 1 Oct— Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, accompanied by Managing Director of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading U Min Hla Aung and officials, this afternoon, arrived at the Chief Engineer's Office of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading in Sethsan, Mingalar Taungnyunt Township.

The minister inspected production of small rice mills and spare parts. Chief Engineer U Ni Paw reported to the minister on matters related to production of small rice mills and spare parts.

After hearing the report, the minister urged officials to go on field trips to grassroots level for meeting requirement of industrial zones and local rice millers.

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## Artefacts handed over to Archaeology Department

YANGON, 1 Oct— Adviser to the Archaeology Department Dr Pe Nyan handed over his artefacts obtained from ancient cities of Thagara, Wedi and Shinmothi at the Ministry of Culture in Bahan Township this morning.

Present were Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Director-General U Nyunt Han of Archaeology Department, officials and wellwishers.

The minister gave

## Mekong Region Countries Meeting held

YANGON, 1 Oct— With a view to enhancing tourism sector, a meeting of the countries from Mekong Region to be taking part in the Myanmar New Year Water Festival 2005 was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism on 28 September,

with a speech by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, the Ambassadors from Mekong Region countries and officials.

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Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw attends the meeting on participation of Mekong countries in Myanmar traditional water festival 2005. H&T



Students who took part in ASEAN Quiz at regional level arrive back.— MNA

## Myanmar students team arrives back from Brunei

YANGON, 1 Oct— The students team led by Lecturer Daw Chaw Chaw Sein of International Relations Department of

Yangon University which had taken part in the ASEAN Quiz at regional level held in Brunei from 25 to 29 September arrived back here on 29 September evening.

Maung Ye Win Tun of Bago BEHS No 3, Maung Aung Than Toe of Institute of Education

Practising School and Ma Hsu Win Htaik of Dagon BEHS No 1 of the Myanmar team participated in the quiz.

Maung Ye Win Tun of Myanmar won the first prize together with students of Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia.— MNA



Prizes won in ASEAN Quiz at regional level.— MNA

## Opening ceremony of e-Library held

YANGON, 1 Oct— The e-Library opening ceremony of Public Works, the Ministry of Construction, was held at the meeting hall of Public Works Headquarters on Shwedagon Pagoda Road this afternoon.

It was attended by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen

Myint Thein, Managing Director of Public Works U Han Zaw, Deputy Director-General of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development U Win Myint, Deputy Director-General of Construction Inspection Department Lt-Col Htwe Maung, departmental heads, officials and guests.

Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun made a speech on the occasion and formally opened e-Library on the 1st floor of Public Works Headquarters. Next, the minister, the deputy minister and departmental heads looked into the e-Library and the ceremony came to a close.

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## Quiz winners of International Year of Rice 2004 announced

YANGON, 1 Oct— The Work Committee for Organizing the Quiz to mark International Year of Rice 2004 announced the winners today.

Ninth standard student Maung Han Thu of Letpadan BEHS No 1 secured the first prize, Ninth standard student Ma Chan Myay Naing of Chanayethazan BEHS No 16 and Fifth standard

student Maung Naing Lin Htoo of Sittway BEHS No 4 the third. Consolation prize winners were Ninth standard student Maung Ye Pyay Phyo of Lashio BEHS No 2, Eighth standard student Ma May Thi Tun of Monywa BEHS No 3 and Ninth standard student Ma May Mon of Patheingyi BEHS No 7.

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## Drug traffickers sentenced

YANGON, 1 Oct— The arrest of Hla Thein by a combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Zeyawady Police Station, near East Lebyingyi Village, Mephalan Village-tract, Htantabin Township, on 30 May 2004 led to the seizure of marijuana weighing 5.715 kilos in his possession concealed in a sugarcane plantation.

Action was taken against Hla Thein, son of U Pu To of Aunggyi Nyaungbintha Village in Htantabin Township under Section 15/19 (A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

He was sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment with hard labour under Section 19 (A) by Tounghoo District Court on 29 June 2004.

Likewise, a com-

bined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Kyauktaga Police Station, acting on information, on 22 October 2003 searched Thant Zin (a) Than Zaw near milepost No 118/6 on Yangon-Mandalay Highway, Kyungon Village, Yintaikgon Village-tract, Kyauktaga Township and arrested him together with 2.0085 kilos of marijuana hidden in his bag.

Action was taken against Thant Zin (a) Than Zaw, son of U Tin Shwe, of Khinto Village, Yintaikgon Village-tract, under Section 15/19 (A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. He was sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment with hard labour under Section 19 (A) by Bago District Court on 9 August 2004.—MNA

## CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV SEA MERCHANT VOY NO (527)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA MERCHANT VOY NO 527 are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3-10-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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## Saudi Arabia to increase oil output to 11 million BPD

RIYADH, 30 Sept — Saudi Arabia would raise its daily oil output to 11 million barrels in weeks to help dampen soaring prices, the kingdom's oil minister said Tuesday.

Petroleum and Mineral Resources Minister Ali Bin Ibrahim al-N'aimi said that the move was aimed at stabilizing the world oil market and dampening record high prices, which reached above 50 dollars a barrel.

The production hike would come within weeks, and well drilling would be intensified in Abu Safah and Qatif fields to meet the increasing production capacity, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## မြည်တွင်းပြန်ကိုအားပေးပါ

## Singapore to lift ban on poultry imports from Malaysia

SINGAPORE, 30 Sept — Singapore will lift the ban on poultry imports from Malaysia's southern states of Johor and Malacca from Thursday.

According to a statement by Singapore's Agriculture and Veterinary Authority (AVA) on Tuesday, the decision came following Singapore voiced its satisfaction with the measures taken by the neighbouring country to keep the two southern states free of bird flu.

The AVA has been working closely Malaysia's Department of Veterinary Services (DVS) over the last four weeks

on partial lifting of the ban on Malaysian poultry and eggs, the AVA said, adding that the AVA is satisfied that the measures to keep Johor and Malacca free of bird flu are in place.

Singapore will resume the import of chickens, ducks and eggs from accredited farms in Johor and Malacca starting from Thursday, but the ban on individuals bringing poultry products into the island state is still in effect.

As of August 18, Singapore suspended the im-

port of all poultry and poultry products from Malaysia following bird flu virus was detected at a poultry farm in Kelantan near the Thai-Malaysia border.

It is the first time that Singapore has banned the import of all poultry products from Malaysia.

Malaysia is the biggest supplier of Singapore, of which two-thirds of eggs and half of poultry come from the neighbouring country.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nigeria, Britain to jointly run Nigerian National Airline

ABUJA, 30 Sept — Nigeria and Britain-based Virgin Atlantic Airline here on Tuesday signed an agreement for the take-off of Nigeria's new national air carrier, Nigerian Aviation Minister Malam Isa Yuguda said.

Describing the signing of the agreement as a "milestone in the aviation history of Nigeria," Yuguda said the new national flag carrier is called "Virgin Nigeria" and scheduled to start operation early next year.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, the Aviation Minister who signed the agreement on behalf of the Nigerian Government said that Virgin Atlantic will have 49 per cent equity shares, while Nigerian institutional investors and the public will hold the majority equity of 51 per cent.

Yuguda commended Virgin Atlantic for its willingness to deploy its resources in Nigeria, saying

that "this development by the company is an endorsement and a general expression of confidence in the economic reform agenda of the present administration".

He also said that the venture with an initial investment of 50 million US dollars would create jobs for Nigerians and boost businesses in the aviation sector.

The establishment of the new airline which replaces the liquidated Nigeria Airways "will create thousands of jobs and other business opportunities for Nigerians", said Richard Branson, group chairman of Virgin Atlantic, who signed the agreement.

More than 20,000 new jobs will be created through workers, suppliers, partners and other auxiliary services at the country's airports when the new airline takes off, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Malaysia to produce high quality food products for export

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Sept — A Malaysian minister on Tuesday urged local food exporters to produce high quality food products to meet internationally accepted standards.

New rules and regulations were being introduced on the international market, where exporters of products such as food were required to observe stringent procedures in manufacturing, Minister

of International Trade and Industry Rafidah Aziz said in her opening remarks at a food products seminar here.

She said the basic requirements such as good manufacturing practices, good health practice, branding, packaging and quality certification should be in place to ensure success for the products.

Consumers would not readily accept the

products if there was no assurance of quality or if the manufacturing processes had not been according to universally accepted standards, she said.

She said Japan would implement a "positive list of system" to prohibit distribution of foods, which contain agricultural chemicals exceeding maximum residue limits, by May 2006. These include pesticides, veterinary drugs and food addi-

tives.

On Malaysia's trade in processed food and non-alcoholic beverages, she said last year's trade amounted to 10 billion ringgit (2.63 billion US dollars) with exports valued at 5.3 billion ringgit (1.39 billion US dollars).

At present, 238 companies are operating in various sectors of the country's food industry.

From January to July this year, trade in processed food and beverages stood at 6.6 billion ringgit (1.73 billion US dollars) with half of it representing export. Between January 2003 and July 2004, 91 projects in food industry had been approved with total investments amounting to 1 billion ringgit (263.15 million US dollars), of which 65 per cent were domestic investments. —MNA/Xinhua

## ADB loans for China prioritizes central, western regions

MANILA, 30 Sept — The Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s 1.5 billion-US dollar planned annual lending for the People's Republic of China for 2005-2007 will focus on projects in the poorer central and western regions, according to a Country Strategy and Programme Update endorsed on Wednesday.

More than 80 per cent of the lending programme, a significant increase from about 59 per cent during 1986-2004, is earmarked for projects in the central and western regions, home to the majority of China's poor and ethnic minorities, the Manila-based ADB said in a statement.

"The benefits of growth must be inclusive and improve the lives of most people, particularly the poor," said Bruce Murray, country director for ADB's Resident Mis-

sion in China.

"ADB projects, particularly for improving infrastructure, will help create a climate for pro-poor economic growth in some of the poorer regions," he added.

The transport sector will continue to dominate ADB operations, accounting for 59 per cent of total lending. The share of lending for environmental sustainability, such as projects for improving water supply and sanitation, will increase from 5.7 per cent in 2004 to 24.4 per cent in 2007.

While the expected 4.5-billion-dollar lending from 2005 to 2007 represents a significant financial transfer, the ADB's strategic impact will result from its ability to provide sound policy advice.

An annual technical assistance programme of about 11.4 million dol-

lars will support the lending programme. The ADB will be involved in policy work related to building an enabling environment for the private sector, improving governance and reducing poverty.

MNA/Xinhua

## Ugandan Govt allocates \$27m for industrial park

KAMPALA, 30 Sept — The Ugandan Government has allocated 27 million US dollars for the development of infrastructure at the Namanve Industrial Park in southern Kampala.

"This money will help the private sector overcome some of the constraints they have been facing in building and running their industries," Minister of State for Industry and Technology Jennifer Namuyangu was quoted by local media on

Wednesday as saying.

The money is part of a 70-million-US-dollar credit the World Bank recently extended to Uganda to support the private sector.

Namuyangu said the money would be used for building drainage system, installing an independent electricity sub-station to provide 24-hour power and water supply.

MNA/Xinhua

## Japan lifts ban on poultry imports from three US states

TOKYO, 30 Sept — Japan on Tuesday lifted a ban on US poultry imports from the states of Rhode Island, Delaware and Maryland as product safety was confirmed with no fresh outbreaks of a bird flu there.

The ban on US poultry imports was imposed by Japan's Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries on February 7 fol-

lowing the discovery of chickens infected with avian flu in Delaware.

On June 9, Japan lifted the ban on imports except for those from the three states and Connecticut, New Jersey and Texas, where the end of an outbreak of a less virulent type of bird flu had not been confirmed. The import ban will remain for imports from Connecticut, New Jersey and Texas, according to the ministry.

MNA/Xinhua

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# Japanese scientists create heaviest ever element

Tokyo, 30 Sept — Japanese scientists said Tuesday they have created a new element that is heavier than any known element, the most significant in the field since the heaviest known element was discovered in Germany in 1996.

If confirmed, the new element, whose atomic number is 113, will be the first manmade element created by Japanese, according to Kosuke Morita and his team at Japan's physical and chemical research institute.

The team would have the right to name the superheavy element in the periodic table, and

"japonium" is a candidate name, Morita said.

The heaviest element existing in nature is uranium whose atomic number is 92. All heavier elements have been produced artificially by scientists and numbered according to how many protons are in their nuclei. From 1940 to 1996, elements numbered up to 112 were created.

Russian scientists said in February they had created elements 113 and 115, but the discovery remains to be confirmed internationally.

The Japanese team has long tried to create element 113 by using a cyclotron to bombard the atoms of bismuth, numbered 83, with those of zinc, numbered 30.

On 23 July after the

cyclotron bombarded a bismuth atom target with 2.5 trillion zinc atoms per second for 80 days, the scientist said, the team found the new element, which disintegrated in only 0.3 millisecond.

The element's atomic mass number is 278, meaning its nucleus has 113 protons and 165 neutrons, he added.

MNA/Xinhua



Women battle against strong winds in Fukuoka, Kyushu Island recently. Powerful Typhoon Meari pounded Japan with heavy rain and strong winds, leaving at least 12 people dead and 12 missing, weather officials and police said.—INTERNET



Malaysian actress Michelle Yeoh posing in this file picture with one of two tiger cubs in transit in Hong Kong enroute to South Africa last year. Yeoh is a patron of 'Save the Chinese Tiger', a foundation that sent the cubs to South Africa to be trained to live in the wild and will then be repatriated to China to try and save the highly endangered species.—INTERNET

## “IT” market in MENA to touch around \$13b by 2008

ABU DHABI, 30 Sept — IT market in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) sets to grow to around 13.4 billion US dollars by 2008, up from 6.9 billion US dollars in 2003, the English-language daily *Gulf News* reported here Tuesday.

A latest report released by the International Data Corp (IDC) said the expenditure of all countries in MENA on the IT market has grown significantly with a particularly marked increase in both Saudi Arabia and the Maghreb, a region of

northwest Africa comprising of the coastlands and the Atlas Mountains of Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia.

The IT market in the MENA region is currently growing at around 15 per cent, a figure that has remained reasonably stable over the last three

years said the report, adding that it is the third fastest growing IT markets in the world after India and China.

Among the IT key trends in the region is the consolidation of servers in the enterprises, according to the report

MNA/Xinhua

## Tanzania to popularize use of tractors in farming

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 30 Sept — The fact that 70 per cent, or rather 15 million, of Tanzania's farmers still use hand hoes in farming has led agricultural officials to consider arousing awareness of the use of tractors.

Charles Keenja, Minister for Agriculture and Food Security, was quoted by local newspaper *Daily News* on Wednesday as saying the country is now aiming at increasing the awareness among local people on the use of tractors or animals in farming.

One fifth of the country's farmers now use animals to till their land while one in 10 farms is equipped with such mechanized equipment as tractors.

More than 80 per cent of Tanzania's labour force is involved in the agricultural sector.

Agro experts also echo the call of the government officials by saying that yield of both grain crops and cotton will increase if mechanized equipment is used in farming that accounts for more than half of the country's gross domestic product and takes up 85 per cent of the country's exports.

MNA/Xinhua

## Disney rules out new deal with Pixar Studios

LOS ANGELES, 30 Sept — US entertainment giant Walt Disney has ruled out a new distribution deal with Pixar Animation Studios to continue their lucrative partnership, the CNBC TV reported Wednesday.

"We are not in any discussions with Pixar right now," Disney President and Chief Operating Officer Robert Iger told reporters in London, adding that it had been approached to buy Britain television channel ITV as well some assets of the BBC.

"We're professional tyre-kickers, we look at everything," he told a conference. Disney and Pixar terminated their talks in January to extend a 13-year distribution partnership, that has created such cartoon hits as "Finding Nemo," "Monsters Inc,"

"Toy Story" series.

The talks broke off because two failed to agree on new terms that would be more favourable to Pixar, which has since met with other studios and says it has plenty of time to strike a new deal.

Pixar's last film under the distribution deal with Disney is "Cars", which will be delivered in 2005. Pixar has propped up Disney's animation business, which has stumbled with such box-office misses as "Treasure Planet" and "Atlantis: The Lost Empire."

MNA/Xinhua

## Barbados donates funds for Haiti reconstruction

HAVANA, 30 Sept — The government of Barbados announced Tuesday it would donate 490,000 US dollars to Haiti to help it cope with the severe damage done by tropical storm Jeanne.

The authorities assured that they will also provide other forms of assistance, as part of the Caribbean programme, to Haitians, according to reports from Port-au-Prince, capital of Haiti.

Haiti was ravaged by winds, floods and mudslides caused by storm

Jeanne, which destroyed 80 per cent of its infrastructure and killed some 1,500 people, and the death toll was expected to rise, since at least 900 people remain missing. Hundreds of thousands of people were left homeless and the government, led by acting Prime Minister Gerard Latortue, has planned to establish a camp to shelter the massive homeless people.

MNA/Xinhua

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## SPORTS

## Spain considers Ronaldo best Ibero-American athlete

MADRID 30 Sept — King Juan Carlos of Spain will present the distinction to Real Madrid's Brazilian striker Ronaldo Nazario as the best Ibero-American athlete. The Award Ibero-American Community, which will go to Ronaldo for his performance in 2003, had been presented to his Brazilian and Real Madrid teammate Roberto Carlos last year.

Ronaldo will receive the trophy in a ceremony at the Royal Palace of El Prado as part of the presentation of national sports awards in Spain.

Former winners of the award, to the best athlete of Spain, Portugal and the Latin American countries, included Cuba's Ana F. Quirot and her compatriots Ivan Pedrosa and Javier Sotomayor, Mexicans Ernesto Canto and Arturo Barrios, Argentina's Gabriela Sabatini, Portugal's Manuela Machado, and Juan P Montoya, from Colombia. — MNA/Reuters

## West Brom captain charged with violent conduct

LONDON, 30 Sept — West Bromwich Albion captain Darren Purse has been charged with violent conduct by the Football Association for elbowing teammate Riccardo Scimeca in the face, the Premier League club said on Wednesday.

The charge relates to an incident in the encounter against Newcastle United on September 15 and Purse now faces a three-match ban as well as the one-game suspension he received for being sent off for two unrelated yellow cards on the day.

According to the West Brom web site, Purse's shirt was being held by a Newcastle player and as the defender tried to shake himself free he caught

Scimeca in the face with his arm.

The referee did not report the incident and the FA acted after viewing television footage. A hearing will be held on Thursday. Purse's defensive colleague Neil Clement was found guilty of a charge of violent conduct on Tuesday after a fracas that occurred after he had been sent off for a professional foul in a league match against Fulham on 18 September.

MNA/Reuters

## Novak powers into last eight of Heineken Open

SHANGHAI, 1 Oct — Second seeded Jiri Novak of Czech Republic beat Dutchman Melle van Gemerden 6-4, 6-7 (7-6), 6-1 to reach the quarterfinals of the Shanghai Heineken Open tennis tournament on Thursday.

The 29-year-old Novak broke Gemerden twice in the third set to finish the match and set up a quarterfinal clash with American Michael Gambill, who defeated host player Zhu Benqiang 6-0, 7-6 (7-5).

The American really put everything together in that 6-0 set and throughout the match he served well. He said there were points in the second set that he "let him win" when he should have applied the pressure. Gambill turned the focus back on in the breaker because so often that can be a shoot-out, and Gambill was aware that Zhu had a big serve and forehand.

Gambill has slipped a

little in the rankings which he puts down to a dip in his confidence. He had shin problems for about eight months and instead of taking enough time out to recover, he tried to play through it.

He likened the problem to jumpers knee and he seems to get it every time he plays on the European indoor courts. He believes he can get over it and drive his ranking back up.

Earlier Ricardo Mello rallied back from a disastrous first set against Janko Tipsarevic to win 1-6, 7-6, 6-4.

Italian Davide Sanguinetti defeated Finn Jarkko Nieminen 6-4, 7-5 and will play Lars Burgsmuller who stopped

French youngster Edouard Roger-Vasselin 6-3, 6-2. Roger-Vasselin is the son of former player Christophe Roger-Vasselin, whose biggest career win was to upset Jimmy Connors in the quarterfinals of the 1983 French Open.

Kenneth Carlsen from Denmark also came back from a poor start to score a place in the quarterfinals. The Dane defeated Wayne Arthurs 1-6, 6-3, 7-6.

Third seed Guillermo Canas of Argentina brushed aside Dane Kristina Pless 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, and Gilles Muller of Luxembourg defeated South African born American Glenn Weiner 5-7, 6-3, 7-5.

MNA/Xinhua

## Atletico Paranaense go top in Brazilian C'ship

RIO DE JANEIRO, 1 Oct — Atletico Paranaense went top of the Brazilian Championship after beating Vitoria 3-2 in a game of four penalties while previous leaders Santos lost 2-1 at International.

Paranaense striker Washington, the championship's leading scorer, struck twice to take his tally to 23 goals as his side extended their unbeaten run in the competition to 15 games in Wednesday night's match.

Edilson, who played in Brazil's victorious 2002 World Cup team, headed Vitoria in front from a Paulo Rodrigues cross in the 34th minute.

Atletico were then

awarded two penalties in quick succession. Washington's first effort was saved by goalkeeper Juninho in the 39th minute but the same player made no mistake five minutes later to level the scores.

Edilson won and missed a penalty for Vitorias early in the second half as his shot was saved by Diego.

As the drama continued, Fernandinho headed Atletico in front, Obina equalized for Vitoria before Washington won and converted another penalty with seven minutes to play.

The 2001 champions, who have 64 points from 33 games, went three points clear of Santos, who took a first-half lead through midfielder Elano but were

sunk by second half goals by Vinicius and Fernandao in Porto Alegre.

Flamengo and Corinthians, who claim to be the two best-supported club in the country, were watched by a crowd of less than 8,000 as they played out a goalless stalemate at the Maracana stadium in Rio de Janeiro.

Flamengo, whose players had refused to spend the previous night in So-called "concentration" in protest at being paid late, stayed 17th in the championship, still dangerously close to the relegation zone.

Corinthians, who are eyeing a place in next year's South American Libertadores Cup, are ninth. — MNA/Reuters



Weder Bremen's Christian Schulz, left, and Valencia's soccer player Bernardo Corradi, right, challenge for the ball during the Champions League group G match at Weser Stadium in Bremen, Germany, on Wednesday, 29 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

## Rangers beat Maritimo 4-2 on penalty

GLASGOW, 1 Oct — Rangers reached the new UEFA Cup group stage on Thursday courtesy of a 4-2 penalty shootout win over Maritimo after their first-round tie ended 1-1 on aggregate on Thursday.

The visitors carried a 1-0 lead to Ibrox but Dado Prso's fine 70th minute strike gave Rangers victory in the second leg and cancelled out the Portuguese side's advantage.

It was only manager Alex McLeish's fourth win in 16 European matches in charge of Rangers, who served up an unconvincing performance.

But winning on penalties will ease the tension on McLeish after Rangers lost to CSKA Moscow in the third qualifying round of the Champions League last month.

Nacho Novo, Prso, Steven Thompson and Gregory Vignal scored for the Glasgow side in the shootout while Stefan Klos saved from Chaino and Ferreira hit for bar for the visitors.

Silas and Leo Lima were the only scorers for Maritimo as their nerve crumbled though goalkeeper Marcos Oliveira did save Shota Arveladze's penalty.

Maritimo had won their last four games to move second top of the Portuguese league but they never really carried the conviction to trouble the home defence.

MNA/Reuters

## Athletic Bilbao crush Trabzonspor 2-0

BILBAO (Spain), 1 Oct — Fine individual goals from midfielders Santi Ezquerro and Fran Yeste gave Athletic Bilbao a 2-0 win over Trabzonspor that secured them a place in the group stage of the UEFA Cup on Thursday.

Athletic, who revived their chance of qualifying with two late goals in their 3-2 defeat in the first leg in Turkey, made a brisk start at San Mames as they pushed forward in midfield and made good ground on both flanks.

They took just six minutes to get the all-important breakthrough when Ezquerro darted into the area, cut inside two defenders and curled the ball around keeper Michael Petkovic to put the Basque side ahead on the away goals rule. — MNA/Reuters



Andy Roddick of the United States serves an ace to Arvind Parmar of Britain in the second set of their match at the Thailand Open in Bangkok on 29 Sept, 2004. Roddick served 11 aces as he defeated Parmar in straight sets 6-1, 6-4 to advance into the second round. — INTERNET





## Prime Minister presents gifts to senior citizens on International Day of Older Persons

YANGON, 1 October—The International Day of Older Persons (2004) was observed at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this morning, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Mayor of Yangon, deputy ministers, the Vice Mayor, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, chairmen of social organizations, Acting Dean of Diplomatic Corps Philippine Ambassador to Myanmar Mme Phoebe A Gomez and diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies, distinguished guests, wellwishers, older persons and officials.

Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivered a speech, saying that Myanmar society can still uphold a fine tradition that grandchildren and children live in the same residence together with their parents and grandparents harmoniously and in peace. So, despite growing population of older persons to an extent in Myanmar, the nation has no problem in looking after their older persons. However, there arose some problems in looking after senior citizens not only because there has been a marked increase in the number of senior citizens but also because there have been no ones to look after them. It being a member of the UN, Myanmar



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents gifts, medicines and cash to an aged person at the ceremony to mark International Day of Older Persons.— MNA

has observed the International Day of Older Persons since 1999 in accord with the objectives. In Myanmar, those aged 60 and above make up 8.12 per cent or 4.32

million of the nation's population — over 53.2 million people.

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## Ministries concerned are to provide assistance for implementing agreements signed between Myanmar and PRC

### Prime Minister addresses coord meeting to implement Myanmar-China agreements, all-round cooperation

YANGON, 1 Oct.—The coordination meeting to implement Myanmar-China agreements and all-round cooperation was held at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar at 2 pm today, with an address by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

It was also attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, the director-general of the SPDC Office, departmental heads and officials.

Delivering opening remarks, the Prime Minister said today's meeting was the third time to implement agreements

between Myanmar and the People's Republic of China and for boosting all-round cooperation. The meeting was also held to hail the National Day of the PRC because today is the 55th anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China.

Nowadays, Myanmar is working together with China not only in economic area but also in all other areas, and tasks for implementing the agreements and MoUs signed between the two countries are being carried out with accelerated momentum. At the second

coordination meeting, the agreements, MoUs and exchange of notes, which were signed during the exchange goodwill visits of the leaders of the two countries, were coordinated in their respective sectors and now the number reached 29, he said.

The agreements and MoUs signed in the goodwill visits of state leaders of both countries have been grouped into 29 sectors in the second meeting.

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