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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



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Secretary-General of Mae Fah Laung Foundation Chief Executive Officer of Doi Tung Development Project Mom Rajawongse Disnadda Diskul and party.—MNA

Prime Minister receives Thai guests

YANGON, 6 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received Secretary-General of Mae Fah Laung Foundation Chief Executive Officer of Doi Tung Development Project of Thailand Mom Rajawongse Disnadda Diskul and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar here at 5 pm today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Ag-

riculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun, Director-General of the

Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed matters on bilateral cooperation in drug elimination tasks, extended cultivation of opium substitute crops and enhancement of bilateral cooperation.— MNA

Ministers arrive for 26th ASEAN Ministers' Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry

YANGON, 6 Oct — Ministers from ASEAN nations arrived here today to attend the 26th Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry and Senior Officials Meeting and the 4th meeting of ASEAN+3 a meeting between the Association and three East Asian dialogue partners to be hosted in Myanmar.

Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Agro-based Industry of Malaysia Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin bin Haji Mohd Yassin arrived here at 11.15 am and Minister of Industry and Primary Resources Pehin Dato Abdulrahman Taib of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Agriculture and Forest of Indonesia Mr Mamad Gunawan and Minister of National Development of Singapore Mr Mah Bow Tan at 11.45 am.

The ministers were welcomed at the airport by Deputy Minister for Livestock and Fisheries U Aung Thein, ambassadors of the respective embassies in Yangon and staff, Chairman of Reception and Accommodation Subcommittee Director-General of

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The Malaysian Minister and party arrive to attend ASEAN Ministers' meeting on Agriculture and Forestry.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Be aware of fabricated news, accusations

Myanmar is a peaceful and stable nation where four cardinal virtues — loving kindness, compassion, sympathetic joy and equanimity — and deterrent principles of shame and fear flourish well. Myanmar enhances friendly ties with but never bears a grudge against other nations. She sticks together with her neighbours, ASEAN members and regional nations, cementing amicable relations.

Nowadays, the world nations have to brave delicate challenges. It is vividly clear that peace and security is under threat in the world. However, Myanmar constantly upholds the peaceful co-existence principles in dealing with other nations.

The United Nations approved of the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence based on the concept that unity of world nations plays an important role. These principles continue to be practised by all up to now. But, in total disregard of these noble principles, neo-colonialists are now openly interfering in other nations' internal affairs and manufacturing fabricated news so as to serve their self-interests.

A coordination meeting was held at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyintha, Yangon, on 5 October to adopt future tasks for protecting the rights of the children. Chairman of the Committee for Prevention against Recruitment of Minors Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein addressed the meeting, saying that the groups with negative views towards the country are making accusations on forced recruitment of minors for military service. They are also making false statements on narcotic drugs, human trafficking and forced labour with the intention of tarnishing the dignity of the State among international communities.

Myanmar has been shaping its brighter future with self-reliant efforts, but certain powers are fabricating false news as if Myanmar were producing narcotic drugs on a commercial scale, violating human rights, trafficking in human and committing forced recruitment of minors for military service.

With no success in their attempts to get Myanmar under their thumb for their self-interests, the destructive elements have invented such false news on Myanmar in order to find a pretext.

Myanmar has prescribed laws, rules, orders and directives that protect the rights of the children, and prohibited forced labour as Myanmar people are noble-minded. It protects the rights of the children in accord with the Child Act enacted in 1993 and the Bylaw enacted in 2001. The entire national people are therefore to be united in serving the interests of the nation and the people, being aware of such false news and accusations to tarnish dignity of Myanmar in the international community.

University entrance for 2004-2005 academic year

YANGON, 6 Oct — Those who passed the 2004 matriculation exam are to personally draw the mark lists, biography, university entrance manual and university entrance application from the supervisors of respective examination centres beginning from 8 October to apply it for the entrance. The applications can be sent right to Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) daily inclusive Saturdays and Sundays from 8 to 22 October.

Detailed information is available at Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) on Thaton Street, Kamayut Township, (Tel: 503147, 537677, 525612).—MNA

Winners in ASEAN Quiz announced

YANGON, 6 Oct — The Radio Myanmar of Myanmar Radio and Television is implementing the ASEAN in Action. In ASEAN Quiz for September held on 1 October, Maung Ye Hein Htut of Mingaladon Township won

the first prize, Dr Win Mar Myint of Kyauktada Township second, Maung Soe Paing of Sangyoung Township third and Ma Khin Myo Kyaw of Insein Township the consolation prize.

Officials presented prizes to the winners. The

ASEAN Quiz for October will be held at MRTV at 10 am on 2 November. Those wishing to take part in the quiz are to report at Radio Myanmar Section at 9.30 am. Handsome prizes will be presented to the winners.—MNA

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



Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min delivers a speech at the coordination meeting to enhance improvement of cooperative societies. — MNA

Coord meeting to enhance improvement of cooperative societies held

YANGON, 6 Oct — The coordination meeting to enhance improvement of Central Cooperative Society and Cooperative Union was held at the Ministry of Cooperatives on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, this morning.

Present were Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, directors-general and officials of Cooperative Department, Department of Cottage Industries

and Cooperative Export & Import Enterprise, the chairman and members of the Board of Directors of Central Cooperative Society and officials.

The minister gave an opening speech. Next, Chairman of CCS U Win Sein and chairmen of Cooperative Syndicates and officials reported on reforming of their respective organizational set-up and others.

MNA

Ministers leave for Vietnam to attend ASEM 5

YANGON, 6 Oct — Leader of the Myanmar delegation Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Tin Winn and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win left here by air this morning to attend the 5th Asia-Europe Summit Meeting (ASEM 5) to be held in Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, from 7 to 9 October 2004.

The ministers were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen



Minister U Tin Winn and Minister U Nyan Win being seen off at Yangon International Airport. — MNA



Winners of ASEAN Radio Quiz, organized by MRTV. MNA

Kyi Aung, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein and departmental officials and Charge d' Affaires ai Mr Phan Van Cu of the Vietnamese Embassy.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and Director-General of the Consular and Legal Department U Nyan Lynn

have left in advance for Hanoi yesterday evening by air to attend the said meeting. An advance team led by Director-General of Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Thaung Tun also left in advance to attend the Senior Officials' Meeting to be held in Hanoi on 6 October 2004 for the preparation of the Summit. MNA

Entries invited to Colour Photo Contest

YANGON, 6 Oct — The 15th National Motto, Literary and Photo Competitions Organizing Committee has announced to hold the colour photo contest.

The title of the colour contest is "Developing Myanmar". The entries are to be sent to Director U Tun Min of Information and Public Relations Department at 22/24, Pansodan Street, here, not later than 15 October. — MNA

1,061 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

BAGHDAD, 5 Oct—As of Tuesday, 5 Oct, 2004, 1,061 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 806 died as a result of hostile action and 255 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, eight; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 923 US military members have died 697 as a result of hostile action and 226 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Tuesday.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq,

7,730 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defence Department's weekly tally.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

One US soldier was killed Monday by an explosive near Baghdad.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

Army Sgt Christopher S Potts, 38, Tiverton, RI; killed by small arms fire Sunday in Taji; assigned to the Army National Guards 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery Regiment, Providence, RI. —Internet

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Pentagon says nearly 200 wounded last week in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—The number of US troops wounded in Iraq increased by 198 over the past week, raising the total since the war began in March 2003 to 7,730, the Pentagon said Tuesday.

That is within the range of weekly increases reported over the past two months, which have varied from about 110 to

226 in one of the most intense periods of insurgent violence this year.

The Pentagon also announced that a member of the Rhode Island Army National Guard was killed 3 October in Taji, Iraq. Sgt Christopher S Potts, 38, of Tiverton, RI, was hit by small arms fire while manning a traffic control post. He was with the 1st Battalion, 103rd Field Artillery Regiment.

Potts was the third Army National Guard soldier to have been killed in Iraq this month, along with one active-duty soldier. National Guard and Reserve soldiers represent more than 40 percent of the 137,000 US troops in Iraq.

Thirteen of the 80 US troops who died in Iraq in September were members of the National Guard or Reserve. —Internet



Iraqi youths walk across the roof of a damaged building following a US airstrike on Fallujah on 4 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

Ten policemen killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 Oct—Ten policemen, including a lieutenant-colonel, were killed in two separate attacks south of Baghdad, police said today.

Rebels opened fire on a group of policemen as they were returning to Baghdad from Mahmoudiya, 32 kilometres south of the capital yesterday, said Brigadier Ali al-Musaw. Lieutenant-Colonel Abdul-Latif Metasher Nejm was killed along with a major and five other policemen, he said. In Latifiyah, 8km further south, three policemen were shot dead yesterday as they stopped at a petrol station, said policeman Faez Nasser.

There was one survivor who told authorities the assailants took \$US1 million (\$1.39 million from their vehicle, Nasser said. It was not clear why the police had this amount of money in their possession.

The 25km stretch of road in which the two attacks took place is regarded as one of the most dangerous in Iraq after a series of high-profile kidnappings and deadly ambushes targeting foreign journalists and prominent politicians. —Internet

“ANSA”, “Xinhua” sign news exchange agreement

ROME, 5 Oct— Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini said Monday that he was satisfied with the agreement of journalism cooperation signed by China's news agency Xinhua and Italy's ANSA.

“It is of great significance that Xinhua and ANSA will enhance their cooperation and exchanges,” Franco said when meeting with Xinhua

news agency President Tian Congming. The two are both influential news agencies in the world, he added.

The close cooperation in journalism will deepen the understanding and friendship between the Italian people and the Chinese people, he said.

Tian thanked Frattini and the Italian Government's long-time support

to Xinhua's Rome Bureau, saying Xinhua has strengthened its reporting on extensive European affairs.

The establishment of the European Regional Bureau of Xinhua in Brussels in May is a clear indication of Xinhua's focus on and commitment to reporting on Europe, Tian said.

MNA/Xinhua

Chirac expresses France's willingness to cooperate with China

PARIS, 5 Oct— French President Jacques Chirac said his country is willing to further strengthen cooperation with China, his spokesman told reporters on Monday.

Chirac has expressed his belief that China's development is an opportunity for the economic growth and job increase in France, Jerome Bonnafont said.

“France must seize this chance because it has the capacity to be the partner of reference for China in many areas in which the strong features of the French economy can match the needs of China,” the spokesman said.

On Friday, Chirac will start a five-day state visit to China, which is also a return visit to the one paid to France by Chinese President Hu Jintao in January.

The two countries share same views on many political affairs, but France lags behind other European Union (EU)

countries in terms of investment in China and has a long way to go amid fierce competition from such countries as the United States and Japan, he noted.

France is China's fourth-largest trading partner in the EU, well behind leader Germany, although bilateral trade grew strongly to 13.4 billion US dollars last year and is expected to increase by 40 per cent this year.

Bonnafont said that during his visit, President Chirac and more than 50 French industrialists will launch a “concerted offensive” to win a larger slice of China's market. Deals in energy sources, transport and aviation sectors are all due to be sealed, he added. —MNA/Xinhua

Guyana, China satisfied with development of ties

GEORGETOWN, 5 Oct— Guyanese President Bharrat Jagdeo and Prime Minister Samuel Hinds met with visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing respectively on Saturday, with both sides expressing satisfaction over the development of the relations between their countries. During the talks,

Jagdeo said his country attaches importance to the relations with China and will firmly stick to the one-China policy. Li expressed appreciation for the position of Guyana.

The two sides also exchanged views on how to strengthen bilateral relations, reform the United Nations and intensify

South-South cooperation.

Also on Saturday, Li met with his Guyanese counterpart Samuel Rudolph Insanally. They attended the signing ceremony of agreements on economic and technological cooperation and on the relay of CCTV-9 programme in Guyana.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier of the 1st Infantry Division takes position at a neighbourhood in Samarra, some 125 kilometres north of Baghdad. — INTERNET

Rumsfeld admits "no hard evidence" linking Saddam, al-Qaeda

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct— Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said on Monday he knew of no "strong, hard evidence" linking Saddam Hussein's Iraq and al-Qaeda, despite describing extensive contacts between the two before the Iraq invasion.

Rumsfeld, during a question-and-answers session before the Council on Foreign Relations in New York, was asked to explain the connection between Saddam and Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network, blamed for the September 11, 2001, attacks on America.

"I have seen the answer to that question migrate in the intelligence community over a period of a year in the most amazing way. Second, there are differences in the intelligence community as to what the relationship was," Rumsfeld said.

"To my knowledge, I have not seen any strong, hard evidence that links the two," Rumsfeld

added.

"I just read an intelligence report recently about one person who's connected to al-Qaeda who was in and out of Iraq. And it is the most tortured description of why he might have had a relationship and why he might not have had a relationship. It may have been something that was not representative of a hard linkage."

US-led forces invaded Iraq in March 2003 and toppled Saddam and his government in a war whose main justification offered by the United States was the threat posed by Iraq's weapons of mass destruction. No such weapons have been discovered.

But the relationship

between Saddam's government and al-Qaeda also figured in the US case for war.

A small Pentagon intelligence-analysis office found what it considered evidence of Iraq-al-Qaeda ties. Rumsfeld was one of the Bush Administration officials publicly describing this link. On 26 September, 2002, Rumsfeld told reporters at the Pentagon of evidence of contacts and co-operation.

"We have what we consider to be very reliable reporting of senior level contacts going back a decade, and of possible chemical and biological agent training. And when I say contacts, I mean between Iraq and al-Qaeda," Rumsfeld said

at the time.

"We have what we believe to be credible information that Iraq and al-Qaeda have discussed safe-haven opportunities in Iraq, reciprocal non-aggression discussions. We have what we consider to be credible evidence that al-Qaeda leaders have sought contacts in Iraq who could help them acquire ... weapons of mass destruction capabilities," Rumsfeld added at the time.

The bipartisan 9/11 commission that studied the 2001 attacks concluded this July there was no evidence of a "collaborative operational relationship" between Iraq and al-Qaeda or an Iraqi role in attacking the United States.

During a question-and-answers session at the Council on Foreign Relations on Monday, Rumsfeld also was asked what was the "number-one reason for the war."

MNA/Reuters

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Four US soldiers charged with killing Iraqi general

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct— The US military has charged four soldiers with murder in the death of an Iraqi general who suffocated after being shoved in a sleeping bag and physically abused during interrogation in Iraq last November, the Army said on Monday.

Chief Warrant Officers Jefferson Williams and Lewis Welshofer Junior, Sergeant 1st Class William Sommer and Special Jerry Loper were charged with murder and dereliction of duty, officials at Fort Carson, Colorado, said in a statement.

Iraqi Major General Abid Hamed Mowhoush, a key air-defence commander for toppled President Saddam Hussein's military, died last November 26 of "asphyxia due to smothering and chest compression" while being detained by the US military in Al Qaim near the Syrian border, according to a death certificate released by the Army in May.

The criminal charges

were the latest in a series brought against US troops stemming from the abuse and in some cases deaths of numerous prisoners held in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The murder charge carries a maximum sentence of life in prison without possibility of parole, while the dereliction charge carries a maximum sentence of six months of confinement, according to the statement. The US military initially described the general's death as apparently from natural causes, but changed the account in the weeks after revelations surfaced this spring of the abuse of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib Jail on the outskirts of Baghdad.—MNA/Reuters



Local residents look at the damage done to buildings in Fallujah, Iraq on Saturday, 2 Oct, 2004, after a US airstrike late Friday night. The strike razed two houses. — INTERNET

Sadr may not take part in elections

BEIRUT, 6 Oct— Iraqi Shiite Muslim cleric Moqtada al-Sadr hinted on Monday that he may not take part in elections planned for January, telling Lebanese television he rejected polls serving foreign not Iraqi interests.

"These are going to be US elections," he told Lebanon's al-Manar television. "I want elections for the Iraqi people, I want elections that are Iraqi, free and fair, nothing more, nothing less".

Sadr also said he would only support someone who was untainted by the US-led occupation.

After three weeks of fighting between Sadr's Mehdi Army and US and Iraqi forces in the southern city of Najaf in August, Sadr agreed to a peace initiative brokered by Iraq's most influential religious leader Grand Ayatollah Ali al-

Sistani.

As part of the deal, Sistani pressured Sadr into agreeing to support the election. But some of his aides have since suggested he would boycott the polls.

Sadr also called on Iraqi security forces to stop working with US-led forces in Iraq. "I call on the Iraqi police and Iraqi Army to show solidarity with their people and to quit the occupation," he said.

Sadr reiterated his call for the release of two French journalists held hostage in Iraq. — MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh Railway builds 361 km new track in three years

DHAKA, 5 Oct— The Bangladesh Railway (BR) has added 361 kilometres of new track to its countrywide network and improved the overall condition of this fragile sector in the last three years at an outlay of 17.1 billion taka (285 million US dollars).

The BR was neglected sector for a long time, but it got a touch of moderni-

zation under the present government, *The New Nation* reported on Monday.

The report quoted BR sources as saying that the present government initiated 76 projects in the railway sector in the last three years with a special focus on maintenance, repair, rehabilitation and development.

The BR has a total track

length of 2,880 kilometres across the country. The BR, which has a fleet of 277 engines, 1,410 passenger coaches and 13,679 four wheelers, operates 257 passenger trains and 55 goods trains round the clock.

The BR carries around 40 million passengers and 3.6 million tons of goods per annum.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Army soldier guards the perimeter during a search for guerillas in the ancient section of Samarra, Iraq, on 4 Oct 2004, on the fourth day of a major US and Iraqi military incursion into the city. — INTERNET

Two powerful explosions kill 15, dozens wounded in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 Oct— Two powerful explosions rocked central Baghdad separately on Monday, killing at least 15 people and wounding dozens of others, the US military and witnesses said.

In the first attack, a car bomb blew up near one entrance to the heavily fortified Green Zone and close to an Iraqi National Guard recruitment post, killing at least 10 people and wounding more than 70 others, doctors and witnesses said.

A vehicle rushed into the entrance, where the US military has a checkpoint. The car bomb was detonated before reaching the entrance amid many bystanders, witnesses said.

"A vehicle-borne IED (improvised explosive device) was detonated near one of the checkpoints on the west side of the Green Zone," the US military said.

A US military spokesman said no US troops were wounded in the attack, but he had no further information.

Shortly afterwards, five people were killed and nine wounded in the second powerful blast which rocked buildings in central Baghdad and sent columns of black smoke into the sky above the Baghdad Hotel, one of the several hotels usually used by foreign contractors and workers.

Blasts and gunfire immediately erupted after the explosion occurred near the hotel, according to witnesses.

US troops and Iraqi security forces sealed off the area as helicopters flew overhead. — MNA/Xinhua

Jordanian Customs seizes six pieces of Iraqi antique

AMMAN, 5 Oct— The Jordanian Customs has seized six smuggled pieces of the Iraqi antique, belonging to late Bronze Era, the Jordanian television reported on Sunday.

The pieces carried metal labels introducing their kinds and dates, Mahmoud Qteishat, director-general of the Customs Authority, was quoted as saying.

He said that the metal labels also revealed that these pieces belonged to Baghdad Museum, which was swept shortly after the US occupation of Iraq.

According to the labels, the pieces

date back from 1,500 BC to 150 BC.

Qteishat said that the pieces were seized Saturday in an Iraqi car, which tried to enter Jordan at AL Karameh border, adding that the pieces will be examined by archaeological experts to get more details.

Jordan's Customs has seized more than 1,500 pieces of the Iraqi antique of different kinds since June of 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

20-month boy found after wandering through Iranian desert

TEHRAN, 5 Oct— A 20-month-old boy wandered for 9 km (5.5 miles) through the scorching desert of southeast Iran before his parents followed his footprints and found him sitting in an open irrigation channel, police said on Sunday.

Errant toddler Ali playing at home in a small village near the

town of Sirjan when his parents realized he was missing on Tuesday afternoon. He was tracked down late that night.

"His family, relatives, and other villagers started walking out into the desert to look for him," said Abdolhossein Moghad-das, a police officer from the southeastern province of Kerman.

"Police and villagers followed his footsteps with torches until they found the boy sitting in an open channel used for irrigation. The boy started crying when he saw his parents," he added.

Esfandiarpour appeared unscathed by his trek.

MNA/Reuters



US soldiers take up a defensive position soon after a car bomb exploded in Baghdad on 3 Oct, 2004.

INTERNET

Philippines Govt sees no need to deploy more workers to Iraq

MANILA, 5 Oct— The presence of more than 4,000 overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) in Iraq is already enough contribution of the Philippines to the rebuilding of Iraq, Foreign Affairs Secretary Alberto Romulo said Monday.

Romulo, who just came back from New York for the UN Assembly, told reporters that the Philippines has had a good number of people in Iraq who are helping the war-torn country, which is "a sizable number by any standard".

The remark was the response to the call of United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan for UN members to help in the rebuilding of Iraq.

"We pointed out to Secretary-General Annan that indeed we have more than 4,000 workers participating in the rebuilding of Iraq. Our team (humanitarian contingent) has (also) built school rooms, water facilities and other infra-

structure like roads, medical outreach programme," Romulo said.

The secretary also stressed that the imposition of the ban on the deployment of OFWs in Iraq was made out of their safety concerns due to the heightened kidnapping incidents perpetrated by the Iraq militants in the war-torn country.

Despite the ban, 27 OFWs were confirmed to have managed to enter Iraq illegally.

In view of this, the Philippine Government has appealed to the Middle East countries bordering Iraq and the United States for the help in curbing illegal entry of more OFWs to Iraq. — MNA/Xinhua



A Polish soldier stands guard near a helicopter in Camp Lima, some 100 kms south of Baghdad. — INTERNET

Malaysia, Morocco to foster business ties

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Oct— Malaysia and Morocco on Monday formed the Malaysia-Morocco Business Council (MMBC) to foster business ties and further facilitate mutual investment.

The establishment of MMBC showed that Malaysia maintained strong brotherly relations with Morocco politically as well as economically, Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar said at the launch of the council here.

He also called for more efforts to tap the vast potential between the private sectors of the two countries.

The minister's speech was delivered by his Deputy Joseph Salang.

Syed Hamid said that Malaysian businessmen should take advantage of Morocco to penetrate the larger North African market and at the same time, Moroccan business people could use Malay-

sia as a base towards the larger Southeast Asian market.

Morocco is a member of the Arab Maghreb Union (AMU), which also groups Tunisia, Algeria, Libya and Mauritania with a combined population of 80.4 million and an average gross domestic product per capita of 2,046 US dollars.

"In this regard, we are encouraged by the Moroccan Government's policy to pursue trade liberalization, privatization and other reform measures with the aim of enhancing socio-economic development of the country and its people," he said.

"I believe that the

establishment of the Malaysia-Morocco Business Council is timely and a step in the right direction," Syed Hamid said. Meanwhile, Morocco's State Secretary for Vocational Training, Employment, Social Affairs and Solidarity, Said Oulbacha, said that there were a lot of opportunities that both countries could benefit from, particularly in sectors like education, information technology, oil and gas, manufacturing as well as financial services.

He said that there was also a wide range of possible areas of cooperation especially concerning transfer of Malaysian technology to Morocco.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq to lower tax rates on industrial projects

BAGHDAD, 5 Oct— The Iraqi Finance Ministry announced that it would lower tax rates on industrial projects, *Al Mashriq* newspaper reported recently.

The decision was aimed at removing taxes which represented obstacles to industrial projects, like Customs imposed on agricultural equipment and lands allocated to establish plants, a ministry official said.

The ministry was working in coordination with tax and Customs

departments to tackle the problem of high fees which hindered the improvement of the industrial sector, the official said.

The official added that the tax department would measure the tax on net profits within a reasonable rate.

MNA/Xinhua



British troops patrol Basra, Iraq on 29 September, 2004.

INTERNET

Japan to ask US to move Marine bases from Okinawa

TOKYO, 5 Oct— Japan plans to ask the United States to move some US Marine bases from its southernmost prefecture of Okinawa to a location outside Japan, the daily *Yomiuri Shimbun* said on Monday.

The report comes as Washington considers the details of its Global Defence Posture Review, under which it plans to cut the number of US troops deployed overseas by up to 70,000.

In return for the removal of the 2,600 Marines, Japan would offer the US extra storage facilities for weapons, fuel and other military equipment, the *Yomiuri* said.

Tokyo was also considering allowing US troops to use domestic military bases and civilian airport and port facilities, something currently only permitted in emergencies, the *Yomiuri* said.

Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi and US President George W Bush agreed last month to accelerate talks on easing the military burden on Japan, especially Okinawa, after a dispute over the handling of a military helicopter crash.

Tokyo complained that the United States resumed CH-53D Sea Stallion flights without fully

explaining the cause of a crash involving the same model at a university campus in Okinawa in August. Three crew members were injured in the crash, but no one on the ground was hurt. Koizumi said in a speech last week that he would consider relocating some functions of US bases to the mainland, in line with a US request. Likely difficulty in per-

suading local governments to play host to the troops led the government to decide to ask for their removal, the *Yomiuri* said.

Okinawa, Japan's poorest prefecture and home to about half the 47,000-strong US military presence in Japan, has long resented bearing what many see as an unfair share of the defence burden.

MNA/Reuters

Nigeria to launch four-day polio immunization drive

LAGOS, 5 Oct— Local government offices across Nigeria are to launch an immunization drive aimed at polio eradication during the National Immunization Days (NIDs) on 9-12 October, the *News Agency of Nigeria* reported recently.

Baver Dzeremo, president of the Association of Local Governments of Nigeria, was quoted as saying that the move was "to mobilize workers for the total eradication of polio in the country".

Teachers and traditional rulers would join in bringing out children for the exercise, he said.

NIDs are days ear-

marked for house-to-house administration of oral polio vaccines on children below five years, irrespective of their previous immunization status, he said.

"The aim is to boost immunity in the entire community and to stop the transmission of the wild polio virus which cripples or kills infected children," he added.—MNA/Xinhua

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Over 300 Iraqis injured daily by mines, bombs

BAGHDAD, 5 Oct— More than 300 Iraqis were injured everyday by mines, bombs, and explosions across the country, *Al Taakhi* newspaper quoted a Planning Ministry official as saying on Sunday.

The statistics were based on a trial survey made on injuries caused by explosions and bombs, which showed that more than 300 persons were injured everyday, most of

them were children, the official said.

The source pointed out that the mine injuries in Iraq were one of the highest in the world, and thousands of mines which were

not defused threatened the lives of Iraqi people.

There were also unexploded bombs thrown by American airplanes during the Iraq war across the country.—MNA/Xinhua

UN, ICC sign cooperation agreement

UNITED NATIONS, 6 Oct— The United Nations signed on Monday an agreement with the International Criminal Court (ICC), the world's first permanent tribunal to try war crimes, in a bid to encourage greater cooperation and consultation between the two organizations.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and ICC president Judge Philippe Kirsch signed the agreement at the UN headquarters in New York, UN spokesman Fred Eckhard told reporters.

The agreement recognizes the status and mandate of each organization and outlines that the two institutions will cooperate closely on administrative and judicial matters and consult each other on issues of mutual interest.

Under the accord, which was approved by the UN General Assembly last month despite US objection, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, the High Commissioner for Human Rights, the Special Council for the Prevention of Genocide and the UN Children's Fund will cooperate with the world court.

The document enables UN humanitarian and peacekeeping missions, especially those deployed in areas where atrocities are committed, to provide information and services to the court. It also allows UN officials to testify before the court. The pact provides for an observer status at the UN General Assembly for the court based in The Hague, the Netherlands.

The ICC, established in July 2002, can try cases involving people charged with committing genocide, crimes against humanity, war crimes and other serious human rights violations if national courts are unwilling or incapable to do so. As of September 27, a total of 97 nations have signed on as members of the court.—MNA/Xinhua

Nepali Govt team visits Gulf region

KATHMANDU, 5 Oct— As part of a goodwill visit to the Gulf region, a high-level Nepali Government team left here on Sunday for the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

An official from the Nepali Ministry of Foreign Affairs told *Xinhua* that Minister of State for Labour and Transport Management Urba Dutta Pant left Kathmandu for Riyadh, where he will be joined by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Prakash Sharan Mahat who is returning from the UN General Assembly.

Likewise, Minister for Information and Communication Mohammed Mohsin will join them on Tuesday, Royal

Nepalese Ambassadors to Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and UAE will also join the team that will visit the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Qatar and Kuwait.

"During the visit, the team will boost morale of the Nepali workers there, seek concessions from the Gulf countries for Nepali workers, and will express Nepal's commitment that Muslims won't be attacked in Nepal at all," the official quoted Mohsin as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi security officer gestures as a body is carried away following a car bomb in the Sadoon neighbourhood, central Baghdad recently.—INTERNET



The opening ceremony of the self-reliant library of Hlawgar Village in Shwepyitha Township. — IPRD

**Bringing
the library
to the people
and
bringing
the people
to the library**

**Libraries built
on
self-reliant basis
to disseminate
knowledge**



The self-reliant library in Theingon Village in Pindaya Township, Shan State (South), being opened.—IPRD



The opening ceremony of the self-reliant library in Phaaungwe Village in DaikU Township, Bago Division. —IPRD



A library of model Bonshegon Village in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division, being opened.— IPRD

**Up to 5 October
2004,
altogether 9,085
self-reliant
libraries were
opened
nationwide.**



The opening ceremony of the self-reliant library of North Okkalapa Township in Yangon Division. —IPRD



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets General-Secretary of Mae Fah Laung Foundation Chief Executive Officer of Doi Tung Development Project Mom Rajawongse Disnadda Diskul at Zeyathiri Beikman. (News on page 1)
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USDA Secretariat Member tours Kachin State

YANGON, 6 Oct—Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association in-charge of Kachin State USDA Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw held a meeting with members of Hopin and Indawgyi Region USDAs on 3 October.

At the meeting, the USDA Secretariat Member fulfilled the requirements. Next, he inspected rural libraries and bio-mass generators in Pinbaw and Mankhet villages.

In the afternoon, he met members of Mogaung, Phakant and

Tanai Townships USDAs at Mogaung and presented gifts to the member students who passed the matriculation exam with distinctions. He also looked into Kanyin-myaing rural auto-exchange in Mogaung Township.

On 4 October, the USDA Secretariat Member attended the opening of Waingmaw Township USDA building. He formally opened the building. At the meeting with members of Waingmaw Township USDA, he presented gifts to the students who got through the matriculation exam with flying colours.

Afterwards, he attended the annual meeting of Myitkyina Township USDA and presented gifts to the students who passed the matriculation exam outstandingly.

Yesterday, the Minister visited Sayadaw of the Abbot Training School in Myitkyina Dhammacariya Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vicittasara Bhivamsa and offered cash donations to him.

The Minister also presented cash donations to Parami Oo free clinic and rice, edible oil and cash donations to Kachin Baptist Council. — MNA

Cash donated for 12th performing arts competitions

YANGON, 6 Oct — The 4th cash donation ceremony organized by the Fund Raising and Prize Presentation Subcommittee for the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held this afternoon at the City Hall here.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepted the cash donations and delivered a speech at the ceremony.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn presented K 3 million donated by YCDC.

Similarly, ministries and well-wishers also donated cash and

foodstuff. Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn and Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Up to the 4th cash donation ceremony, total donations amounted to K 28.653 million including and included foodstuff worth K 300,000.

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MINISTER MEETS MARTIAL ARTS MASTERS: Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint met executives of Myanmar Martial Arts Federation and athletes at Myanmar Martial Arts Training School in Dagon Myothit (North) Township on 6 October. The minister delivers an address at the meeting. — SPED



Ministers arrive for...

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Water Resources Utilization Department U Win Shwe and members and officials.

Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Dr Bui Ba Bong, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries of Cambodia Mr Chan Sarun, Minister of Agriculture and Forestry of Lao People's Democratic Republic Dr Siene Saphangthong, Minister of Agriculture of the Philippines Mr Arthur C Yap and delegates from Thailand arrived at Yangon International Airport in the evening.

They were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, ambassadors, embassy staff and members of Reception and Accommodation Subcommittee Director-General U Win Shwe and officials. — MNA



Medical Superintendent Dr Nu Nu Tha of Yangon General Hospital accepts hospital equipment worth US\$ 6,000 donated by Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) through Ms Back Sook Hee on 5 October. (News reported) — 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 inspects fire engines

YANGON, 6 Oct — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa inspected two TE fire engines to be sent to Moemaik and Namti in Kachin State, three TE fire engines to Nyaungshwe, Manton and Nampaung in Shan State and one TE fire engine to MraukU in Rakhine State totalling six TE fire engines assembled by engineers of the Fire Services Department at FSD Headquarters this morning.

During his inspection with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thauung, the Director-General of the FSD and officials presented reports to the minister and party. The minister met representatives of townships concerned from Shan, Kachin and Rakhine States who are to accept the fire engines. And he instructed officials to send them of the places as quickly as possible. — MNA



Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Sein Htwa inspects six TE fire engines to be sent to Moemaik, Namti, Nyaungshwe, Manton, Nampaung and MraukU.— FSD

Leading Committee for ...

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chairmen of the panel of judges, officials of the Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said that respective committees and sub-committees are carrying out their tasks with momentum concerning the 12th Myanmar Traditional Performing Arts Competitions on a grander scale with essence more than the previous year. The competition is to be held soon. So, respective committees are to finish their tasks in preparation

for the competitions.

As contestants and members of the panel of judges will arrive here soon, arrangements are to be made for giving services to the contestants in reception, health, transport, welfare sectors and others. Departments concerned, on their part, are to provide assistance to holding the competitions. All committees and sub-committees are to systematically practise thrift and minimize loss and wastage in holding the competitions on a grand scale.

Before the period of the competitions, maestros

went to all states and Taninthayi Division and provided training courses on Myanmar traditional singing, dancing, composing and music subjects to the interested persons. Therefore, it can be expected that contestants from States and Divisions will participate in the competitions more than the previous year. And, members of the panel of judges are to correctly assess those who deserve to win the prize in the contest.

He stressed the need to present awards to deserving contestants only. And then, preparations are to be made for presenting prizes to national race

contestants who would not win awards in the contestants. Especially, health care service is to be given to the maestros who contributes to holding the competitions. Similarly, health care service will be provided to members of the panel of judges from States and Divisions.

All members of the committee, sub-committees and members of the panel of judges are to give suggestions for successfully holding the competitions on a grander scale than the previous year.

Next, officials of the sub-committees submitted their respective reports.

Afterwards, penal

of judges in singing, dancing, drama, marionette, composing, music events participated in the discussions. Later, the commander gave the concluding remarks.

After the meeting, the commander inspected the National Theatre where preparatory tasks are being undertaken for welcoming

contestants from States and Divisions, preparations for the opening ceremony, the dancing contest, the drama contest and the marionette contest. He also inspected preparations for holding the composing contest and the music contest at Kanbawza Theatre and the music contest at Padonma Theatre. — MNA

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

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

Senior Officials Meeting ...

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officials of the ASEAN Secretariat, three partner countries the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea and officials of East Asia Emergency Rice Reserve-EARR and Asian Farmers' Group Cooperation-AFGC.

Director-General U Tin Htut Oo of Agricultural Planning Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and

Irrigation presided over the meeting.

First, Meeting Chairman U Tin Htut Oo delivered an address. He said I also express my sincere appreciation to the Senior Officials from China, Japan and the Republic of Korea for their kind presence at the current meeting.

I sincerely believe that their active participation, disse-

mination of views and exchange of ideas will further strengthen our cooperation for future collaborative programme.

ASEAN also remains highly receptive to assistance for the development of its food, agriculture, fisheries and forestry sectors, especially for the New ASEAN Members, in the area of research and development for sustainable agriculture and food security, natural

resources and environmental conservation and management and in biotechnology and bio-safety.

I would like to stress that this meeting will be providing us an available opportunity to exchange views and identify subjects for further cooperation between ASEAN Members and our East Asia Dialogue Partners, and also on their regional and international issues.

We need to seek and

explore jointly, the most appropriate measures conducive for the coexistence of Asian agriculture and ensure that all enjoy the benefits by the continuation of our AMAF Plus Three Meetings.

And I trust that all of you will be extending your active contribution to this meeting in generating new areas of cooperation with mutual interests.

This important meeting will be covering a lot of topics that have been identified as areas of interest for cooperation — and I remain confident we will be emerging with good results.

And in conclusion, I would also like to stress that I remain convinced that our close and friendly relationship will grow from strength to strength.

Next, the Thai delegation discussed the pilot project of East Asia Emergency Rice Reserve-EARR and the ASEAN Food Security Information System-AFISS under the agenda of the Alleviation of Poverty and Strengthening Food Security in the Asian region.

Afterwards, all participants reviewed research and development of food, agriculture,

fisheries and forest sectors and holding of workshops, training courses and round tables for human resources development in food, agriculture, fisheries and forestry.

ASEAN senior officials and delegates of three partner countries discussed coordination and cooperation in international and regional issues in food, agriculture, fisheries and forestry, agriculture information networking and exchange and trade facilitation.

Next, they considered the draft report and recommendations of the Chairman of SOM-AMAF + 3 on the progress of ASEAN+3 cooperation activities.

The participants negotiated the new project proposal and discussed functions of Asian Farmers' Group for Cooperation-AFGC.

Later, they coordinated points to issue the Joint Press Statement of the meeting and to fix the date and venue of the next meeting. The meeting ended successfully in the evening.

On 7 October, the Fourth ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three Meeting will be held at the same venue.—MNA

Canon Digital Camera introduced

YANGON, 6 Oct — A demonstration on the use of Canon Digital Camera was held at Traders Hotel this afternoon.

First, Managing

Director Mr Alvin Law of Accel International Co Ltd made an opening speech and Marketing Manager Mr Steven Lim of Canon Singapore Pte Ltd

extended greetings on the occasion.

Next, Senior Production Manager Mr Roland Poon of Canon Singapore Pte Ltd

explained data on latest model of Canon Digital SLR Camera EOS-20D and Digital Camcorder XL-2 and replied to queries raised by those present.

Afterwards, guests and photography technicians viewed latest digital cameras and practically took photographs of the models.

Camera enthusiasts may contact Room No 7 and 8, south wing of Aung San Stadium, in front of Yoma Bank, Yangon Division (Tel-243036, Tel-243037 and Tel-243038) and Building No 6, SY Building on 78th Street between 29th and 30th Streets, Mandalay Division (Tel-02-36014/ 39857/ 39816).

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Managing Director Mr Alvin Law of Accel International Co Ltd speaking at the demonstration on use of Canon Digital Camera new model at Traders Hotel on 6-10-2004.— NLM

An absurd decision of the US Senate

Aung Moe San

There used to be a fable in which two traders entrusted their merchandise with each other and one of them cheated the other by saying the wire nails left in his custody were consumed by rats and when the other asked about his child left in the latter's custody he said the child was snatched away by a kite. All are lies and slanders to win over others through unjust means.

Recently, we were tired of hearing news reports disseminated by news agencies under the influence of the West, saying that Myanmar was threatening the whole Southeast Asia; and that the US Senate had made a unanimous decision to present the matter to the UN Security Council.

It was an act of hatred against Myanmar that is in the process of building a democratic nation in peace and stability, and also her cordial relations and cooperation with her neighbours and active participation in the ASEAN, Asian and international affairs.

The cause behind the act is that Myanmar has never yielded to the US influence and acted in accord with its own determination. If the existing Government would yield to the influence of the US and its western allies at the risk of facing national destruction, it would win a series of honours.

Even if Myanmar's situation is a threat to the regional security, the complaint will be made only by the neighbours and Southeast Asian countries themselves. But now, the US that is far away from Myanmar is showing un-

due concern over other's affairs. So ridiculous is that the US's attitude in this matter is like the sayings, which go, "The pan is not hot, but the lid is on fire" and "To make a mountain out of a mole hill."

In fact, the US is a country that is threatening the global peace and security.

Professor John Lewis Gaddis, a historian of Yale University, once said that the Bush administration is based on three strategic columns—hegemony, pre-emptive action and one-sided action. The strategy laid down by the US with excessive self-interest poses a grave danger to the people of the global nations. The people of the world nations are facing the danger of a nuclear power.

During an election campaign, presidential candidate John Kerry said that once, America won the respect of others. But, he said, it is dreaded by others at present. Bush's efforts to launch the anti-terrorist war had erased all international support and Bush has destroyed all the good characteristics maintained by the previous US presidents, he added.

Thus, the US Congress instead of paying attention to Myanmar which has not a single nuclear weapon, should try to control their own nation from the position of threatening others.

In an interview, former UN Secretary General Boutros Boutros Ghali said that a global system of power sharing or multipolarization should be practised for world peace and stability. In the interview, held in August,

he suggested that China, India and EU should play a greater role in the international affairs.

In this era of globalization, the system of dominating and manipulating the whole world by a single power would lead the world to more negative end than positive edge. Only the global system of power sharing will benefit the world, pointed out Ghali, who served as the UN secretary-general from 1992 to 1996.

Every nation in this world has the right to self-determination, said Ghali, who opposes the Middle

Pakistan in the eastern edge.

Any kind of reform should be carried out within the country concerned, and the external countries cannot implement it, insisted Ghali, saying that the US President Bush regarding himself a law-maker is doing one-sided acts. The UN reform programme was affected the US launched uneven wars against Kosovo in 1999 and Iraq in 2003, while ignoring the role of UN, thereby harming the global body's authority. For a long time, China has been dealing with global

world will look down on the US, that is said to be a nation which respects the law. In the end, it will be ostracized by the world community.

Recently, America has started a programme to gain a foothold in Southeast Asia. It has been able to deploy more troops in the region, using the war against terrorism as an excuse. In January 2002, the Pentagon sent a 600-man landing force and task force to the Philippines, with the excuse to help fight a war against terrorism in the southern Philippines. But the troops continue to exist in the country till now.

Moreover, the US is launching its programme to station an anti-missile system in Taiwan to shoot down Chinese rockets from close range, if China tries to hit targets in the US with its missiles. It is also making arrangements to deploy them in other countries around the world. Although the rockets are called anti-missiles, they can be used in attacking others, and the US has never guaranteed others that they will not be used for a pre-emptive strike. The anti-missile programme is also a threat to other regions. The US is implementing the anti-missile programme, with the slogan of protecting the Asia Pacific region, especially, Japan.

Japan and the Republic of Korea are still accommodating American military bases, that are being stationed in the countries with the promise to protect them from the dangers of neighbouring communists. In this world of changing market-oriented economy, the acts of US are harmful not only to regional security, but also to global security and progress. The acts of America have made China to stay alert and also prompted the country to build an anti-missile system of its own, critics have pointed out.

But China always sticks to the just international relations and correct stand for human rights.

China urges to seek mutual understanding and to reinforce international cooperation within the bounds of human rights, while setting aside all the differences. The country also states that no country can stay aloof from its

historical trend, and its objective conditions including the economy, politics and culture in shaping, maintaining and protecting the human rights. In addition, a sovereign nation is required to define the specific meaning of human rights and protect them through legislation. The resolution of the 45th UN General Assembly says that every nation has the right to choose its own political, social, economic and cultural systems and the right to develop itself. The 46th Human Rights Conference also points out that there cannot be a single development model that is suitable or applicable to all cultures and peoples around the world. The act of criticizing other nations and exporting its own model of human rights to others forcefully, while self-designating it as a standard model, is not only an improper action, but also a forbidden one. In this regard, the international aims and activities of human rights should help develop the regular cooperation of the human rights field and mutual love, understanding and respect among the nations. The human rights visions of the countries with a diversity of various forms of political, economic, social historical, religious and cultural backgrounds should be considered. We must find out the identities, while putting aside the differences, and should work with the spirit of reinforcing mutual respect, understanding and cooperation.

The country that is threatening the regional and global security at present is no other country than America.

Myanmar is a nation that is building a democratic nation. In addition, it is also a nation that has always been cooperating with her neighbours, ASEAN nations, and regional countries, based on friendship.

But the Senators made a decision to urge the UN Security Council to take action against Myanmar instead of the US government that is violating the UN Charter again and again at will. That was therefore quite absurd like the fable mentioned above.

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affairs taking a fair stand. It is also trying to improve Sino-Arab relations Ghali said.

In his interview with BBC on 6 September, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said that the occupation of the Iraq by US forces is illegal as it violates the UN Charter. An act like invading Iraq cannot be done individually. It can be done only with the approval of the UN Security Council. There have already been bitter experiences from the Iraq war since it broke out, he said.

The internal turmoil of Afghanistan and Iraq, under the armed occupation of the US and its western allies, can be seen clearly as a grave danger to the regional security. Hence, instead of presenting the matter concerning Myanmar to the UN Security Council, the Senators should file a complaint against the US government, that has breached the UN Charter, at the Security Council of the global body. The UN Security Council will have to take action against only the US because of its use of force against other countries. But if they ignore the case, the

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New reports on situation of Afghan children launched

GENEVA, 6 Oct — Two new reports presenting a comprehensive insight and analysis of the condition of Afghan women and children were published Tuesday, said the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).

These are the first nationwide assessment of issues affecting women and children to be produced in eight years, UNICEF spokesman Damien Personnaz told reporters here.

The reports show that, in some areas, prospects for children have improved in recent years but indicates much work still needs to be done to compensate for decades of conflict, under-investment and international isolation, he said.

More than 20,800 households in 32 provinces of Afghanistan were covered in the survey, which is led by the Afghanistan Central Statistical Office with the support of UNICEF.

One of the reports is "Progress of Provinces; results of the 2003 Afghanistan Multiple Indicator Cluster Survey (MICS)", and the other is the accompanying analysis report "Changing Lives".

According to the reports, one in nine children born in Afghanistan will probably die before the first birthday, and 45 per cent of all primary school age children are not enrolled in school.

Also among the key findings of the reports are: diarrhoeal disease affects nearly 30 per cent of children under the age of five, nearly 60 per cent of Afghan households do not have a safe water point while one-third of households do not have a sanitary latrine, etc.

"These two reports are vitally important in enabling the government, UNICEF and other development actors to better focus their programmes for women and children, to play better services that address the real needs of children, and advocate for better targeting of resources in areas where more work is required," said Waheed Hassan, UNICEF representative in Afghanistan. — MNA/Xinhua

Two ex-auditors of Parmalat will stand trial in Italy

MILAN, 6 Oct — An Italian judge opened preliminary hearings on Tuesday into the 14-billion-euro collapse of Parmalat and immediately ruled that two former auditors of the food group should stand trial in one of Europe's biggest fraud cases.

Ten months after Parmalat plunged into insolvency, Judge Cesare Tacconi has started hearings to determine whether to put on trial 32 individuals and companies accused of crimes concerning the financial scandal including market-rigging.

Tacconi quickly ruled that two former Grant Thornton auditors, Lorenzo Penca and Maurizio Bianchi, should stand trial starting in January, their lawyer, Salvatore Stivala, said.

The judge has yet to decide whether to indict the 30 other accused in what would be one of the biggest trials in Italian corporate history.

Dozens of investors filed into Milan's main court to register as civil plaintiffs in the fraud case, a reminder of the shock waves that Parmalat sent through global markets when it collapsed late last year. —MNA/Reuters

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated

* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered

* Do not be softened whenever appeased

Oil prices on London Market rise to near record high

LONDON, 6 Oct — Oil prices on London International Petroleum Exchange rallied on Tuesday to a high level just next to its last record of 46.80 US dollars a barrel seen last week.

Traders said the price of reference Brent North Sea crude oil for delivery in November rose 55 cents to 46.74 US dollars in early deals, before sliding back to 46.19 dollars a barrel.

Meanwhile, traders said The price of light sweet crude for November delivery climbed 43 cents to 50.34 dollars a barrel in pre-opening electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

"There was some technical buying in London, which pushed the market higher," analyst Bruce Evers said. Despite the easing of tensions in Nigeria, markets remained concerned about tight supplies ahead of winter in the Northern hemisphere.

Traders were also

nervous about ongoing disruption to oil supplies in the Gulf of Mexico.

"There is still a lot of the Gulf of Mexico production out of action since the hurricane (Ivan)," Evers said. Almost 30 per cent of the 1.7 million

barrels of daily of production in the Gulf of Mexico remains disrupted by recent hurricanes, according to the US Minerals Management Service, a government agency.

MNA/Xinhua

Nine art objects stolen from museum in central London

LONDON, 6 Oct — Nine art objects worth about 60,000 pounds (about 108,000 US dollars) have been stolen from a cabinet in the Victoria and Albert Museum in London, the museum said Tuesday.

The objects, which were stolen Monday, consisted of three small cups, two miniature animal figures, a bowl, two small ornamental plaques and a small ritual cylinder, according to the museum.

The cylinder is valued at 20,000 pounds and dates back to 1,000 BC, the museum said in a statement. The other lost objects date from between the 15th and 19th centuries.

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela to buy 40 Russian attack helicopters

CARACAS, 6 Oct — Venezuela has reached an accord with Russia on buying 40 Russian attack helicopters to defend its border with Colombia, local media reported Tuesday. The accord was signed in Moscow as part of an ongoing four-day visit there by Venezuelan Vice-President Jose Rangel. According to the agreement, the first 10 helicopters will be delivered to Venezuela in two or three months.

Venezuela and Colombia share a 2,200-kilometre border. Violence stemming from Colombia's four-decade civil war involving leftist rebels, government troops and outlawed right-wing paramilitary groups often spreads into Venezuela.

MNA/Xinhua

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သဘာဝနှင့်အညီ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှု - အာဆီယံ ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ဆိုင်ရာ စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုများ စာတင်ပို့ခြင်းဆိုင်ရာ စည်းကမ်းချက်များ

၁။ ဖြည့်စွမ်းစွမ်း: "Growing with Nature-ASEAN Environmental Challenges"

(စာတင်ပို့ခြင်း၏ အဓိကအကြောင်းအရာမှာ "Growing with Nature-ASEAN's Environmental Challenges" ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ အဆိုပါစာတင်ပို့ခြင်းသည် အများပြည်သူများ အသိပေးသောတွင်း ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်များကို ပြုပြင်ထိန်းသိမ်းမှုဆိုင်ရာ ကိစ္စများကို သိရှိနားလည်စေရန်၊ စီးပွားရေးလုပ်ငန်း၊ ရင်းနှီးမြှုပ်နှံမှုလုပ်ငန်း၊ စရိတ်သွားလာခြင်း လုပ်ငန်း၊ ကုန်သွယ်ခြင်း၊ လူမှုရေးနှင့် လူသားအရင်းအမြစ်ဆိုင်ရာ လုပ်ငန်းများ မြှင့်တင်ဆောင်ရွက်နိုင်စေရန်အတွက် ကျင်းပသည့် အစီအစဉ်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။)

၂။ ဖြည့်စွက်စွမ်းချက်: အာဆီယံ၏ ပတ်ဝန်းကျင် စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုများကို ဒေသဆိုင်ရာ စာတင်ပို့ခြင်း/ဖြည့်စွက်စာတင်ပို့ခြင်း ပုံစံအရရှိနိုင်သောစေရန်နှင့် ASEAN-COCI အတွက် လိုအပ်သော သတင်းအချက်အလက်များ အဖြစ် သုံးစွဲနိုင်မည့် စာတင်ပို့မှုများ စုဆောင်းရရှိစေရန်။

၃။ ရွေးချယ်မှုစံများ (Selection Criteria)

- ဖြည့်စွက်အကြောင်းအရာ Theme နှင့် ကိုက်ညီရမည်။
- အနုပညာမြောက်ရမည် (Aesthetic of the Photograph)
- Composition, Balance, Colour and Organization ကောင်းမွန်မှုရှိရမည်။
- အာဆီယံ၏ စံနမူနာနှင့် အစီအစဉ်ကို ဖော်ပြနိုင်သည့် ဓာတ်ပုံသော အကြောင်းအရာ ဖြစ်ရမည်။
- စာတင်ပို့ဆရာ၏ ဖော်ပြထားသည့် ရင်းလင်းတင်ပြချက်ကို ထင်ဟပ်ထားသော စာတင်ပို့ ဖြစ်ရမည်။

၄။ တင်သွင်းရမည့် စည်းကမ်းချက်များ (Entry Rules)

- (က) Category A = အသက် ၁၃ နှစ်မှ ၁၇ နှစ်အထိ (ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများ ဖြစ်ရမည်) အထက်တန်းနှင့် တက္ကသိုလ်အဆင့်အထိ ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများ၊
- Category B = အသက် (၁၈)နှစ်နှင့်အထက် (Open to all)

- (ခ) ဝင်ကြေး မရှိပါ။
- (ဂ) မိမိနိုင်ငံတွင်း၌ ရိုက်ကူးထားသော Original ပုံဖြစ်ရမည်။ အခြားနိုင်ငံတကာ ဖြည့်စွက်မှုများတွင် ဆုတောင်းပေးသော ပုံများ မဖြစ်ရ။
- (ဃ) အာဆီယံအကြောင်းအရာ (ASEAN message) ကို အထူးဖော်ပြသော ပုံများဖြစ်ရမည်။
- (င) 8" x 10" (205 mm x 255 mm) ရောင်စုံဓာတ်ပုံကို 35 mm Camera ဖြင့် ရိုက်ကူးထားသော Negative ပုံ တွဲ၍ တင်သွင်းရမည်။ တင်သွင်းသော Negative သည် မူရင်း ဖြစ်ရမည်။ (ကွန်ပျူတာဖြင့် ပြုပြင်ဖန်တီးထားမှု မဖြစ်ရ။)

(စ) ဖြည့်စွက်စာတင်ပို့မှုတွင် ဓာတ်ပုံ(၄)ပုံအထိ တင်သွင်းနိုင် သော်လည်း တစ်ပုံသာ ဆုရရှိနိုင်ရမည်။

(ဆ) ဖြည့်စွက်ပုံအသီးသီး၏ နောက်ကြောတွင် အောက်ပါအချက်များ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည်-

- ဓာတ်ပုံ၏ အကြောင်းအရာ (Title or Caption)
- ဓာတ်ပုံ၏ အကြောင်းအရာနှင့် ယှဉ်တွဲချက်ကို အတိုချုပ် ဖော်ပြချက် (Short annotation) (စာလုံးရေ ၅၀ မှ ၁၀၀ အတွင်း)
- ဓာတ်ပုံရိုက်ကူးခဲ့သော နေရာနှင့် ရက်စွဲ
- ဓာတ်ပုံဆရာ၏ နာမည်အပြည့်အစုံ၊ လူမျိုးနှင့် လိပ်စာ
- ဖြည့်စွက်သည့် Passport Size ဓာတ်ပုံ(၃)ပုံ (နောက်ကြောတွင် အမည်ရေ၍)
- Category A အတွက် သက်ဆိုင်ရာ ကျောင်းအုပ်ကြီးများ၏ အသက် ထောက်ခံချက် ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည်။
- (ဇ) ဖြည့်စွက်စာတင်ပို့မှုများ အပ်နှံသည့်နေရာတွင် ဖြည့်စွက်သည့် Application form ကို တစ်ပုံတည်း ရေးသွင်းပေးထား ခဲ့ရမည်။

၅။ တင်သွင်းရမည့်ရက် (Closing Date) နှင့် ပေးပို့ရန်လိပ်စာ အောက်ပါလိပ်စာသို့ ၁၂-၁၀-၂၀၀၄ ရက် (အင်္ဂါနေ့) ညနေ (၁၇၀၀) နာရီနောက်ဆုံးထား၍ အောက်ပါလိပ်စာသို့ ပေးပို့ရမည်။ ဦးထွန်းမင်း၊ ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး၊ မြန်မာ့ကျေးဇူးတင်သည့်ဆရာတော်စာအုပ်စာရင်းဦးစီးဌာန၊ ၂၂-၂၄၊ ပန်ဆီတန်လမ်း။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့။ ဖုန်းနံပါတ်-၂၅၂၄၇၇

၆။ ဆုချီးမြှင့်ခြင်း

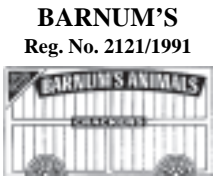
(က) ဖြည့်စွက်ဆု (National level)

- Category A၊ အကောင်းဆုံးဓာတ်ပုံ(၅)ပုံကို FEC ၂၀၀ စီ ချီးမြှင့်မည်။
- Category B၊ အကောင်းဆုံးဓာတ်ပုံ(၅)ပုံကို FEC ၈၀၀ စီ ချီးမြှင့်မည်။

(ခ) ဒေသဆိုင်ရာဆု (Regional level)

- Category A၊ ပထမဆု FEC ၈၀၀၊ ဒုတိယဆု FEC ၆၀၀၊ တတိယဆု FEC ၄၀၀၊ အထူးဆု (၂)ဆု FEC ၃၅၀ စီ။
- Category B၊ ပထမဆု FEC ၂၀၀၀၊ ဒုတိယဆု FEC ၁၅၀၀၊ တတိယဆု FEC ၁၀၀၀၊ အထူးဆု (၂)ဆု FEC ၇၅၀ စီ။

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CHIPS AHOY!
Reg. No. 2125/1991

NEWTONS
Reg. No. 2135/1991

OREO
Reg. No. 2156/1991

PREMIUM
Reg. No. 2131/1991

RITZ
Reg. No. 2129/1991



Reg. No. 2133/1991

STONED WHEAT THINS
Reg. No. 2120/1991

TEDDY GRAHAMS
Reg. No. 2122/1991

TRISCUIT
Reg. No. 2128/1991

in respect of "biscuits, cookies, crackers, and snack foods" (Int. Cl. 30)



Reg. No. 1370/1992

CREAM OF WHEAT
Reg. No. 1370/1992

WHEAT
Reg. No. 1371/1992

in respect of "food products especially breakfast foods and particularly wheat breakfast foods"

LIFE SAVERS
Reg. No. 1255/1986

in respect of "chewing gums and confections"

MILK-BONE
Reg. No. 2126/1991

in respect of "foodstuffs for animals"

NABISCO
Reg. No. 2127/1991

in respect of "preserved, dried and cooked fruits and vegetables; milk, butter, margarine; crackers, biscuits, cookies, snack foods; yeast, bread, cakes, pastries, cereals and cereal preparations; food-stuffs for animals; non-alcoholic beverages; fruit drinks and fruit juices and preparations for making beverages"

PLANTERS
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in respect of "processed nuts and seeds; savory snacks; peanut butter; processed dried fruit and nut mix; confectionery, crackers and popcorn"

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 Dated: 7 October 2004

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 ချစ်ခင်တဲ့လူမျိုး၊
 သစ်ပင်ကိုနှစ်စဉ်စိုက်၊
 ရွှေတိုက်ကိုစိုး။

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Central Medical Stores Depot
Department of Health

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Reg. No. 414009/2004

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ပြည်တွင်းပြစ်ကိုအားပေးပါ

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့
ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၃၈/၂၀၀၄
(၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်၊ စက်တင်ဘာလ ၂၈ ရက်)
ရွေးချယ်မှုအစီအစဉ်

၁။ လူမှုဝန်ထမ်းကယ်ဆယ်ရေးနှင့်မြန်မာ့ပြည်ထောင်စုချစ်အေးရေးအဖွဲ့၊ လူမှုဝန်ထမ်းဦးစီးဌာနတွင် လစ်လပ်လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများ အလိုရှိပါသည်-

စဉ်	ရာထူး	ပညာအဆင့်အရင်း	လစ်လပ်
(က)	ဦးစီးအရာရှိ (စီမံ-၂) (အမျိုးသား)	တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုခုမှ	၃ နေရာ
(ခ)	ဦးစီးအရာရှိ (စီမံ-၂) (အမျိုးသမီး)	တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုခုမှ	၂ နေရာ

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည် -
 (က)ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်၊
 (ခ) ၂၆-၁၀-၂၀၀၄နေ့တွင် အသက်၃၅နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀နှစ်)ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်၊

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ၂၆-၁၀-၂၀၀၄နေ့ အရောက်ပေးရမည်၊
 ၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင်ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့်စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်လမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေ နှုတ်ဖြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာချက်အမှတ်၊ ၁/၉၃၂၀၀၄ ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေး အဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၁/၉၃၂၀၀၄ ရာထူးများသို့ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လစ်လပ်သောစာရင်းပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်ဗဟန်းမြို့ များတွင် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲ စာစစ်ဌာနများ ထားရှိမည်။ မိမိဖြေဆိုလိုသော စာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာဖော်ပြရမည်။

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၇။ ၄-၁၂-၂၀၀၄ နေ့နှင့် ၅-၁၂-၂၀၀၄ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ်ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၂-၁၂-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ ဗဟန်းလမ်းတွင်း အထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၀ ရက်အတွင်း ကတ်ပြားများကိုထုတ်ပေးမည်။

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လေလံတင်ရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့

* ကော်မတီဝင်များ၊ ဝင်ငွေတိုး

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Zanzibaris advised to revive vanilla farming

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 5 Oct — Vanilla farmers on Zanzibar of Tanzania have been advised to revive growth of their cash crops, since selling prices on international markets have gone up.

One kilo of dried vanilla pods sells at between 100,000 and 140,000 Tanzanian shillings (100 and 140 US dollars) at local markets while the same amount fetches 300 dollars on world markets. Vanilla was sold at 1,500 shillings (1.5 US dollars) a kilo back in the 1980s.

The fall of selling prices in the past disheartened vanilla farmers on Zanzibar, where many abandoned their vines and farms.

Due to the fact that tropical storm Cydona Hudah destroyed Madagascar's vanilla crop in 2003, vanilla prices shot up elsewhere in the world. Madagascar accounts for 75 per cent of the vanilla sold on world markets.

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ပညာရေးနှင့် ခေတ်မီဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်အံ့

New round of anti-drug campaign targets Bangkok's slum

BANGKOK, 6 Oct — Thailand's latest round of anti-drug campaign launched on Monday will target drug dealers and users in the downtown slum of Bangkok, local Press reported on Tuesday.

"Klong Toei has never been drug free," said the Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra on Monday, referring the slum community located in the southern part of Bangkok.

The Prime Minister instructed police officials and Education Ministry to coordinate their efforts to keep people unemployed and children dropping out of school from

the drug business and addicting.

"I am serious about taking action against drug traffickers. Government officials, police in particular, must take action too as these traffickers destroy youths' lives, ruin the economy and damage the country," he was quoted by newspaper *The Nation* as saying.

Pledging no mercy to the people in illegal drug

business, Thaksin warned of the serious situation faced with the country in terms of drug trafficking.

"Now, I know drugs have gradually made a comeback though at a much different degree than before," he was quoted by *Bangkok Post* as saying. "Ketamine has been brought in via Cambodia where it is not considered a drug."

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Fishermen's boats block the access to the oil port of Lavera outside Martigues, southern France, on 4 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

CBI survey shows British business declining

LONDON, 5 Oct— Gloom has overtaken Britain's finance industry as profitability slumps, new business declines, costs rise and job cuts loom, a Confederation of British Industry (CBI) survey showed on Monday.

Financial services, which account for almost 7 per cent of Britain's economic output, had remained buoyant compared with manufacturing in the past year, until recently when Britain stuttering recovery fed through to the money industry, the CBI said.

The figure measuring the balance of optimism versus pessimism in the industry slipped to -22 in the third quarter of this year from +13 in the previous quarter, reflecting the difference between firms that are more confident and those that are less so. The balance for profitability fell to -15 from +40, the survey said.

The number of people employed by the industry fell in the third quarter, for the first time in a year after a surge in the second quarter, and is set to fall again in the fourth quarter.

"The mood is significantly more downbeat than it has been for a while," said John Hinchins, banking leader at accountancy firm PricewaterhouseCoopers, at a news conference. PwC compiles

the survey with the CBI.

"This is a setback for the sector, following a year of growth that peaked last quarter," said Ian McCafferty, the CBI's chief economist.

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An Indian street boy plays on a swing in the eastern Indian city of Calcutta on 4 October, 2004. —INTERNET

China, Romania exchange greetings on anniversary of ties

BEIJING, 6 Oct — Chinese President Hu Jintao and his Romanian counterpart, Ion Iliescu, exchanged greetings on Tuesday to mark the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Hu said in a message to Iliescu that on 5 October, 1949, just four days after the founding of the People's Republic of China, Romania established diplomatic relations with the new nation.

"Leaders of the two countries have maintained

contacts; political trust has been enhanced; cooperation in various fields has been quite fruitful; and the two countries have cooperated closely and supported each other in international affairs," said Hu.

"The two countries are good friends and partners

that respect and trust each other." Hu said his visit to Romania in June has led bilateral relations to a new direction when the two sides agreed to promote them to a new partnership of cooperation.

"I firmly believe that with joint efforts, our friendly relations will be even healthier," said Hu.

Iliescu said in his message that traditional friendship between the two countries has been thriving. Long-term interests of the two peoples and respect of the two countries for each other's domestic and foreign policies have served as the solid base for the relationship. Iliescu said the joint communique signed by him and Hu this summer in Bucharest was a milestone in bilateral ties, preparing the ground for further cooperation.

Iliescu echoed Hu by saying that bilateral relations will be further developed through joint efforts.

Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Wu Bangguo, Premier Wen Jiabao, Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference Jia Qinglin, and Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing also exchanged greetings with their Romanian counterparts.

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Locusts invade Mauritania's capital for 3rd time

NOUAKCHOTT, 5 Oct — Locusts have invaded Mauritania's capital Nouakchott for the third time in as many months, forming massive new swarms munching their way through what remains of the city's greenery, residents said on Sunday.

West Africa's worst locust infestation for more than a decade has wreaked havoc in some of the world's poorest nations, causing substantial damage to grain crops across thousands of hectares (acres) in a region where many are subsistence farmers. "The swarms seen in recent days in Nouakchott

have come from the reproduction of the first generation which came down from the north," said Mohamed El Hacen Ould Jaavar, head of operations at Mauritania's desert locust centre (CLAA).

"They're winged juveniles starting their migration and fattening up before they set off. They're very hungry."

Children ran through the city's dusty streets beating the air with sticks to try to chase the insects away; older residents looked on at the locusts with resigned dismay.

"This is becoming our daily lot," said Alpha, whose city-centre vegetable patch was ravaged by the airborne pests.

Aishwarya Rai to visit Pakistan to campaign against breast cancer

Islamabad, 6 October — Former Miss World and Bollywood (India's film industry) queen Aishwarya Rai will visit Pakistan by the end of this month as a goodwill ambassador to raise funds for the recently launched campaign against breast cancer.

The campaign known as 'Pink Ribbon' (to create awareness about breast cancer) has been launched by an NGO, the Women Empowerment Group, last month.

Rai is visiting at the invitation of the group, local daily *'Dawn'* quoted Omar Aftab, a representative of the 'Pink Ribbon' as saying.

He said Rai had shown deep concern over the increasing number of breast cancer patients in Pakistan and lack of awareness about the disease.

The former Miss World, he said, would stay in

Pakistan for two days. During her stay, she would attend a dinner in Islamabad for fund raising.

Aftab said Cherie Blair, wife of British Prime Minister Tony Blair, is also expected to visit Pakistan in March for the awareness campaign.

Pink Ribbon is an international symbol for support for breast cancer awareness for more than 10 years. Every year in October, citizens are urged to wear pink ribbons in honour of the women fighting against breast cancer. — MNA/PTI

SPORTS

Owen rules out quick return to Liverpool

LONDON, 6 Oct — England striker Michael Owen is upset by British media coverage of his faltering start at Real Madrid and has ruled out a quick return to Liverpool.

Owen, who has yet to score a goal after joining Real from Liverpool in August, also said in a column in Tuesday's edition of *The Times* that he hoped to shake off a back problem in time for Saturday's World Cup qualifier against Wales.

The 24-year-old sustained the injury after making a rare start in Sunday's 1-0 home defeat by Deportivo Coruna as the Spanish giants continued to struggle and the British Press questioned the wisdom of his move to Spain.

"Plenty of others are doubting me, but I know that I will succeed in Spain," he said. "I am aware of what is being said about me in this country and it is upsetting that people are not more supportive."

"I thought we were meant to be encouraging our top players to take on the challenge of proving themselves abroad. I heard there was talk over the weekend about me coming back to Liverpool."

MNA/Reuters

Emirates airline sponsors Arsenal worth potential \$178.2m

LONDON, 6 Oct — Premier League champions Arsenal announced a sponsorship deal with Emirates airline worth a potential 100 million pounds (178.2 million US dollars) on Tuesday, the biggest in English football history.

The London club's new 60,000-seat stadium, due to open in 2006, will be known as the Emirates Stadium and the Dubai-based airline will also sponsor the team's shirts for eight years starting from 2006.

"This is a historic day in the life of Arsenal football club," chairman Peter Hill-Wood told a news conference at Arsenal's long-time home Highbury.

"Highbury holds very special memories for us but it simply could not meet the huge demands from our supporters."

Arsenal have won the Premier League title twice in the last three seasons, challenging the supremacy of Manchester United, champions in eight of the last 12 seasons.

Hill-Wood believes the Emirates sponsorship can only improve Arsenal on and off the pitch.

MNA/Reuters

Racing sack coach

STRASBOURG (France), 5 Oct — Racing Strasbourg, bottom of French Ligue 1 after nine games, sacked coach Antoine Kombouare on Monday.

The club said Kombouare, who took over in June 2003, would be replaced by Jacky Duguéperoux, who has been in charge of recruiting.

"After a sad weekend as regards the team's performance, which was appalling on the pitch, we wanted to bring some hope back in the club," Strasbourg president Egin Gindorf told a news conference. —MNA/Reuters

Fulham launch court claim for damages against French ex-manager

LONDON, 5 Oct — Fulham launched a landmark court claim for damages on Monday against French ex-manager Jean Tigana, whom they accuse of "deceit and dishonesty" in overpaying millions of pounds for two signings.

In a case that will be watched closely by the soccer world, the English club is claiming that Tigana paid too much for Dutch goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar and French striker Steve Marlet, and worked secretly on transfer deals in breach of his duty to the club.

David Phillips QC, counsel for the club, told London's High Court on Monday: "Mr Tigana's career at Fulham began in hope and optimism but ended in deceit and dishonesty."

"We say he not only acted in a manner contrary to the club's interests, but he subsequently deliberately concealed what he had done from Fulham."

He said that Tigana, who was Fulham manager from July 2000 until April 2003, had "consciously misled" the club over negotiations for Van der Sar,

Marlet and a third player, Norwegian striker John Carew, who ultimately did not join the club.

He said that Van der Sar was bought from Italy's Juventus in July 2001 at a "gross overvalue" of seven million pounds, when his true worth was only between four million and five million.

He also said that the

club went on to pay French team Olympique Lyon an "excessive" 11.5 million pounds for Marlet when he was worth no more than seven million, as well as higher wages to the player.

Phillips said of Tigana: "He made excessive offers without any real attempt to negotiate and without properly advising the club." —MNA/Reuters

Crystal Palace beat Fulham 2-0

LONDON, 5 Oct — Crystal Palace notched their first Premier League win of the season with a 2-0 victory on Monday over London rivals Fulham, who played for all but the first six minutes with 10 men. The three points gave Palace five from eight games and lifted them off the bottom of the table but they stayed firmly in the relegation zone in 19th place in the 20-strong League.

Fulham were forced to fight a rearguard action after Ian Pearce was sent off for hauling down Palace striker Andy Johnson in a professional foul 30 metres from goal.

Johnson made Fulham pay when he struck in the 53rd minute, gliding the ball past Edwin van der Sar. Fifteen minutes later Finland midfielder Aki Riihilahti headed home from a corner to score his first goal for two years. Arsenal top the Premier League on 22 points, two clear of Chelsea. —MNA/Reuters

Man United shares boost by over 5%

LONDON, 5 Oct — Manchester United received a bid approach on Monday that boosted their shares by over 5 per cent as industry sources said US sports tycoon Malcolm Glazer planned a bid of over 650 million pounds.

"This approach contains a number of significant conditions," the club said in a statement issued to the London stock exchange on Monday without identifying the suitor.

"The company is seeking clarification of this proposal, and at this stage it is unclear whether any offer will be made."

Although Glazer declined to comment, sources close to the matter confirmed the tycoon was behind the bid approach, which drew an angry reaction from United fans fearing for the club's future if he borrowed heavily to fund a takeover. Shares in United closed at the day's high, up 5.3 per cent at 271 pence — an eight-month closing high — valuing the club at around 710 million pounds.

Fourth in the Premier League standings, United have been the subject



Manchester United forward Wayne Rooney has made it on to the shortlist for FIFA's 2004 Player of the Year award. —INTERNET

of persistent takeover talk. They are a profitable, debt-free business with one of the best-known sports brands globally and marketing potential in the United States and Asia.

Glazer, who owns the Tampa Bay Buccaneers American football team, already has a stake of 19.2 per cent in United, but if

he were to mount a bid, he would probably need the support of United's top shareholders, Irish racing tycoons John Magnier and J.P. McManus, who own 28.9 per cent.

Analysts were sceptical Glazer would be able to raise enough cash to make a bid, unless he were to sell his holding in the Tampa Bay Buccaneers or part of his property portfolio and even this might leave United little room for player spending.

The takeover approach comes exactly a week after the club warned profits would be down 14 million pounds this year due to lower TV revenues and less money from European football after the team were knocked out in the quarterfinals of the Champions League and finished third in the Premier League in 2003/04.

MNA/Reuters

Martins will be out of action for up to a month

ROME, 5 Oct — Inter Milan striker Obafemi Martins will be out of action for up to a month after injuring his foot during a 3-3 draw against AS Roma at the weekend, the club announced on their website on Monday.

The 19-year-old Nigerian international was carried off just before halftime at Rome's Olympic Stadium after being tackled from behind by Roma midfielder Daniele De Rossi.

Initial fears that he had fractured his fibula turned out to be false, though the injury could force him out of Serie A matches against Udinese, AC Milan, Lecce and Lazio, as well as Inter's Champions League away fixture against Valencia on October 20.

MNA/Reuters

Redknapp charged with foul play on Tim Cahill

LONDON, 5 Oct — Tottenham Hotspur's Jamie Redknapp has been charged with serious foul play over a tackle on Everton's Australian midfielder Tim Cahill in their Premier League game on Saturday.

Redknapp was cautioned by referee Graham Poll, but FA rules say if they are satisfied a player should have been sent off they can act.

Cahill was the victim of an ugly-looking challenge on his knee. Everton physio Mick Rathbone told the club's web site: "None of the major structures have been damaged. He still has a sore, swollen knee, but it is too early to say whether he will be fit for our next game."

Midfielder Redknapp has apologized for the tackle. Tottenham won the match 1-0. —MNA/Reuters



An Indonesian worker puts a finishing touch on a giant cake measuring 8x6 metres wide and 5 metres high, in a Jakarta shopping centre on 1 Oct, 2004. The cake, made by Indonesian cake maker Nila Sari, was created for peace and unity in Indonesia. The cake was made with more than a ton of sugar, 1,000 pounds of rice flour, 900 pounds of butter, and 12,000 eggs and will be distributed to the poor. —INTERNET

Leading Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions holds second coordination meeting

YANGON, 6 Oct — The Leading Committee for Organizing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held its second coordination meeting at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyang Street, here, at 2 pm today, with an address by Chairman of the Leading Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

The objectives of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses second coordination meeting to hold 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

Competitions are: to vitalize patriotism and nationalism in all citizens; to preserve and safeguard

Myanmar cultural heritage; to perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine

arts; to preserve Myanmar national characters; to nurture spiritual development of the youths; and

to prevent influence of alien culture.

Also present on the occasion were chairmen

and members of the Leading Committee and the Work Committee. (See page 9)

Minister inspects construction and maintenance of roads, bridges

YANGON, 6 Oct — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected maintenance of roads and bridges on Yangon-Pyay Road, Padaung-Taungup Road and Taungup-Maei Road on 1 and 2 October.

On 3 October morning, the minister and

party arrived at Lonedawpauk Bridge construction site in Maei Township and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, they proceeded to Thanthamagyi Bridge construction site at mile-post No 13/7 on Maei-Kyaukpyu Road where

Senior Engineer U Thila reported to the minister on progress of work and future plans.

The minister gave instructions and fulfilled the requirements.

Similarly, the minister also inspected Thanthamachay Bridge construction site at mile-

post No 17/4 Minkyaung Chaung Bridge construction site at mile-post No 26/1 on Maei-Kyaukpyu Road and the site chosen to construct Wanphikechaung Bridge the at mile-post No 21/1.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun went to Thazintan Bridge

construction at mile-post No 19/2 and fulfilled the requirements.

Of nine bridges on Maei-Kyaukpyu Road, the three ones namely Kyaukkyipauk Bridge, Saneipauk Bridge and Didokpauk Bridge have been inaugurated.

Lone-dawpauk, Thanthamagyi, Thathamachay, Thazinsaneipauk and Minkyaungchaung bridges are under construction and arrangements are being made to construct Wanphaik Bridge.

The minister and party arrived at Maei-Kyaukpyu Road construction project the next day and gave instructions.

Later, he viewed the construction work and installation of iron beams at Thanthamagyi Bridge

construction site.

Yesterday, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and party arrived at the briefing hall of the Road Construction Group-4 on Padaung-Taungup Road.

Officials concerned briefed on progress of construction work of Padaung-Taungup Road and Taungup-Maei Road section and future plans.

MNA



Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects progress of Lonedawpauk Bridge Project.

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Senior Officials Meeting of 4th ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture & Forestry Plus Three held

YANGON, 6 Oct — The Senior Officials Meeting of the Fourth ASEAN Ministers on

Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three, hosted by the Union of Myanmar was held at Sedona Hotel on

Kaba Aye Pagoda Road at 9 am today and successfully concluded in the evening.

Present on the occasion were leaders of senior officials delegations from ASEAN

countries-Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao People's Democratic Republic,

Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. (See page 9)



The Senior Officials Meeting of Fourth ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three in progress. — MNA