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Myanmar making strenuous efforts to conserve biodiversity and endangered species Myanmar cooperating closely with other ASEAN members and strengthening its agriculture, livestock and fishery and forestry sectors



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses opening ceremony of 26th Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry and 4th Meeting of AMAF Plus Three.— MNA

emony was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the chairman of Yangon City Development Committee mayor of Yangon, agriculture and forestry ministers and deputy ministers from ASEAN countries, ministers and deputy ministers from plus three countries China, Japan and the Republic of Korea, ambassadors of the

ASEAN nations and dialogue partners, resident representatives of UN agencies, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, senior officials of agricultural and forestry sectors from ASEAN countries, officials from ASEAN Secretariat, officials of social organizations, officials of the Ministry of Information and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Journalists of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, and invited guests. First, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered an address. He said: ASEAN was initially founded in

1967 with ambitious objectives of regional peace, stability and prosperity. We have been able to deepen our regional economic integration as well as our linkages with the world economy. Within a

some of the strategies ASEAN has adopted for closer cohesion and economic integration include the promotion of industrialization through SMEs; liberalization of services; the

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short time span, ASEAN has gained significant advances in the areas of trade and investments due to the member countries' contribution and integration in trade, investment and social cooperation.

As we all are aware,

development of new renewable energy resources; food security; and the enhancement of ASEAN's agriculture, fishery and forest products' competitiveness in international markets.

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YANGON, 7 Oct — The 26th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry and the Fourth Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three was opened this morning at Sedona Hotel here with an opening address by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for documentary photos together with delegates to 26th AMAF & 4th AMAF+3.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Boost production of finished wood products

For the development of Yangon City in accordance with the characteristics of other cities in the world, urban development plans are systematically being carried out by building modern housing estates, wide streets, industrial zones and recreation parks in and around the City.

According to the urban development plans, the Wataya wood-based industrial zone of Myanma Timber Enterprise has now been established in Shwepyitha Township and not only State-owned saw mills and wood-based factories but also private-owned factories that produce value-added wood products are already operating there.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party visited the Shwepyitha, Hlinethaya and Shwelinpan industrial zones and inspected the mills and factories there on 2 October. In his meeting with departmental personnel and national entrepreneurs of the Wataya wood-based industrial zone, the Prime Minister called on them to boost the production of finished wood products which are in demand, to maintain a stable market, to pay taxes regularly and to extend the use of modern machinery.

For the entrepreneurs to be able to run their businesses more widely, all the requirements have been fulfilled. For example, plots of land have already been allocated, roads built, water and electricity supplied and raw materials provided. Myanmar is rich in valuable forest resources including teak and some of the foreign exchange needed for the national development comes from wood export. It will be more beneficial if logs as well as finished wood products can be exported. Now, saw mills and furniture factories of Myanma Timber Enterprise and private-owned wood-based industries are producing wooden furniture, sawn timber and pre-stressed and precast panels to be used in housing projects.

We would like to urge the entrepreneurs in the Wataya wood-based industrial zones to boost the production of finished wood products by modernizing their factories and departments concerned to render necessary assistance to them.

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People's Desire

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

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 7 Oct — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed General Manager U Soe Thein of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services under the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism as Managing Director of the same establishment on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties. MNA

MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe meets MCWA members of Myaingthaya Model Village of Kyauktan Township. — MNA



Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe meets MCWA members of model villages in Kyauktan Township

YANGON, 7 Oct — President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe this morning met MCWA members of Myaingthaya Model Village and Padagyi Model Village in Kyauktan Township.

In Myaingthaya Model Village, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe met MCWA members at Myaingthaya Pre-Primary School at 7.30 am. Also present were Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC members, Patron of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee of MCWA Daw Khin Thet Htay and local authorities.

Next, MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented gifts to the students of the Pre-Primary School and Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, school stationery through the officials.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party then viewed supply of drinking water, construction of fly-proof latrines, cultivation of vegetables and shade trees and sanitation tasks.

Similarly, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe met MCWA members at the pre-primary school in Padagyi Model Village.

Afterwards, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party proceeded to Kyauktan Township MCWA Office where they viewed practical works of trainees at the tailoring courses at the Youths Centre. Next, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented medicines and two bicycles to President of Township MCWA Daw Mu Mu Swe.

Later, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party inspected the Delivery Room of Township MCWA.

MNA

Cooperatives Minister inspects Yangon Cooperative Degree College

YANGON, 7 Oct — Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, accompanied by departmental officials, arrived at the assembly hall of the Yangon Cooperative Degree College yesterday morning.

Principal U Tin Win briefed the minister on history of the degree college. The minister gave necessary instructions. Next, the minister inspected construction of Ottara Hall.

The minister and party went to Myat Yadana Aungchantha Low-cost Housing Estate Project being implemented by Nay La General Products Trading



Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min hears reports on facts about Yangon Cooperative Degree College by Principal U Tin Win. — COOPERATIVE

Cooperative Ltd in Thanlyin-Kyauktan Region Development Project Area. Chairman of the

Cooperative Ltd U Myint Oo and party reported on facts about the project.

Later, the minister

inspected construction of the housing estate and plots and attended to the needs. — MNA

Annan urged to pull UN staff from Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 6 Oct — Two organizations representing more than 60,000 United Nations staff members urged Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Wednesday to pull all UN staff out of Iraq because of the “unprecedented” risk to their safety and security.

In a joint letter to Annan, the staff organizations cited a dramatic escalation in attacks in Iraq and said the United Nations regrettably “has become a direct target, one that is particularly prone to attacks by ruthless extremist terrorist factions.”

“Just one staff member is one staff member too many in Iraq,” they said. “We ... appeal to your good judgment to ensure that no further staff members be sent to Iraq and that those already deployed be instructed to leave as soon as possible.”

Annan pulled all UN international staff out of Iraq a year ago, following two bombings at UN headquarters in Baghdad and a spate of attacks on humanitarian workers. The first bombing, on Aug 22, 2003, killed the top UN envoy, Sergio Vieira de Mello, and 21 others.

In August, the secretary-general allowed a small UN contingent to return to Baghdad and imposed a ceiling of 35 international staffers, but he has been under pressure to increase the number to help Iraq prepare for elections in January.

UN spokesman Fred Eckhard said the United Nations “will take note of this letter” but makes its determination about security based on advice from the UN security coordinator, who has limited UN international staff in Iraq to 35.

“We will need more than 35 in there to do what we want to do on the elections, but don’t now see that that will be possible—at least it’s not possible today,” Eckhard said. “We keep this matter

continually under review, in fact on a daily basis.”

Richard Grenell, spokesman for US Ambassador John Danforth, opposed any pullout.

“If some of the UN staff want to go against the wishes of Sergio Vieira de Mello, we would hope the secretary-general would recognize that the UN exists to help governments in crises, like the 10,800 UN peacekeepers in the Congo or the 35 UN workers in Iraq,” he said.

Internet

Suicide car bomber kills 16 people in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 Oct — A suicide car bomber killed 16 people at a National Guard centre in western Iraq on Wednesday as US and Iraqi forces struggled to quell guerillas bent on derailing elections due in January.

An Interior Ministry official said the bomber targeted recruits for the paramilitary force in the town of Anah, 160 miles northwest of Baghdad, near the Syrian border. Doctors said 16 people were killed and 24 wounded. Witnesses said they saw a car hurtling toward the National Guard center on the edge of town just before the explosion.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw told a news conference in Baghdad parts of Iraq had serious security problems. Elsewhere a roadside bomb killed a civilian and wounded four policemen in the southern city of Basra. A Kurdish tribal leader and a companion were shot dead in the northern city of Mosul. —Internet



A policeman checks the remains of a rocket after it landed near the Oil Ministry, in Baghdad, on Tuesday, 5 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

Blair blamed for Iraq ‘half war’

LONDON, 6 Oct — Tony Blair is to blame for allowing Iraq to degenerate into a “dangerous half war”, shadow foreign secretary Michael Ancram has said.

He accused Mr Blair of breaking promises on post-war planning.

Mr Ancram also went on the attack over Europe, in his keynote speech at the Tories’ annual rally in Bournemouth.

He accused the Prime Minister of “surrendering” to France and Germany on the European Army, EU constitution and the Charter of Fundamental Rights. “There can be few more humiliating sights than a British Prime Minister ingratiating himself with his French and German counterparts.

“One day poodle Blair, next day dachshund Blair but bulldog Blair - never,” Mr Ancram told Tory representatives.

On Iraq, Mr Ancram said failures to ensure proper security and maintain employment in Iraq had fuelled violence now blighting the country.

“Tony Blair assured us even before the war that plans for post-war Iraq were ‘in hand’. We now know there were none,” he told conference.

He stressed that he thought the threat of Saddam had to be “dealt with” otherwise it “would still be with us” and increasing.

But Iraqis had the right to expect a “comprehensive plan to win the peace.”

And the failure to produce adequate plans “helped turn a successful war into a dangerous half-

war. And the price for that failure is now being paid”.

Mr Ancram also accused Mr Blair of misleading the public over the intelligence on Saddam’s weapons of mass destruction. He said Mr Blair “should have trusted the British people with the truth”, but instead he had “misled” them and had now lost their trust.

“And when a Prime Minister is not trusted on grave matters of intelligence how dangerous is that for the country as a whole?”, he added.

Mr Ancram said the Tories would set about restoring “a sense of confidence in Britain again” - and repatriate powers from Brussels - if they won the general election. —Internet

Venezuela’s state-run oil company increases exports

CARACAS, 6 Oct — Venezuela, the world’s fifth largest crude exporter, increased its petroleum and by-products exports to 2.7 million barrels per day (BPD), government sources said Monday.

Of the total exports, two million bpd are crude and the rest, by-products, said Asdrubal Chavez, executive director of trade and supply of Venezuela’s state-run oil company PDVSA.

He added that the number includes 300,000 bpd of crude produced by multinational corporations which have contracts with the country.

The daily output will rise to 3.1 million barrels in the near future and five million by 2009, Chavez said.

Venezuela, the only Latin American member of the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries, keeps a production quota of 2.9 million bpd and sells approximately 1.5 million bpd to the United States.

MNA/Xinhua

Crude oil discovered in Brazil’s Potiguar Basin

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 Oct — Brazil’s state-run petroleum company PETROBRAS announced on Monday that crude oil had been discovered in Potiguar Basin, in the country’s Rio Grande do Norte Province, in a joint exploitation with Portugal’s oil company Partex.

Guilherme Estrella, director of Exploration and Production of the Brazilian firm, said the reserves will be figured out after new drillings are made.

He added that the total petroleum production in the region where the new oil field is located currently amounts to 260,000 barrels per day, a 10-per-cent increase over 2003.

The new discovery occurred five days after the announcement of another one in Esplanada, Brazil’s Bahia Province.

By now, petroleum reserves in Brazil have reached 13 billion barrels, including 400 million barrels discovered this year.

Estrella said that by mid-December, Brazil’s oil production will reach a new level, exceeding last year’s record of 1.64 million barrels per day.

Currently, the production is 1.57 million barrels per day.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi police officers view a destroyed patrol car in the western town of Samarra on 6 Oct, 2004. One policeman was killed when his patrol car was hit by a roadside bomb blast. —INTERNET

Kerry accuses Bush of mismanaging war in Iraq

TIPTON (Iowa), 6 Oct — Democratic White House challenger John Kerry accused President George W Bush of mismanaging the war in Iraq after a former top aide said the US paid the price for not deploying enough troops after last year's invasion.

Paul Bremer, the former administrator for Iraq, said in a speech this week that the US intervention in Iraq was hampered early on by a lack of adequate forces and efforts to contain looting after the ouster of Saddam Hussein.

"We paid a big price for not stopping it because it established an atmosphere of lawlessness," Bremer said. "We never had enough troops on the ground." Kerry, at a campaign stop in Iowa, seized on the remarks, stating, "There is a long list of mistakes (in Iraq) and I'm glad Paul Bremer has finally acknowledged at least two of them."

The decorated Vietnam veteran also said he hoped Bush and Vice-President Dick Cheney

would do the same. Bremer made the remarks at an insurance conference in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, according to *The Washington Post*, which reported them on Tuesday.

The Massachusetts senator's latest attack came exactly four weeks before the presidential election, with polls showing he erased much of the deficit he faced before last week's debate against Bush.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Bush relied on the recommendations of Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and the military commanders, not Bremer, when it came to determining troop levels.

McClellan noted that Bremer said troop levels

in Iraq today were adequate to deal with a deadly insurgency.

"If there is or ever has been a request for more troops or resources, the president would make sure that the commanders have what they needed," the spokesman added.

At a town hall meeting in Iowa, a key battleground state that Bush just visited on Monday, Kerry renewed his charge that Bush is stubborn and "out of touch" on issues at

home and abroad.

The Democrat, as he did in last week's debate, evoked Bush's father, former President George HWBush, whom he said knew the value of assembling a wide coalition to take on Iraq and share the cost in the first Gulf War.

Kerry said instead Bush the son has forced Americans to shoulder 90 per cent of the costs and the bulk of casualties in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

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US soldier killed in bomb attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 Oct — One US soldier was killed and two others wounded in a roadside bomb attack targeting a US military convoy travelling near Baghdad overnight, the US military said in a statement on Tuesday.

"One soldier from the 13th Corps Support Command was killed and two injured as a result of improvised explosive device attack on their convoy near Baghdad around 11.30 pm (2130 GMT) October 4," the statement said.

The wounded soldiers were taken to a military hospital in the Iraqi capital for treatment.

Over 1,050 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the beginning of war in March 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi elections would not be credible among Iraqis

BAGHDAD, 6 Oct — An influential group of Iraqi Sunni Muslim clerics said on Tuesday that elections scheduled for January would be a farce unless they were nationwide.

Guerillas control of several cities and a raging insurgency have raised doubts that the polls to elect a national assembly

can be conducted throughout the troubled country.

"There won't be elections. Even if they are held, they will be a laughing-stock and not credible among Iraqis," Mohammed Bashar al-Faidhi, spokesman for the Muslim Clerics Association, told *Reuters* in an interview.

Guerillas and militants control several cities and towns in mainly Sunni Muslim central Iraq, the region that is most fiercely opposed to Iraq's US-backed interim government. Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi and US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld have both said elections would still be valid, even if violence prevented voting in some areas. "Excluding some parts (of Iraq) from elections would be the real

knock-out for elections," said Faidhi.

"It can't be. The mere idea of exclusion gives the impression that it is not elections but a game, and I personally don't think elections will be held on time." US and Iraqi officials have promised a major effort to dislodge guerillas from areas where they are now strong so that elections can be held across the country in January. The US military said on Sunday it had retaken most of the northern city of Samarra but wresting control of the rebel bastion of Fallujah is expected to be far more difficult.

American Marines assaulted Fallujah in April but withdrew after fierce fighting and high casualties among Iraqis. The Muslim Clerics Association

is influential among Sunnis. Some Sunnis enjoyed power and privileges under toppled Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, who is himself a Sunni.

Now they are worried about their fate in a country where Iraq's majority Shiite Muslims have gained influence and expect the elections to give them more power.

Faidhi said the government of Allawi, who is a secular Shiite, had forfeited popularity by sticking to close to Iraq's former US occupiers, who are still seen as widely influential.

"The interim government is committing big mistakes against the Iraqi people they are supporting the occupation forces in their massacres against Iraqis," he said. — MNA/Reuters



Iraqis look at their damaged vehicle following a raid by the US military on Fallujah. US and Iraqi forces swept bastions south of Baghdad and pounded positions held by Iraq most wanted, Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi, in Fallujah. —INTERNET

US troops no longer welcome in Spain

MADRID, 7 Oct — US troops are no longer welcome in Spain's national holiday parade now that Washington and Madrid have fallen out over Iraq. Instead French soldiers have been invited to march in the Spanish capital on the big day.

American troops have taken part in the October 12 military parade every year since 2001, when the government invited them in homage to the victims of the September 11 attacks on New York and Washington, according to Spanish media.

Defence Minister Jose Bono told a radio station on Tuesday there would be no Americans in this year's parade marking Spain's "fiesta nacional" to commemorate the day on which Christopher Columbus sighted land during his first westward journey of discovery.

"(October 12) is not the national

holiday of the United States, and no one is under any obligation to see the flag of another country in the parade, though it is a friend and an ally for sure," Bono told Cadena Cope radio.

"This is in no way an insult nor a sign of contempt towards the United States," the minister said, adding that Spain was "no longer subordinated and 'kneeling' before Washington."

He said he had suggested French troops could appear as part of the 60th anniversary celebrations of the liberation of Paris at the end of World War II — an event in which US troops played a fundamental role.

The new Spanish Government has rekindled warm ties with traditional European ally France since it came to power, and it sees eye to eye with Paris on the Iraq issue. France was one of the most vocal opponents to the US-led invasion of Iraq. — MNA/Reuters



Local residents look at the destroyed houses flattened in an overnight airstrike in Fallujah, Iraq, on 6 Oct 2004. According to witnesses three houses were flattened in the attack but no one was injured as the families who lived there had already fled to a safer area. —INTERNET

Ireland grants British hostage passport

DUBLIN, 6 Oct — Ireland has granted British hostage Kenneth Bigley a passport following calls from his family who hope that stressing his Irish connections will persuade his kidnappers in Iraq to release him.

"Mr Kenneth Bigley's family has asked for an Irish passport to be issued in order to help convince his kidnappers of his Irish citizenship," Foreign Affairs Minister Dermot Ahern said in a statement.

"I am happy to agree to this request and I, and the Taoiseach (Prime Minister), and the government as a whole, very much hope that it will contribute to the efforts to secure his release," he added.

Bigley, 62, qualifies for an Irish passport through his Dublin-born mother. The country took a neutral stand in the US-led war against Iraq.

Bigley was taken hostage in Baghdad on September 16 along with Americans Eugene Armstrong and Jack Hensley, who were later beheaded.

His family have been lobbying hard for his release, including frequent appeals to Irish officials for help.

MNA/Reuters

US professor to force Pentagon to release photographic records

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct — A US journalism professor is seeking to force the Pentagon to release images of coffins bearing America's war dead arriving at the defence department mortuary in Delaware, according to a lawsuit filed on Monday.

The lawsuit, filed under the Freedom of Information Act in US district court in Washington, challenges a 1991 Pentagon order banning media coverage of the arrival of the remains of dead soldiers.

The order was issued during the Gulf War and continued during the Clinton and current Bush Administrations.

Ralph Begleiter, a journalism professor at the University of Delaware, is seeking photographs and video from Dover Air Force Base of arrival ceremonies honouring US

service personnel killed in the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Pentagon spokeswoman Navy Lieutenant Commander Jane Campbell said it would be inappropriate to comment on a pending legal matter.

However Campbell said the policy of excluding the media from the Dover ceremonies was designed to protect the privacy of relatives.

"Families and loved ones have never been prohibited from being there at Dover but we have tried

Kerry attacks Bush for restricting stem cell research

HAMPTON (New Hampshire), 6 Oct — Democratic White House challenger John Kerry on Monday attacked President George W Bush for restricting stem cell research and accused him of ignoring science that could offer millions of sick Americans a chance at a cure.

Campaigning in New Hampshire with actor and activist Michael J Fox, who has Parkinson's disease, Kerry said if elected he would remove Bush's restrictions on using federal money for stem cell research and boost funding.

Stem cells are unprogrammed master cells that can give rise to various cells and tissues. Scientists believe that the cells could lead to cures for ailments like Parkinson's and spinal cord in-

juries, though such advances would be years and perhaps decades away.

The Bush Administration, citing ethical concerns, sharply limited federal spending in 2001 on research involving stem cells taken from human embryos.

"The hard truth is that when it comes to stem cell research, this President is making the wrong choice to sacrifice science for extreme right-wing ideology," Kerry told a town hall meeting on science at a New Hampshire high school.

"President Bush just

doesn't get it. Faced with the facts, he just turns away," Kerry said. "Time and again, he's proven that he's stubborn, out of touch, unwilling to change, unwilling to change course."

Kerry's campaign released a new television ad devoted to stem cell research that will air in battleground states. In the 30-second spot Kerry says it is time to lift political barriers to the research and that "millions of lives" are at stake.

The attack came as a series of polls showed Bush's lead shrinking or

disappearing after last week's presidential debate tightened the race with four weeks to go before election day.

Kerry, however, noted that many of the stem cell lines available for federal research money have no scientific value or have been polluted by mouse cells.

Kerry has criticized Bush's stem cell research policies before, but the latest attack appeared part of a larger effort by the Democrat to portray Bush as someone who stubbornly ignores facts.

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier mans a machine gun mounted on a blackhawk helicopter as it flies over the outskirts of Samarra.—INTERNET

ElBaradei thanks S Korea for cooperation on inspection

SEOUL, 6 Oct — Mohamed ElBaradei, director-general of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), thanked South Korean Government for its voluntary report of nuclear material experiments and cooperation with IAEA's inspection teams on Tuesday, reported South Korean Yonhap news agency.

Yonhap quoted officials at the South Korean Ministry of Science and Technology as reporting that ElBaradei expressed the above standing to Science and Technology Minister Oh Myung when the two held meeting on Tuesday.

In responses, Oh reiterated that South Korean Government thoroughly holds nuclear transparent principle and will truly fulfil the International Nuclear non-Proliferation Treaty. Oh also said South Korea will set up an independent institution to supervise and manage nuclear activities in future.

Oh hoped the investi-

gation results of the IAEA inspection over the South Korea's old nuclear experiments can be reported to the board of governor meeting in this November without any prejudice. The two also made agreement to strengthen cooperation over security of nuclear energy, Innovative Nuclear Reactors and Fuel Programmes (INPRO) and radiation iatrolgy.

Moreover, in a reception of Egyptian Embassy to South Korea, ElBaradei also confirmed that the IAEA will send a third inspection team to South Korea late this month for additional investigations into the

country's past nuclear material experiments, Yonhap said.

The United Nations nuclear watchdog sent two groups of inspectors in late August and late September to probe the (South) Korean Atomic Energy Research Institute's nuclear facilities.

South Korean Government admitted last month that two groups of scientists of the nuclear research centre conducted two experiments, one in 1982 and the other in 2000, on producing small amounts of plutonium and enriched uranium, the two main types of fissile material used in nuclear weapons.—MNA/Xinhua

Canadian police arrest 10 in major drug bust

OTTAWA, 6 Oct — Canadian police seized 4,000 marijuana plants and arrested 10 people in massive raids in the eastern city of Halifax on Monday.

The police raided 19 locations, including executive-style homes in Fall River, Sackville, Waverly, Tantallon and Clayton Park, as well as apartments in Halifax. Ten vehicles and a significant amount of cash were also seized in the raids.

Nine men and one woman were arrested. They will face charges ranging from cultivation of marijuana to possession for the purpose of trafficking. Some of the suspects are from Asia, but the police did not give a country of origin.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi boy rides his bicycle as he is watched by a British soldier in the city of Basra on 6 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET

Howard says Blair did not tell truth before Iraq war

LONDON, 6 Oct— British main opposition Conservative Party leader Michael Howard on Tuesday renewed his claim that Prime Minister Tony Blair did not tell truth in the run-up to the Iraq war, vowing that he is determined to put the public trust back into politics in the country.

In his keynote speech to the Tories annual conference in Bournemouth, southwestern England, Howard said the Iraq war had destroyed Blair's credibility.

"In the run-up to the war, Tony Blair did not tell the truth. He did not give a truthful account of the intelligence he received. He did not behave as a British Prime Minister should," Howard told the conference.

"I hope we will not face another war. But the world is a very dangerous place and you can never be sure. What if this Prime Minister asks people to trust him again? Could the British people trust him a second time?" he asked.

The Tory leader high-

lighted accountability as the key to rebuilding faith in politics, trying to lift his party's spirits which was let down by the latest by-election result and dips in latest opinion polls.

"People are fed up with politics because politicians have let them down," he said.

"In 1997 Labour said that there would be no tax increases at all. They put them up. Not once, not twice but sixty-six times. Sixty-six broken promises," said Howard.

"When you ask for people's votes you have a responsibility to them. Politicians have a duty to respond to people's dreams and help make them a reality," he stressed.

Howard pledged his party would set out a clear timetable for what it hoped to achieve if it wins the general elections expected mid next year.

He said crime would be the first problem he would tackle in government, adding that why people should vote Tory: "More police, cleaner hospitals, lower taxes, controlled immigration."

The Tory leader also pledged to prevent Labour third term tax rises and declared: "Be in no doubt, when I can, I will cut taxes. On international affairs, he said he would set a date for a referendum on the proposed European Union Constitution on his first day in government.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi police officers check a vehicle damaged by a roadside bomb near Basra on 6 Oct, 2004. Police said one Iraqi was killed and four were wounded in the attack. — INTERNET

Mugabe says govt will not be bullied to abandon land policy

HARARE, 6 Oct— A defiant President Robert Mugabe said his land reforms had earned Zimbabwe many enemies in the West, but his government would not be bullied into abandoning the controversial policy.

Mugabe has seized hundreds of White-owned farms in the last four years to resettle landless Blacks, saying he was correcting imbalances created by more than 90 years of British colonialism. But his critics say the seizures violated property rights and amount to racism against Whites.

Speaking at a state dinner for visiting Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni, Mugabe said Zimbabwe believed Africans had to be vigilant in fight-

ing for their rights and in their struggle for economic development.

"It is well known that in pursuit of that vision, Zimbabwe has made many enemies in the West," he said at the dinner on Monday night.

"Your visit will, therefore, afford you the opportunity to see that our land reform programme, which Britain and her Western allies viciously oppose, has put indigenous Zimbabweans at the centre of eco-

nomics activity," Mugabe told Museveni, who ends a three-day visit to Zimbabwe on Wednesday.

The visit by Museveni, one of East Africa's influential leaders, is seen as a show of political solidarity with Mugabe, and as bolstering his standing on a continent where he has enjoyed diplomatic support despite calls for his isolation by Western opponents and the domestic opposition.

MNA/Reuters

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Cheney, Edwards clash over Iraq in Vice-Presidential debate

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct— US Vice-President Dick Cheney and Senator John Edwards clashed on Iraq in their debate Tuesday night, with Cheney insisting the government had done "the right thing" in going to war in Iraq and Edwards countering it had been misleading on the issue from the start.

"We had to go after the terrorists wherever we might find them," Cheney said at the start of the debate, held in Case Western Reserve University, Ohio, five days after the first presidential debate.

Iraq seemed to be "the most likely nexus" between terrorists and weapons of mass destruction, he said in response to a question from the moderator about new developments in Iraq.

Edwards counter attacked at once. "Mr Vice-President, you are still not being straight with the American people," he said. The Bush Administration's insistence that things are going well in

Iraq defied reality, Edwards said. "We need a fresh start," he said.

More Americans were killed in Iraq in September than in August, more in August than July, more in July than in June, he said. Edwards also cited the views of several top Republican senators, views he said could be distilled as "Iraq is a mess, and it's getting worse".

Edwards attacked Cheney's attempts to link the September 11 attacks with Saddam Hussein. "You've gone around the country suggesting that there is some connection," he said. "There's not".

In his rebuttal, Cheney said, "I have not

suggested there's a connection between Iraq and 9/11, but there's clearly an established Iraqi track record with terror."

The two sides also debated on issues, such as jobs, tax cuts, AIDS, and Halliburton, a giant oil-services campaign of which Cheney was its chief executive before joining the Bush campaign in 2000.

Tightening polls after the first US presidential debate last Thursday could make Tuesday night's showdown between Cheney and Edwards, which was once presumed to be a sideshow to the presidential race, assume critical importance.

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Lack of adequate forces hampers US intervention in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct— The US intervention in Iraq was hampered early on by a lack of adequate forces and efforts to contain looting after the ouster of Saddam Hussein, according to the former US administrator in Iraq.

"We paid a big price for not stopping it because it established an atmosphere of lawlessness," Paul Bremer said in a speech reported by the *Washington Post* on Tuesday. "We never had enough troops on the ground."

Bremer's comments echoed charges by administration critics who argue that the US Government failed to plan adequately to maintain security in postwar Iraq, the newspaper said.

In the speech on Monday at an insurance conference in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, Bremer said US plans for the postwar period erred in projecting what would happen after Hussein's demise, focusing on preparing for humanitarian relief and widespread refugee problems rather than a bloody insurgency now being waged by at least four well-armed factions, according to the *Post*.

"There was planning, but planning for a situation that didn't arise," Bremer was quoted as saying.

A Bremer aide told the newspaper that those comments, as well as similar remarks last month at DePauw University, were for private audiences and were supposed to have been off the record.

In a statement e-

mailed to the *Washington Post* late on Monday, Bremer stressed that he fully supports the Bush Administration's plan for training Iraqi security forces as well as its overall strategy for Iraq.

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An Iraqi harbour worker unloads wheat received in line with the United Nations oil-for-food deal in the port of Umm Qasr, some 620 km south of Baghdad—INTERNET

The real image of colonialism and misuse of new technologies

Tekkatho Myat Thu

Human beings have reached the present-day status of civilization, as they are intelligent, and know-how to use their intellectual power. For centuries, human beings have developed their civilization with the intellectual and physical power. We honour the academics and scientists for their inventions and innovations for mankind.

Since from the very start of civilization and till the time it has gained momentum, the ones who have contributed intellectual and physical efforts for its advancement are the sincere persons having the correct vision and aims. They have also participated in developing the human civilization. In this way, human civilization has evolved.

But when the world is under the influence of greed, anger and delusion, human beings start to kill, loot, torture, attack and dominate one another. The world is rich in natural resources, and according to scholars, it is rich enough to wear a gold belt, that is one mile thick and 12 miles wide, around its equator.

According to the scholars, slaves were the majority during the era of slave-ownership, land labourers were the majority during the era of feudalism, and workers were the majority during the era of capitalism. Slavery came into being in the world because of excessive greed, anger, disillusion and pride of human beings. Once a European scholar said that over 40,000 wars broke out in the world during the past 5,000 years, and

and judicial powers. Only the rich persons became members of the parliament in the elections. Thus, their parliaments were dubbed the capitalist parliaments. As the MPs were elected delegates, the capitalists called their parliaments 'the democracy parliaments.'

As the capitalists in England and other European nations gained power, they were able to produce and trade goods freely. Although the countries had a large number of factories, they lacked resources for energy, raw materials, cheap labour, markets and new areas of investment. Till now, the factories of those nations are relying on raw materials produced in Asia, Africa, Middle East, Latin America and island nations, and especially the colonialist powers are relying much on oil from Middle East and Africa for energy.

Since some 200 years ago, the capitalists have been trying to colonize land to get new materials, energy resources and markets. First, the capitalists arrived in a country with investments, followed by missionaries, and then by armed troops to colonize it. Three fourth of the total land area of the world was colonized by powers of Europe including Britain, France, Dutch, Belgium, Portugal and Spain then. They enslaved 77 per cent of the global population during the time. The people of the colonized nations lost their freedom, democratic rights and human rights. But the west-based organizations that were going to explain to the enslaved people about democracy and human rights and freedom had not yet emerged then.

Ancient monarchs invaded other nations to become emperors. But they permitted the countries that were defeated by their armies to rule by their own leaders. But colonialists exploited and manipulated their colonies for many decades. The WWI and the WWII were just the struggles between the then prospering colonialist countries and the late-comer industrialist nations such as Germany, Italy and Japan.

Patriots of the colonized nations launched independence struggles against the occupiers. As the colonial powers were badly affected by the WWII, patriots took advantage of the situation to regain independence. The UN was founded in 1945. It declared the UN Charter that ensures the right to self-determination of the countries around the world.

After the end of WWII, the US took over the leadership role of the capitalist world, and launched the Marshal Plan to help the war-devastated countries in Europe. It also formed military pacts including the NATO. As the US is a country formed with the majority of the European descendants, it has already accepted the basic concepts of colonialism.

But today's 191 member nations of the UN and the world peoples have not accepted the colonialism, and fierce armed resistance against the colonial powers in Vietnam, Afghanistan, Somalia, Korea and Iraq stands witness to the fact. Thus, the practice of neo-colonialism has started in the world. The method of the neo-colonialists is to cause disunity and disintegration in the nations that are located in the geographically important places, rich in natural resources or have never yielded to their influence. They then interfere in the affairs of those nations, impose sanctions on them and in the end use force to invade them to install a puppet government. The ultimate aim of the neo-colonialists is to become the master of the whole world. In practice, the leader of the neo-colonialists only gets its name it deserves — global police. First, it was the invention of a steam engine, and it was followed by human greed and delusion that gave birth to the colonialism and neo-colonialism which have made the world a worse place to live in.

Dynamite was invented by Alfred Nobel to be used in paving the axis for building roads and bridges and also for mining minerals. But later, it has been used as a lethal weapon to kill human beings. Likewise, the atom was discovered by scientists to serve mankind's

interest. But the US after defeating the Nazi Germany dropped one atomic bomb each on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The two cities were reduced to ashes and from 300,000 to 400,000 people faced a terrible death. Later, the world had seen the nuclear arms race of the US, the Soviet Union, Britain, France and China. Later, some of the developing countries have tried to develop atomic bombs. Till now, the global people are facing the threat of nuclear bombs that can be exploded at any time.

The IT and other advancing techniques should be the real driving force behind the rapid advancement of human beings. Instead, they are being misused as weapons of destruction to terrorize the world with the excuse of national defence. The IT, the media and the

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computer networks have become the effective tools of the neo-colonialists to shape the new world order in accord with their own wish. They are even misusing the process of globalization for their own cause to dominate, divide and discriminate the whole world.

Because of their love for the nation and patriotism, all citizens cherish their own nation; and they want to see their nation and people enjoying a better life. All have the right to strive for the betterment of their own nation through proper means. Invading and destroying other nations for self-interest is an evil and mean act.

The colonialists that had enslaved the innocent peoples of the world and made them live in constant fear are now advocating the cause of democracy, human rights and religious freedom. However, the peoples of the former colonies of the world have sufficient bitter experiences under their enslavement to see and understand the real image of the neo-colonialists, which are trying to put them under their domination, clearer and clearer at present.

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half of them were waged in Europe alone. Both the World War I during which over 10 million people died, and the World War II that killed over 60 million people also started in Europe. So, Europe houses the largest number of war memorials and war cemeteries.

History stands witness to the fact that Europe has seen the highest degree of development and the largest number of wars. It is also the birthplace of the age of slave-ownership, the age of feudalism, the age of capitalism and the age of socialism, and the ideologies including the colonialism and the neo-colonialism.

Scholars sacrificed their health and lives to develop various branches of sciences. But their inventions and finds fell into the hands of evil persons who after giving them a certain amount of honorary, misused their newly found sciences.

An accidental find of the power of steam had led to the invention of steam engines in England, which later, became the tools of mass production. First, it was a useful invention for mankind.

The capitalists needed less money to own the newly invented techniques and machines of that time, and got richer and richer by manufacturing a large amount of goods. But the blue and white collar workers who really ran the factories to produce goods were in abject condition. They had to work overtime under low wages. Thus, there broke out struggles demanding for workers' rights. In this way, the Workers Day or May Day has come into being.

The capitalists could not stop their greed, although they were getting richer and richer. Bourgeois in England and Europe launched revolutions against their monarchs who were trying to restrict them, set up the parliaments, and gained the executive, legislative



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The 9th ASEAN Summit held at Bali in October 2003 have also spelt out a Road Map for Eleven Priority Integration Sectors. In addition, the Summit has stressed the necessity for the combination of the economic strengths of ASEAN Members for regional advantage; the facilitation and promotion of intra-ASEAN investments; and the promotion of out-sourcing

carried out by the Ministers remain highly commendable. The meeting will be focusing on agriculture, fisheries and forestry; the promotion of agro-based products; cooperation in the transfer of technology; the facilitation of intra-ASEAN investments; and the elimination of trade barriers. It is important that ASEAN cooperate closely in the area of agriculture and forestry to achieve food security and sustainable



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party views booths displayed at 26th AMAF Meeting and 4th ASEAN+3 Meeting at Sedona Hotel.— MNA

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forest management. We attach great importance to this meeting and look forward to the invaluable contributions they will be making. As an agro-based country, Myanmar has been able to meet the needs of its populace and in addition, has the potential to contribute to the food-security of the region.

Myanmar still remains highly reliant on agriculture, which constitutes the principal pillar and base for

Myanmar's future all-round development. Myanmar's overall economic strategy has accordingly, given high priority to the efficiency and development of agriculture, fisheries and forestry sectors. About 70% of Myanmar's population of 53 million is dependant on the agriculture, fisheries or forestry sectors and the Government's efforts in according priority to the performance and production of these sectors have been highly contributory to food security and economic development.

In Myanmar the total crop sown area is 41.32 million acres (16.72 million h.a). Rice production is being intensified by all means so as to meet the requirements of both increasing local consumption and international market demand.

Traditionally, paddy was grown once a year, mainly as monsoon rice. With the introduction of the summer paddy programme in 1992-93, rice is being produced throughout the year. Total sown area of summer paddy reached 2,736,621 acres (1,107,500 h.a) in 2003-2004. Various irrigation projects are being implemented to further increase the utilization of water particularly for agriculture development. The number of dams and reservoirs constructed after 1988-89 to date is 164. The number of pumping irrigation structures, completed after 1988 to date is 265.

Instead of slash and burn farming, measures are being taken for conservation and rehabilitation of upland farming to protect degradation of soil.

Reclamation of upland farming started in 2002-2003 and reached 8,870 acres (3,590 h.a) for utilization in 2003-2004. The main targeted crops are rice, corn, groundnut, sesamum, sunflower, blackgram, green gram, pigeon pea, long staple cotton and sugarcane.

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fulfill the local food security as well as to support the regional demand.

Our effort have, indeed, rewarded us with premiums. Our rice

production has increased significantly, and today we are catching up in production, with some of the top producing ASEAN countries. In the area of (See page 9)

Deputy Ministers arrive for 4th AMAF+3

YANGON, 7 Oct — Deputy ministers for Agriculture and Forestry from ASEAN plus three countries Japan, China and Republic of Korea arrived here today to attend the 4th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry plus Three (4th AMAF+3) to be

hosted in Myanmar. Japanese delegation led by Vice Minister for Agriculture Forest and Fisheries Mr Hiroyuki Kinoshita arrived this morning and Chinese delegation led by Vice Minister for Agriculture Mr Fan Xiaojian and Korean delegation led by Deputy

Minister for Agriculture and Forest Hae-Sang Park in the evening. Director-General U Win Shwe of the Water Resources and Utilization Department and officials of the respective embassies of the plus three nations welcomed them at the Yangon International Airport. — MNA



Vice Minister for Agriculture Fan Xiaojian of China and Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Forest Hae-Sang Park of ROK and party arrive at the airport.— MNA

Myanmar to vie with Vietnam (B) for trophy in ASEAN Women's Soccer Tourney

YANGON, 7 Oct—Myanmar has advanced final after trouncing Indonesia 7-0 in the second semi-final match of the first ASEAN Women's Soccer Tourney (2004) being held in Ho Chi Minh City, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, this afternoon.

Myanmar took the lead with the goal from Aye Nandar Hlaing in the 21st minute. Than Than Htwe doubled in the 23rd minute. Two minutes later, Hninsi Myint added the third. Malar Win scored the fourth in the 29th minute and Hninsi Myint hit again in 30th minute. Myanmar led the first half, scoring five goals.

In the second half, Khin Kywe Htwe and San San Maw scored two more goals in the 49th minute and 85th minute.

Vietnam (B) beat Vietnam (A) 2-0 in the first semi-final. On 9 October, Myanmar will play against Vietnam (B) in the final.

After four matches, Myanmar have three wins and one draw, scoring 26 goals and conceding one goal. Malar Win scored eight goals, Zin Mar Wan four, Aye Nandar Hlaing, Than Than Htwe and Khin Kywe Htwe three each, and Hninsi Myint, San San Maw, Thet Thet Win and Thidar Oo one each.

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The fishery also plays a pivotal role in the economy of the country

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pulses and beans production, Myanmar remains at the forefront of other ASEAN countries. We would, for regional and global food security, continue to diligently use our natural resources to the fullest, introducing high-quality and high-yielding strains, and transforming from traditional to mechanized agriculture. Our agriculture researchers are also taking measures to produce high yield hybrid paddy strains.

The fishery sector also plays a pivotal role in the economy of the country. Myanmar has long coastal line, that stretches to about 2,800 kilometers. It also abounds with swamps which are highly suitable bases for aquaculture, including shrimp and prawn culture.

Meanwhile, only live or frozen fish, mainly shrimp, is being exported, depending on market demand. On the positive side, Myanmar's fishery exports have increased significantly; the pollution of water remains minimal, and the potential for aquaculture and marine fishery still remains immense. On the negative side, there are insufficient processing facilities; the need for maintaining product quality to meet international standard; and the development of human resources.

The Government has been addressing these issues and has paved the ways for increased private sector participation and foreign direct investments. We trust that the forthcoming meeting will come up with suitable solutions which would

enhance the fishery infrastructure, both for national and regional prosperity.

I would now like to touch on forestry sector. I am glad to inform you that in terms of percentage of forests and woodland coverage, Myanmar rank 5th in the world a coverage of 52.28%. Myanmar still retains a substantial coverage of valuable forests, including a major share of the world's teak stock. Of Myanmar's forests coverage, currently 37.41 million acres (15.14 million h.a) has been constituted as Reserved Forests and about 5.83 acres (2.36 million h.a) as Protected Area. The ultimate goal is to raise it to

Conservation of Natural Area Law, 1994, have given full coverage to the protection of Myanmar's forests. We remain engaged in fuel-use substitution programmes; watershed management; reforestation of Dry Zone; joint development programmes with FAO and UNDP; rural development; terrace cultivation; and eco-tourism. Myanmar has vast mangrove areas with a coverage of some 318,000 acres (128,690 h.a). However, due to over exploitation for firewood and subsistence farming, degradation of the mangroves became a reality. We are cooperating with international organizations to rehabilitate

systematic protection.

Very recently, a new programme was initiated to rehabilitate and conserve the Bago Yoma which is world renowned as the legendary home and natural habitat of Myanmar's best teak. The 5-year "Bago Yoma Greening Project (2004-05 to 2008-09)" is considered as one of the State's priorities, and will be implemented with the objective to restore the ecological balance and productivity of Bago Yoma. Moreover, the project will also contribute to the protection of watersheds and supply of water for agriculture, and also promote community forestry through participatory approaches. A total of almost 200,000 acres (80,900 h.a) of various types of plantations will be established under this project.

Myanmar's forest sector has already teamed up with other ASEAN Members in development of an ASEAN Regional Criteria for forest resources and forest resource export-oriented industries to remain sustainable and competitive in the international market. They have also been instrumental in drawing up an ASEAN Timber Certification Scheme. We are eagerly looking forward to the fruitful outcome of the meeting in relation to forestry sector.

In addition, Myanmar has been making strenuous efforts to conserve the biodiversity and endangered species of the country. Accordingly the tiger survey was conducted in 1999 with the collaboration of the Wildlife Conservation Society, (New York). Myanmar has designated the Hukuang Valley totaling 8,418 square miles in the northwestern part of



Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents gifts for students of Pre-Primary School to Model Padagyi Village MCWA Branch Chairperson Daw Khin Soe. (News on page 2)—MNA

Our rice production has increased significantly,, and today we are catching up in production, with some of the top producing ASEAN countries

raise it to 30% for reserved forest and 5% for Protected Area.

However, due to agriculture expansion, shifting cultivation, urbanization and the mounting fuel needs of households, it has been estimated that deforestation in Myanmar runs to about 37,312 acres (15,100 h.a) annually. Fortunately annual deforestation has been compensated by the Forest Department's establishment of plantations at an annual rate of 74,130 acres (30,000 h.a) since 1972.

Myanmar's forests have been managed on scientific basics for more than over 100 years and the Forest Law, 1992 and the Protection of Wildlife and Wild Plants and

and conserve the degraded areas through natural and artificial means.

All possible measures have been taken to prevent and ameliorate environmental degradation of the central dry zone of Myanmar. A special 9-district dry zone greening project was formulated and implemented since 1994 and the area has been extended to 13 districts. Concurrently, a 30-year integrated plan was formulated for the area which covers whole or parts of Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway divisions. Up to the present, more than 270,000 acres (109,300 h.a) of plantations have been established and 1.1 million acres (0.45 million h.a) of natural forests put under

the country to become the largest designated tiger reserve in the World.

In conclusion, with a view to narrowing the economic development gap among ASEAN Members and contributing meaningfully to ASEAN Vision, Myanmar has been cooperating closely with other ASEAN members and at the same time strengthening its agriculture, livestock and fishery and forestry sectors.

Myanmar, while working together with ASEAN countries, has also been cooperating with FAO and other UN Agencies, in the fields of agriculture, livestock and fisheries and forestry and in food-security, environmental protection, regional stability, and commerce and trade. The problems and intricacies of agriculture, livestock and fisheries, and forestry are not new to our ASEAN Ministers and our Dialogue Partners from the People's Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea; The areas of collaboration they have

identified during the Third Meeting were alleviating poverty and strengthening food security in the Asian Region; research and development in agriculture, livestock and fisheries, and forestry; and human resource development.

I am confident that this meeting will appropriate recommendations, decisions and make valuable contributions to the successful outcome of the meeting.

Later, the Prime Minister wished for the good health of the delegates. Afterwards, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, Lt-Gen Soe Win, Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party posed for a documentary photo together with ASEAN ministers on agriculture and forestry.

After the opening ceremony, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and those present viewed the booth displayed by ASEAN and International Rice Research Institute, booth on opium substitute Nara Green Tea (See page 10)



RURAL HYDEL POWER STATION LAUNCHED: The opening ceremony of rural hydel power station was held in Pynthonlon Village, Mogaung Township, on 2 October. USDA (Central) Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw launches the power station.—H&T

Workshop on Development of Strategies for Water, Environmental Sanitation & Hygiene opened

YANGON, 7 Oct — The Workshop on the Development of Strategies for Water, Environmental Sanitation and Hygiene in Myanmar was opened at the Dusit Inya Lake Hotel, here, this morning,

Present were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, directors-general, deputy director-general and directors under the Ministry

of Health, UNICEF Resident Representative Ms Carroll C Long and representatives of UN agencies, officials of international social organizations and guests.

First, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and UNICEF Resident Representative Ms Carroll C Long gave speeches.

Next, the deputy

minister and party viewed booths displayed at the hall.

Altogether 52 scholars of departments under the Ministry of Health and other ministries, the project manager of UNICEF and officials and international social organizations are attending the workshop which will continue tomorrow.

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Ambassador U Soe Myint accredited to Turkey

YANGON, 8 Oct — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Soe Myint, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Arab Republic of Egypt, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Turkey. — MNA

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cultivated in Panwa Region in Kachin Special Region-1 by National International commercial Enterprise (NICE) Ltd, booth on wood-based products and forest conservation by the Ministry of Forestry, booth on high yield paddy strains and oil crops collected from 14 states and divisions by Myanma Agriculture Service, booth on cultivation of ginger, potato, orange and banana

trunk with the use of tissue culture methods, booth on genetically propagation of paddy, orchid and 15 kinds of beans, booth on rubber products, booth on feedstuff and vaccines by Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, booths on 26 items of value-added honey and honey products, sample of export marine products, educative books and CD-ROMs of FAO and souvenirs shops to mark International Year of Rice 2004. — MNA

Myanmar women's team third in Women's Invitational Sepak Takraw Tourney

YANGON, 7 Oct — Myanmar women's team secured the third position in the regu event of Women's Invitational Sepak Takraw Tourney held in the People's Republic of China from 28 September to 3 October.

In the tourney, Vietnamese women's team stood first and Thai women's team second. Myanmar stood third and Chinese women's teams fourth. — MNA



IPRD Director-General U Chit Naing accepts books and periodicals for self-reliant libraries. — MNA

Dagon BEHS No 1 donates books, periodicals to self-reliant libraries

YANGON, 7 Oct — Basic Education High School No 1 of Dagon Township donated books to self-reliant village libraries of Information and Public Relations Department, taking place at Dagon Thiri Hall of the school this morning.

Present were Director-General of IPRD U Chit Naing (Chit Naing-Psychology), Staff Officer U Kyi Than of No 3 Basic Education Department (Yangon City), Dalla Township Education Officer U Than Hlaing, Dagon BEHS No 1 Headmaster U Kyaw Kyaw, Dalla BEHS No 1 Headmistress Daw Mya Mya Thet, teachers and students. First, Headmaster U Kyaw Kyaw presented K 100,000 of stipend to eighth standard student Ma Phwa Bu of Dalla BEHS No 1, daughter of U Maung Hsat of Chin State who was honoured as an outstanding teacher at the 2003 World Teachers' Day.

Next, Headmaster U Kyaw Kyaw and officials presented various kinds of books and periodicals and K 100,000 donated by Dagon BEHS No 1 education family to Director-General U Chit Naing.

Later, writer Chit Naing (Chit Naing-Psychology) gave talks on literature. — MNA

Commerce Deputy Minister back from Vietnam

YANGON, 7 Oct — The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun arrived back here by air this afternoon, after attending the opening of the ASEAN Trade Fair-2004 in Hanoi, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by departmental heads of the Ministry, the President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, officials and their family members. Members of the delegation Chairman of Myanmar Beans and Pulses

and Sesamum Merchants Association U Tun Aung

and Staff Officer of the Directorate of Trade Daw

Toe Toe Win arrived back on the same flight. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun being welcomed at the airport on his return from Vietnam where he attended ASEAN Trade Fair 2004. — MNA

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Minister of Agriculture and Forest Dr Memed Gunawan of Indonesia, Minister of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Tan Sari Dato' Haji Muhyiddin bin Haji Mohd Yassin of Malaysia, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo of Myanmar, Minister of National Development Mr Mah Bow Tan, leader of the Thai delegation Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr Bui Ba Bong, Director Dr Azmi Mat Akir of the ASEAN Secretariat, delegation members of Bangkok-based Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), Manila-based International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and Thailand-based Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Centre.

Malaysian Minister of Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Minister Tan Sari Dato' Haji Muhyiddin bin Haji Mohd Yassin, who chaired the 25th Meeting of ASEAN Ministers for Agriculture and Forestry, extended greetings.

At the meeting, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation of Myanmar Maj-Gen Htay Oo was selected as chairman, and Minister for Agriculture of the Philippines Mr Arthur C Yap as co-chairman.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo in his speech said: I would like to convey my heartfelt thanks to your Excellencies and respective delegates for having responded positively to the invitation. We remain confident that your active participation in the meetings will greatly contribute to the successful convening of the 26th AMAF and also the 4th AMAF + 3 Meetings.

May I first of all congratulate His Excellency Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin Mohd Yasin for Assuming the important role of Chairman of the 25th Meeting of AMAF during 2003, and bringing it to a fruitful conclusion. We are highly grateful to His Excellency for the contribution of much of his valuable time in devotion to the activities for the development of the ASEAN right through the year and to the end of his obligatory term.

Secondly, may I express my heartfelt appreciation to the AMAF Ministers for having entrusted me with the important responsibility of Chairmanship of the 26th Meeting of AMAF. I believe that with your strong support and also your kind cooperation, I will be able to fulfil the important task.

At the 9th ASEAN Summit in Bali in October 2003, the leaders had endorsed the initiative by ASEAN Economic Ministers to pursue among others, the accelerated regional integration of agro-based and fishery products. It marks another challenge placed before us and calls for closer cooperation, and more concerted efforts.

I am sure, this meeting will be providing us an invaluable opportunity to discuss the issue in depth, and accelerate our integration process, through the combined economic strength of ASEAN Members. In fact, the meeting will be of significance in providing opportunities to all Member Countries, and in particular, those economies which are agriculture oriented.

The Meeting will have to review the overall progress achieved in implementing the activities incorporated in the strategic plan of action under the Hanoi Plan of Action. And with the experience gained from the past, it will be necessary to draw up concrete programmes in order to bring forward and implement the new Vientiane Action Programme (VAP).

All the same, we shouldn't be deterred. We remain on firm ground to face any difficulty of challenge that arise, and remain confident to overcome them through our close cooperation and with our ASEAN spirit.

There is no doubt, this distinguished forum will be providing us with an invaluable opportunity to discuss frankly and successfully arrive at a consensus on many issues. I remain confident that the outcomes of the Meeting would be highly beneficial for all of us. And I'd like to call upon all our delegates to work together and also seek necessary assistance from our ASEAN Secretariat in aiming at fruitful deliberations.

Next, the agenda was announced and future tasks were adopted. Those present assessed the report and recommendation of the chairman of the 26th AMAF and the 26 Meeting of ASEAN Ministers.

Afterwards, the officials discussed matters on agriculture, livestock breeding, seeds, vegetables and fruits, animal vaccine, establishment of ASEAN Animal Health Trust Fund, wild animals and trees on the edge of extinction, international meetings, programmes on alleviating poverty of farmers to be jointly organized by ASEAN and FAO. The also dealt with Strategic Plan of Action on ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and

This meeting will be providing us an invaluable opportunity to discuss the issue in depth, and accelerate our integration process, through the combined economic strength of ASEAN Members. In fact, the meeting will be of significance in providing opportunities to all Member Countries, and in particular, those economies which are agriculture oriented.

Forestry) (2005-2010), Vientiane Action Programme VAP, Joint Strategy to Control Bird Flu in ASEAN Countries, Report and Recommendations of Chairman of SOM-AMAF + 3 on the Progress of ASEAN + 3 Cooperation Activities, and consideration of the report and recommendations of chairman of SOM-AMAF + 3 on the progress of ASEAN + 3 cooperation activities.

Then, they discussed matters on preparation for the 4th Meeting of AMAF + 3. Matters on policy direction of AMAF and cooperation of ASEAN countries, Asian nations and regional organizations.

The ASEAN Ministers and Deputy Ministers approved of the joint press statement for the 26th AMAF. They fixed date and venue of the 27th meeting of AMAF and adopted the report.

The meeting ended in the evening.

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Coord meeting for Five Countries Trade Fair held

YANGON, 7 Oct — A coordination meeting of Working Committee for Product Displaying of Five Countries Trade Fair was held at the meeting hall of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on Merchant Street on 4 October, attended by President of UMFCFI U Win Myint and officials.

First, President of UMFCFI U Win Myint made a speech. Afterwards, Secretary of Working Committee U Than Aung clarified the facts for displaying the products in detail, followed a general round of discussion. — MNA

When will TB be eradicated

Dr. Lwin ko

We have each four political, Economic and Social objectives, out of which "Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation is the one from four Social objectives. In the health sector six diseases i.e. Malaria, Tuberculosis, Hypertension, Diabetes mellitus, Gastrointestinal upset, Diarrhoea and Dysentery are the top priorities for our country to treat and to control the spread.

Here, Tuberculosis is one of the oldest infectious diseases still killing five humans in every minute; therefore everybody can imagine the magnitude of its danger. As it is an airborne disease, the spread is too quick, 1/3 of world population is infected i.e. (2000 million people). But luckily only 10-15% of infected persons suffer the disease, about 30 million people are suffering, 2.5 million are dying and 8 million new cases are occurring every year. It is still rising trend generally all over the world.

The following questions may be food for thought and find the cause.

1. Don't we know the cause?

Yes, we know the causative organism (Tubercle bacilli), we can easily detect it from the patient's sputum under the microscope by ZN stain.

We know the signs and symptoms (e.g. low grade fever, night sweat, cough, weight loss etc.) and the whole disease processes, was Everybody's job.

2. Don't we have the Drug to kill the bacilli or to cure the patients?

Yes, we have potent anti-TB drugs (i.e. INH, RIF, PZA, Ethambutol, Streptomycin injection etc.) which can kill the Tubercle bacilli in combination.

3. Don't we know the strategy?

Yes, we have a reliable and granted strategy (i.e. **dots—directly observed treatment short-course-chemotherapy**), which has 70 to 90% cure rate.

4. Don't we have the aim and objective?

Yes, we have a firm aim and objective (ie 75% case finding and 85% cure rate)

5. Is it very surprising? Why is TB in rising trend? The answer is

(a) Magnitude of TB can give the example of iceberg phenomenon (we see only the surface, there is a big mass may be 10 times volume below it).

(a) The other example is a story about 4 people, named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done.

Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody would have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but

Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

6. Do we have any success-light to combat TB in our country?

Yes, we have. Up to end of the year 2003 our effort is slowly progressing but then under the guidance of Ministry of Health (MOH) general practitioners (GPS) take part in the health care programs, therefore dots strategy is now well known among the public. On top of that **GPs act as dots provider** (e.g. 12 in Meiktila township) on behalf of the MOH and Public Service International takes responsibility in refilling the drugs and supervising the works.

General practitioners are the medical personnel, more than half of registered doctors in our country who usually first meet the various patients; so their strength and participation is indeed highly remarkable if their service and zealous efforts share with the public.

7. When could TB be eradicated?

(1) When we particularly know the real magnitude of TB problem,

(2) When we are not like the (4) people in the above story,

(3) When all the health sectors are integrated harmoniously;

(4) When we deeply accept that it is my duty, it is your duty and it is our duty to fight against TB,

(5) When all the medical personnel have the same determination, "Let's spare the cure" and action behind it,

(6) When everybody is aware to go to the doctor when he has cough more than three weeks, and

(7) When public realize, if they suffer they will get free of charge for sputum examination and drugs from **dots provider's service** (GPs)

Then TB prevalence will fall to

* 1:10,000 people in 15 years time, (at this moment our TB prevalence is 1:1000 population).

* 1: 100,000 in 30 years time, and

* 1: 1000,000 in 50 years time.

At that moment we can say TB is eradicated from our land.

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What is service?

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* You don't need to have a college degree to contribute your service.

* **You only need a hearty wish to serve generated by conscientiousness.**

မြန်မာနိုင်ငံအားဆိပ်ယာခြင်း ကျိုးကြောင်း ရေးကော်မတီ

(Growing with Nature-ASEAN's Environmental Challenges)

သဘာဝနှင့်အတူ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှု - အာဆီယံ ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ဆိုင်ရာ စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုများ စတင်ပုံနှိပ်ခြင်းနှင့် ရာစုနှစ်ကမ်းရက်များ

၁။ ဖြည့်စွဲခေါင်းစဉ် (Growing with Nature-ASEAN Environmental Challenges)

(စာတိုက်ပြုစုသူ၏ အဓိကအကြောင်းအရာမှာ "Growing with Nature-ASEAN's Environmental Challenges" ဖြစ်ပါသည်။)

အဆိုပါစာတိုက်ပြုစုမှုသည် အများပြည်သူများ အာဆီယံဒေသတွင်း ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်များကို ပြုပြင်ထိန်းသိမ်းမှုဆိုင်ရာ ကိစ္စများကို သိရှိမှုရရှိရန် စီစဉ်ရေးသားထားပြီး၊ ရင်းနှီးမြှုပ်နှံမှုလုပ်ငန်း၊ ခရီးသွားလာခြင်း၊ လုပ်ငန်းများ၊ ကုန်သွယ်ခြင်း၊ လူမှုရေးနှင့် လူသားအရင်းအမြစ်ဆိုင်ရာ လုပ်ငန်းများ ဖြစ်တင်ဆောင်ရွက်နိုင်စေရန်တို့အတွက် ကျင်းပသည့် အစီအစဉ်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၂။ ဖြည့်စွဲရမည့်အချက်များ အာဆီယံ၏ ပတ်ဝန်းကျင် စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုများကို ဒေသဆိုင်ရာ စာတိုက်ပြုစု/ဖြည့်စွဲမှုတစ်ဆင့် ပိုမိုအာရုံစိုက်လာစေရန်နှင့် ASEAN-COCI အတွက် လိုအပ်သော သတင်းအချက်အလက်များ အဖြစ် သုံးစွဲနိုင်မည့် စာတိုက်များ စုဆောင်းရရှိစေရန်။

၃။ ရွေးချယ်မှုစံနှုန်းများ (Selection Criteria)

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- Composition, Balance, Colour and Organization ကောင်းမွန်မှုမရှိပါ။
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- စာတိုက်ဆရာ၏ ဖော်ပြထားသည့် ရှင်းလင်းတင်ပြချက်ကို ထင်ဟပ်ထားသော စာတိုက် ဖြစ်ရမည်။

၄။ တင်သွင်းရမည့် စည်းကမ်းချက်များ (Entry Rules)

(က) Category A = အသက် ၁၃ နှစ်မှ ၁၇ နှစ်အထိ (ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများ ဖြစ်ရမည်) အထက်တန်းနှင့် တက္ကသိုလ်အဆင့်အထိ ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများ၊

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(ခ) ဝင်ကြေးမရှိပါ။

(ဂ) မိမိနိုင်ငံတွင်း၌ ရိုက်ကူးထားသော Original ပုံဖြစ်ရမည်။ အခြားနိုင်ငံတကာ ဖြည့်စွဲမှုများတွင် ဆုရထားဖူးသော ပုံများမဖြစ်ရ။

(ဃ) အာဆီယံအကြောင်းအရာ (ASEAN message) ကို အထူးဖော်ပြသော ပုံများဖြစ်ရမည်။

(င) 8" x 10" (205 mm x 255 mm) ရောင်စုံစာတိုက်ပုံကို 35 mm Camera ဖြင့် ရိုက်ကူးထားသော Negative ပုံ တွဲ၍ တင်သွင်းရမည်။ တင်သွင်းသော Negative သည် မူရင်း ဖြစ်ရမည်။ (ကျွန်ုပ်တို့ဖြင့် ပြုပြင်ဖန်တီးထားမှု မဖြစ်စေရ)

(စ) ဖြည့်စွဲခေါင်းစဉ် လျှင် စာတိုက်(၄)ပုံအထိ တင်သွင်းနိုင်သော်လည်း တစ်ပုံသာ ဆုရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။

(ဆ) ဖြည့်စွဲပုံအသီးသီး၏ နောက်ကြောတွင် အောက်ပါအချက်များ ပုံတွဲပါရှိရမည်-

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- ဖြည့်စွဲသည့် Passport Size စာတိုက်(၃)ပုံ (နောက်ကျောတွင် အမည်ရေး၍)
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(ဇ) ဖြည့်စွဲခေါင်းစဉ်များ အပ်နှံသည့်နေရာတွင် ဖြည့်စွဲသည့် Application form ကို တစ်ပါးတည်း ရေးသွင်းပေးထားရမည်။

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ဖုန်းနံပါတ်-၂၅၂၄၇၇

၆။ ဆုချီးမြှင့်ခြင်း

(က) ဖြည့်စွဲသည့် (National level)

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- Category A၊ ပထမဆု FEC ၈၀၀၊ ဒုတိယဆု FEC ၆၀၀၊ တတိယဆု FEC ၄၀၀၊ အထူးဆု (၂)ဆု FEC ၃၅၀ စီ။
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China-EU trade enters into rapidly developing stage

BEIJING, 6 Oct — Maintaining the pace of an over 30-per-cent growth of bilateral trade volume, China and the European Union are marching towards the strategic goal that "EU will become the biggest trading and investment partner of China".

In the first eight months of this year, China-EU trade hit 111.64 billion US dollars, up 36.6 per cent year-on-year. Of which, China's exports amounted to 65.47 billion US dollars and imports 46.17 billion US dollars, up 39 per cent and 33.4 per cent respectively, figures from Chinese Customs show.

Last year bilateral trade recorded 125.22 billion US dollars.

China mainly exports to the European Union machinery and electronic products, high-tech products, as well as textile, garments, toys, shoes, bags

and plastic products and imports from it capital-intensive goods, automobile parts, steel, machinery equipment, airplanes, industrial raw material and transport facilities.

On 1 May, 2004, the European Union expanded its member countries from 15 to 25, thus becoming China's largest trade partner and technology provider and the fourth investor. China is the second biggest trade partner of EU.

EU's investment in the Chinese Mainland has ranked the fourth following the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, the United States and Japan. Till the end of August this year, EU had set up 18,000 enterprises in China and its contractual investment totalled up to 71.27 billion US dollars, with the actual investment reaching 40.97 billion US dollars.

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"Mirage" aircraft crash-lands at Mauritius Airport

NEW DELHI, 6 Oct — An Indian Air Force's *Mirage 2000* fighter aircraft crash-landed at Mauritius Airport after taking part in an air show in Port Louis on Monday but the pilot escaped unhurt.

The aircraft, which suffered damages, was being repaired and would be flight-worthy shortly, an IAF Spokesman said here on Tuesday.

According to sources, the aircraft suffered damage as the pilot had not lowered its undercarriage.

The *Mirage* was part of a team of six aircraft flying home from South Africa after taking part in a joint exercise. The airshow in Port Louis attracted some 25,000 spectators.— MNA/PTI

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Car, truck sales fall in Canada

OTTAWA, 5 Oct — Sales of cars and light trucks fell 8.3 per cent in Canada last month despite major incentives that included zero per cent financing and cash back offers, it is reported Tuesday.

Dealers sold 127,204 vehicles last month, down more than 11,000 from September of last year.

Sales fell dramatically at two of the Big Three automakers which include GM Canada, Ford of Canada and DaimlerChrysler. GM Canada sales were off 14.4 per cent from September of 2003, while Ford of Canada said sales were down 16.7 per cent.

DaimlerChrysler reported its September car and truck sales were virtually unchanged from a year ago. GM's and Ford's sales fell despite zero per cent financing offers that ended last Thursday.

Japanese automakers reported a mixed month in Canada. Toyota and Nissan both reported their best ever September sales, while Honda said its sales fell 15.9 per cent. Honda Canada blamed limited inventory following record sales in both July and August.— MNA/Xinhua

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Fire breaks out on Canadian submarine

OTTAWA, 6 Oct — A Canadian submarine off the coast of Ireland was forced to call for assistance from the British Royal Navy after a small fire broke out on board, it is reported here Tuesday.

HMCS *Chicoutimi*, a diesel-electric patrolling submarine, reported a fire on board Tuesday at

around noon. The fire was extinguished within minutes but filled the vessel with smoke. There are reports of three people suffering from smoke inhalation.

According to military sources, it is not known what caused the fire or what damage the ship has sustained.

MNA/Xinhua

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Turkish men fish at the Galata bridge in Istanbul, Turkey, on 29 Sept, 2004. The EU head office is expected to recommend 6 October whether Turkey is ready to begin membership negotiations, a goal that polls show some 70 percent of Turkey favours. —INTERNET

GCC states reach accord on Gulf water link project

KUWAIT CITY, 6 Oct—Electricity and Water Ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states agreed in principle on a water link project and assigned a French company to conduct a feasibility study on it, the *Kuwait Times* reported on Tuesday.

Kuwait's Energy Minister Sheikh Ahmad Fahd al-Sabah said the study will decide if linking the water resources of the six-nation alliance is feasible and practical in addition to the expected costs of the giant project. Sabah, who chaired the meeting, said the project will allow the GCC states to reduce capital spending on water projects and at the same time rely on reliable strategic reserves from other member countries.

He said the project is aimed at allowing each member to reduce the size of its strategic reserve which will consequently reduce investments.

The water link project will enable the GCC states, which have coasts on the Gulf, Red Sea and Arabian Sea, to get water from any of the three sources in case of emergency.

It also aims to boost water strategic reserves in the six nations which are

facing water shortage problems because majority of their territories is arid desert.

According to a UN-sponsored study, shortage in water supplies in the Gulf states is expected to increase to 67 per cent in one decade because of irresponsible use of water.

GCC, a regional political and economic alliance established in 1981, groups Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, the UAE and Qatar. —MNA/Xinhua

Oracle to continue hiring aggressively in India

NEW DELHI, 6 Oct—Enterprise software maker Oracle said on Tuesday it will continue to hire aggressively in India at the rate of 250 people a month.

"We have been hiring 250 people a month in India. In all probability we will continue to grow at this pace," Oracle India's Managing Director Shekhar Dasgupta said at a Press conference where he announced the forthcoming Oracle Open World conference in Mumbai.

"Oracle currently has 6,400 people in India and the new recruitments would be spread across all our functions," he said.

The company has development centres in Bangalore and Hyderabad. "We will continue to consolidate these two centres and have no plans to start a development centre at any other location," Dasgupta said.

He did not disclose the investment that the company would make for expansion.

Dasgupta said Oracle is working to extend the functionalities of its data hub solution to include applications for government departments.

Hub solution that organizes data of companies at one central location five months back. We are running pilots at e-Governance Centre of Excellence and trying to showcase how it can be useful for the government departments," Director at Oracle India S P S Grover said.

He said though many governments have shown interest in Data Hub solution and the uses it can be put to but its adoption may take time. At the two-day Oracle Open World conference, which will be one of the 10 conferences that the company regularly organizes worldwide, latest version of its applications software Oracle E-Business Suite 11i.10 will be one of the key highlights.

At the conference, which is being held in India after five years, the company will focus on key verticals of manufacturing, financial services, government and telecom that it functions in. —MNA/PTI

New chief of ISI appointed

ISLAMABAD, 6 Oct—Lieutenant-General Ashfaq Pervez Kiyani, Corps Commander of Rawalpindi, has been appointed as the new chief of Pakistan's powerful spy agency ISI succeeding General Ahsanul Haq who will take over as Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Military Staff later this week.

Kiyani, who earlier held the post of Director-General of Military Operations, a key assignment involving hotline contacts with Indian Army counterparts to discuss operational issues, was promoted to the post by President Pervez Musharraf. —MNA/PTI

California lowers estimates for future population growth

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct—California, the most populous US state, has sharply reduced its population estimates to about 51 million residents by 2040, seven million fewer than previous forecast, state planners said Monday.

California, currently with about 36 million residents, will continue to grow, but only at about 400,000 people a year, rather than the 600,000 once forecast, said Mary Heim, chief of the State Finance Department's demographic research section.

This is largely because of a decrease in births, particularly among Hispanics. Birth rates have declined among all ethnic

and racial groups tracked by the state, but Hispanic women account for the largest number of births, Heim said.

However, birth rates of Hispanic women have decreased from an average of 3.41 children per mother to 2.6.

"I think you could safely say more than half the reduction is because of the reduced fertility among Latinas," Heim said.

Despite the reduction, California will still have to prepare for a crowded future, said Terry Roberts, a director in the governor's office of planning and research.

"We still have to take care of the people who are here today and who arrive next year, much less 35 years down the line," she said. "And we're already behind."

But Hans Johnson, a demographer at the San

Francisco-based Public Policy Institute of California said the new numbers could have a substantial impact on future demands for public services.

"It's a big story for California's future," he said. "It will have a significant effect on demand for everything from schooling to water and infrastructure and other public services."

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Premier arrives Hanoi to attend fifth ASEM summit

HANOI, 7 Oct — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here on Wednesday afternoon China is willing to promote mutual understanding, trust and the reciprocal cooperation with Vietnam to advance good-neighbourly relations and all-round cooperation.

In a written statement delivered upon his arrival at Noi Bai Airport, Wen said he "expects to have an in-depth exchange of views with Vietnamese leaders on bilateral relations and issues of common concern."

Wen is here on an official visit to Vietnam, his first to the country since he became premier.

During his stay here, Wen will also attend the fifth Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit, which starts officially on

Friday with the addition of 13 new members. The Chinese Government will stick to its peripheral foreign policy of treating neighbours as friends and partners, Wen said.

He said that China and Vietnam, as neighbours, have enjoyed long-term traditional friendship, which, fostered by the older generations of the leadership of both countries, has long been the treasure of the two peoples.

He said Sino-Vietnamese relations have developed smoothly in recent years and that the cooperation has been fruitful under the guiding principle of "long-term stability, facing the future, good-neighbourliness and friendship, and all-round cooperation".

MNA/PTI

Fahrenheit 9/11 waiting for clearance by Censor Board

MUMBAI, 6 Oct—'Fahrenheit 9/11', a documentary film on US President George W Bush Administration in wake of the tragic events of September 11, is still awaiting clearance by the Censor Board in India.

The film by Academy award-winning filmmaker Michael Moore, looks into the reasons why Bush and his inner circle avoided pursuing the Saudi connection to the September 11 tragedy that rocked the United States.

"We were planning to release the film on October 15 in India and had sent the movie to the Censor Board, however, we were orally informed by the Board that the film has been referred to Information and

Broadcasting Ministry", a Paramount Films spokesman, handling the release of the film in India, told PTI.

"They have not so far stated the exact reasons or objections to the film, hence, we are still waiting for communication from the ministry", he said.

However, according to the regional officer of the Censor Board, YN Engineer, "The film has not been sent for referral to the ministry but has been kept aside for review again by a revising committee".

"The film is controversial in nature and hence we want it to be reviewed again. We are just being very cautious about it", he said. —MNA/PTI

SPORTS

Southeast Asian Women's Soccer Tournament enters semifinals

HO CHI MINH CITY, 6 Oct — Vietnam team one drew 1-1 with Myanmar here on Tuesday to secure a semifinal berth in the Southeast Asian Women's Football Championship.

The draw placed the Vietnam team one second in the Group B with five points, ahead of Thailand, who crushed the Maldives 12-0 in the last group match the same day.

Thailand missed the chance to kick to the semifinals after suffering a 1-0 loss to Myanmar in the opening match.

Vietnam team one will meet Vietnam team two, which topped the Group A with nine points, in the semifinal match on Thursday while Myanmar will take on Indonesia in another semifinals. — MNA/Xinhua



Unseeded Thai player Tamarine Tanasugarn, pictured in earlier competition, said she had mixed feelings when she became the first competitor to reach the semi-finals of the Japan Open after her opponent retired hurt. — INTERNET

Tennis star Davenport to retire after this season

BERLIN, 6 Oct — Lindsay Davenport has yet changed her mind of retiring by the end of the year despite the opportunity to be ranked world number one.

"In my mind nothing's changed," said the 28-year-old American ahead of her opening match at the Filderstadt Grand Prix on Wednesday. "I still feel I'm more towards the end of my career than anything else." Davenport, currently ranked two behind France's Amelie

Newcastle face Sporting Lisbon in UEFA Cup

LONDON, 6 Oct — Italian hopefuls Lazio will take on Villarreal, Newcastle United face Sporting Lisbon and two former winners will meet when Schalke 04 play Feyenoord after Tuesday's draw for the group stage of the UEFA Cup.

Inspired by the commercial success of the money-spinning Champions League, this season's UEFA Cup format sees 40 clubs drawn into eight groups of five teams.

Each side will play two home and two away games, with the top three clubs in each group going into a knockout round where they will be joined

by eight teams dropped from the Champions League.

Lazio should have little difficulty emerging from Group E, which also features Middlesbrough on their first foray into Europe, Partizan Belgrade and Egaleo of Greece.

Villarreal captain Quique Alvarez, whose side beat Roma, Celtic and Galatasaray on the way to last season's semi-finals, said: "Lazio and Partizan have had a great history in Europe and, like all English teams, Middlesbrough are guaranteed to be strong."

"But last year we had very tough opponents and we reached the semi-finals. We have to be strong at home and use that as our foundation to reach the next round." Newcastle and Sporting are joined in Group D by Sochaux,

Greek side Panionios and Georgia's Dinamo Tbilisi.

Newcastle's chief operating officer Russell Cushing said: "It's a very competitive group. We know about Sporting Lisbon, having played against them in the Newcastle-Gateshead Cup two months ago (losing 1-0). "Sochaux did very well in the UEFA Cup last season, beating Borussia Dortmund 6-2 on aggregate before going out to Internazionale on the away goals rule."

Feyenoord, who won their second UEFA Cup in 2002, and Schalke, who beat Inter Milan on penalties in the 1997 final, are in Group A with Basel, Hearts and Ferencvaros.

Tuesday's draw in Nyon, Switzerland, left Serie A strugglers Parma in Group B with Turkey's Besiktas, while former European champions Benfica play VfB Stuttgart in Group G and Rangers face Auxerre in Group F. — MNA/Reuters

Mexico hammers St Vincent & Grenadines 7-0

PACHUCA (Mexico), 7 October — Striker Jared Borgetti scored four goals as Mexico hammered St Vincent & Grenadines 7-0 in their World Cup qualifier on Wednesday.

Jaime Lozano also netted twice in a game which marked the international comeback of volatile striker Cuauhtemoc Blanco after a 20-month absence.

Blanco was delighted to be back despite failing to hit the target. "I'm very happy, we didn't get desperate, we knew the goals would come," he told reporters.

Mexico, who are expected to march through

Group C in the second stage of the CONCACAF qualifiers, went top with a maximum of six points from two games, ahead of Trinidad and Tobago on goal difference.

The Caribbean islanders, who fired coach Adrian Shaw last month and brought in Serb Zoran Vranes, kept Mexico to a single goal in the first half, headed home by Borgetti in the 30th minute.

The floodgates opened after the break as Lozano scored twice in nine minutes, the first from a free kick and the second after a one-two with Blanco.

Borgetti then scored a 21-minute hat-trick as he took his tally in the qualifiers to nine goals in four games. Sergio Santana helped himself to number seven.

The Caribbean islanders had Benford Joseph sent off in the 69th minute for a second bookable offence.

The teams meet again in St Vincent on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters

Only one Greek named for 2004 FIFA player of the year

LONDON, 6 Oct — Only one member of Greece's victorious European Championship squad has been named on a 35-strong shortlist for 2004 FIFA player of the year.

Captain Theodoros Zagorakis, who helped guide the Greeks to one of the biggest shocks in football major tournament history in July, has been named but teammates such as striker Angelos Charisteas and top-rated defender Traianos Dellas missed out.

Zagorakis was named player of the tournament after Greece beat hosts Portugal 1-0 in the Euro 2004 final. In contrast, Copa America winners Brazil have five nominees including three-times winner Ronaldo who skipped the tournament in July after a disappointing season with Real Madrid.

Adriano, who replaced Ronaldo in the event in Peru and ended up as top scorer with seven goals in six games, will be one of the favourites for the prestigious trophy to be awarded in December.

The list also includes last year's winner Zinedine Zidane, also of Real Madrid, who has since an-

nounced his international retirement after a disappointing Euro 2004 with France. Zidane won FIFA player of the year in 2003 for the third time.

England's Wayne Rooney, 18, who was arguably the top performer in Portugal before limping out early in a quarter-final defeat on penalties by the hosts, will also be expected to feature high in the judging by a panel of experts.

He enjoyed a hat-trick debut performance for his new club, Manchester United, on his Champions League debut last week in a 6-2 victory over Fenerbahce.

Nominees:

Adriano (Brazil), Roberto Ayala (Argentina), Michael Ballack (Germany), Milan Baros (Czech), David Beckham (England), Gianluigi Buffon (Italy), Cafu (Brazil), Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal), Deco (Portugal), Didier Drogba (Ivory Coast), Samuel Eto'o

(Cameroon), Luis Figo (Portugal), Steven Gerrard (England), Ryan Giggs (Wales), Thierry Henry (France), Zlatan Ibrahimovic (Sweden), Oliver Kahn (Germany), Kaka (Brazil), Frank Lampard (England), Henrik Larsson (Sweden), Roy Makaay (Netherlands), Paolo Maldini (Italy), Pavel Nedved (Czech),

Alessandro Nesta (Italy), Michael Owen (England), Robert Pires (France), Raul (Spain), Roberto Carlos (Brazil), Ronaldinho (Brazil), Ronaldo (Brazil), Wayne Rooney (England), Andrej Shevchenko (Ukraine), Ruud van Nistelrooy (Netherlands), Theodoros Zagorakis (Greece), Zinedine Zidane (France). — MNA/Reuters



Hideki Matsui of the New York Yankees hits the game winning sacrifice fly to score Derek Jeter and beat the Minnesota Twins 7-6 in the 12th inning of Game 2 of the American League Division Series at Yankee Stadium in New York. — INTERNET

Applications invited to MMU, MAEU

YANGON, 7 Oct — The Myanmar Maritime University of the Ministry of Transport will be opened on 1 December 2004 for 2004-2005 academic year. The courses namely BE (Naval Architecture and Ocean Engineering), BE (Marine Engineering), BE (Port & Harbour Engineering), BE (River & Coastal Engineering), BE (Marine Electrical Systems & Electronics) and BSc (Hons) (Nautical Science) will be conducted at the university and the course duration will be five years each.

The Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University of the Ministry of Science and Technology will be opened on 1 December for 2004-2005 academic year. BE (Aerospace-Propulsion & Flight Vehicles), BE (Aerospace Avionics), BE (Aerospace-Electrical Systems and Instrumentation) and BE (Aerospace-Fuel & Propellant Engineering) will be conducted. The course duration will be five years each.

At the Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University, three undergraduate diploma courses—Diploma in Engine & Airframe Technology, Diploma in Avionics Technology and Diploma in Electrical & Instrumentation Technology—will be opened on 1 December 2004 and course duration will be two years each.

Male with following qualification may submit applications to these universities.

(a) The entrant must have above 400 marks in the 2004 matriculation examination and the entrant must have passed the exam with following combinations of subjects:-

(1) Myanmar, English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry and Economics

(2) Myanmar, English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry and History

(3) Myanmar, English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Optional Myanmar

(4) Myanmar, English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Biology

(5) Myanmar, English, Maths, Physics, Chemistry, Geography

(b) To attend undergraduate diploma courses at MAEU, priority will be given to those who passed the matriculation exam for 2004. But those who passed the same exams in previous years may submit applications and they can be chosen. However, those who were dismissed from any universities are not allowed. For the undergraduate diploma courses, the applicants must have above 336 marks in six subjects of the matriculation exam and those must have above 280 marks in the five subjects. Especially, the applicants must take the combination including Maths, Physics and Chemistry.

(c) The applicant must be lawful citizen.

(d) The applicant must have good condition in medical check up.

(e) They must sit personal test.

(f) Those wishing to attend the MMU should fill out the applications issued from the exam supervisor and send the application in the separate envelope to MMU, Thilawa, Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division, from 8 to 22 October, by postal service or in person.

(g) Those wishing to attend the MAEU must send the application in the separate envelope to the University Application Selection Committee of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) by postal service or in person between 8 and 22 October. They must submit copy of marks list issued by Myanmar Board of Examinations. The original one must be brought when they enter the personal test. Those who passed the matriculation exam in 2004 can take the designated applications at the exam supervisors (Heads of BEHS).

(h) Those who passed the matriculation exam before 2004 wishing to attend the diploma courses can take the designated applications at the exam supervisors (Heads of BEHS). And then, the application is to be kept in the separate envelope and to be sent to University Application Selection Committee of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) by postal service or in person. They must also submit copy of marks list. The original one must be brought when they sit the personal test.

(i) To avoid loss of opportunity to join the university, those who cannot enter the two universities should submit applications kept in the University Entrance Envelope to other universities in accord with the rules.

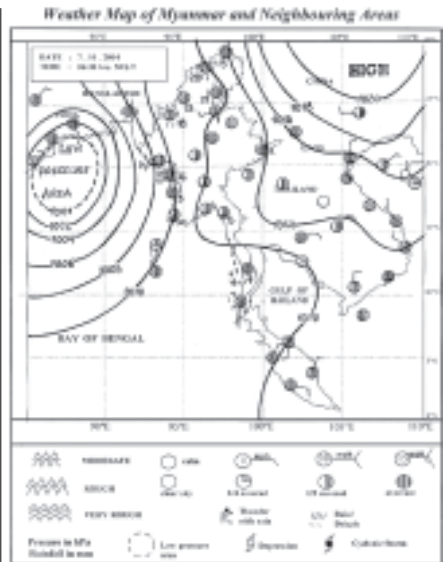
Those wishing to know further information may dial HED (Lower Myanmar) Thaton Road, Kamayut Township, Tel: 503147 and 525612; MMU, Thilawa, Thanlyin Township, Tel: 056-22180/22181/22182/22183/22184; and MAEU, Meiktila, Tel: 064-22201, 064-22202.

MNA

Special storm report

YANGON, 7 Oct — The depression over the West Central Bay of Bengal has gained strength and transformed to a young storm making the sea its centre 320 miles south of Kolkata in India. It is likely that the young storm may intensify and move northeastwards, according to the observations recorded at 15.30 hrs Myanmar Standard Time today.

The effect of the young storm can trigger occasional rain and strong wind along Rakhine Coast and offshore. Surface wind speed in squalls with moderate to rough seas may reach 40 mph. — MNA



WEATHER

Thursday, 7 October, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions and scattered to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Moe Nyin (5.07) inches, Shwegu (2.52) inches, Homalin (2.28) inches and Katha (1.97) inches.

Maximum temperature on 6-10-2004 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 7-10-2004 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 7-10-2004 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 6-10-2004 was (7.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 7-10-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (110.94 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.18 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (108.58 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 6-10-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed in the West Central Bay and it is likely to intensify further into a depression. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 8-10-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Kachin, Chin and northern Shan States, upper Sagaing and northern Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Kachin States and upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Seas will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers in upper Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-10-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-10-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Significant water level bulletin

(Issued at 12:00 hrs MST on 7-10-2004)

The water levels of Chindwin River may rise above the present water levels by about 10 feet at Hkamti, 12 feet at Homalin, 10 feet at Mawlaik and Kalaywa and 8 feet at Monywa during the next (3) to (5) days commencing noon today.

Obituary

Daw Khin Myint Gyi (Aster)

Age 82 years

Ex teacher, Methodist English High School

Eldest daughter of the late U Maung Gale and Daw Nge of Paung, beloved sister of Daw Tin Tin Aye- Dr Rahman, (U Thain Zan), Daw Tin Tin Thein - U Mya Than Lin, Daw Tin Tin Nwe - U Myint Oo, Daw Khin Khin Thet - U Tun Zan, Daw Khin Khin Htwe - U Moy Min and U Ngwe Zoe, Daw Khin Mi Mi, passed away peacefully on the evening of 1st Oct 2004, at her residence 74, 44 th St and was laid to rest at Yay Way Cemetery on 2nd Oct 2004.

Friends and relatives far and near please accept this as the only intimation.

Bereaved Family



Friday, October 8
View on today:

- 7:00 am
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2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ထေရဝံသီဆရာတော် မင်းကွန်းတိပိဋကဓမ္မဘုရား ရာဇသုတ္တံတော်
- 7:55 am
5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:10 am
6. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကစားနည်း
- 8:15 am
7. အတိတ်ပြန်

- 8:20 am
8. The mirror image of the music oldies
- 8:30 am
9. International news
- 8:45 am
10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm
4. အစားသက်တော့သိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယပုဒ် (သတ္တဗျာဒိတအဖွဲ့ပြု) (သတ္တဗျာဒိတ)
- 5:00 pm
5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm
6. ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ ဒုတိယပုဒ်အကြိမ် (၁၂)ကြိမ် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အမျိုး အနား အစု၊ အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် ကာလ ခေါ်ယူခံစားခွင့်ပေးပေး(အစုမြိုင် ပညာ ၁၅-၁၀ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 5:25 pm
7. နည်းစနစ်ပုံနှိပ်အားကစားအဖြစ်
- 5:35 pm

8. လက်ဆွဲကံစမ်းဂီတအား
5:35 pm
9. ဂီတမဟာဓမ္မရော
5:55 pm
10. မြန်မာစာပြန်စာစကား
6:10 pm
11. Song of yesteryears
6:25 pm
12. Discovery
6:30 pm
13. Evening news
7:00 pm
14. Weather report
7:05 pm
15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "လူ့စွန့်လွှဲကောင်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
7:35 pm
16. ဒုတိယပုဒ်အကြိမ် (၁၂)ကြိမ် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အမျိုး အနား အစု၊ အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ ဆွေးနွေးပွဲ (အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ)
8:00 pm
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. "အပြုရန်ဆောင်ဆောင်ရာသီ" (အပိုင်း-၂)
နိုင်းနိုင်း ခန့်စည်သူ၊ အောင်လွင်၊ နိုင်းသုတေသန၊ နိုင်းမြတ်နိုး၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-ညွှန်မြန်မာ့ညီအောင်
21. The next day's programme



Friday, October 8
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music: Falling in love
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music: -Sunshine
8:50 am National news/Slogan
9:00 am Music: -Love fool
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music: -Irresistible
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Luch time music: -The hardest thing -Who do you think you are
9:00 pm World of Music -Song from: Malaysia
9:15 pm Article/Music
9:25 pm Music at your request -So much in love -More than I can say
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Deputy Director-General of IRRI Dr William G Padolina.—MNA

A&I Minister receives officials of FAO and IRRI

YANGON, 7 Oct — Assistant Director-General Dr He Changechui of Bangkok-based Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and party attending the 26th Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry and Senior Officials Meeting and the 4th Meeting of ASEAN+3 called on Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road at 4 pm today.

Similarly, Deputy Director-General of

Philippines-based International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Dr William G Padolina and party also called on the minister at Sedona Hotel later in the evening.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo was accompanied by directors-general and managing directors from the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

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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

Myanmar and Thailand discuss cooperation in drug elimination

YANGON, 7 Oct — The Myanmar-Thai Cooperation in Drug Elimination Meeting was held at the administration hall of the Drug Elimination Museum on Kyuntaw Street in Kamayut Township, this afternoon, attended by Chairman of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, the work group chairmen and secretaries of CCDAC, guests, Secretary-General of Mae Fah Laung Foundation Chief Executive Officer of Doi Tung Development



CCDAC Chairman Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing addresses Myanmar and Thailand Cooperation in Drug Elimination Meeting. HOME AFFAIRS

Project of Thailand Mom Rajawongse Disnadda Diskul and party and Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal. First, Minister for

Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing extended greetings. Afterwards, Chief Executive Officer of Doi Tung Development Project of Thailand Mom

Rajawongse Disnadda Diskul clarified facts on All-around Development Project of Yaungkha Village-tract in Mongsat Township, Shan State

(East) being implemented with the assistance of Thailand starting from 2002 and drug elimination tasks.

Afterwards, Mom

Rajawongse Disnadda Diskul answered the queries raised by those present and the meeting ended in the evening.

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26th Meeting of ASEAN Ministers for Agriculture and Forestry commences



The 26th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 7 Oct — The 26th Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry was launched at the Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister of Industry and Primary Resources Pehin Dato Abdul Rahman Taib of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries Chan Sarun of Cambodia, (See page 10)