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Prime Minister receives heads of delegations to AMAF and AMAF Plus Three

YANGON, 8 Oct —

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received heads of the ASEAN delegations Minister of Industry and Primary Resources Mr Pehin Dato Abdul Rahman Taib of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries Mr Chan Sarun of Cambodia, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forest Dr Memed Gunawan of Indonesia, Minister of Agriculture and Forest Dr Siene Saphangthong of Lao People's Democratic Republic, Minister of Agriculture and Agrobased Industry Tan Sari Dato' Haji Muhyiddin bin Haji Mohd Yassin of Malaysia, Minister of Agriculture Mr Arthur C Yap of the Philippines, Minister of National Development Mr Mah Bow Tan of Singapore, leader of the Thai delegation Thai Ambassador to



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives heads of delegates to 26th Meeting on AMAF and 4th Meeting on AMAF+3 at Zeyathiri Beikman.—MNA

Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr Bui Ba Bong of Vietnam, and heads of delegations of East Asia Plus Three Vice Minister of Agriculture Mr Fan Xiaojian of the Peo-

ple's Republic of China, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries Mr Hiroyuki Kinoshita of Japan and Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forest Mr Hae-Sang Park of the Republic of Korea, Director of the ASEAN Sec-

retariat Dr Azmi Mat Akhir who are attending 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 at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyint-

tha, here, at 9 am today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein,

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

MWAF urged to organize entire womenfolk to become ardent vanguard force in nation-building tasks

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets officials of MWAF

YANGON, 8 Oct — Patron of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met officials of MWAF in the meeting hall of the federation on Thanlwin Road in Bahan Township at 3 pm today and gave necessary in-

structions.

MWAF Patron Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt was welcomed by President of MWAF Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party and officials.

Also present on the occasion were the minis-

ters, the Attorney-General, the Mayor of Yangon, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, President of MWAF Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe,

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets officials of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive together for food security

As Myanmar is an agricultural country, its overall economic strategy has given high priority to the efficiency and development of agriculture, fisheries and forestry sectors. About 70% of Myanmar's population of over 53 million is dependant on the agriculture, fisheries or forestry sectors and production of these sectors has contributed a lot to food security and economic development.

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 were held at Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 7 October and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the opening ceremony and delivered an address on the occasion. In his address, the Prime Minister said that, for regional and global food security, Myanmar is making fully effective use of its natural resources, introducing high-quality and high-yielding strains and transforming from traditional to mechanized agriculture.

Myanmar has a total crop sown area of 41.32 million acres (16.72 million h.a.). Rice production is being intensified by all means so as to meet the requirements of increasing local consumption and international market demand. Traditionally, paddy was grown once a year, mainly as monsoon paddy. With the introduction of the summer paddy programme in 1992-93, rice is being produced throughout the year. Total sown areas of summer paddy reached 2,736,621 acres (1,107,500 h.a.) in 2003-2004.

The fishery sector also plays a pivotal role in the economy of Myanmar, which has a 2800-kilometer-long coastal line. Therefore, it abounds with swamps which are highly suitable bases for aquaculture, including shrimp and prawn culture. In terms of percentage of forests and woodland coverage, Myanmar ranks fifth in the world and retains a substantial coverage of valuable forests, including a major share of the world's teak stock.

With a view to narrowing the economic development gap among ASEAN nations and contributing to ASEAN vision, Myanmar has been cooperating closely with other members and at the same time has been cooperating with FAO and other UN agencies in the fields of agriculture, livestock and fisheries, forestry, environmental protection, regional stability and commerce and trade.

We would like to call on all those responsible for the agriculture and forestry sectors to strive for food security not only for the nation but also for the region and the world in cooperation with ASEAN member nations and the other nations of the world.

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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



INDUSTRY-1 MINISTER RECEIVES TIMBER MERCHANTS: Chairman Mr AK Dhar of Wood Craft International Singapore of Singapore and Chairman Mr Sajjan Bhanxa of Century Plywood of India called on Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung today. The minister receives Singaporean and Indian merchants.

INDUSTRY-1

F & R Minister attends WB & IMF annual conf

YANGON, 8 Oct—The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun arrived back here by air yesterday evening after attending the 59th Annual Conference of World Bank and International Monetary Fund held in Washington DC, the United States, from 1 to 4 October.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, departmental heads, officials and their relatives.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun on 3 October delivered a speech to the annual meeting, which was attended by finance ministers, governors and



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun attending 59th IMF and WB Annual Conference.—F&R

delegates from 184 member nations of the WB and IMF, guests and officials from NGOs.

The Myanmar delegation attended the 37th meeting of ASEAN voting group members and signed the agreement. It also attended the international monetary and finance committee, IDA 14 Replenishment meeting, and meeting of the devel-

opment committee.

During their stay in Washington DC, Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun and party visited Giesecke & Devrient (G & D) at St Regis Hotel. The minister met officials from G & D and Fritz-Werner Co at Frankfurt Airport. The cordial meeting focused on bilateral cooperation for mutual interests.

Members of the del-

egation — Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Director-General of the Foreign Economic Relations Department Daw Myo Nwe, Director of CBM Daw Ohnmar Sein and Assistant Director of the ministry U Aung Myo Win—also arrived back on the same flight.

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D-G of Development Affairs Department inspects regional development tasks

YANGON, 8 Oct — Director-General Col Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Area and National Races and Development Affairs, accompanied by Director of Bago Division (West) De-

velopment Affairs Committee U Soe Lwin and officials, inspected completion of urban and rural development tasks and construction of rural housing on 6 October morning.

First, the director-general fulfilled the re-

quirements at the office of Letpadan Township Development Affairs Committee where the township executive officer reported on the measures of urban and rural development tasks.

Afterwards, the director-general inspected Wethlagyi-Wethlalay Road being constructed by Minhla Township Development Affairs Committee and gave necessary instructions. Next, the director-general inspected the completion of repaving 500 feet long and 12 feet wide Zaygyotan

Road. On arrival at Gyobingauk Township, the director-general met families from rural housing estate and attended to the needs. The director-general then proceeded to Thegon Township and cordially greeted with townelders. Afterwards, he inspected completion of sinking tubewell in Inna village. Later, the director-general arrived at the construction site of six miles long Shwenettaung-Kyeethe Road with the use of heavy machinery and gave necessary instructions. —MNA

Warning of High tide

YANGON, 8 Oct — The Public are hereby informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.05 feet to 21.06 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 14th October to 18th October, 2004.

MNA

1,064 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct — As of Thursday, 7 Oct 2004, 1,064 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 809 died as a result of hostile action and 255 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

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

Since 1 May 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 926 US military members have died — 700 as a result of hostile action and 226 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Thursday.

— The latest deaths reported by the military:

— One US soldier was killed Wednesday in an attack against his convoy in Fallujah.

— One US soldier was killed Wednesday in an attack near Beiji.

— The latest identifications reported by the military:

— Army Staff Sgt James L Pettaway Jr, 37, Baltimore; died Sunday at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, of injuries sustained on 27 Aug in a motor vehicle accident in Fallujah; assigned to the Army Reserves 223rd Transportation Company, Norristown, Pa.

— Army Staff Sgt Richard L Morgan Jr, 38, St Clairsville, Ohio; died Tuesday in Latfiyah of injuries sustained Monday when an explosive detonated near his convoy vehicle; assigned to the Army Reserves 660th Transportation Company, Cadiz, Ohio.

Internet

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One American reconnaissance plane missing in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Oct—The American forces stressed it had lost contacts with the reconnaissance plane which was flying over Haifa Street in Baghdad. One American military spokesman said that the plane sent its last signals yesterday at noon and it is not known yet what happened to it.

One Islamic site on the Internet said in a statement that al-Tawhid Wal Jihad group led by the Jordanian Abu Musab al-Zarqawi downed two American planes in Haifa Street.

In a later development, the American planes bombarded several sectors in al-Sader City in Baghdad, just hours after the Iraqi Interim Prime Minister Eyad Allawi denied reaching an agreement with al-Mahdi army to halt the confrontations in this city.—Internet



An Iraqi man watches a US Army soldier on patrol in Samarra, Iraq, on 6 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

US pressured for withdrawal of 12,500 troops from S Korea

WASHINGTON, 7 Oct — The United States agreed under pressure from South Korea on Wednesday to stretch out over an additional three years until 2008 the withdrawal of 12,500 US troops from that country.

The joint announcement came after Washington had signalled in June that it intended to remove the troops — representing a third of the 37,000-strong US military presence in South Korea — by the end of 2005.

Under the plan, announced after weeks of negotiations, 5,000 US troops will leave South Korea this year, 3,000 next year, 2,000 in 2006 and the final 2,500 in 2007 and 2008.

A Pentagon statement released early on Wednesday stressed that the bilateral consultations “considered the Korean public’s perceptions regarding a potential security gap.”

“We have worked to-

gether closely and there has been give and take,” said one Pentagon official, who asked not to be identified. But the official said Washington stood firm on the total number of troops to be withdrawn as part of a global realignment of American military forces after the Cold War.

The first phase of the withdrawal will come this year when about 5,000 troops of the 2nd Brigade Combat Team will be returned to the United States.

During the second phase in the coming two years, the United States will redeploy 3,000 troops in 2005 and another 2,000 in 2006, the Pentagon said.

In the third and final phase during 2007 and 2008, the United States will bring home 2,500 troops consisting primarily of support units and personnel, the Pentagon announced.

“Throughout these consultations, the United States has made clear that it remains committed to the defence of South Korea, to the security and stability of the region and to a strengthened Republic of Korea-US Alliance,” the Pentagon said.

“The future of the alliance is strong and will be adaptive to change and responsive to the needs of the Korean people.”

MNA/Reuters

Iraq attacks kill two soldiers, injure two

FALLUJAH, 7 Oct — Two US soldiers were killed and two injured in attacks in the Iraqi cities of Fallujah and Bayji, the military said in an e-mailed statement.

Televised images of rocket fire and the sound of gunfire near two central Baghdad hotels where many journalists and private contractors stay were shown on Cable News Network. A fire was burning in the distance. At least two rockets were directed at the Sheraton Hotel, CNN reported. There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage.

US troops have been the frequent target of attacks by guerillas opposed to Iraq’s interim government and the presence of foreign soldiers in the country. Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi has appealed to the international community for help in stopping the violence and aiding a successful vote for planned January elections.

In Fallujah, west of Baghdad, an explosion hit a convoy carrying three soldiers at around 9.45 pm local time yesterday, the military said. Two survivors were hospitalized. The condition of one soldier was described as serious and the other stable, according to the military.

The other soldier was killed and an Iraqi interpreter hurt in an

attack on their patrol late yesterday in Bayji, in northern Iraq, the military said.

A loud explosion was heard near central Baghdad’s so-called Green Zone, a fortified area housing Iraqi government offices and the US Embassy and military headquarters. Sharon Walker, a US spokeswoman, said the cause and location of the explosion were still being investigated.

Walker denied an

Associated Press report that security had been raised in the Green Zone.

The explosion followed the finding of an improvised bomb two days ago in a cafe in the zone, AP said. The bomb, the first to be planted inside the protected area, was disarmed by the military.

The US Embassy issued a warning “strongly” advising American citizens to avoid the cafe and other restaurants in the zone, according to AP.

Internet



An Iraqi boy stands over the rubble of his relative’s house, which was destroyed during an overnight US air raid in the western Sunni city of Fallujah, 8 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

Drive safely

Howard 'disappointed' on Iraq intel

SYDNEY, 8 Oct—Prime Minister John Howard today said he was disappointed the intelligence he used to justify going to war in Iraq was wrong.

He said at the time he believed intelligence stating Iraq had weapons of mass destruction was correct and he used it in good faith in his decision to go to war.

"I believed the intelligence and it's a disappointment to me that that intelligence has not been borne out but it was

there, it was very strong and it was acted on in good faith," Mr Howard told ABC radio.

"You have to make decisions based on the information you have at the time and the information we had at the time justified what we did.

Mr Howard said if Australia was to cut and

run from Iraq and follow Opposition Leader Mark Latham's plan to bring the troops home by Christmas it would create a bad impression of Australia around the world.

"We always have to deal with the evidence and the material we had before us at any given time, none of us are blessed with the

opportunity of hindsight, and I have to deal with the reality of the here and now.

"And the reality of the here and now is what do we do in Iraq now in October 2004, do we cut and run, which is the Labor way, or do we stay and finish the job, which is our way."

Mr Howard said if the Coalition won tomorrow's election he could not give a timeframe of when the troops would be brought home.

"I can't give you an exact time," he said.

"I don't know, when they've finished their job."

But Mr Howard warned he could not guarantee Australians would not be injured in Iraq.

Internet



A US Army soldier guards the entrance to an outpost in Samarra, Iraq, on 6 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

Car bomb kills 10 near National Guard centre in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 7 Oct — A suicide car bomb blew up near a National Guard centre in western Iraq on Wednesday, killing at least 10 people, as US and Iraqi forces struggled to quell guerrillas bent on derailing elections due in January.

An Interior Ministry official said the bomb targeted recruits for the paramilitary force in the town of Anah, 163 miles northwest of Baghdad, near the Syrian border. He said 20 people had been wounded and the death toll could rise.

Witnesses said they saw the car hurtling towards the National Guard centre just before it exploded.

Elsewhere, US and Iraqi forces were pursuing a security sweep in a deadly triangle southwest of Baghdad as part of a strategy to prevent guerrillas from torpedoing the elections.

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw told a news conference in Baghdad he was impressed by the interim government's election preparations and confident the polls would go ahead.

Parts of Iraq have serious security problems, he said. "But there is another story going on of the new Iraq seeking to break out of the oppression and tyranny of Saddam (Hussein) and also from the oppression and tyranny of the terrorists."

There was no sign of the violence easing and no breakthrough in talks between a radical Shiite militia and the government to end nightly clashes in a sprawling Baghdad slum district.

Abdel-Hadi al-Daraji, chief spokesman for guerrillas Iraqi cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, said negotiations were still going on to stop the Sadr City fighting. "There's no deal yet," he told Reuters.

A source close to Sadr said the cleric was demanding that US forces stop shelling Sadr City, stop arresting Sadr's followers, release all senior Sadr aides being held, and rebuild the district, home to some two million people.

The cleric has also demanded reparations be paid for damage done to the area by sustained US attacks in recent weeks.

The source said talks on Wednesday morning had ended inconclusively but would resume later in the day.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesian, Malaysian navies hold joint exercise

JAKARTA, 7 Oct — The navies of Indonesia and Malaysia are holding a co-ordinated patrol in waters off Indonesia's Riau Islands as part of their joint efforts to combat terrorism in the Straits of Malacca, reports said Wednesday.

Around 560 personnel and eight warships belonging to the two navies will be involved in the five-day annual exercise, which will conclude on Friday, said *The Jakarta Post* newspaper.

Indonesian Navy Western Fleet Chief of Staff Commodore Moekhlas Sidiq said the two navies would improve their capabilities in combating sea crimes, including terrorist attacks that could target vessels passing through one of the world's busiest waterways.

MNA/Xinhua

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Freed Indonesian hostages arrive home after Iraq ordeal

JAKARTA, 8 Oct — Two Indonesian women held hostage by an Iraqi militant group have arrived home after a week-long ordeal at the hands of their captors.

The kidnappers had demanded the release of terror suspect and cleric Abu Bakar Bashir, whose new terror trial is expected to begin soon in Jakarta.

But the hostages were freed without any conditions following an appeal by President Megawati Sukarnoputri and by the cleric himself.

The two, Istiqomah Misnad, aged 36, and Casingkem Astin, aged 22, arrived home after transiting in the United Arab Emirates from Iraq.

President Megawati, who had personally appealed to the hostage-takers for their release through Al Jazeera television, received them at the Palace straight from the airport. The two women, who had sought work as domestic helpers in the Middle East, were kidnapped when they were on their way to Iraq from Jordan.

Six Iraqis and two Lebanese believed to be working for foreign companies were seized with them a week ago. — Internet

India, S Korea to make joint efforts to tackle terrorism

NEW DELHI, 7 Oct — Asserting that the fight against terrorism has to be "comprehensive and sustained", India and South Korea on Wednesday agreed to step up joint efforts to tackle the scourge and work closely on UN reforms including making the Security Council more representative and effective.

The two sides agreed to enhance their air connectivity in order to boost trade, tourism and people-to-people exchanges and explore ways for improved shipping links.

Resolving to take their bilateral relationship to a higher level in the 21st Century, the two sides decided to establish a long term cooperative partnership for peace and prosperity and set up a Joint Study Group to enhance economic linkages covering trade in goods and services, investment flows and other areas.

A joint statement issued here at the end of the three-day visit of President Roh Moo-hyun said the two sides will hold "broad-based" foreign policy and security dialogue covering regional and international security issues besides having bilateral, defence and service-to-service exchanges and interaction on

counter-terrorism. Beginning from next year, the dialogue will be held alternately in India and South Korea.

The two sides decided to enhance exchanges and interaction in the defence field. This includes promoting cooperation between their navies, Coast Guards and related agencies in areas like anti-piracy and search and rescue operations.

Underpinning the importance of broadening economic and trade cooperation, the two sides set a target of 10 billion dollars for bilateral trade by 2008.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Indo-Korean joint commission co-chaired by the foreign ministers would be held in Seoul at an early date.

Recognizing Mumbai as an economic and trade centre, Korea has decided to upgrade its office there to a Consulate General at the earliest possible date in 2005. — MNA/PTI



Concerned relatives try to look at their loved ones inside a hospital ward in Baghdad, on 4 Oct. 2004. — INTERNET

Four US soldiers wounded in car bomb blast in Mosul

BAGHDAD, 7 Oct — Four US soldiers were wounded when a car bomb detonated as their convoy was passing by in Iraq's northern city of Mosul Tuesday, the US military said.

The military said the blast occurred at midday at a traffic circle in Yarmouk, wounding the four soldiers who were evacuated to a military hospital in Mosul.

Witnesses said US soldiers then opened fire, killing three civilians in a nearby vehicle, which was denied by the US military.

Guerillas have been waging a 17-month campaign to drive the United States and its allies out of Iraq.

Mosul, located some 400 kilometres north of Baghdad, has witnessed a surge of guerilla attacks in recent weeks. — MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN to synchronize flight schedules within region

JAKARTA, 8 Oct — Leaders of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) are expected to agree on a roadmap that would integrate the region's air travel sector by 2007 during an upcoming summit in Laos next month, an Indonesian official has said.

Eliver Radjagoekgoek, director for regional cooperation under the Ministry of Industry and Trade, was quoted Thursday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying that the region's senior economic officials were scheduled to formalize the plan at a senior official meeting in Hanoi, Vietnam, later this month.

Under the roadmap, the six founding members of ASEAN — Indonesia,

Malaysia, Singapore, the Philippines, Brunei and Thailand — will establish a plan to integrate the air travel industry by 2007, and the four new members — Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar — are set to follow suit by 2012.

One of the expected results of the integration process, according to Eliver, is a synchronized flight schedule, a condition that would enable travellers to reduce waiting time for connecting flights throughout the region,

which in turn would boost travel efficiency and benefit business.

"The harmonized schedule aims to organize flights in ASEAN member countries that would ensure travellers enjoy connecting trips without having to wait for days or even hours," Eliver said. "Integrated air travel would also boost economic activities in the region," he added.

He did not provide further details on the content of the roadmap, but he emphasized that Indone-

sia would not open its skies to foreign airlines to serve domestic routes.

The region's airlines may only enjoy routes between international airports, he said. The integration of the air travel sector is part of the plan by ASEAN countries to accelerate an overall liberalization drive in priority economic sectors in a bid to boost trade within the region and integrate the economies by 2020 similar to the European Union model. — MNA/Xinhua



A US Army soldier passes an Iraqi boy while on patrol in Samarra, Iraq, on 6 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

Fifth ASEM summit opens in Hanoi

HANOI, 8 Oct — Leaders from the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) countries opened their fifth summit here Friday to further push the process of political dialogue, economic cooperation and cultural exchanges between the two continents.

Host country Vietnam's President Tran Duc Luong announced the opening of the fifth ASEM summit at the opening ceremony held at the Ba Dinh Hall in Hanoi.

"I sincerely wish our summit meeting success, meeting the expectations of the people on our two continents," Tran Duc Luong said at the ceremony which started with a music performance. He said ASEM 5 has the significant mandate to work out suitable measures and steps to reach the goal reflected in its overarching and consistent theme, "Further Revitalizing and Substantiating Asia-Europe partnership".

"The Hanoi summit should convey a strong message of the leaders' determination, long-term vision and commitment to concrete actions so as to bring the ASEM process to a new development state toward a comprehensive Asia-Europe partnership," he said.

Attending the meeting are leaders from 13 Asian states — China, Japan, South Korea and the 10 members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) — and the 25 members of the

European Union (EU) as well as the European Commission.

Among them are leaders from 13 new members of ASEM, Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar from ASEAN and the 10 new member states of the EU. The 13 nations were officially admitted to ASEM on Thursday.

The leaders are expected to discuss issues such as fight against terrorism, the United Nations' role measures to strengthen Asia-Europe partnership through concrete programmes and cooperation plans, as well as cultural exchanges between the two continents.

The two-day meeting is expected to adopt a declaration on closer ASEM economic partnership, a declaration on dialogue among culture and civilizations and a chairman's statement.

ASEM is an informal process of dialogue and cooperation between Asia and Europe with an objective of strengthening the relationship between the two regions. Since its founding in Thailand in 1996, ASEM has held its summit every two years alternating their location between Asia and Europe. — MNA/Xinhua

Record number of Californians believe US on wrong track

LOS ANGELES, 7 Oct — A record number of US voters in the populous state of California believe that the country is headed in the wrong direction, according to a Field Poll released on Wednesday.

About 58 per cent of Californians believe the country is on the wrong track, as their concerns over terrorism, the war in Iraq and the economy mount, the poll shows.

The percentage is more than any time since President George W. Bush took office nearly four years ago. In December 2001, 68 per cent of Californians said the nation was headed in the right direction.

And Bush continues to receive record-low approval ratings in California, with 54 per cent saying they disapprove of how Bush is doing his job. Bush lost in California in last presidential campaign four years ago.

The poll was drawn from interviews with 640 registered California voters between September 30 and October 4. It had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.6 percentage points. — MNA/Xinhua

Car bomb kills two Iraqis* in Ramadi

BAGHDAD, 7 Oct — Two Iraqis were killed and at least four wounded in a car bombing targeting a US military convoy in the western city of Ramadi on Tuesday, witnesses said.

They said the blast occurred in the centre of the Sunni Muslim city, causing no damage to the convoy.

The US military had no comment on the incident.

Ramadi, some 100 kilometres west

of Baghdad, has long been a hotbed of unrest and is one of the guerilla cities that US and Iraqi forces have to crack down if nationwide elections are to go ahead on time in January, 2005.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi family watches US Army soldiers leaving Samarra, Iraq, on 7 Oct, 2004. The troops returned to their base outside of the city, six days after an incursion by US and Iraqi forces. — INTERNET

Oil pipeline explodes south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 7 Oct — An oil pipeline in the area of Abu Gharaib, south of Baghdad, was exploded by anonymous men on Tuesday, witnesses told *Xinhua*.

"An explosive device was planted under an oil pipeline from Kirkuk, 275 kilometres north of Baghdad, to Al Dora refineries in Baghdad, and it exploded Tuesday afternoon burning the pipe and columns of smoke rose in the air," said the witnesses.

They pointed out that the explosion took place in the region of Al

Smailat, an outskirt of Abu Gharaib, adding the casualties or losses made by the explosion could not be estimated and no one could decide the party carrying it out.

The witnesses said that the fire brigades arrived at the site to try to put out the fire, which is still burning.

The Iraqi oil institu-

tions had suffered more than 130 attacks by anonymous elements since the toppling of the former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein in 2003.

The attacks sometimes caused the stopping of exporting oil, leading to sharp shortages in oil products in many areas in Iraq, including Baghdad.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEM Hanoi Summit a "landmark" meeting

BRUSSELS, 7 Oct — The European Commission (EC) said here on Tuesday the 5th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) summit, to be held on 8-9 October in Hanoi of Vietnam, is a "landmark" meeting for the Asia-Europe relations.

"The summit will celebrate the enlargement of ASEM to include 39 partners, including the 10 new members of the EU, and three new members on the Asian side: Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar," said the executive arm of the European Union (EU) in a Press release.

EC president Romano Prodi and European Commissioner Pascal Lamy will attend the meeting, said the latest edition of Brussels-based *European Voice*.

The newspaper quoted Balkenende's spokesperson Gerard Van der Wulp as saying that "Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker of Luxembourg is to replace Balkenende as president-in-office of the Council of the EU for the summit."

According to the EC, during the two-day meeting, ASEM leaders will address international developments, global challenges and regional developments in Europe and Asia.

"A particular theme

will be how to deepen a common commitment to a multilateral approach to international relations and to reform of the United Nations system.

The Asia-Europe economic partnership and recent developments at the World Trade Organization (WTO) will also be discussed," said a Press release of the EC.

Launched in Bangkok of Thailand in 1996 between the then 15 EU

member countries, the EC, and 10 Asian countries (Brunei, China, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Thailand and Vietnam), the ASEM process has developed into a wide-ranging strategic dialogue between the two continents.

The next ASEM summit is programmed to occur in 2006 in Helsinki of Finland.

MNA/Xinhua

ISF urges closer cooperation to improve world security

GENEVA, 7 Oct — An international forum on Wednesday urged much closer international cooperation to improve world security and cope with the challenges of post-conflict situations.

The Sixth International Security Forum (ISF), which ended Wednesday in Montreux, Switzerland, concluded that human security has decreased in many parts of the world since the end of the Cold War.

Warfare, civil strife and unrest are too often escalating into regional conflicts while terrorism and organized international crime have gone global in recent years, the statement said.

The ISF, organized under the auspices of the Swiss Partnership for Peace Programme, is one of Europe's most respected security policy meetings. — MNA/Xinhua

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A lone fire track tries to fight a massive fire on an oil pipeline west of Baghdad, on 5 Oct, 2004. Guerillas blew up the pipeline. — INTERNET

US inspector finds Iraq had no WMD before US invasion

WASHINGTON, 7 Oct — The chief US weapons inspector in Iraq said Wednesday that Iraq had no weapons of mass destruction (WMD) before the US-led invasion of the country in March 2003.

Charles Duelfer, head of the Iraq Survey Group, also said in briefings to Senate committees that he found former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's weapons' capability was decaying after 12 years of UN sanctions, in sharp contrast to statements by President George W Bush and Administration officials before the US launched the war last year.

Bush and senior administration of-

ficials claimed repeatedly before the war that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction and was an immediate threat, a major reason he cited to launch the war, in which over 1,000 US soldiers have been killed so far.

Duelfer, the CIA special adviser who led the WMD hunt in Iraq, said he did not expect that militarily significant WMD stocks were cached in the country.

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Indian Minister says "comprehensive policy" to tackle hostage issues

NEW DELHI, 7 Oct — Having successfully handled the 42-day Iraq hostage crisis in which three Indians were taken captive by a terror group, Junior Federal Minister for External Affairs E Ahamed on Wednesday advocated a "comprehensive policy" to deal with such exigency.

"We must have a comprehensive policy to deal with hostage situations. It should be in tune with our stated policy of not negotiating with the kidnappers," Ahamed, who headed the Crisis Management Group (CMG) during the crisis, told *PTI* here.

Describing as "complicated" the process of getting the three Indian drivers employed with a Kuwaiti transport company released in Iraq, he emphatically denied that the government had paid a ransom for their release.

Antaryami, Tilak Raj and Sukhdeo Singh were abducted in Iraq by a militant group 'Islamic Secret Army - Holders of Black Banners' on 21 July along with four foreigners and were released on September One after their employers KGL paid up to one million dollars to the abductors.

Pointing out that about 5,000 Indians were still working in Iraq, Ahamed said the government has advised them to return in view of the "prevailing security situation" there.

"We cannot force them to come back but if they want to return, our Mission will help them," the minister said.

He noted that the Indian Embassy in Iraq had prepared a list with ad-

resses of all the Indians in that country.

The government has also taken measures to prevent others from going to Iraq, he said, adding these include putting of stamp 'not valid for travel to Iraq' on passports of those travelling to Kuwait and Jordan. The government has also sought cooperation of Kuwait and Jordan to prevent Indians from crossing over to Iraq, a measure motivated out of concern for their safety and security.

On some complaints of misuse of 'single woman visa' by those going to Gulf countries, Ahamed said the government would be constrained to reconsider its liberal policy in this area to prevent exploitation of the fair sex.

"The government is under obligation to ensure the welfare and well-being of our nationals abroad and see they are not put to any hardships," he said. The minister, who returned from a three-day visit to Uzbekistan on Monday, said the government wanted to enhance its cooperation with the Central Asian countries.

Ahamed, who attended the 100th birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri in Tashkent, visited a school named after the late leader there. — MNA/PTI



A US Army soldier patrols in Samarra, Iraq, on 6 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greets a delegates to 26th Meeting of AMAF and 4th Meeting of AMAF+3 at Zeyathiri Beikman. (News on page 1)— MNA



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Leading Committee for Organizing 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day meets

YANGON, 8 Oct—The Leading Committee for Organizing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day held its first coordination meeting at the hall of Yangon Command at 2.30 pm today with an address by Chairman of the Leading Committee member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Management Committee for Organizing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Chief of Staff (Navy) Captain Nyan Tun, Judge-Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Vice-Chiefs of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Win Myint and Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein, Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, senior military officers from the Leading Committee, the Management Committee, the Work Committee and the subcommittees, the Direc-

tor-General of Myanmar Police Force, heads of department and guests.

In his address, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that the meeting held today is the first of its kind for ensuring the successful holding of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day; that the successful holding of the Armed Forces Day parade annually is for the State and the Tatmadaw something to be proud of; that the respective committees are to make relentless efforts to be able to hold the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day ceremony on a grander scale than that of previous years; that priority is to be given to better parade, management and assistance, welfare and thrift; that those present are to discuss and suggest matters related to successful holding of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day ceremony on a grand scale.

Afterwards, Secretary of the Leading Committee Vice-Adjutant-General Col Khin Soe read resolutions of coordination meeting on work reviewing of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 59th Anniv-

sary Armed Forces Day.

Next, Chairman of Management Committee for Organizing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe reported on work to be carried out by the Management Committee. The Chairmen of the Committee, the Work Committee and the subcommittees and officials reported on measures to be taken committee-wise.

Next, the Director-General of MPF and officials of Fire Services Department and Myanmar Red Cross Society reported on arrangements for participating in the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Parade.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Chairman of the Leading Committee member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win.

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Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win addresses first coordination meeting of Leading Committee for Observance of 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.— MNA

Press conference on 26th AMAF and the 4th AMAF +3 held AMAF delegates visit Agricultural Museum

YANGON, 8 Oct — The Press Conference on 26th Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry and the 4th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this afternoon. Present on the occasion were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo who acted as master of ceremonies at 26th AMAF and the 4th AMAF plus three and delegates to the meeting.

At the conference, Director of the Agricultural Planning Department U Tin Htut answered the queries raised by those present.

After the press conference, delegates of AMAF & AMAF +3 led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo later in afternoon visited Agricultural Museum, Exhibition on International Year of Rice 2004 in Myaypadetha Park, Kandawgyi Natural Garden and Bogyoke Park.

At the Agricultural Museum, Maj-Gen Htay Oo presented books and pam-

phlets on International Year of Rice 2004 to the visitors.

Next, Maj-Gen Htay Oo also presented awards to three experts of International Rice Research Institute- IRRI. On behalf of Dr Mark A Bell who earnestly supported Myanmar paddy experts, Dr William Padolina accepted the prize of honour. Similarly, Mr Dancan Macintosh accepted the prize on behalf of Dr Edwin L Javier who helped Myanmar experts in producing new strains. Next, Maj-Gen Htay Oo awarded Dr Ronald J Buresh for his support in systematic utilization of fertilizer. Dr William Padolina spoke words of thanks and presented a document related to IRRI-Myanmar cooperation to Maj-Gen Htay Oo.

Afterwards, the delegates to 26th AMAF and 4th AMAF+3 viewed the booths on International Year of Rice 2004, agriculture and agricultural machinery at the museum. They also visited Education Zone and Fresh Water Fish Garden in Kandawgyi Garden and Central Forest Zone of the Forestry Department in Bogyoke Park. — MNA

MWAF urged to organize ...

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Vice-Presidents Prof Dr Daw May May Yi, Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and Daw Khin Khin Win, General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win and secretariat members, leaders of the working groups, those in-charge from states and divisions and officials.

MWAF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe reported that the tasks carried out during the period of seven months from March to 30 September 2004 are going to be presented today. Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was instituted on 20 September 2003 to extensively carry out the activities of Myanmar women, to develop Myanmar women's sector and to form a Myanmar women's force. The federation was formed together with central women's affairs organizations under the supervision of honorary patrons and patrons, and it is carrying out the tasks in accord with its basic rules and regulations.

After the formation of the federation, the president and the vice-presidents had been conducting field trips to the states and divisions and they managed to reach out to all the regions in mid-March.

The plenary meeting of state and division organizations for women's affairs was successfully convened on 28 and 29 March at Myanmar Convention Centre this year under the aegis of MWAF. She continued to say that the new building of MWAF was opened on Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, on 8 May this year. In May, women's sector development courses No 7 and No 8 were conducted at the Central Institutes of Civil Service (Phaunggyi and Upper Myanmar) of Civil Service Selection and Training Board. The opening ceremonies of the courses in which facts about the MWAF were lectured were attended by the president and the vice-presidents.

Led by the MWAF president and the vice-presidents, the activities and functions of the MWAF were explained at 27 ministries from 23 June to 8 October 2004. To hail Myanmar Women's Day which fell on 3 July 2004, the tree planting ceremonies and Myanmar Women's Traditional Costume Show were held, she said. The Myanmar Women's Day was celebrated on 3 July morning at the IBC and the sports skill demonstration of women was given at Thuwunna National Indoor Stadium-1.

Regarding the international relations, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe said the federation received officials of NGOs from foreign countries and those of UN agencies. Besides, the president and the vice-presidents of MWAF

received Social Affairs Committee Chairperson of Vietnam National Congress Mrs Nguyen Thi Hoar Thu and members and discussed with them matters related to the activities of Myanmar women's sector and prevention against human trafficking. According to the data sent by state and division organizations for women's affairs and the ministries, there have been altogether 13,51,535 members, she added.

As regards the future work of the federation, MWAF will participate in the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiatives Against Trafficking (COMMIT) Ministerial Level Meeting which is to be hosted by Myanmar in October this year under the supervision of the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Moreover, the ASEAN Committee on Women (ACW) Meeting will be held in November 2004 in Myanmar and the federation will participate in it alongside Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs.

In his discussions, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that according to the presentations at the meeting, the MWAF has a membership strength of over 1.3 million. It was formed systematically and has been realizing its aims and visions in accord with the principles. All the members from the central to the basic levels understand the aims and visions of the federation well, and are working actively to realize them. The federation will have to protect, help, educate and organize the womenfolk and to implement its aims earnestly. The federation should organize the whole womenfolk representing 50.3 per cent of the population to become an ardent vanguard force of the nation-building task. It should cooperate with the NGOs to stand firm and consolidated as a body serving the interest of the nation and the people. The MWAF is in progress in extending its organizational setup at present, and the subordinate working groups should carry out their tasks energetically.

Of all the working groups, working group of Trafficking in Women and Children, working group of Violence against Women, working group of Rehabilitation and Reintegration, working group of Girl-Child, working group of Nationalities Affairs, and working group of Culture are required to work effectively. Other groups including working group of Education, working group of Health, working group of Economy, working group of Media, working group of Environment, working group of Administration and Finance, and working group of Disciplinary Concerns will have to implement their task sector-wise.

The MWAF has already been a consolidated



MWAF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe reports endeavours and future plans of MWAF.— MNA

body in the central. It will have to consolidate its subordinate bodies at state/division, district, township and ward/village levels as well and to improve itself from quantity to quality.

As the open season comes, the executive committee members of the central should tour the states and divisions to hold roundtable discussions, educating and organizing ECs at different levels, members and local women to have correct concept and belief, firm objectives, and to become qualified persons. In addition, they will have to extend their organizational activities, while carrying out the task to curb trafficking in persons and prevent violence against women, to educate and nurture girls, to consolidate national unity, and to preserve traditions and culture. The federation should strive to become a body providing all-round assistance for the entire womenfolk. It should open vocational training schools, especially for needy women, and also short-term education courses for girls.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged all the members of the working groups at different levels to pay serious attention to developing the women's sector in all fields and ensuring security for women in accord with the principles laid down by the MWAF.

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NCCMC Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung presents health assistance to a National Convention delegate at Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed).— MNA

NCCMC Chairman and party comfort National Convention delegates at DSGH

YANGON, 8 Oct — Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and committee members went to Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) in Mingaladon this afternoon.

They were welcomed there by Deputy Commandant Cardiac Specialist Col Aung Kyaw Zaw and officials.

Next, Maj-Gen Lun Maung comforted delegates to the National Convention U Mahn Tin Aung Than of Political

Parties Delegates Group and U Than Htaik, Dr Tint Wai and Dr Myint Thein of National Races Delegates Group who are undergoing medical treatment at the hospital.

Maj-Gen Lun Maung and party left the DSGH at 4 pm.

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Coord Meeting on National Leprosy Elimination held

YANGON, 8 Oct — The Sixth Coordination Meeting on National Leprosy Elimination was held at Hotel Nikko, here, on 5 October morning.

Present were officials of the departments

under the Ministry of Health, representatives of WHO and international and local social organizations members.

Deputy Director-General Dr Ye Myint of the Health Department

delivered a speech. Then, officials of WHO and Sasakawa Memorial Health Foundation gave speeches. Next, the meeting drew the future plan for 2005 and sought the approval.— MNA

Coord meeting on Myanmar-China deputy ministers' level meeting for fighting transnational crimes held

YANGON, 8 Oct — The first work coordination meeting for holding the deputy ministers' level meeting for fighting transnational crimes to be held in 2005 between the Ministry of

Home Affairs of the Union of Myanmar and the Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China was held at Mya Yeik Nyo Royal Hotel, here, yesterday morning.

Present were Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Police Maj-Gen Mr Zhang Chongde of the Ministry of Public Security of China and officials.— MNA

Finance and Revenue team moves into final

YANGON, 8 Oct — The Finance and Revenue Football Club of Myanmar dazzled in their maiden appearance on Indian soil, scripting a convincing 3-1 win over Mohammedan of India to move into the final of the 110th Indian Football Association (East Bengal)

Shield football tournament in Kolkata yesterday evening.

The Finance and Revenue led with a goal scored by Aung Kyaw Moe in the first half. In the second half, Kyaw Thura hit the second and Myo Hlaing Win added a spot kick. Naushad another

through Moosa converted a penalty to the net the only goal for the losers. The Finance and Revenue will meet the winner of the match between East Bengal and Mohan Bagan teams in the semi-final match to be held on 10 October.

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Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents model hostel award to No 4 hostel of No 4 women's company through a trainee. — MNA

Entire national people...

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ministers, the Deputy Auditor-General, members of the CSSTB, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, the Rector of the institute, deans, faculty members and teacher trainees.

The Secretary-2 in his speech said that the trainees had pursued appropriate studies in connection with the education sector to a certain degree during the course. So, the trainees, after arriving back at respective

children is going up yearly, and according to the figure collected across the nation in 2004-2005, nearly cent per cent school-age children are attending the classes.

This achievement depicts considerable progress in the education sector of the nation. The Secretary-2 expressed his belief that with the participation of the entire people, the education promotion plans can be accomplished thoroughly due to the good volition and interest of the citizens in the education field.

In this regard, the

The enrolment rate of 5-year old children is going up yearly, and according to the figure collected across the nation in 2004-2005, nearly cent per cent school-age children are attending the classes.

mother units, would be able to disseminate the knowledge and experiences gained from the course to education staff and the people as well as to effectively and actively perform duties with the use of such knowledge and experiences. Now is a time when the education plans are put into motion through combined efforts of the entire people without regarding that such tasks are concern of the Ministry of Education alone. In other words, it can be witnessed that entire national people are harmoniously and energetically participating in the national education pro-motion programme.

The assistance of the State and the wellwishers to the project for ensuring enrolment of all school-age children is on the increase year by year. The donations in the 2004-2005 fiscal year stand at nearly K 900 million, up from over K 290 million in 2002-2003 and over K 560 million in 2003-2004 fiscal year. The enrolment rate of 5-year old

role that teachers are playing to hit the target becomes more important. Teachers need to be model ones who are held in high esteem by new generation youths. However, the teachers responsible for shaping the brighter future of new generation youths are to be aware that if they lacked being active, thinking power and knowledge in the education sphere, their students' future will be uncertain and they would be far away from destinations.

Overall, under the national education policy, teachers are not only to teach and guide their students but also to nurture them to be able to build up their knowledge and to be equipped with fine characteristics, diligence, discipline, patriotism and Union Spirit. Teachers are to uphold such responsibilities regarding them as noble duties.

At a time when the Government has been implementing the policies, lofty aims and plans for

elevating the national education standard and the people, taking part in these tasks actively, the teachers, on their part, are to try their best to be competent educational staff with firm belief, concept and moral uprightness as well as to help achieve the national education goal.

Only when, can the nation be transformed into a peaceful, modern and developed nation with the use of strengths of the future education. With broader knowledge, education and reasonable power of the people, a new nation will be built and safeguarded, and there will flourish genuine democracy based on deterrent principles of shame and fear in the nation.

Thus, teachers are to place emphasis on making their pupils to be educated, qualified and of good morale, while nurturing themselves to be imbued with knowledge and capability, keeping pace with changes and developments.

Meanwhile, they are to organize and guide the whole society to become a constant learning society. The Government has laid down 12 political, economic and social objectives and is implementing them with the aim of ensuring Our Three Main National Causes — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. Those three main causes are the soul of the entire national people who are equipped with patriotism and spirit of cherishing the State.

Therefore, teachers are to make the pupils clearly know the peace and tranquillity of the Union, the strength of national solidarity and the value of sovereignty.

Those basic principles that are to be accepted by the entire national people are to be handed down up to the posterity.

At a time when internal and external destructive elements are manufacturing fabricated news, it is incumbent upon the entire national people to be imbued with Union Spirit to firmly lay down the foundation of national solidarity.

In conclusion, the Secretary-2 called on teachers to make strenuous efforts for their schools to enjoy further progress, for regional development, for the people to equip with knowledge as well as to strive for successful realization of the seven-point future policy programme of the State by doing their bit, accepting that they are the ones who are engaged not only in teaching but also in

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nurturing and serving the interest of the society.

Next, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented model training awards to JAT U Aung Kyaw Myo of Shwegu BEHS (Branch), Danubyu Township and JAT Daw Wa Wa Naing of Samalauk BEHS,

Nyaungdon Township, diligence trainee awards to Headmaster U Sein Tun of Kyahton BEPS in Kayan Township, JAT Daw Nwe Nwe Win of South Okkalapa BEPS No 18 and PAT Daw Than Ngwe of Kamayut BEHS No 5.

Afterwards, the

Secretary-2 presented model hostel award to the hostel-4 of the women company-8 and certificates to the trainees through leaders and deputy leaders of the trainees.

Later, the Secretary-2 accepted K 227,170 for religious, education and social affairs donated by the trainees and gave away a certificate to them. After the ceremony, the Secretary-2 cordially conversed with the trainees and left the institute later in the morning.

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delegation Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Dr Bui Ba Bong of Vietnam, East Asian partners heads of the delegations Vice Minister of Agriculture Mr Fan Xiaojian of the People's Republic of China, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries Mr Hiroyuki Kinoshita of Japan and Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forest Hae-Sang Pak of the Republic of Korea, Director of the ASEAN Secretariat Dr Azmi Mal Akir and delegation members.

First, Meeting Chairman Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo delivered an address. Next, the deputy ministers from three partner countries from East Asia extended greetings.

Sectoral cooperation among the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry and three partner countries were coordinated.

The meeting approved the report and recommendations of the chairman of SOM-AMAF+3 on the ASEAN+3 cooperation activities. Next, the participants considered new project proposals: Young farmer training programmes in Japan, the People's Republic of China and the Republic of Korea; Seminar for directors-general of agricultural policy bureau of ASEAN countries; Training course on plants breeder's rights; Training course on automatic irrigation water management for rice farming; Study tour on agriculture development in China for senior officials leaders and officers from

ASEAN plus three countries, China 2005; Seminar on agro-products quality and safety for ASEAN plus three, China 2005; training course on the HPAI control technologies for ASEAN plus three countries, on 16-25 October 2004, China; and ASEAN plus three cooperation on the control of bird flu.

Those present took part in the discussions.

Next, they issued the Joint Press Statement of the meeting. And, they approved to hold the 5th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three to be held in the Republic of Philippines and the meeting concluded successfully in the afternoon.

In the evening, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo hosted a dinner in honour of the delegates to the meeting at Sedona Hotel. — MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects use of electricity at Ahlon Power Station. — MNA

Use of electricity at depts, offices inspected

YANGON, 8 Oct — Chairman of Supervisory Committee for Utilization of Power and Fuel Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, accompanied by Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Win Myint, Secretary of the committee Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials, inspected efficient use of

the electricity at the Ministry of Electric Power, Ahlon Power Station, the Auditor-General's Office, the Ministry of Transport, the Ministry of Rail Transportation and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and supply of power in Yangon City yesterday evening.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that he inspected efficient use of electricity at the ministries, offices, departments, universities, degree colleges, colleges, institutes, factories and

workshops, industrial zones and public sites. To be able to supply power to townships round the clock, he stressed the need to use power at respective worksites in line with their nature and tasks are to be carried out with the help of natural light. In so doing, relevant facts are to be clarified to all the employees.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win saw over power consumption in townships of Yangon City by car and gave necessary instructions to officials. — MNA

Joint Press Statement of 26th AMAF

The following is the joint press statement of the 26th meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry on 7 October 2004, Yangon, Myanmar.

1. H.E. General Khin Nyunt, the Prime Minister of Myanmar, officially opened the Twenty-sixth Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (AMAF) which was held on 7 October 2004 in Yangon, Myanmar.
2. The Meeting was chaired by H.E. Major-General Htay Oo, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar and H.E. Mr. Arthur C. Yap, Secretary of Agriculture, the Philippines was the Vice-Chairman.
3. The Ministers exchanged views on the global and regional situation and recent economic developments related to the food, agriculture and forestry sector.
4. In view of recent outbreaks of bird flu i.e. Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) in some ASEAN Member Countries, the Ministers agreed to establish a Task Force under the ASEAN Sectoral Working Group on Livestock to coordinate cooperation for the control and eradication of HPAI in the region. Recognizing the potential adverse impact of HPAI on global public health, poultry production, trade and economic development, the Ministers urged the Senior Officials (SOMAMAF) to implement this activity as soon as possible. The first meeting of the Task Force will be held in Singapore.
5. The Ministers emphasised the importance of food safety in the region and agreed on regional food safety standards. In this regard, the Ministers endorsed an additional 86 maximum residue limits (MRLs) of 8 pesticides for various vegetables, fruits, and cash crops which are being traded widely among ASEAN Member Countries. Thus, the total number of MRLs that have been endorsed, to-date, is 455, involving a total of 36 pesticides.
6. The Ministers stressed the importance for ASEAN to stay united and adopt common stands for policy deliberations in overcoming many barriers to trade in ASEAN's food, agriculture and forest products. To achieve this, the Ministers were hopeful that the establishment of the ASEAN Food Safety Network should provide better coordinated efforts for ASEAN to help resolve

recurring problems of non-tariff barriers encountered in the trade of food and agricultural products. Thailand, as the lead country, had developed the website (www.aseanfoodsafetynetwork.net) to provide useful information on food safety. In the area of forestry, the establishment of an ASEAN Ad-hoc Experts Working Group on International Forest Policy Process (EWGIFPP) should help to serve as a dialogue mechanism for regional cooperation in the implementation of the international forest regime.

7. The Ministers also agreed to the proposed establishment of ASEAN Animal Health Trust Fund, aimed at undertaking all efforts to make the ASEAN region free from Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) and other transboundary animal diseases. The Fund will facilitate the implementation of unified and harmonized animal health programmes within the ASEAN region.
8. The Ministers recognized the significant role and function of the Southeast Asian Fisheries Development Center (SEAFDEC) in the promotion of sustainable fisheries in the ASEAN region, and expressed their appreciation to SEAFDEC and Japan for their contributions. In particular, the Ministers acknowledged the success of the "Seminar on ASEAN-Japan Cooperation for Sustainable Fisheries through SEAFDEC", which was held on 3-5 December 2003, Tokyo, Japan, for commemorating the ASEAN-Japan Exchange Year 2003. The Ministers endorsed the Statement from the Seminar including the ASEAN Vision: "To be a leader in Sustainable Tropical Fisheries for the People", and agreed that ASEAN-Japan cooperation in fisheries through SEAFDEC, should be further strengthened.
9. The Ministers endorsed the ASEAN statement on the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) to develop regional solutions to implement CITES for presentation at the 13th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES to be held on 11 October 2004 in Bangkok. The Statement acknowledged the need for closer cooperation among national agencies, strengthening enforcement, encouraging scientific research and trade monitoring; and urging potential donors to provide technical and financial supports.
10. As this year is declared International Year of Rice (IYR), the Ministers commended all Member Countries for their undertaking activities to

commemorate IYR in their respective countries.

11. Recognising the importance of rice to the region, and the need for further support for rice research, the Ministers urged international donors to strengthen their support to the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI). It is envisaged that enhanced ties in specific areas of cooperation should provide benefits to the region's rice farmers and consumers.
12. In support of the United Nations' Millennium Development Goals and in recognition of the International Year of Rice 2004, the Ministers endorse a ten year, three point plan focussing on the vitally important rice production challenges of water scarcity, global warming and inadequate human resources. ASEAN and its partners invite the International Rice Research Institute and other concerned agencies of ASEAN to develop a detailed blue print for the plan and coordinate its implementation to minimise the impact of these major threats to ASEAN rice production.
13. Similarly further resource mobilisation for agriculture and rural development in the ASEAN members is essential as agriculture plays a dominant role in improving food security and poverty reduction. More investment in the sector will create more employment and improve economic growth. The Ministers endorse the declaration on "Investing Agriculture for Food Security and Poverty Reduction" with a thrust of reiterating political commitment to the World Food Summit targets and enhancing public investment in agriculture for hunger and poverty eradication in ASEAN.
14. The Ministers underscored the importance of the agriculture and forestry sectors in the ASEAN economy as recognized by the ASEAN Leaders during their Summit in Bali in 2003. To help realize the establishment of ASEAN as a single market and production base, characterized by free movement of goods, services, investment, and a freer flow of capital, closer cooperation and integration activities, it was important that regional efforts continue to promote the competitiveness of the agriculture and forestry sectors in each Member Country.
15. The Ministers reviewed the results of the implementation of the Strategic Plan of Action (SPA) on ASEAN Cooperation in Food, (See page 15)

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in the various areas of collaboration. The Ministers welcomed the new projects proposed for this year as well as the coming year. These activities will continue to be instrumental in fostering good relations and contribute to the stable and equitable development of agriculture, fisheries and forestry in the region.

3. The Ministers recognized the necessity for conserving the natural environment; preserving the social and cultural traditions of rural communities while promoting a sustainable development in agriculture, forestry and fishery sectors. Moreover, the Ministers recognised that agriculture, which is the foundation of each society, should be maintained and developed to secure a stable supply of safe foods to their own peoples.
4. The Ministers reaffirmed the importance of establishing the East Asian Emergency Rice Reserve (EAERR) to strengthen food security and address poverty alleviation in the East Asia region, and encouraged each country to actively contribute on a voluntary basis to the Pilot Project including earmarked and stockpiled rice reserve taking into account the reference quantity for the project and to be further engaged in developing the Guidelines for Release of EAERR stock, while welcoming the commencement of the 3-year Pilot Project of the East Asia Emergency Rice Reserve earlier this year. The Ministers also urged the ASEAN Plus Three countries to join the EAERR expeditiously.

5. The Ministers are pleased with the further developments of the ASEAN Food Security Information System (AFSIS) which manages, analyses and disseminates data and information on food security of the ASEAN Plus Three countries.
6. Recognising the impact of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) on public health, poultry production and the economy in the region, the Ministers expressed their support for the formulation of the HPAI task force to coordinate the control and eradication of HPAI in the region and to share experiences and expertise in HPAI control.
7. The Ministers reaffirmed the important role of rice and its production system in the reduction of poverty and malnutrition population, and welcomed the many activities undertaken by each country to commemorate the International Year of Rice.
8. Recognising that deforestation and degradation of forests in the region still remains to be a critical problem, the Ministers reaffirmed the need for effective collaboration to enhance sustainable forest management in the region.
9. The Ministers affirmed the necessity for the sustainable and effective utilisation of marine bio-resources from a viewpoint of the food security and the cooperation promotion to be contributed to the development of the fishery sector.
10. The Ministers agreed to have their fifth meeting in the Philippines in 2005.
11. The Ministers noted that the Seventh ASEAN and People's Republic of China, Japan and Republic of Korea summit will be held on 28-29 November 2004 in Vientiane, Lao PDR, during which the highlights of the Fourth Meeting of AMAF Plus

Three will be reported.

12. The Ministers expressed their sincere appreciation to the Government and people of the Union of Myanmar for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for the Meeting.

The Meeting was attended by:

H.E. Pehin Dato Abdul Rahinan Taib, Minister of Industry and Primary Resources,
Brunei Darussalam
H.E. Mr. Chan Sarun, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Cambodia
Honourable Dr. Memed Gunawan, Secretary-General, Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia
H.E. Dr. Siene Saphangthong, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry, Lao PDR
H.E. Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin bin Haji Mohd Yassin, Minister of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry, Malaysia
H.E. Major-General Htay Oo, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar
H.E. Mr. Arthur C. Yap, Secretary of Agriculture, the Philippines
H.E. Mr. Mah Bow Tan, Minister for National Development, Singapore
H.E. Mr. Suphot Dhirakoasal, Ambassador of Thailand to the Union of Myanmar
H.E. Dr. Bui Ba Bong, Deputy - Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam
H.E. Mr. Fan Xiaojian, Vice Minister of Agriculture, People's Republic of China
H.E. Mr. Hiroyuki Kinoshita, Vice Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries, Japan
H.E. Mr. Hae-Sang Park, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forestry, Republic of Korea

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Reaching Everyone everywhere: universal postal service is key

The following is the message from Thomas E. Leavey, Director General, Universal Postal Union, on the occasion of the World Post Day.—Ed

Over the past year, there has been a lot of talk about the new information society. A world summit on the topic was held under the auspices of the United Nations to reflect on its challenges and opportunities, and in particular to discuss how governments, international organizations, the private industry and the civil society can work together to bridge the worldwide digital divide.

During this summit, held in Geneva in December 2003, the UPU and several of its member countries presented their views on how the postal service can play a determining role in reducing the information gap between industrialized and developing countries. Seldom has it been more evident how the omnipresence of postal services can be utilized to bring not only products and services to the world's citizens, but also make valuable information—through physical or electronic means—accessible to them. Posts simply reach everyone everywhere. In every corner of almost every country, there is usually a post office or an outlet that offers basic postal services, if not an entire range of them.

Of course, when we talk about reaching everyone everywhere, what we are really talking about is universal postal service—the ability of a vast majority of a country's citizens to obtain postal services no matter where they live, thanks to their government's commitment to provide that service.

The 190 postal services that from the UPU continue to constitute a single postal territory and the largest physical distribution network in the world. It is a notion that people often forget. That is why the UPU has decided to focus the umbrella theme of the next three years' World Post Day on postal service accessibility and the benefits that people garner from this reach. This theme is brilliantly captured in our new World Post Day poster, which was designed by Nasir Tahir, a 14-year-old boy from Nigeria. Nasir's striking design shows the various modes of transport used to move and deliver the mail in various corners of the world, including a truck, a plane, a ski-doo, a bicycle, a boat, even a camel.

Fostering universal postal service remains the UPU's key mission today.

We consider that access to affordable and reliable postal services is an important human right that contributes to the socio-economic development of nations and their people.

Indeed, postal services are part of every nation's economic motor, employing some five million people worldwide and creating millions of other jobs in ancillary sectors. People and businesses use the postal service to sell and distribute their goods and merchandise. In many developing countries, the postal service serves to reduce the poverty gap, as people use it to gain access to worldwide markets they would not be able to reach otherwise.

The UPU encourages governments to define the concept in their national postal legislation. This is particularly important as market liberalization, electronic substitution and other factors change the dynamics of the industry, where an absence of regulation could run the risk of alienating postal services from a large portion of the world's population.

According to UPU data, some 113 countries have defined criteria for the provision of the universal postal service within their territory. Of these, 49% have defined the concept in their national legislation. Many public postal operators have responded positively to the universal postal service obligation by extending their service network, either by using new communication technologies or sub-contracting certain activities.

While there has been movement in improving universal postal access, especially in industrialized countries and in countries with emerging economies, much remains to be done in other regions. Five percent of the population in developing countries, for example, is still without postal coverage, with the situation in Africa being the most worrisome. Eighteen percent of the continent's population has no access to postal services.

With too many people still without access to the Internet and other information technologies, the UPU will continue to work with postal services to extend their reach, in ways that are economical, to every corner of the globe. "Reaching everyone everywhere" has become, and must remain, the motto of governments and postal operators.

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World Post Day Quiz (9 October, 2004)

Mra Hnin



To mark the 130th anniversary of the founding of the Universal Postal Union, the following is a quiz which interested readers might like to tackle.

- Where was the first known postal document found? Since when does it date from?
- Who had to pay the postal charges in the early postal systems?
- Between which countries was postal service established at the beginning of the 16th century?
- Who may be considered the creator and reformer of the International Post?
- When did postal services commence to pass into the hands of the State?
- Who first created the postal receipt? When?
- Who introduced the world's first adhesive postage stamp?
- When was this first postage stamp issued?
- What was the first stamp known as? Whose portrait was on the stamp?
- Who first put forward the idea of an international postal conference?
- When and where was the first international postal conference held?
- Who proposed the basic features of a plan for an International Postal Union?
- What was the treaty that was signed on 9 October 1874? Where was it signed and when did it enter into force?
- How many member countries were there in 1874? How many are there at present?
- What was the original name of the UPU?
- When did the Union change its name?
- Where is the International Bureau of the Union located?
- What is the official language of the Union?
- Where is the UPU monument situated? What is the theme of the monument?
- What is the official emblem of the UPU? When was the logo adopted?
- When did the UPU become a specialized agency of the United Nations?
- Who invented the air letter form known as the aerogramme?
- When was the air letter officially recognized by the UPU?
- For the present-day international mail, fees are payable on the difference (known as 'imbalance') in the total weight of mail (air as well as sea) between the respective (origin and destination) countries. How are these fees known as?
- About how many post offices are there in the world today?
- What is the approximate number of postal employees around the world?
- What is the global mail volume handled each year?
- What does 'EMS' stand for? Who operates the 'EMS'?
- Which postal administration very recently hosted the 23rd UPU Congress?
- What is the closely-related sister organization of the UPU in the field of communications?

Answers to Quiz

- Egypt; 255 B.C.
- the recipient, or, the addressee
- Austria, Germany, Italy, France and Spain
- Franz von Taxis of Germany
- From the second half of the 18th century onwards
- Monsieur de Velay of France; around the 17th century
- Sir Rowland Hill of Great Britain
- 6 May 1840
- The Penny Black; Queen Victoria (profile)
- Postmaster General Montgomery Blair of USA
- 11 May 1863 in Paris
- Heinrich von Stephan, the then Superior Privy Councillor of Posts of Germany, in late 1868
- The Treaty of Berne; the Swiss Diet building in Berne; 1 July 1875
- 22; 190
- The General Postal Union
- 1878
- Berne, Switzerland
- French; but English is also a working language
- Berne, Switzerland; "Around the World"
- The emblem denotes the theme of the UPU monument (Around the World); the logo was adopted in 1967
- 1 July 1948
- Douglas William Gumbley of Guernsey in Iraq in 1933
- 1952 at the 13th UPU Congress in Brussels
- Terminal Dues
- Over 700,000 post offices
- Some 6.2 million postal employees
- An annual total of 440 billion letters, printed matter and parcels (430 in the domestic and 10 in the international service)
- Expedited Mail Service; UPU member administrations under agreement
- The Romanian Postal Administration in Bucharest (15 Sep to 5 Oct 2004)
- The International Telecommunications Union (ITU)

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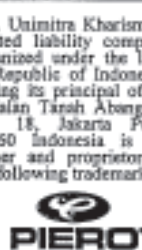
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Reg. No. 4/4326/04

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV QING CHUN MEN VOY NO (095)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV QING CHUN MEN VOY NO (095) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10.10.2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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Spain needs more eco incentives to encourage polluters to clean up

MADRID, 7 Oct — Spain needs to use more economic incentives to encourage polluters to clean up and to protect the long-term health of its key tourism industry, according to a report published recently.

A survey of Spain's environmental performance by the Organization

for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) also highlighted the need for better management of water—a particularly valuable resource in the arid south, where vegetable growers and tourism complexes vie for scarce supplies.

The government should encourage a "pol-

luter-pays" attitude, strengthen penalties for rule-breakers, and consider making taxes in areas like energy and transport more environmentally friendly, the report said.— MNA/Reuters

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Indonesia to boost gas output to 10b cubic feet per day

JAKARTA, 7 Oct — The Indonesian Government has targeted to increase natural gas output to 10 billion cubic feet per day (BCFD) in 2005, higher than the estimate of 8.8 BCFD this year, an economic daily reported

Wednesday.

The target is based on the increase in natural gas reserve from 123.6 trillion cubic feet to 178.13 trillion cubic feet, reported *Bisnis Indonesia*.

The government projected even bigger gas out-

put after 2005 with the operation of new gas fields in Papua, East Kalimantan and Central Sulawesi, the newspaper said, quoting a report from the Ministry of Energy and Mineral Resources.

MNA/Xinhua

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A male white rhinoceros. In a world first, German scientists have successfully artificially inseminated a white rhinoceros, a highly endangered species, the Berlin-based Leibniz Institute of Zoology and Research for wild animals announced.—REUTERS

Women in NY City less likely to have test for breast cancer

NEW YORK, 7 Oct— Women living in New York City are less likely than those in the rest of New York State to have a mammogram, a test to detect breast cancer, with Brooklyn recording the lowest rate of any county in the state, according to a study released on Tuesday.

The analysis, conducted by IPRO, a health care policy group, also said that Black women continue to be less likely than White women to have the exams.

IPRO studied Medicare billing for the period October 1, 2001 to September 30, 2003 for women 52 to 69 years old. It found that 44.6 per cent of women in Brooklyn had mammograms; 50.3

per cent in Manhattan; and 47.3 per cent citywide. The state average was 57.4 per cent and the national average was 59.3 per cent.

Black women across the state had an average mammography rate of 47.5 per cent compared to 60.1 per cent for Whites. The IPRO issued similar findings in May.

Breast cancer is the second most common

cancer among women in the United States. The American Cancer Society estimates that nearly 216,000 will get breast cancer this year and more than 40,000 will die from the disease. Studies have shown that mammogram are the best method for early detection and that regular screening can decrease the chance of dying from breast cancer.

MNA/Xinhua

Great Wall to be digitally mapped for better preservation

BELING, 7 Oct— The Great Wall of China will be digitally mapped and the government will employ volunteers to better protect one of the world's greatest man-made wonders.

The 6,300 kilometre-long Great Wall will be examined using remote sensing technology, that will determine which part falls under which province's jurisdiction, and how much there is of it.

Under this arrangement of the State Administration of Cultural Heritage, the Wall will be measured and divided into sections, *China Youth Daily* reported.

Milestones or monuments will be installed at each section and recording the mileage will be done. The government will also collect funds and employ volunteers to protect the Great Wall section by section.

The monuments will help local people and tourists appreciate their responsibility for the protection of the Wall, Dong Yaohui, vice-president of the Great Wall Society, said.

All the data acquired in the survey and other historical information will be included in a brand new database for the Great Wall to provide information for protection, study or educational activities.

Recent reports suggested that the Great Wall is steadily disappearing with less than 20 per cent of the over 6,200 kilometres remaining intact.

The Great Wall is disappearing in an accelerating way mainly due to lack of protection and dismantling by farmers. The Wall built during the Ming Dynasty (1368-1644) run some 6,300 kilometres.—MNA/PTI

Czech to lobby for ASEM membership

PRAGUE, 7 Oct— Czech Foreign Minister Cyril Svoboda, representing the country at the 5th summit of the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) in Vietnam, will push for its accession into the ASEM.

The October 8-9 meeting will discuss among other things the ASEM enlargement to include 10 new members of the European Union (EU), including the Czech Republic.

Apart from enlargement, the meeting will also discuss international terrorism, problems of globalization, economic co-operation between Europe and Asia and analyses of the current situation in some regions.

Started in 1996, the ASEM is an informal process of dialogue and cooperation among 15 EU members, the European Commission and 10 Asian countries. It has served as the fundamental platform for the development of all-round cooperation between the EU and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) countries as well as China, Japan and South Korea.

MNA/Xinhua

Czech, NZ approve

"working vacation" agreement

PRAGUE, 7 Oct— The Czech Government Wednesday approved an agreement with New Zealand on "working vacations", which would make it easier for young people to find short-term employment in New Zealand in order to pay for their stay, Foreign Ministry spokesman Vit Kolar said.

The agreement will be signed next week during the visit of New Zealand Governor General Silvia Cartwright to the Czech Republic.

The agreement concerns people between the ages of 18 to 30. As part of the programme, the young people will receive a visa which New Zealand officials will then use to grant a work permit. Citizens of New Zealand will be able to work in the Czech Republic without permits.

"Both sides will issue a certain number of visas that will allow for long-

term residence as part of the programme," the Foreign Ministry Press section said in a statement. This should be hundreds of cases in the early phases. Conditions include not accepting permanent work or work with one employer for more than three months.

Kolar said that the agreement was discussed during Foreign Minister Cyril Svoboda's visit to New Zealand in February.

The agreement still has to be ratified by the Czech Parliament.

MNA/Xinhua

Hundreds of German doctors investigated for corruption

BERLIN, 7 Oct— Hundreds of German doctors are being investigated for corruption on suspicion of having taken expensive holidays from a surgical instruments maker, a regional state prosecutor said on Tuesday.

The Darmstadt state prosecutor's office said 350 hospital doctors from all over Germany and representatives from a medical equipment firm were under investigation.

The doctors were accused of accepting payments as high as 20,000 euros and skiing holidays in the exclusive Swiss resort of St Moritz in exchange for using only the firm's vascular surgery instruments, the spokesman said.—MNA/Reuters

US individuals arrested in crackdown on telemarketing fraud

WASHINGTON, 7 Oct— More than 100 individuals in the United States and 35 others in foreign nations have been arrested in a crackdown on telemarketing fraud that caused losses exceeding one billion US dollars, US officials said on Tuesday.

They said they uncovered bogus lottery, prize and sweepstakes schemes, offers of non-existent investments, bogus offers of "pre-approved" credit cards and employment and business opportunity swindles.

The officials said more than five million people were victims of the various schemes.

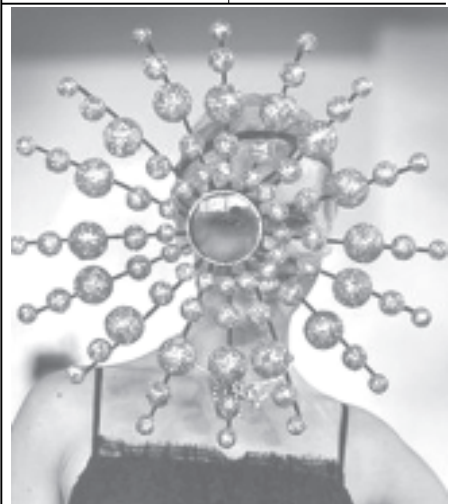
They said the initiative, dubbed "Operation Roaming Charge," began in January, has resulted so far in the conviction of 70 individuals in the United States, and is continuing. It involved over 100 sepa-

rate investigations.

"No matter where fraudulent telemarketers roam to conduct their schemes, we will find them and prosecute them to the fullest extent of the law," Assistant Attorney General Christopher Wray said in a statement.

More than 190 search warrants have been executed in the United States and Canada as part of the operation. Officials said the Spanish National Police made 14 arrests in that country in investigating fraudulent lottery schemes that operate from Spain.

MNA/Reuters



Through the looking glass : A model presents a designer hat with a glass eye at the 5th Annual Millinary Collection in Melbourne, Australia.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Ferrer upsets Ferrero in Lyon Grand Prix

PARIS, 8 Oct — Third-seeded Juan Carlos Ferrero suffered an upset against fellow Spaniard David Ferrer in the second round of the Lyon Grand Prix tennis tournament on Thursday.

Ferrer, who ranked 46th in the world, came back from a set down to beat the former French Open champion 3-6, 7-5 and 6-3 in two hours and five minutes at the 791,750-euro (973,900 US dollars) tournament.

Ferrero won the first set but lost his rhythm at 5-5 in the second as Ferrer grabbed six games in a row to lead 4-0 in the third. The 2003 winner at Roland Garros came back to 5-3 only to concede the match on his serve.

Ferrer will face Jonas Bjorkman in the quarterfinals on Friday.

Earlier, Russian Mikhail Youzhny struggled in two tie-breaks to win 6-3, 6-7 and 7-6 against Argentine Agustin Gallieri who ousted Lyon titleholder, top seed and Olympic champion Nicolas Massu in the first round.

Youzhny will attempt to reach his third semifinal of the year when he plays Belgian Xavier Malisse on Friday.—MNA/Xinhua

Hewitt pushed to three sets by Suzuki for second day

TOKYO, 8 Oct — Top seed Lleyton Hewitt was pushed to three sets by a Japanese player for the second day in a row at the 860,000 US dollars Japan Open on Thursday.

The Australian eventually won 6-7, 6-2, 6-4 against third-round opponent Takao Suzuki, a wildcard entrant. On Wednesday Hewitt dropped the second set in his win over Suzuki's compatriot Goichi Motomura, another wildcard in the draw.

In other men's action nine seeds, including the number two David Nalbandian and number three Andrei Pavel, bit the dust as play lost to rain earlier in the week was made up.

Four lost in the second round, including Pavel of Romania who was beaten 6-2, 6-1 by Germany's Bjorn Phau. Five more men's seeds fell in the third round, among them Argentine Nalbandian who lost 7-6, 3-6, 6-4 to 16th seed Gilles Muller of Luxembourg. In the women's tournament top seed and defending champion Maria Sharapova overcame qualifier Yulia Fedossova of France 6-3, 6-4 to reach the semifinals.

The only other seed left in the women's draw, seventh seed Klara Koukalova of the Czech

Republic, also reached the semis after a 6-3, 6-0 win over compatriot Nicole Vaidisova.

Sharapova, who had a tough second-round win over Australian Samantha Stosur on Wednesday, will face a strong challenge in the semifinals on Friday from in-form Thai Tamarine Tanasugarn, a

6-1, 3-0 winner over Hungary's Aniko Kapros who retired with a thigh strain.

Tamarine knocked out third seed Shinobu Asagoe in the first round. American Mashona Washington defeated Evgenia Linetskaya 6-2, 6-1 to complete the semifinal lineup, where she will face Koukalova.

MNA/Reuters



Maria at it : Russian tennis star Maria Sharapova reaches out for a backhand return to Yulia Fedossova of France during a quarterfinal match at the Japan Open Tennis tournament in Tokyo.—INTERNET

Mauresmo struggles to victory over Schnyder

FILDERSTADT (Germany), 8 Oct — New world number one Amelie Mauresmo struggled to a 7-5, 6-4 victory over Patty Schnyder in the second round of the Filderstadt Grand Prix on Thursday.

Playing her first match since capturing the top spot for the first time at the US Open last month, the Frenchwoman was fully stretched as she struggled to cope with the consistency of her Swiss opponent.

Mauresmo failed to convert two break points at 1-1 and then dropped her serve in the fourth game as the left-handed Schnyder built a 5-2 lead and served for the set at 5-3.

But a deep backhand from Mauresmo allowed her to break back and after holding for 5-5 she broke again for 6-5 when Schnyder netted a forehand.

Mauresmo was more positive in the second set as she moved into a 4-2 lead. Schnyder resisted five break points in the seventh game and saved a match point at 3-5 before Mauresmo eventually served out for victory after squandering another two match points. French Open champion Anastasia Myskina was also made to work hard against Nathalie Dechy of France, the third seed going through 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.

MNA/Reuters

2006 World Cup to begin with separate opening ceremony

BERLIN, 8 Oct — The 2006 World Cup finals in Germany will begin with a separate opening ceremony for the first time that will be aimed at linking culture with soccer and could precede future tournaments, FIFA said on Thursday.

Sepp Blatter, president of world soccer's governing body, said FIFA would pay for the ceremony, scheduled one day before the tournament begins. It was first conceived in a late-night brainstorming meeting with German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

"It's going to be a gigantic celebration of football and not just a side-show," Blatter told a news conference. "I promise it will be something special that will embellish our event."

The idea was conceived three years ago when Blatter, Schroeder, organizing committee president Franz Beckenbauer and others met Austrian artist Andre Heller at Lake Garda in Italy to discuss cultural programmes to run parallel to the tournament.

"I can't remember exactly whose idea it was but we were all discussing ways to elevate the social and cultural components at the World Cup," said German Interior Minister Otto Schily, who was also at the meeting. "It was felt it would be terribly wrong to see the World Cup only as a business enterprise."

The German Government was originally planning to put together the opening ceremony on its own at a cost of about 22 million euros (27.06 million US dollars) but on Thursday FIFA said it would take over the costs and sponsorship of the event.

Blatter said he did not think soccer purists would object to a separate opening ceremony in Berlin's Olympic Stadium on June 8, 2006 one day before the opening match in Munich.

"Football fans want to see matches," Blatter said. "They don't want speeches, they want a few songs and they want to see football."

"We thought long and hard about it and this wasn't a snap decision," he added.

"Football and culture belong together, that fits into FIFA's philosophy. It began as a little flirt and now it's turned into a love affair. It's going to be a

great football party and players will naturally be invited."

Blatter added that the television broadcasting rights for the opening ceremony were not part of previous agreements and would be the subject of negotiations.

There were only sketchy outlines of the cultural opening ceremony but Heller said key figures involved in planning the opening ceremony for the 2000 Olympics would be involved.

Heller, who said for most of his life he had no

interest in football but was rapidly becoming fascinated, said the ceremony would include three basic elements: one showcasing Germany, another on FIFA and past tournaments, and one on world culture. "It's good to have every ally we can," said Beckenbauer, head of Germany's organizing committee.

"There's nothing incongruous about combining football and culture. I'm quite curious myself how it's going to work. I'm sure it will succeed."

MNA/Reuters



Spaniard Sete Gibernau of Honda takes a corner during a practice session at Malaysia's Sepang International Circuit, on 8 Oct, 2004. The Malaysian Motorcycle Grand Prix 2004 will be held on Sunday.—INTERNET

Nistelrooy believes Rooney, Ronaldo can fire Man Utd back to top

NOORDWIJK (Netherlands), 8 Oct — Ruud van Nistelrooy believes Wayne Rooney and Cristiano Ronaldo can fire Manchester United back to the top of English football.

Rooney made a sensational impact on his debut, scoring a hat-trick in the 6-2 defeat of Fenerbahce in the Champions League last week, while fellow 18-year-old Ronaldo has won many admirers since arriving from Portugal last season.

"I really believe that they are the world's best in their age group. It is so impressive if you see their technical skill combined with their physical strength, it's unbelievable," said Van Nistelrooy.

United are nine points behind leaders Arsenal in the Premier League, but Van Nistelrooy says the Old Trafford club can still mount a strong challenge, especially with defender Rio Ferdinand back from his eight-month suspension.

"We are on our way right now," said Van Nistelrooy, who will sit out the Netherlands' World Cup qualifier against Macedonia on Saturday because of suspension. "The team is complete and now the coach can do his job. Our possibilities are enormous and we can reach a high level."

"The gap in the league is quite big but it all came through our struggling start with a defeat against Chelsea and several injuries. Since that defeat we didn't lose a match". Van Nistelrooy, who has scored 18 goals for his country in 38 internationals, said Rooney's performance against Fenerbahce still had him shaking his head.—MNA/Reuters

Joint Press Statement of 26th AMAF

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Agriculture and Forestry (1999-2004) as presented by the SOM —AMAF. In the formulation of the next phase of the SPA, the Ministers agreed that ASEAN cooperation in food, agriculture and forestry maintain the current strategic thrusts. For food and agriculture, the strategic thrusts are (i) Strengthening Food Security Arrangements in the Region; (ii) Enhancement of International Competitiveness of ASEAN Food and Agricultural Products/Commodities; (iii) Enhancement of ASEAN Cooperation and Joint Approaches in International and Regional Issues; (iv) Development Acceleration of Transfer and Adoption of New Technologies; (v) Enhancement of Private Sector Involvement; and (vi) Management, Sustainable Utilisation and Conservation of Natural Resources. For the forestry, the strategic thrusts are (i) Ensuring Sustainable Forest Management (SFM) and Conservation of Natural Resources; (ii) Strengthening ASEAN's Cooperation and Joint Approaches in Addressing International and Regional Forestry Issues; (iii) Promotion on Intra and Extra-ASEAN Trade in Forest Products and Private Sector Participation; (iv) Increasing Productivity Efficiency and Sustainable Utilisation of Forest Products; and (v) Capacity Building and Human Resources Development. New issues would be incorporated as newly proposed activities for cooperation.

16. The Ministers endorsed the Strategic Plan of Action on ASEAN Cooperation in Food, Agriculture and Forestry (2005 — 2010) as it will play an important role in guiding cooperation activities in the region, and urged the SOM-AMAF and all subsidiary and ancillary bodies concerned to prepare the detailed work plans to implement their respective plan of actions. The Ministers also endorsed the Vientiane Action Programme for food, agriculture and forestry to submit it to the ASEAN Leaders at the coming ASEAN Summit in Vientiane in November 2004.
17. In line with the priority to strengthen the competitiveness of ASEAN products, the Ministers agreed to extend the MoU on ASEAN

Cooperation in Agriculture and Forest Products Promotion Scheme for another five years as it remains relevant and continues to serve as the basis to pursue cooperation with the private sector and to coordinate joint positions on issues related to trade in ASEAN agriculture and forest products. In line with new developments in international fora and conventions, the Ministers tasked the SOM-AMAF to review the MoU.

18. The Ministers fully endorsed the implementation of a capacity building programme to help improve agriculture competitiveness in Cambodia, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Viet Nam. Efforts will be taken to mobilise donor resources to implement the three — year programme on "Strengthening Human Resource Capacities for Agriculture Competitiveness of the Transitional Economies of ASEAN through Technical Cooperation among Developing Countries" to train scholars, trainers, and officials from these countries.
19. The Ministers from ASEAN Member Countries expressed their appreciation to the Government and people of Myanmar for hosting the 26th Meeting of AMAF and for their warm hospitality. The next AMAF meeting will be hosted by the Philippines in 2005.

H.E. Pehin Dato Abdul Rahman Taib, Minister of Industry and Primary Resources, Brunei Darussalam
H.E. Mr. Chan Sarun, Minister of Agriculture, Forestry Fisheries, Cambodia

Honourable Dr. Memed Gunawan, Secretary General, Ministry of Agriculture, Indonesia

HE. Dr. Siene Saphangthong, Minister of Agriculture & Forestry, LAO PDR

H.E. Tan Sri Dato' Haji Muhyiddin bin Haji Mohd. Yassin, Minister of Agriculture and Agro-Based Industry, Malaysia

H.E. Major General Htay Oo, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, Myanmar

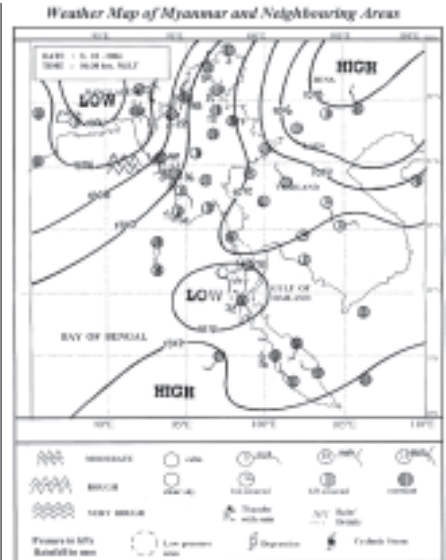
H.E. Mr. Arthur C. Yap, Secretary of Agriculture, the Philippines

H.E. Mr. Mah Bow Tan, Minister for National Development, Singapore

HE. Mr. Suphot Dhirakaosol, Ambassador of Thailand to the Union of Myanmar

H.E. Dr. Bui Ba Bong, Vice Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Vietnam.

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WEATHER

Friday, 8 October, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, Kayin and Mon States, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and scattered to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlaik (3.39) inches, Kaw Thong (2.84) inches, Khamti (2.52) inches, Homalin and Sittway (2.32) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 7-10-2004 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 8-10-2004 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 8-10-2004 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 7-10-2004 was (2.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 8-10-2004 was (0.79 inch) at Yangon Airport, nil at Kaba-Aye and, (0.04 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (111.73 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.18 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (108.62 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from East-Southeast at (13:30) hours MST on 7-10-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, the depression in the North Bay of Bengal has dissipated over Sea about (150) miles South of Kolkatta, India. Weather is partly cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 9-10-2004: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, north Rakhine and northern Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Mon State, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain are likely in Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-10-2004: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-10-2004: Partly cloudy.

Weather outlook for first weekend of October 2004: During the coming weekend, light rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Yangon Division and Mandalay Division.

Significant water level bulletin

(Issued at 12:00 hrs MST on 8-10-2004)

The water levels of Ayeyawady River may rise above the present water levels by about 5 feet at Bhamo and Katha, 4 feet at Mandalay and Sagaing and 6 feet at Nyaung U during the next (2) to (5) days commencing noon today.

Special weather news

(Issued at (08:00) hours MST on 8-10-2004)

According to the observation at (06:30) hours MST today, the depression in the North Bay has dissipated over Sea about (150) miles south of Kolkatta, India.



Saturday, October 9
View on today:

- 7:00 am
 1. ဂျော့ရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံယဇ္ဇာတိ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကြီးတော်အောင်ချက် ဇာတ်ခရီးစဉ်အတွက် အသံခံအဖွဲ့ ယောသဉ္ဇနအောင်က၊ တိမ်ကရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိန္တသုဇာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ် တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am
 6. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအဖွဲ့ဝင်၊ နေ့စဉ် တေးတီး
- 8:30 am
 7. International news
- 8:45 am
 8. Gammar Made Easy
- 11:00 am
 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am
 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am
 3. News
- 11:40 am
 4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
 5. Round-up of the week's TV local news
- 1:15 pm
 6. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်နီနီ" (အပိုင်း-၃၃)
- 1:50 pm
 7. နိုင်ငံတော်အောင်မြင်မှု ဖြန့်ချိအားထူး
- 2:05 pm
 8. "နိုင်ငံတော်အောင်မြင်မှု" ထွန်းထွန်းတင်ဆက်ပွဲအတွက် နိုင်ငံတော်အောင်မြင်မှုအဖွဲ့ဝင်၊ တိမ်ကရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိန္တသုဇာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ် တရားတော်
- 2:30 pm
 9. Dance of national races
- 2:45 pm
 10. International news
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
 5. အဆောင်အယောင် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအဖွဲ့ဝင်၊ နေ့စဉ် တေးတီး
- 5:15 pm
 6. Dance variety

- 5:30 pm
 7. ဂျော့ရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံယဇ္ဇာတိ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကြီးတော်အောင်ချက် ဇာတ်ခရီးစဉ်အတွက် အသံခံအဖွဲ့ ယောသဉ္ဇနအောင်က၊ တိမ်ကရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိန္တသုဇာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ် တရားတော်
- 5:40 pm
 8. မိတ္တူသံသရာ အောင်မြင်မှု ဖြန့်ချိအားထူး
- 6:00 pm
 9. Musical programme
- 6:10 pm
 10. Discovery
- 6:20 pm
 11. ဂျော့ရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံယဇ္ဇာတိ နာယကအဖွဲ့အကြီးတော်အောင်ချက် ဇာတ်ခရီးစဉ်အတွက် အသံခံအဖွဲ့ ယောသဉ္ဇနအောင်က၊ တိမ်ကရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိန္တသုဇာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ် တရားတော်
- 6:30 pm
 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
 14. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မြတ်နိုး" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 7:40 pm
 15. တွင်းမြေယဉ်းသောဆရာတော်
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မြတ်နိုး" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
20. The next day's programme



Friday, October 9
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am
 - Brief news
- 8:35 am
 - Music: Kissy kissy
- 8:40 am
 - Perspectives
- 8:45 am
 - Music: Eenie, meenie, Minemo
- 8:55 am
 - National news/ Slogan
- 9:05 am
 - Music: -Viva la radio
- 9:10 am
 - International news
- 9:15 am
 - Music (Spotlight on a star) -Aaron Carter
- 1:30 pm
 - News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm
 - Request -Wherever there is love -Fixing a broken heart -You are everything to me
- 9:00 pm
 - ASEAN review -ASEAN songs
- 9:10 pm
 - Article
- 9:20 pm
 - Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt -U Kyi Pway (or) Mr Pestle Souvenirs
- 9:30 pm
 - Listen to the radio -Crying in the rain
- 9:45 pm
 - News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm
 - PEL

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



MEC Vice-Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No 55 for Basic Education Teachers at CICS (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township.— MNA

Entire national people harmoniously and energetically participating in national education promotion programme Special Refresher Course No 55 for Basic Education Teachers concludes

YANGON, 8 Oct—The conclusion of the Special Refresher Course No 55 for Basic Education Teachers took place at Nawarat Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division, this morning, with an address by Vice-

Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, deputy (See page 9)

Joint Press Statement of 4th AMAF Plus Three

The following is the joint press statement of the fourth meeting of the ASEAN Agriculture and Forestry ministers and the ministers of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea (4th AMAF Plus Three) on 8 October 2004, Yangon, Myanmar:

1. The ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forestry and the Ministers of the People's Republic of China, Japan, and the Republic of Korea held their fourth meeting in Yangon, Myanmar, 8 October 2004 under the chairmanship of H.E. Major General Htay Oo, Minister of Agriculture and Irrigation, The Union of Myanmar.
2. The Ministers expressed satisfaction with the growing number of cooperation activities in agriculture, fisheries and forestry that have been carried out between China, Japan and the Republic of Korea and ASEAN

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4th Meeting of ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three concludes successfully

YANGON, 8 Oct — The Fourth Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry Plus Three continued at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, at 10 am today and successfully concluded in

the afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Minister of Industry and Primary Resources Mr Pehin Dato Abdul Rahman Taib of Brunei Darussalam, Minister of Agriculture, Forest and Fisheries Mr

Chan Sarun of Cambodia, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Forest Dr Memed Gunawan of Indonesia, Minister of Agriculture and Forest Dr Siene Saphangthong of Lao People's Democratic Republic, Minister of Agriculture, Forest and Agro-based Industry Tan Sari Dato' Haji Muhyiddin bin Haji Mohd Yassin of Malaysia, Minister for Agriculture forest and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo of Myanmar, Minister of Agriculture Mr Arthur C Yap of the Philippines, Minister of National Development Mr Mah Bow Tan of Singapore, leader of the Thai

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

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