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Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Spain

YANGON, 12 Oct — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty King Juan Carlos I of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Spain, which falls on 12 October 2004. — MNA

Requirements have been fulfilled to a certain degree for the development of Sedoktara Township's education and health sectors. Coordinated efforts have been also made for the betterment of telephone line and Salin-Sedoktara motor road in the township.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects Mon Creek multipurpose dam project. —MNA

Mon Creek Multipurpose Dam project to irrigate 108,000 acres and generate 75 megawatts

Secretary-1 inspects Mon Creek Multipurpose Dam Project in Magway Division

YANGON, 11 Oct — State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by State Peace and Development Council member Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, deputy ministers, and responsible officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, left Myingyan of Mandalay Division by helicopter for the Mon Creek multipurpose dam project being

implemented in Sedoktara Township, Magway Division, on 9 October. On arrival, the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed there by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint, Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe, Director-General of the Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win and officials. At the briefing hall, Director U Myint Than of

the Construction Group 8 of the Irrigation Department reported on the tasks being carried out by the Irrigation Department for the construction of the dam and related facilities, spillways, and tunnels. In his reports, he continued that 96 percent of the construction of tunnels has been completed while the completion percentage of the construction of spillways is 91. He also reported on the water stor-

age capacity of the dam, adding that the strength and durability of the embankment has also been tested. Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint presented supplementary reports in respect of the measures being taken for speedy completion of the project. After hearing the reports, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win gave instructions on harmonious efforts for the facility to meet the set standard. Next, the Sec-

retary-1 presented souvenirs to departmental employees of the project, and a fruit basket to officials of CITIC Company of the People's Republic of China.

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Local people, for their part, realizing the goodwill of the State and local authorities, are to actively cooperate in regional development work.

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Progress of Mon Creek multipurpose dam project in Sedoktara Township in Magway Division.. —MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Work steadfastly towards eternal existence of the Union

The State Peace and Development Council has been making reforms in political, economic and social fields for the all-round development of the Union of Myanmar. It is doing so for "Our three main national causes" — Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty. Our three main national causes are the soul of each and every patriotic citizen.

The Special Refresher Course No 21 for basic education teachers was held at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, on 9 October and it was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, also Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee.

In his speech at the ceremony, the Secretary-2 said that the teachers are to try to their best in order that their students are able to appreciate deeply in their hearts the value of peace and stability of the Union, national unity and sovereignty.

Our three main national causes are as important as our soul and the entire national people are required to adopt them as the national policy. We believe that this national policy will flourish as long as the world exists and we shall have to hand it down to our generations to come.

Nowadays, destructive elements within and without the nation are plotting to destroy it politically, economically and socially. At such a time like this, national unity and Union Spirit are sine qua non for the eternal existence of the Union.

Therefore, the teachers will have to work steadfastly in such a way that national unity becomes stronger and stronger and Union Spirit flourishes more and more. Bearing in mind the maxim that the strength of a nation lies within, local administrative organs, teachers and social organizations will have to live it.

As the Government is implementing the development plan for border areas and national races, rural development tasks and the 24-region development plan the length and breadth of the nation, the development gap between regions has been narrowed down and national unity has become more and more consolidated.

We would like to call on all the patriotic national races to live in unity and to safeguard the Union while lending themselves to all the national development endeavours being carried out by the Government.

Minister receives Australian Ambassador

YANGON, 11 Oct — Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung received Australian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Paul Grigson at his office on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this morning.

Present at the call were Director-General of Religious Affairs Department Dr Myo Myint, Pro-rector Dr Myint Kyi of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University and Deputy Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Tun Mya Aung.

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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

Commerce Minister receives Ambassador of Singapore

YANGON, 11 Oct — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein received Ambassador of Singapore to the Union of Myanmar Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz at his office this afternoon. Present at the call were Director-General of Directorate of Trade U Nyunt Aye, Director-General of Border Trade Department U Nay Win, Managing Director of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading U Min Hla Aung and officials concerned.

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Commerce Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein receives Ambassador of Singapore to Myanmar Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz. — COMMERCE



Minister U Tin Winn and Minister U Nyan Win being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport after attending the ASEM-5 on 7-9 October in Vietnam. (News reported). — MNA

Myanmar delegation arrives back



Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport. — I&P

YANGON, 11 Oct — Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa welcomed back the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung who arrived back at Yangon International Airport by air yesterday evening after attending the 55th UNHCR Executive Committee Meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland.

Myanmar delegation comprises Director-General of Population and National Registration Department U Maung Htay, Deputy Director U Saing Aung Thein of Border Area Immigration Control Unit and Project Manager U Aye of UNHCR Office.

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

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

Car bombs strike twice in Baghdad, killing 11; Rumsfeld warns of more violence

BAGHDAD, 10 Oct — Car bombers struck twice in rapid succession in the capital Sunday, killing at least 11 people including an American soldier, as Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld warned that violence may increase before the January election.

Rocket-propelled grenade explosions and machine gun fire rocked the insurgent stronghold of Ramadi, west of Baghdad, late Sunday. Residents reached by telephone said insurgents launched attacks in a half dozen parts of Ramadi, and that four huge explosions shook the centre of the city Sunday night.

Iraq's most feared terror group—Tawhid and Jihad—claimed

responsibility for the near-simultaneous car bombings, one near an east Baghdad police academy and the other outside an east Baghdad market as an American military convoy was passing by.

At least 16 people were wounded.

An American soldier was fatally injured in the convoy attack, US and Iraqi officials said. One Iraqi was wounded in that attack. The Kindi Hospital said it received 10 bodies

from the police academy blast, and police said 15 others were injured there.

The dead at Kindi hospital included three police academy students and a female officer.

In a statement posted on the Web, Tawhid and Jihad, led by Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, said the car bombings were carried out by its military wing and were "martyrdom" operations, meaning suicide attacks.

Improvised bombs—some left by the side of the road, others rigged in vehicles—have become insurgents' weapon of choice in turbulent Iraq and have accounted for about half the American battle deaths in recent months.

US officials are struggling to build up Iraq's own security resources to cope with the threat.

Internet

Group frees 10 Turks after company quits Iraq -TV

DUBAI, 10 Oct— Iraqi kidnappers have released 10 Turkish hostages they had held for over a month after their Turkish employer said it would leave Iraq, Al Jazeera television said on Sunday.

"A statement sent to Al Jazeera said the release came after their Turkish company announced it would stop its activities and completely withdraw from Iraq," the Arab broadcaster said.

Al Jazeera said on 18 September it had received a videotape from a group calling itself the Abu Bakr al-Seddiq Battalions in which it threatened to kill the workers within three days if their employer did not quit Iraq.

The construction firm, Vinsan, said three days later that it was suspending its operations in Iraq to save the men.

Militants have seized scores of foreign hostages in Iraq since April. At least 32 have been killed, including Turkish truck drivers.—*Internet*



An Iraqi prisoner walks out of the US-run detention facility of al-Amiriya following his release in the capital Baghdad, on 11 Oct, 2004.

INTERNET

US soldier, Marine killed in attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Oct — Two members of the US forces in Iraq were killed in separate incidents, the military said in statements e-mailed from Baghdad.

A soldier from Task Force Baghdad died of injuries sustained in a car bombing that targeted a military convoy early today in the east of the Iraqi capital, according to a statement. A Marine was killed in action in al-Anbar province, west of Baghdad, yesterday during "security and stability operations," the military said without providing details.

The deaths add to the 809 US military members killed in action in Iraq

since the invasion that began in March 2003, according to Pentagon figures released two days ago. Of those, 700 were killed since US President George W Bush declared an end to major combat operations on 1 May, 2003.

The US may start pulling troops out of Iraq after the Iraqi national elections in January, US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said today during a surprise

visit to the west of the country, the *Associated Press* reported.

The handling of Iraq has become a key issue in the campaign leading to the 2 Nov US presidential election.

Democratic challenger John Kerry says violence has swept Iraq because Bush didn't have a postwar plan. Bush says the unrest is evidence that the fight against terrorism must also be waged in Iraq.

Internet

Chirac wants to make France trade partner for China

CHENGDU, 10 Oct — French President Jacques Chirac wants to make France a natural trade partner for China and sought on Saturday to ease the fears of some of his countrymen over China's economic surge.

Chirac arrived in Chengdu, capital of southwestern Sichuan Province, on Friday evening, kicking off a five-day state visit in which trade and a 15-year-old arms embargo against China are likely to be high on the agenda.

"To those people in Europe and France who ask about the consequences of (China's economic) rise... I

say that the development of China is an opportunity for our growth and our jobs. And France must take this opportunity," he said in a speech.

"It is also by going in conquest of new markets and in knowing how to seize the opportunities offered to our economy that we will speed up the creation of jobs in France and push back unemployment for a long time."

Chirac is accompanied by a large delegation of businessmen, including the heads of the world's top nuclear power producer, Electricite de France, and nuclear reactor maker Areva. —*MNA/Reuters*

Singh says creating neighbourhood of peace a high priority

NEW DELHI, 10 Oct — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Saturday that creating a neighbourhood of peace and stability was a high priority with his government and felt the media could play a critical role by shaping ideas that could overcome the burden of past perceptions.

"Creating a neighbourhood of peace and stability is a high priority of our government," Singh said in a message to the two-day conference of South Asian Free Media Association (SAFMA) which was read out by his media adviser Sanjaya Baru.

Observing that South

Asia still remained one of the world's less developed regions despite its advantages, he said "our individual and collective struggle to march forward on the road to development has been impaired by weak intra-regional

cooperation, compounded by mutual suspicion".

Singh said his government would like to encourage the free flow of ideas and people to help shed prejudices and develop an appreciation

of the existing ground realities. To this end, India had liberalized visa rules for journalists from Pakistan to visit India, he said observing "I am glad that it has yielded concrete results".

MNA/PTI



An Iraqi detainee is taken away after a search operation in the Sadr City neighbourhood of Baghdad, Iraq on 9 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

Don't smoking

Poll shows over one-third of Britons want Blair to resign

LONDON, 10 Oct— More than one in three Britons say Prime Minister Tony Blair should resign over the Iraq war but a clear majority do not blame him for the beheading of a British hostage in Iraq, an opinion poll showed on Sunday.

In the first comprehensive sounding taken since the death of Kenneth Bigley, the YouGov poll in *The Mail* on Sunday showed 36 per cent of voters wanted Blair to step down.

But 65 per cent said he was not to blame for Bigley's beheading by militants in Iraq, while 59 per cent believed Blair's Labour Government had done everything it could to secure the engineer's release.

"They are not blaming the government for Bigley at all. Blair's problem is trust and what has happened in Iraq generally," YouGov's, Peter Kellner told *Reuters*.

Bigley's hometown of Liverpool staged a day of mourning for him on Saturday and Blair rang the family to offer his condolences. Coming soon after a report from the Iraq Survey Group (ISG), which destroyed Blair's main argument for waging war on

Iraq, the killing looks certain to keep Iraq at the top of the political agenda seven months before an expected election.

Up to 58 per cent of those polled by YouGov said they believed the conflict in Iraq had undermined the health of Blair, who underwent an operation on 1 October to quell heart palpitations.

Blair has said he will stand for a third term but will not stand for a fourth, an announcement that has

aroused fevered speculation over who might succeed him.

Despite his plummeting trust ratings, all polls still point to Blair's Labour Party being the comfortable winner of the next election as the opposition Conservatives have failed to capitalize on his woes.

The latest poll in *The Sunday Telegraph*, taken after the Conservatives annual party conference, showed the opposition party garnering just 30 per cent of support — nine points behind Labour.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi youths walk across the roof of a damaged building following a raid by the US military on Fallujah recently. —INTERNET

Suicide car bomb kills four civilians in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 Oct— A rocket attack and suicide car bombing killed at least four people in Baghdad on Sunday as US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld began an unannounced visit to Iraq to gauge efforts to calm violence before January elections.

A *Reuters* cameraman said he saw four bodies lying in the street near the Oil Ministry and the remains of a rocket, which destroyed two cars and gouged a large crater in the street.

In eastern Baghdad, a suicide bomber blew up his car near the Culture Ministry, an Interior Ministry official said. The bomber's charred body was found inside the vehicle. A *Reuters* cameraman at the scene said at least two people were wounded.

Guerillas and militants trying to undermine Iraq's US-backed government have mounted frequent bomb, rocket and mortar attacks on state buildings and Iraqi security forces.

Rumsfeld swooped into a Marine airbase in Iraq's western desert to take a first-hand look at operations to quell the raging insurgency, in his first such visit in five months.

He flew to al-Asad desert airbase near Haditha, 125 miles northwest of Baghdad, from Bahrain to meet Marine

commanders and address about 1,500 Marines.

Chief Pentagon spokesman Lawrence Di Rita said it was a chance for Rumsfeld to get his own take on Iraq's fledgling security forces and arrangements ahead of the elections.

Rumsfeld, an architect of the 2003 invasion, last visited Iraq on May 13, when he went to Baghdad's Abu Ghraib Prison amid a scandal over the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by US forces.

His trip comes about three weeks before the US presidential election. President George W. Bush's Democratic challenger John Kerry has accused Bush of mismanaging the war and launching it on the pretext of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction that even Washington now admits did not exist.

The US military death toll in the war is creeping toward 1,100 in almost 19 months of fighting and fatalities have risen each month since Iraqi sovereignty was restored on June 28. MNA/Reuters

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UNSC asks countries to cooperate in fighting terrorism

UNITED NATIONS, 11 Oct— Asserting that terrorism cannot be justified under any circumstances, the United Nations Security Council, stepping up efforts to tackle the menace, has asked all nations to prosecute those who help in financing, planning or commissioning terror acts.

The 15-member Council unanimously voted a resolution on Friday asking all states to deny a safe haven to terrorists and prosecute any person who helps in financing, planning, preparing or commissioning terror acts. Pakistan earlier objected to the wording of the resolution that acts of terrorism "under no circumstances, justifiable by consideration of a political, philosophical, ideological, ethnic or religious or other similar nature".

However, it finally decided to drop the objection to allow unanimous passage of the resolution, drafted by Russia.—MNA/PTI

UN praises Philippines for development plan

MANILA, 10 Oct— The United Nations has praised the Philippine Government for its successful formulation of the 2004-2010 Medium-Term Philippine Development Plan (MTPDP), reported the local daily *Manila Bulletin* on Saturday.

Jeffrey Sachs, special adviser of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on the Millennium Development Goals, and Hafiz Pasha, Assistant UN Secretary-General in charge of development issues in Asia-Pacific, cited the Philippine Government's efforts to formulate the MTPDP in record time. They also praised the MTPDP for being "very comprehensive with all the chapters elaborating on various aspects of development", as well as being "an impressive document filled with good ideas and good programmes".

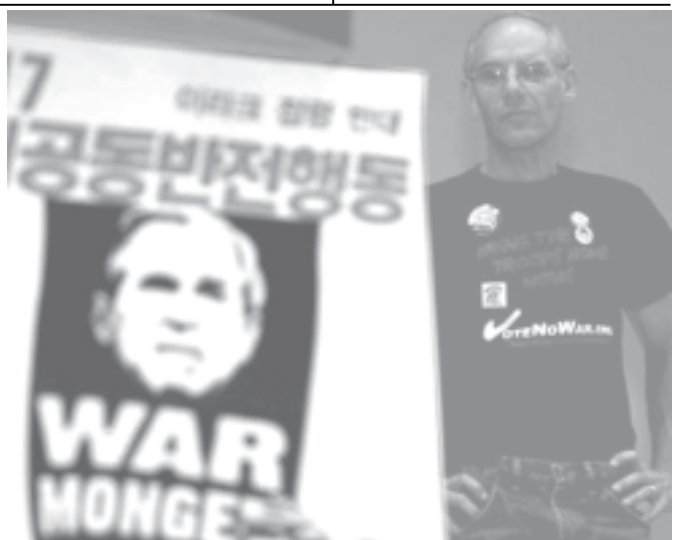
According to Philippine Government officials, the MTPDP is focusing on resolving poverty, enhancing competitiveness, addressing budget deficit, disseminating knowledge and increasing productivity in the countryside.

MNA/Xinhua

Wife of most wanted terrorist captured in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 10 Oct— The wife of the most wanted terrorist in Indonesia was officially arrested by the Indonesian police on Saturday, for suspected implicating on the JW Marriot Hotel in August last year, killing 12 people and wounded more than 100 others, a senior police officer said. Munfiatun Alfitri, the second wife of Noerdin Moh Top had been arrested in an Islamic boarding school named Miftahul Huda in Subang District in West Java Province, said a director of the Anti-Terror and Bomb of the Indonesian Police Detectives Brigadier-General Pranowo.

"Munfiatun is suspected involved in the Marriot Bombing because she hid Noerdin Moh Top, the mastermind of the explosion," he told reporters Friday evening as quoted by the Detik online here on Saturday. However, Pranowo said that Munfiatun did not link with the carnage in front of the Australian Embassy last month, because she had not met with her husband since 22 June this year and only communicated through e-mail and mobile phone.—MNA/Xinhua



Michael Berg, father of Nicholas Berg who was beheaded by Islamic militants, attends an anti-war lecture in Seoul, on 9 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

Kerry claims victory over Bush in second debate

ELYRIA, 10 Oct— Democratic challenger John Kerry on Saturday claimed victory over President George W Bush in their second debate, mocked his rival's "scowling faces" and scoffed at the Republican incumbent's leadership skills.

The Massachusetts senator, campaigning in the vital battleground state of Ohio the morning after he and Bush faced off in a testy 90-minute exchange on Iraq, jobs and taxes, also expressed incredulity at the president's inability to own up to any mistakes.

"Do we want leadership — as it's called — that can't face reality and admit mistakes, or do we want leadership that sees the truth and tells the truth to the American people?" Kerry asked thousands of cheering supporters on a sports field at Lorain Community College in Elyria.

Kerry said the United States needed "not a single-minded leader, but a clear-headed leader, not a headstrong leader, but a well-reasoned leader."

Bush was sharper and more aggressive in Thursday night's debate in St. Louis than he was during their first encounter, but many analysts said he sometimes appeared angry and defensive in an effort to compensate for his lackluster performance in Miami on September 30.

Kerry pounced on Bush's demeanor to help make his argument the President had come out

second best.

"The reason I thought he was making all those scowling faces was because he saw the latest job numbers and he feels like most Americans — pretty upset about them," Kerry said. Hours before their town hall-style confrontation, the US Labour Department released unemployment figures showing the economy added an anemic 96,000 jobs in September, well short of forecasts for 148,000 new hires.

Bush and Kerry, who are locked in a dead heat less than a month before the November 2 election,

met in Tempe, Arizona, on Wednesday for their final debate.

"Two and 0, and we're moving onto the third and I look forward to it," Kerry said. Opinion polls showed the Democrat won the first matchup easily but most surveys gave him only a slight edge in the second or deemed it a virtual tie.—MNA/Reuters

Gang dealing with red mercury arrested in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 10 Oct— The Iraqi Interior Ministry has announced that the intelligence of the ministry arrested a gang specialized in smuggling red mercury in Baghdad, the *Al Sabah Al Jaded* newspaper reported on Saturday.

The intelligence arrested the gang of four people as they dealt with the red mercury and sold it in the Kurdish north, an official of the ministry was quoted as saying. The group was selling one kilo of this rare material at the price of 30,000 US dollars to dealers who would then smuggle it abroad, the official said.

The official said that all the members of the gang have criminal records in the smuggling of this material, and they were turned to specialized authorities for required procedures against them.—MNA/Reuters

50th forging anniversary of Sino-Norwegian dip ties marked

BEIJING, 10 Oct — The Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC) and the Norwegian Embassy gave a reception here Friday to mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Norway.

He Luli, vice-chairwoman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress (NPC), said China attaches great importance to Sino-Norwegian relations and seeks to develop a long-term, stable and friendly relation with Norway.

China and Norway enjoyed good relations over the past half century. In 1996 and 1997, former Chinese President Jiang Zemin and King Harald V of Norway paid visits to each other's countries; and in June of 2004, Wu Bangguo, chairman of the NPC Standing Committee, paid a successful visit to Norway as well. All these helped to upgrade the Sino-Norwegian relations to a new high, said He.

The high-level visits have impelled mutual understanding and political trust and promoted bilateral cooperation in all fields, and China has become the No 1 trade partner of Norway in Asia, she acknowledged.

Jorgen A Kosmo, president of the Norwegian Storting, said the people of Norway and China have built their profound friendship and cooperative political, economic and cultural relations since the two countries forged their diplomatic ties 50 years ago, and more and more Norwegian people are coming to China, which proves the importance of Norwegian-Chinese relations, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A car burns in the centre of Baghdad, Iraq, on 11 Oct, 2004. The cause of the fire was not immediately known. Car bombers struck twice in rapid succession in the capital on Sunday, killing at least 11 people including an American soldier.

INTERNET

Thai minister says India can become gateway for Thailand

BANGKOK, 11 Oct — India has a strategic position in South Asia and it can become a gateway for Thailand in the region, a Thai minister said here as the two countries began negotiating 5,600 items in the second phase of the Free Trade Agreement.

The first phase of the 82 items under the Early Harvest Scheme of the India-Thailand FTA came into effect from September this year.

"This is a perfect time when Thailand is advocating 'look West policy' and India its 'look East policy'", Thai Vice-Minister for Commerce Parnpree Bahiddha Nukara told the India-Thai Business Forum Thursday night referring to the interest both the countries have expressed in recent times in trading with each other's region.

With Thailand's strategic location in Southeast Asia, the country can become a vital base for India for its trading in ASEAN region, Parnpree

noted.

Referring to the next phase in consideration of items under FTA, Parnpree said with 5,600 items to be negotiated, the negotiating team from both countries would try to keep sensitive products to the lowest level position.

"We will ensure that the items on the normal track will be useful to both sides," he told the gathering of top businessmen and executives.

Parnpree admitted it would not be very easy to achieve this by March next year but hoped with frequent meetings between the two sides it could be achieved.

MNA/PTI

UN bans commercial trade in rare Irrawaddy dolphin

BANGKOK, 11 Oct — A UN conference on Friday banned commercial trade in the rare Irrawaddy dolphin, a move environmentalists said was needed to save the threatened species.

"Most legitimate zoos and aquariums already refuse to display Irrawaddy dolphins because of their endangered status," said Karen Steuer, a senior policy adviser to conservation group WWF International.

"But there remains an active trade in

them for dolphin shows and water parks across Asia." The proposal to ban commercial trade was put forward by Thailand, host of a conference on the Convention on Trade in International Species (CITES), which regulates global trade in wild plants and animals. —MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi woman and her children walk past a house adorned with a picture of cleric Moqtada Sadr in the Sadr City neighbourhood of Baghdad, on 11 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET

US, Britain criticized over WMD search failure

LONDON, 11 Oct — The last vestiges of perceived legitimacy regarding the US and British decision to invade Iraq have been eliminated with the release of the Iraq Survey Group's final report which shows that it has failed in finding any Iraqi weapons of mass destruction (WMD), said a former UN weapons inspector.

"We all know that Iraq's WMD were destroyed in 1991... The inspection process was rigged to create uncertainty regarding Iraq's WMD, which was used by the United States and Britain to bolster their case for war," Scott Ritter said in an article in the British *Independent* newspaper on Sunday.

"Sadly, when one speaks of threats to international peace and security, history will show that it was the US and Britain that consistently operated outside the spirit and letter of international law in their approach towards dealing with (former Iraqi president) Saddam (Hussein)," Ritter argued.

"This blatant disregard for international law on the part of the world's two greatest democracies serves as the foundation of any analysis of the question: would the world be better off with or without Saddam in power?" Ritter asked.

"Tragically, we can see the fallacy of that argument unfold on a daily basis, as the horrific

ramifications of American and British unilateralism unfold across the globe," said Ritter, a former intelligence officer in the US Marines and an inspector in Iraq from 1991 to 1998.

"Saddam is gone, and the world is far worse for it — not because his regime posed no threat, perceived or otherwise, but because the threat to international peace and security resulting from the decisions made by Bush and Blair to invade Iraq in violation of international law make any threat emanating from an Iraq ruled by Saddam pale in comparison," he stressed.

Ritter's comments were echoed by former UN chief weapons inspector Hans Blix, who also wrote for the paper claiming that the report released last week by the Iraq Survey Group, which spent 18 months in a vain search for Iraq's banned weapons, was further evidence "that the reality on the ground was totally different from the virtual reality that had been spun".

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela raises tax on foreign oil companies

CARACAS, 11 Oct — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez announced that his country began on Sunday to levy 16.6 per cent of taxes on foreign companies which are extracting crudes from the Orinoco oil field.

Venezuela has abundant reserves of heavy crude in the oil field in southeast Venezuela.

In the mid 1990s, foreign companies were charged 1 per cent of tax, as an incentive for foreign companies to develop and invest there. The low tax policy has promoted the rapid development of oil exploitation in the region. Now oil companies from the United States, France and Norway are extracting oil in the Orinoco oil field. During his weekly radio and television show, Chavez said the low tax policy used to encourage foreign companies to extract oil in the area, but the policy has not adapted to the current situation.

The tax increase is one of the national plans to strengthen its control of the oil industry, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

US treasury chief says high oil prices baffle US economy

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct — US Treasury Secretary John W. Snow on Sunday said record-high oil prices baffle the development of US economy.

"It's creating headwinds for the otherwise very strong economy," Snow told CNN's "Late Edition", regarding the high prices as "a tax, taking disposable income away from people."

"The price is above what's justified by the fundamentals of the marketplace," he said, noting "there will be a movement back toward the fundamentals, which means a lower price."

However, Snow, who met finance ministers from Arab countries during the annual meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank earlier this month in Washington, expressed his optimism for the price decline in the coming months.

MNA/Xinhua



A medic and an Iraqi policeman evacuate a victim on a stretcher after a missile attack near the oil ministry in Baghdad on 11 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

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Blair faces fresh pressure over Iraq

LONDON, 11 Oct — Prime Minister Tony Blair faces fresh pressure over Iraq this week as legislators return to Parliament with the beheading of British hostage Kenneth Bigley overshadowing the political agenda.

Coming days after a report from the Iraq Survey Group (ISG), which failed to find banned weapons and so undermined Blair's main argument for war, Bigley's killing looks sure to keep Iraq an explosive issue seven months before an expected election.

"You don't appear to have done anything to help me," Bigley told Blair in a video tape made by his captors soon before his death and posted on the Internet on Sunday.

Blair, expected to win the next election but with a reduced majority for his Labour Party, has seen his personal trust ratings slide over the controversy surrounding the war.

He may draw some comfort from a poll victory in Australia this week-

end for his war ally John Howard, but Blair's political opponents have vowed to make the war and the issue of trust major planks of their election campaigns.

"When credibility is an issue, as it will be in the next election, Iraq will continue to be very corrosive," Liberal Democrat Menzies Campbell told BBC TV's Breakfast with Frost.

The Liberal Democrats, Britain's third-biggest party, were the only mainstream party to oppose the Iraq war and have called on the government to make a statement to Parliament on the ISG report this week which may be hard to avoid.

As Democratic challenger John Kerry turns the heat up on President

George W. Bush over Iraq in the US election race, an opinion poll on Sunday showed more than one in three Britons think Blair should resign over the war.

A clear majority, however, do not blame him for Bigley's death and opposition parties have backed Blair's stance of doing no deals with kidnappers.

In the first comprehensive sounding taken since the death of the 62-year-old engineer, the YouGov poll in *The Mail* on Sunday showed 36 per cent of voters wanted Blair to step down.

The Prime Minister, who Downing Street said spoke to the Bigley family late on Saturday to express his sympathy, has pledged to serve a full third term if elected, which would take him through to about 2009.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi boy leaves the town of Fallujah, Iraq, recently. — INTERNET

China issues first nat'l guideline on clinical use of anti-biotics

BELING, 10 Oct — China recently issued its first national guideline on the clinical use of antibacterial medicines, China's Health Ministry said here Saturday.

The guideline classified anti-bacterial drugs into three types based on their clinical effects and safety and asked hospitals to adopt different prescription rules for each type, Wang Yu, a senior official with the Health Ministry said at a Press briefing. The guideline also set up principles for the application of anti-bacterial drugs in disease treatment and prevention as well as the use of

anti-biotics under special pathologic and physical conditions, Wang said. Antibacterial drugs have been in clinical use for about 70 years and saved millions of lives. But the side effects of anti-biotics and the growing antibiotic resistance caused by the abuse of the drugs have brought about increasingly serious problems.

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Will it let itself sink in the quagmire because of extreme ego?

Kaytu Nila

From the cradle to the grave man builds his life with three kinds of actions — physical deed, verbal deed and mental deed. In other words, he writes his history by himself. There are two sides in the objectives of building his life and writing his history. One of the objectives is self-integration, Atta Sangaha in Pali term and the other one is integration of the world, Loka Sangaha. Atta Sangaha is for self-interest and Loka Sangaha is for the interest of the world and the people.

In fact, Atta Sangaha is nothing but for oneself, his family, his group and the good of his party. One with Atta Sangaha cannot rejoice at somebody's success, and then jealousy and uncharitableness grow spontaneously. Although he works in the interest of himself and his family, his environment and party, he would give an excuse that he is working in the interest of the people. It is papancathi or Attadithi, meaning self-belief. He usually regards the wrong way and practises it as the right one without thinking in his own sense.

As such attitude becomes greater, he often

the interest of the people and the world. This correlates with the world. If ego of individuals becomes extreme, they will face destruction. In other words, if there is an extreme ego, they will surely sink in the quagmire of destruction. Without any grudge, I will discuss my view on reality of the National League for Democracy, a political party in Myanmar political field, and its party leaders.

After the government had declared the seven-point Road-Map for the emergence of a peaceful, modern discipline-flourishing democratic nation, coordination and discussions were held with the party organizations for convening of the national convention as the first step. In the discussions, the government told them to let bygones be bygones. It also made efforts to reconvene the National Convention that will hand down good legacy for the future of the State and it coordinated the attendance of delegates of legal political parties, those of representatives-elect, those of national race groups that had made peace with the government, those of mass and

In connection with the NLD attempts to obtain the signatures of party members and the people the government does not prohibit its organizational matters. It requested the party to keep the books of signatures at the house of a party member instead of paying door-to-door visits to collect individual signatures.

However, township, ward and village NLD party leaders and members paid door-to-door visits without following the directive of their headquarters. By doing so, inconvenience occurred in the people's peaceful life.

Party leaders and members of township, ward and village NLD mocked the people who did not sign the demand and made the honest people sign the demands without telling them the true facts. The party leaders and members also gave them liquor and made them sign the demands. They sent the reports based on fake signatures and the list of people who do not really live in ward or village to the headquarters.

Such incidents occurred in Nathagon Ward in Insein Township, Ohnnekan Village in Thongwa Township, 1/A Ward and Du Sanpya Ward in Mingalardon Township, Minbaing Ward and Ohbo Ward in Twantay Township, Ward 10 in Thongwa Township, Ward 7 in South Okkalapa Township, Yedashe Ward in Bahan Township, Ward 2 in Kayan Township, Natsingon Village in Kawhmu Township and Ward 13 in Hlathethaya Township, Yangon Division.

Likewise, leaders and party members of the NLD at township, ward and village levels intimidated and launched into a tirade against the people who did not sign the demands, deceived the people into signing the demands and manufactured fake signatures of the people. Accordingly, those who became victims of the NLD lodged a complaint with local authori-

ties and the township subcommittees and some victims lodged a complaint letter to the NLD Chairman. Those incidents happened in Ohtaw Ward in Amarapura Township, Yadanabon Market and Mingalar Market in South-West Township, Mandalay Division; Ohma Ohbo Ward in Magway, Paik-chintawng Village and Zay Ward in Natmauk Township, Mindon Township and Kama Township, Magway Division; Leikin Ward in Thaton and Debarein Village in Thaton Township, Mon State; Okeyin Ward, Thangon-gyi Village and Kwingyi Village in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State; Kalay Township, Sagaing Division; Talokpin Village-tract and Thuyezzi Village-tract in Padaung Township, Bago Division (West). In those incidents, there were 1,269 people who were deceived into signing the demands and 1,295 non-existent people of fake names and signatures. These incidents are the ones which happened up to 15 September 2004.

This can be cited as disgraceful acts committed by a political party.

In addition, the NLD members came to submit their resignations individually or in groups as they were dissatisfied with the three demands or the NLD reasons for not attending the National Convention. The number of NLD members who resigned from 1 January to 25 August 2004 were four from Taninthayi Division, five from Sagaing Division, one from Magway Division, one from Mon State, two from Yangon Division, one from Rakhine State, 65 from Shan State (East), nine from Ayeyawady Division and 116 from Mandalay Division, and one from Bago (West) Division, totalling 205.

Actually, the NLD has stuck to its demands which cannot yet be met under prevailing situations of the State and turned a blind eye to oppositions of the people and its some party members. By doing so, it

paid attention only to the interest of a certain person or a party rather than attending the National Convention, a national concern for drawing the State constitution which is the cause of the entire national people.

To be exact, although it is imperative for a certain party to pay serious attention to the interests of the State and the people rather than its interest or interest of a certain person, the NLD failed to act.

The NLD has been making attempts to turn its demands which cannot yet be met under prevailing circumstances of the State into the people's demands. The NLD aired through foreign radio stations that as if the gov-

Anniversary Pyithu Hluttaw Representing Committee were not intended to serve the interest of the State and its people but meant to serve the interest of the NLD.

As a matter of fact, those leaflets and fabrications manufactured to trick the people into signing the demands are totally contrary to the national reconsolidation and democratic reforms cited by the NLD but will lead to the course of confrontation which is detrimental to the socio-economic life of the people who reside in the Union with peace of mind.

In short, for the NLD the more it gives priority to self-interest, the more it ignores the interest of the State and the people. That is why the NLD will surely

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ernment was deterring its attempts to transform its demands into that of the public. At the same time, not only the leaflets issued by the NLD and Pyithu Hluttaw Representing Committee, which has never existed yet in the world but manipulated by the NLD, to mark the 57th Anniversary Azami Day but also the leaflets issued in commemoration of the 6th

face oppositions launched by the entire national people including its members and meet its end by letting itself sunk in the quagmire.

In fact, the question of the current national history of Myanmar to the NLD is that "Will it let itself sink in the quagmire because of extreme ego?" (Translation: NY + TS) (Myanma Alin + Kyemon: 11-10-20004)

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thinks that the wrong thing is the right one. He also assumes that bad deeds are good deeds. This leads to the fall and ruin. He does not have ability to review the situation correctly but thinks that he is right. In spite of his knowledge that something is wrong, he upholds his concept without giving it up. These are the foolish behaviour of discourteous persons. Man is self-centred. All accepts only self-interest that does not harm

class and other invited persons and sent invitations to them.

However, the National League for Democracy holding the demands that cannot be met under the present circumstances did not attend the National Convention. The NLD attempted to transform its demands into those of members of the party and the people. As a result, some problems arose in the stable social life of the people.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects thriving of model 100-acre paddy cultivation at the entrance to Sedoktara. — MNA

Mon Creek multipurpose Dam project...

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Later, the Secretary-1 and party inspected the main dam and the water stored in the dam, the construction of tunnels, and machinery installed at the central control room. The Mon Creek dam multipurpose project is

the Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Minbu District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Myo Aung and officials. In the town, the Secretary-1 and party attended an opening ceremony of multimedia classrooms at Sedoktara Basic Education High

Secretary-1 and party watched students learning their lessons with the aid of computers. The Secretary-1 also inspected the computer-aided instruction room, the learning centre, the language lab, and the visual aid room.

At the domestic science room, students presented a blanket, which they themselves had woven, to the Secretary-1. In the

Secretary-1 and party were welcomed by Head of Township Health Department Dr Saw Lwin, nurses and health staff. The Secretary-1 and party comforted the patients and inspected the X-ray room, operation theater and medical store. They next attended the ceremonies to multimedia classrooms of Sedoktara BEHS and to meet with township service

effective teaching of respective subjects to students. Township PDC Chairman U Phone Myat Thu presented a report on the area of the township and its land resources, annual rainfall, cultivation of paddy and other crops, local self-sufficiency in rice and edible oil, health matters, rural development and requirements. In response to the reports, the

and Salin-Sedoktara motor road in the township. That is why local people, for their part, realizing the goodwill of the State and local authorities, are to actively cooperate in regional development work. The State is giving necessary assistance to ensure the equitable development of all the regions in the nation. And departmental staff and local people are to lend



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presents medicines for Sedoktara Township People's Hospital to Dr Saw Lwin. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party view the students learning at multimedia room. — MNA

capable of irrigating 108,000 acres of farmland and generating 75 megawatts. Construction works are being carried out for speedy completion of the project.

On arrival at Sedoktara in the afternoon,

School. The school and the chairman of the school board of trustees formally opened the ceremony. Next, the Secretary-1 unveiled the signboard of the multimedia classrooms. Later at the computer skill room, the

music room, the Secretary-1 and party enjoyed the entertainment presented by students. Next, they posed for a group photo together with the students.

On arrival at the 25-bed township hospital, the

personnel, members of USDA and social organizations and townselders.

Headmistress Daw Myint Myint Than reported on construction of classrooms equipped with modern teaching aids and

Secretary-1 said requirements have been fulfilled to a certain degree for the development of Sedoktara Township's education and health sectors. Coordinated efforts had been also made for the betterment of phone line

themselves to the efforts for their regional development. In particular, as there are a lot of vacant lands in the township, it is needed to make those lands cultivable ones, the Secretary-1 said.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win gives instructions to officials at the briefing hall of Mon Creek Multipurpose Dam project. — MNA

Mon Creek multipurpose dam ...

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He then presented two sets of computers for the school to the headmistress, exercise books to Township Education Officer U Tun Po and medicines and cash for the funds towards the hospital to Dr Saw Lwin. Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Magway Division PDC Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe presented cash assistance for the hospital to the doctor. For the funds to the hospital, USDA CEC member Minister U Soe Tha presented K 500,000 donated by Magway Division USDA to the township PDC chairman. Minister U Soe Tha also donated a computer and a printer for the school.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted those present. The Secretary-1 and party inspected the thriving of 100-acre paddy plantations at the entrance to the township. Afterwards, they looked into Mezali spillway and construction of Kyionkyiwa Dam. They then helicoptered to Bagan-Nyaung-U Airport where they inspected the upgrading tasks. Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and officials reported on upgrading tasks of the airport to the Secretary-1 and party, who left there and arrived back here. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party pose for a documentary photo together with teachers and students. — MNA



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win unveils the signboard of multimedia rooms at Sedoktara BEHS. — MNA

Teaching aids donated to...

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First, Lt-Gen Soe Win and party inspected teaching aids and teaching and learning at the language lab of the school. Next, they also viewed teaching and learning of teachers and students at computer aided instruction room, computer application

room and electronic media video room. Afterwards, teaching aids donation ceremony was held at the hall of the school. Lt-Gen Soe Win presented cash assistance for multimedia equipment for the school to Headmistress Daw Khin Cho San. Similarly, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented a set

of computer for the school to the headmistress.

Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min spoke words of thanks.

Next, Lt-Gen Soe Win attended to the needs for education, health and transportation sectors in the township. Htantabin is not far from Yangon. But,

it was not accessible easily in the past because of poor transport, Lt-Gen Soe Win said. Now, due to better transportation, the region acquires development infrastructures. If the local people cooperate actively with officials concerned and if the State provides necessary assistance to it, the region will surely develop in no time.

Lt-Gen Soe Win and party

had a documentary photo taken together with the headmistress, teachers and students and the ceremony came to an end. Later, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party went to Htantabin Township People's Hospital and inspected wards, cold-storage room where vaccines are stored, medical store, operation room, delivery room and X-ray room.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Soe Win and party viewed the development of Htantabin and requirements to be fulfilled.

Next, they inspected currents of Kokowa Creek and preventive measures against erosion at Ngu Jetty in Htantabin Myogyun and a new market built by the township Development Affairs Department.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presents cash assistance for teaching aids to Headmistress Daw Khin Cho San. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects multimedia rooms at Htantabin BEHS. — MNA

Foreign Minister U Nyan Win sends message of felicitations to Spain

YANGON, 12 Oct — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Spain, which falls on 12 October 2004. — MNA



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun welcomes Finance & Revenue Soccer Team, champion of 110th Indian Football Association's Shield. — MNA

Victorious Finance and Revenue...

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back at Yangon International Airport by air this afternoon.

The victorious football team was welcomed back by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun

and wife, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife, Deputy Minister for F&R Col Hla Thein Swe and wife, heads of department and their wives and officials.

The football team comprised Director-General of Customs Department Col Khin Maung Lin, two managers, two coaches, 20 footballers totalling 25.

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Myanmar Canoe team bags...

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and Win Htaik in 500 metres Canoe double's event; Phone Myint Teza in 200 metres Kayak single's event; Aye Mi Khaing in 200 metres Kayak single's event and Aung Lin in 200 metres Canoe single's event respectively.

Phone Myint Teza won

silver in 1,000 metres Kayak single's event; Phone Myint Teza and Aung Kyaw Moe in 1,000 metres Kayak double's event; Aung Lin and Win Htaik in 1,000 metres Kayak double's event; Aye Mi Khaing in 500 metres Kayak single's event; Aung Lin in 500 metres

Canoe single's event and Aung Lin and Win Htaik in 200 metres Canoe single's event respectively.

Aung Lin won bronze in 1,000 metres Canoe single's event and Aye Mi Khaing and Thein Hay Win in 200 metres Kayak double's event.

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Chirac says Iraq war was illegal

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transcript of the interview released here by Chirac's office Friday.

The French president was due to head to China late Friday from Vietnam,

where he was attending a summit of Asian and European leaders.

Chirac said France and China were "very close" in their appraisal of the Iraq crisis, and that the two

countries were in regular contact with Germany, Russia and Spain on the issue. The president added he was "very worried for the future of the situation in Iraq". —INTERNET

State/Division participants in Performing Arts Competitions arrive

YANGON, 11 Oct — Participants from States and Divisions who are going to take part in the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions arrived here by train this morning.

Altogether 514 participants led by Secretary of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Major Myint Thein, 15 participants including the manager from Chin State and 195 participants led by Secretary of Shwabo District Peace and Development Council Maj Soe Win arrived at Yangon

Railway Station this morning.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition Reception and Accommodation Committee Commandant of Defence Services General Hospital (Bed-1000) Brig-Gen Than Sein, Chairman of the Reception and Accommodation Sub-Committee Police Col Soe Win Myint and officials, members of Mingalar Taungnyunt Township Peace and Development Council and departmental

officials and accommodated at No 1 Transit Centre (Bayint Naung). Likewise, participants from Magway Division, Shan State and Taninthayi Division led by the respective managers arrived here this morning while participants from Bago Division and Rakhine State led by the respective managers arrived here this afternoon.

They were welcomed by officials of the Reception and Accommodation Sub-Committee and accommodated at No 1 Transit Centre (Bayint Naung). —MNA

Development work in Kokogyun Township inspected

YANGON, 11 Oct — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Union Solidarity and Development Association CEC member Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, accompanied by departmental heads and officials, inspected regional development tasks in Kokogyun Township in Yangon South District this morning and fulfilled the requirements.

On arrival in Kokogyun, the commander and the mayor first visited Zinamarrazein Pagoda. Next, they attended the opening of the Sasana Pala Dhamma Rakkhita Dhammayon. The commander and party presented offertories to Sayadaws and members of the Sangha at the ceremony. The Dhammayon is a one-storey building with 57 feet in length and 30 feet in breadth. The commander and the mayor looked into paving of

Kyuntpat gravel road, water storage in 49 million-gallon Kokogyun Dam and distribution of water from the reinforced concrete tank with the capacity of 12000 gallons and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The commander and party went to Kokogyun Township communication station and inspected installation of rural telephone lines. At the township PDC office, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and USDA CEC member Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin met departmental officials, USDA members, social organizations and local people. The commander and the mayor then delivered speeches.

Officials reported on tasks being carried out for the development of Kokogyun Township and for ensuring the rule of law and agricultural, social, education and health matters. The commander attended to the needs and gave concluding remarks. The commander and

party saw over the thriving of Manawthukha paddy strains on 13 acres of farmlands in the township and gave instructions on using of four means and ways to be able to produce high yield monsoon paddy.

The commander, the mayor and party proceeded to the township BEHS where they inspected the publishing of the newspapers of Myanmar Alin and Kyemon sub-printing houses at the learning centre. The commander instructed more distribution of newspapers to local people and students for their knowledge enhancement.

The commander and the mayor inspected progress in construction of the 12 feet long and 14 feet wide reinforced concrete bridge. They then inspected the township hospital, comforted the patients and presented cash assistance there.

After inspecting the township police station, the commander and party met members of Myanmar Police Force and their families and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

Minister attends 4th ASEAN Rural Development and Poverty Eradication Meeting

YANGON, 11 Oct — The 4th ASEAN Rural Development and Poverty Eradication Ministers' Meeting was held in Singapore on 7 October 2004 which was attended by the Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt.

The meeting was held at Meritus Mandrain Hotel in Singapore and inaugurated by Deputy Prime Minister of Singapore Professor S Jayakuma. The Ministers'

Meeting was held at Meritus Mandrain Court D. During the meeting, the minister took part in the discussions on measures being taken for developments of rural roads, rural water supply, rural education, rural health and rural economy in Myanmar in accord with the guidance given by the Head of State and achievements. He clarified that plans laid down for implementation of developments of border areas and national races and measures being taken for

establishing 24 development regions for equitable development of the State. He also called for measures for regional cooperation in rural development and poverty eradication with momentum.

Before the Ministers' Meeting, senior officials meeting was held on 4 and 5 October 2004, which was attended by Director-General of Border Areas and National Races Development Department Col Than Swe and Director U Aye Lwin.

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Participants in the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions arrive Yangon Central Railway Station. — MNA

Russia seeks coordination with India in WTO negotiations

NEW DELHI, 11 Oct — Russia favoured Saturday more coordinated approach with India in the WTO negotiations and asked New Delhi to ease anti-dumping norms before the forthcoming visit of Russian President Vladimir Putin in December.

The consular officials of Russia and India would soon hold a meeting to ease visa norms, the *Press Trust of India* quoted Russian Foreign Minister

Sergei Lavrov, who is on a three-day India visit, as saying. "Despite good political relationships, our

visa ties are not as liberal as with countries with which we do not enjoy relations as good as with India. I hope we will be

able to sign an agreement that brings it at par with the visa relationships we have with Italy, France and Germany, during President Putin's visit," Lavrov said at a meeting with the Confederation of Indian Industry. Lavrov said the conceptual approach of the two countries was similar and yet the current level of cooperation between India and Russia in the ongoing WTO talks was unsatisfactory. "I hope the Indian representative in Geneva will be more forthcoming," he added.

The minister also said India should recognize Russia as a market economy. "Even China, the United States and the European Union consider Russia so, why not India?"

He said the bilateral economic relationship had lagged behind strategic ties but it was high time the business to business relationship grew from the current levels where the two countries have only 1.5 per cent of their global trade with each other.

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New Oriental School gets large accredited loan

BEIJING, 11 Oct — The New Oriental School, China's prominent private school, which helps Chinese students prepare for foreign university entrance exams such as the TOEFL, GRE and GMAT, received an interest-free loan worth of one billion yuan (about 120 million US dollars) from a Beijing bank.

Yu Minhong, president of the school, said the money would be used to build a campus for

15,000 students in Beijing, according to Friday's *Beijing News*.

Yan Xiaoyan, president of the Beijing City Commercial Bank said though many schools received bank loans recently, it is the first time that a private school can get such a large mortgage-free loan in Beijing.

"Banks begin to trust private schools and financial institutes are more confident about the market of private education,"

Yan was quoted as saying.

In recent years, the bank has large sum of lending businesses with many public universities including the prominent Tsinghua University.

The New Oriental School is the most prominent school in China that helps tens of thousands of students who want to go abroad and prepare for tests of academic and English-language skills.

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US tech edge slipping in hands of Asians

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct — US technological superiority, long taken for granted, may be slipping and "the most serious threat" is coming from Asian countries like India, China, Singapore, South Korea and Taiwan, a media report says.

Indian companies are quickly becoming the sec-

ond largest producers of application services in the world, developing, supplying, and managing database and other types of software for clients around the world, Adam Segal, senior fellow in China Studies at the Council on Foreign Relations writes in the November-December issue of *Foreign Af-*

airs magazine.

South Korea has "rapidly eaten away" the US advantage in the manufacture of computer chips and telecommunications software, and "even China" has made impressive gains in advanced technologies such as lasers, biotechnology and advanced materials used in semiconductors, aerospace and many other types of manufacturing, Segal says in the article.

Although the US technical dominance remains solid, the globalization of research and development is exerting considerable pressure on the American system.

It won't be easy for the US to keep its privileged position in the world.

The number of Americans pursuing advanced degrees in the sciences and engineering is declining, and university science and engineering programmes are growing more dependent on foreign-born talent. Thirty-eight per cent of the nation's scientists and engineers with doctorates were born abroad, the article says.

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SoonU Ponnyashin Pagoda. — MNA

New Shwehtidaw to be hoisted atop SoonU Ponnyashin Pagoda

YANGON, 9 Oct — With the sponsorship of SoonU Ponnyashin Pagoda Board of Ovadacariya Sayadaws, Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council and Thitagu Sayadaw, new Htidaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw will be hoisted atop SoonU Ponnyashin Pagoda on top of Wutyon Taungdaw, Sagaing Hill.

Those wishing to make cash donations are to contact the Ponnyashin Pagoda Board of Trustees, Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council and Thitagu Sayadaw.

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China's Gongbei Customs becoming largest zero tariff goods importer

ZHUHAI, 11 Oct — The Gongbei Customs in south China's Guangdong Province led the country in importing goods from Hong Kong and Macao with zero tariffs since the CEPA (Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement) was implemented early this year.

The Gongbei Customs, in south China's Guangdong Province, imported 200 million HK dollars' worth of goods made in Hong Kong and Macao. These goods are eligible for zero tariff under the CEPA in the first eight months, preceding all other Provinces.

The amount of tariffs exempted in importing goods totalled 12.55 million yuan (1.5 million US dollars).

Imports from Hong Kong under the CEPA preferential terms made up 99.4 per cent of the total imports of Gongbei Customs in the first eight

months.

They fell into the categories of pharmaceuticals, perfume for industrial use and garment.

The imports from Macao, mainly electric conductors and cement, made up 0.6 per cent of the Customs' total import.

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Cambodian Royal Palace guards march in front of the palace on Sunday, 10 Oct, 2004 in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. —INTERNET



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Motorcycle taxi drivers wait for passengers in front of the Cambodian Royal Palace on 10 Oct, 2004 in Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia. — INTERNET

Two British Airways stewardesses fail breath test

LONDON, 10 Oct — Two British Airways (BA) air stewardesses were prevented from boarding a BA flight from Helsinki to London after allegedly failing a breath test on Saturday.

BA confirmed that "two stewardesses allegedly failed a breath test conducted by the Finnish police at the Helsinki airport this morning before they were boarding the aircraft."

The pair were then released and would be flown by BA back to Britain on Sunday, a BA spokesman said.

Seats were found on

other flights for most of BA's 112 passengers after the incident seriously delayed the 0440 GMT flight to London, according to a BBC report.

Pilots, cabin crew and air traffic controllers are subject to a limit of 20 milligrammes of alcohol in 100 millilitres of blood.

BA's rules state crews should only consume al-

cohol in moderation in the 24 hours before reporting for duty and ban them from consuming any alcohol in the last eight hours.

The British Government gave police powers to test suspected offenders in March this year, with penalties as high as a 5,000-pound fine or two years in prison.

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Anti-smoking policies of Europe studied

BRUSSELS, 11 Oct — A Europe-wide study of anti-smoking policies due out this week will pour scorn on German and Czech efforts to curb the habit while praising Iceland and Britain for their battle against tobacco.

Luk Joossens, who coordinated the report for the European Network for Smoking Prevention, told Reuters the dossier would single out Luxembourg and the Czech Republic for criticism over their cheap cigarettes.

The report, to be released on Tuesday, ranks the European Union's 25 member states, as well as neighbours Iceland, Norway, and Switzerland, for their progress on a range of anti-smoking measures recommended by the World Bank.

Iceland comes top as it has taken almost all of the Bank's measures to heart, Joossens said. Britain also scores highly, particularly for making cigarettes so expensive with tax.

World Bank research suggests raising prices by 10 per cent cuts cigarette

consumption in a wealthy country by 4 per cent.

Data from Philip Morris France, a unit of Altria Group Inc shows a packet of 20 Marlboro cigarettes cost 6.60 euros (8.12 US dollars) in Britain in January, but 2.90 euros in Luxembourg.

"The Britain certainly is doing very well on government spending, on cessation programmes and on prices, but it's doing very badly on smoke-free places," Joossens said.

In March, Ireland became the first country to ban smoking in restaurants, bars and pubs. Norway and Malta have since instituted similar bans and incoming European Health Commissioner Markos Kyprianou last week urged all EU governments to follow Ireland's example within five years.

Luxembourg and the Czech Republic both had a "very bad" policy of keeping cigarettes cheap in relation to wages, Joossens said.

"Germany is certainly lagging behind," Joossens said. "It's in the lowest 10 countries, so it could clearly do better."

The study marked countries on six anti-smoking measures to calculate a total score. The criteria include raising tax on cigarettes, smoke-free policies in offices, bars and restaurants, anti-tobacco advertising and clear warnings on cigarette packets.

The survey also rated access to treatment for nicotine addiction and increased government "tobacco control" budgets, which go to fund other anti-smoking measures.

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Life of Charles de Gaulle to be on show in Beijing

BEIJING, 10 Oct — Life of General Charles de Gaulle, the great French politician and one of the first Westerners to welcome New China, will be replayed in an exposition in Beijing from 10 to 30 October.

The event is only one part of French Culture year in China, marking the 40th anniversary of China-France diplomatic ties.

According to the organizers, the exhibition includes items never displayed before, such as the general's baptism suit, his sabre used in military school and the copy of his office in Paris.

Different from previous exhibitions, the show will focus more on de Gaulle's inside world. Employing video and multimedia technology as well as documentary films, the

show will let Chinese audience experience the true history of his life.

On 28 January, 2004, Chinese President Hu Jintao visited the office of de Gaulle in Paris, to extend respect to the man who firmly held out for dialogue between France and China. Hu also left epigraph to the Foundation of Charles de Gaulle.

The foundation, in return, worked with the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs (CPIFA) and the Chinese Association for Cultural Exchanges with Foreign

Countries for the show.

Addressing the great importance of the show, CPIFA vice-president Wang Yunxiang said Charles de Gaulle is not only a national hero and far-sighted politician, but also the founder of the Sino-French diplomatic ties.

On 27 January, 1964, Mao Zedong and de Gaulle made the correct historic choice to officially establish the bilateral diplomatic ties between China and France.

The show will move to Shanghai in mid November.—MNA/Xinhua

Chirac's tour to China magnifies partnership

BEIJING, 11 Oct — Dialogue between China and France, two countries which highly value cultural diversity and pluralism in international politics, is no doubt conducive to world peace, China's English-language newspaper, China Daily said on Saturday.

French President Jacques Chirac arrived in China on Friday for a significant four-day visit. Some 50 French business leaders, including those from 17 small- and medium-sized companies, accompany Chirac on his visit.

Under the ever-changing international situation, Chirac's visit to China will further boost the development of an all-round partnership between the two nations, the paper said.

Chirac's visit coincided with the inception of the Year of France in China, during which more than 200 activities will be held to present the essence of French culture to the Chinese. And thanks to mutual trust and common

efforts, the Year of China in France in 2003 was a great success.

On the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the establishment of Sino-French diplomatic ties, such full-blown cultural exchanges will certainly strengthen amicable relations between the two countries, the paper noted.

The all-around Sino-French strategic partnership was initiated by President Chirac and then President Jiang Zemin in 1997. Over the past seven years, the two countries have built an exemplary strategic partnership and made steady progress on the path of mutual trust and respect.

During his successful visit to France last January, Chinese President Hu Jintao signed a

joint declaration with President Chirac, which showed the shared will to reinforce political dialogue and build special ties in the fields of economy, industry and science and technology.

The paper indicated that the positive development of Sino-French relations can largely be attributed to the convergence of strategic objectives and interests between the two nations. As two influential countries in the world and permanent members of the United Nations Security Council, China and France share much in common, face the same challenges and shoulder major responsibilities in international affairs, it added.

MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

England produce solid display in Group 6 to beat Wales 2-0

MANCHESTER (England), 10 Oct—A stunning goal by captain David Beckham guided England to a convincing 2-0 victory over Wales in their World Cup qualifier at his former Old Trafford home on Saturday.

England got to a dream start after only four minutes of the Group Six clash when midfielder Frank Lampard's shot took a deflection off Michael Owen's heel and flew into the right-hand corner beyond the reach of wrong-footed Welsh keeper Paul Jones.

But there was no doubting England's scorer in the 76th minute when Beckham, in his second season at Real Madrid after leaving Manchester United sent a curling 25-metre shot beyond Jones for his 15th goal in his 76th

international.

Beckham blotted his copy book just minutes later, though, for a yellow card after a rash challenge on Ben Thatcher that will rule him out of next Wednesday's qualifier in Azerbaijan.

After starting out with a 2-2 draw in Austria and a 2-1 win in Poland, Saturday's victory lifted England to provisional top slot in their group on seven points, ahead of Austria (4pts) and Poland (3pts), who were meeting later on Saturday in Vienna. It was a game where many paths crossed, with Wales winger Ryan Giggs taking on United teammate Gary Neville down the flank and former United players such as Beckham and fellow midfielder Nicky Butt returning to Old Trafford.—MNA/Reuters

Argentina beat Uruguay 4-2

BUENOS AIRES, 10 Oct—Striker Luciano Figueroa scored twice as Argentina beat neighbours Uruguay 4-2 in Saturday's World Cup qualifier to give new coach Jose Pekerman a winning start.

Luis Gonzalez and Javier Zanetti scored the other goals to help Argentina establish a 4-0 lead in 54 minutes before Cristian Rodriguez and Javier Chevanton from the penalty spot pulled two back as the visitors staged a late fightback.

Argentina have 18 points from nine games in the 10-nation South American group while Uruguay have 10.

Figueroa was called up at the last minute after first choice striker Hernan Crespo was ruled out with a thigh strain in his left leg.

Pekerman, whose replaced Marcelo Bielsa less than a month ago, brought in several players who were often overlooked by his predecessor—including midfielders Esteban Cambiasso and Juan Roman Riquelme and forward Javier Saviola. Argentina needed only six minutes to open the scoring, Luis Gonzalez turning in Juan Pablo Sorin's pass at the far post after the Cruzeiro player was set free on the left by Saviola.

The home side took control of the midfield and Figueroa, who also scored twice when Argentina beat Uruguay by the same score at the Copa America in July, nearly added a second when his low shot was turned away by Sebastian Viera.

But Figueroa, who has put his career back on the rails with Mexico's Cruz Azul after a nightmare spell with English Premier League Birmingham City last year, was on target in the 33rd minute.—MNA/Reuters



Baltimore Ravens running back Jamal Lewis leaves the field at FedEx Field in Landover, Maryland following the Ravens 17-10 win over the Washington Redskins, on 10 Oct, 2004. The game was Lewis' last before his having to serve a two-game suspension for violating the NFL's substance abuse policy.—INTERNET

Ireland delighted after holding France to 0-0

PARIS, 10 Oct—An outstanding performance from goalkeeper Fabien Barthez handed France an undeserved 0-0 draw against a brave Ireland in their World Cup qualifier on Saturday.

It was the third consecutive draw the French conceded on their home ground since Raymond Domenech was named coach in July.

Ireland deserved a better outcome in the Group Four game they dominated from the start but were denied victory thanks to Barthez' dramatic saves.

The team's poor display confirmed France have yet to overcome the retirements of midfielder Zinedine Zidane and defenders Lilian Thuram and Bixente Lizarazu.

"We certainly could have done better tonight," Domenech said. "But we are building up a team. We have not conceded a goal and at least we can be happy with this."

"I'm not angry. Some things were rather good, others obviously need to be improved."

"All the other teams in the group had draws too. So we are still in the race for the qualification."

Switzerland lead Ireland in the standings on goal difference with five points after their 2-2 draw in Israel. In the group's other game, Cyprus and the Faroe Islands also shared four goals.

France and Israel also have five points.

Backed by 30,000 fans who made the trip to see their team take on the former world and European champions, Ireland entered the match like they were at home. They dominated the battle in the midfield where the absence of Patrick Vieira because of suspension was highly noticeable.—MNA/Reuters

Italy beaten 1-0 by Slovenia

CELJE (Slovenia), 10 Oct—A header by substitute defender Bostjan Cesar eight minutes from time gave Slovenia a famous 1-0 win over Italy in their World Cup Group Five qualifier on Saturday.

Cesar rose unchallenged six minutes after coming on to head home a Nastja Ceh free kick.

It was Italy's first World Cup qualifying defeat since May 1993 when they lost in Switzerland—a campaign which saw them qualify safely and go on to reach the World Cup final itself the following year.

The upset victory means that Slovenia now lead Group Five with seven points from three matches, one ahead of Italy who had won their first two games.

"We've had a lot of luck and a lot of heart. The goal that we scored we have been working on in every training session," said Slovenia coach Brane Oblak.

"The free kicks were our joker today," said Slovenia captain Milenko Acimovic.

"It's a great win for us as this was the best team I have played against over the past six or seven years."

Italy were the better side throughout but failed to capitalize on their chances, particularly in the first half.

"It could have well ended with an Italian victory. It has ended with Slovenia's victory because they have scored on the only occasion they came close to our area in the second half," said Italy coach Marcello Lippi.

MNA/Reuters



Italian 125cc rider Andrea Dovizioso, centre, celebrates after he won the 2004 world championship during the Malaysia Motorcycle Grand Prix at Sepang International Circuit, on Sunday, 10 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET

Finland beat Armenia 3-1

HELSINKI, 10 Oct—Stand-in striker Shefki Kuqi struck twice either side of a goal by Aleksei Eremenko as Finland beat Armenia 3-1 in a World Cup qualifier on Saturday.

Kuqi, replacing the injured Mikael Forssell, got his first international goal for three years with an easy tap in after eight minutes when he was set up by Eremenko.

Eremenko then made it 2-0 with a 28th minute free kick—his fifth goal in four World Cup qualifiers—before Armen Shakhgaldyan got one back for Armenia with a free kick deflected by Finland defender Sami Hyypia past keeper Antti Niemi.

Finland dominated the second half but could not add a third goal until Kuqi wrapped up the points in the 87th minute with a curling strike from long distance that went in off the post.

After four games Finland are level on nine points at the top of Group One with Romania, who were playing their fourth match against Czech Republic on Saturday. Finland travel to Amsterdam to face the Netherlands in their next qualifier on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Koller's penalty secures Czech Republic 1-0 victory over Romania

PRAGUE, 10 Oct—Striker Jan Koller's first-half penalty secured the Czech Republic their first points with a 1-0 victory over Romania in their World Cup European qualifying Group One match on Saturday.

The Czechs, beaten 2-0 by the Netherlands in their opening game, were heavily depleted in midfield with the sudden retirement of Pavel Nedved and injuries to Karel Poborsky and Vladimir Smicer.

"We had to overcome some missing players, so I am satisfied with the result. We didn't make many mistakes, we couldn't afford to. I'm happy with how we played," said Czech coach Karel Bruckner.

With little danger generated from the middle, the job was left to Milan Baros to carve out scoring chances.

The Liverpool striker was denied a penalty just after the half-hour when he rounded Romanian keeper Bogdan Lobont and fell under his challenge. Referee Roberto Rosetti waved away the spot-kick appeals.

The Czechs were awarded a penalty five minutes later when Martin Jiranek was hauled down. Koller clinically fired into the top corner to net his country's first goal since Euro 2004.—MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3
**12-10-2004 (Tuesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 Blacksmith Village Min Kan
9:10 Headline News
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Oyster Curry"
9:15 National News
9:20 Environmental Conservation and Bago Yoma Greening Project
9:25 Khame Traditional Cultural Dance
9:30 National News
9:35 Myanmar Modern Song "We'll Be Waiting For You"
9:40 Peaceful & Developed Dawei
9:45 National News
9:50 Ramayana in Myanmar (Part-I) "Lineage of Dasagri"
9:58 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**12-10-2004 (Tuesday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic

Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanmar Sentiment"

15:36 Blacksmith Village Min Kan

15:40 Headline News

15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Oyster Curry"

15:45 National News

15:50 Environmental Conservation and Bago Yoma Greening Project

15:55 Khame Traditional Cultural Dance

16:00 National News

16:05 Myanmar Modern Song "We'll Be Waiting For You"

16:10 Peaceful & Developed Dawei

16:15 National News

16:20 Ramayana in Myanmar (Part-I) "Lineage of Dasagri"

16:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"

16:30 National News

16:35 Manufacturing of Home Furniture and Accessories (Part-II)

16:40 Pickled Fish from Shwe Kyin

16:45 National News

16:50 Boost Production for Surplus Marine Products

16:55 Traditional Lamp Dance

17:00 National News

17:05 A Pilgrimage to Dhammayangyi

17:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Hill Steps Town"

17:15 National News

17:20 Gold Honey, Honey Gold

17:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

Evening Transmission

(19:30 - 23:30)

19:30 Signature Tune Greeting

19:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"

19:36 A Glimpse at the Mighty Loggers

19:40 Headline News

19:42 Let's keep fit by exercises

19:45 National News

19:50 Myanmar Spirulina (Ye Kharr Lake)

19:55 Love Scene of Einaung Prince and Nan Kinnari Princess

20:00 National News

20:05 50 Youths Art Exhibition

20:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Beautiful Ngapali"

20:15 National News

20:20 Ramayana in Myanmar (Part-I) "Lineage of Dasagri"

20:25 Myanmar Modern Song "Two, Together"

20:30 National News

20:35 Manufacturing of Home Furniture and Accessories (Part-I)

20:40 New, Modernized Myanmar Food

20:45 National News

20:50 Marine Industries in Taungok Township

20:55 Group Dance Entitled "Pyant Pwa Sein"

21:00 National News

21:05 Myanmar Toddy Palm: A Source of Rural Income

21:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Let's my first love know"

21:12 Mother O'pearl Mosaic Painting

21:15 National News

21:20 The Decoration of Lacquerware

21:25 Song of Myanmar

Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanmar Sentiment"

21:36 Blacksmith Village Min Kan

21:40 Headline News

21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Oyster Curry"

21:45 National News

21:50 Environmental Conservation and Bago Yoma Greening Project

21:55 Khame Traditional Cultural Dance

22:00 National News

22:05 Myanmar Modern Song "We'll Be Waiting For You"

22:10 Peaceful & Developed Dawei

22:15 National News

22:20 Ramayana in Myanmar (Part-I) "Lineage of Dasagri"

22:25 Songs On Screen "Flourishing"

22:30 National News

22:35 Manufacturing of Home Furniture and Accessories (Part-II)

22:40 Pickled Fish from Shwe Kyin

22:45 National News

22:50 Boost Production for Surplus Marine Products

22:55 Traditional Lamp Dance

23:00 National News

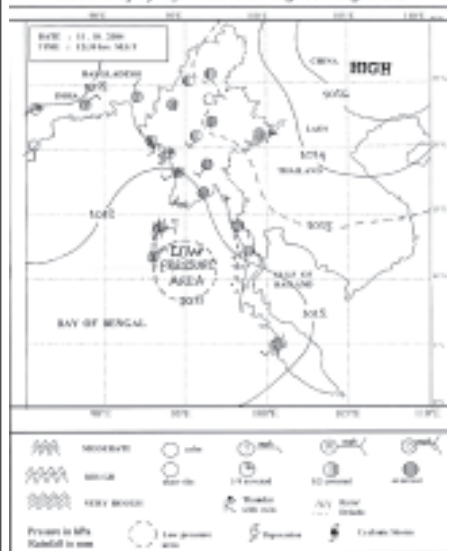
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER

Monday, 11 October, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Taninthayi Division, isolated in Shan State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kawthong (3.31) inches.

Maximum temperature on 10-10-2004 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 11-10-2004 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 11-10-2004 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 10-10-2004 was (6.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 11-10-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (111.73 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.22 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (108.62 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from West at (15:35) hours MST on 10-10-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed in the Andaman Sea and adjoining East Central Bay and it is likely to intensify further into a depression. Weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 12-10-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Rakhine, Shan States, Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Mandalay and lower Sagaing Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough Sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-10-2004: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-10-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).


**Tuesday, October 12
View on today:**

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. မင်းတုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဝေလှည့်တော်မူချိန် "နဝပထမစုနစ်" (အပိုင်း-၁)
8:10 am
5. Nice and sweet song
8:25 am
6. အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ
8:30 am
7. International news

8:45 am

8. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ တက္ကသိုလ်မြောက် မြေကြော ဝတ်ရုံတံဆိပ် (တတိယအပို) (အထက်-၂၊ ဒုတိယ) (အမျိုးသမီး ဝတ်ရုံအဖွဲ့)

4:55 pm

4. အစားသင့်တော်သည့် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားဆင်းခန်းစာ -တတိယနံပါတ် (သတ္တဝေဒေသ) (သတ္တဝေဒေသ)

5:10 pm

5. Dance of national races

5:25 pm

6. ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ ချိုသာမင်အကြိမ် (၁၂)ကြိမ် ပြန်တုန်းရသံပြောပြ အမျိုး အနား၊ အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ ဝမ်းသာ လှည့်ကြည့်ရန် မဟာဘိဇ္ဇာ (ပညာရပ်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား၊

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5:35 pm

7. Sing and Enjoy

6:15 pm

8. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဓမ္မာဏ်မင်းရဲနန်း" (အပိုင်း-၃၂)

6:30 pm

9. Evening news

7:00 pm

10. Weather report

7:05 pm

11. သားငါးစုမြို့ပြညွှတ်အစီအစဉ်

7:20 pm

12. The mirror images of musical oldies

7:35 pm

13. သာယာဝတီမြို့တော်မြို့နယ် မြောက် တပ်မြို့နယ်တော်မြို့နယ်တော်

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သံခွေခွေခွေ" (အပိုင်း-၃)

8:00 pm

18. The next day's programme


**Tuesday, October 12
Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am** Brief news
8:35 am Music:
-Supernatural Perspectives
8:40 am Music: Real life
8:45 am Music: National news/
8:50 am Slogan
9:00 am Music: Put your arms around me
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
-Flash back
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Walk on by
-Tell me
-Walk me home
-Lovin' each day
9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level-II Unit (5)
9:15 pm Article/Music
9:25 pm Weekly sport reel
9:35 pm Music for your listening pleasure
-Don't wanna lose you
-Close your eyes
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

Htantabin is not far from Yangon. But, it was not accessible easily in the past because of transport difficulties. Now, due to better transportation, the region acquires development infrastructures. If the local people cooperate actively with officials concerned and if the State provides necessary assistance to it, the region will surely develop in no time.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends message of felicitations to Spanish counterpart

YANGON, 12 Oct — General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Spain, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Spain, which falls on 12 October 2004. — MNA

Teaching aids donated to Htantabin BEHS Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win attends donation ceremony



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win delivers a speech at the donation ceremony of teaching aids at Htantabin BEHS in Yangon North District. — MNA

YANGON, 11 Oct — A ceremony to donate teaching aids to Htantabin Basic Education High School in Yangon North District was held yesterday morning at the school attended by Vice Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development

Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Chairman of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myat Min and district/township level departmental officials, officials of social organizations, invited guests, teachers and students.

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Victorious Finance and Revenue football team arrives back

YANGON, 11 Oct — The 110th Invitational Football Match of India Bengal) was held from 30 September to 10 October 2004. The Finance and Revenue

football team (Myanmar) became champion in the football match and arrived (See page 10)



Finance & Revenue Soccer Team, champions of 110th Indian football federation shield soccer tournament, arrives back at Yangon International Airport. —NLM

Myanmar Canoe team bags eight gold in fifth SEA Canoe Race

YANGON, 11 Oct — Myanmar Canoe team won eight gold, six silver and 2 bronze totalling 16 medals in the fifth South East Asia Canoe Race held in Manila, Philippines from 27 September to 4 October.

Altogether 75 rowers from the Philippines, Vietnam, Myanmar, Thailand, Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia participated in the race.

In team's event, Vietnam was first, Myanmar second and Indonesia third, Aye Mi Khaing and Thein Htay Win won gold medal in 1,000 metres Kayak double's event, Phone

Myint Teza in 500 metres Kayak single's event; Phone Myint Teza and Aung Kyaw Teza in 5000 metres Kayak double's

event; Aye Mi Khaing and Thein Htay Win in 500 metres Kayak double's event; Aung Lin (See page 10)

Chirac says Iraq war was illegal

HANOI, 8 Oct — French President Jacques Chirac has said the US-led war in Iraq was illegal and expressed his fear for the country's future in the face of a "civil war".

In an interview with China Central TV filmed last month ahead of a visit to China this week, Chirac reiterated his strong opposition to Washington's decision to wage war on Saddam Hussein without United Nations backing.

"I believe it was a bad solution which didn't conform with legality and with international law, and so it was a mistake," he said, according to a (See page 10)