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<b>Four political objectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order</li><li>* National reconsolidation</li><li>* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution</li><li>* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution</li></ul>	<b>Four economic objectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well</li><li>* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system</li><li>* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad</li><li>* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples</li></ul>	<b>Four social objectives</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation</li><li>* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character</li><li>* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit</li><li>* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation</li></ul>
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Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

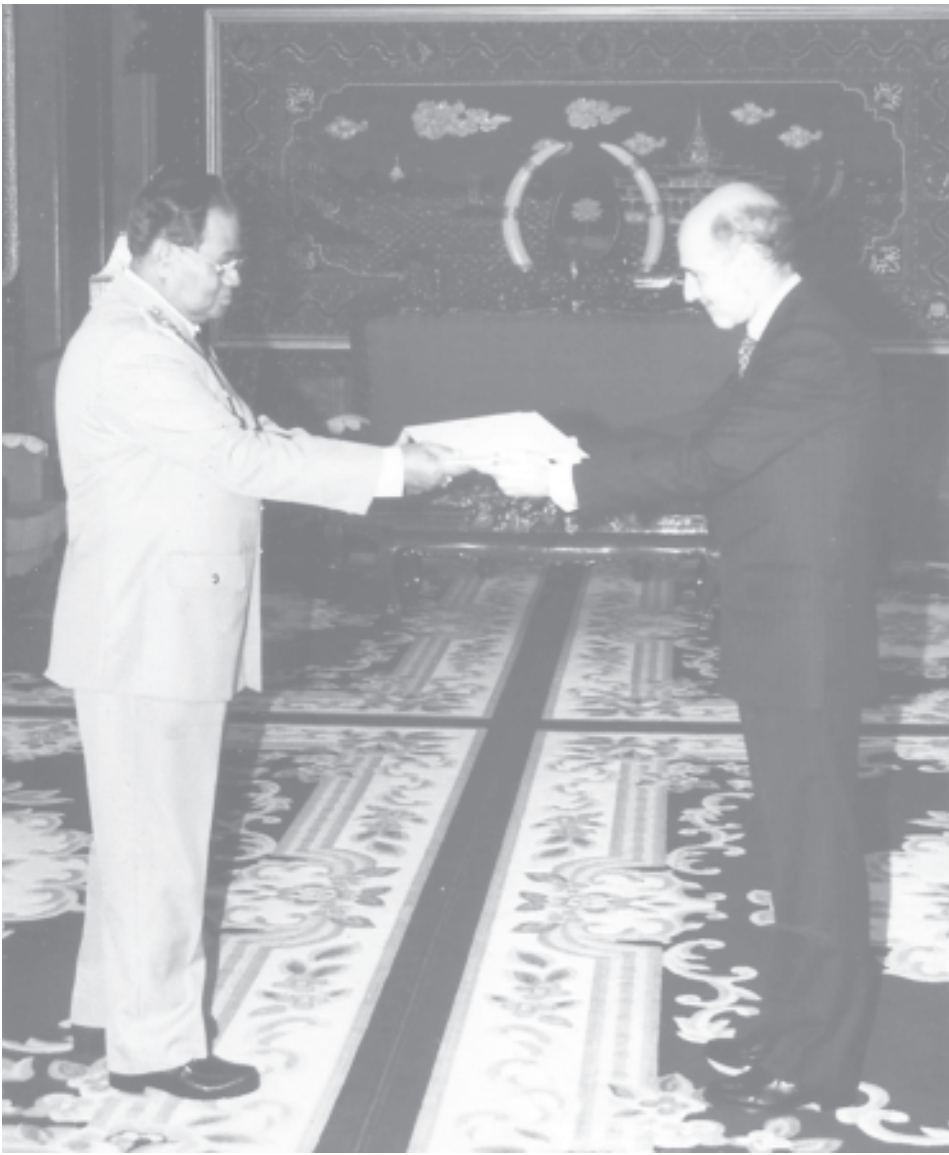
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Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

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



## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 16 Oct, 2004

### Strive for further revitalization of the national strength

Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions have been held every year since 1993. The main aim of holding these competitions is to further strengthen and promote traditional culture, customs and national character of Myanmar people and to enable youths to understand and appreciate the basic nature and aesthetic value of the performing arts and national essence.

The opening ceremony of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the National Theatre in Yangon on 14 October and it was attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

In his speech on the occasion, the Prime Minister said, "At a time when IT is the dominant force entering every country continuously, passing through all natural and geographical barriers and boundaries, it is required specially for Myanmar to always beware of and ward off all decadent culture and behaviour to ensure that not even a single mark of it is left behind in any cultural corner or lifestyle of the nation as the neocolonialists are trying to disseminate decadent culture through film, music, literary and cultural fields, which have become a tool used by neocolonialists in the guise of globalization."

It is natural for a people to preserve and safeguard their own national characteristics and national culture. And it is very encouraging to see that Myanmar youths have come to appreciate their national culture and have a genuine taste for things Myanmar. It is because of Myanmar traditional and cultural arts are being systematically promoted. As they cherish and uphold their fine traditions and culture, they will surely become strongly imbued with nationalist fervour and be able to brave the penetration and influence of alien decadent customs.

The objectives of this year's competitions are to vitalize patriotism and nationalism in all citizens, to preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage, to perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts, to preserve Myanmar national character, to nurture spiritual development of the youths and to prevent influence of alien culture.

We would like to urge all the artistes to strive with their talent for further revitalization of the national strength that can help build and defend the modern and developed nation while preserving and promoting our national character and social and cultural values, so that the Union of Myanmar can stand grand and firm in the international community as long as the world exists.

### Winners of Growing with Nature: ASEAN's Environmental Challenges Photo Competition announced

YANGON, 15 Oct—The Growing with Nature: ASEAN's Environmental Challenges Photo Competition Organizing Committee of Myanmar ASEAN Culture and Information Committee today announced the winners of the competition.

In the category A (aged from 13 to 17 student division), the winners are Maung Aung Paing, Maung Maung Ye Aung Htoo, Maung Naing Zaw Linn, Maung Pyi Pyo Aung and Maung Zeya Tun.

In the category B (aged 18 and above division), the winners are U Khin Maung Myint (a) Ko San Ni (Theingi Shweyi), Mann Tekkatho Nay Myo Win (Shudaingyin Image Bank), Lin Htin (Medium), AK Moe (Zoology) and Aung San Win.—MNA

### People's Desire

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

### Gifts for Water Resource Utilization Department

YANGON, 15 Oct—A ceremony to donate water pumps and two diesel engines to the Water Resource Utilization Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation by Kiroloskar Brothers Limited (KBL) of India was held at the meeting hall of the ministry this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr RK Bhatia, Chairman of the company Mr Sanjay Kirloskar explained the purpose of the donation and presented related



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo views diesel engine pumps donated by KBL Co of India.—AGRI & IRR

Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr RK Bhatia and Chairman of the company Mr Sanjay Kirloskar explained the purpose of the donation and presented related

documents to the minister.

Next, Director-General of WRUD U Win Shwe expressed thanks.

Afterwards, the minister presented a gift

to the managing director of the company.

Later, the minister and guests viewed water pumps, diesel engines and accessories donated.

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### Minister inspects locomotive shed

YANGON, 15 Oct — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min inspected newly imported diesel engines at the locomotive shed.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin, the minister heard a report on installation of caterpillar engines in the 10 locomotives, normal functions of the shed, and efforts being made to introduce 2,200-hp DD-51 engines in the passenger services of the Myanmar Railways. The deputy minister gave a supplementary report.

The minister observed test-running of the DD-51, installation of engines in locomotives and engine-repair work. He spoke of the



Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin inspect installation of new engine at Insein

Locomotive Shed.—MYANMA RAILWAYS

need to work with might and main, to improve work

efficiency and to present the requirements, saying

the ministry will render full assistance.—MNA

### Yangon Mayor's Trophy Walking Race for the Blind held

YANGON, 15 Oct—The 13th Yangon Mayor's Trophy Walking Race for the Blind to mark International White Cane Day was held in front of the People's Square on Pyay Road in Dagon Township this morning, attended by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung

Pa, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htaik, Secretary of YCDC Col Myint Aung, Joint-Secretary U Aung Soe, member of YCDC Col Tin Soe and heads of department, Chairman of the Organizing Committee for Walking Race Head of Public Relations and Information Department U Hla Myint Swe and members, 608 contestants in the race, supervisors and officials.

The race was opened by the mayor. The contestants were accorded en-

couragement along the route by the people.

The ceremony to honour the contestants who took part in the Walking Race was held on the first floor of City Hall with an address by the mayor.

The minister and the mayor presented trophy and gifts to the contestants through officials.

Afterwards, the minister and the mayor donated sun-glasses to blind children. On behalf of the blind, U Saw Thaung Kyi expressed thanks. Next, the blind entertained those present with songs. MNA

### Special civil appeal cases adjudged

YANGON, 15 Oct—The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe of Supreme Court (Yangon), Supreme Court Judges U Khin Maung Aye and U Tun Shin, sitting at court room No 1 this morning, delivered judgements on six special civil appeal cases.

They also heard three special civil appeal cases.—MNA



# 1,086 US soldiers killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct — As of Thursday, 14 Oct, 2004, 1,086 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 830 died as a result of hostile action and 256 died of non-hostile causes. The figures include three military civilians.

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

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 948 US military members have died—721 as a result of hostile action and 227 of non-hostile causes, accord-

ing to the military's numbers as of Thursday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

One US soldier was killed by small arms fire in an attack Thursday in central Baghdad.

One US soldier was killed by an explosive Thursday in eastern Baghdad.

Two US soldiers were killed in Ramadi when their Humvee was hit by a rocket-propelled grenade.

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## Canadian PM rules out sending new troops to Iraq

\*\*\*PARIS, 14 Oct— Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin reaffirmed Thursday during talks with French President Jacques Chirac that Canada would not send new troops to Iraq.

Concerning the sending troops, Martin said "Canada has the intention to play a role where it can make a difference," and quoted Afghanistan, Haiti and Africa as examples, where Canadian soldiers are deployed. He also noted that Canada has "put 300 million dollars on the table" for Iraq's reconstruction and the training of Iraqi police in Jordan.—Internet



Firefighters battle flames following a car bomb in the northern city of Mosul on 14 Oct 2004.—INTERNET

## Iran offers \$10m to Iraq at donors meeting

TOKYO, 14 Oct— Iran offered 10 million US dollars for Iraq's reconstruction on Wednesday at a two-day international donors meeting held here.

Akio Hirota, ambassador in charge of Reconstruction Assistance to Iraq announced the new contribution at a Press conference after the donors concluded their first day meeting.

Also, the World Bank and Iraq signed the same day an agreement that the international lender will extend 60 million grant to the war-torn nation for building over 100 schools and repairing 140 ones.

This is the first meeting of the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI) following transfer of Iraq's sovereignty at the end of June.

The delegates also discussed the political and security situations in Iraq at the meeting, said Hirota.

The IRFFI was formed February in Abu Dhabi. The one-billion-dollar fund was overseen by a 13-member committee consisting of donors that contributed over 10 million dollars.

Ross Mountain, United Nations Deputy Special

Representative of Secretary-General for Iraq, showed satisfaction on the rebuilding process despite the unstable security situation.

He said since the last meeting in Doha in May, funds had been allocated and some 35 projects are under way. "We are therefore, despite the difficul-

ties, pleased to be able to say that programmes are continuing, and are benefitting millions of Iraqis in a range of different fields" from water and sanitation to food and health, he said. Earlier the day, Japan pledged 40 million dollars to help Iraq hold parliamentary elections in January.

MNA/Xinhua

## Released Turkish workers arrive at Embassy in Baghdad

ANKARA, 14 Oct— Turkish Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul said Tuesday that 10 Turkish workers who were released after they had been taken hostage in Iraq were now at the Turkish Embassy in Baghdad.

He added that their families were informed of this development.

A group calling itself Salafist Brigades of Abu Bakr al-Siddiq abducted the 10 Turks nearly 40 days ago, demanding their company VINSAN quit Iraq. The release came after the Turkish instruction company announced on September 21 that it had suspended operations in Iraq to save their workers. Guerillas in Iraq often targeted Turkish workers, especially truck drivers working in Iraq. Some of them have been kidnapped and then released after their companies bowed to the captors' demands. However, some of them were killed in armed attacks on their trucks or executed after being kidnapped. —MNA/Xinhua

## Blasts rock Baghdad Green Zone, kill five Americans

BAGHDAD, 14 Oct—The zone houses embassies and interim Iraqi government offices.

Twin blasts inside Baghdad's Green Zone have killed at least 10 people and wounded 20, US military and hospital sources say.

"The dead included three Department of Defence civilians," Lieutenant-Colonel James Hutton said. Six Iraqis were also killed. He said the wounded included 13 Iraqis, three US citizens and two US soldiers. A revised figure later put the number of US contractors killed at four. US officials said the four were employees of the private security firm DynCorp.

After the blasts, thick black smoke billowed from the heavily fortified zone, which houses Iraqi interim government offices and the US and British embassies, witnesses said.

The exact location of the blasts was not known, but smoke appeared to be rising from near the main entrance to the Green Zone.

Fighters have frequently attacked the sprawling compound on the western bank of the Tigris river in their campaign against US forces and Iraq's interim govern-

ment.

Meanwhile, 15 members of the US established Iraqi National Guard were killed in an attack on a building housing Iraqi police and guardsmen in al-Qaim city near the Iraqi-Syrian border.

Officials expect anti-US fighting to last for many more months. Aljazeera said many employees had refused to go to work in the border town, while others evacuated the building just minutes before the attack.

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Smokes billows from a burning US military vehicle as a US soldier in an armoured vehicle secures the area along a highway to the west of Baghdad on 14 Oct 2004.—INTERNET

## RAB to maintain law and order in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 15 Oct — The elite force of Bangladesh the Rapid Action Battalion (RAB) was ordered on Wednesday to go into action in all the 64 districts of the country to maintain law and order.

After a meeting at the Home Ministry reviewing the RAB performance in combating crime, State Minister for Home Ministry Lutful Kabir ordered RAB to operate countrywide ahead of Ramadan and Eid festivals, the *United News of Bangladesh*, a private news agency in the country, reported Thursday.

Addressing the meeting Babar said the countrymen are now appreciating the work of RAB, "so we cannot stand against people's aspiration." The state minister said that RAB would have to be more cautious in keeping law and order under control ahead of Ramadan and Eid so that devotees can pass their holy days amidst peace and safety.

RAB, which was formed six months ago, has recovered at least 263 illegal arms and arrested more than a thousand people, including four top terrorists on various charges. — MNA/Xinhua



# Jordan hostage freed in Iraq for 50,000-dollar ransom

AMMAN, 14 Oct—Jordanian hostage Hisham Talab al-Ezza released in Iraq after two weeks in captivity in return for a 50,000-dollar ransom returned home saying he had witnessed the beheading of an Iraqi policeman.

"I am in good health," Ezza told *AFP* by telephone from his home in the northern town of Irbid.

The 55-year-old father of six said Thursday that he had been held in Fallujah by people who claimed to belong to the Imam Ali Brigades," a Shiite Muslim organization, although he believed they were Sunni Muslims.

"I was not tortured, but at the beginning they hit me. They threatened to kill me if the ransom were not paid."

Ezza also said his captors forced him to watch the beheading of an Iraqi policeman they accused of being an American agent and then threatened him with the same fate.

"They brought me into a room where there were

about 50 members of the organization, then they brought in an Iraqi in police uniform who they said was a spy who filmed the activities of the mujahedeen (Muslim warriors.)

"One of them had a large knife and beheaded the policeman and put his head on his back."

Afterwards, he said one of his captors told him "tomorrow it will be your turn. Then he threatened me every day with being decapitated if the initial ransom of 500,000 was not paid".

Ezza said the incident must have taken place on 2 or 3 October, just a few days after his kidnapping at gunpoint on 30 September by three men in a car in Baghdad.

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## Iraqi captors free two Lebanese men

BEIRUT, 14 Oct— Iraqi kidnappers have freed two Lebanese men who were taken hostage west of Baghdad last month, Beirut's Foreign Ministry said on Wednesday.

The two men disappeared on a road near Fallujah on about 18 September, along with their Iraqi driver, Ahmad Mirza. There was no news on the fate of the driver.

The lawyer for their company Yasir Ali Ahmad said their boss in Baghdad had called him to say Charbil Karam al-Hajj and Aram Nalbandian were safe in the company's offices in the Iraqi capital.

"I just spoke to Fadi Yasin, the head of the company, and he said the two were with him in the Baghdad office, he said they were in good health," Ahmad told *Reuters* in Beirut. —MNA/Reuters



A US military vehicle burns after it came under attack in the centre of Mosul, north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 13 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET

## Russia, Canada to strengthen anti-terror cooperation

Moscow, 14 Oct— Russian President Vladimir Putin and visiting Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin signed a joint statement here on Tuesday to enhance anti-terrorist cooperation.

Both sides vowed to conduct anti-terrorist actions in line with various international laws regarding humanitarian principles.

Russia and Canada also reiterated their commitment to fight against terrorism in all its forms and in all parts of the world.

"We intend to strengthen Russian-Canadian cooperation in the anti-terrorist fight," President Vladimir Putin was cited by *Interfax* news agency as saying.

The two countries underscored the UN central role in the global counter-terrorist campaign and called on all countries to observe international anti-terrorist conventions, protocols and the UN Security Council's resolutions on the issue.

During talks with Martin at the Kremlin, Putin said relations between the two countries "are developing positively, especially in the past few years", according to *ITAR-TASS* news agency.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Putin plans first ever visit to Brazil

Moscow, 14 Oct— Russian President Vladimir Putin plans to make the first ever visit by a Russian leader to Brazil by the year-end, Russia's *Interfax* news agency reported on Tuesday.

During his talks here with visiting Brazilian Vice-President Jose Alencar, Putin said he "expects much" from the trip.

"Brazil is looking forward to the Russian President's first visit to our country," said Alencar.

Putin said Brazil has become one of Russia's largest partners in Latin America, but complained about the trade imbalance between the two countries.

Bilateral trade turnover has exceeded 2 billion US dollars. Russia is generally satisfied with trade relations with Brazil but Russia's deficit is continuing to grow, said Putin.

The Russian leader also called for more military-technical cooperation with Brazil.

Alencar said the Russian-Brazilian arms trade has good prospects, adding that "everyone believes today that it is possible to do good business with Russia."

Later on Tuesday, Alencar was due to meet Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov and the head of Russia's Upper House of Parliament.— *MNA/Xinhua*

## Two Iraqi intelligence officers beheaded by Zarqawi group

DUBAI, 14 Oct— An Iraqi group led by suspected al-Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi has beheaded two Iraqi intelligence officers and posted a video of the killings on the Internet on Wednesday.

The video from the Tahwid and Jihad Group showed a closeup of the two men's identification cards which said they were Iraqi intelligence officers. Militants later cut off the two men's heads.

The two men said in the video they were captured on 28 September in Baghdad's Haifa Street, a militant stronghold, while trying to remove the body of a slain female colleague, Nadia Abdulwahhab Matlak. They admitted to working for Iraqi intelligence and warned other Iraqis to abandon working for the security forces.

"I advise my brothers, the sons of Iraq, who are working for the government agencies, in intelligence, the Armed Forces and the police to repent,"

one of the men said.

Last month, Tawhid and Jihad said it had killed Matlak and abducted three of her colleagues during clashes with members of the Iraqi National Guard in Haifa Street. Washington says Zarqawi is its number one enemy in Iraq and his group has claimed responsibility for some of the bloodiest suicide bombings and attacks against US forces and Iraqi government officials.

The group has also killed several foreigners it kidnapped. The latest hostage to be beheaded was Briton Kenneth Bigley who was abducted in Baghdad along with two American colleagues, who were also beheaded. —MNA/Reuters

## Jordan seeks to link oil pipeline with Iraq

AMMAN, 14 Oct— The Jordanian Government decided to start conducting a study on constructing an oil pipeline linking the country with Iraq, local newspaper *Jordan Times* reported Wednesday. Following a weekly Cabinet session, Jordanian Government spokeswoman Asma Khader said the study will be conducted in line with a recent agreement reached between energy officials of the two countries.

The pipeline would link Jordan's sole refinery in the north industrial city of Zarqa with an Iraqi oil pumping station in Haditha, 260 kilometres northwest of Baghdad, said the report.

Negotiations between Amman and Baghdad to construct the pipeline started a few years ago but were halted following the US-led war in Iraq.

The pipeline will be

constructed with an expected capacity to transport 350,000 barrels of crude oil per day.

Before the war, oil-rich

Iraq used to supply Jordan with all its oil needs, amounting to five to six million tons annually.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Black smoke billows from the "Green Zone" following two explosions in central Baghdad recently. — INTERNET



# Iraq calls for debt relief, quicker aid at donor's meeting

**TOKYO, 14 Oct—** Senior Iraqi officials here on Wednesday called on the international community to make more efforts on debt relief and helping speed up the country's reconstruction process in spite of its unstable security situation.

At the opening ceremony of the donors meeting held in Tokyo, Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Barham Saleh described the debt as "an awful legacy of the previous regime".

"It is our firm belief that debtor countries should consider relief positively as an investment in Iraq's future. So, we are requesting solutions that deliver deep and comprehensive debt relief. Solutions that will enable rapid reconstruction and that will stimulate faster growth. These form the platform for a peaceful and democratic Iraq. In short we ask for sustainable solutions," he said.

Mehdi Hafedh, Iraqi Minister of Planning and Development Cooperation put the debt at 125 billion US dollars, five times as high as Iraq's gross domestic product (GDP).

Saleh urged the international community, especially the United Nations, to ratchet up aid process. "I say now to the UN: Where is the critical support for the political process that the UN is mandated to provide? Where is the commitment under UN Resolution 1546? We need more UN support and we need it

now," he said.

Saleh also listed the top three social sector priorities in dire need of assistance: health, water and sanitation; education and housing.

He vowed to carry out measures to stamp out corruption, and create a totally transparent system for the collection and application of all revenue and expenditure, especially in the oil industry which currently accounts for 94 per cent of Iraq's revenues.

Also at the beginning of the meeting, Mark Malloch Brown, chairman of the United Nations Development Group (UNDP) and administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, said the UN will go on helping Iraq's election and rebuilding.

He said 402 million US dollars for 40 approved projects had been transferred to the UN implementing organizations through the UNDP, an administrative agent of the International Reconstruction Fund Facility for Iraq (IRFFI).

About 55 countries and organizations are gathering here for the two-day meeting of IRFFI.

MNA/Xinhua

## Annan's China trip fruitful

**BEIJING, 15 Oct —** Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhang Qiyue referred to the visit of United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan as "fruitful" at a regular Press conference here Thursday.

Zhang noted the UN chief lauded China's active role in maintaining world peace and fulfilling the UN's peacekeeping mission. She said Chinese leaders have told Annan that the country attached great importance to the role of the UN in helping solve international disputes.

In the present complex world, the UN should be turned into the most

representative and authoritative international organization, she acknowledged, and it should give scope to its leading role, so as to help advance the development of international affairs toward the direction of multilateralism and multipolarism.

UN Secretary-General Annan arrived China on October 9 and wound up his visit on Wednesday. — MNA/Xinhua



*Iraqi police stand near a burning US military vehicle after it came under attack in the centre of Mosul, north of Baghdad, Iraq on 13 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET*



*Ten employees of the Turkish construction company Vinsan, who were taken captive by militants in Iraq last month, pose for photograph, at their company's headquarters in Baghdad, Iraq, on Tuesday, 12 Oct, 2004 after they were freed by their abductors. All were said to be in good health. —INTERNET*

## Schroeder says Germany will not send troops to Iraq

**ROME, 14 Oct —** Visiting German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said on Wednesday his government would stick to its policy on Iraq and would not deploy troops there.

Speaking at a news conference in Rome following talks with Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi for the 25th bilateral Italy-Germany summit, Schroeder said: "Germany's stance will not change. We will not deploy troops in Iraq."

MNA/Xinhua

## France, Egypt propose comprehensive discussions in Iraq issue

**PARIS, 14 Oct—** French President Jacques Chirac and visiting Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak agreed Wednesday that all matters related to Iraq's future should be listed on the agenda of an international conference on Iraq, Chirac's office said.

"He (Chirac) agreed with the Egyptian President that it (the conference) should include discussion of all questions relating Iraq's future and the implementation of United Nations Resolution 1546 over the power transfer to Iraq," said Chirac's spokesman Jerome Bonnafont.

UN Resolution 1546 — adopted unanimously on 9 June — initiates the democratic transition process in Iraq through the holding of elections by the end of January 2005 and stipulates that the multinational forces' mandate

will be re-examined either at the Iraqi Government's request or 12 months after the date when the resolution was adopted.

The idea of holding an international conference on Iraq had been in the air for months before it was formally proposed last month by US Secretary of State Colin Powell.

The conference is intended to be held in Cairo in late November by grouping Iraq's neighbouring countries and the Group of Eight (G-8) industrialized countries.

Before arriving in Paris, Mubarak visited

Rome on Monday and Tuesday to hold talks with Italian officials over Iraq situation and gained Rome's backing on the conference.

Earlier on Wednesday, while visiting an exhibition in the Arab World Institute (IMA) in Paris, Chirac announced he would "probably" visit Egypt at the beginning of 2005.

"I will probably go to Egypt at the beginning of next year at the occasion of the inauguration of the French University of Cairo," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## King Abdullah reiterates support for Arab investors in Jordan

**AMMAN, 14 Oct—** Jordan's King Abdullah reiterated his support for Arab investors, especially in the private sector to assume their role and contribute to building Jordan, local Jordanian TV reported on Wednesday.

At a meeting with members of the Federation of Arab Businessmen and officials of Arab delegations participating in the eighth Forum of Arab Business Community, King Abdullah said Arab private sector represents a strategic partner in the drive toward achieving comprehensive development in the country.

He also underlined

the government's role to provide private sector with a conducive environment to promote its participation in the economic development.

Arab businessmen, who attended the meeting, confirmed Jordan's conducive investment environment and highlighted the economic and fiscal stability, the report said.

The eighth businessmen forum, held under the slogan "Toward a Conducive and Competitive Investment Environment in the Arab Countries" kicked off here on Monday. The three-day meeting is seeking Arab economic integration in the future and ways to promote Arab economic development.

MNA/Xinhua



## Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Portuguese Ambassador

YANGON, 15 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received Mr Joao Antonio de Silveire de Lima Pimentel, newly accredited Ambassador of Portugal to the Union of Myanmar, at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta at 6 pm today.

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

*Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt receives Mr Joao Antonio de Silveire de Lima Pimentel at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA*

*Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt greets Mr Joao Antonio de Silveire de Lima Pimentel at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA*



## THE SECRETARY-GENERAL'S MESSAGE ON WORLD FOOD DAY

16 October 2004

*The following is the message sent by the Secretary General of the United Nations on World Food Day which falls on 16 October 2004.—Ed*

Some 840 million people in the world suffer from chronic hunger. Such large-scale hunger is not only unprecedented but also should be unacceptable in our world of plenty. In a world in which enough food exists to feed every man, woman and child, We need to do for better—politically, economically, scientifically, logistically — if we are to achieve the Millennium Development Goal of reducing by half, by the year 2015, the proportion of people who suffer from hunger.

The theme of this year's World Food Day observance, "Biodiversity for Food Security", highlights the essential role of biodiversity in that effort. Biodiversity provides the plant, animal and microbial genetic resources for food production and agricultural productivity. It provides essential ecosystem services such as fertilizing the soil, recycling nutrients, regulating pests and disease, controlling erosion and pollinating many of our crops and trees. Knowledge of biodiversity — notably on the part of farmers responsible for their families' health and well-being — can ensure the availability of food during periods of crisis such as civil conflicts, natural calamities or disabling diseases.

The unprecedented loss of biodiversity over the past century should thus raise the loudest of alarms. Many freshwater fish species, which can provide crucial dietary diversity to the poorest households, have become extinct, and many of the world's most important marine fisheries have been decimated. Food supplies have also been made more vulnerable by our reliance on a very small number of species; just 30 crop species dominate food production and 90 percent of our animal food supply comes from just 14 mammal and bird — species which themselves rely on biodiversity for their productivity and survival. There has been a substantial reduction in crop genetic diversity in the field and many livestock breeds are threatened with extinction.

In 2002, the parties to the Convention on Biological Diversity pledged to achieve significant reduction in the current rate of biodiversity loss by the year 2010, a goal subsequently endorsed at the World Summit on Sustainable Development. If we do not do more to meet this target and to conserve and sustainably use the world's precious biodiversity, we will not fulfil our responsibility to feed the world. And if we fail in that endeavour, there will be little hope of eradicating extreme poverty. On this World Food Day, I urge individuals and institutions alike to give greater attention to biodiversity as a key theme in our efforts to fight the twin scourges of hunger and poverty and achieve the Millennium Development Goals.

*United Nations Information Centre, Yangon*

## Commander, Mayor inspect production of quality barbed wire making machines

YANGON, 15 Oct — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected barbed wire making machines manufactured at Luthit Industrial Private Co Ltd on Thantzin Road in Ward 3 of Mayangon Township this morning.

Managing Director U Yan Aung of the company reported on export of sample barbed

wire making machines, receiving of more purchase orders and arrangements for exporting products.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said that the Government is contributing to development of the industrial sector. So, development of the private industries reflects improvement of the State economy. As Luthit Industrial Private Co Ltd is manufacturing not only import-substitute products but also export quality barbed wire making machines, the manufacturing of products that

meet set standard is to be speeded up.

Next, the mayor gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the commander and the mayor viewed round manufacturing of barbed wires, production of parts of chain link sieve, wire mesh and wire netting machines and packaging of export barbed wire machines.

Later, the commander and in-charge of Yangon West District Industrial Zone the mayor gave instructions and attended to the needs.

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*Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects barbed wire machine manufactured at Luthit Industries Private Co Ltd in Mayangon Township.— YANGON COMMAND*



## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attends ceremony to donate rice to Pyay Taungtan Tawya monasteries

YANGON, 15 Oct — The 23rd ceremony to donate rice, oil, salt and medicines to Pyay Taungtan Tawya monasteries, organized by Pyay Taungtan Tawya Rice Offering Organization, was held at Thiri Khitta Thireindaya Sasana Beikman in Pyay, Bago Division, on 13 October afternoon, attended by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya Sayadaws, members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, members of the Sangha and nuns, Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Devel-

opment Council Brig-Gen Hla Min, Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of Inma Station, Deputy Director-General U Htin Myo of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, local authorities, departmental officials, the chairman of the Pyay Taungtan Tawya Rice Offering Organization and wellwishers.

Pyay Sagataung Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Abhidhaja Agga Maha S a d d h a m m a j o t i k a Bhaddanta Vilasaçara administered the Five Precepts.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than supplicated on religious affairs. He supplicated that it was the 23rd donation for the Pyay

Taungtan Tawya Rice Offering Organization. Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air), ministries and wellwishers have been joining hands with the organization to offer donations to the Tawya monasteries at Pyay Taungtan region since 1991. The State Peace and Development Council Government laid down and is implementing plans to fulfil requirements of basic social needs, education and health of the people. In addition, the Government is safeguarding the people to be free from danger of the destructive elements.

Similarly, Chairman U Paw Shwe of the Organization supplicated on undertakings of the organization.



*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than offers rice to a Sayadaw at 23rd Pyay Taungtan Tawya Monasteries Rice Offering Ceremony.— MNA*

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Brig-Gen Hla Min, Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, departmental officials and wellwishers offered

rice and alms to the Sayadaws.

Pyay Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw

Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kundalajotika delivered a sermon and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party shared merits gained.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than performed the rituals of golden and silvery showers to mark the successful completion of the ceremony.

The State Peace and Development Council, Tatmadaw families, ministries, Yangon City Development Committee, local authorities and wellwishers donated 3,835 bags of rice, 270 viss of oil, 300 viss of salt, 1,510 bottles of traditional medicines and K 5,245,786 to the monasteries. — MNA



*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than supplicates on religious affairs to Sayadaws at 23rd Pyay Taungtan Tawya Monasteries Rice Offering Ceremony.— MNA*

## 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue for second day

YANGON, 15 Oct — The second-day programmes of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the designated places today.

The song contest was held at the National Museum on Pyay Road, the dancing contest at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street, the song composing contest at the State School of Drama on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and the music contest at Padonma and Kanbawza Theatres.

Present on the occasions were member of the Panel of Patrons and Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, members of the Panel of Patrons Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Chairman of the Work Committee No

3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan, Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein of the State Peace and Development Council Office, officials and fans.

At the National Theatre, Chairperson of the Panel of Judges for Song Contest Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya of Myanma Radio and Television, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khaing and members supervised the song contest. Altogether nine contestants participated in the higher education level (men's) classical song contest in the morning. Similarly, 14 girls from States and Divisions took part in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' classical song contest in the afternoon. On 16 October morning, the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' religious song contest and the higher education level women's old and modern song contest will be held at the same venue.

Chairman of the Panel

of Judges Wunna Kyawhtin U Sein Aung Min, Secretary Daw Mu Mu Khin and members supervised the Dancing Contest at the National Theatre. A total of 10 participants took part in the higher education level (men's) dancing contest and 15 students from States and Divisions in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' dancing contest.

On 16 October morning, the amateur level men's dancing contest and the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' dancing contest will continue.

At State School of Drama, 12 contestants from states and divisions participated in the basic education level (aged 10-15) song composing contest and 15 persons in the amateur level song composing contest. Chairman of the Panel of Judges Bogale U Tint Aung and party supervised the contest. The basic education level (aged 15-20) and the professional level song composing contests will be held tomorrow.

At Padonma Theatre, two participants took part in the professional level (women's) solo orchestra contest. Next, four contestants participated in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' solo orchestra contest.

Afterwards, eight girls competed in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' solo orchestra contest. U Sein Hla Myaing and party supervised the

contests. On 16 October, the professional level (men's) team orchestra contest and the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' team orchestra contest will be held.

At Kanbawza Theatre, 13 persons of States and Divisions participated in the amateur level (men's) donmin contest, two contestants in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' and boys' donmin

contest, two in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' donmin contest and three in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' donmin contest. Chairman of the Panel of Patrons Gitalulin U Ko Ko and party supervised the contests.

The professional level (men's) and the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' and boys' violin contests will be held tomorrow. — MNA



*Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe views contestants at song composing contest at State School of Drama.— MNA*





Senior General Than Shwe receives newly-accredited Ambassador of Portugal Mr Joao Antonio de Silveira de Lima Pimentel at Zeyathiri Beikman. (News on page 1) MNA

## International community ...

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practitioners could set a milestone in the medical history of Myanmar. Therefore, it is the achievement in which the State itself and the medical practitioners themselves should take pride.

At the time of the present government, the achievements made in cardiac treatment, renal surgery and transplant, separation of conjoined twins, microsurgery on the replantation of amputated and crushed distal forearm including open heart surgery are all significant milestones in the health sector.

Since assumption of the State power in 1988, the Government has been laying down and implementing projects with added momentum in various sectors for achieving marked success in the health care services. It has been building 300-bed, 200-bed and 16-bed hospitals mushrooming in the whole country. It has built over 100



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.—MNA

new hospitals, and the total number has reached over 700. In the past, in the private sector, there were only dispensaries in the nation. But now there are advanced private-owned labs in addition to large hospitals. The Government has been striving to upgrade the public health care services, to further improve the standard of medical science, and to produce efficient medical practitioners.

It is now in progress in implementing a special four-year programme to develop the nation's standard of

**The Government honoured the surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, medical experts and attendants who engaged in liver transplant, a thing that a few Southeast Asian countries were able to operate successfully and that is the first success ever achieved in Myanmar.**

health care to catch up with the Southeast nations that are in the forefront in the field in accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. It has spent over US \$ 20 million to provide advanced electronic lab, medical and hospital equipment for all institutions of higher learning of the health and medical field and hospitals. Thanks to the all-round endeavours, health care services are developing and can now cover even the remote border regions. The assistance of local and foreign

social organizations and UN agencies is also on the increase. The international community has acknowledged Myanmar's efforts to control dreadful diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria and is giving assistance to the campaigns, especially, cooperation with neighbours in the anti-HIV/AIDS drive is gaining momentum. The development of traditional medical sector also plays an important role in the progress of the nation's health sector. The Government is giving encouragement to the traditional medicine for its development with the conviction that it will benefit both the nation and the people.

Nowadays, there have emerged not only Myanmar traditional medicine hospitals but also Traditional Medicine University which will be able to elevate and train Myanmar traditional medical science.

Myanma Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference is held yearly, thereby contributing much to development of medicines as well as spiritual development in Myanma Traditional Medicines Sector.

With the encouragement of the Government, Myanma traditional medicine science, which died out in the past, has surfaced again and the field of Myanmar traditional medicines, which is dying out, has come of age. Myanma traditional medicine science has nowadays been popular again among the people with the emergence of the modern Myanma traditional medicine factories.

Moreover, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on production of modern herbal medicines to be based on Myanmar herbal plants and Myanma traditional medicines for six major diseases which are common in Myanmar. In accordance with the guidance, work is well under way and potent Myanma traditional medicines for malaria, hypertension, diabetes, diarrhoea and dysentery have been in the process of production.

At present, International level Hepatitis B vaccine Factory, which is instrumental in control of Hepatitis B, a health problem of new era, has been established and the trial-production of Hepatitis B vaccines is being launched.

At a time when marked progress has been made in the Myanmar health sector, it is incumbent upon all officials of the health sector to make earnest efforts for improvement of the health care services of the people.

To keep pace with changes and developments, constant efforts are to be made for development of Myanmar health sector.

Meanwhile, officials of the health sector are to strive to contribute their health care services up to rural areas and far-flung regions. In particular, efforts are to be made in earnest from the health sector for successful realization of the five rural development tasks. At a time when unprecedented progress has been made in the Myanma health sector, officials of the health sector are to make relentless efforts for qualitative and quantitative development of health care services of the people.

NHC Secretary Dr Kyi Soe reported on progress in realizing the resolutions passed at the 40th meeting; Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, on Health Ministry's effective implementation of AIDS, TB and malaria control project under the Global Fund in harness with Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Anti-Narcotics Association and local and international NGOs; Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, on arrangements for holding the fifth Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners' conference and the fifth traditional medicines and medical equipment exhibition, matters to be approved by the

**Nowadays, there have emerged not only Myanmar Traditional Medicine Hospitals but also Traditional Medicine University which will be able to elevate and train Myanmar traditional medical science.**

NHC, and successful separation of conjoined twins and Siamese twins in Myanmar.

Those present gave advice and made suggestions on community health care concerns. Dr Kyi Soe presented the 41st meeting's resolutions, which were then approved.

The NHC Chairman assessed the reports, giving instructions on maintenance of hospitals, installation of modern medical equipment in the hospitals, constantly providing teaching and learning aids for institutes of medicines and medical institutions, and upgrading of Yangon City to a healthful city free from insects.

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## Fortress with bonds of amity

- \* **For perpetuation of nation**  
**A strong fortress needed**
- \* **And fortress building**  
**For cultural everlasting**  
**Nurture national identity**  
**And with only ardent efforts**  
**In continuance**  
**Will glory of race**  
**Shines forever**
- \* **Like a fortress**  
**Performing Arts Competitions**  
**Stand firm every year**  
**As public event**  
**Showing Union identity**  
**With bonds of amity**

May Yu (Trs)

**Myanmar Timber, Our Treasure,  
Sustainable Forever.**



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## Government encouraging...

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and National Races and Development Council Brig-Gen Than Tun, senior military officers, officials, other ranks and families of Lashio Station.

At the meeting, the Secretary-2 urged all to discharge their duties conscientiously for successful implementation of the State future policy programme and Our Three Main National Causes.

Next, the Secretary-2 attended the Shan State (North) Agricultural Development Coordination Meeting at the meeting hall of the command headquarters. Present were Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the commander, state, district and township level authorities and departmental officials.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that today's meeting was to coordinate tasks for development of agricultural sector in Shan State (North). As the State economy relies on the agricultural sector, it is necessary to boost agricultural products for emergence of good economic conditions. Therefore, the Government is encouraging development of the agricultural sector with the use of various methods. Out of 42.9 million acres of cultivable land in the entire nation, 25.4 million acres of land have been put under crops and over 17 million of acres remain.

The Government has been implementing dam projects, river water pumping projects and underground water tapping projects for agricultural purpose. In Shan State (North), there are over 1.199 million acres of cultivable land. Out of them, over 1.173 million acres have been put under crops and 0.026 million acres are vacant. Therefore, vacant and virgin lands are

to be turned into the cultivable areas. As Shan State (North) can enjoy 96.84 per cent of food sufficient only, efforts are to be made to become not only food sufficient region but also the surplus one. He stressed the need to develop the agricultural sector for improvement of rural regions.

The Head of State very often inspected construction, economic, education, health and agricultural tasks for development of the State and fulfilled the requirements. So, efforts are to be made for implementing economic projects, ensuring local food sufficiency, meeting the target cultivation of 10 main crops and growing new item crops of coffee, tea and pepper and three perennial crops rubber, oil palm and Thitseint (Belleric myrobalan).

That is why local authorities and departmental officials are to

paddy strain, production of new high yield paddy strain and extended cultivation of maize and soya bean.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung and the commander gave supplementary reports.

Next, Lt-Gen Thein Sein instructed them to establish three or four hybrid paddy production farms, extend cultivation of high yield paddy strains, reclaim highland farmlands and 300,000 acres of monsoon paddy and to strive for producing surplus paddy.

After the meeting, the Secretary-2 and party went to No 9 Military Hospital (100-bed) in Lashio and inspected the dental health division, wards and operation theatre. The Secretary-2 presented a gift to Commandant Maj Hsan Tun. National Health Committee Vice-Chairman Secretary-2 Lt Gen Thein Sein and party proceeded to the state general hospital in Lashio where they were

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conduct field trips to grassroots level and attend to the needs.

Next, the Commander reported on arrangements for development of the agricultural sector. Shan State has enjoyed 96.84 per cent of food sufficiency in 2003-2004. A total of 108,088 acres of land will be put under Hsinshweli paddy strain, 8,488 acres under high yield Hsinyadana paddy and 17,737 acres under summer paddy in 2004-2005 to be able to meet 103.09 per cent of local food sufficiency.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe explained extended cultivation of high yield

welcomed by Head of Shan State Health Department Dr Nyunt Win Myint, Medical Superintendent Dr Khin Maung Wah and officials. The Secretary-2 inspected the wards, operation theatre and delivery room, comforted the patients and gave a present to the medical superintendent. On hearing a report by the medical superintendent on extended construction of 300-bed hospital, the Secretary-2 fulfilled the needs and looked into construction of children's ward. Agriculture Development Committee Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party went to the 30-acre

Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of newly-accredited Ambassador of Cyprus Mr Andreas G Skarparis at Zeyathiri Beikman. (News on page 1)

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Hsinshweli paddy field in Mannhe Village, three miles away from Hsipaw by car and inspected thriving paddy plantations. The Secretary-2 enquired about the production of paddy from farmers and presented gifts to them. It has been set to cultivate 46,377 acres of paddy, Hsinshweli strains that yield 200 baskets per acre in Hsipaw Township and so far 180 acres have been put under such kinds of paddy.

On arrival at the 30 acre plantation of Hsinshweli (F1) strains in Kyaukme Township, the Secretary-2 heard a report by District Agriculture Service Manager U Chit Pe on production of hybrid paddy. He then greeted and presented gifts to farmers.

At 3.30 pm, the Secretary-2 met departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people at the hall of Kyaukme Township. Kyaukme District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Soe Win reported on district's population, implementation of economic sector, land utilization, cultivation of crops and high yield paddy, regional self-sufficiency of food and education and health issues. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe then gave advice on active cooperation of service personnel, and social organizations in boosting cultivation and progress of socio-economic life of local people, and dutifully discharging duties for the development of the State.

Next, the Secretary-2 said that all the local people are to uphold the Three Main National Causes—Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national

solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty — as an inborn national duty. Besides boosting of agricultural sector, government's employees, social organizations and local people are to work together for continuing development of other sectors such as economy, education and health. He also stressed the need for ensuring rule of law in locality, conducting field trips by local authorities down to rural areas for the successful implementation of rural development project and active and dynamic participation in undertaking the seven-point future policy programme to build a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee Secretary-2 Lt-

Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony to give cash assistance and gifts to the war veterans who are over 75 years of age.

Afterwards, the Secretary-2 and party visited the cabbage plantation owned by MWVO. An official reported on cultivation of paddy and other crops. The Secretary-2 attended to the needs for water supply.

On arrival at the macadamia cultivation project site, the Secretary-2 heard a report by Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung and Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise General Manager U Soe Tint on cultivation of macadamia. Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave necessary instructions. Later, the Secretary-2 and party went to Mandalay by car.

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## The Drive For Food Security

- \* A gradual increase  
Over 6 billion population  
Let's get rid of famine and malnutrition.
- \* From birth to the final destiny  
Striving are we for food  
With 13 billion hectares on our earth  
Eleven per cent is cropland worth  
But degrading and depleting  
No need to lose heart  
And use all head  
For means to gain  
High-yield cereal grains.
- \* "Food for all"  
"Fighting hunger and malnutrition"  
Slogans of FAO for all nations  
Life is a challenge  
Yes, to one and all  
But, powerful is man  
And nature has balance.
- \* It's man, his mind  
And means that count  
To overcome hurdles  
That we shall find.

(In honour of "The World Food Day")

Lawyer-U Tin Shwe



Secretary-2 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially meets with families of Tatmadawmen of Lashio Station. — MNA





Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets departmental officials and local people at Mongpyin Township USDA Office.—MNA

## Secretary-2 tours Mongpyin of Shan State (East)

YANGON, 15 Oct — State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, responsible personnel of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, arrived at Mongpyin town, Monghsat District, Shan State (South) by

helicopter on 12 October morning.

The Secretary-2 and party were welcomed there by Shan State (East) PDC Chairman and Triangle Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and senior military officers, departmental officials, members of social organizations, teachers and students.

The Secretary-2 and the commander, accompanied by officials, went to

Mongpyin Basic Education High School, where they watched students learning their lessons with multimedia teaching aids at the learning centre and the e-education centre. They were conducted round the school by the township education officer and the schoolhead.

The Secretary-2 encouraged students learning their lessons with multimedia teaching aids at the language lab, the

computer-aided instruction room, the video system room and the audio system room at the school.

Next, the Secretary-2 attended a get-together at the hall of the Union Solidarity and Development Association of Mongpyin and met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local residents. On the occasion, the Secretary-2 heard reports on the population of the town, the condition of agricultural sector, the cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, local food sufficiency, use of quality strains, cultivation of double and mixed cropping and that of major crops, the reclamation of highland farming, livestock breeding, forestry, and the education and health sectors.

Speaking on the occasion, the Secretary-2 said although it is the first time he came to Mongpyin, he found the town remarkably developed when compared with its condition of previous years. However, the development pace of the town is slower

than that of other towns.

It is because those regions lacked prevalence of peace and rule of law. Unlike in the past, border areas and rural areas are now in the process of development as a result of the 24 development zones project launched by the government.

Local administrative bodies and

After the ceremony, the Secretary-2 coordinated measures for regional development and generation of hydel power. On the occasion, the Secretary-2 and the commander presented cash assistance to a 75-year-old veteran corporal. The Secretary-2 also cordially greeted those present at the meeting.

Next, the Secretary-

**Local administrative bodies and departments are very instrumental in the drive for regional development.**

departments are very instrumental in the drive for regional development. Therefore, measures are to be taken to ensure the enforcement of law and order in their respective regions. Later, he called for social organizations and local people to render harmonious cooperation in the extension and reclamation of farmland, extended cultivation of double and mixed cropping, and the undertaking of livestock breeding, as the food sufficiency rates 65 % in the region.

2 and party proceeded to Thetaung Camp located at milepost 362/2 on Meiktila-Taungyi-Kengtung Union Road (Taungyi-Mongpyin Road Section), 8 miles from Mongpyin. Responsible officials and engineers of the Public Works conducted the Secretary-2 and party round the camp. The Secretary-2 looked into the construction of retaining walls designed to prevent landslide. Later, the Secretary-2 and party left Mongpyin by helicopter and arrived at Kengtung of Shan State (East) in the evening. —MNA



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects multimedia classrooms at Mongpyin BEHS.—MNA

## Ramayana Drama competition commences

YANGON, 15 Oct — Ramayana Drama competition of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions began at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this evening.

U Aung Thu Drama troupe representing Magway Division participated in the competition. Among the audience were Member of the Panel of Patrons for Organizing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon

Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Member of the Panel of Patrons Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee for

Organizing the Competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Wai

Lwin, Chairman of Work Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint Hsan, No 4 Military Region

Commander Col Yan Naing Oo, members of Work Committee and subcommittees, maestros, and leader of the Panel of Judges U Chit Oo Nyo

and members. Thiri Rama Drama troupe of Yangon Division will present its performance in the competition tomorrow.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and party enjoy presentation of Ramayana Drama by U Aung Thu Drama troupe of Magway Division.—MNA



# Love your country

Aung Moe San

Every country and every race has martyrs who sacrifice lives for their own nation and race. But there are also persons who betray their own nation and race. There are patriots as well as minions of other nations. Without patriotism, a race will disappear, followed by vanishing of the nation itself. Thus, the love for the nation and race is a patriotic spirit everyone should have. Patriotism is also associated with uplift of morale and morality of the entire nation. The opposite of patriotism is the spirit to yield to the influence of other nations, longing for the aunt over one's own mother,

**Democracy can take root quickly only in countries where productive forces are developing and social living standard improving. Economic sanctions which cause deterioration of the economy will not bring democracy.**

betraying one's own race, making attempts to harm the nation, thinking lowly of one's own race and nation, while thinking highly of other nations and races, and harming one's own national interest while serving other nations' interest.

After three wars — one in 1824, another in 1852 and the other in 1885 — with the British colonialists, Myanmar fell under enslavement. A famous poet composed a poem about Myanmar who betrayed the national cause then. His poem continues to uplift the nationalistic fervour of Myanmar till now.

The BBC, the VOA, the RFA and the DVB have been broadcasting daily the news about a handful of Myanmar expatriates holding negative views staging demonstrations at a place near the UN headquarters where the UN Conference took place. The radio stations see them as democracy activists.

Today, the Tatmadaw Government is building a democratic state through the seven-point Road Map. The Road Map is the sole way to national consolidation and peaceful developments. The Government has opened the door for all to make collective efforts to materialize the programme. If the expatriates holding negative views have the real wish to see emergence of

a democratic nation, the only way for them is to return to the legal fold and to take part in the task, which is the historic duty to build a democratic nation.

Democracy can take root quickly only in countries where productive forces are developing and social living standard improving. Economic sanctions which cause deterioration of the economy will not bring democracy. Democracy can flourish in countries enjoying progress in the capitalist industries. In industrialist countries also, first, they tried to develop and strengthen the two basic classes — the capitalists and workers — and also the middle class and intellectuals and intelligentsia. In America, women and the Blacks won the right to vote only after waiting for many years. Democracy has never emerged in a very short span of time. We will have to wait for a certain period of time to build democracy.

Thus, the Tatmadaw Government has been paying serious attention to the development of the market-oriented economy. Thus, economic sanctions and pressure are not meant for democracy but just for self-interest. There are three possible factors concerning the perpetration to discredit Myanmar.

1. To copy the western type of democracy at once.
2. To work in accord with the wishes of some powers for self-interest.
3. To grab power through short cut.

The reason may be one of the three. The big democracies need to differentiate between the interest of a handful of persons and the over 53 million people of the nation. The powers should not harm the interest of the over 53 million just to honour a handful of persons holding negative views. If they do want to serve the interest of the over 53 million people, they will have to take action against the handful of pessimists. The ASEAN nations, the Asian nations and the neighbouring nations stand by the interest of the over 53 million people of Myanmar. But some powers wishing to put Myanmar in their domain may stand by the interest of the handful of pessimists.

Instead of airing one-sided news reports to harm the interest of the people of Myanmar, the radio stations of the west — the BBC, the VOA, the RFA and the DVB — should broadcast news reports that will serve the

interest of the over 53 million people.

Because, press freedom should concentrate on serving other's interest, rather than harming it.

Press freedom is permitted in accord with the constitution in a democratic state. There are no restrictions on journalists. The journalists on their part cannot go against the laws enacted in the interest of the people. Prohibiting of press freedom leads to closing the public eyes and ears. Press freedom is required to improve the knowledge level of the people. But the journalists should stay away from publishing bias or random or concocted news reports or baseless rumours, or news reports that may harm the interest of others. They should not act taking advantage of press freedom.

Against the UN Charter, the BBC, the VOA, the RFA and the DVB are presenting news reports in favour of the US, although the country is occupying Iraq illegally. At the same time, they are airing news on Myanmar from the negative side of view, to the detri-

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ment of her interest. So they should see themselves to know whether they are in accord with the journalism codes of conduct and principles of their profession. News reports that are not free from bias are poisonous to the people.

Today's national interest of Myanmar is to build a democratic state with collective and united efforts in accord with the seven-point Road Map. All attempts to oppose the national interest are the destructive acts against the national cause. Hence, in this time and situation, all the people born in Myanmar should love their country.

(Translation: TMT)

Myanma Alin+Kyemon: 12.10.2004.

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## Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil

- \* In automobiles, natural gas can be used in place of petrol and diesel.
- \* The use of natural gas can not only save fuel oil but also extend engine life.
- \* Natural gas exploited at home can be used effectively and safely.
- \* Natural gas burns cent per cent and is environment-friendly.
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### Hyundai fined \$1m

LONDON, 14 Oct — South Korean carmaker Hyundai has been fined one million US dollars by motor sport's world governing body FIA after missing four rounds of last year's world rally championship, according to a Reuters report.

The report said that Hyundai Motor Company had appeared at a meeting of the FIA's World Motor Sport Council in Paris to explain their absence and failure to pay financial penalties for each event

missed. Contracted manufacturers are obliged to contest all rounds of the world championship but Hyundai quit last year, saying they intended to develop a new car for a comeback in the second half of 2006 and a full season in 2007.

The fine could spell trouble for Japan's Mitsubishi, who have missed the last few rallies of this season to concentrate on building a new car for 2005, Reuters reported.

MNA/Xinhua

### Nepal to celebrate Golden Jubilee of Mt Cho Oyu

KATHMANDU, 14 Oct — Nepal will observe the Grand Golden Jubilee of Mt Cho Oyu from 17 October in Kathmandu.

Some 100 international climbers and equal number of Nepali climbers are expected to attend the two-day celebrations.

Famous climber Reinhold Messner has already arrived in Kathmandu to attend the event. More than 35 foreign delegates have already confirmed their participation. Messner, was the first person who scaled the Mt Everest without oxygen and had climbed Mt Cho Oyu in 1983.

A Himalayan Film Festival has also been organized as a part of the celebrations. A number of other

sports and adventure activities are also planned for the mega event that marks the 50th anniversary of man's first ascent to the world's 6th highest peak, according to Nepal Tourism Board. — MNA/PTI

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### China, Algeria sign eight trade agreements

ALGIERS, 14 Oct — Representatives of the enterprises from China's southern province of Guangdong and Algeria signed eight cooperation agreements worth 196 million US dollars here Wednesday.

The agreements involve bilateral cooperation in investment, project contract, and import-export trade. Zhang Dejiang, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC)'s Central Committee and secretary of the CPC Guangdong Provincial Committee, attended the signing ceremony.

China and Algeria have witnessed rapid growth in their economic and trade relations in recent years. The two-way trade volume totalled 740 million in 2003.

In the first half of this year, bilateral trade hit a record high of 530 million US dollars, up 63 per cent from the same period last year. — MNA/Xinhua

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oping a joint working scheme with Germany, in order to reinforce our cooperation with third countries, particularly in Central America and the Caribbean," said the head of the Section of Economic Relations and International Cooperation of the Foreign Ministry, Irma Gomez.

MNA/Xinhua

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### High birth rate, rapid growth risk factors for breast cancer

BOSTON, 14 Oct — A study of more than 117,000 Danish women provides the most convincing evidence yet of a link between a girl's growth rate and her risk of developing breast cancer later in life, researchers said on Wednesday.

The study, published in Thursday's edition of *The New England Journal of Medicine*, found that women who were tall and thin by the age of 14 and those who weighed a lot at birth were more likely to develop breast cancer.

Researchers in Copenhagen looked at height and weight measurements taken from 117,415 girls born between 1930 and 1975, which they obtained from school health records.

The Danish team found that high birth weight, rapid growth around the

time of mammary gland development, being tall and having low body-mass-index during adolescence were independent risk factors for breast cancer.

Specifically, they determined that girls who were about five-feet six-inches tall by age 14 were 50 per cent more likely to develop breast cancer later in life than girls who were just under five feet tall at the same age.

The team also found that newborn girls who weighed more than 8-3/4 pounds were on average 17 per cent more likely to develop the disease later in life than those who weighed about 5-1/2 pounds.

In an editorial in the *Journal*, Karin Michels and Walter Willett of Harvard University said the study reinforces grow-

ing evidence that breast cancer may have its origins early in life.

"An association between the risk of breast cancer and the rate of growth during adolescence has been suggested previously, but these new data are the most convincing," the pair wrote, citing the considerable size and the unbiased source of the data used in the study.

Breast cancer is the most common cancer among women, other than skin cancer. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, after lung cancer, according to the American Cancer Society. Nearly 216,000 women in the United States will be found to have invasive breast cancer in 2004, and about 40,110 women will die from the disease this year.

MNA/Reuters

### Hi-tech development sees fruitful in China's economy, foreign trade

SHENZHEN, 14 Oct — China's national economy and foreign trade are benefitting from the development of the country's high technology industries, said Wei Jianguo, Vice-Minister of Commerce, on Tuesday.

Addressing a symposium of ministers on an international hi-tech trade fair that opened on Tuesday in Shenzhen, a city in south China's Guangdong Province, Wei said the hi-tech in-

dustry is playing an increasingly significant role in adjusting China's economic structure.

The gross production value of the hi-tech sector in the country reached 2.75 trillion yuan (330 billion US dollars) in 2003, up 31 per cent from the previous year and contributing 25 per cent to the country's industrial gross production value, Wei said.

The Vice-Minister said that China's exports

of hi-tech products saw an average annual rise of 40 per cent from 1998 to 2003, 20 percentage points higher than the growth rate of exports.

The country also saw an upgrade of its industrial structure by introducing advanced technology from foreign countries, Wei said. He said that the Chinese Government encourages overseas businesses to invest in the hi-tech sector in the country. — MNA/Xinhua

### Tata Group signs "Expression of Interest" with Bangladesh

DHAKA 14 Oct — India's engineering major Tata Group Wednesday signed the "Expression of Interest" with Bangladesh's state-run Board of Investment for the proposed steel, power and fertilizer projects, the first formal step for implementation of its planned two-billion-dollar investment in the country.

The Tata Group, which has proposed to set up a 700-million-dollar plant in basic steel industry, an equal amount in a 1,000-megawatt power generation project, and 600 million dollars in a fertilizer factory, signed the agreement with Bangladesh state-run Board of investment.

The signing ceremony was witnessed by Tata Group Chairman Ratan Tata, who along with senior executives, flew to this Bangla capital from Mumbai in his private jet earlier in the day, Indian High Commissioner Veena Sikri, Bangladesh Foreign Minister Morshed Khan.

Among the five conditions the Tata group placed in the EOI are speedy action by the Government of Bangladesh for implementation of the project and a 20-year guarantee for natural gas supply to the plant.

The sixty-six-year Indian business tycoon, who also addressed members of the Foreign Chambers of

Commerce and Industry, said his group wanted to see Bangladesh prosper.

"We want to play a role in this country's development," he said, and added "Tata has decided to go beyond the border of India". If the proposals get through, it would be the largest single foreign investment for cash-strapped Bangladesh and the first for Tata to go abroad with greenfield projects.

So far, they have ventured overseas through acquisitions — UK (Tetley), South Korea (Daewoo Commercial Vehicles) and Singapore (NatSteel group).

MNA/PTI



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## Prolonged mobile phone use increases risk of acoustic neuroma

STOCKHOLM, 14 Oct— Ten or more years of mobile phone use increases the risk of developing acoustic neuroma, a benign tumour on the auditory nerve, according to a study released on Wednesday by Sweden's Karolinska Institute.

The risk was confined to the side of the head where the phone was usually held and there were no indications of increased risk for those who have used their mobile for less than 10 years, the Karolinska Institute said in a statement.

"At the time when the study was conducted only analogue mobile phones had been in use for more than 10 years and therefore we cannot determine if there results are confined to use of analogue phones or if the results would be similar also after long-term use of digital (GSM) phones," it said.

The mobile phone market is now dominated by GSM phones, which replaced the bulkier and less advanced analogue phones in many markets the mid- and late-1990s.

The mobile phone industry has said there is no scientific evidence of negative health effects from use of mobile phones.

The Karolinska Institute said 150 people with acoustic neuroma and 600 healthy people participated in the study.

"The risk of acoustic neuroma was almost doubled for persons who started to use their mobile at least 10 years prior to diagno-

sis," the institute said.

"When the side of the head on which the phone was usually held was taken into consideration, we found that the risk of acoustic neuroma was almost four times higher on the same side as the phone was held and virtually normal on the other side."

Finland's Nokia is the world's biggest mobile phone maker.

Other large producers include Motorola of the United States, South Korea's Samsung Electronics, Germany's Siemens and Swedish-Japanese joint venture Sony Ericsson.

MNA/Reuters



A software technician stands in front of a 3D physical access control security and identification system in Singapore. Biometrics-based identification is expected to grow into a seven-billion USD global industry over the next three years.—INTERNET

## Indian PM addresses 137 secretaries of various departments

NEW DELHI, 14 Oct— In the first-ever meeting with over 100 secretaries of the Union government, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Wednesday asked the bureaucracy to pull up its socks, be more accountable and work without fear or favour to produce results.

"Civil service should be accountable, effective and transparent in its functioning. It should be proactive and produce results," Singh said addressing 137 secretaries of various government departments.

Directing senior officials to "work without fear or favour", he said secretaries can approach him and bring to his notice any difficulties faced by them in carrying out their duties.

"Whenever you feel that certain issues need to be discussed further and certain matters need to be

brought to my notice, you are free to see me," he told bureaucrats in an hour-long meeting.

Singh said he has instructed his office to give priority to such requests.

The Prime Minister said he expected secretaries to be innovative while applying their minds to sort out problems of their sectors.

"The initiatives will have to come from you. You will have my full support. We need to move from expenditures to outcome," Singh said.

Pointing to key issues

in governance, Singh said there was a need to improve the quality of public sector management and the performance of core sector — power, coal, ports and shipping, roads, telecom and railways.

He also asked the secretaries to make social sector spendings and delivery more effective besides ensuring that growth in economy generated employment opportunities.

Singh stressed on the need for heralding in another "green revolution".

MNA/PTI

## Computer programme developed to predict women's health

LONDON, 14 Oct— Scientists said on Tuesday they have developed a computer programme that can predict whether women have a high risk of developing breast or ovarian cancer.

By using detailed family history, the programme called BOADICEA selects women who are most susceptible to the illness and would benefit from further screening or treatment.

"BOADICEA works out a woman's breast and ovarian cancer risk using detailed information on her family history of cancer," said Professor Doug Easton, of the Cancer Research UK Genetic Epidemiology Unit in Cambridge, England.

"The programme calculates both her risk of carrying a particular cancer-causing mutation and her overall risk of developing breast or ovarian cancer," he added.

Identifying women with a high risk of either illness will enable doctors to monitor them more closely or take preventive

measures such as surgery or drug treatments.

Scientists have identified two mutations in the BRCA1 and BRCA2 genes that increase cancer risk but many other genes are also involved.

"BRCA1 and BRCA2 together account for under 20 per cent of breast cancer clusters in families, so for a computer programme of this nature to be accurate it is vital it can take other mutations into account," said Easton, who described the programme in the *British Journal of Cancer*.

Women with the BRCA1 mutation have a 60-85 per cent chance of developing breast cancer at some stage in their lives, as well as a 20-40 per cent risk of ovarian cancer.

A fault in the BRCA 2 gene conveys a 40-60 per cent risk of breast cancer

and 10-20 per cent chance of ovarian cancer.

The computer programme is based on genetic information from 1,484 women with breast cancer and 156 families with breast and ovarian cancer cases.

Easton tested the programme by comparing its findings with genetic tests done on women it had predicted as high risk.

"Having put the finished product through its paces by rigorously testing it, we have confirmed that it is more accurate than any other such programme in the past," according to Easton.

After the programme has been made more user-friendly, the researchers plan to make it available on the Internet to oncologists and geneticists.—MNA/Reuters

## New study uses MRI and pet scans to chart Alzheimer's disease

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct— A new study will look at the brains of Alzheimer's patients to see if various scans can chart the disease and if new drugs can slow it down, doctors said on Wednesday.

The National Institute on Aging hopes the study will encourage drug companies to make new drugs to treat Alzheimer's, which affects an estimated 4.5 million Americans but which is projected to strike many millions more as the baby boomers age.

The 60 million US dollars, five-year public-private partnership will include 800 adults across the United States and Canada, and experts in neurology, imaging, Alzheimer's and other areas.

It will use two types of scans — magnetic resonance imaging, or MRI and positron emission tomography, or PET — as well as biological markers in the blood, urine and spinal fluid to see which give the best indication of how a patient's disease is progressing.

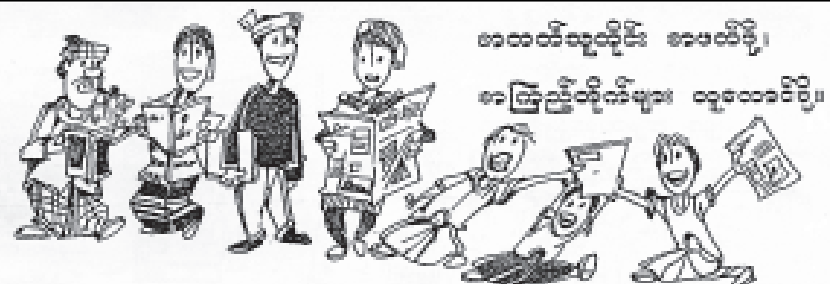
"This is an extraordinary pooling of talent and resources toward a common goal — delaying or preventing Alzheimer's disease," said NIA director Dr. Richard Hodes.

"The initiative should

become a landmark study ... helping us to find biological changes early so that we can identify the people at highest risk of the disease and test the effectiveness of new therapies more quickly and efficiently." Hodes said companies are already testing drugs aimed at slowing Alzheimer's, which steadily destroys the brain with a buildup of proteins and tangled nerve fibres. There is no cure and current treatments only temporarily help symptoms.

MNA/Reuters

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## SPORTS

**Portugal crush Russia 7-1**

LISBON, 14 Oct — Portugal crushed Russia 7-1 in a World Cup qualifier on Wednesday as they bounced back from a humiliating draw with Liechtenstein at the weekend.

Winger Cristiano Ronaldo and substitute Armando Petit both scored twice as Russia crumbled in the face of a superb Portuguese performance in the Alvalade Stadium in Lisbon.

Portugal pressed Russia from the first minute and striker Pauleta opened the scoring after 26 minutes, tapping in after being set up by Ronaldo. The unstoppable Ronaldo notched his first after 39 minutes following a goalmouth scramble.

Russia, who lost 2-0 to Portugal in Lisbon during Euro 2004 when they were eliminated in the first round, went 3-0 down on the stroke of halftime when Deco curled in from outside the area.

Ronaldo made it 4-0 with a powerful strike in the 69th minute before Russia, who were missing several key players including first-choice goalkeeper Sergei Ovchinnikov, pulled one back through Andrei Arshavin. — MNA/Reuters

**Owen gives England satisfactory 1-0 win over Azerbaijan**

BAKU, 14 Oct — A header by stand-in captain Michael Owen midway through the first half gave England an edgy but satisfactory 1-0 win over Azerbaijan in a wind-lashed World Cup Group Six qualifier on Wednesday.

Owen, wearing the armband in place of the suspended David Beckham, was denied a goal against Wales on Saturday when it was decided the deflection he got on a Frank Lampard shot was insufficient for the strike to be awarded to him.

But there was no que-rying his claim after 22

minutes when he met a curling Ashley Cole cross to steer in a firm header that proved the decisive strike in a disjointed game.

With strong winds making constructive football difficult, England struggled for any cohesiveness but with Rio Ferdinand supremely composed and commanding at the back they never looked in danger.

Their second win in four days puts them in charge of the group with 10 points from four games — having played three times away and once at home.

Azerbaijan's 50th competitive international since

joining FIFA 10 years ago — a decade that has brought them just four wins — and while they did not stop running all night to keep England on their toes, they never looked remotely like making it five wins and are already out of contention with just two points from four games.

The only slightly sour note came as an Azerbaijani fan who ran onto the field in the closing minutes, and raced from one box to the other before being tackled by the England goalkeeper Paul Robinson.

MNA/Reuters



Japan's Takahara Naohiro (R) fights for the ball with Oman's player Mohamed Noobi (L) during their World Cup qualifier in Muscat, Oman, on 13 Oct, 2004. Japan won the match 1-0. —INTERNET

**Japan advances to final round of Asian World Cup**

MUSCAT, 14 Oct — Japan advanced to the final round of Asian World Cup qualifiers with an efficient 1-0 victory in Oman on Wednesday.

Defeat in Muscat would have been potentially disastrous for Japan but striker Takayuki Suzuki settled Japanese nerves with a powerful header seven minutes into the second half.

Moments later a rasping Naohiro Takahara volley was brilliantly saved by Oman goalkeeper Ali Al-Habsi. Oman striker Imad Ali came close in the 57th minute but Makoto Tanaka rescued goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi with a superb goalline clearance.

After struggling to beat Oman at home in February and in the Asian Cup in July, Japan defended deeply as they looked to secure the point they needed to finish top of Group Three. — MNA/Reuters

**Sweden thrash Iceland 4-1**

REYKJAVIK, 14 Oct — Sweden struck four first-half goals, including two from Henrik Larsson, to thrash Iceland 4-1 on Wednesday and move top of World Cup qualifying Group Eight.

Sweden followed their 3-0 win over Hungary on Saturday with another convincing victory to move two points above unbeaten Croatia, who did not play on Wednesday and have a game in hand.

Fleet-footed Christian Wilhelmsson was behind Sweden's most dangerous attacks and the Anderlecht midfielder wrapped up the victory with his first goal in his 16th international.

Wilhelmsson set up two stylish Larsson goals and a slightly lucky one for Marcus Allback in a purple 15-minute patch that started midway through the first half before scoring himself with a powerful volley from 18 metres a minute before halftime. — MNA/Reuters

**Chile holds Argentina to 0-0 draw in World Cup qualifier**

SANTIAGO (Chile) 14 Oct — Chile held favourite Argentina to a 0-0 draw on Wednesday in a lively World Cup qualifying match. The draw left Argentina in second place in the 10-team South American qualifying group with 19 points from 10 matches. Chile has 12 points.

Seeking to reverse a disappointing performance in a 2-0 loss to Ecuador on Sunday, Chile deployed an orderly midfield led by Rodrigo Valenzuela, building several dangerous attacks.

Chile had the best chances to score early, but short-range shots by Marcelo Salas and Reinaldo Navias produced brilliant saves by Argentina goalkeeper Roberto Abbondanzieri.

Jorge Valdivia later sent a shot wide from inside the small box. Argentina, although showing its usual good ball control, had difficulty breaking through Chile's strong defence, and Chile goalkeeper Nelson Tapia was rarely tested in the first half.

Carlos Tevez, the top scorer in the Argentine team that won the gold medal at the Olympics, nearly scored with a header that forced Tapia into an excellent save.

The final minutes were played mostly in the Chilean area under heavy Argentine pressure. — MNA/AP



Taylor Dent (news) from the United States returns a ball to Austria's Konstantin Gruber on Wednesday, 13 Oct, 2004, during their first round match for the ATP tennis tournament in Vienna. Dent defeats Gruber with 6-1, 6-3. —INTERNET

**Keane's record scoring brings Ireland victory**

DUBLIN, 14 Oct — Robbie Keane set an Irish scoring record of 23 goals when he scored twice to give Ireland a 2-0 home win over the Faroe Islands in their World Cup Group Four qualifier on Wednesday.

Winger Damien Duff made a diagonal run into the area where he was brought down and Keane slotted the penalty inside the right-hand post in the 14th minute to break Niall Quinn's old record of 21 Ireland goals.

He scored again less than 20 minutes later, pouncing on a rebound after Roy Keane's through ball came off a defender.

The Tottenham Hotspur striker was twice denied a hat-trick by goalkeeper Jakup Mikkelsen, who came out to block his shots in the second half, and central defender Jon Roi Jakobsen who cleared another effort off the line in the 80th minute. — MNA/Reuters

**Denmark holds Turkey to 1-1 draw**

COPENHAGEN, 14 Oct — Denmark held Turkey to a 1-1 draw in their World Cup qualifier on Wednesday despite playing one man short for the last hour of the match.

Denmark's Jon Dahl Tomasson opened the scoring in the 27th minute with a penalty after Jesper Gronkjaer was brought down.

Gronkjaer was sent off three minutes later by Italian referee Massimo de Santis for seemingly striking Ibrahim Uzulmez in the neck and the Turks stepped up the heat.

Nihat Kahveci missed a penalty and Denmark keeper Peter Skov-Jensen made several good saves.

Kahveci finally found the net 20 minutes from time, heading home a cross from the left.

Ukraine top Group Two on eight points. Turkey have six and Denmark five.

MNA/Reuters

**Henry, Wiltord help France badly needed 2-0 win over Cyprus**

NICOSIA, 14 Oct — Striker Thierry Henry scored his first international goal for four months to help struggling France snatch a badly needed 2-0 victory over Cyprus in their World Cup Group Four qualifier on Wednesday.

The French went in front thanks to Sylvain Wiltord, who opened the scoring seven minutes from the break before Henry netted a fine pass from substitute Daniel Moreira in the 72nd.

France clinched the three points to keep alive their hopes of securing a direct berth in the 2006 World Cup after they were held to a goalless draw at home by Ireland on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters



German tennis legend Boris Becker tees off from the 9th hole during the ProAm Mallorca Classic 2004 golf tournament in Son Servera at the Balearic Island of Mallorca, on 13 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET



**MRTV-3**
**16-10-2004 (Saturday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Pleasant Pindaya
- 9:10** **Headline News**
- 9:12 Sour Freid Pork and Cabbage
- 9:15** **National News**
- 9:20 The Circus in Myanmar
- 9:30** **National News**
- 9:35 Ramayana in Myanmar (Part IV) (Indra, the King of Devas Bow)
- 9:40 Myanmar Modern Song "Sagawa Flowers Land"
- 9:45** **National News**
- 9:50 Telefood "Biodiversity for food Security"
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**16-10-2004 (Saturday)  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 15:36 Pleasant Pindaya
- 15:40** **Headline News**
- 15:42 Sour Fried Pork and Cabbage
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 The Circus in Myanmar
- 16:00** **National News**
- 16:05 Ramayana in Myanmar (Part IV) (Indra, the King of

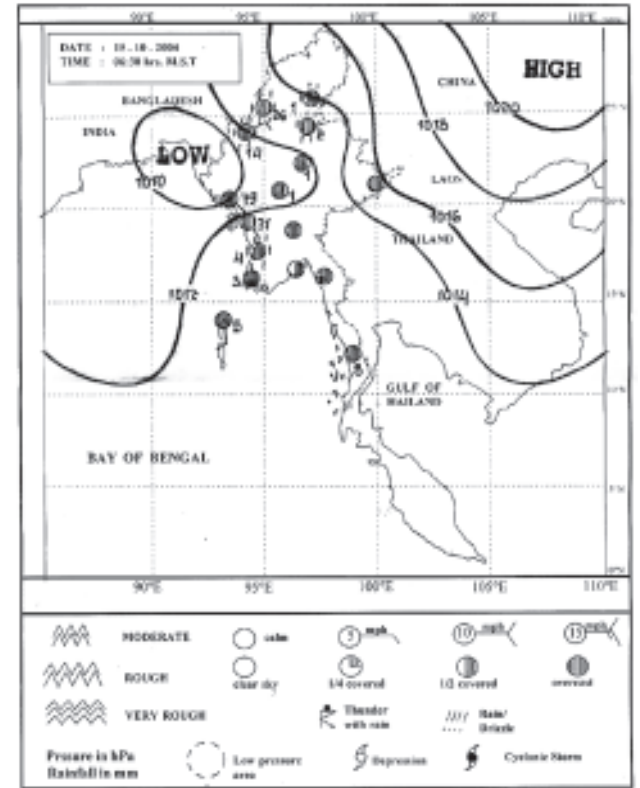
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- 16:15** **National News**
- 16:20 Telefood "Biodiversity for food Security"
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- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 The Ancient City Thirikhitaya
- 16:40 A Thousand Bo-trees from Greening Tropic Zone
- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 Myanmar Movies Impact "Enchanted String"
- 17:00** **Weekly News Highlights**
- 17:05 Myanmar Modern Song "Ever-graceful Lady"
- 17:10 Reminiscence in the Glow of Sunset
- 17:15** **Weekly News Highlights**
- 17:20 Shwe Nan Daw Cultural Museum
- 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 Useful Variety of Bamboo
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 Clothes Make the Women
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 Golden Mandalay Hill
- 19:55 Opening Performance Song and Dance
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:05 Knowledge Bank: Library
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Mesmerize Your Longing Wish"
- 20:12 Myanmar Arts & Handicrafts Centre
- 20:15** **National News**
- 20:20 Ramayana in Myanmar (Part III)

- (Raama Slays the Demons)
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern Song "Saying with the Eyes!"
- 20:30** **National News**
- 20:35 Traditional Chin Cuisine
- 20:40 Myanmar Rattan Furniture for the connoisseurs
- 20:45** **National News**
- 20:50 Breeding of Mythun
- 20:55 Kayah Dance
- 20:58 Myanmar's Pride & Glory
- 21:00** **National News**
- 21:05 Myanmar's Pride: The Art of Carving
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern Song "The Night when we celebrate Donyein Dance"
- 21:12 Hta Pwe (or) Mogok Gems Market
- 21:15** **Weekly News Highlights**
- 21:20 Travel & Description (Lashio to Muse)
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 21:36 Pleasant Pindaya
- 21:40** **Headline News**
- 21:42 Sour Fried Pork and Cabbage
- 21:45** **National News**

- 21:50 The Circus in Myanmar
- 22:00** **National News**
- 22:05 Ramayana in Myanmar (Part IV) (Indra, the King of Devas Bow)
- 22:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Sagawa Flowers Land"
- 22:15** **National News**
- 22:20 Telefood "Biodiversity for food Security"
- 22:25 Songs on screen "What Love is"
- 22:30** **National News**
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**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**
**WEATHER**
**Friday, 15 October, 2004**
**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:**

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Bago and Yangon Division, scattered in Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (3.15) inches, Hkamti (2.12) inches and Ann (1.62) inches.

Maximum temperature on 14-10-2004 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 15-10-2004 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 15-10-2004 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 14-10-2004 was (5.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 15-10-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (111.93 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.65 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (109.21 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 7 mph from Southeast at (14:30) hours MST on 14-10-2004.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, the low pressure area over East Central Bay moved Northeast ward and weakened near Myanmar-Bangladesh Coast. Weather is cloudy in the North and East Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 16-10-2004:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Rakhine, Chin and Kachin. Northern Shan States, Sagaing Division, scattered in Ayeyawady, Bago, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers in upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 16-10-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 16-10-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Weather outlook for second weekend October 2004:** During the coming weekend, isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

**Untimely rainfall warning**

(Issued at 11:00 hrs MST on 15th October, 2004)

According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, rain or thundershowers are likely continue to be widespread in Sagaing Division, Rakhine, Chin, Kachin and Northern Shan States and scattered in Ayeyawady, Bago, Mandalay and Magway Divisions during the next (48) hours commencing this morning.

**Earthquake Report**

(Issued at 14:00 hours MST on today)

An earthquake of strong intensity (6.7) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (1720) miles Northeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (10) hrs (44) min (16) sec MST on 15th October 2004.

**Asleep in Jesus  
Major Charles Chit Tha (Rtd)**

Age (83) years

Major Charles Chit Tha (Rtd) of Building (15), Room (1), U Wisara Housing Estate, Dagon Township, Yangon, son of (U Shwe Min and Daw Win), son-in-law of (Lt.Col. W.C.J. Boudville (Rtd) and Daw Saw Yin), beloved husband of Daw Cissie, loving father of Daw Carole Ann Chit Tha (Professor, Dept. of International Relations, Y.U.) — U Michael Khin Mg Latt (Ex-R/O, New Asia Shipping Co.), U Allan Charles Chit Tha (Unitam Shipping Co.)— Daw Kyi Hlaing @ Daw Win Yee (Myanma Port Authority), Daw Susan Ann Chit Tha — Dr U Myint Swe (State Health Officer—Rtd), (U Vincent Charles Chit Tha) — Daw Khin San Htay, Daw Elizabeth Ann Chit Tha — U Moe Kyaw Swa (Minn Mahar); grandfather of 11 grandchildren, passed away peacefully at 12:45 pm on Tuesday the 12th October 2004. Funeral services will be held at 14:00 hours on Saturday the 16th October 2004 at St.John's Cantonment Catholic Church, and cortege will proceed to Yayway Christian Cemetery, N. Okkalapa for burial.

Buses will leave the above address at 13:30 hours for the funeral services.


**Saturday, October 16  
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. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. Dance variety
- 8:15 am**
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am**
7. International news
- 8:45 am**
8. Grammar Made Easy
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song

**11:10 am**

2. Round-up of the week's TV local news

**1:15 pm**

3. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
"သစ္စာချစ်ပန်း" (အပိုင်း-၃၅)

**2:50 pm**

1. ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ အကြိမ် (၂၀)မြောက် တစ်မတော်ကားကွယ်ရေဦးစီးချုပ်ဖလား အသက်(၂၀)နှစ်နှင့်အောက် တစ်မတော် (ကြည့်၊ ရေချိုး) ဆော့လုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ဒုတိယအကြိမ်လှည့်)

**4:45 pm**

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

**5:00 pm**

3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တမအသင်းပြု) (သတ္တမအသင်း)

**5:15 pm**

4. Musical programme

**5:30 pm**

5. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

**5:50 pm**

6. Games for children

**6:15 pm**

7. Musical programme

**6:30 pm**

8. Evening news

**7:00 pm**

9. Weather report

**7:05 pm**

10. Discovery

**7:15 pm**

11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
"ချစ်ကြီးသွယ်တဲ့လင်းပိုင်းငယ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

**7:45 pm**

12. တက္ကသိုလ်ရိက္ခာနေ့ဂုဏ်ပြု အစီအစဉ်  
"စားနပ်ရိက္ခာဖုလုံဖို့ ဗီစီချီနဲ့ ထိန်းသိမ်းဖို့"

**8:00 pm**

13. News
14. International news
15. Weather report

16. ၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်၊ဒုတိယသမ္မတကြိမ် (၁၂ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေးအတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "ချစ်မေတ္တာသည် ဆန်းကြယ်လှသည်" (အပိုင်း-၈)

18. The next day's

- programme


**Saturday, October 16  
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music:  
-I breath again
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: Bring it all back
- 8.55 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am** Music:  
-Real love
- 9.10 am** International news
- 9.15 am** Music (Spotlight on a star)  
-The Corrs
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Request  
-Cold enough to snow  
-Reflection  
-Someday
- 9.00 pm** ASEAN Review
- 9.10 pm** Songs from Cambodia
- 9.20 pm** Article
- 9.30 pm** Myanma culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9.45 pm** Souvenirs  
-Solitaire  
-Young heart
- 10.00 pm** News/Slogan



## International community acknowledges Myanmar's efforts to control dreadful diseases such as HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria Prime Minister addresses 41st NHC Meeting

YANGON, 15 Oct—The National Health Committee held the 41st meeting at the meeting hall at the Ministry of Health in Dagon Township here this afternoon, with an address delivered by NHC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Present at the meeting were NHC Vice-Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, ministers, the Yangon mayor, members of NHC, responsible personnel of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials. In his speech, Prime Minister General

Khin Nyunt said now is the time when unprecedented success has been achieved in the national health sector. One of them is the recent success in liver transplant.

The Government honoured the surgeons, anaesthetists, nurses, medical experts and attendants who engaged in liver transplant, a task that only a few Southeast Asian countries were able to undertake successfully and that has been the first success ever achieved in Myanmar.

Liver transplant is not the kind of case that can be conducted immediately. Since two or three years ago, the

Government has facilitated hospitals with modern surgical equipment and provided necessary medicines. Moreover, it has also sent medical practitioners abroad for further studies as well as for excursion trips. In like manner, the medical experts, on their part, also made rehearsals repeatedly.

However, the matter of the patient who will undergo liver transplant and the donor of liver is something that should synchronize.

With all these necessary preparations enough for liver transplant, the medical

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivers an address at 41st Meeting of National Health Committee.— MNA



## Government encouraging development of agricultural sector employing all possible methods

YANGON, 15 Oct—General Lt-Gen Thein Sein met officers, Tatmadawmen and families of Lashio Station at the hall of North-East Command in Lashio on 11 October morning.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and

Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen

Khin Maung, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas

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## Temporary closure of Narnattaw Street

YANGON, 15 Oct—The Ministry of Rail Transportation is going to launch a overpass construction project at the junction of Narnattaw Street and Baho Street in Kamayut Township on 26 October. So, Narnattaw Street (from 2nd entrance to Shwe Keinnayi Housing Estate to Sezet Street) will be closed temporarily to traffic till the project is completed.— MNA

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses coordination meeting on development of agricultural sector in Shan State (North). — MNA

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