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Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council Declaration No 3/2004

6th Waxing of Thadingyut, 1366 ME
(19th October 2004)

Assignment of duty as Prime Minister

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed and assigned duties to Lt-Gen Soe Win as Prime Minister with effect from today.

Sd/ Than Shwe
Senior General
Chairman

State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council Declaration No 4/2004

6th Waxing of Thadingyut, 1366 ME
(19th October 2004)

Assignment of duty as Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council

The State Peace and Development Council has assigned duties to Lt-Gen Thein Sein as Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council with effect from today.

Sd/ Than Shwe
Senior General
Chairman

State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council Declaration No 2/2004

6th Waxing of Thadingyut, 1366 ME
(19th October 2004)

Permission granted for retirement

The State Peace and Development Council has permitted Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt to retire on health grounds with effect from today.

Sd/ Than Shwe
Senior General
Chairman

State Peace and Development Council

Minister inspects Yenwe Dam multi-purpose project

YANGON, 19 Oct — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 17 October arrived at model cultivation of 300 acres of monsoon paddy in Tawwi Village in Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Division and discussed with farmers matters relating to increase production of major crops and conditions for crop cultivation in the region.

The minister, together with officials and farmers, viewed the high yield paddy cultivation and pilot cultivation of monsoon paddy, and gave instructions on reducing production cost, cultivation of quality strains and provision of

agricultural techniques to farmers.

Next, the minister also inspected pilot paddy cultivation, direct seeding paddy cultivation and other pilot cultivations.

He also urged the staff of the ministry to seek ways to boost crop production and to reduce production costs, to minimize loss and wastage in cultivation and to disseminate farming methods to farmers including effective use of fertilizer.

Later, the minister went to Yenwe Dam multi-purpose project being implemented near Myochaung Village in Kyauktaga Township and inspected construction

work of main dam and spillway.

At the briefing hall, officials of the Irrigation Department reported to the minister on progress of the main dam and spillway construction, future plans, needs and the estimated time of construction period.

As there are over 100,000 acres of irrigated land, the construction of irrigation canals and the project should be completed at the same time, the minister said.

On 18 October, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected construction of diversion tunnel, spillway and the main dam.

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Commander, Minister inspect Patheingyi Bridge Project

YANGON, 19 Oct — Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected Patheingyi Bridge Construction Project yesterday.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen

Myint Thein and Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe, they heard a report on progress in building the main structure, approach roads on both banks, and future work programmes presented by engineers.

The minister spoke of the need to strive with ardent efforts for the bridge to meet the required standard. He also looked into the requirements.

The commander, the minister and party inspected building of the approach road on Kanni bank and installation of steel frames. Construction work of the approach roads and frame installation work have been completed cent per cent at present. The project engineers and staff are striving with might and main for commissioning the facility as targeted— MNA

Yacht built by Myanmar Shipyards handed over to French Company

YANGON, 19 Oct — A ceremony to hand over 69' LWL Fife Schooner "Sunshine" Yacht constructed by Myanmar Shipyards of the Ministry of Transport was held this morning at Nanthida Jetty.

The ceremony was attended by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwla,

Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, the deputy ministers for transport, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Myo Tin, departmental heads and officials of Corvette Shipping Co, Ltd of France.

The ministers and those who attended the ceremony viewed around the yacht. Next, the ceremony was held at Nanthida Jetty and Managing Director (Associated) U Kyi Soe of Myanmar Shipyards and

Mr Peter John Wood of Corvette Shipping Co, Ltd signed and exchanged the documents.

This is the first yacht with iron hull built by Myanmar Shipyards for Corvette Shipping Co, Ltd of France. She is a Fife Schooner yacht with 31.27 metres in length, 5.6 metres in width, 4.55 metres in depth and 3.34 metre in draught. She can travel at a speed of 9.5 knot as she has a 300 HP main (See page 8)

Sri Lankan Ambassador calls on Minister for Commerce

YANGON, 19 Oct — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein this morning received Ambassador of the Democratic Social-

ist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr D M M Ranaraja at his office here. At the meeting, they discussed progress of bilateral trade.

Also present at the call were Commerce Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun and departmental officials.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for introduction of more CNG-run vehicles

The Union of Myanmar is endowed with plenty of natural resources. Petroleum and natural gas are among the rich terrestrial and aquatic resources and there lie a large deposit of them inland as well as off-shore.

Nowadays, the prices of such fuel as crude oil, petrol and diesel are becoming higher and higher.

At such a time like this, it is good news that there is an abundant reserve of natural gas and that CNG engines can be used in place of diesel engines.

The Leading Committee and Work Committee for Substitution of CNG Engines for Petrol and Diesel Engines in Automobiles held a meeting at the Ministry of Industry-2 on 16 October.

It was discussed at the meeting that at a time when the prices of crude oil, petrol and diesel are becoming higher and higher, combined efforts will have to be made to substitute petrol and diesel engines in cars with CNG engines and there are favourable conditions to do so.

Now, the Ministry of Industry-2, the Ministry of Energy, the Ministry of Rail Transportation and the private sector are cooperating harmoniously and the leading committee and work committees taking systematic measures to introduce the wider use of gas engines buses and trucks.

Now petrol engines have been successfully replaced with CNG engines and so efforts will have to be made to replace diesel engines. Work is well under way to make sure that gas cylinders and compressors are available in time and more and more gas-filling stations are opened.

The nation has around 0.26 million petrol- and diesel-run cars and, out of them, over 0.15 million are running in the City of Yangon. In the past, over 580 petrol- or diesel-run cars were converted into gas-run cars but now another 200 gas cars are running in Paleik Region.

It indicates that CNG can be used safely in cars. Measures are being taken to extend the number of gas-run cars starting from November and December.

We would like to urge all those responsible to try to the best of their ability to facilitate the plan to use more and more gas cars in place of petrol- and diesel-run vehicles.

Minister inspects domestic training school

YANGON, 19 Oct — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa inspected Zeebingyi domestic training school in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, on 15 October.

The next day, the minister inspected construction of a women's care centre in Patheingyi Township, and met with volunteers of an anti-drug body at a drug rehabilitation centre in Mandalay. He met with princi-

pals and officials at Mandalay Youth Training School.

At a child care centre, he visited children and presented gifts to them.

He inspected the Dhammayon of Mandalay Division Immigration and National Registration Office and met with staff. He later inspected a school for the blind and the Division Immigration and National Registration Office in Sagaing.

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People's Desire

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

Myanmar delegation leaves for PRC

YANGON, 19 Oct — At the invitation of China Metallurgical Construction (Group) Corporation (MCC), Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Kyaw Win this morning left for the People's Republic of China.

The delegation comprises General Manager of the Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries U Thein Soe, General Manager of the Myanmar Ceramics Industries U Sein Wai, Deputy Factory Manager of Paper and Pulp Mill (Thabaung) U Nyi Win Khaing, U Win Myint of Yeni No 2 Paper Mill and U Htay Win Thein



Minister U Aung Thaung sees off the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Win at the airport. — MNA

of Sittaung No 1 Paper Mill.

During the tour in China, the delegation will visit the pulp and

paper mills, factories and wood and bamboo plantations.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung,

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun and officials saw the delegation off at Yangon International Airport. — MNA



USDA CEC Member In-charge of Taninthayi Division USDA Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein delivers an address at Taninthayi Division USDA's annual meeting. — LIVESTOCK & FISHERIES

Taninthayi Division USDA holds annual general meeting

YANGON, 19 Oct — Taninthayi Division Union Solidarity and Development Association held its annual general meeting for 2004 in Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik this morning, with an address delivered by USDA Central Executive Committee

member and in-charge of the division association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein.

Executives of division, district and township USDA, departmental personnel, and representa-

tions were also present.

The minister presented gifts to students who are outstanding in education and who won prizes in essay and poster competitions. Gifts were also presented to outstanding athletes of the division. Fifteen donors

presented K 71.6 million for new Division USDA office building. The minister and the secretary of the Division USDA accepted the donation. The minister spoke words of thanks. He then laid cornerstone of the new building. — MNA

Prize winners announced

YANGON, 19 Oct — Committee for organizing the photo contest in Commemoration of Independent Day 2005, Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Information announced the winners today.

In the contest, Shwe Hlay Myo Aung, Kyaw Kyaw Win (MPS) and Nyaung Oo Pho Cho stood

first, second and third. Saw Aung Min (New Asia Photo), Kyaw Kyaw Win (MPS), U Than Wai (Taunggyi), A.K.Moe (Zoo), Tekkatho Han Min Oo (Best Photo), Htin Aung (Insein), Kyaw Win Hlaing (University of Culture) and Wai Kyi Moe (Yangon University) won consolation prizes.

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MTCAPAC Work Committee meets subcommittees

YANGON, 19 Oct — The Chairman of Work Committee for Holding the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions met with the subcommittees and managers of state/division teams at No 1 Transit Centre here today.

Chairman of the work committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan made a speech. Members of the subcommittees and managers presented sector-wise functions. The chairman looked into their requirements.

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1,102 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 19 Oct—As of Monday, on 18 October 2004, at least 1,102 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. Of those, 846 died as a result of hostile action and 256 died of non-hostile causes, according to the Defence Department. The figures include three military civilians.

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

Since 1 May 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 964 US military members have died — 737 as a result of hostile action and 227 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers.—*Internet*



Iraqi boy Hussam Ahmed, 9, cries in the emergency room in the hospital in Fallujah, outside Baghdad, on 16 Oct, 2004 while being treated from gun shots to his leg. —INTERNET

Two Macedonians executed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 Oct—A militant group in Iraq has beheaded two Macedonian men it accused of spying for the United States, an Arab television station reported on Monday.

Al-Jazeera broadcast a videotape from the Islamic Army in Iraq, saying the Macedonians were captured "a few days ago outside an American base in Iraq." The network showed parts of the video of the two and their Macedonian passports and other identification papers, but it did not show their deaths.

An Al-Jazeera editor who spoke to *The Associated Press* by telephone from Doha said the tape, which the network received in Qatar, showed the two men being killed.

"They were thrown on their back and beheaded," said the editor, who refused to give his name. He said the network decided not to show the "grisly images."

The names of the slain men were not mentioned on the tape, and "they spoke a language we did not understand," he

said.

The Islamic Army in Iraq has previously claimed responsibility for kidnapping six Iraqis, two Lebanese and two Indonesian women. It also said it was behind the seizing of two French journalists in August.

Macedonian officials had previously announced that three Macedonian contractors vanished in Iraq in August. It was not immediately clear if the two men appearing on the video were the ones missing from August.

More than 150 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime last year. Some captors seek ransom, while others pursue political motives such as the withdrawal of foreign companies or troops.

At least 32 have been killed, including the Macedonians.—*Internet*

Mortars hit arms handover centre in Baghdad slum

BAGHDAD, 18 Oct—Unidentified armed men launched mortars at an arms collection centre in Baghdad's Sadr City on Sunday, witnesses said.

The attack took place at about 9 am (0600 GMT) in a football stadium where weapons were being collected from Shiite militia-men loyal to radical Shiite

cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, they said.

There was no immediate word on casualties.

Sadr's Mehdi Army agreed last week to hand in its medium and heavy weapons at three sites in Sadr City in exchange for the interim government's pardon.

The hand-in process

is supposed to last five days, but extended for two days till Sunday.

In return, the government has promised to start releasing detained Sadr followers, provided they did not commit crimes. It has also suspended raids in the northeastern Baghdad District.

MNA/Xinhua

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Australian army chief fears for his troops in Iraq

SYDNEY, 19 Oct—Australian army trainers in northern Iraq have come under repeated attack, including a deadly suicide bombing at their heavily fortified compound, and there are fears of worse to come.

In an interview with the *Herald*, the Australian commander in Iraq, Brigadier Peter Hutchinson, praised the courage of his 40-strong army training team but said the impending US and Iraqi elections meant "increased threats" for personnel.

Mortar and rocket attacks and car bombs were increasingly familiar events for Australians, he said. "The army trainers have been doing it tough up there in northern Iraq. A number of attacks have occurred on the team. It has got to the stage that, when they go and do some big event, there are rockets and mortars fired in. Thank God the bad guys are bad shots."

Not so inaccurate was a suicide car bomber who rammed into the Australian compound two months ago. No Australians were hurt in the attack but Defence sources said several Iraqi military trainees were killed.

The trainers are particularly vulnerable because Iraqi insurgents are targeting Iraqis who join the new security forces. The Australian Government has rejected recent overtures to send more troops.

It was revealed yesterday that the Government rejected a request from the United Nations Secretary-General, Kofi Annan, in July to send more forces to protect UN workers.—*Internet*

MNA/Xinhua

Jordan to enlarge Cabinet

AMMAN, 18 Oct—The Jordanian Cabinet will be enlarged to 26 portfolios from current 20 in an upcoming reshuffle, local newspaper *Jordan Times* reported Sunday.

The new Cabinet, expected to be formed within the next few days, will list public and administrative reforms as its priority.

MNA/Xinhua

UAE's Emirates Airline wins Asia Travel Award

ABU DHABI, 18 Oct—The UAE's national airline has been voted best Middle East and African airline at the prestigious TTG Asia Travel Awards, the official WAM news agency reported on Sunday.

The leading publications for the travel trade in the region said TTG Asia and TTG China awarded Emirates Airline the top accolade in this category for the second successive year.

The Emirates Airline got the award at the 15th annual TTG Awards, which was held last week in Bangkok and attended by key figures in the Asian travel and transport industry.

Launched in 1985, Emirates Airline has received more than 260 international awards in recognition of its efforts to provide unsurpassed levels of customer

service, including repeated best airline awards from Skytrax, Official Airline Guide (OAG), and Business Traveller.

Inaugurated in 1989, the TTG Travel Awards are divided into 50 categories, including airlines, hotels and travel agencies. TTG Asia and TTG China together have a weekly circulation of 29,800 and are among the most widely-circulated travel trade publications in the Far East.

The readership is made up of travel agents, tour operators, tourist boards, hoteliers and airline personnel.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis try to dismantle a destroyed mini bus after a roadside bomb exploded while the bus was passing by in the centre of Baghdad, on 18 Oct 2004.

INTERNET

In memo, Iraq war general noted readiness problems

WASHINGTON, 19 Oct—The war in Iraq again became a focus of the presidential race Monday with the leak of a document from a former top US commander who questioned the Army's preparedness.

Army Lt Gen Ricardo Sanchez wrote a memo in December 2003 in which he complained to top Army officials about a shortage of spare parts, lack of protective gear and poor readiness rates for Army weapons in Iraq.

The memo was leaked to the *Washington Post*, which first reported it in Monday's editions. CNN

has since seen a copy of the memo, dated December 4, and also obtained a December 13 response from Gen George Casey, then vice chief of the Army.

Casey has since replaced Sanchez in Iraq.

The leaked Pentagon document brought fresh accusations from Democratic presidential candidate Sen John Kerry. He

complained in Florida that President Bush's "mismanagement" of the Iraq war has left the United States less secure than it should be. In a later speech in New Jersey, Bush largely ignored the Iraq war and instead reminded voters of the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

The Sanchez memo said, in part, "I cannot

continue to support sustained combat operations with rates this low." He was referring to the Army's readiness rates, which measure unit strength and how well equipment has been maintained.

The rate had fallen to 84 percent for Abrams main battle tanks, 85 percent for Bradley armoured fighting vehicles and between 63 and 72 percent for Army helicopters.

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Australian Embassy in Iraq to be moved

SYDNEY, 19 Oct—Australia's embassy in Baghdad will be moved into the highly-fortified "green zone", the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) said.

A spokesman confirmed reports the embassy would be relocated to the high security area in the first half of next year.

"That report is correct," the spokesman said.

The planned move follows a bomb blast near the embassy on Monday which killed seven people.

No Australians were killed or injured in the blast.

A car bomb exploded near the Australian Embassy in May, but it failed to penetrate the mission's tight security.

The green zone houses Iraqi government offices and US forces in Baghdad.—*Internet*



British troops on patrol in Baghdad, Iraq on 18 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

Syria highlights importance of national unity in Iraq

DAMASCUS, 18 Oct—Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam said on Sunday that it is vital to maintain the national unity of Iraq and avoid internal strife there, the official SANA news agency reported.

Khaddam made the remarks during his meeting with visiting Iraqi Kurdish leader Masoud Barzani, who shared the idea with the Syrian official.

According to SANA, the two sides, during the meeting, also tackled the role of neighbouring countries in helping the Iraqi people in current difficult circumstances. Speaking at a Press conference after the meeting, Barzani warned neigh-

bouring states not to interfere in the issue of the disputed northern oil-rich city of Kirkuk.

"This is an internal Iraqi affair and neighbouring states should not interfere in this issue," he said.

Barzani arrived here Friday after his trip to Turkey, where he discussed Kirkuk issue with Turkish officials.

MNA/Xinhua

Egypt, Russia seek to expand trade cooperation

CAIRO, 18 Oct—A visiting Russian trade official pledged Sunday Russia will expand trade and industrial cooperation with Egypt, official MENA news agency reported.

Boris Alyoshin, chairman of the Russian Federal Industry Agency, was quoted as saying after a meeting with his Egyptian counterpart that Moscow has a desire to promote cooperation with Egypt.

He said the doors of

the Russian markets are wide open to Egyptian commodities, denying any hurdles to Egyptian exports to Russia.

Rashid Mohammed Rashid, Egyptian Minister of Industry and Foreign Trade, underlined the importance of augmenting the volume of trade exchange between the two countries. He also called for promoting technological cooperation in the industrial field. The two sides

dealt with a number of problems that impede the flow of trade between the two countries, especially with respect to food and vegetables products.

The visit came as part of efforts to give momentum to Russian-Egyptian economic and trade cooperation, which was on top agenda when Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin in Moscow last May.

MNA/Xinhua

Seven killed, ten wounded in clashes in Fallujah

FALLUJAH, 18 Oct—Seven Iraqis were killed and ten others wounded in the on-going fierce clashes that broke out Sunday morning between US-Iraqi forces and fighters who defend the city, local medics told *Xinhua*.

"We received seven bodies and ten wounded people treated in the hospital," said Saleh al-Issawi, a doctor of the Fallujah General Hospital.

Direct fighting between fighters and US troops continued Sunday afternoon as US tanks and artillery pounded fighters' positions on al-Askari neighbourhood, on the northeastern edge of the besieged city, according to *Xinhua* correspondent at the scene.

The fighters fired back with mortar rounds and rocket-propelled grenades as US planes flew overhead. Local residents confirmed that they saw two US tanks caught fire just outside the al-Askari neighbourhood where they saw a destroyed Humvee in the morning.

The city is almost deserted after most families have fled to safer resorts.

The air raids targeted Golan and al-Askari districts in the city, destroying four houses and damaging several surrounding ones.

Iraq's US-backed interim government has warned that it will launch a major offensive in Fallujah if the city does not

hand over Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and his followers.

Fallujah representatives and some residents in the city say they have seen no evidence that Zarqawi is holed up there.

US Marines besieged the city in April in an all-out operation against rebels, many of whom were said to be foreign fighters, and only pulled out after hundreds of civilians were killed in the month-long warfare.

MNA/Xinhua

Lufthansa increases flights to Abuja

LAGOS, 18 Oct—German airline company Lufthansa announced here Saturday that its flight frequency to Abuja will increase by about 50 per cent as from 31 October.

Hartmut Volz, general manager of the airline's Lagos office, described Abuja as "West Africa's most important capital and a centre of attraction for foreign direct investment."

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi woman reacts after viewing a destroyed car in Baghdad, Iraq on 18 Oct, 2004, after a car bomb exploded near a police patrol in Baghdad's Jadiriyah district, killing at least six people, including three police officers, and wounding 26.—INTERNET

Blair secretly allows US missiles on British soil

LONDON, 18 Oct — Prime Minister Tony Blair has secretly agreed to allow Washington to station US missiles on British soil as part of President George W Bush's missile defence programme, *The Independent* on Sunday newspaper reported.

The paper said Blair's Downing Street office had given an "agreement in principle" to the US Defence Department that the weapons — so-called interceptor missiles — could be sited at a Royal Air Force base in Fylingdales, northern Britain.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence denied the reports, saying no approach had been made by the US Government over the deployment of interceptors in Britain, and there was no deal.

"No agreement has been reached," he said.

Although the British Government has said it

will allow Washington to use early warning radar at the Fylingdales base for the missile defence programme, it has said nothing publicly about whether missiles would be sited there.

The Independent on Sunday report angered some left-wing members of Blair's Labour Party, many of whom want their government to play no part in the US defence system.

"(This) is another example of how we appear to be in the pocket of America," Labour Member of Parliament Diane Abbott told BBC television. "We have no national

interest in having American missiles on British soil."

The Independent on Sunday said the agreement was reached at a meeting between British and American officials in May but that London had asked that no formal request be made by Washington until after British elections, widely expected in May 2005.

Menzies Campbell, foreign affairs spokesman for the Liberal Democrats, Britain's third party, expressed concern that a decision may have been reached in secret.

"These reports, if true,

are a source of grave concern given that a decision appears to have been taken behind closed doors before a full public debate on the costs and strategic implications," he told the newspaper.

"This could have major implications for the defence posture of Britain, our relations with NATO countries and other allies, and the strategic balance of nuclear weapons around the world."

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi worker mixes cement outside a damaged building a day after it was bombed in the Mansour neighbourhood of Baghdad on 17 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

Mily provides unsafe, inhumane treatment to Guantanamo detainees

NEW YORK, 18 Oct — Uncooperative Guantanamo Bay detainees were regularly subjected to highly abusive treatment over a long period of time, unidentified guards at the US military base, intelligence agents and others who worked in the prison, told *The New York Times*.

US military officials have long maintained such treatment had occurred in isolated cases and was not common.

Prisoners at the Cuban base include those captured in Afghanistan and Iraq and suspected of association with or membership in extremist organizations. Human rights groups have criticized the United States for indefinitely detaining prisoners at the base, most without charges or legal representation.

Earlier this year, photographs of US personnel abusing Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib Prison outside Baghdad generated outrage around the world.

The Times reported in its Sunday editions that prisoners at Guantanamo deemed uncooperative were stripped to their underwear, shackled hand and foot to a bolt in the floor and forced to endure strobe lights and loud music played from

close loudspeakers, while the air conditioning was turned up to maximum levels for periods as long as 14 hours.

The treatment was described to the newspaper by a military official who said he witnessed the procedure and others who said they participated in the techniques, all of whom spoke on condition of anonymity. "It fried them," the newspaper quoted the official as saying. The unidentified official told the newspaper he spoke because of anger over the treatment of the prisoners.

Pentagon officials would not comment on the details of the Guantanamo allegations, the *Times* said.

The Defence Department said in a statement quoted by the *Times* that the military was providing a "safe, humane and professional detention operation at Guantanamo". — MNA/Reuters



A British soldier on patrol in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 18 Oct, 2004.

INTERNET

Vietnam to put heavier penalty on IPR violators

HANOI, 19 Oct — Vietnam plans to put harsher punishment and higher fines on violators of intellectual property rights (IPR), in a move to deal with the rampant piracy in the country, according to *Vietnam Investment Review* on Monday.

Under a draft decree, organizations or individuals that are involved in intellectual property rights violations may be subject to temporary or permanent revocation of their business licence, while producers and sellers of fake products could face fines of up to 100 million Vietnamese dong (VND) (nearly 6,400 US dollars).

Stiffer fines are expected to reduce the rampant sales of fake products, especially electronic devices and sport brands like Nike and Adidas, Tran Viet Hung, deputy head of Vietnam's National Office of Intellectual Property, said, noting that penalties stipulated in a decree issued in

1999 are relatively mild.

Under the expected new decree, organizations or individuals giving false information regarding rights ownership of any item will be fined 1-3 million VND (64-191 US dollars) instead of the current 0.5-2 million VND (32-128 US dollars).

Penalties will also be based on the value of the property in question. A fine of 15-30 million VND (955-1,910 US dollars) is proposed for producers of counterfeit goods worth 20-50 million VND (1,274-3,185 US dollars).

Vietnam has made great efforts to combat piracy and comply with international rules on intellectual property rights. At the 8th round

of negotiations for its entry into the World Trade Organization in Switzerland in June 2004, the country basically pledged to abide by the organization's agreements, including the Trade-Related Aspects of Intellectual Property Rights.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese police arrive in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE (Haiti), 18 Oct — A contingent of 95 riot police from China arrived in Haiti on Sunday to help restore order in the Caribbean nation.

The police joined a small advance team of Chinese who arrived last month. They will become part of a Brazilian-led UN peacekeeping mission to stabilize the country. "We have received a three month-long special training for Haiti prior to our arrival here, we needed to know about the people," said officer Zhao Xiao Xung at the Port-au-Prince international airport.

MNA/Reuters

TEGUCIGALPA (Honduras), 18 Oct — Central American countries are considering sending troops to Haiti at the request of the United Nations to cope with the rising violence there, Honduran President Ricardo Maduro said on Saturday.

Brazilian-led UN troops are stretched to the limit as they try to prevent the looting of aid supplies and to stop gunbattles and political clashes in the

Caribbean island.

Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador and Nicaragua are looking into sending a "humanitarian rescue unit" made up of soldiers, Maduro told a news conference at government headquarters.

"This is something that the region's defence ministers are going to look at jointly. I understand we have to take a decision quickly," he said.

El Salvador, Honduras and Nicaragua sent troops to Iraq as part of the US-led coalition last year, but

only Salvadorean forces remain after the other two countries pulled out.

Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said on Thursday the UN peacekeepers in Haiti urgently need reinforcements to cope with surging violence in the Caribbean country, which was also devastated by tropical storms.

The UN force has just 2,600 soldiers, said Amorim — a fraction of the 6,700 troops and 1,600 police authorized for Haiti. — MNA/Reuters

Nine Iraqi police killed in ambush

KERBALA (Iraq), 18 Oct — Gunmen ambushed a minibus carrying nine Iraqi police recruits home from a training course in Jordan, killing all of them, police in Kerbala said.

The attack happened late on Saturday as the men were passing between the volatile towns of Latifiya and Yusufiya, about 20 miles southwest of Baghdad.

"They were returning from a training course in Amman," a police spokesman said. "No one survived and the attackers escaped."

Guerillas regularly attack military convoys and vehicles carrying foreign contractors on the main road which leads south from Baghdad towards the holy city of Kerbala.

US forces recently launched an operation in the region surrounding Latifiya and Yusufiya to try to weed out gueril-

las and bandits carrying out attacks there.

Hundreds of Iraqi police and recruits have been killed in car bomb attacks, drive-by shootings and ambushes over the past year as guerillas try to disrupt US attempts to establish a stand-alone Iraqi security force.

The US military has established a centre in Jordan to try to speed up the process of training new recruits. Training grounds in Iraq have frequently been attacked, as have recruitment posts throughout the country.

More than 40 people were killed last month after a suicide bomber detonated his vehicle outside a recruitment centre in the heart of Baghdad. —MNA/Reuters



A British Army soldier arrives at the site of a roadside bomb attack in Basra on 17 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

Jordan denies detention of trucks in Iraq

AMMAN, 18 Oct — Jordanian Transport Ministry on Sunday said there were no Jordanian trucks that have been detained inside Iraq, the official Petra news agency reported.

Local Arabic newspaper *Al-Dustur* reported earlier in the day that about 100 Jordanian trucks were detained in the Iraqi border region with Jordan because those Jordanian drivers have not paid the insurance fees to the Iraqi Customs.

The ministry has not received any information on imposing insurance fees by the Iraqi side on Jordanian trucks crossing into the lands, Alaa Batayneh, general secretary of the ministry, was

quoted as saying.

Transport situation between the two countries is normal and under the control of transport agreements, Batayneh added.

The official said that "as for Iraq, the International Land Transport Agreement between Jordan and Iraq, commits vehicles used for transport between the two countries to take the necessary insurance measures in accordance with laws and regulations." —MNA/Xinhua

Russia opens second military base in Central Asia

Moscow, 18 Oct — Russia opened a new military base in Tajikistan Sunday, the second in Central Asia since the Soviet collapse in 1991, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

Russian President Vladimir Putin raised a Russian flag at the base, saying that "the military base in Tajikistan, along with the air base in Kyrgyzstan, will be a reliable element in the united system of collective security in the region." The forces there would create conditions for neutralizing terrorist

and extremist attacks across the entire former Soviet Union, said Putin.

On Saturday, Putin and his Tajik counterpart Emomali Rakhmonov signed a protocol on the commencement of a Russian military base in the Central Asian country.

Russia's 5,000-strong 201st Motorized Rifle Division, now de-

ployed near Dushanbe, capital of Tajikistan, after retreating from Afghanistan in 1989, will station in the new military base. As part of the deal, Russia will write off 330 million US dollars of Tajik debts and pledge investments totalling 2 billion dollars over the next years.

MNA/Xinhua

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260 Iraqi detainees to be released from Abu Gharib

BAGHDAD, 18 Oct — An official at the Iraqi Ministry of Justice announced that the American forces agreed to release 260 Iraqi detainees from the notorious prison of Abu Gharib, west of Baghdad, *Al Nahdhah* newspaper reported Sunday.

"The American forces would release 260 detainees from the prison of Abu Gharib," said the official, pointing out that 120 detainees would be released with bails while the other 140 would be released without bail.

He added that the released are from different governorates of Iraq, 110

from Baghdad and 150 from the other governorates.

He also pointed out that the release of those detainees came as a result of the efforts exerted by the quadrilateral committee to follow the issues of the detainees, which includes representatives of the ministries of justice,

interior, and the multi national forces.

The American forces announced earlier a programme to release thousands of Iraqi prisoners and detainees after the scandal of abusing Iraqi prisoners in the prison of Abu Gharib by the American forces.

MNA/Xinhua

Poll shows Bush underestimated number of troops needed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 18 Oct — A majority of US troops serving in Iraq and their families said the Bush Administration did not send enough forces to Iraq and relied too heavily on the National Guard and reserve troops, a poll showed on Saturday.

Almost two-thirds of those surveyed by the Annenberg Public Policy Centre, or 65 per cent, said they believed US President George W Bush "had underestimated the number of troops needed in Iraq," the poll said.

But while 60 per cent said part-time troops were overburdened and the number of regular troops should have been ex-

panded, a larger majority, 74 per cent, said they were opposed to restarting the draft.

Annenberg researchers surveyed 186 troops who were serving on active duty in Iraq between February and October, including full-time, National Guard and reservist forces. If they were not available for polling, a family member was sur-

veyed.

The results were part of a larger survey of 635 troops or their families.

Forty per cent of National Guard members and reservists surveyed said they did not have enough training or supplies for their mission in Iraq, compared with 35 per cent who said they were adequately prepared, the poll found. —MNA/Reuters

Eight Egyptians deported from South Africa

CAIRO, 18 Oct — Eight Egyptians, together with two Algerians, were deported by Johannesburg Airport security authorities on Sunday, Egypt's official MENA news agency reported.

It said the measure was taken after the South African authorities suspected the entry visas held by the deportees were forged. However, the Egyptians said they got the visas from an Egyptian living in

South Africa and denied knowing that the visas were false. MENA said Cairo Airport security started investigations with the returnees to find out why they were expelled from South Africa.

It quoted a security source at the airport as saying there was nothing wrong with the passports of the deportees, adding the stamped visas were referred to specialists to make sure of their validity. —MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi boy inspects a destroyed car in Baghdad, on 18 Oct, 2004, after a car bomb exploded near a police patrol in Baghdad's Jadiriya district, killing at least six people, including three police officers, and wounding 26. —INTERNET

The UDNR's 40-year journey

Htay Lwin (Development)

The University for Development of National Races will become a 40-year-old institution on 20 October this year. As the university was founded for progress of the whole Union, its aims are noble and its teaching programmes profound and significant. The UDNR has been training its students and trainees to become not only qualified teachers but also junior leaders and good organizers having strong Union Spirit. The university is conducting master's degree courses for education and philosophy (education), qualification examinations for master's degree candidates, one-year basic education courses, bachelor's degree courses for education, a two-year education bridge course, diploma courses for teachership, junior teachership courses, primary teachership courses, and special primary teachership courses. Trainees and students of the university have studied the subjects including teachership subjects in accord with the curricula

classes at the university now.

As the number of students and trainees has increased, its staff organizational set up has been enlarged. It was opened as the Academy for Development of National Groups in 1964 with a director, an assistant director, 20 teachers and 15 other staff to run it. Now it has become a university which is being run by 184 administrative staff led by a pro-rector (admin) and 348 teaching staff led by a pro-rector (teaching) under the management of the rector.

The university has included the subjects on development in its teaching programme. It is teaching development subjects covering physical education, music, agriculture, art, mechanics, domestic science, history of independence struggle, morals and manners, ethnic languages and culture, traditional martial arts, basic military, basic health, school health, farming, traditional medicine, and computer science to turn out junior leaders who

the annually-held company-wise competitions, they achieve the spirit of unity among themselves to strive for the victory of their own company.

The university has also adopted the system of fixing or solving problems through the combined efforts of teachers, parents and students. The system is also called parental guardianship system as its main aim is to look after and guide the students in a way

places, with goodwill and loving kindness like their parents. In this way the bonds between the teachers and their pupils become stronger, leading to the flourishing of family spirit at the university. Based on the family spirit, Union Spirit to live in weal or woe in the Union also flourishes. As the students have already been equipped with Union Spirit, they have the ability to strive to further strengthen Union Spirit

ety, they can pursue arts and science courses through the universities of distance education. After completing a one-year service as a junior assistant teacher or head of a primary school, a teacher can attend the one-

101 are attending classes at the universities and 15 have got a degree or completed a diploma course, and are now discharging duties in various sectors of the border areas that are changing and developing at present.

The system is also called parental guardianship system as its main aim is to look after and guide the students in a way parents do. Teachers are closely watching, helping, guiding and teaching their pupils, who come to the university from far away places, with goodwill and loving kindness like their parents.

parents do. Teachers are closely watching, helping, guiding and teaching their pupils, who come to the university from far away

among the locals at the places they are assigned to after completing their studies. In this way, the university is helping further cement national solidarity.

In addition to producing good education staff and organizers, the UDNR has also made arrangements to enable them to pursue their further studies from the places they are assigned to. Apart from primary assistant teachership courses, the institution is conducting junior assistant teachership courses, degree courses for education and master's degree courses. After completing a one-year service, a primary assistant teacher can attend the junior teachership course conducted by the university. As Myanmar has become a continuous learning soci-

year course at the UDNR to get bachelor's degree in basic education. Students who have completed a three-year course under new system can attend the one-year education diploma course at the UDNR after discharging duties for a period of one year. And then they will have to discharge duties for one more year, before attending a two-year education bridge course to get a degree in basic education. National races in the entire nation who have passed the matriculation examination can attend the four-year education course at the university if they pass the entrance examination.

While the UDNR is nurturing and producing education staff, it has also selected 30 outstanding students from among their counterparts of the courses from No 30 to No 35 to allow them to sit in the entrance examinations of the technical universities. The Government is providing stipends to students who have passed the examination to pursue education at the universities. A total of

All in all, during the period of 40 years, the University for Development of National Races has produced 8,905 efficient education staff who have the ability to strive for further strengthening of Union Spirit among the national races, and further improvement of their socio-economic standard. After completion of their studies at the university the students are striving without fail for human resources development in the border areas, regional development, progress of the socio-economy of the national people, and promotion and propagation of Union Spirit among local people in accord with the guidance of the Head of State.

Thus, I firmly believe that in the future also, the UDNR that has performed its duties well for 40 years, will continue to stand as an institution training and producing good education staff and organizers on whom the nation can rely.

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National races studying at the University for Development of National Races.

drawn by the Education Ministry.

The university has used electronic teaching aids including e-learning centres, language labs, overhead projectors and multimedia projectors to train the students and trainees to become education staff on whom the State can rely. When it was only the Academy for Development of National Races in 1964, it admitted 150 new trainees for its four-year course every year. Thus, the total trainee strength then was only 600. Now it is admitting 250 students and students a year for its four-year education courses. As various kinds of new courses have been extended, over 1,400 trainees and students are attending

will serve the interest of their region and people with brilliant efforts.

In addition, the university has been giving priority to national unity and amity and to strengthen Union Spirit among the trainees and students. To enable the students to have the good spirit of working in unity and organization-wise, they have to join one of the four companies — Kyansittha company, Bayintnaung company, Alaungphaya company and Bandoola company — as a member as soon as they have enrolled at the university. The university has made arrangements for a company to be formed with various national races of various courses. As the students have to take part in

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Yacht built by Myanma Shipyards...

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diesel engine and a 17.5 kilowatt generator. The yacht can carry 8 people and modern communication apparatus are being

set up. The yacht costs 150,000 US dollars.

This yacht received the certificate of Lloyd's Register of Shipping (LRS) as it was con-

structed in accordance with International Maritime Standard. Myanma Shipyards, since 1995, successfully constructed various kinds of ship for Indonesia, Singapore and China. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects 69' LWL Fife Schooner "Sunshine" yacht built by Myanma Shipyards. — MNA

USDA CEC member meets trainees

YANGON, 19 Oct — Central Executive Committee member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein

met with 80 trainees of the Basic Organizing Training Course No 40 here today. During the meeting, the deputy minister explained the lofty aims of the national

policy and success in materializing it. The course is being conducted by Dagon Myothit (North) Union Solidarity and Development Association. — MNA



Rector of Kursk State Technical University Dr Zakhardv and Dr Zhubarcv present teaching aids for YTU through Rector Dr Hla Than of YTU. —MNA

Kursk State Technical University of Russia donates teaching aids to YTU

YANGON, Oct 19 — Kursk State Technical University of Russia donated five kinds of teaching aids equipment to Yangon Technological University of the Ministry of Science and Technology this morning.

The donation ceremony was attended by YTU Rector Dr Hla Than, Pro-rector of Yangon Computer University Dr Nila Thein, professors and heads of departments, Rector of Kursk State Technical

University Dr Zakhardv and Dr Zhubarcv and officials. Dr Zakhardv and Dr Zhubarcv explained the purpose of the donation and presented five kinds of teaching aids to Rector Dr Hla Than.

MNA

Sittway Port inspected

YANGON, 19 Oct — Managing Director U Soe Tint of Inland Water Transport on 17 October inspected durability and maintenance of ships at Swittway Dockyard and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Next, the managing director inspected the passengers' ticket booth and durability of the bridge at the port and Danyawady Craft-1 and Aungtagon Craft-1 and gave necessary instructions to officials. — MNA

Managing Director U Soe Tint inspects watercraft being repaired at Sittway Dockyard in Rakhine State. — MNA



Mayor inspects measures undertaken for greening, cleaning and upgrading of the city

YANGON, 19 Oct — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials inspected measures undertaken for greening of environment and cleaning and upgrading of the city by Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) and Environment and Sanitation Department, installation of CNG engines by Factory and Motor Department and production of spare parts for vehicles this

morning.

The mayor inspected laying of concrete files on Bogyoke Aung San Road and between Shwethontha Street and 29th Street.

Head of Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) U Bo Htay reported on tasks being carried out.

The mayor gave instructions on speedy efforts, quality and supervision.

He also inspected sanitation works on alleys in Mingala

Taungnyunt Township and installation of CNG engines in TE 21 vehicles at Factory and Motor Department.

The mayor inspected ring road in the township, construction of overpass linking Kandawgyi Garden and Zoological Gardens (Yangon).

The mayor also inspected paving of road in North Okkalapa Township, digging of drains for proper drainage and efforts for drinking water supply. —MNA



No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan delivers a speech at the meeting with sub-committees and officials of state/division performing arts teams. —MNA (News on page 2)

Deputy Minister inspects railway projects

YANGON, 19 Oct — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than arrived in Taunggyi and met officials from the departments under the ministry on 16 October and gave necessary instructions.

The deputy minister proceeded to Ponchaung together with officials from Myanmar Railways and inspected the construction tasks and fulfilled the needs for Saikong-Ponchaung railway section of Shwenyaung-Nansam railway project.

The officials concerned reported to the deputy minister on the

tasks and he fulfilled the needs. On 17 October, the deputy minister and officers inspected the rail-road project and construction of bridges on the way. He also guided to start Ponchaung-Taungsai new rail-road. The deputy minister then inspected Ponchaung-Htookyan railway section.

Deputy Minister U Pe Than arrived back to Taunggyi and met officials from the departments under the ministry and gave necessary instructions. On 18 October, the deputy minister and party left Taunggyi for Myitthar and pro-

ceeded to Mandalay. On the way, the rail deputy minister inspected railway projects and attended to the needs. He gave necessary instructions to the officials from the departments under the ministry and fulfilled the needs.

On the evening, the deputy minister for rail transportation met division level officers of Myanmar Railways on his way to Yangon and inspected the upgrading tasks on Yangon-Mandalay rail line and attended to the needs. He arrived back here on 19 October morning.

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Wellwishers presented K 120,000 for construction of Theravada Buddha Sasana Myanmar Missionary Monastery in Paris, France, through an official on 19 October. — MNA

Ramayana Drama Contest continues

YANGON, 19 Oct—The Ramayana Drama Contest of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the fifth day at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township here this evening. Ramayana Drama Troupe representing Sagaing Division participated in the contest. Present at the contest were member of the Panel of Patrons for organizing the performing arts competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee for organizing the

performing arts competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win, members of the work committee and subcommittees, artistes and the



Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and judges watch the Ramayana Drama contest. — MNA

Maung, Leading Committee members, public. Leader of the Panel of Judges U Chit Oo Nyo and members of contest. The Drama Troupe of Yangon Division will take part in the contest tomorrow. — MNA

Traditional Cultural Performing...

(from page 16) in the basic education level (aged 5-10) men's dance contest.

The amateur level marionette dance contest

took place at the State School of Drama this morning.

The music contest continued at the Padonma Theatre this morning.

and group of Yangon Division, Maung Thant Zaw and group of Mandalay Division and Maung Kyaw Htet and group of Ayeyawady



Ma Chaw Su Han of Rakhine State competes in dancing contest. — MNA

will be held at the National Theatre tomorrow.

The practising of song composing contest

Maung Shine Bo Bo Oo and group of Yangon Division, Maung Wai Yan Maung Maung

Division took part in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' Saing contest.

Deputy Minister meets education staff

YANGON, 19 Oct—Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min met with teachers of basic education schools in southern Shan State at the town hall in Taunggyi on 16 October.

Education officers and school heads were also

present at the meeting.

The deputy minister explained school discipline enforcement, teaching improvement methods and other academic matters.

Accompanied by officials, he inspected classrooms and science

room at No 5 Basic Education High School in Taunggyi. He also met with the principal and faculty members at Taunggyi Education College and inspected the No 3 BEHS in Taunggyi and Heho high school.

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Paper reading session on iron and steel held in MICT Park

YANGON, 19 Oct—A paper reading session sponsored by iron and steel group of Myanmar Industrial Producers Association was held in MICT Park in Hline Township on 16 October.

The paper reading session was held with the aims of development of metallurgy industries and

production of objects made of metal of international standard.

Present were Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, Patron of Myanmar Industrial Producers Association Dr Mahn Thet San, Chairman U Htain Win, Vice-Chairman Dr Kyaw Htin, General Secretary U Zaw

Min Win and officials.

Chairman U Htain Win spoke on the occasion. Next, resource persons submitted papers. They replied to queries raised by those present at the session.

The paper reading session was organized by Met, Mami, Emm and SOS Companies. — MNA



Maung Aung Ko Ko of Chin State competes in xylophone contest. — NLM

The basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' Saing contest continued at 1 pm and Maung Aung San Min and group of Yangon Division, Maung Bo Bo and group of Ayeyawady Division, Maung Nay Myo Lwin and group of Mandalay Division and Maung Chan Tha and group of Mandalay Division and Maung Htet Ahkar and group of Yangon Division took part in it.

The amateur level (women's) Saing contest

(individual), professional level (women's) Saing contest (individual) and the basic education level (aged 10-15) (women's) Saing contest will continue at the Padonma Theatre tomorrow.

The xylophone contest continued at the Kanbawza Theatre this morning.

Four contestants from Yangon Division, Sagaing Division and Rakhine State participated in the higher education level

xylophone (women's) contest while 13 contestants took part in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' xylophone contest.

Leader of the Panel of Judges U Yi New and members supervised the contest.

The amateur level xylophone contest and the basic education level (aged 15-20) (women's) xylophone contest continues tomorrow.

MNA

Chinese President meets Tonga King

BELING, 19 Oct — The Chinese Government is willing to work with the Tonga Government to expand cooperation and push forward long-term and stable ties, on the base of Five Principles of Co-existence.

Chinese President Hu Jintao made the remark in his meeting with Taufa'ahau Tupou IV, King of Tonga, here Monday. Hu said ties between China and Tonga have developed rapidly. Exchange of visits at different levels were strengthened, economic and trading cooperation was enhanced, and the bilateral trade volume consistently increased.

The two sides communicated and cooperated in international and regional affairs, Hu said, with positive results in

fields of culture, sanitation, and tourism.

Hu stressed China spoke highly of Tupou IV who made important contribution to normalization of China-Tonga relations, and appreciated Tonga's sticking to the one-China stand on issues of Taiwan.

China and Tonga, both located in Asia-Pacific Region, are developing countries longing for peace and development, Hu noted. The two countries are complementary in development and cooperation between the two countries will bring de-

velopment and prosperity to the two peoples.

Tupou IV said Tonga appreciated the support and help offered by the Chinese Government and people for its economic and social construction since the normalization of the bilateral ties. He also said Tonga will continue to adhere to the one-China policy. Tonga attaches importance to its relations with China, he added.

Tupou IV and his delegation arrived here on Monday morning for a two-day visit to China.

MNA/Xinhua

Hun Sen urges more aid to Cambodia from South Korea

PHNOM PENH, 19 Oct — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen has asked the visiting speaker of South Korea's parliamentary delegation to

grant more aids to his country, Hun Sen's spokesman said Monday.

"Besides the National Road No 3 being assisted by South Korea, Mr. Kim

Won Ki has pledged that he will convey to his leaders the request from Prime Minister Hun Sen on further assistance to Cambodia," said Eang Sophallete, after an hour meeting between Hun Sen and Kim Won Ki, chairman of the South Korea's Parliament.

South Korea is considered one of the key investors to Cambodia today.

While staying in Cambodia, Kim Won Ki also met with Chea Sim, acting Head of State, and his parliamentary counterpart Prince Norodom Ranariddh, president of the National Assembly.

Kim Won Ki has also led along a business delegation that represents large business companies in South Korea.

MNA/Xinhua

Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil

- * In automobiles, natural gas can be used in place of petrol and diesel.
- * The use of natural gas can not only save fuel oil but also extend engine life.
- * Natural gas exploited at home can be used effectively and safely.
- * Natural gas burns cent per cent and is environment-friendly.
- * Adequate supply of natural gas helps facilitate passenger and cargo transport.

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Mideast duty-free sales reached \$ 890m in 2003

ABU DHABI, 19 Oct — Duty-free sales in the Middle East reached 890 million US dollars in 2003 with airports in the region emerging as shopping destinations of duty-free goods, the *Khaleej Times* reported on Monday.

According to a recent annual survey by Swedish research house, Generation, the region saw a 16.2-per-cent annual growth of duty-free sales from July 2003 to July 2004, compared to the world average of 10.2 per cent.

Meanwhile, the Mideast travel retail market, in particular, is vibrant, thanks to the global average growth in international passenger traffic numbers.

The region's duty-free market share accord-

ing to category was 44.9 per cent for luxury goods, 22.2 per cent for perfumes and cosmetics, 12.6 per cent for wines and spirits, 11 per cent for tobacco goods and 9.2 per cent for confectionery and gourmet food, according to the survey.

Sustained growth of duty-free sales is forecast as countries in the region look to develop their indigenous tourism industries.

In the first half of 2004, Dubai Duty Free posted an increase of 43

per cent in sales over the same period in 2003, with 29 per cent up in Kuwait and a massive 77 per cent in Jordan, and also reported significant sales increases in Bahrain and Oman.

Global duty-free outlets sales reached 20.5 billion dollars in 2003. With air travel returning to pre-September 11, 2001, levels and tourism booming worldwide, analysts predict that the 2003-sales figures will be exceeded this year.

MNA/Xinhua

India to manufacture more mobile handsets

NEW DELHI, 19 Oct — With India adding one million mobile phones to its telecom network every month, the country may now become a manufacturing base for cell phone handsets, the *Indo-Asian News Service (IANS)* reported on Monday.

"India will start manufacturing cell phones to check imports in large numbers," IANS quoted Minister of State for Communications and Information Technology Shakeel Ahmed as saying in Patna in Bihar State in east India. The government has initiated talks in this regard with the Telephone Equipment Manufacturers

Association. "

We are seriously keen to manufacture cell phones instead of depending on importing it," Ahmed said.

He said that two million mobile handsets worth around 130 million US dollars were being imported in India each year. If cell phone manufacturing units are set up in the country, it could save it over around 21.8 million US dollars.

Besides, the manufacture of mobile phones would also give a boost to the country's high-tech industry because the volume of business would increase

manifold, he added.

Ahmed also said that at least one such manufacturing unit would come up in his home state of Bihar. The demand for mobile phones was increasing with each passing day in both urban centres and rural areas.

Studies, he added, would project the demand for cell phones to double within the next five years in the country.

Mobile telephone that has been rising steadily in the last few years has touched a new high with nearly four out of 100 Indians carrying a handset.

MNA/Xinhua



Flutes for sale : An Indian hawker carrying a variety of flutes, demonstrating the quality by playing, as he walks through the streets of Mumbai selling his wares. — INTERNET

MNA/Xinhua

S Korea to pick first 2 astronauts for space trip by 2007

SEOUL, 19 Oct — South Korea will pick its first two astronauts next year for a space trip by 2007, the Science Ministry said on Sunday, after Russia agreed to help the country's space programme.

The two would be trained in Russia for 18 months and sent to the *International Space Station* for 10 days to carry out various experiments, the Ministry of Science and Technology said in a statement.

South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun met Russian President Vladimir Putin in Mos-

cow in October and signed a joint declaration that included cooperation on space.

Under the pact, Russian will also help South Korea's space programme, which is aimed primarily at launching satellites.

Putting two people into space will cost South Korea about 26 billion

won (22.73 million US dollars), the ministry said in the statement but a ministry official said it had not yet decided how much South Korea would pay Russia.

Russia has been keen to agree space deals with individuals and organizations to help supplement its tight budget.

MNA/Reuters

Scientists to create probe to look for malignancy in humans

KOLKATA, 19 Oct — In a discovery that could cut down costs of detecting a relapse of cancer and avoid bone marrow transplant in patients who do not need them, scientists here have used an agricultural pest — the giant African snail — to create a 'probe' that looks for infections and malignancy in the human body.

A team led by immunologist Chitra Mandal of country's premier lab Indian Institute of Chemical Biology (IICB) has found that the blue-coloured blood of the snail has a unique protein called 'lectin' that reacts strongly with a sugar molecule of biological importance in humans.

"We use this protein as a probe to look for sugar molecules on the surface of blood cells from patients with infections and cancers," Mandal said.

The team, which collaborated with a British group, found a closely-related protein-sugar complex on the surface of white blood cells (WBC) of children suffering from acute lymphoblastic leukaemia (ALL).

This was unique to leukaemic cells and not present in normal blood cells, Mandal reported in the *International Journal of Cancer*.

"This protein-sugar complex, which indicates the presence of cancer cells, could alert doctors to an impending relapse of the disease or detect residual malignancy," she said.

Once the protein-sugar complex was detected by the probe, medicos could pin-point the area at risk of a cancerous growth.

The find was also significant since the probe could be used to create a tailor-made therapy and avoid bone marrow transplant in patients who do not require it. — MNA/PTI

Film industry shrinks to half in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 19 Oct — The film industry of Bangladesh has shrunk to half in terms of investment and revenue in the last three years, reported the daily *New Age* on Sunday.

The latest official statistics show that government revenue earnings from cinemas have fallen by about 50 per cent, signified by some 1.47 million US dollars in fiscal 2003-2004 against 2.82

million US dollars in fiscal 2001-2002.

About 300 cinemas have closed down across the country in this period, while at least 500 out of the remaining 800 have been facing problems consequent upon a sharp decline in the number of viewers and investments, according to the Bangladesh Motion Pictures Exhibitors Association (BMPEA).

MNA/Xinhua



The desert locust infestation that descended on West and Central Africa this year is likely to return in 2005 and officials will have to be better prepared to avoid major damage to crops, experts said on October 18, 2004. INTERNET

China to boost developing domestic online games

SHANGHAI, 19 Oct — China will invest one to two billion yuan (about 120.5 to 241 million US dollars) in a programme to develop some 100 high quality Chinese-developed online games from 2004 to 2008, according to sources with the Press and Publication Administration of China.

The investment is an attempt to combat the dominance of imported online games, for Chinese games account for only 10 per cent of the online computer games in the country.

Yu Yongzhan, deputy director of the administration, said that nearly 50 businesses are involved in the programme, and projects listed in the programme will be given preferential policies in terms of tax-

tion and financing.

China's online game publications took in 1.32 billion yuan (159 million US dollars) in 2003, up nearly 50 per cent from a year earlier, as online games emerged as a kind of mainstream gaming product, according to Yu.

Chen Tianqiao, president with the Shanda Interactive Entertainment Ltd., China's largest online game company, said that "holding the in-

tellectual property rights of relevant game software is the core for vying for the future gaming market".

By the end of this year, 30 online games are expected to hit the market. They include several games adapted from classical Chinese literary works, such as *Pilgrimage to the West*, *Canonization of the Gods*, and *Romance of the Three Kingdoms*.

MNA/Xinhua

Chery car export expected to reach 10,000 units this year

HEFEI, 19 Oct — Chery Automotive Co. (CAC), based in east China's Anhui Province, is expected to export 10,000 sedan cars this year, leading the country's carmakers in export, according to sources with the company.

Amid growing competition in domestic market, Chery has actively developed overseas markets. It started exporting cars in October 2001, and now it exports cars to more than ten countries including Iran, Iraq, Bangladesh, Cuba, Syria and Malay-

sia.

CAC statistics show that the company exported 2,958 cars from January to June this year, accounting for 87.2 per cent of the nation's total car export. By the end of September, Chery had exported 6,000 cars. — MNA/Xinhua

HK Electronic Fair draws record high buyers

HONG KONG, 19 Oct — This year's Hong Kong Electronics Fair drew a record high number of buyers and brought about at least 500 million HK dollars (64 million US dollars) tourism income, Hong Kong Trade Development Council said Sunday.

This year, more than 2,020 exhibitors from 23 countries and regions showcased their products

at the fair, up 4 per cent from last year.

According to the council, more than half of the 53,000 buyers came from cities other than Hong Kong to source the latest products, and their average expenditure during their stay is 15,870 HK dollars (2,034 US dollars), higher than other travellers.

The council believed

that excluding the value of the contracts signed, Hong Kong has at least garnered 500 million HK dollars tourism income from the fair.

Organized by the council, the Electronics Fair, the largest of its kind in Asia, was staged from October 13 to 16 at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. — MNA/Xinhua

HK sets new record for air cargo throughput in September

HONG KONG, 19 Oct — A new record for Hong Kong's air cargo throughput was set in September, with 280,000 tons of cargo passing through Hong Kong International Airport.

According to a Press release of the Hong Kong International Airport, the robust growth was driven by strong demands from North American, European and the Chinese Mainland markets. The previous record of 269,800 tons was achieved in March this year.

The total cargo tonnage for September represented an increase of 19.2 per cent over the same period last year. Exports

(loaded cargo) achieved a 22.3- per-cent increase over last year to 178,000 tons.

It was another strong month for passenger throughput with 3.04 million people travelling through the airport, a rise of 15 per cent compared with the same period last year.

Aircraft movements for the month continued to surge, adding almost 18 per cent to 19,995, mainly

boosted by the rapid growth in cargo throughput.

Cargo, passenger and aircraft movements all experienced healthy increases over a rolling 12-month period from October 2003 to September 2004. The total cargo tonnage for the last 12 months rose to three million, up 16.3 per cent compared with the corresponding period in the previous year. — MNA/Xinhua

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WB says Ethiopian anti-poverty programme encouraging

ADDIS ABABA, 18 Oct — World Bank President James Wolfensohn said here Sunday that the alternatives being pursued by the Ethiopian Government to reduce poverty and unemployment are encouraging.

At a Press conference, Wolfensohn described the alternatives being pursued by the Ethiopian Government to tackle poverty and unemployment as a "good start."

He said the activities launched by the Addis Ababa City Council to expand small and micro industries to curb unemployment is also encouraging.

Ethiopia's all-round development programme aimed at attaining the food self-sufficiency goal and reducing poverty could be exemplary to other African countries as well, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Fire in Yosemite burns 1,500 acres

YOSEMITE NATIONAL PARK (California) 18 Oct — A fire in Yosemite National Park's Hetch Hetchy basin grew to 1,500 acres, and park officials were searching for a man suspected of setting the blaze.

The fire was burning Saturday in rugged wilderness in the northwest portion of the park, National Park Service ranger Scott

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At least 49 hurt as storm blows through Baltimore suburb

WHITE MARSH (Maryland), 18 Oct — Dozens of vehicles crashed in separate accidents on Interstate 95 as a storm blew through a Baltimore suburb, injuring at least 49 people and forcing authorities to shut down the highway.

Some of the injured were serious, but no deaths were immediately reported. Maryland State Police Corporal Rob Moroney said there were at least four large accidents along a five-mile stretch of I-95. The accidents started happening about 4:30 p.m. when the sky darkened and hail and rain started falling.

Cindy James, of Woodbridge Virginia, said the road was not slippery but the glare was unusually strong from sleet on the road, even while wearing sunglasses.

Leslie Baker, an emergency medical technician

with the Joppa Magnolia Volunteer Fire Company, said she knew of 49 people who had been injured, including 22 in one crash involving a bus with 30 people aboard.

Baker said that while she was helping at that accident, she saw other crashes happen, one involving a tractor-trailer running over another vehicle.

Five people being treated at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma were in serious condition, a spokeswoman said. Ten people were sent to Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Centre in Baltimore, a hospital spokeswoman said.

There also were numerous minor injuries, the state police said, but the total number of people transported to hospitals was not immediately clear.

MNA/AP

Gediman said. The area is remote, and no structures were threatened, he said.

The fire was first spotted Friday. Firefighters evacuated two hikers who said they had seen a man lighting fires along the trail.

"At this time, it's difficult to actively fight the fire because there is a suspected arsonist out there," Gediman said. "There is

potential danger from this person, from the fire and the flames, and the rugged terrain."

Fire crews were building a line around the blaze to contain it, he said. The fire is near the Hetch Hetchy Reservoir, which provides water to more than 2.4 million San Francisco-area residents.

MNA/PTI

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Latin America's economy on full recovery track

MONTEVIDEO, 18 Oct — As a sign of full recovery after a five-year stagnancy, Latin America's economy is expected to grow 4.6 per cent in 2004, a sharp increase from 1.5 per cent in 2003, said a report.

Sustained growth signalled that Latin American countries have stepped out of the financial crisis and are greeting a new tide of economic development, said the report of the Association of Latin American Integration.

Venezuela's performance becomes the most noticeable in the region

with a growth rate of 29.8 per cent in the first half of 2004.

The growth rates of Uruguay, Argentina and Ecuador also ranged from 8 per cent to 13 per cent.

Strong growth in imports and exports indicates the full economic recovery in Latin America, said the report, adding overall exports rose 20.7 per cent in the first six months in Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Peru and Uruguay, totalling 182.95 billion US dollars.

Meanwhile, Latin American economies have

increased cooperation and become more integrated, it said. In the first six months, imports and exports within Latin America rose 30 per cent and 36.2 per cent respectively, totalling 23.22 billion dollars and 22.12 billion dollars.

As two major regional economies, Brazil and Mexico achieved the highest export growth of 57.6 per cent in the same period. Latin America's economy shrank 0.4 per cent in 2002 because of a financial crisis, social turbulence and civil conflicts.

MNA/Xinhua

Fire guts Venezuelan skyscraper

CARACAS, 18 Oct — A blaze engulfed the upper half of the 56-storey East Tower of the Parque Central complex housing ministries and state agencies in Caracas before dawn on Sunday.

More than 100 firefighters supported by 200 soldiers battled the fire. Two military helicopters also joined the fight by

ferrying water to the building. The flame was put out after 20 hours.

"We have total material losses from the 34th floor to the roof of the building," Jesse Chacon, Interior and Justice Minister told reporters.

The offices of the Ministry of Infrastructure in the complex were seriously damaged, he said.

Fearing that the building would collapse, all nearby residents were ordered evacuated and more than 600 soldiers and national guards were manoeuvred to protect the area, Chacon said.

However there were no casualties, he added. The cause of the fire is still under investigation.

MNA/Xinhua

"Shark Tale" rules N America box office for third weekend

LOS ANGELES, 18 Oct — For the third straight week, DreamWorks' animation hit "Shark Tale" was the biggest fish at North America box office, according to preliminary weekend studio estimates released Sunday.

The animated flick is expected to gross another 22.1 million US dollars over the three-day weekend, boosting its domes-

tic gross in three weeks in release 118.8 million dollars, according to box office tracker Exhibitor Relations.

High-school football feature "Friday Night Lights" remained in second place, grossing about 13.1 million dollars.

The political puppet film "Team America: World Police" took in 12.3 million dollars to take the third place, and

"Shall We Dance" followed with a take of 11.6 million dollars.

Rounding up the Top Five was firefighting thriller "Ladder 49," which dropped from third place last weekend to fifth place, with an expected take of 8.6 million dollars.

The final studio figures are to be released on Monday.

MNA/Xinhua

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Lebanon protests to US over proposal to freeze assets

BEIRUT, 18 Oct — Lebanon protested to the United States on Saturday over a proposal to freeze the assets of senior officials to put pressure on Syria to withdraw its troops from Lebanon and crack down on terrorism.

A government statement said Prime Minister Rafik al-Hariri summoned US Ambassador Jeffrey Feltman today to express his objections to the proposal.

US congressional aides briefed by the Bush Administration said on Friday that the Administration was considering applying further sanction

under the Syrian Accountability Act to step up pressure on Damascus, which has an estimated 14,000 to 17,000 troops in Lebanon.

A US Administration official said a leading option under consideration was freezing the assets of high-ranking government officials.

"Prime Minister Rafik

al-Hariri summoned US Ambassador Jeffrey Feltman today to express concern and opposition to...a request by members of Congress to US President George Bush to freeze assets of Lebanese and Syrian officials to pressure Lebanon and Syria," Hariri's office said in a statement.—MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese Jumping Frog (*polypedates dennysi*). Scientists warned that about one third of amphibians are under threat of extinction.—INTERNET

Tanzania recognizes new Somali Government

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 18 Oct — Tanzania has joined nine other African countries in recognizing and pledging full cooperation with the new Somali Government for maintaining peace and building the Horn of Africa country.

Tanzania wished Somalia all the best in its process of national healing, unity and reconstruction, local newspaper *Sunday News* quoted Tanzanian Foreign Minister Jakaya Kikwete as saying on Saturday.

The other African countries that have recognized the new Somali Government included Kenya, Uganda, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Rwanda, Burundi, Sudan and South Africa.—MNA/Xinhua

UAE market competitiveness tops list of Arab countries

ABU DHABI, 18 Oct — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) tops the list of Arab countries in terms of competitiveness in world markets, the official WAM news agency reported on Saturday.

In the world competitiveness index issued by the World Economic Forum for 2004-2005, the UAE was given a rating of 5.21 in terms of the growth of competitiveness and came in the 16th place.

This is the first time that the forum has listed UAE in its annual report.

The rating was done on account of UAE's many elements of attraction, including security, stability and good investment climate, said the report.

It was also based on UAE's success, particularly on technological progress, management of public institutions and noticeable improvement of management of the

overall economy.

As of other Arab countries, Bahrain followed in the 28th place at a rating of 4.91, while Jordan came in the 35th place at 4.58, Tunisia in the 42nd place, Egypt in the 62nd place and Algeria in the 71st place.

The UAE also tops the list of Arab countries in terms of technological progress at 4.71 and came in the 25th place worldwide, followed by Bahrain in the 35th place at 4.47.

In terms of management of public institutions, the UAE came in the 19th place world-wide with a rating of 5.56, followed also by Bahrain in the 28th place at 5.56.

MNA/Xinhua

Bahrain to start building mega resort project

ABU DHABI, 18 Oct — The Bahrain Al Areen Desert Spa and Resort project, valued at 600 million US dollars, is set to begin before the end of this year, the *Gulf News* daily reported here Saturday.

The project, announced by the Bahrain-based Gulf Finance House BSC (GFH) earlier this year, will offer first-of-its-kind facilities in the region, helping to promote Bahrain as a leading tourist hub.

Al Areen Desert Spa and Resort, which will be located to the south of Manama on a tranquil and secluded hilltop rising from the desert, comprises four major components: the Oasis Spa resort, themed hotels, themed residential communities and a themed aqua park.

The resort will cover 160,000 square metres and will be developed as a comprehensive facility offering entire array of health, spa and therapeutic facilities from Indian Ayurveda to Roman Baths.

Work on Phase One of the project, a mixed use of health and family tourism development is set to start this year with 137 million

dollars. The heart of the development will be the Oasis Spa Resort, which is being designed to predominantly reflect traditional Arabic architectural and design elements.

The Oasis Spa Resort will be the first component of the project to be fully operational and is expected to be completed by 2006.

The themed hotels will be completed the following year, while the rest of the development will be operational by 2007.

Much of the project investment has come from outside the kingdom, which is a big boost for the project, said Essam Janahi, chief executive of GFH.

Meanwhile, the project will create thousands of job opportunities for Bahrainis and open up new horizons for Bahrain in terms of tourism growth, noted Janahi.

MNA/Xinhua

Nepal to hold int'l kite flying competition

KATHMANDU, 18 Oct — Nepal Tourism Board will organize an international kite flying competition next year at Club Himalaya Nagakot Resort in the suburb of Kathmandu City, an organizer told *Xinhua* Saturday. "We organize this kite flying competition here today, which is attended by local kite flying lovers, in an attempt to attract tourists," said Yogendra Sakya, director of Nepal Tourism Board.

"Next year, we will organize an international kite flying competition at the same place, which will be attended by hundreds of kite flying lovers from all over the world," Sakya said.

There are 44 kites, including some China-made kites, taking part in Saturday's competition, he noted, adding, "We heartfully hope more Chinese tourists to visit Nepal." During the event, there is also a kite fighting competition, that is one kite tries to cut off the other's string using its own, a favourite particularly among kite flying lovers in some South Asian countries and China.—MNA/Xinhua

Two Chinese shot dead in robbery in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 18 Oct — Two Chinese men working in South Africa were shot dead in an armed robbery Sunday noon near Bloemfontein, according to the Chinese consulate general in Johannesburg and a friend of the victims.

The men were shot in the head by between three and four robbers who broke into a factory canteen while the two victims were having lunch with two other Chinese colleagues.

The armed robbers bundled the Chinese, looted some 80,000 rand (about 12,300 US dollars) and shot two

of them before they fled on two cars of the victims.

One of the Chinese died at the scene and the other was announced dead after he was rushed to a nearby hospital.

Local police have arrested three suspects, all Black men.

The two dead worked at a plastic bag factory in

an industrial area about 50 kilometres from Bloemfontein.

Although a small community in South Africa, the Chinese, many of whom doing business, have become an easy target of robberies and murders in the crime-ridden country in recent years.

MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

Newcastle United holds 1-1 at Charlton

LONDON, 18 Oct— Newcastle United missed the chance to go fourth in the Premier League on Sunday when they were held 1-1 at Charlton Athletic.

Wales forward Craig Bellamy gave Graeme Souness' team the lead in the first half but Kevin Lisbie earned Charlton a point with an equalizer early in the second.

Newcastle climbed to eighth on 13 points, 12 adrift of leaders Arsenal who beat Aston Villa 3-1 on Saturday. Charlton are 10th on 12 points.

Bellamy put the visitors ahead after 39 minutes when full back Olivier Bernard curled in a fine cross from the left flank and the Welsh international reacted first to head past Charlton keeper Dean Kiely.

Lee Bowyer also had an effort ruled out for a foul and Newcastle deserved their lead at the break. Six minutes into the second period, though, Lisbie fooled his marker Andy O'Brien and levelled the scores with a calm finish. —MNA/Reuters



Eyes on the ball : Mallorca's Hipolito Fernandez "Poli" looks at the ball during the Spanish League football match against Villarreal in Stadium Son Moix of Palma de Mallorca on 17 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

Lopez claims Vienna trophy

VIENNA, 18 Oct— Feliciano Lopez won his first career title by defeating sixth seed Guillermo Canas 6-4, 1-6, 7-5, 3-6, 7-5 to claim the Vienna Trophy on Sunday.

Canas, who was also beaten in the 2001 final, was seeking his fourth title of the year following victories in Stuttgart, Umag and Shanghai.

Having begun the year ranked 274 after playing just five events in 2003 and undergoing double wrist surgery, Canas has climbed to 26th in the world.

However, the Argentine was unable to continue his winning form against an enterprising opponent. Eighth seeded Lopez, who was beaten by Roger Federer in his first career final in Dubai earlier this year, took three hours 35 minutes to earn victory. —MNA/Reuters

Inter beat Udinese 3-1, AC defeat Cagliari 1-0

MILAN, 18 Oct— Brazilian Adriano scored two wonderful goals as Inter Milan beat Udinese 3-1 in Serie A on Sunday while a superb Andrea Pirlo strike gave AC Milan a 1-0 win at Cagliari.

Juventus, who beat early-season surprise package Messina 2-1 on Saturday, lead Serie A on 16 points with Milan three points behind.

Chievo Verona move up to third after a second-half goal from Matteo Brighi gave them an impressive 1-0 win away to Lazio, despite playing for 55 minutes with 10 men.

Adriano was not even expected to play for Inter, having missed his initial flight back from international duty with Brazil. The striker returned to Italy only on Saturday but was named in the starting line-up alongside Christian Vieri.

It took just seven minutes at the San Siro for Adriano to show that whether he was suffering from jet-lag or not he remained in top form.

The Brazilian opened the scoring with a scorching free-kick from 30 metres out which flew into the top corner.

Adriano made it 2-0 four minutes later with an outstanding solo effort, dribbling from deep in his own half, weaving past three defenders before finding the space to drive past Udinese keeper Morgan De Sanctis.

After the break Stefano Mauri pulled one back for Udinese but Vieri made it 3-1 for Inter with his first goal of the season. Many critics have suggested that Vieri and Adriano are incompatible as a strike pairing but Inter coach Roberto Mancini said he had never doubted they could operate effectively as a duo.

Inter's win was their first at the San

Siro this season following two home draws.

Milan are also enjoying better form on the road than at home and, ahead of Wednesday's Champions League clash with Barcelona, they picked up their third straight Serie A win away.

It was not a top performance from Carlo Ancelotti's side but the decisive goal came in the 20th minute when Pirlo skipped past two challenges before curling home a fine shot from 20 metres out.

Chievo had Simone Tiribocchi sent off for a second yellow card in the 35th minute of their game against Lazio at the Olympic stadium. —MNA/Reuters

Rangers beat Motherwell 2-0 in Scottish Premier League

GLASGOW, 18 Oct— Two goals from Dado Prso handed Rangers a 2-0 win at Motherwell on Sunday to leave the Glasgow side five points behind champions Celtic in the Scottish Premier League.

The Croatian striker raced clear to slam the opener on six minutes and finished off the home side when he scored from Nacho Novo's pass seven minutes from time. Motherwell enjoyed equal possession as the visitors but found Rangers goalkeeper Stefan Klos in inspired form.

Celtic lead the standings on 25 points from nine games after their 3-0 win against Hearts on Saturday while Rangers move on to 20 with Aberdeen a further four points behind in third.

MNA/Reuters

Feyenoord thrash Roda JC Kerkrade 2-0

AMSTERDAM, 18 Oct— Dirk Kuijt and Salomon Kalou gave Feyenoord a 2-0 win at Roda JC Kerkrade which allowed them to pull level with leaders PSV Eindhoven on points in the Dutch first division on Sunday.

Dutch international Romeo Castelen set up Kuijt after an hour to open the scoring and top scorer Kalou hit his ninth goal in injury time.

PSV remain top with 19 points and a match in hand after their game on Saturday at ADO Den Haag was abandoned by referee Rene Temmink while they were leading 2-0.

Temmink suspended the match after taking exception to insulting chants aimed at him by the home fans.

Utrecht are third, three points behind the leaders after a 3-0 defeat at Groningen

on Sunday.

Groningen earned their first win of the season after Stefano Seedorf opened the scoring after 11 minutes. Second-half goals by Hugo and Kurt Elshout sealed the victory. Ajax, who suffered a 3-1 home defeat to Heerenveen on Saturday, lie fourth in the table on 15 points.

NAC Breda moved up to seventh with a 2-1 win at Vitesse Arnhem. Ali Boussaboun and Yuri Cornelisse scored for the visitors within three minutes of each other in the first half.

MNA/Reuters

Sao Paulo crush Atletico Mineiro 5-0

RIO-DE-JANEIRO, 18 Oct— Sao Paulo players were pelted with stones, sandals and mobile phones by rival supporters as they demolished Atletico Mineiro 5-0 away in the Brazilian championship on Sunday.

There were mixed fortunes for two survivors of Brazil's 1994 World Cup winning team in other games.

Romario was included in the Fluminense side at the request of club president David Fischel but was jeered off the field as they crashed 4-1 at home to Goias while Viola was on target as bottom club Guarani beat defending champions Cruzeiro 2-0. Sao Paulo's game in Belo Horizonte was interrupted for nearly ten minutes in the second half after defender Fabao was hit in the face by a stone.

Fans threw missiles, which also included cups of water and tennis shoes, onto the pitch throughout the game.

Sao Paulo, third with 62 points, raced

to a 4-0 lead in half an hour with forward Grafite scoring a hat-trick and Danilo adding the other. Danilo completed the scoring after halftime. The defeat dropped Atletico back into the relegation zone, leaving them 21st in the 24-team table where the bottom four go down.

Romario, 38, was given his first-match since August for Fluminense despite being involved in a public slanging match last week with coach Alexandre Gama.

Gama, two years Romario's junior, substituted him after an anonymous hour on the field and later said he had only included the temperamental veteran after Fischel intervened.

MNA/Reuters

Senegal's Jeanne D'arc to make sure of semifinal place

JOHANNESBURG, 18 Oct— Senegal's Jeanne d'Arc staged a late fight back to make sure of their place in the semi-finals of the African Champions League with a 2-1 win over Esperance in Dakar on Sunday.

Two goals in a three-minute spell in the final quarter of the game saw Jeanne d'Arc come from a goal down against the Tunisian side, who had already qualified and finished top of the Group B standings despite Sunday's defeat.

Forwards Raymond Mendy and Lamine Diarra scored the two goals to ensure progress to the semifinals of the continent's top club competition for only the second time in Jeanne d'Arc's history. Their last appearance was exactly 30 years ago.

Mendy got the first by tucking away a rebound and Diarra hit a superb goal on the turn for the winner in the 80th minute.

The Senegalese missed a myriad of chances and were a goal down at halftime after Esperance, weakened by the absence of nine regular players, converted a disputed penalty through Ziad Triki.

Jeanne d'Arc's position looked precarious until the two late goals because they could have been overtaken in the standings had USM Alger won their away game at SuperSport United in Pretoria on Sunday.

But the Algerian club were beaten 2-0 by the bottom-placed South Africans, who notched their first win in six group matches.

Substitute Tsweu Mokoro scored the first 13 minutes from time and midfielder Sibusiso Mahlangu added a second right

at the end.

Jeanne d'Arc now meet another Tunisian club Etoile Sahel in their semifinal in two weeks' time. Esperance play defending champions Enyimba of Nigeria.

Enyimba made sure of their semifinal berth on Saturday with a 1-1 draw away to Bakili Bullets in Malawi while Etoile finished top of the Group B standings despite a 3-2 defeat by Africa Sports in the Ivory Coast. —MNA/Reuters



Manchester United have lost Roy Keane (pictured) and Rio Ferdinand for their Champions League match away to Sparta Prague. —INTERNET

Australia, Indonesia considering to renew bilateral security deal

CANBERRA, 19 Oct— The Australian Government is considering to renew a security agreement with the new Indonesian leadership, according to Foreign Minister Alexander Downer Sunday.

"We've made no decision about whether we would negotiate such an agreement or not, but we have been giving it some consideration," Downer told the Nine TV network.

Australian Prime Minister John Howard is visiting Indonesia on Tuesday to attend Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono's inauguration scheduled on Wednesday.

Yudhoyono had suggested the revival of a security treaty which was reached by former Australian prime minister Paul Keating and former Indonesian president Suharto in 1995.

"We'd be looking at some kind of new agreement and a broader agreement with Indonesia," Downer said.—MNA/Xinhua

British actor attacks British tabloid Press

LONDON, 19 Oct — British actor Jude Law attacked the tabloid Press on Sunday and said newspaper editors should realize that "made up" stories could be very hurtful.

While enjoying his acting success in films such as "The Talented Mr. Ripley" and the title role in the upcoming remake "Alfie", London-born Law said living in a country as small as Britain made him feel scrutinized.

He urged the paparazzi to give him and his partner Sienna Miller more space.

"When you are hot you really want to cool down. You want a long cold drink and you need some air," he told BBC television.

"People are very generous in the street ... But at the same time there is the obvious tabloid attention and scrutiny which is uncomfortable," he said. "The constant attention and hounding by photographers, that's an actual sort of physical violation."

Miller and Law met during the filming of "Alfie" and the pair turned on-screen chemistry into an off-screen romance. This week Miller denied newspaper reports they were engaged.

Law lamented how waking up to read the story of their "engagement" put him in an awkward situation.—MNA/Reuters

US lifts 8-month ban on French meats

PARIS, 19 Oct — The United States has lifted an eight-month ban on the import of French foie gras, hams and other luxury cold meats, the French Agriculture Ministry said on Sunday.

The ban was imposed in February after several meat plants failed US inspections, prompting angry French demands for proof that its facilities were not up to standard.

"The United States are now again allowing the import of foie gras and other products based on charcuterie (cooked meats)," a spokeswoman for the Agriculture Ministry said.

Farms Minister Herve Gaymard announced the decision at the start of an international meeting on food which opened its doors in a suburb north of Paris, she said.

France challenged the US ban, imposed at a time of strained trade relations between the European Union and Washington over US export tax breaks, at the World Trade Organization.

But the spokeswoman said the United States had lifted its restrictions following fresh hygiene checks over the past month at plants that failed the original inspections. France exported 123 tons of foie gras to the United States last year, of which 4-5 per cent went to the United States.—MNA/Reuters

Canada plans to share flu shots with US

OTTAWA, 19 Oct — Health Minister Ujjal Dosanjh said Monday that Canada may have a surplus of flu vaccine that could be provided to the United States, but probably not enough to meet the US demand. Speaking at a health science conference, Dosanjh assured Canadians they do not need to worry about a shortage like that which has hit the United States.

Asked about reports that the Americans might be able to get some vaccine from Canada, Dosanjh said there might be some truth to that.

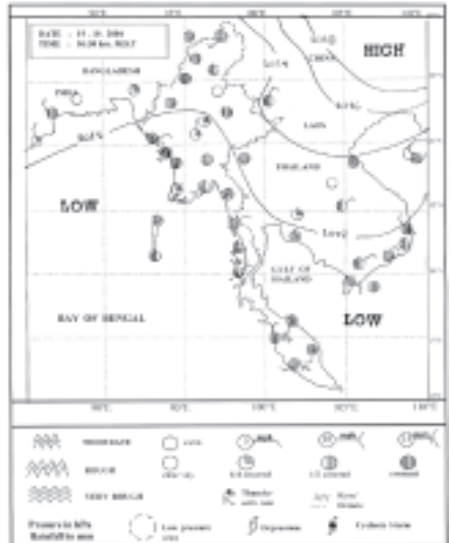
He said he did not have full details on the surplus, referring questions to David Butler-Jones, Canada's chief public health officer.

According to Canadian Health officials, hundreds of Americans are already scheduled to receive the flu shot in New Brunswick Province in the east and British Columbia Province in the west. —MNA/Xinhua

Rainfall on 19-10-2004

- 0.31 inch at Yangon Airport
 - nil at Kaba-Aye and
 - 0.08 inch at central Yangon.
- Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was
- 112.24 inches at Yangon Airport,
 - 106.77 inches at Kaba-Aye and
 - 109.29 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 19 October, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan State and Bago Division, isolated in Chin and Kayah States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining states and divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Shwegyin (1.69) inches and Namsam (1.54) inches.

Maximum temperature on 18-10-2004 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 19-10-2004 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-10-2004 was 81%. Total sunshine hours on 18-10-2004 was (7.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 19-10-2004 was 0.31 inch at Yangon Airport, nil at Kaba-Aye and 0.08 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (112.24 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.77 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (109.29 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Northeast at (17:40) hours MST on 18-10-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the West Central Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 20-10-2004: Except for possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining states and divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-10-2004: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-10-2004: Partly cloudy.



Wednesday, October 20
View on today:

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by Mingun Sayadaw
- 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. မြေမြေမြေ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက (အထက-၂၊ စမ်းချောင်း)
- 8:10 am**
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
7. ဂိုဏ်းပြိုင်ပွဲအားကစား
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Learning English the Easy and Happy Way

for Children and Beginners

2:50 pm

1. ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ် အကြိမ်(၂၀)မြောက် တပ်မတော်အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲအားကစားအသင်း (၂၀) ခုနှင့်အသင်းတစ်ခုတော် (ကြည့်ရှုရေး) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (ဒီဂရီလွှင့်) (အစုအဝေး) တောင်တိုင်းစစ်ဌာနချုပ် ဘောလုံးအသင်းနှင့် တာကွယ်ကျေးတိုက်ကြီးဌာန (စစ်နားမြို့နယ်)ဘောလုံးအသင်း

4:45 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:00 pm

3. အမှတ်(၃) အခြေစိုက်ပညာရေးတက္ကသိုလ် အကြိမ်မြောက် ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်စုံတိုင်ပင်ပွဲ (ပထမဆင့်) (အထက-၂၊ စမ်းချောင်း) (အဆိုသမီးတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်)

5:20 pm

4. အစားသင့်ကြည့်သို့ ပညာရေးရရှိနိုင်ကြသည့်အခန်းဆက်-၃တံလှမ်း (သမ္မတအောင်ဆန်း) (သမ္မတ)

5:35 pm

5. Song of national races

5:50 pm

6. ဂီတဟော စာအုပ်ဖတ်ခွင့်

6:05 pm

7. ရွယ်လုံရပ် အသံအစီအစဉ်

6:15 pm

8. Discovery

6:30 pm

9. Evening news

7:00 pm

10. Weather report

7:05 pm

11. Strong and Healthy Myanmar

7:15 pm

12. Musical programme

7:30 pm

13. မဟာသံဃာတော် (ဒုတိယပိုင်း)

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ် ဂွမ်းသမ္မတအကြိမ် (၁၂)ကြိမ် ပြန်လည်ရပ်ဆိုင်းနေသည့် ကျေးရွာအစု၊ အက၊ အစု၊ အတိုက်ပြိုင်ပွဲ

18. ယဉ်ကျေးမှုတက္ကသိုလ် (ရန်ကုန်) (၂၀၀၃-၂၀၀၄) ပညာသင်နှစ် အခြေစိုက်ပညာရေးတက္ကသိုလ်အားကစားအသင်း/ကျေးရွာအစု၊ အက၊ အစု၊ အတိုက်ပြိုင်ပွဲ အစီအစဉ်

19. The next day's programme



Wednesday, October 20
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am** Brief news
8:35 am Music: "Don't you worry"
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music: "That's okay"
8:50 am National news/Slogan
9:00 am Music: "What about"
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music: "You get what you give"
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Eternal flame
-When you walk into my life
-Everybody knows
-Sliker than your average
Variations on a tune "The power of love"
9:00 pm Article/Music
Music at your request
-Forever and for always
-A place called home
-Viva la Radio
-Any man of mine
News/Slogan
9:45 pm
10:00 pm PEL



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo meets with local farmers in Tawwi Village in Nyaunglebin Township, Bago Division (News on page 1). — MNA

Sports Minister attends opening ceremony of the 19th Judo Tournament

YANGON, 19 Oct — Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the opening ceremony of the 19th State and Division Judo Tournament.

Present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry, leading committee members of the Myanmar Women Sports Federation, President of

Myanmar Judo Federation and others. The minister delivered an address on the occasion and opened the tournament. The first day events then began.

The fourteen teams of States and Divisions participated in the tournament to be held till 21 October. In the afternoon, the minister attended the coordination meeting for 1st Myanmar Junior World Ranking Tennis

Tournament Grade 5 to be hosted in Myanmar from Oct 25 to 31, 2004 and delivered an address

Present at the meeting were officials of the Ministry, the chairman of Myanmar Tennis Federation and others.

The chairman of MTF explained matters on holding the tournament and departmental officials reported on sector-wise measures undertaken. Later, the minister attended to their needs and the meeting ended. — MNA

PBANRDA Ministry offers 'soon' to monks

YANGON, 19 Oct — Families of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha led by the Dean of the State Pariyatti Sasana University Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Gandavacaka Bhaddanta Pandita Bhivamsa at Mogok Soonsar Hsaung at Kaba Aye here this morning. Present were Deputy Minister for PBANRDA Brig-Gen Than Tun, heads of departments of the ministry, officials, staff and families.

The dean Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts. The deputy minister and heads of department presented offertories to Sayadaws. The deputy minister donated K 220,000 for offering 'soon' to members of the Sangha of the university.

The Sayadaw delivered a sermon. The congregation shared the merits gained. — MNA

New soap factory opened

YANGON, 19 Oct — Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Chairman Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and Chairman of the working committee for Myanmar industrial development Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin this morning opened

the Soap Factory of the Dragon Group Company Limited in Hlinethaya Industry Zone-1.

Minister U Aung Thaung and Maj-Gen Saw Lwin unveiled the signboard of the factory and formally opened the factory.

At the opening

ceremony, Minister U Aung Thaung said he is delighted at the emergence of the new factory as the State is rendering assistance to the private industries. After the ceremony, the ministers and guests viewed round the production process of the factory. — MNA



Ministers U Aung Thaung and Maj-Gen Saw Lwin view production process of new soap factory of Dragon Group Co. — INDUSTRY-1

Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

YANGON, 19 Oct — The 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the sixth day at the designated places—the song contest at the National Museum, the dancing contest at the National Theatre, the song composing contest at the State School of Drama and the music contest at the Padonma Theatre and Kanbawza Theatre.

Among the audience were member of the panel of patrons Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice-Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, officials of the Work Committee and the sub-committees and others.

At the National Theatre, Chairperson of the Panel of Judges Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya of

Myanma Radio and Television and Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyon Khine and members supervised the song contest. Thirteen contestants took part in the basic education level (men's) religious song contest which went into recess at 11 am and 16 contestants in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' religious song contest which started at 12 pm.

Fifteen contestants from states and divisions took part in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' oldies and modern song contest and the song

contest ended at 4.30 pm.

Professional level (men's) religious song contest and the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' oldies and modern song contest will be held at the National Museum tomorrow.

Chairman of Panel of Judges Wunna Kyaw Htin U Sein Aung Min, Secretary Daw Mu Mu Khin and members supervised the dance contest held at the National Theatre.

Eleven contestants took part in the amateur level (women's) dance contest and 13 contestants (See page 9)



69' LWL Fife Schooner "Sunshine" luxury yacht built by the Myanmar Shipyards. (News on page 1) — MNA

Provost Marshal (Air) wins volleyball championship

YANGON, 19 Oct — No 1 Provost Marshal (Air) team beat Ground Training Base team 3-0 in the final of volleyball championship trophy of Commander-in-Chief (Air) in Meiktila yesterday. Commander of Flying Training Base Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), presented the championship trophy and individual medals to the winning team, and Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Hlaing presented prizes to the team which won the second prize. Also present were Commander of Ground Training Base Col Thura Khin Maung Win, senior military officers of Meiktila Station, Tatmadaw members and families of Flying Training Base and Ground Training Base. — MNA

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Saw Moe Min Aung of Kayin State participates in dancing contest (Ages 5 to 10). — MNA