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## Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing to pay State Visit to India

YANGON, 22 Oct — At the invitation of APJ Abdul Kalam, President of the Republic of India, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing will pay a State Visit to the Republic of India in the near future.—MNA



Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and ministers, Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Pham Quang Khon and officials visit Vietnam Trade Fair 2004.—MNA

### 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

## Vietnam Trade Fair-2004 opens

YANGON, 21 Oct — Organized by the Vietnam Trade Promotion Agency of the Embassy of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and sanctioned by Ministry of Commerce, Vietnam Trade Fair-2004 was opened this morning at Yangon Trade Centre here.

The fair attracts a total of 39 economic enterprises from Vietnam. The products showcased at the fair include medicines, textiles and garments, food products, electronics and construction materials. Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Vietnamese

Ambassador Mr Pham Quang Khon formally opened the fair which will be staged for four days from 21 October to 24 October.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, diplomats and officials also attended the opening ceremony.—MNA

## Forestry Minister, Mayor open finished-wood products factories

YANGON, 21 Oct — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin attended the ceremony to open finished-wood products factories of NWS Co Ltd and National Wood Industry Ltd at Dagon East Industrial Zone in Dagon Myothit (East) Township this morning. Also present were directors-general and managing directors of the Ministry of Forestry, the Director-General of Department of

Human Settlement and Housing Development and officials. First, Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise, Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing of Forest Department and U Nay Win Swe of NWS Co Ltd formally opened the factory of the NWS Co Ltd.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung formally unveiled the plaque.

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Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect saw mill and finished-wood products factory of NWS Co Ltd.—MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Materialize the agricultural objectives with high-yield crops

According to an FAO report, about 840 million peoples in various parts of the world are still suffering from hunger and malnutrition. To help address the problem, Myanmar has been cooperating with the international community and taking part in its activities, drawing and implementing programmes to contribute towards global food security.

Thanks to her land and water resources and a temperate climate that are suitable for crops to grow well, Myanmar has been implementing an economic system based on agriculture. As the nation's policy is to give priority to increasing the agricultural sector's production, she is not only producing surplus food for her citizens, but also contributing to fulfilling the regional requirement.

The livelihood and production business of the majority of over 53 million people of Myanmar, in one way or another, relate to the three sectors — agricultural, fish and meat and forestry sectors. Hence, the Government is providing infrastructures and assistance to the three sectors in all spheres to increase their output thereby contributing much to the national economic development and food security.

The main objective of the nation is to ensure food sufficiency for domestic consumption and to fulfil the global food markets need to a certain degree. And in accord with the objective, Myanmar is working hard to utilize her land and water resources to the most possible degree, cultivate high-yield crops and transform from conventional to mechanized farming.

In the drive to materialize the objective, the Government has been laying down and implementing irrigation projects for agricultural progress, and has built 164 dams and sluice gates and 265 waterworks to this date since fiscal 1988-1989, and now the nation can grow rice throughout the year.

Besides, the nation is making efforts for progress of the fish and meat sector that is playing a key role in developing the economy. The Myanmar waters along the far-stretching coastal line are also rich in resources with high potentials for sound economic foundations of the nation.

Myanmar is among the countries in Asia and Pacific region having the largest forest-covered areas, and is concentrating on conserving the natural environment, natural lands, wildlife parks and biodiversity and establishing more forest reserves.

Farmers are required to use more high-yield strains, farm machinery and advanced methods to realize the nation's objective and to help contribute to global food security, and the officials concerned should also render all-round assistance to them.

### Fourth batch course of Myanmar Canaan Farmers' Training Centre begins

YANGON, 21 Oct — Course No 4/2004 of the Myanmar Canaan Farmers' Training Centre under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was opened on 18 October at the centre in PyinOoLwin with an address by Managing Director of Myanmar Agriculture Service Col Myit Shwe.

A total of 30 trainees are attending the course. *MNA.*

## People's Desire

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

### Talks given honouring 40th anniversary of UDNR

YANGON, 21 Oct —

Talks were given to honour the 40th anniversary of the University for Development of National Races (UDNR) at the convocation hall of the university on 19 October morning.

Present on the occasion were UDNR Central Management Committee Chairman Civil Service Selection and Training Board Chairman U Than Nyun, CSSTB member U Aung Myint, UDNR Rector Col Zaw Min Thein, Civil Service Selection and Training Department Deputy Director-General U Wai Myint, the pro-rectors, heads of department, professors, faculty members and students.

Resource persons

who gave talks on the occasion were Myanmar Education Research Bureau Chairperson Daw Khin Swe Tun, Information and Public Relations Department Director-General U Chit Naing, Professor Daw Nu Nu Win of Sagaing Institute of Education, Professor of U Khin Maung Aye on behalf of UDNR Education Planning and Training Department Deputy Director-General U Tun Hla and Deputy Professor Daw Cho Cho Mar of UDNR on behalf of Pro-rector Daw Htu Htu of Yangon Institute of Education.

As a gesture of commemorating the anniversary, fun fairs will also be held. —MNA

*Director-General of Myanmar Police Force  
Brig-Gen Khin Yi meets MPF members at  
Paingkyon Police Station in Kayin State.— MNA*



### Police stations inspected

YANGON, 21 Oct — Director-General of the Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi on 18 October inspected police stations in Bago Division.

Brig-Gen Khin Yi, together with Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council

Col Khin Kyu, inspected Paingkyon Police Station in Kayin State and livestock breeding tasks at the station.

Afterwards, Brig-Gen Khin Yi presented medicines for the station and gave instructions. *MNA*

### Partnership Meeting continues

YANGON, 21 Oct — Partnership Meeting of National Red Cross Societies hosted by Myanmar Red Cross Society continued today at Traders Hotel here.

President of MRCS Dr Kyaw Win and executives, departmental officials, delegates from International Committee of Red Cross-ICRC and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent-IFRC, resident representatives and invited guests attended the meeting.

The meeting continues tomorrow. *MNA*

## MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 21 Oct — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

<i>Names</i>	<i>Appointment</i>
(a) U Shu Kyein	Director-General
Deputy Director-General	Central Statistical
Central Statistical	Organization
Organization	Ministry of
Ministry of National	National Planning
Planning and	and Economic
Economic Development	Development
(b) Col Soe Thein	Director-General
Ministry of Defence	Central Equipment
	Statistics and
	Inspection
	Department
	Ministry of
	National Planning
	and Economic
	Development
(c) U Saw Han Shein	Rector
Pro-Rector	Hpa-an University
Hpa-an University	Higher Education
Higher Education	Department (Lower
Department (Lower	Myanmar)
Myanmar)	Ministry of Education
Ministry of Education	

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### Myanmar, ROK traders meet



*ROK Ambassador Mr Lee Kyung Woo attends the trade meeting between Korean and Myanmar entrepreneurs.— MNA*

YANGON, 21 Oct — The meeting between a trade delegation from Daegu of the Republic of Korea and Myanmar entrepreneurs was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road today.

Present were ROK Ambassador Mr Lee Kyung Woo, Attache (Commercial) Mr Choi Yoon Tae and embassy staff. Members of the Korean trade delegation from 14 companies and Myanmar entrepreneurs discussed trade matters. —MNA



# US raids kill family of six in Iraq

FALLUJAH, 20 Oct—US warplanes have killed a family of six in raids against rebels led by al Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, while a top international aid agency has suspended Iraq operations after its manager was kidnapped.

A Reuters witness saw a man and a woman and four children, two boys and two girls, being pulled out of the rubble of a razed home in the rebel-held city of Fallujah, about 50 km (30 miles) west of Baghdad on Wednesday.

The US military denied a family of six was killed, saying it launched four strikes against safehouses used by Zarqawi's fighters.

"Intelligence sources indicate a known Zarqawi propagandist is passing false reports to the media," it said in a statement.

"Is this the gift that (interim Iraqi Prime Minister) Iyad Allawi is giving to the people of Fallujah?" asked one man, pointing to the small bodies of two of the children lying in the trunk of a car. "Every day they strike Fallujah." —Internet



*Iraqi men inspect a destroyed building in the al-Shuhadaa area of Fallujah, Iraq, west of Baghdad, Iraq, on 19 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET*

## CARE halts work in Iraq after abduction

BAGHDAD, 20 Oct—CARE today suspended its humanitarian relief efforts in Iraq one day after gunman kidnapped the British-born woman who for decades has led the group's drive to improve living conditions here.

The kidnapping of Margaret Hassan, who is in her 60s and has been critical of the US-led invasion of Iraq, triggered appeals for her release from British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Muslim humanitarian groups. Hassan's husband, Tahseen, said he had not been contacted about any

ransom demands and pleaded for his wife's release on Arabic-language satellite channel Al Arabiya.

Hassan's abduction occurred on a day when militants fired mortar rounds at an Iraqi national guard base north of the capital, killing five soldiers and wounding 80.

An American contractor working for a Halliburton unit died in a separate mortar attack on a US base in Baghdad.

US and Iraqi officials have said they expected violence to escalate during Ramadan, the Muslim month of fasting that began last week.

Internet

## Senior Chinese leader meets Philippine Congress leaders

MANILA, 20 Oct—Wu Guanzheng, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, met here on Monday with the leaders of the Philippine Congress.

During his meeting with Philippine Senate President Franklin Drilon, Wu said that China and the Philippines have carried out fruitful cooperation in various fields over the past few years as relations between the two countries have witnessed smooth development.

Wu said that China is willing to work together with the Philippines to implement the major agreements reached during President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo's visit to China in early September, in order to gain more results from their cooperation and push the Sino-Philippine relations to a higher level.

Wu also reiterated China's princi-

ples on the Taiwan issue. For his part, Drilon said that the rapid development of relations between the two countries in the past few years has enhanced understanding and friendship between the two peoples.

He said that it is very important to further deepen and increase bilateral exchanges and cooperation so as to consolidate the relations between the Philippines and China.

Drilon stressed that the Philippines understands China's sacred goal of national reunification and will adhere to the "one China" policy now and in the future.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Bush, Kerry Trade jabs over Iraq

WATERLOO (Iowa), 21 Oct — President George W Bush and challenger John Kerry accused each other of misjudging the stakes and lacking the leadership to deal with Iraq and terrorism as they campaigned 60 miles apart in Iowa, a state Bush narrowly lost four years ago.

"The next commander in chief must lead us to victory in this war and you cannot win a war when you don't believe you're fighting one," Bush said Wednesday in Mason City, a northern Iowa farming community. "My opponent also misunderstands our battle against guerillas and terrorists in Iraq, calling Iraq a 'a diversion from the war on terrorism.'"

Kerry, campaigning in Waterloo, said Bush failed to grasp what the United States faces in Iraq, where more than 1,100 US soldiers have been killed. "If President Bush cannot recognize the problems in Iraq, he will not fix them. I do recognize them and I will fix them."

With time running out before the November 2 election, national polls say the race is very close, with some showing a slight advantage for Bush. Polls in key swing states like Florida, Ohio and Wisconsin also show the two candidates running

about even.

Iraq and terrorism dominated the debate Wednesday as Bush focused on Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin — all states that went against him four years ago and where polls show him in a close race with his Democratic rival.

After Iowa, Kerry held a rally in Pittsburgh with supporters, including singer Jon Bon Jovi, actor Ted Danson and Hall of Fame football player Franco Harris, before retiring to Ohio for the night. Four years ago, Bush lost Pennsylvania and won Ohio; this year the race is tight in both states.

"The President says he's a leader. Well, Mr President, look behind you, there's hardly anyone there," Kerry said, pointing out considerable allied opposition to the war.

"It's not leadership if we haven't built the strongest alliance possible and if America is going almost alone."

Saying Bush was

trying to focus the election on national security, Kerry said, "I welcome that debate. I believe a president must be able to defend this country and fight for the middle class at the same time."

Bush, trying to depict his opponent as lacking the credentials to be commander in chief, said Kerry was guilty of "a fundamental misunderstanding of the war we face and that is very dangerous thinking".

He said the threat posed by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, a Jordanian terrorist who has pledged allegiance to Osama bin Laden and is believed behind beheadings in Iraq, "shows how wrong" Kerry's thinking is.

"If Zarqawi and his associates were not busy fighting American forces, does Senator Kerry think he would be leading a productive and useful life?" Bush asked. "Of course not. And that is why Iraq is no diversion."

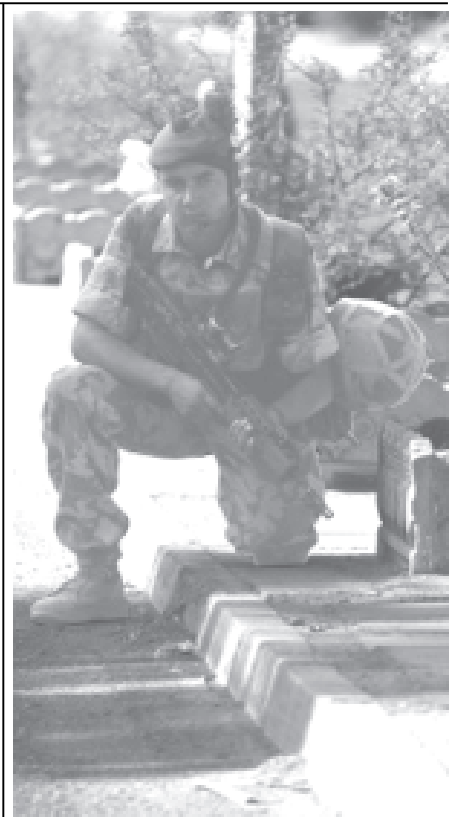
MNA/AP

## Tanzania on alert against red locust outbreaks

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 20 Oct — Tanzania is put on alert against red locusts as the country's Agricultural Ministry has started surveillance on four locust-breeding regions to control and contain possible outbreaks of the crop destroying insects.

The four regions in question are Kigoma, Dodoma, Rukwa and Tabora, all traditional breeding grounds for red locusts in river basins, swamps, grasslands and valleys, local media said on Tuesday. Red locusts generally prefer plants of the grass family but other crops are occasionally damaged often by the sheer weight of the insect when swarms land and rest on food crops. A swarm of 40 billion red locusts is capable of destroying 80, 000 tons of food a day

MNA/Xinhua



*A British soldier from the Black Watch regiment patrols the streets in the southern city of Basra on 20 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET*

# US soldier pleads guilty to abuse at Iraq's Abu Ghraib Prison

BAGHDAD, 20 Oct—A US Army soldier pleaded guilty to five charges of abusing Iraqis held at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib Prison in a case that sparked international outrage, Army Lieutenant Colonel Steven Boylan, a US military spokesman, said by telephone from Baghdad.

Staff Sergeant Ivan "Chip" Frederick, 38, of Buckingham, Virginia, admitted to most elements of the five charges against him: conspiracy to maltreat detainees, maltreatment of detainees, dereliction of duty, assault and indecent acts, Boylan said. He will probably be sentenced tomorrow.

Frederick could receive a sentence of as

much as 11 years in prison, forfeiture of pay, a demotion to the rank of private, and a dishonorable discharge. He would likely serve any prison time in the US, Boylan said.

Frederick, the highest-ranking soldier to be charged in connection with Abu Ghraib mistreatment, told the court-martial at Camp Victory near Baghdad that he threatened a

detainee with electrocution, all the while snapping photographs "to take back home," an *Associated Press* reporter in the courtroom recounted in an e-mailed pool report distributed by the US-led military Press operation in Baghdad.

An Army criminal investigator said the prisoner, who was naked and standing on a box in a

shower, had information about the bodies of four US soldiers and he wanted the person "stressed out" to aid an interrogation, according to the pool report's account of Frederick's testimony. Frederick said he wrapped a wire around the detainee's finger and two other soldiers also attached wires to the person's body.

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## IISS reports Iraq war increases risk of terrorism against West

LONDON, 20 Oct — War in Iraq has increased the risk of terrorism against the West, at least for the short term, the International Institute for Strategic Studies said on Tuesday in its annual report on the world's militaries.

The IISS has added a section on Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network to *The Military Balance*, its authoritative yearly defence handbook, which lists the size and capabilities of the world's Armed Forces. "Overall, the risk of terrorism to Westerners and Western assets in Arab countries appeared to increase after the Iraq war began in March 2003," it concluded.—MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi soldier keeps watch outside a National Guard facility after a mortar attack in Mashahida, 24 miles north of Baghdad, on 19 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET

## Two US reporters suspended for attending 'Vote for Change'

ST PAUL (Minnesota), 20 Oct — Two newspaper reporters who attended a political fund-raising concert calling for the ouster of President George W Bush were suspended from their jobs for violating the newspaper's ethics policy.

The *St Paul Pioneer Press* suspended investigative reporters Chuck Laszewski and Rick Linsk for three days each after they attended the October 5 "Vote for Change" concert by Springsteen, REM and others artists.

The Newspaper Guild is contesting the unpaid suspensions.

*Pioneer Press* Editor Vicki Gowler wrote in a September 27 memo to staff that the paper's ethics policy bars them from activities that would conflict with their employment, including "concerts that are held as political fundraisers."

Several other newspapers had issued similar warnings to reporters.

Gowler said Tuesday that the reporters who were disciplined serve occasional weekend duty and could be called upon to handle political stories.

"We're not saying the company doesn't have a right to be concerned about the ethics, and the off-duty behaviour of its reporters," said Mike Sweeney, the Guild's executive officer. "But they have to meet a standard. We can't allow a company to subjectively decide what is or is not a conflict." —MNA/AP

## Panama, US differ at free trade talks

PANAMA CITY, 20 Oct—Panama and the United States maintained their differences on vital issues Tuesday during the second day of the negotiations for a free trade agreement.

The biggest differences focused on agricultural and food issues, especially tomato paste and beef, the Panamanian Trade and Industry Ministry said.

The United States presented a "very aggressive" proposal for tomato

paste, far from the expectations of Panama, the Panamanian Government said.

Washington, for its part, said Panama's proposal on beef is unacceptable, and that it would make a counterproposal.

However, progress

was reported in the textile and telecom sectors.

The Panamanian Government said it is necessary for the two sides to identify the differences in the negotiations for fair and transparent guidelines to promote investments. —MNA/Xinhua

## Kerry accuses Bush of mishandling eco, war on terrorism

DAYTON (Ohio), 20 Oct — Democratic White House challenger John Kerry said the United States needed a leader who could do more than one thing at a time, and accused President George W Bush on Tuesday of mishandling both the economy and the war on terrorism.

On the attack with two weeks until the November 2 election, the Massachusetts senator also rebuked Bush for talking tough about his efforts to catch or kill Osama bin Laden, blamed for the 11 September, 2001, attacks on the United States. The al-Qaeda leader is still at large.

Kerry suggested at a rally before thousands of supporters in Dayton that Bush was way over his head at the White House.

"Let me tell you what the real test of this race is," Kerry said. "We need a President of the United States who can do more than one thing at the same time."

"We need a president who understands that not only do we need to do the job of being the head of state and commander in chief, but we need a president who also understands what it means ... to get the job done for the middle class in America," he said.

Kerry mocked Bush for complaining over and over in their first debate

that the presidency and establishing security in Iraq was "hard work."

"I kept hearing the President say in that debate, 'it's hard work, it's hard work, it's hard work,'" Kerry said. "Well, Mr President, I'm very happy to relieve you of that hard work."

He called Bush's economic policy "deja vu all over again," comparing his record to that of Herbert Hoover, the last president to lose jobs on his White House watch, and accused Bush of "raiding and privatizing" the Social Security retirement system.

"He has become the first president in more than 70 years to have the incomes of American families decline in each year of his presidency," Kerry said in Wilkes-Barre, Pasadena earlier.

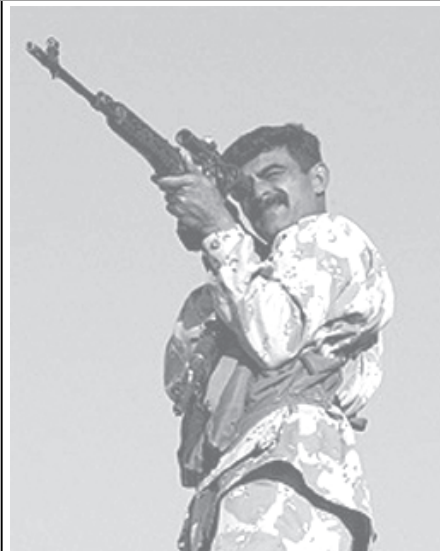
"He has become the first president to turn a record surplus into the largest deficit in history and he has become the first president to launch an all-out assault on Social Security." Pennsylvania and Ohio are two of the biggest battlegrounds in this year's election. —MNA/Reuters

## US warplanes hit Fallujah

BAGHDAD, 20 Oct — US warplanes hit the guerrilla-held Iraqi city of Fallujah overnight as part of a drive to thwart expected attacks during the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan.

US and Iraqi forces also surrounded the town of Duluiya, north of Baghdad, raiding homes, detaining scores of suspected guerillas and calling in helicopter strikes on suspected guerillas hiding in surrounding orchards, Iraqi officials said on Tuesday. There was no word on casualties from either operation.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi National Guard member aims his rifle as he stands on a rooftop at his base in Mashahida, a town about 40 kilometres north of Baghdad on 19 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET



# US, allies must learn lessons from mistakes in Iraq

LONDON, 20 Oct — Washington and its allies must learn lessons from mistakes in Iraq on how to manage the aftermath of war, the International Institute for Strategic Studies said on Tuesday.

In *The Military Balance*, its authoritative yearly handbook which lists the capabilities of the world's armed forces, the London-based think-tank said last year's invasion of Iraq was a success, but that the occupation afterwards was flawed.

"In the post-conflict phase and in peace-support operations, the 'hearts and minds' of a population become the 'territory' that has to be captured and held," editor Christopher Langton wrote in the introduction.

"Governments need to realize that such operations are manpower-intensive, as the human component replaces the weapon system as the key enabler to success."

The United States should learn from Iraq that it needs more manpower with extra skills adopted to "post-conflict" situations. Inadequately trained reservists or private military companies are no substitute for well-trained regular troops.

"Having started with a fast and successful

warfighting campaign, Operation Iraqi Freedom provided some key lessons for the US and its allies concerning post-conflict operations," the report said.

"Firstly: post-conflict and peace-support operations in all their phases are manpower-intensive and require extra skills in addition to those used in the warfighting phase — as well as a fast transition from a combat posture to one which demands that support to the civilian populations be-

comes paramount.

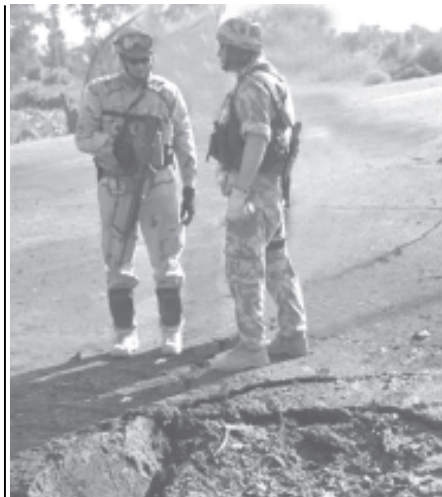
"Secondly: the use of partially trained reservists, or reservists with the wrong skills, is no substitute for fully trained soldiers, as the US learned to its cost in the Iraq prison scandal," it said.

US military policemen involved in abusing Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib Jail have included reservists who say they were inadequately trained.

The war in Iraq has also seen a profusion of so-called "private military companies" — commercial contractors providing security services that in previous wars would have been supplied by troops.

But the report said the Iraq experience had shown that the private companies could not "provide the answer to the manpower problem" because of a "lack of oversight on their activities".

MNA/Reuters



A US Army soldier talks to a British soldier next to the site where a suicide car bomber detonated an explosive device near a US patrol on the airport road in Baghdad, on 20 Oct. — INTERNET

## Annan warns of crackdown on guerillas in Iraq

LONDON, 20 Oct — A crackdown on guerillas in Iraqi hotspots like Fallujah must be carefully conducted to avoid losing a battle for the hearts and minds of Iraqis, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said on Tuesday. "In these kind of situations you have two wars going on," he said. "You have the war for minds and hearts of the people as well as efforts to try and bring down the violence."

"The two have to go together and it has to be calibrated in such a way that you are able to move the people along with you. I hope that approach is also the one that is being pursued by the government and others," he told a news conference with British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw. — MNA/Reuters



A US Army soldier stands guard at al-Sina'a soccer field while a large crowd gather at the gate in Baghdad's Shi'ite suburb of al-Sadr city, on 21 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

## UN warns of out-of-control "AIDS" problem in Ecuador

QUITO (Ecuador), 20 Oct — The spread of AIDS in parts of Ecuador's most populated province is reaching levels comparable to those seen in Africa and the Caribbean a decade ago, and could mushroom into a national epidemic if left unchecked, United Nations officials warned Tuesday.

"In 10 or 15 years, if there isn't important prevention work, we are going to have a frightening epidemic, starting on the coast and spreading to the entire country," Paul Martin, a UN Children's Fund representative, told reporters.

"In certain zones on the coast in Guayas the levels of AIDS infections are approaching levels reached 10 years ago by Africa and the Caribbean," he said during a Press conference called by the world body to draw attention to the problem. Those two areas are reeling from the spread of the HIV virus.

He said the United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS has budgeted 14 million US dollars for Ecuador, but added that Ecuadorean officials have been slow to define the role of programmes to fight the spread of the disease. — MNA/AP

## Uruguay, Peru back South American integration

MONTEVIDEO, 20 Oct — Foreign ministers of Uruguay and Peru agreed on Tuesday that South American integration is a strategic move to be part of the globalized world and to speed up the development in the region.

In a joint declaration signed by Uruguayan Foreign Minister Didier Operti and his visiting Peruvian counterpart, Manuel Rodriguez, the two sides also agreed to strengthen bilateral relations in areas like politics, economy, trade and culture.

The two ministers said they back the creation of an innovative financial mechanism in South America to help efficiently provide resources for the infrastructure projects in the region.

They highlighted the importance of the third Summit of Presidents of South America to be held in December at the Peruvian city of Cusco, saying it will help realize the goal of building a South American space through dialogue, cooperation and integration.

As part of the international cooperation against terrorism, the two nations agreed to sign an agreement soon on financial information cooperation between them. — MNA/Xinhua

## Four arrested in northern Greece for drug trafficking

ATHENS, 21 Oct — Four people, including two foreign nationals, were arrested for involvement in drug trafficking late Monday in northern Greece, semi-official Athens News Agency reported on Tuesday.

More than 50 kilos of hashish, two kilos of heroin, 750 grammes of cocaine and two vials of hash oil (liquid THC) were found in their possession, Thessaloniki police narcotics squad officials disclosed.

A 38-year-old man was arrested in Kalamaria, after a search of his apart-

ment turned up two packets of cocaine weighing a total 750.2 grammes, two plastic vials containing 537 grammes of hashish oil, two precision scales, and 4,400 euros in cash coming from drug sales, which were confiscated.

A second Greek man, 42, was also arrested for purchasing small quantities of cocaine and hash oil from the 38-year-old. Police also arrested two foreign nationals, aged 22 and 23, who were suspected of smuggling and trafficking large quantities of drugs into Greece.

MNA/Xinhua

## Powerful typhoon drenches southern Japan; at least seven injured

TOKYO, 20 Oct — A powerful typhoon lashed southern Japan with heavy rains on Wednesday, disrupting air traffic, prompting the evacuation of thousands of households and leaving thousands more without electricity. At least seven people suffered minor injuries and one went missing.

Typhoon "Tokage" was just south of the southernmost main island of Kyushu early Wednesday and was headed for Japan's main islands with sustained winds of 144 kilometres per hour (89 miles per hour), the Meteorological Agency said.

"Tokage", the Japanese word for lizard, was the record eighth typhoon to hit Japan this year. Two additional typhoons had been downgraded to tropical storms by the time they

reached the archipelago.

The typhoon was expected to reach southwestern main island of Shikoku and perhaps the Tokyo region by late Wednesday, the agency said. It warned that waves of up to nine metres (30 feet) could hit southern coastlines, and as much as 500 millimetres (20 inches) of rain could fall in parts of Kyushu and Shikoku islands through Wednesday. In Miyazaki Prefecture (state) on Kyushu, a 63-year-old

farmer went missing after he went outside to check his fields. The typhoon injured seven people as it passed Japan's southern island of Okinawa — about 1,600 kilometres (1,000 miles) southwest of Tokyo. Four had head injuries, two had fingers broken in doors blown shut by gusts and one man suffered a deep gash in his arm during a boating accident sparked by rough waves, prefectural (state) police spokesman Tatsuki Yara said. — MNA/AP

# Germany rules out deployment of troops in Iraq

LISBON, 20 Oct — German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder affirmed on Tuesday his country will abstain from sending troops to Iraq but will continue to support international efforts to stabilize the Arab country.

During a joint Press conference at the end of his meeting with Portugal's Prime Minister Pedro Santana Lopes, Schroeder expressed his wish for Iraq to be free and in peace.

Schroeder, in his first visit in Portugal, said although his country has deployed police and military forces in Saudi Arabia, it will not do the same in Iraq.

Germany is one of the main countries in the European Union (EU) opposing the US invasion of Iraq.

Santana, on the other hand, affirmed Portugal will keep its 128 national guards at the Iraqi city of Nasiriya

until November according to the initial pact signed last year. They are likely to extend their stay till next January when Iraq holds elections.

With respect to Turkey's entry to the EU, both Schroeder and Santana supported an EU proposal to start voting on the process in December. The EU will finally decide whether to start negotiations of Turkey's entry to the group on December 17.

Schroeder insisted that German share in the EU budget cannot exceed its GDP growth of 1 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua



A plume of smoke billows from Baghdad's Haifa Street following a car bomb attack against a US convoy on 20 Oct 2004.—INTERNET

## Road accident kills 14 in southern Iran

TEHERAN, 20 Oct — Fourteen people were killed and nine others injured in a road accident in the southern Iranian province of Hormuzgan Sunday night, the official IRNA news agency reported on Monday.

The accident occurred when a minibus collided with a Mercedes Benz truck and a Volvo flatbed trailer. Eleven people were killed on the spot and three of the injured rushed to the hospital died later of their wounds.

Police blamed the accident on the reckless driving of the minibus's driver, who suddenly swerved to the left.

Iran has one of the highest road accident rates in the world. According to official statistics, road accidents kill one person every 24 minutes in the country. Hazardous road conditions and reckless driving lead to most of the accidents.

MNA/Xinhua

## Italy not to participate in troop redeployment in Iraq

ROME, 20 Oct — Italian Defence Minister Antonio Martino said here Tuesday that his country will not take part in the US-proposed redeployment of coalition troops in Iraq.

He told reporters that Italy was unaffected by Pentagon plans to have non-American coalition forces in Iraq redeployed to different regions.

Asked whether Italian troops could be moved as part of a general reorganization of troops in Iraq,

Martino replied: "It has nothing to do with us".

A Pentagon spokesman disclosed on Monday that the United States has asked nations with troops in Iraq to study the possibility of moving some soldiers to other parts of the country in a

bid to replace American soldiers, who could be freed for duties in other parts of the country "where they are needed".

Italy has about 3,000 soldiers in Iraq, most of them stationed in or around the southern city of Nassiriya.—MNA/Xinhua

## Jordan, Iraq to enhance bilateral ties

AMMAN, 20 Oct — Jordanian Prime Minister Faisal Al-Fayez here on Monday held talks with Iraqi Planning Minister Mahdi al-Hafidh on ways to further develop bilateral ties in various fields.

Speaking at a joint Press conference, the two sides also confirmed their keenness to strengthen the strategic relations between the two countries.

The Iraqi minister said he briefed Fayez on the outcome of the meeting of the donor countries to help rebuilding Iraq, which concluded last week in Tokyo.

"We have established

solid bases to cement co-operation between Jordan and Iraq," al-Hafidh told reporters.

"Cooperation with Jordan will serve as an entrance for Iraq to develop its relations with the region and the world at large," he said.

The new future relation will safeguard security and interests of the

peoples in the two countries, he added.

He expressed his thanks for Jordan's efforts in writing off Iraq's debts and its continued support to obtain necessary finance from donor countries to rebuild Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

## Regulatory framework for infrastructure to attract FDI

NEW DELHI, 21 Oct — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Tuesday said the government would set up a regulatory framework for infrastructure to create an enabling environment for attracting FDI to the tune of 150 billion dollars in telecom, airports, railways and power.

"We are working towards creation of a regulatory framework in infrastructure sector that would be transparent and independent and based on international best practices," he said inaugurating the third India-ASEAN business summit here.

"We believe the Indian economy can absorb up to 150 billion dollars of foreign direct investment in the infrastructure sector over the next ten years...

We have to create the right environment in which public-private partnership can thrive," he said.

Stressing that capital requirements in infrastructure were very large, he said airports and railways alone needed 55 billion dollars in the next 10 years, and power and telecom 75 billion dollars and 25 billion dollars respectively in the next five years.

This, he said, provided a large window of oppor-

tunity for ASEAN business to invest in India and was necessary not only for efficient use of our resources but also efficient management and running of infrastructural services.

The government has decided to step up economic growth to 7-8 per cent over the next decade for which every effort would be made to promote investment by creating a climate conducive to investors, he said.

MNA/PTI



Debris is seen as a US soldier secures the area following a car bomb along a road leading out of Baghdad on 20 Oct 2004.—INTERNET



# Dams for regional development

Article by Kyaw Sein; Photos by Thein Win Lay

In its drive for achieving progress in all sectors, the Government of the Union of Myanmar has laid down and implemented the 12 political, economic and social objectives, in which, "Development of agriculture as the base and all-round

all over the nation to build dams at all possible places for national economic and regional development.

The Government is building dams of various sizes to extend crop cultivation, boost production and green the region in a short time. In some places

Myaing townships in Pakokku District, Magway Division. The ministry officials conducted a field tour of the region as the Head of State had given guidance to regenerate forests in it and to produce enough food for local people by damming the natural watercourses there to store water in man-made and natural lakes during the monsoon. During the tour, the officials surveyed 16 reservoirs and lakes—one in Pakokku Township, six in Myaing Township, six in Seikphyu Township, two in Pauk Township, and one in Yesagyo Township—along the places on both sides of Pakokku-Myaing road.

Staff of the Irrigation Department of the ministry are also building six dams—Taing and Innbat dams Pakokku Township, Magyeesu, Thitkyitaw, Thirinanda and Kwinma dams in Myaing Township—on creeks flowing

on both sides of the road.

The ID has planned to build seven dams in Pakokku Township, six in Pauk Township, 15 in Myaing Township, three in Yesagyo Township, and 16 in Seikphyu Township in Pakokku District totaling 47, that will irrigate 7,592 acres of crops.

Seventeen dams have been completed in the district up to now, and they have the capacity to irrigate 2,507 acres of land. The remaining 30 under construction will irrigate 5,085 acres of land. They will be completed during the period from fiscal 2004-2005 to 2006-2007.

Of the facilities being constructed in Pakokku District, the completed Thirinanda and Thitkyitaw dams in Myaing Township will be opened as the 166th and 167th facilities built in the nation during the time of the Tatmadaw Government.

The ID has been build-

ing irrigation facilities in accord with its year-wise plans to extend paddy cultivation in the district. The villages in the area are also building mini-dams on self-reliant basis with the help of regional bodies.

The local villagers

vented sand and silt from flowing into the Ayeyawady to a certain degree, and store water for irrigation and other purposes.

The Magway Division ID office of the Ministry of A&I has already

**The dry weather has formed a barren plain between Pakokku and Myaing townships in Pakokku District, Magway Division. The ministry officials conducted a field tour of the region as the Head of State had given guidance to regenerate forests in it and to produce enough food for local people by damming the natural watercourses there to store water in man-made and natural lakes during the monsoon.**

development of other sectors of the economy as well" is included in the four economic objectives. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, on its part, is launching research work and survey projects

these dams are supplying drinking water for local people in addition to irrigating crops and forest plantations.

The dry weather has formed a barren plain between Pakokku and



Control Tower of Thitkyitaw Dam built in Myaing Township.

have already built three small dams in Pakokku Township, five in Myaing Township, 10 in Pauk Township and six in Yesagyo Township totaling 26, thereby extending 1,036 acres of land. The combined capacity of the dams built by the ID and villagers will be 8,628 acres in the 2006-2007 cultivation season.

The average annual rain fall in Pakokku Township is 19.1 inches and that of Myaing is 26 inches as both are located in the dry region. As streams flowing in the two townships carry a large amount of sand into the Ayeyawady annually, forming dunes in the river, dredgers have been used to clear them against blocking the waterway.

The dams have helped conserve soil and green the environment, pre-

built 29 dams to this date in the division since the Tatmadaw Government's assumption of the State duties in 1988. Of them, only two have not commissioned into service yet, and they will be launched soon. The facilities, built at a cost of over K 13,800 million, irrigate over 170,000 acres of crops annually.

The Government has been building irrigation facilities in the interest of both the nation and the people. Thanks to the facilities and transport development, agriculture and trade and business have been developing region-wise, resulting in the increase of the per capital income of the local people.

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(Translation: TMT)

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Scene of Thirinanda Dam in DaungO Village-tract of Myaing Township.

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Opening ceremony of Finished-Wood Products Factory of NWS Company Limited in progress. — MNA

## Forestry Minister, Mayor open...

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Next, U Nay Win Swe reported on establishment of the factory and plan to operate it.

The minister, the mayor and party went to the Finished-Wood Products Factory of National Wood Industry Ltd. Managing Director U Win

Tun, Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing and U Kyaw Win of National Wood Industry Ltd formally opened the factory. The Mayor unveiled the plaque.

The minister and the mayor heard reports on matters related to the factory by U Kyaw Win and

inspected the factory.

The factories will manufacture value-added products, parquet and decking and export of these products to Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Japan, Denmark, Italy, France and Spain of Asia and Europe markets.

MNA

## 232 drug-related cases exposed in August

YANGON, 21 Oct—The Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 232 drug-related cases in August 2004.

The authorities seized 17.546 kilos of opium in 97 cases, 45.8255 kilos of opium oil in 7 cases, 6.7042 kilos of low-grade opium in 15 cases, 0.9731 kilo of marijuana in 9 cases, 2.4 litres of Phensedyl in 3 cases, 5625129 stimulant tablets in 48 cases, 118 kilos of ephedrine in one case, 0.0337 kilo of stimulant powder in two cases, 0.042 kilo of speciosa in one case, 2 bottles of diazepam in one case, 30 bottles of buprinorphine (injection) in 20 cases, 20 cases of failure to register and

other two cases.

Tatmadaw regiments and units seized 0.0003 kilo of opium in one case, 0.003 kilo of low grade opium in one case and 25 stimulant tablets.

Myanmar Police Force seized 17.546 kilos of opium in 25 cases, 45.8252 kilos of opium in 96 cases, 0.9549 kilo of opium oil in 7 cases, 6.7012 kilos of low-grade opium in 14 cases, 0.9731 kilo of marijuana in 9 cases, 2.4 litre of Phensedyl in 3 cases, 5,625,104 stimulant tablets in 48 cases, 118 kilos of ephedrine in one case, 0.0337 kilo of stimulant powder in two cases, 0.042 kilo of speciosa in one case, two bottles of diazepam injection in

one case, 30 bottles of buprinorphine injection in one case, 20 cases of failure to register and other two cases.

Action was taken against 326 people in 232 cases — 262 men and 64 women in August 2004.

Acting on information, an anti-drug squad together with witness searched La Rein and other six persons at reference map (O-856754) near old Namphattan Village of Mawtaung Village-tract, Muse Township, on 3 August. The authorities found 16 blocks of opium and 72 packets of opium bars weighing 31.8 kilos. The seizure led to the arrest of La Rein, Manaw, Gamdu, Fenyounchan, Matu (a) Turein and Fen Youn Hua by Muse Police Force.

On 23 August, acting on information, an anti-drug combined team searched Zaw Win (a) Haw Than San and authorities found 600 stimulant tablets. Further inspection led to the search of the house of Zaw Win (a) Haw Than San and exposed 57400 stimulant tablets from 6 packets. Action was taken against him under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA

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## Coord meeting on Performing Arts Competitions held

YANGON, 21 Oct—The chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, sub-committee members and the team managers from

the states and divisions held a coordination meeting this evening, attended by Chairman of the Work Committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan.

Sub-committee

members and the managers from the states and divisions reported on the tasks of competitions, followed by a general round of discussions.

Next, Col Tint Hsan attended to the needs.

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Work Committee for Performing Arts Competitions Col Tint Hsan speaking at the coordination meeting. — MNA

## Myanmar youth bag 13 gold, 11 silver, two bronze in Wushu Competitions



Victorious Myanmar Wushu Team. — NLM

YANGON, 21 Oct—Altogether 12 Myanmar youths brought honour to the State bagging 13 gold, 11 silver and two bronze in the First World Traditional Wushu Competition held in the People's Republic of China from 18 to 20 October.

The six-member team won a gold medal. Maung Wai Phyo Aung of Sangyoung BEHS No 3, Maung Thatoe Aung of Kamayut TTC and Maung Shein Wai Yan of Yankin BEHS No 1 secured two gold each; Maung Thura Soe of Kamayut BEHS No 4, Maung Kaung Htet Hein of Latha BEHS No 1, Maung Kyaw Zin Thit of Kamayut BEHS No 2, Maung Toe Wai Han of Botahtaung BEHS No 6, Maung Saw Win Htet of Tamway BEHS No 3, Maung Khant Swe Thet of Yankin BEHS No 4 won one gold each.

The three-player team won one silver. Maung Thura Soe, Maung Kaung Htet Hein, Maung Kyaw Zin Thit, Maung Toe Wai and Maung Saw Win Htet secured one silver each; Maung Soe Win Thein of Latha BEHS No 1 and Ma Thet Thet Naing of Latha BEHS No 2 secured two silver each and Ma Sandi Oo of Kamayut BEHS No 5 won one silver.

Maung Khant Swe

Thet bagged two bronze and Ma Sandi Oo one.

Over 2,700 Wushu players from 62 countries participated in six categories of the competition. Twelve Myanmar players, average of 13 years old, took part in 26 events of the under-17 category. Having much experience in local Wushu demonstrations, the Myanmar youths have brought honour to the State.

The Myanmar team was led by President of Myanmar Wushu Federation U Khin Maung Lay together with manager U Tun Myint (Secretary of the federation) and a Chinese coach.

The victorious Myanmar Wushu team led by U Khin Maung Lay will arrive back here on tomorrow evening.

MNA

## Hole-in-one

YANGON, 18 Oct—U Tint Lwin together with Lt-Gen Kyaw Than (Retd) and U Tin Thauung scored hole-in-one at the 12th hole of City Golf Club on 14 October evening.—MNA

## All this needs to be known

\* Do not be frightened whenever  
intimidated

\* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered

\* Do not be softened whenever appeased



## 12th Myanmar Traditional...

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panel of judges Pianist U Chit Swe and party supervised the piano contest. First, seven participants competed in the professional level (men's) piano contest. Next, three contestants took part in the professional level (women's) piano contest.

Afterwards, nine persons participated in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' piano contest. On 22 October morning, the amateur level (men's & women's) piano contest and the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' and girls' piano



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung attends amateur level (women's) classical song contest.—MNA

contest will continue at the National Theatre.

At Kanbawza Theatre, eight persons took part in the higher education level (men's) violin contest and seven in the higher education level (women's) violin

contest. Next, five boys and three girls participated in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' and girls' violin contests. Leader of the panel of judges Violin U Tin Yi and party supervised the contests. —MNA



Ma Su Myat Phyoo of Mandalay Division participates in higher education level (women's) violin contest.—MNA

## Winners of colour photo contest announced

YANGON, 21 Oct — The Colour Photo Contest Organizing Work Group of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 15th National Mottos, Literary and Photo Contests 2005 has received 132 entries from 57 photographers all over the country.

Chairman of the Organizing Committee for the Photo Contest Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein, member of the committee Director of Myanma Radio and Television (Broadcast) U Ko Ko Htwe, Director U Soe Moe of the Information and Public Relations Department (Admin), photographic scholars U Hla Kywe, U Pe Khin, Okkala Tun Shwe, U Hla Aye, Joint-Secretary of the Myanmar

Writers and Journalists Association U Myint Kywe and Secretary of the Colour Photo Contest Organizing Work Group Director U Tun Min of IPRD, selected the entries at the meeting hall of IPRD on Pansodan Street, here, this morning.

Tekkatho Han Min Oo (Best Photo), U Pyi Soe Tun (Pyi Soe Tun-Bagyi), Shwe Inn Tha Khin Maung Win stood first, second and third respectively. U Than Aung (IPRD), Saw Thein Win (City News), Shwe Inn Tha Khin Maung Win, Ko Sein Htay and A K Moe (Zoo) won consolation prizes. The winners are to send original negative films of the entries to the committee as soon as

possible.

The first, second and third prize winners have to receive the prizes at the prize presentation ceremony to be held in Yangon on 12 December 2004 (Sarsodaw Day). The committee will send cash-prizes to the consolation prize winners.

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## USDA CEC member inspects development tasks in Mon State

YANGON, 21 Oct — Central executive committee member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met USDA members at Mokpalin, Ingabo and Kyundaw villages of Kyaikto township on 15 October.

Brig-Gen Ohn Myint called for active participation in implementing Nation's policy and in rural development tasks, and inspected maintenance task of Kyundaw village BEPS building and digging of well developed by township

USDA.

He proceeded to Winka and Pauktaw villages of Bilin township on 16 October morning and fulfilled the needs on electricity and education there. The CEC member met the township EC members at township hall and attended to their needs. In the afternoon, he inspected road paving tasks done by Thaton township USDA in honour of the general meeting of Mon State USDA, 2004. Next, Brig-Gen Ohn Myint met chairmen and members of village PDC in the

region and fulfilled the needs.

CEC member arrived at Paung and Kyaikmayaw townships on 17 October and urged USDA members to work hard in implementing Nation's policy and in rural development tasks.

Next, he inspected the completion of 80 feet long reinforced concrete bridge implemented by Mon State USDA. He inspected the basic education high schools in Mudon township on 18 October afternoon and fulfilled the requirements.

MNA

## Bagan Open Golf Championship commences



YANGON, 21 Oct — The Bagan Open Golf Championship of the Myanmar

Golf Tour 2004, organized by Myanmar Professional Golfers' Association and Myanmar Golf Federation, was held at Bagan Golf Course in Bagan-Nyaung U Township, this morning.

Chairman of

Nyaung U District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Teza, Myanmar PGA and MGF Executive U Ko Ko Lay, Marketing Planning and Development Manager U Kyaw Soe Lwin of Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd opened the golf tour.

After the first round, Min Naing (Srixon) led the professional golfers division with 66 strokes. Myint Swe (Wilson)

followed the leader with 69 strokes, Than Naing (Wilson) with 70, Aung Zaw Moe (Wilson), Aung Win (YCDC) and Soe Kyaw Naing 71 each.

In the men's amateur division, Thein Zaw Myint scored 68 strokes to put his position in the first place. His runners-up were Naing Naing Lin, Kyaw Thiha, Tun Zaw, Aung Win and Than Naing Oo stood at the second with 73 strokes each.

The Bagan Open Golf Championship is being jointly sponsored by Bagan Hotel Association, Air Mandalay, Tiger Beer, Bagan Golf resort Hotel, Alpine Purified Drinking Water, KM Golf Centre, Maruman, Tour Stage, Wilson, Srixon, Grand Slam, Canon, Sun Far Travels & Tours, Bagan Cybertech and Bagan Resort Golf Club.

The second round of the tour continues tomorrow.

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Min Naing (Srixon) taking part in Bagan Open Golf Championship.—MGF

**The best time to plant a tree  
was 20 years ago.  
The second best time is now.**



Trainees of UDNR presents dancing and singing entertainment at the dinner to mark 40th Anniversary of UDNR.—MNA

## UDNR holds dinner to mark its 40th anniversary

YANGON, 21 Oct — The dinner to mark the 40th Anniversary of University for Development of National Races was held at the university on 19 October evening, attended by Chairman of the Central Management Board of the UDNR Chairman of the Trainee Selection Committee Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun.

Also present at the dinner were member of CSSTB U Aung Myint, Rector of Central Institute of Civil Service Col Win Maung, Rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar) Col Aung Hsan Win, Rector of UDNR Col Zaw Min Thein, Deputy Director-General U Wai Myint of Civil Service Selection and Training Department, the pro-rectors of UDNR, member of the University Council and Univer-

sity Education Board, representatives of States and Divisions Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials of Sagaing Division, faculty members and trainees.

After the dinner, the trainees entertained traditional dances to the audience.

MNA

## Mahosadha Marionette Contest commences

YANGON, 21 Oct — The Tawwin Yokson Amyinthabin Troupe led by writer Pyinmana Myint Hlaing participated in the Mahosadha Marionette Contest of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this evening.

Among the spectators were Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and members, Chairman of the Work



Mahosadha Marionette Contest in progress.—MNA

Committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan, No 4 Military

Region Commander Col Yan Naing Oo and officials.

Leader of the Panel of Judges U Ye Dway and party supervised the

contest. Tomorrow evening, Pantaya U Mya Thein of Mandalay Divi-

sion will take part in the contest.

MNA

## Chin State USDA Annual General Meeting 2004 held

YANGON, 21 Oct — Member of the Central Executive Committee for the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko attended the Annual General Meeting 2004 of the Falam District USDA at its hall in Falam, Chin State on 16 October and spoke on the occasion. The deputy minister also donated books to the library of Falam Township USDA.

On 17 October, the deputy minister inspected the ox farm run by the Falam Township USDA in Yantalo village and gave instructions. Next, the deputy minister arrived at Thiphool village, Haka Township, where he inspected the installation of cables for the supply of electricity for rural areas.

The deputy minister met with local residents at the basic education middle

school of Thiphool village and gave instructions. On the occasion, the deputy minister donated clothes and sports gear to local residents.

On 18 October, the deputy minister and party attended a ceremony to erect a billboard to hail the USDA Annual General Meeting 2004.

Next, the deputy minister visited Khwayon Theravada Buddhist Missionary School, where he offered robes and provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panāsiri (Dhammacariya) and members of the Sangha.

The deputy minister also attended the Chin State USDA Annual General Meeting 2004 held at the Union Hall in Haka. On the occasion, the deputy minister presented prizes to students who got the highest marks in the matriculation examination of 2004 academic year, and a member

of the fire brigade for his excellent performance in a firefight in Pyidawtha Ward of Haka.

Yesterday, the deputy minister visited Haka Myoma Missionary School, where he paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jatila (Ganthavacaka Pandita) and offered robes and provisions to the Sayadaw. He also visited Falam Theravada Buddhist Missionary School (Central), where he paid homage to Sayadaw Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa and offered robes and provisions to the Sayadaw.

The deputy minister, together with Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Kalay Station went to the construction site of the youth training school and Kalay Industrial Zone. At the industrial zone, the deputy minister heard reports and fulfilled the requirements.

MNA

## New library opened in Gangaw Township

YANGON, 21 Oct — A ceremony to open new Pwintthit Village library building and donate a radio and books were held in Zataw Village, Gangaw Township, Magway Division, on 9 October. It was opened by Member of Gangaw District Peace and Development Council Police Major Thung Gyi and Staff Officer of District Information and Public

Relations Department U Kyaw Than Tun.

The ceremony to donate books to the library continued at Zataw Village Middle School (Branch).

PSO to the Deputy Minister for Information Captain Ra Khant and other wellwishers donated 813 books, newspapers and K 25,000 to the library committee. —MNA

## Radio Myanmar to air radio play

YANGON, 21 Oct — Hailing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, a radio play performed with actress Academy Daw Nwe Nwe San and staff from the Radio

Myanmar titled "Hsan Yin Nu Ahla Htawara" will be aired by the Radio Myanmar at 12.30 pm on 24 October, Sunday and at 12.20 pm on 26 October, Tuesday.—MNA



Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Pham Quang Khon formally open Vietnam Trade Fair 2004.(News on page 1)—NLM



## Track-laying completed on half of Qinghai-Tibet railway

LHASA, 21 Oct—Track-laying had been completed on 645 kilometres of the Qinghai-Tibet railway by October 18, accounting for 56 per cent of the total length of the railway, sources with the railway construction headquarters announced on Tuesday.

Construction on the 1,142-kilometre Qinghai-Tibet railway is moving steadily toward Damxung County in central Tibet, according to the railway construction headquarters based in Lhasa, the regional capital.

The railway, the first to link Tibet with rest of China, is expected to reach Lhasa sometime next year and open to traffic in July 2007, Liu Xinke, an official with the leading group of the Qinghai-Tibet Railway construction under the Ministry of Railway, was quoted as saying by earlier reports.

Sprawling on the Tanggular Range, described as a mountain "insurmountable even by eagles," the Qinghai-Tibet Railway is the most elevated railway in the world with a maximum altitude of 5,070 metres.

China began construction of the railway in 2001 at a cost of 26.2 billion yuan (3.16 billion US dollars). The Chinese Government expects the project to boost Tibet's social and economic development, helping local resi-

dents improve their living standards.

The railway entered into Tibet at Amdo County, some 440 kilometres from Lhasa in June this year. It ran into Nagqu, an important area in northern Tibet, in early October.

During the past three years, railway constructors have solved a series of technical difficulties stemming from track-laying on frozen earth. Workers also fought against oxygen deficiency.

Tibet covers an area of more than 1.2 million square kilometres, or about one eighth of China's territory. It is the only provincial area in China without an inch of railway.

About 90 per cent of the 2.7 million Tibetan people live on farming or livestock breeding. Poor traffic conditions have been one of the major obstacles for the modernization of Tibet.

People now travel to Tibet mainly by air or automobiles. In 2003, more than 928,000 tourists visited Tibet.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cern celebrates 50 years of scientific research

GENEVA, 21 Oct—International celebrities and scientists gathered here Tuesday to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the foundation of the European Organization for Nuclear Research (Cern).

Heads of State from Switzerland, France and Spain, and other officials

attended a special ceremony in Geneva to commemorate the achievements of the world's largest particle physics lab over the past decades.

The occasion also marked the inauguration of the Globe of Science and Innovation — Switzerland's 50th anniversary

gift to Cern, which will serve as a new networking and visitor centre.

Established in 1954 by 12 founding countries, Cern has 20 member states today. Worldwide, there are roughly 7,000 scientists from more than 80 countries working on Cern projects. — MNA/Xinhua

## Tom Cruise cements ties with Japan

TOKYO, 21 Oct—American movie star Tom Cruise cemented his ties with Japan on Wednesday, becoming the first foreign actor to have his handprint earmarked for a place on a central Tokyo square resembling Hollywood's Walk of Fame.

"I'm really honoured to be doing this today. I feel I have a very special relationship with Japanese audiences," said Cruise, who starred in "The Last Samurai", a movie set in 19th Century Japan. Cruise, who is in Japan to promote his film "Collateral", which features his first role as a villain, smiled and gave a thumbs up with his left hand while making the imprint with his right hand before a crowd of adoring fans in a ceremony held indoors because of heavy rain.

MNA/Xinhua



New Zealand batsman Brendon McCullum raises his bat and cap after making the first century of his life during the third day of the first test against Bangladesh at Bangabandhu stadium in Dhaka on 21 Oct, 2004. Bangladesh scored 177 all out in the first innings. — INTERNET

## Samsung unveils 5-megapixel camera handphone

SEOUL, 21 Oct — Samsung Electronics Co., the world's third-largest handset maker, on Wednesday unveiled a 5-megapixel camera phone as part of its efforts to maintain its leadership in the high-end global cellular phone market.

The 5-megapixel camera will enable users to take photos as good as those taken with a mid-range digital camera, the company said.

The SCH-S250 phone also features a MP3 player, camcorder and TV function. "The picture quality is good enough for you to compare it with 5-megapixel digital cameras," said Cho Byung-deok, head of Samsung Electronics' handset development team at a Press conference.

The device has 92 megabytes of memory capacity, enough to save 25 photos at 5-megapixel resolution, he added. "We certainly aren't expecting the 5-megapixel camera phone to gain massive customer acceptance, but it will

help us consolidate our brand as a leader in the worldwide camera phone market," Cho said.

Samsung Electronics said it will announce the price of the phone next week. The phone will be available to SK Telecom Co. customers, the country's most popular mobile phone network by the end of this month.

In a separate statement, SK Telecom said it will introduce 10 megapixel camera phones manufactured by Samsung Electronics by the end of this year.

Built-in cameras are now considered basic features in mobile phones, but most camera phones have picture resolutions of less than one megapixel.

MNA/Xinhua

## EU establishes first professional training centre in China

GUANGZHOU, 21 Oct—The European Union (EU) established a professional training centre in Shunde, a city in south China's Guangdong Province, aiming to provide more professional expertise to China-based European enterprises.

Professional training organizations from European countries such as Germany, Belgium and The Netherlands will take part in educating Chinese professionals. The trainees will take courses in the newly established centre, first of its kind in China, reports Shenzhen Commercial Daily.

The new professional training centre will have classes in foreign lan-

guages, basic professional skills and code of conduct. After taking courses in the centre, Chinese professionals will continue their training in EU countries by taking internship in European enterprises or studying for European professional certificates.

Qualified graduates from the centre will be recommended to work in European and Chinese

branches of EU businesses.

Statistics show the number of EU businesses operating in China reached 16,802 by the end of 2003. Most of these EU enterprises are technology-based and demand 150,000 to 300,000 well-trained technical and professional staffs in total annually, according to the daily.

MNA/Xinhua

## World Engineers' Convention to be held in Shanghai

BEIJING, 21 Oct — About 3,000 engineers worldwide will convene in the upcoming World Engineers' Convention 2004 (WEC2004) held in Shanghai, said Cheng Donghong, secretary-general of the WEC2004 organizing committee here Wednesday.

The meeting is scheduled to hold from November 2 to 6. The organizing committee has received about 800 theses, including 174 delivered by overseas engineers, said Cheng, who is also a member of the secretariat of the China Association for Science and

Technology.

Cheng said about 21 heads of international and foreign engineering organizations and 37 Chinese academicians will attend the convention.

The motto of the convention is "Engineers shape the sustainable future". Twelve scholars will

give speeches on engineering and social development, including Maurice Strong, Chairman of the Earth Council, Thomas E. Graedel, professor of industrial ecology at Yale University and Xu Kuangdi, president of Chinese Academy of Engineering. — MNA/Xinhua

## Singaporean Changi Airport's cargo volume rises in September

SINGAPORE, 21 Oct—Singapore's Changi Airport handled 155,802 tons of airfreight in September this year, up 10.2 per cent from a year ago.

According to a statement issued by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) on Wednesday, this is the

third time this year that the airport's monthly air cargo volume has crossed the 150,000-ton mark.

The airport has processed over 1.3 million tons of airfreight in the first nine months, an increase of 11.5 per cent over the same period of last year.

Last year, the airport

was ranked 4th busiest air cargo hub in Asia, with 1.61 million tons of airfreight traffic handled.

Meanwhile, the airport's passenger traffic also jumped to 2.44 million passengers in September, an increase of 8.8 per cent from last year. — MNA/Xinhua

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2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 21.10.2004 during the office hours.
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## Crude oil trading down for second straight day

NEW YORK, 20 Oct — Crude-oil futures fell for a second straight day Tuesday.

The selloff was mostly technically driven, traders said, with speculators bailing out of the market ahead of the November crude futures' expiration, and weekly inventory data from the Department of Energy and the American Petroleum Institute.

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, benchmark light, sweet crude futures for November delivery settled 38 cents lower at 53.29 US dollars a barrel.

The contract, which expires at the end of Wednesday's trading ses-

sion, traded in a wide range between 52.59 US dollars a barrel and 53.64 US dollars a barrel. The December contract slid only 20 cents to settle at 52.64 US dollars a barrel.

Natural gas futures on the Nymex surprised traders for the second straight day by rising despite a combination of weak fundamentals and historically high prices for this time of year.

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## Angola's daily oil production exceeds one million barrels

LUANDA, 21 Oct — Angola's state oil company SONANGOL announced Tuesday that the country now produces over 1 million barrels of oil a day and expects to double the output over the next four years.

SONANGOL was quoted by local media as saying that until production began in Kizomba-A field in offshore block 15 last August, its daily oil output reached about 950,000 barrels.

Block 15 lies about 370 kilometres northwest of Luanda and is operated by Esso Exploration Angola, an Exxon-mobil subsidiary, which has a 40-per-cent stake in the project.

Angola is currently the No 2 oil producer after Nigeria in sub-Saharan Africa.

SONANGOL said crude output is likely to rise to 2 million barrels daily by 2008. — MNA/Xinhua

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## Hino Motor opens California truck assembly plant

LONG BEACH (California), 20 Oct — Hino Motor Manufacturing opened a new southern California truck assembly plant Tuesday as part of parent company Toyota Motor Corp's effort to expand market share in the United States.

The plant was constructed in part of a Toyota parts manufacturing facility. Hino Motor expects to build 2,000 trucks by March and 10,000 trucks per year by 2006.

Currently, half the truck parts, including the engine and the cab, are imported from Japan, with most of the remaining parts made in the United States. Some manufacturing, including frame rails, will be done in Long Beach, according to Derek Kaufman, senior vice-president of sales and marketing for Hino Trucks.

Trucks from the plant will be shipped to the company's 112 dealers in the

United States and Canada. Hino plans to expand to about 150 dealers by March.

About 50 people will work at the assembly plant, which is making about five trucks per day. The company declined to say how many people the plant will employ when it hits full capacity in 2006.

Hino's commercial medium duty trucks have a small market share, but the company recently revamped its product line and plans a major marketing push in the United States, Kaufman said.

The company is also building a parts plant in Arkansas. — MNA/AP

## 11 die of traffic accident in northern Tanzania

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 21 Oct — Seven foreign tourists and four local people have been killed when a minibus was rammed head-on by a truck in northern Tanzania, police sources confirmed on Wednesday.

The accident occurred on Tuesday morning along a road in the Arumeru District, with seven people dying on the spot and the others in hospitals.

Of the tourists who

were killed by the accident, Javier Feli of Spain, Anita Nicola from New Zealand and Larssen Lorf of Sweden were identified after the crash.

MNA/Xinhua



The Bank of Communications, China's fifth largest commercial bank, plans an initial public offering on the Mainland and Hong Kong early next year.

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A bee is seen on a flower on the way to Sumela Monastery, northeast of Turkey. A Turkish honey called "mad honey" for its reputed ability to induce euphoria and stimulate an erection contains a poison that can cause vomiting and heart problems.—INTERNET

## Construction begins on Moscow's tallest building

Moscow, 21 Oct—Although still only in its infancy, construction has begun on the building that is to be Europe's tallest, a shiny younger brother to the dour Stalinist "Seven Sisters" skyscrapers that dominated Moscow's skyline for a half-century.

The first beam was put in place last week for the "Federation", a mixed residential and office project that will consist of two soaring glass-clad buildings linked to an even taller stiletto-like tower, due for completion in 2007. From an observation deck there, visitors will be able to view a city being transformed by a booming economy and a taste for gigantism.

The taller of the two buildings is to top out at 340 metres (1,115 feet), 76 metres (249 feet) higher than the continent's current champion — Moscow's Triumph Palace apartment high-rise. In Western Europe, the tallest building is Frankfurt's 259-metre (850-foot) Commerzbank.

With the two curved-wall buildings sloping away

from the central tower, the 315 million US dollars Federation complex will "call to mind the sails of a brigantine", its developer Mirax-City claims.

The popular weekly magazine *Vsyo Yasno* came up with a different, though equally gushing analogy: Don Quixote and Sancho Panza jointly holding a spear.

The comparison may reflect Moscow's long penchant for hugely ambitious projects that often go awry, a run of bad luck dating back to at least 1737 when the Tsar's Bell, the world's largest, cracked before it could ever be rung.

In the 1930s, Josef Stalin conceived of what would have been the world's tallest building at the time, a Palace of the Soviets topped by a gar-

gantuan statue of Vladimir Lenin that would have outstripped the Empire State Building by 34 metres (112 feet).

Moscow's main cathedral was dynamited to make way for this pinnacle of official atheism, but the ground proved to be unstable and the grandiose project was abandoned in favour of a swimming pool — which itself was destroyed after the fall of the Soviet Union and the cathedral was rebuilt.

In the 1960s, an entire neighbourhood was razed to build the Rossiya Hotel, Europe's largest. It became notorious to visitors for its nightmarishly endless corridors and a seemingly limitless supply of vermin and prostitutes. It is now being prepared for destruction.

MNA/AP

## Liverpool may become first smoke-free city in Britain

LONDON, 21 Oct—Liverpool could become the first smoke-free city in Britain if councillors vote in favour of a ban on smoking in public places on Wednesday.

If the move is approved, the city's council plans to petition Parliament to pass a law banning smoking in restaurants, pubs, shops, offices and other enclosed public areas and workplaces.

The council says more than 1,000 people a year die from smoking-related

diseases in Liverpool.

"We have a duty to protect employees and customers alike from this real danger," Councillor Richard Oglethorpe, the city council's executive member for green issues, said in a statement.

Under the council's plans, firms or individu-

als who flout the new law would face fines of up to 1,000 pounds.

Health experts have urged Britain to follow Ireland's example and ban smoking in public workplaces, which would include bars, restaurants and pubs.

MNA/Reuters

## French President meets with Chinese Defence Minister

PARIS, 21 Oct — French President Jacques Chirac received Wednesday Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan, wishing for development of dialogue and cooperation between Chinese and French Defence ministries.

Their meeting followed talks between Cao and French Defence Minister Michele Alliot-Marie on the eve over reinforcement of defence cooperation between the two countries.

In the presence of Alliot-Marie, Chirac thanked Chinese authorities for the exceptional reception reserved for his state visit to China and "expressed the wish that dialogue and cooperation between the French and Chinese (Defence) ministries develop in the spirit of the global strategic partnership between the two countries," said Chirac's spokesman Jerome Bonnafont.

Chirac mentioned notably the medical field and the cooperation of participation in UN peacekeeping operations.

MNA/Xinhua

## Jordan reduces mortality rate of children under five

AMMAN, 21 Oct— Jordan significantly reduced its mortality rate of children under five by 2.4 per cent in the last 10 years, said the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in its latest "Progress of Children" report.

However, UNICEF Health Adviser for the Middle East region Mahendra Sheth told local Press that further reducing under-five mortality and nutritional gaps require Jordanian Government's efforts over the

next five years.

Jordan's Demographics and Health Survey said recently that the country's under-five child mortality rate still stand at 27 per 1,000 live births.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese Long March 3-A carrier rocket blasts off from the Xichang launching site on 25 May, 2003.

China has launched a meteorological satellite capable of monitoring natural disasters.—INTERNET

## Zimbabwe exports 48 million kilos of tobacco in 9 months

HARARE, 21 Oct— Zimbabwe has exported more than 48 million kilos of tobacco worth 151.2 million US dollars in the past nine months of 2004, the Tobacco Industry and Marketing Board (TIMB) said on Tuesday.

TIMB said a total of 48.66 million kilos of both flue cured and burley tobacco were exported to different parts of the world from January to September. Of the exports, flue-cured tobacco accounted for 47.8 million kilos while burley accounted for

846,400 kilos.

The bulk of the exports in 2004 went to the European Union, which accounted for 18.8 million kilos, followed by East Asia with 14 million kilos.

The rest of Europe imported 5.8 million kilos

from the country. Africa 4.7 million kilos while the Middle East accounted for 4.2 million kilos. The statistics further show that the European Union bloc has been the largest importer of Zimbabwean tobacco over the last three years.—MNA/Xinhua

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## SPORTS

**Man Utd held 0-0 draw at Sparta**

PRAGUE, 20 Oct— Manchester United were held 0-0 at Sparta Prague in their Champions League Group D match on Tuesday, the first time in 15 outings that the English side have failed to score in a European match. United's teenage forward Wayne Rooney failed to repeat his heroics of two weeks ago.

The 18-year-old, who scored a hat-trick on his United debut in the demolition of Fenerbahce at Old Trafford, showed flashes of his prowess and twice shot narrowly wide in the first half.

But Sparta came closest with two chances just before halftime. United's former winger Karel Poborsky, Sparta's captain, forced United keeper Roy Carroll into a good save with a shot from the right. Then defender Jiri Homola headed the corner kick against the top of the post.

The home side could also have gone ahead in the 72nd minute when Tomas Jun was sent clear by midfielder Lukas Zelenka's header, but with only Carroll to beat he was foiled by the goalkeeper, who saved with his feet.—MNA/Reuters

**Owen scores first goal for Real**

MADRID, 20 Oct — Michael Owen scored his first Real Madrid goal on Tuesday to earn the nine-times European champions an edgy 1-0 win over Dynamo Kiev and leave Group B finely poised at the halfway stage.

The England striker slid in to convert a Ronaldo cross from close-range in the 35th minute at a rainswept Bernabeu and open his account for the Spanish club following a close-season move from Liverpool.

Real went close again through Ronaldo eight minutes into the second half but there were few

other clear chances for the home side, who were barely clinging on by the end of the game.

Real, beaten 3-0 away to Bayer Leverkusen in their opening game, revived their campaign with a 4-2 comeback win over Roma last month and a second successive home win was enough to put them level with

Leverkusen and Kiev on six points.

Mariano Garcia Remon chose the most attacking line-up at his disposal for another must-win match and for the first few minutes Kiev seemed overawed at the sight of Owen, Ronaldo, Raul, Zinedine Zidane and Luis Figo bearing down on them. Ronaldo almost made them pay for hesitant defending in the fourth minute when he closed in on goal and smacked in a shot that Olexander Shovkovsky did well to turn away.

Two minutes later the keeper made a mess of a Raul cross but redeemed himself by palming clear Figo's first-time shot from the edge of the box.

Zidane struck a post with a low free kick after Figo had been fouled in the 11th minute and Raul took advantage of more artless defending to race towards goal and fire wide. Real were unable to maintain the pace of their attacks for much longer and Kiev began to go forward with menace themselves.

Kleber had good claims for a penalty when he was bundled over by Francisco Pavon and Maksim Shatskikh was only fractionally wide with a sweet shot from just inside the area after a neat move down the right.

MNA/Reuters

**Deportivo hold Liverpool to 0-0 draw**

LIVERPOOL (England), 20 Oct — Deportivo La Coruna rode their luck on Tuesday as they held Liverpool to a 0-0 draw that keeps their slender hopes of qualifying for the next stage of the Champions League alive.

Liverpool's Djibril Cisse, Milan Baros and Luis Garcia were all denied as the Spanish team secured their second point in Group A, although they are yet to find the net. Deportivo barely threatened Liverpool, with lone striker Walter Pandiani an isolated figure in attack.

Rafael Benitez's high-tempo Liverpool side wasted several chances in the opening half, although Deportivo right back

Manuel Pablo made some crucial blocks.

He dashed back to block Cisse's shot after the ball had broken to him in the area from Garcia's tackle.

Pablo then denied Baros when the Czech forward raced on to Dietmar Hamann's defence-splitting pass and rounded goalkeeper Jose Molina.

Molina also tipped Garcia's close range shot

over the bar when the impressive Xabi Alonso's drive deflected to him behind the visitor's defence.

Despite their defensive approach, Deportivo — semi-finalists last season — did have an early chance to go in front.

Liverpool's marking failed them in the 15th minute, allowing Cesar a free header which John Arne Riise cleared off the line.

MNA/Reuters

**Leverkusen beat Roma 3-1**

LEVERKUSEN (Germany), 20 Oct — Bayer Leverkusen rallied with three second-half goals to beat AS Roma 3-1 in a Champions League Group B match on Tuesday on a miserable night for the Italians who finished with nine men.

Roma began brightly when they took the lead through a Dimitar Berbatov own goal after 26 minutes.

But they ended with a third successive Champions League defeat after goals from Roque Junior (48), Jacek Krzynowek (59) and Franca (90+4) gave Leverkusen all three points and a share of the leading places with six points along with Dynamo Kiev and Real Madrid.

Roma have no points and virtually no chance of qualifying for the knockout stages and they will play the return against Leverkusen in two weeks without Christian Panucci, sent off after 61 minutes, and Daniele de Rossi, red carded three minutes from time.

"You can't play better than that," said a satisfied Leverkusen coach Klaus Augenthaler. "I just hope it wasn't a one-off and that we're going to tail off again after this. Everything seemed to work well. I hope it lasts."

Leverkusen opened strongly and were dominating until the own-goal, which shocked the team that has struggled in the Bundesliga — down in ninth place after an especially poor effort in a 3-1 loss against Hertha Berlin on Saturday. Yet with jeers in their ears, Leverkusen were revitalised at the start of the second half, scoring twice quickly, and keeping the pressure on Roma throughout.

Down one man, Roma nevertheless nearly man-

aged to equalize when Francesco Totti's free kick in the 85th minute hit the crossbar. But moments later they lost de Rossi and Franca made it 3-1 in stoppage time just ahead of the final whistle.—MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters



Champions in Athens : Arsenal's Fredrik Ljungberg runs for the ball during a group E European Champions League football game against Panathinaikos in Athens.—INTERNET

**Monaco advances to knockout stages**

MONACO, 20 Oct — Last season's finalists Monaco took a big step towards the knockout stages of the Champions League with a 2-1 victory over Olympiakos Piraeus in Group A on Tuesday.

The home side made a flying start with Argentina striker Javier Saviola and Uruguay's Ernesto Chevanton scoring two goals in the first 10 minutes of a lively match.

Didier Deschamps' side lead the group with six points from three games after Liverpool were held to a goalless draw by Deportivo Coruna at Anfield. Both Liverpool and Olympiakos are on four points.

However, Olympiakos never gave up and Cyprus forward Yiannis Okkas reduced the scoring on the hour from close range. "In the first half, we were able to create movement, and they were in danger," said Deschamps. It was harder after the break as we fired, so we were unable to put any more pressure in them, but the most important thing is victory. Olympiakos looked at first as though they were never going to recover from a shaky start.

MNA/Reuters

**Ajax win comfortable 3-0 victory over Maccabi**

AMSTERDAM, 20 Oct — Three first-half goals gave Ajax Amsterdam a comfortable 3-0 victory over Maccabi Tel Aviv on Tuesday for their first points in Champions League Group C.

Wesley Sonck opened the scoring for the Dutch champions on four minutes as he followed up to net from seven metres after goalkeeper Liran Strauber had blocked a Wesley Sneijder shot.

Headers from Nigel de Jong (21st) and Rafael van der Vaart (33rd) sealed Ajax's win before the break to end their streak of five consecutive Champions League defeats.

Two minutes from time Sneijder hit the bar from the penalty spot after a handball by defender Marcio Giovannini. Ronald Koeman's Ajax, who lost to Juventus (1-0) and Bayern Munich (4-0) in their earlier group games, got back

on track after Saturday's 3-1 home Dutch league defeat to Heerenveen.

They went in front early on when Van der Vaart set up Sneijder whose mis-hit shot was saved by Strauber only for Belgium striker Sonck to react quickly and find the net.

Ajax doubled their lead when De Jong headed home from close range after Strauber was beaten in the air by Johnny Heitinga.

A minute later Ishmael Addo had a chance to pull one back for the visitors when he stole unmarked into the area but he lifted the ball over goalkeeper Bogdan Lobont's goal.

MNA/Reuters



Boston Red Sox players celebrate after defeating the New York Yankees 10-3.—INTERNET



## Macao to invite cultural heritage protection opinions from others

**MACAO, 21 Oct**—Macao will invite cultural heritage protection scholars and specialists from the Asian Pacific Regions to a forum on the protection of world heritage, which will open on October 25.

The one-day forum is co-organized by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property, the Asian Academy for Heritage Management and the Macao Institute for Tourist Studies (IFT).

IFT communications staff sur-named Loi said that Richard Engelhardt, UNESCO Regional Adviser for Culture in Asia and the Pacific will deliver a lecture at the forum, which will also invite keynote speakers from India, Thailand, Vietnam and Australia.

Loi said that IFT will record the

forum memoir and submit it to the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) government to provide consultation for policy and law making.

Macao's world cultural heritage bidding has been designated as China's only nomination to apply for the UNESCO in 2005. The application work has been in full swing.

Macao's bidding under the name of the Macao Historical Architecture Clump for the World Cultural Heritage embraces 12 priceless cultural heritage sites, including China's oldest church, Christian cemetery, lighthouse and western theatre.—MNA/Xinhua

## PLA General Staff Chief meets Italian Air Force's Chief of Staff

**BEIJING, 21 Oct**—The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) attaches great importance to developing friendly cooperative relations with the Italian Armed Forces, said a senior Chinese military officer here Tuesday.

Liang Guanglie, Chief of the General Staff of the PLA, made the remark in a meeting with visiting Italian Air Force's Chief of Staff Leonardo Tricarico.

Liang, also a member of the Central Military Commission, said the friendship between the Chinese and Italian peoples has a long history although the two countries are far from each other.

Since China and Italy established diplomatic relations over 30 years ago, bilateral relations have been developing smoothly and the two countries have kept constant contacts.

The two sides share identical or similar views on major international issues and have conducted cooperation in wide-ranging areas such as politics, economy, culture and military affairs, said Liang. He said he hoped the friendly relations between the two Armed Forces could develop in more fields and at different levels.

MNA/Xinhua

## US consumer prices up 0.2% in September

**WASHINGTON, 21 Oct**—US consumer prices increased by 0.2 per cent in September following a smaller gain of 0.1 per cent in August, the Labour De-

partment reported on Tuesday.

The report also showed that energy prices actually dropped by 0.4 per cent in September following a 0.3 per cent decline the previous month. Natural gas prices fell sharply and electricity prices were flat. That helped to offset price increases for fuel oil and gasoline.

Food prices were flat in September following an increase of 0.1 per cent in August.

Excluding energy and food prices, which can

swing widely from month to month, the "core" consumer prices in the country rose by 0.3 per cent in September, up from a 0.1 per cent gain in August.

US consumer prices increased at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 0.6 per cent in the third quarter of this year following increases of 5.1 per cent and 4.8 per cent in the first and second quarters.

Analysts said the report suggests inflation remains no threat to the US economy.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two killed in small plane crash in US

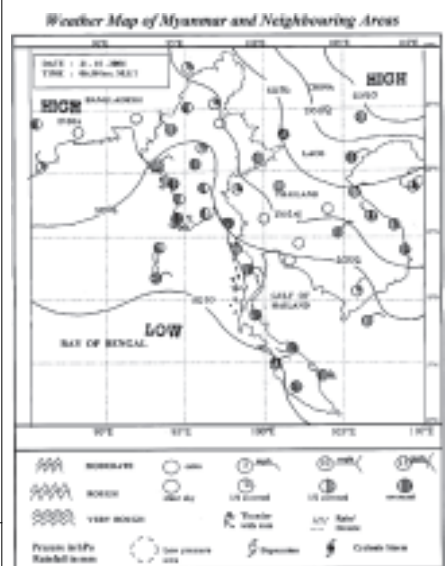
**WASHINGTON, 21 Oct**—A small plane crashed in Atlanta, capital of the southeastern US state of Georgia, on Tuesday killing the two people aboard, media reports said.

The twin-engine plane, which took off from a nearby airport, was heading for Florida, in a rainstorm when it went into a nosedive, clipping an auto-body shop and crashing in its parking lot. No one on the ground was injured.

The reports quoted a National Transportation Safety Board investigator as saying that the plane had sent out a distress signal but the cause of the accident was not immediately known.

The crash occurred in the city's historic Sweet Auburn neighbourhood.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

**Thursday, 21 October, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining states and divisions.

Maximum temperature on 20-10-2004 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 21-10-2004 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 21-10-2004 was 81%. Total sunshine hours on 20-10-2004 was (7.2) hours approx. Rainfall on 21-10-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and 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 7 mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 20-10-2004.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 22-10-2004:** Except for the possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Possibility of isolated light rain in the extreme southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-10-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-10-2004:** Generally fair weather.

TV Myanmar	
<b>Friday, October 22</b>	
<b>View on today:</b>	
<b>7:00 am</b>	<b>8:30 am</b>
1. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာ	9. International news
2. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာ	<b>8:45 am</b>
3. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာ	10. English for Everyday Use
4. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာ	<b>4:00 pm</b>
5. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာ	1. Martial song
6. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာ	<b>4:15 pm</b>
7. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာ	2. Song to uphold National Spirit
8. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာ	<b>4:30 pm</b>
9. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာ	3. Practice in Reading
10. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာ	<b>4:45 pm</b>
11. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာ	4. Musical Programme
12. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းစာ	<b>5:00 pm</b>
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Radio Myanmar	
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<b>8.30 am</b>	Brief news
<b>8.35 am</b>	Music: -Hit by love
<b>8.40 am</b>	Perspectives
<b>8.45 am</b>	Music: Banby I was made for you
<b>8.50 am</b>	National news/Slogan
<b>9.00 am</b>	Music: If you wanna party
<b>9.05 am</b>	International news
<b>9.10 am</b>	Music: -Better best forgotten
<b>1.30 pm</b>	News/Slogan
<b>1.40 pm</b>	Lunch time music -Beautiful
<b>9.00 pm</b>	The long and winding road
<b>9.15 pm</b>	World of Music
<b>9.25 pm</b>	Song from: Korean drama & Pops
<b>9.45 pm</b>	Article/Music
<b>10.00 pm</b>	Music at your request
	-Hello darling
	-Thank you for the music
	-Season in the sun
	News/Slogan
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Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min inspects the shop of Yadanamyay Trading Cooperative Ltd in Thingangyun Township on 20-10-2004. — COOPERATIVE

## L&F Minister inspects raising of ornamental fish

YANGON, 21 Oct — Accompanied by the deputy commander of Coastal Region Command, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on 18 October arrived on Mawtongyi Island in Kyunsu Township, Myeik District, and inspected breeding of ornamental fish of Pyi Phyto Tun Co employing cage system.

The minister and party next inspected chosen sites where sea fish

and prawn can be bred, the cold storage of Pyi Phyto Tun Co and breeding process, functions of the dried fish and prawn processing factory, the crab breeding camp and saw mill of the company. Managing Director of the company U Hla Than reported to the minister on breeding tasks and future work.

The minister gave necessary instructions.

MNA

## Model cooperative shops opened

YANGON, 21 Oct — Model Cooperative Shop of Yadanamyay Trading Cooperative Ltd in Thingangyun Township was opened yesterday morning and Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min inspected the shop.

Director-General of the Cooperative Department Col Soe Win, Chairman of Yangon Division Economic Cooperative Union U Ye Aung and Chairman of Yadanamyay Trading Cooperative Ltd U Than Maung formally opened the shop.

After the opening ceremony, U Ye Aung presented cash assistance

provided by Yangon Division Economic Cooperative Union for the model shop.

Later, model cooperative shop-2 of the Thakayta Township Trading Cooperative Ltd was also opened in Thakayta Township.

Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min inspected the shop and gave instructions.

Foodstuff, household goods, stationery and textiles are available at the model shops.

After the opening ceremonies, the minister went to Cooperative Bank (Head Office) and also inspected banking services. — MNA



Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspects 1,000-ton capacity cold storage of Pyi Phyto Tun Co in Kyunsu Township. — L&F

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



Maung Star Bo Htet and troupe of Yangon Division taking part in the basic education level (aged 15-20) dohbat contest. — MNA

YANGON, 21 Oct — The 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the eighth day by implementing the six objectives of the competitions at the designated places, here, today.

The song contest was held at the National Museum on Pyay Road, the dancing contest at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street, the song composing

of Music and Drama on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and the music contest at Padonma and Kanbawza Theatres.

Present on the occasions were members of the Panel of Patrons Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein of the State Peace and Development Council Office, officials of the Leading Committee, the Work Committee and sub-committees and fans.

At the National

Museum, Chairperson of the Panel of Judges Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya of Myanmar Radio and Television, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khaing and members supervised the song contest. A total of 13 contestants from States and Divisions participated in the amateur level (women's) classical song contest. Next, 14 girls and boys from States and Divisions took part in the basic education level

(aged 10-15) classical song contest. Tomorrow morning, the professional level (women's) religious song contest and the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' old/modern song contest will be held at the same venue.

The song composing contest continued at the State School of Music and Drama of the Fine Arts Department. The contestants practised singing of their songs to the accompaniment of musical instruments.

At Padonma Theatre on

Bagaya Road in Sangyoung Township, four dohbat troupes took part in the higher education level dohbat contest. Next, four contestants took part in the higher education level dohbat contest and five dohbat troupes participated in the basic education level (aged 15-10) dohbat contest. Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Ba Maw and party supervised the contest. On 22 October, the amateur level (women's) team orchestra contest, the higher education level

(women's) team orchestra contest and the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' team orchestra contest will be held.

At the National Theatre, leader of the (See page 9)

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Ma Yadana Lin of Bago Division participates in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' piano contest. — MNA