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## Message from Senior General Than Shwe on Fifty-ninth Anniversary of United Nations Day

YANGON, 23 Oct—The following is the message issued today from Senior General Than Shwe, the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar on the occasion of the Fifty-ninth Anniversary of the United Nations Day:

On this special occasion of the fifty-ninth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations, it is opportune to reaffirm our seriousness and collective commitments to the principles embodied in the Charter of the United Nations which is the most ambitious undertaking of humankind. The Charter defines the purposes to resolve disputes by peaceful means and to devise collective solutions to economic, social, cultural and humanitarian problems. It also encourages international behaviour in conformity with the principles of justice and international law.

The principles of the Charter are as relevant today as they ever were. To reinforce these principles, all Governments of the World adopted the Millennium Development Goals four years ago reaffirming the principles outlined in the Charter, spelling it out in concrete and specific terms relevant to our times, to deal with the new challenges. It is a blueprint for building a better world in the 21st century overwhelmingly characterized by globalization which is transforming our world beyond recognition. Such new challenges require a broader effort to create a shared future based upon our common humanity in all its diversity.

The developments that have taken place following the Millennium Summit indicate some signs of progress towards the goals. However, we still have a long way to go to meet the Declaration's goals. To achieve these goals,

sustained and united action is a prerequisite. The challenges that we are facing today can best be addressed by an integrated collective approach with a greater sense of shared global responsibility and the United Nations has increasingly become an indispensable tool in our collective endeavours to overcome these challenges. More clearly than ever, the United Nations represents the whole human family. Never has the human family needed the United Nations more than it does today.

The majority of the members of the United Nations are developing countries. For them, especially the small and the vulnerable, the United Nations is their hope and aspiration for a better and more equitable world based on shared responsibilities and commitments. They view the Organizations as an important forum for articulation of their position. They also expect it to be responsive to their concerns and needs. The United Nations must live up to their expectations. The success of international cooperation, and indeed of the United Nations system, will be determined by how well it responds to the interests and concerns of not only the developed but also the developing, and not only of the rich but, most urgently, of the poor.

There is no doubt that the United Nations is the best forum to confront global challenges, as well as for guaranteeing international peace and security and a better life for all. The *raison d'être* of the United Nations is the same as it was founded nearly six decades ago. Accordingly we should renew our commitments to the principles of the United Nations. Let us give a fresh momentum to the principles and purpose of the Charter on this solemn occasion marking the 59th anniversary of the United Nations.

MNA

## We should focus our attention on equitable development There can be no peace without sustainable development Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses ceremony to mark 59th Anniversary UN Day

YANGON, 23 Oct — The ceremony to mark the 59th Anniversary United Nations Day was held at Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road, here, at 6 pm today, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor, the deputy ministers, the vice-mayor and their wives, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Singaporean

Ambassador Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz and ambassadors, charges d'affaires of foreign missions, diplomats and UN Coordinator Mr Charles James Petrie, resident representatives of UN agencies, departmental heads, representatives of social organizations, local and foreign journalists and guests.

First, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address. He said:

It is an honour and a privilege to speak on this special occasion, marking the 59th anniversary of the founding of the United Nations which came into being nearly six decades ago. Since then, there have been rapidly growing trends towards multipolarization and economic

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the ceremony to mark 59th Anniversary United Nations Day.— MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Myanmar committed to materialization of Road Map to discipline-flourishing democratic nation

The Government has laid down and is implementing the seven-point future policy programme of the State (Road Map) for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

In the process, the Government has endeavoured to hold the National Convention, which is the cardinal point in the seven-step future political agenda called the Road Map, and it managed to successfully convene part of the crucial chapter of it from 17 March to 9 July 2004.

The work coordination meeting of the National Convention Convening Commission, the Work Committee and the Management Committee was held at Pyidaungsu Hall at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township on 22 October with an address by NCCC Chairman Secretary-1 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Addressing the meeting, Lt-Gen Thein Sein said with a view to seeing to the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the Government will continue to implement the agenda, step by step, without change.

He said the Government will continue to convene, without fail, the National Convention, which is the first step of the seven-point agenda, and also most important.

He added that Myanmar is an agricultural country. Such being the case, the National Convention includes among the delegates national races delegates, farmer delegates, worker delegates and other invited delegates, the majority of whom are farmers. As such, they are now engaged in agriculture. He said it had also been made known before that once the harvest is in, and the open season comes, the National Convention will continue. He reiterated that as had been said previously, the National Convention will resume with the coming of the open season.

With the approach of the National Convention, he urged the NCCC, the Work Committee and the Management Committee to make necessary preparations from now on and also to advise, discuss and submit what needs to be done committee-wise.

As the Government will continue to implement the seven-step political Road Map to discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the entire national people are to strive together with officials concerned for successful holding of the National Convention, the first step of the seven-point agenda.

### USDA CEC member inspects beautifying of Mayangon

YANGON, 23 Oct — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pathis morning inspected sanitation and beautifying tasks in Mayangon Township.

First, the CEC member inspected sanitation along both sides of Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in front of Youth

Training Centre of the Social Welfare Department in Mayangon Township being carried out by Mayangon Township USDA members.

Next, the CEC member met local authorities, social organizations and townsmen at the Mayangon Township USDA Office. He explained endeavours of the government for development of the State, future policies and rural development tasks. — 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

### Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004 continues

YANGON, 23 Oct — Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Forestry, the Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004 continued for the second day at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road today. Entrepreneurs at home and from abroad and diplomats visited the fair. A total of 41 wood-based production companies displayed their products at 154 booths at the fair. The fair will be kept open for departments and entrepreneurs on 24 October and for public on 25 and 26 October from 10 am to 5 pm daily. — MNA



The booth of MET Co-op Ltd being displayed at Myanmar Furniture Fair 2004. — UMFCFI

### Myanmar Wushu contingent bags 13 gold, 11 silver and two bronze

YANGON, 23 Oct — The 12-member victorious Myanmar Wushu contingent led by President of Myanmar Wushu Federation U Khin Maung Lay, together with Manager U Tun Myint and Coach Mr Xu Zhou, which participated in the First World Traditional Wushu Meet held in the People's Republic of China from 18 to 20 October, arrived back here yesterday evening.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Sports, members of Board of Leading Patrons of Myanmar Women's



Victorious Wushu athletes being warmly welcomed back at Yangon International Airport on 22 October evening. — NLM

Sports Federation, officials of Myanmar Wushu Federation and their families.

Over 2,700 athletes from 62 countries took part in the meet in which 12 Myanmar athletes won

13 gold, 11 silver and two bronze totaling 26 medals.

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### Bagan Open Golf C'ship continues for third day

YANGON, 23 Oct — The Bagan Open Golf Championship of the Myanmar Golf Tour 2004, organized by Myanmar Professional Golfers' Association and Myanmar Golf Federation, continued at Bagan Golf Course in Bagan-Nyaung U Township, this morning.

Min Naing (Srixon) got opportunity to secure champion in the golf tour after firing 203 strokes, 13 under par on the third round in the professional golfers division. Former champion Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) put his position behind the leader with 210 strokes, followed by Aung Win (YCDC), Than Naing (Wilson) and Myint Swe sharing the third place with 215 each.

In the amateur golf-

ers division, Thein Zaw Myint led the tour with 218 strokes. His runners-up were Naing Naing Lin with 220 and Than Zaw with 222.

The Bagan Open Golf Championship is be-

ing 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 fourth and final round of the tour continues tomorrow.

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

# Five US soldiers wounded in car bombing in northern Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 22 Oct —** Five US soldiers were wounded in a car bombing near a US armoured vehicle in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Friday, a US military spokesman said.

The attack occurred as the vehicle was returning to a US military base after operations near Mosul, the spokesman said. The spokesman denied that the US soldiers had entered a mosque in the city, saying that the Iraqi National Guards came under rocket and mortar fire as they arrested suspected car bomb makers who were praying at the mosque.

Earlier, witnesses said that a shooting broke out as US soldiers and members of the Iraqi National Guards tried to enter a mosque in Mosul, some 400 km north of Baghdad.

US and Iraqi forces have stepped up pressure on rebels ahead of the general elections scheduled for January. —Internet



*Iraqi police secure the area after a car bomb exploded in Mosul, northern Iraq on 22 Oct, 2004 near an American armoured vehicle, wounding five US soldiers, the military said. The blast hit the Stryker vehicle as it returned to a coalition base after operations near Mosul. —INTERNET*

## US facing 20,000 guerillas in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 23 Oct —** American officials are drawing an alarming new portrait of the insurgency in Iraq, showing it has significantly more fighters and far greater financial resources than had previously been estimated.

The New York Times reported yesterday that when foreign fighters and the network of Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi were counted with home-grown armed groups, the hard-core resistance numbered between 8000 and 12,000 people. That tally swelled to more than 20,000 when active sympathisers or covert accomplices were included.

The report came as British Prime Minister Tony Blair agreed to send 850 soldiers from the relatively peaceful south of Iraq to a volatile area near Baghdad, freeing US troops to step up attacks on guerillas strongholds west of the capital, including the city of Fallujah, thought to be a Zarqawi stronghold.

The move is part of a coalition effort to bring order to Iraq before elections in January, although critics of the plan say it is politically timed

to give a boost to George W Bush ahead of the US presidential election next month.

Britain has about 8500 troops in the south, mostly around Basra, compared with almost 140,000 US troops in the centre and north.

The New York Times's estimate of the guerillas strength contrasted sharply with earlier intelligence reports, in which the number of guerillas varied from 2000 to a maximum of 7000, according to the newspaper. —Internet

## One third of old Vietnamese women suffer from osteoporosis

**HANOI, 22 Oct —** One third of Vietnamese women aged over 60 have osteoporosis a bone-weakening disease, according to the Vietnam Nutrition Institute on Thursday.

Around 1.4 million local elderly women suffer from osteoporosis and the number of sufferers tends to increase the institute said noting that the disease is mainly caused by genetic factors and lifestyle ones such as diets (the intake of calcium, Vitamin D and protein in particular), physical activity, smoking and drinking.

According to the International Osteoporosis Foundation, osteoporosis affects one in three women and one in five men over the age of 50 around the world. Osteoporosis is a disease in which the density and quality of bone are reduced leading to weakness of the skeleton and increased risk of fracture particularly of the spine, wrist, hip, pelvis and upper arm.

MNA/Xinhua

## Red Cross sends relief materials to quake-hit Yunnan

**KUNMING, 22 Oct —** The Yunnan Red Cross Society has sent 210,000 yuanworth relief materials to the earthquake-hit Baoshan city of southwest China's Yunnan Province, sources with the society said Thursday. Food, medicine, clothes and other relief materials have arrived in the city.

The earthquake measuring 5.0 on the Richter Scale jolted Baoshan City Tuesday morning, leaving 12 people injured. —MNA/Xinhua

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## 1,104 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq War

**WASHINGTON, 22 Oct —** As of Friday, 22 Oct, 2004, at least 1,104 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 844 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is three higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at Friday 10 am EDT. The British military has reported 67 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; the Netherlands, two; and Denmark, El

Salvador, Estonia, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 966 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 735 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest identification reported by the military:

Marine Sgt Douglas E Bascom, 25, Colorado Springs, Colo; killed Wednesday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Internet



*Residents of al-Garmat town, outside Fallujah, protest in a demonstration demanding the release of two Iraqi women arrested by US forces in an overnight raid in Fallujah, on 22 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET*

## China to launch first space solar telescope in 2008

**BEIJING, 23 Oct —** China plans to launch the world's largest and most advanced space solar telescope (SST) into an orbit circling the Earth in 2008, the state's leading astronomer said here Friday.

Via this telescope, said Ai Guoxiang, who heads the National Astronomical Observatories, Chinese scientists could engage in the study of one of the most difficult global scientific enigma, or the research on solar physical frontiers.

The SST, with a calibre of one metre, will be carried into the 735-kilometres-high Earth synchronous orbit, Ai, also academician of the Chinese Academy of

Sciences (CAS), said in an exclusive interview with Xinhua.

The SST will be used to study the solar magnetic field, fine structures of the sun surface, the energy accumulation and release of solar flares and sun-Earth interaction, Ai said.

The solar magnetic

field, which dominates solar activities, is very hard to be measured. *British Journal of Physics* listed observation of the solar magnetic field among the four most difficult physical issues of the 21st Century, together with quanta gravitation, fusion-related energy and pyro- super-conductivity.

MNA/Xinhua

**Donate blood**

# US-backed Iraq government losing support

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct — Support among Iraqis for the US-appointed government in Baghdad has plunged since it was installed this summer, a US survey released on Friday said.

The survey brought unwelcome news for the Bush administration as it fights to build stability before elections in January. It also indicated that Iraqis are most strongly influenced by their religious, rather than secular, leaders.

The survey, carried out at the end of September, showed popular support

for interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi dropped more than 20 percentage points since July. Washington formally handed sovereignty to Iraq at the end of June.

Just over 45 percent of those surveyed said Allawi had been effective since taking office in June, down from over 66 percent in July, and support

for his government plummeted from 62 percent to 43 percent over the same period.

The survey was carried out by the International Republican Institute, a government-funded body that promotes democracy around the world and which is helping oversee efforts to build political parties in Iraq.

It found religious leaders carry more political weight than tribal leaders, the government or political parties with potential Iraqi voters.

The *Washington Post*, reporting figures not publicly released by the institute, said the survey also found that the most popular politician in Iraq was Abdel Aziz Hakim, leader of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq.

Fifty-one percent said they want him in the national assembly, which will pick a new government.

Allawi was second, with 47 percent of Iraqis supporting him for a seat in the new parliament if elections were held now, and rebel Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr was a close third, with 46 percent, the newspaper said. An institute spokesman would not confirm the *Post* figures.

Internet



An Iraqi man inspects the damage at the building in the centre of Baghdad, Iraq, on 22 Oct, 2004, after at least 2 mortar rounds hit the place. According to local police, nobody was injured in the attack. —INTERNET

## CIA withdraws claim Danish company sold Iraq WMD material

COPENHAGEN, 22 Oct — The US Central Intelligence Agency has withdrawn its claim that a Danish company sold equipment to Iraq that could be used to make weapons of mass destruction, Denmark's foreign ministry said on Friday.

The CIA has posted a message on its website explaining that the allegation against the Danish company Niro was based on incorrect information, and it has therefore withdrawn its claim, the ministry added.

The CIA report, entitled "Possible Breaches of UN Sanctions by Danish Companies", said Niro sold equipment to Iraq in 2001 that could be used to make biological weapons, in violation of a United Nations embargo against Iraq.

The Danish government had investigated the claim and, when its probe turned up nothing, asked the US authorities on Thursday for an explanation.

"I'm pleased that the CIA has now withdrawn its allegation on its website. Niro is no longer accused of having

violated the UN sanctions against Iraq," Danish Foreign Minister Per Stig Moeller said in the statement.

The statement on the CIA website reads: "The report implies that Iraq procured the spray dryers with precise atomizer

nozzles from Danish company Niro Atomizer Inc in 2001. That is incorrect. In fact, the spray dryers and nozzles were procured in the late 1980s, well before UN sanctions were in place on such equipment."

Internet

## India to lease N-submarine from Russia

Moscow, 22 Oct — India is to lease a multi-role nuclear submarine from Russia for 10 years under a deal signed earlier this year, according to the defence industry sources. "The two nations have inked the deal for the 10-year lease of the submarine of project 971 (NATO name *Akula-II*)," *ITAR-TASS* reported, quoting unnamed defence industry sources.

The *Akula-II* class third generation nuclear powered submarine was inducted by the Soviet Navy in 1984 and is said to be superior to the deadly US Los Angeles-class nuclear submarines. According to *ITAR-TASS*, a similar N-submarine *Vepr* (Boar), built in 1996, recently took part in the first ever war games with France. The submarine to be leased by India is a Project 971 *Nerpa* (Sea Seal) nuclear submarine, which is being constructed at the Amur ship building facility, Komsomolsk-on-Amur town right across the Chinese border. — MNA/PTI

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## British hostage begs Blair to call off Iraq redeployment

DOHA, 22 Oct — British aid worker Margaret Hassan, kidnapped in Iraq, begged Prime Minister Tony Blair to save her life by calling off the planned redeployment of British troops close to Baghdad, in a video broadcast by Al-Jazeera.

"Please help me, please help me, these might be my last hours," a sobbing Hassan said on the tape, heard in English. "I will die like Mr (Kenneth) Bigley", the British hostage executed in Iraq earlier this month.

"Ask Mr Blair to pull the (British) forces out of Iraq and not to bring them to Baghdad," she said, in other comments which were only audible through an Arabic voice-over.

Her plea came one day after Britain agreed to an unprecedented US request to redeploy 850 troops to the Babil province south and southwest of Baghdad, freeing up US soldiers for an expected assault on the guerilla stronghold of Fallujah.

The soldiers from the Black Watch Battalion had been stationed in the south of Iraq, a relatively calm region compared to the rebel heartlands near Baghdad.

"Please help me, O Britons," said Hassan, a dual British and Irish national who married an Iraqi and has lived in Iraq for 30 years. She was kidnapped on her way to work Tuesday.

The international relief agency CARE, of which Hassan is local director, announced it was suspending operations in Iraq after her abduction.

Internet

## Paris optimistic about hostages' chance of release

PARIS, 22 Oct — French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier declared Wednesday that Paris has the feeling that the release of the two French hostages and their Syrian driver remains possible.

"The Prime Minister (Jean-Pierre Raffarin) informed all political leaders of the efforts that we continue to make in Baghdad, in the region and even here in Paris, with the feeling that the liberation of Christian Chesnot, Georges Malbrunot and their Syrian driver remains possible," he said after the 6th meeting on the hostages' fate at the Prime Minister's Matignon Palace. "We are continuing efforts ... with patience, tenacity and discretion. I'd like to remind that these are necessary conditions

for our compatriots' safety," he said.

Christian Chesnot, of Radio France International, and Georges Malbrunot, of *Le Figaro* newspaper, were kidnapped in south Baghdad on 20 August with their Syrian driver, Mohammed al-Jundi, by a group calling itself "Islamic Army of Iraq".

Prime Minister Raffarin said last Wednesday that according to recent news, the two French hostages were "alive" and that some "indirect contacts" were ongoing with the kidnappers. — MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi men inspect the debris of a destroyed house after a US airstrike overnight in Fallujah, west of Baghdad, Iraq, on early morning, 22 Oct, 2004. INTERNET

## Attention should be given to increasing deaths of Iraqis

BEIJING, 22 Oct — Equal attention should be given to the increasing deaths of innocent Iraqi people in the US-led war in the country while each and every US casualty was counted, said China's English-language newspaper *China Daily* on Thursday.

"Both Iraqi and US lives are innocent," the newspaper pointed out.

In single week from 11 to 17 October an estimated 208 Iraqis were killed in war-related incidents, it quotes the result of a tally by the *New York Times* as saying.

Still, the paper noted, "the tally remained imprecise and it gives no rough account of Iraqi lives lost during and after the war of 'liberation'."

The deaths of Iraqis, particularly those of civilians, have become a sensitive topic and the US Health Ministry, which had routinely provided casualty figures to journalists, stopped the service early this month, it said.

"The figures are an embarrassment to the US Government as well as to the

Americans," it noted.

It is hardly possible to work out a precise figure for the overall civilian deaths in Iraq since the war was launched in March 2003. However, estimates by researchers in independent surveys had placed the figure at around 10,000 to 15,000. "Surveyors' warnings, preliminary reports from hospitals, morgues, mosques and homes point to a level of civilian casualties far exceeding the Gulf War," said the paper.

The US and British military officials insisted they had done what they could to avoid civilian casualties, but that could hardly justify the bombs going astray and targets chosen in error, it added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Hearing opens for US soldier charged with murder in Iraq

BAGHDAD (Iraq), 22 Oct — A military hearing began on Thursday to determine whether an American soldier should face court martial for killing a severely wounded Iraqi to put him "out of his misery," the US command said.

Staff Sergeant Jonathan Alban of C Company, 1st Battalion, 41st Infantry Regiment, and another soldier in his company, Staff Sergeant Johnny Horne Jr, are accused of conspiracy to commit murder. Alban's case is the first to be heard, according to a statement.

Eleven witnesses testified during the day-long session, known as an Article 32 hearing, which is the military equivalent of a grand jury hearing. The investigating officer will make recommendations to the US command as to whether there is enough evidence to try the soldier for one count of premeditated murder and one count of conspiracy to commit murder.

If tried and convicted, Alban could face a minimum of life imprisonment or the death penalty.

Alban was part of a group of soldiers who saw a group of Iraqi men placing homemade bombs along a road in the Sadr City area of Baghdad on the evening of 17 August. The soldiers engaged the men with small arms fire. Other soldiers from the same battalion arrived on the scene to find a burning truck and casualties around it.

According to the witness accounts, the soldiers attempted to rescue an Iraqi casualty from inside the truck. The victim had severe abdominal wounds, burns, and was thought by several of the witnesses to

be beyond medical help.

The criminal investigator said that Alban, his platoon leader and another staff sergeant allegedly decided that "the best course of action was to put [the victim] out of his misery". Eyewitnesses said that they saw Alban fired multiple rounds into the victim with a rifle, according to the statement.

Two other soldiers from the same unit — Sergeant Michael Williams and Special Brent May — are being charged in the deaths of three Iraqis in a different incident. The unit, based at Fort Riley, Kansas, is temporarily serving with the 1st Cavalry while in Iraq.

MNA/AP



Masked gunmen take up position in Buhriz, outside Baqouba, 60 km northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, during a battle with US troops, on Friday, 22 Oct, 2004.

INTERNET

## US sergeant sentenced to eight years for abusing detainees

BAGHDAD, 22 Oct — US Staff Sergeant Ivan Frederick was sentenced to eight years in prison on Thursday for sexually and physically abusing detainees at the Abu Ghraib jail in Baghdad.

Judge Colonel James Pohl also sentenced Frederick, 38, to a reduction in rank to Private, to forfeiture of pay and a dishonourable discharge from the Army.

Frederick's lawyer Gary Myers called the sentence "excessive" and said he intended to appeal.

"We will seek to try to achieve a sentence reduction," he said.

Frederick, the most senior enlisted man charged in the Abu Ghraib scandal, had pleaded guilty to five charges of abusing detainees at the

facility in October and November last year.

He also punched one prisoner so hard in the chest that he needed resuscitation.

Major Michael Holley, the military prosecutor, told the court it was a simple case of right and wrong.

"He's an adult and capable of telling, as we learned, the difference between right and wrong," he said of Frederick.

Myers said that while Frederick was right to be punished, a degree of responsibility had to be borne by the military

establishment.

"Punish him, yes. But please try to understand the defence's point of view that there is corporate responsibility," Myers said. "We discovered that (Frederick) has no abhorrent tendencies."

Frederick is the third US soldier to be convicted for his part in the Abu Ghraib abuse scandal. Five soldiers are still due to face courts martial.

Judge Pohl originally sentenced Frederick to 10 years imprisonment, but reduced it to eight years because of a plea bargain.

MNA/Reuters

## US to provide transportation for enlarged mission in Sudan

UNITED NATIONS, 22 Oct — The United States offered two military transport aircraft to support a portion of the deployment of the expanded African Union (AU) mission in Sudan, the US mission to the UN said Wednesday in a statement.

"The President has directed the Secretary of Defence to make available two military transport aircraft for two weeks starting near the end of October," it said. "Secretary of State Powell is in close contact with our international partners to encourage their support for this African Union initiative," it added.

As an enlarged AU mission, the first 1,000 additional troops are expected to come from Rwanda and Nigeria, according to the US mission.

It added that the immediate task of the expanded AU mission "is to intensify monitoring of the ceasefire and help create conditions to increase the free flow of humanitarian assistance to the people of Darfur".

The US called upon the Sudanese Government and the Darfur rebels to adhere to the ceasefire, "to allow for the free movement of humanitarian workers and relief supplies and to work in good faith toward a negotiated settlement", said the statement. —MNA/Xinhua

## ADF approves funds for constructing Isaka-Kigali railway

TUNIS, 22 Oct — The African Development Fund (ADF) on Wednesday approved the funding of about 2.4 million US dollars for a feasibility study on constructing the Isaka (Tanzania)-Kigali (Rwanda) railway.

The construction of the railway will contribute to the creation of a transport community programme to promote re-

gional economic integration, said an ADF Press release.

The railway will open up and ensure the development of a vast area covering not only Rwanda and the regions of Shinyanga and Kagera in Tanzania but also Burundi and the eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, according to the release. —MNA/Xinhua



US Army troops stand guard near a building during a raid in the northern Iraq city of Mosul on 22 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

## US welcomes forthcoming international conf on Iraq

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct — The US Government on Wednesday welcomed the proposal to hold an expanded regional conference on Iraq, saying it will secure international support for peace and stability in Iraq.

"We applaud the Iraqi Government and the Egyptian Government's initiative in diplomatic efforts to make the arrangements for this conference," State Department Spokesman Richard Boucher said at a regular news briefing.

"We thank the Egyptian Government for its willingness to host this conference and the broader role that it plays in supporting regional stability," Boucher said.

The conference, scheduled to be held in Egypt's Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh on 22-23 November, is expected to be held at the ministerial level.

Representatives of the interim Iraqi Government, Iraq's neighbouring countries, as well as the Group of

Eight industrialized countries, the Organization of the Islamic Conference, the Arab League and possibly the European Union are expected to participate in the gathering.

US Assistant Secretary of State William Burns, who is visiting Egypt, said that the conference will focus on stabilizing war-torn Iraq.

"This is an opportunity to help Iraqis and the Iraqi Government to help organize and secure a political process in Iraq," Burns told reporters after meeting with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak.

US Secretary of State Colin Powell looks forward to going to the conference, according to Boucher.

MNA/Xinhua

## Violence continues in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 Oct — The US military said it launched four airstrikes Wednesday on targets used by followers of Islamic extremist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

It also denied reports that the strikes damaged a school and a house in which six civilians were killed.

An Iraqi child was killed and 11 US soldiers and their Iraqi interpreter were wounded when a pair of car bombs exploded north of Baghdad on Wednesday, the US mili-

tary said.

The attack, which took place at 3.42 pm local time (1242 GMT) in the northern city of Samarra, was under investigation and the wounded soldiers were transferred for treatment, said the military without giving further details.

Also in Baghdad, Mazen al-Samarai, a lead-

ing member of Iraqi Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi's Iraqi National (INA), was shot dead outside his home on Wednesday, said the INA.

Two Egyptian engineers, who were abducted last month, were released Wednesday, said an official of the engineers' company. —MNA/AP

## US removes Iraq from terrorist blacklist

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct — The United States on Wednesday announced to remove Iraq from the State Department's blacklist of "state sponsors of terrorism", thus having put an end to a 14-year-old determination that carried sanctions.

"I hereby rescind the determination of September 13, 1990 that Iraq is a country which has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism," Powell said in a notice published in the Federal Register.

Powell said that this is an important symbolic act for Iraq's interim leaders although the move would have little practical effect as most all of Washington's terrorism penalties on Iraq were suspended last year.

The Iraqi Interim Government headed by Prime Minister Iyad Allawi took the power of Iraq after the US-led

coalition troops handed over the sovereignty to Iraqis on 28 June.

"This action is a further step to cement the partnership of the United States and Iraq in combating acts of international terrorism and is an act of symbolic importance to the new Iraqi Government," Powell said.

The removal of Iraq from terrorist blacklist came one month after US President George W Bush ordered Powell to do so. For now, six nations remain on the State Department's list of "state sponsors of terrorism". They are Cuba, Libya, Iran, North Korea, Sudan and Syria. —MNA/Xinhua

## Fiji to provide security for UN officials in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 22 Oct — Fiji has agreed to provide a protective security detail for senior UN officials in Iraq, a UN spokesperson said recently.

UN Spokeswoman Marie Okabe told a Press briefing in New York that the government has also agreed to provide a guard unit for UN facilities in Baghdad.

"In addition, Australia has confirmed that it will provide most of the equipment to the Fijians," she said.

Voicing gratitude to the two governments for their "critical" contribution, Okabe said this would "make it possible for the UN to consider expanding its activities in Iraq, as circumstances permit".

Meanwhile, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's Special Representative, Ashraf Jehangir Qazi, held a series of meetings in Baghdad with representatives of Iraqi civil society, diplomats and others on means to advance the political process and the role the UN can play in promoting national dialogue, the spokesperson said. — MNA/Xinhua

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A masked Iraqi security guard searches an Iraqi man in Sadr City, Baghdad, on 22 Oct, 2004.

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## Thailand raises interest rates under inflationary pressure

BANGKOK, 22 Oct — Under the pressure of rising inflation, Thailand on Wednesday raised short-term interest rates for the second time by 0.25 points, local Press reported on Thursday.

The decision made by the Bank of Thailand raises the 14-day bond repurchase rate to 1.75 per cent from 1.5 per cent.

The central bank's monetary policy committee in August also raised the same rate by 0.25 points, a first hike in three years.

"The risk of the inflation is higher than we had previously estimated. With the trend of rising inflation, economic stability is at risk," Atchana Waquamdee, an assistant governor for the central bank was quoted by Bangkok Post as saying.

She also noted that climbing global oil prices have pushed up commodity prices and it's necessary to seek for a higher-rate policy so as to main-

tain economic stability.

Having hiked oil prices for seven-time and spending 42 billion baht (1.05 billion US dollars) on gas subsidy, the Thai Government on Wednesday decided to lift cap price for retailing petroleum but still subsidize diesel so as to keep production cost at a relatively low level.

Thailand's headline inflation rose 3.6 per cent in September from the year before, with core inflation, which excludes food and energy prices, up 0.6 per cent, according to statistics supplied by Bank of Thailand.

The central bank has a target of keeping core inflation within a range of 0-3.5 per cent over the next eight quarters.

MNA/Xinhua

## Greece increases inspections in cotton sector

ATHENS, 22 Oct — Greek Agricultural Development and Foods Deputy Minister Alexandros Kontos on Wednesday announced that ministry agencies would intensify their inspections in cotton ginning units around the country in a bid to protect cotton production and to boost transparency in EU subsidies to the sector.

Cotton is a vital factor to the country's farm sector. With capital inflows totalling 600 million euros it is a significant part of total inflows in Greece.

A ministry announce-

ment said the inspections would determine the subsidy amount to be offered to Greece and stressed that the ministry has taken measures to simplify bureaucratic procedures in

cotton delivery to ginning units.

The ministry said it has asked for the help of a financial crimes squad in its inspections

MNA/Xinhua



A damaged Danish four-wheel army vehicle is pulled away from the scene of a roadside bomb attack in Basra, southern Iraq on 22 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

# Honouring the 59th Anniversary of the United Nations Day

*Moe Htet Myint (Delta Region)*

The 59th Anniversary of the United Nations falls on 24 October 2004. The world had suffered two frightening wars: the First World War and the Second World War. In a bid to prevent the recurrence of such world wars, world leaders established the United Nations after making coordination.

Representatives of the Soviet Union, the United Kingdom, the United States of America and the People's Republic of China held talks and drew up the first blueprint for the formation of the United Nations at Dumbarton Oaks, Washington DC, the United States of America, from 21 September to 7 October 1944, when World War II was going on.

Representatives from 50 countries met in San Francisco, the United States of America, and held a conference from 26 April to 26 June 1945. They formulated a charter that encompassed 111 Articles and ratified it on 26 June 1945. Later on, it was on 24 October 1945 that the birth of the United Nations was officially announced to the world.

In the message sent by Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, to the 58th Anniversary of the United Nations Day, it was stated:

"The leaders of the nations of the world greeted the arrival of the new millennium with the adoption of the United Nations Millennium Declaration. This important document embodies a large number of specific commitments aimed at improving the lot of humanity in the new century. Among the areas on which commitments have been made, peace and security are priorities. The turn of the millennium has brought new challenges in the field of peace and security.

"Myanmar, as a member of the World Organization, believes that it is important to realize the commitments made in the Millennium Declaration in comprehensive, integrated, coordinated and balanced manner at the national, regional and international levels.

"We in Myanmar join with other Member States in reaffirming our commitment to purpose and principles of the Charter of the United Nations and pledge our fullest support for and cooperation with the Organization in its efforts to create a world at peace and development."

In acknowledgement of and in agreement with the message sent by the Head of State, the 59th Anniversary of the United Nations Day is hailed.

The United Nations is an organization that mainly represents the entire mankind and will continue to be

a ray of hope for all of them. Nowadays, the role of the United Nations in maintenance of international peace and stability as well as in promotion of international cooperation and prosperity has become more vital than ever before.

The United Nations was born with these aims: to eliminate the scourge of war, to maintain peace which is justice and is in conformity with the international law, and to respect the principles of equal rights.

Since its birth, the UN has spared no effort to successfully realize the aims set in the interests of the peoples. As a result, the Organization has now made tangible achievements in numerous areas.

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The 58th Anniversary of the United Nations Day was celebrated at Thabin Hall, Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road, Yangon, at 6 pm on 24 October 2003. Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win (Now Prime Minister of the State) attended the ceremony and delivered an address.

In his speech, he said: "The United Nations was born fifty eight years ago today. It was established in the aftermath of the terrible tragedy that was the Second World War. The United Nations Charter states that the UN was established to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war.

Its purposes were defined as maintaining international law which enshrines equality of Member States, respect for sovereignty and non-interference in international affairs among others.

The United Nations started in 1945 with a membership of 51 States. Today, the United Nations has 191 Member States. Indeed there is no other international organization which is more universal, which represents the whole human family as the United Nations does.

"Myanmar remains firmly committed to the purposes and principles contained in the United Nations Charter. We sincerely believe that the United Nations contributes to the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of the

development of Member States.

"It is within our capacity to make the world a better place to live in—a world of peace, prosperity and free from conflicts. We need to renew our dedication to the Charter of our world body. Myanmar hopes that the United Nations and its agencies will continue to support our efforts for the well-being and development of the people of Myanmar."

Just as the United Nations succeeded in creating opportunities to serve the welfare of the mankind in a span of more than half a century, it was faced with challenges.

When compared, the condition of the today's world is far more different and complicate than that of the year 1945, when the United Nations was born. The role of the United Nations will remain a body in which matters relating to international affairs crucial for international relations are dealt with.

The efforts the member countries make also contribute to the success of the United Nations. The formation of the Organization was aimed at interrelations among nations.

Today, the world we live in is in the process of globalization. The world's latest technology revolution gave birth to information technology (IT), and then the IT revolution brought with it a globalization process. The opportunities and challenges stemming from the globalization process attach greater importance to the major role of the UN more effective and important.

The Organization will remain a ray of hope for the entire peoples of the world. In this time of age, the maintenance of international peace and stability and the promotion of international cooperation and development have added weight to the role the UN has to play more than ever before. The UN plays a major role in bridging the peace sector and the development sector. It is economic boost that can guarantee a success in the drive for the restoration of world peace and security. Without development, peace will not last long.

Six principal organs of the United Nations are: General Assembly, Security Council, Trusteeship Council, Economic and Social Council, International Court of Justice, and Secretariat.

International issues, economic issues, social issues and so on are solved out in accord with the UN Charter and organizational principles.

World leaders ushered in the advent of new millennium by revitalizing their trust and vow placed in the UN.

They also expressed their prime goals in their millennium statements, which included such issues as international peace, security, disarmament, development, poverty eradication, environmental conservation, protection of the weak, and the perpetual existence of the UN.

The world leaders made vows taking into consideration the basic needs of the mankind: alleviation of poverty, supply of safe water, and control of infectious diseases.

Arrangements have been made to fulfil the needs of the mankind by 2005.

If every nation makes concerted efforts greater than ever before, the Millennium Vision can be realized successfully.

As a member nation of the UN, Myanmar is making continued efforts to realize the Millennium Vision of the UN while holding in high esteem the purposes and principles embedded in the UN Charter.

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## Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil

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

## We should focus our attention on...

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globalization which has been made possible by the progressive dismantling of barriers to trade and capital mobility. In spite of these positive trends and of common endeavour for peace and prosperity in the century gone by, the world is still not free from conflicts and miseries.

The century we left behind was littered with many



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win reads the message to mark 59th Anniversary UN Day sent by Senior General Than Shwe.—MNA

turning points in the history of humanity. There were certain moments in which the United Nations managed to prevent major conflicts. Those were the powerful demonstrations of what could be achieved through a multilateral approach to conflict management. Yet there were a few other areas where solution remained elusive.

The Millennium Summit, commemorating the turn of a new century, gave an opportunity to address the role of the United Nations in the 21st century. That extraordinary gathering of leaders from all over the world reflected in the rapidly changing world, discussed the emerging challenges facing us, and collectively sought lasting solutions to them. They decided on the parameters of our collective vision for the 21st century. On that

solemn occasion, the vision of the international community rededicated itself to the vision of the United Nations Charter and to the strengthening of the Organization.

The unique role of the United Nations in the new globalization era derived from the shared values embodied in the Charter. The emergence of a global economy provides benefits like faster growth, higher living standards, and new possibilities in science and technology. However, there still exists a huge gap between the developed and the developing countries. Accordingly, we should focus our attention on equitable development, by ensuring that development is not the preserve of a few.

Globalization is supposed to generate economic equality among all nations through free flow of goods, services and capitals. It provides us with vast opportunities, but currently its benefits are unevenly distributed while its costs are borne by all. Globalization should be a positive force for all the world's people. The United



UN Coordinator Mr Charles James Petrie reads the message sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan.—MNA

Nations, should play a leadership role in helping the poorer nations develop the capacity to cope with the new challenges and to profit from globalization and the knowledge revolution.

The purpose and principles of the United Nations, a legitimate expression of the collective will of the peoples of the world, must remain relevant to all. The maintenance of world peace is a pressing global issue

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facing the United Nations. It is the necessary precondition for the promotion of common development, which in turn serves as guarantee for the maintenance of world peace. There can be no peace without sustainable development and no development without lasting peace. They go hand in hand in all parts of the world. International peace cannot be divorced from the need for equal and legitimate security for all.

At the dawn of a new century, we are faced with various issues, apart from that of peace and security, such as poverty, infectious diseases, crime and environmental degradation that threaten the existence and dignity of each and every person. The United Nations must continue to be on the vanguard of the global efforts towards the emancipation of all of humankind from these ills.

In connection, I would like to take this opportunities to reaffirm our seriousness and commitment to the purposes and principles of the Charter of the United Nations, which have provided timeless and universal. We should reinforce, on this special occasion, the political will and momentum of the Millennium Summit in order to translate the commitments into concrete action. Next, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win read out the message to mark the 59th Anniversary UN Day sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe. (The message of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe is reported separately.)

Afterwards, UN Coordinator Mr Charles James Petrie read out the message sent by UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan. (The message of UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan is reported separately.)

Later, artists of the Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture presented traditional dances to the audience.—MNA

## Annual general meeting of Pyapon District USDA held

YANGON, 23 Oct—Pyapon District Union Solidarity and Development Association held its annual general meeting at Thiri Annawa Hall in Pyapon this morning. Present were CEC member of USDA Minister Col Thein Nyunt, departmental officials, Secretary of Ayeyawady Division USDA U Than Tun, members of District USDA, wellwishers, outstanding students, and USDA members.

CEC member Col Thein Nyunt delivered an opening address. He called on USDA members at different levels to realized the five aims of the association, to actively take part in the Three Major Projects—border area development project, rural development project and 24 special development zone project and imple-

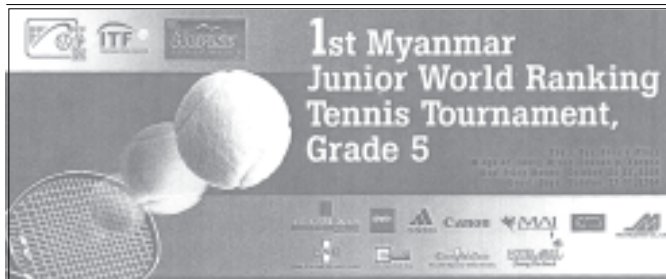
mentation of seven-point future policy programme. CEC member Col Thein Nyunt and officials presented prizes to outstanding students. Next, wellwishers presented K 550,000 to Secretary of Pyapon District USDA U Aye Kyaing. Secretary U Aye Kyaing submitted the report of District USDA. The meeting ended in the evening.—MNA

## More tennis players arrive

YANGON, 23 Oct—More tennis players from Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Australia and China (Taipei) to take part in the 1st Myanmar Junior World Ranking

Tennis Tournament Grade-5 to be organized by the Ministry of Sports and the Myanmar Tennis Federation arrived here by air this morning and afternoon.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Sports and the Myanmar Tennis Federation.—MNA



## Education Minister inspects sanitation at basic education schools

YANGON, 23 Oct—In 2004-2005 academic year, October 23 in 2004 has been designated as School Sanitation Day. Students of basic education schools in the entire nation under the supervision of respective teachers and school heads carried out sanitation tasks at school buildings, classrooms, toilets, roads and

parks today. Minister for Education U Than Aung, together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and officials, inspected sanitation tasks at Dagon Basic education High School No 3.

Next, the minister inspected sanitation at Thingangyun BEHS No 1 and its environs.—MNA



Lt-Col Tin Kyaing speaks at the coordination meeting of the Performing Arts Competitions Work Committee, sub-committees and team managers of States and Divisions.—MNA

## Work Committee, sub-committees, team managers meet

YANGON, 23 Oct—The Work Committee for Organizing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, sub-committee members and

team managers of States and Divisions held the coordination meeting at No 1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung) this evening. On behalf of the work committee, member

of the Security and Discipline Enforcement Committee Lt-Col Tin Kyaing gave a speech. Next followed a general round of discussions.

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## Bago Division (East) USDA holds annual meeting

YANGON, 23 Oct — Bago Division (East) Union Solidarity and Development Association held its annual meeting at Khabaung Hall in Toungoo on 22 October afternoon.

Present were Patron of Bago Division USDA Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, CEC member Maj-Gen Aung Min, secretaries and executives of Division, District and Township

USDAs and outstanding students.

First, Patron Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and CEC member Maj-Gen Aung Min gave speeches. Bago Division (East) USDA Secretary U Saw Maw Tun submitted the annual report. Next, the commander presented prizes to outstanding townships and two students in 2004 matriculation exam. The CEC member then presented prizes to distinction winners in the 2004 matriculation exam. — MNA

## Prize presentation ceremony...

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competition to Maung Aung Thaw Htet of Yankin Township No 2 BEHS, Ma Phyo Wah Hlaing of Lanmadaw Township No 2 BEHS, Ma Nilar Soe of South Okkalapa Township No 3 BEHS and Ma Zin Min Thu of Ahlon Township No 6 BEHS respectively.

Afterwards, Minister for Education U Than Aung presented first, second, third and consolation prizes of middle school level poster competition to Ma Su Hlaing Tun of Tamway Township No 4 BEMS, Ma Khine Myat Tun Lin of the Institute of Practising School, Kamayut Township, Ma Pwint Myat Thu of Latha Township No 2 BEHS, Ma May Tharaphi Kyaw of Kyauktan Township No 2 BEHS respectively. Next, Coordinator of United Nations Mr Charles James Petrie presented the first, second, third and consolation prizes to Maung Ye Hein Hset of Kyauktan Township Myoma BEMS, Ma Su Yamin of Dagon Township No 1 BEHS, Ma May Htoo Myat Mon of Kyauktan Township BEMS and Ma Su Nyan Moe of Latha Township No 2 BEHS respectively.

Later, ministers, deputy ministers and guests viewed around essays, posters and paintings of winners displayed in the room. — MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win presents prize to Maung Aung Thaw Htet of Yankin BEHS No 2 in essay contest. — MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win greets prize winning students. — MNA



Minister for Education U Than Aung presents prize to Ma Su Hlaing Tun of Tamway BEHS No 4 in poster contest. — MNA



UN Coordinator Mr Charles James Petrie presents prize to Maung Ye Hein Hset of Kyauktan Myoma BEHS in painting contest. — MNA

## UN Secretary-General's Message on United Nations Day

24 October 2004

The following is the message from Kofi Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations, on the occasion of the 59th anniversary of the United Nations Day:

Today is United Nations Day.

Fifty-nine years ago, the United Nations was founded as an instrument of peace, human rights and development. The world is a better place because of the United Nations. But too many people are today the victims of violence, oppression, poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease.

We can and must do better. All people deserve to live free from fear and want. They must have hope that tomorrow will be better than today. Our common humanity requires it. Our common security demands it.

Each nation needs a government that truly serves its people. And we all need an effective United Nations — one that reflects the world we live in today, and can meet the challenges we will face tomorrow.

I believe we can build a better United Nations. That's why I will soon be putting before world leaders a package of measures to renew the Organization. It will be up to your leaders to respond with vision and goodwill. They must find common ground at a historic meeting this time next year.

I ask you to encourage your leaders to give our world the United Nations it deserves. With your help, I know we can do it.

We are in a new era. We need a new United Nations. Let's make it happen.

United Nations Information Centre, Yangon

1<sup>st</sup> Myanmar ITF Junior World Ranking Tennis Tournament, Grade 5  
Qualifying Round: October 25-26, 2004  
Event Days: October 27-31, 2004



## Cooperative societies inspected in Bago

YANGON, 23 Oct — Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min met with the chairman and members of the board of directors of Mazin Industrial Producers Cooperative Society in Bago yesterday.

After hearing reports, the minister instructed them to manufacture quality products, boost new items of production of new items and seek local and foreign markets. The minister inspected new items of

production and production process of the society.

At Bago Division Cooperative Department, the minister gave necessary instructions to officials. Director-General Col Soe Win of Cooperative Department who accompanied the minister inspected Ottha Department Store and Ottha Cooperative Inn of Bago Division General Economic Enterprise Cooperative Syndicate on Shwemawdaw Pagoda Road.

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Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min inspects products of Mazin Industrial Producers Cooperative Ltd.— COOPERATIVE

## Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts...

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Chairman of the Panel of Judges Bogale U Tint Aung, Secretary Deputy Director (Production) U Zaw Htay of Fine Arts Department and members supervised the song composing contest at Kanbawza Theatre. Altogether 12 contestants participated in the basic education level (aged 10-15) song composing contest. Tomorrow morning, the song composing contest will continue.

At Padonma Theatre, 10 participants took part in the professional level (men's) solo orchestra contest and eight boys in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' solo orchestra contest. Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Hla Myaing and party supervised the contest. On 24 October morning, the higher education level (women's and men's) harp contest, the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' harp contest and the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' harp contest will be held at Padonma Theatre.

At the National Theatre, eight contestants from States and Divisions competed in the higher education level (men's) piano contest, three in the higher education level (women's) piano contest and 10 in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' piano contest.

The contest was supervised by leader of the panel of judges Pianist U Chit Swe and party. On 24 October, the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' piano contest and the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' piano contest will be held.— MNA



Maung Zaw Myo Thet of Mon State taking part in higher education level men's piano contest.— MNA



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and judges at the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' religious song contest participated by Maung Min Min Than of Shan State.— MNA



Ayeyar Hline Yoksonthabin Troupe of Ayeyawady Division participates in Mahosadha Marionette Contest.— MNA

## Mahosadha Marionette Contest continues for third day

YANGON, 23 Oct—The Mahosadha Marionette Contest of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the third day at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street here at 7 pm today.

Among the audience were Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Lt-Col Pe Nyein members of the Work Committee and the Sub-Committees, maestros, fans and others.

The Ayeyar Hline Yoksonthabin troupe of Ayeyawady Division participated in the contest.

Leader of the Panel of Judges U Ye Dway and party supervised the contest. On 24 October evening, the Yoksonthabin troupe of Mon State will take part in the contest.—MNA

## Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 23 Oct— The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

One 200 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000; one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000.

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General (Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Directors (Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 071-21012), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-54657).— MNA

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## Japan's April-September foreign trade hits record high

**TOKYO, 22 Oct—** Japan's foreign trade in the first half of fiscal 2004 set a new record in terms of value, said the Finance Ministry on Thursday.

The trade surplus from April to September on a Customs-cleared basis stood at 6,096.4 billion yen (57 billion dollars), up 21.4 per cent from a year earlier.

The exports was at record 30,675.2 billion yen (286.7 billion US dollars), up 12.9 per cent from a year earlier, while the imports grew 11.0 per cent to 24,578.8 billion yen (229.7 billion dollars), also a record high. The ministry attributed the surge of imports to soaring oil prices.

In September alone, exports jumped by 28.7 per cent to record 5,464.3 billion yen (51.1 billion dollars).

Among bilateral trades, Japan enjoyed a surplus of 3,401.9 billion yen (31.8 billion dollars) with the United States, up 5.7 per cent.

Trade surplus with Asian countries rose to the record 3,962.2 billion yen (37.0 billion dollars), growing 44.9 per cent. With the European Union, the trade surplus was up 15.9 per cent to 1,588.0 billion yen (14.8 billion dollars).

High-tech exports, like semiconductor products and optical instruments, contributed largely, up 28.7 per cent, it said. Shipments of parts and steel products also helped push the exports.

MNA/Xinhua

## Over 30,000 children go missing in Russia every year

**Moscow, 22 Oct—** Over 30,000 children and teenagers go missing in Russia each year, the *Interfax* news agency cited a children's organization here as reporting on Wednesday.

An estimated 190 cases of children smuggling were registered over the past five years in Russia, said Leonid Chekalin, chairman of the interregional public organization Children Are Russia's Future.

Moreover, statistics from the Interior Ministry show that 2,000 children and teenagers commit suicide each year, two million children are illiterate, and there are 500,00 to 2.5 million neglected children in Russia, said Chekalin.

Sergei Komkov, chairman of the Russian Education Foundation, criticized the Russian police who are not interested in reducing the number of neglected children as they can be accused of a lot of unresolved crimes.

Komkov pointed out that if the problem of child neglect is not resolved in the next two to three years, it may cause irreversible consequences.

MNA/Xinhua

## First man to circumnavigate Arctic Circle without motorized transport

**GENEVA, 22 Oct—** South African adventurer Mike Horn on Thursday became the first man to circumnavigate the Arctic Circle without motorized transport, completing a more than two-year solo odyssey by ski, kayak and foot.

The Swiss-based Horn, who set out in August 2002, arrived back at the North Cape in Norway, where he was met by his logistics team, wife Cathy and two daughters.

"After two years and three months on the road, it is a great moment," the 38-year-old told *Reuters* by telephone.

His 12,000-mile journey took him through Greenland, Canada, Alaska, the Bering Straits and Russia's Siberia.

Frostbite forced Horn to temporarily abandon a first attempt in April 2002 after he took off his gloves to relace his boots in temperatures of minus 50 degrees Celsius (minus 45 Fahrenheit). After treatment in Switzerland he set out again on his "Arktos" expedition in August 2002.

"I just keep moving every day — skiing, climbing, walking, sailing, kayaking, cycling and crawling — whatever man can do with two arms and two legs," Horn said.

The adventurer was also the first man to complete circumnavigation of the equator without motorized transport in October 2000.

MNA/Ruters

## Venezuela, Colombia to build gas pipeline

**CARACAS, 22 Oct —** Venezuela and Colombia will build a cross-border natural gas pipeline with a total investment of 130 million US dollars, Venezuela's state-owned natural gas company said Wednesday.

The 215-kilometre pipeline, with 120 kilo-

metres in Venezuela, will have a transport capacity of 150 million cubic feet per day, said the company in a statement.

The pipeline will pump natural gas to Venezuela's Zulia State in the first seven years. It may extend to Central America in the future.

Although Venezuela is rich in natural gas reserves, its west suffers from shortages in supply.

Building will start at the end of this year or the beginning of next year, and is expected to be completed within 18 months.

MNA/Xinhua

## Uganda inaugurates Africa's biggest "AIDS" training centre

**KAMPALA, 22 Oct—** Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni Wednesday inaugurated Africa's biggest AIDS training centre at Mulago Hospital in Kampala.

The new infectious diseases institute houses a laboratory that will enhance treatment of patients, train health professions of sub-Saharan Africa and also carry out research on HIV/AIDS and other infectious diseases.

The institute is to train 250 HIV/AIDS specialists annually and about 300 patients will benefit from its services.

In his speech, Museveni highly commended the Academic Alliance of Ugandan Physicians from Makerere University and the Global Pharmaceutical Company (Pfizer) for their exemplary vision that

has made the institute, hitherto a dream, into a reality. The President said that the strategy of his government is to stop the spread of the pandemic.

However, he noted that the 70,000 people that were infected last year calls for heightened vigilance by the population despite the low infection rate of less than 6 per cent so far recorded.

He stressed that the HIV/AIDS pandemic would be combated through combined efforts.

Dr. Honk McKinell, chairman and chief executive officer of the Pfizer, said the institute was a reality and model of part-

nerships that would go along way to benefit millions of people in Uganda and other countries in sub-Saharan Africa.

He said that Pfizer company decided to come to Uganda because of President Museveni's personal initiative and the government commitment to fight the HIV/AIDS scourge.

The United Nations estimates that HIV has infected 26 million people in Africa. Last year, the deadly disease killed up to 2.2 million Africans, while some three million Africans contracted the HIV virus.

MNA/Xinhua

## 16 killed in two separate plane crashes in US

**WASHINGTON, 22 Oct —** A total of 16 people were killed in two separate plane crashes in the United States during the past 24 hours, news reports said Wednesday.

In Missouri, a commuter plane crashed and burned Tuesday night, killing 13 people. Two others survived the acci-

dent, with broken bones.

All the bodies of the dead were recovered as of Wednesday, with the bodies of five people found Wednesday in the wreckage of the 19-seat twin-engine turboprop plane, which carried doctors and other medical professionals to a conference. The cause of the crash was not

immediately known.

Early Wednesday, a helicopter used as an air ambulance crashed into a bay in Florida, killing all three people aboard.

In another development, a twin-engine plane crashed in a rainstorm on Tuesday in Atlanta, Georgia, killing the two people aboard. — MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese Culture Day opens in Belarus

**Moscow, 22 Oct —** Chinese Culture Day opened on Wednesday with Chinese acrobatic shows in the culture palace of Minsk, capital of Belarus.

The opening ceremony was attended by over 700 representatives, including Chinese and Belarussian Government officials.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Chinese Deputy Minister of Culture Zhou Heping said the exchange of Culture Day activities in China and Belarus will promote the

mutual understanding and friendly cooperation between the two countries.

Belarus' Culture Minister Leonid Gulyako said the cultural cooperation between Belarus and China will enhance and expand ties between the two countries.

Belarussian people can learn the rich spiritual heritage of China at events

during the Chinese Culture Day, Gulyako said.

Chinese Ambassador to Belarus Yu Zhenqi said the cultural exchange of the two countries has contributed to enhancing the mutual understanding of the two peoples and promoting the two countries' traditional friendship.

MNA/Xinhua



Yosemite falls is seen amid mountains with a fresh dusting of snow, on 20 Oct, 2004, in Yosemite National Park, Calif. An early winter storm caught many Californians by surprise, making Sierra Nevada roads impassable, and causing numerous delays.—INTERNET

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**INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER**

1. Sealed Tender is invited by Myanmar Railways, for supply of the following Stores which will be purchased in US Dollars and Euro:-

Sr. No.	Tender No.	Description	Quantity
1.	12(T)26/MR(ML) 2004-2005	Spare Parts for Indian YDM-4 Locomotives	76 - Items

Closing Date - 22.11.2004 (Monday) (12:00) Hours.

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanmar Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 21.10.2004 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 201555 Ext-602, 605, 612

**Deputy General Manager  
Supply Department, Myanmar Railways, Botataung, Yangon**

**ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံ  
သစ်တောထွက်ပစ္စည်းဖက်စပ်ကော်ပိုရေးရှင်းလီမိတက်  
(ရုံးချုပ်-ရန်ကုန်မြို့)**

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၂။ MSEC တွင် အစုရှယ်ယာဝယ်ယူခဲ့ကြသော အစုရှယ်ယာရှင်များသည် အောက်ပါ အစီအစဉ်အတိုင်း MSEC ရုံး၊ အမှတ် ၂၁/၂၅၊ ဆူးလေဘုရားလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်တွင် ထုတ်ယူကြရန် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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(ဂ)	၂၃-၁၁-၂၀၀၄ မှ ၃၀-၁၁-၂၀၀၄	M-၈၀၀၁ မှ M-၁၂၀၀၀	
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၃။ အထက်မြန်မာပြည် သစ်တောဖက်စပ်(ရုံးချုပ်)တွင် ဝယ်ယူထားသည့် အစုရှယ်ယာများအတွက် အစုပေါင်းအမြတ်ငွေကို MSEC ၏ အထူးအစီအစဉ်ဖြင့် မန္တလေးမြို့တွင် ထုတ်ပေးရန်စီစဉ်ထားပါသည်။

၄။ အစုပေါင်းအမြတ်ငွေထုတ်ယူမည့် အစုရှယ်ယာရှင်များသည် အစုရှယ်ယာလက်မှတ်(မူရင်း)နှင့် ငွေရပြေစာ၊ မိမိတို့၏ အမျိုးသားမှတ်ပုံတင် သို့မဟုတ် နိုင်ငံသားစိစစ်ရေးလက်မှတ်ကို တစ်ပါတည်း ယူဆောင်လာကြရန် နှင့် ကိုယ်တိုင်ထုတ်ယူနိုင်ပါက ကိုယ်စားလှယ်လွှဲစာရင်းသား၍ ထုတ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

၅။ ကုမ္ပဏီ/ အဖွဲ့အစည်းအမည်ဖြင့် ဝယ်ယူထားသည့် အစုရှယ်ယာရှင်များသည် ကုမ္ပဏီ/ အဖွဲ့အစည်း၏ ခေါင်းစည်းဖြင့် တရားဝင်လွှဲအပ်စာ ယူဆောင်လာသူကိုသာ အစုပေါင်းအမြတ်ငွေ ထုတ်ပေးမည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

၆။ အောက်ပါကာလအတွင်း အစုပေါင်းအမြတ်ငွေထုတ်ယူခြင်းသော အစုရှယ်ယာရှင်များသည် မိမိတို့ အဆင်ပြေသည့်အချိန်တွင် သစ်တောဖက်စပ်(ရုံးချုပ်) (ဖုန်း-၂၀၂၀၄၉) နှင့် MSEC ရုံး (ဖုန်း-၃၇၈၆၄၇) တို့တွင် ဆက်လက်၍ ဆက်သွယ်ထုတ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

ရက်စွဲ။ ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ အောက်တိုဘာလ (၁၈) ရက်

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**Tender No - 50/MaMa/Local/Petrol General (CE)**

**Tender No - 51/MaMa/Local/တွဲအရန် (CME)**

Sr.No	Description	Quantity
1	5 KVA Petrol General	27-Nos.
2	Coach & Wagon Spare Parts	1-Lot.

Closing Date.-9.11.2004 (Tuesday) (12:00) Hours.

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanmar Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from (25.10.2004) during the office hours.

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**China's car production in 1st three quarters lower than expected**

**BEIJING, 22 Oct—** China's car production and sales this year will be lower than expected and also the lowest increase since China's entry to the World Trade Organization three years ago, according to industry experts.

China manufactured nearly 1,765,100 cars in the first three quarters of 2004, a year-on-year increase of 21 per cent, statistics from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS) show.

China produced 177,400 cars in September, slightly more than in August but down 7.8 per cent over the same period last year.

After several months' reduction in auto production, stockpiled cars in automakers' warehouses saw the first decline in eight months, the NBS said, saying stockpiled cars were reduced by more than 10,000 in September.

Retailers, however, said their stockpiled cars continued to increase.

According to the China Automotive Industry Association (CAIA), China's automakers sold 187,000 cars in September, up 10 per cent over August but 2 per cent lower than the same month last year.

From January to September, China sold more than 1.6 million cars, a year-on-year increase of over 17 per cent, CAIA statistics show. Stockpiled cars still measure as many as 130,000 units.

Despite the better sales in September than August, experts believe the complete recovery of the car market will still be difficult in next several months.

However, if China could sell 180,000 cars monthly in the fourth quarter, the yearly increase of car sales could keep an increase rate of 20 per cent, high compared with the European and American markets, the experts said.—MNA/Xinhua

**Coke reports 24% drop in third-quarter profits on flat revenue**

**ATLANTA, 22 Oct—** The Coca-Cola Co reported a 24-per-cent drop in third-quarter profit on flat revenue, but beat analysts reduced expectations that were tempered after the beverage giant's previous warnings.

For the three months ending September 30, Coke said it earned 935 million US dollars or 39 cents a share, compared to a profit of 1.22 billion US dollars, or 50 cents a share, a year earlier.

Excluding one-time items — 11 cents in reductions due to charges and tax adjustments — Atlanta-based Coke said it earned 1.22 billion US dollars, or 50 cents a share. On that basis, analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call were expecting earnings of 47 cents a share.

Revenue in the July-September period was 5.66 billion US dollars, essentially flat with the 5.67 billion US dollars

recorded a year ago.

The results by the Atlanta-based company were announced after the market closed Thursday. Shares of Coke closed 3 cents higher at 39.48 US dollars on the New York Stock Exchange. In after hours trading they gained another 37 cents.

Last month, Coke temporarily shelved its policy of not giving quarterly earnings guidance and previewed the earnings results. At the time, chief executive Neville Isdell said the world's largest beverage maker needs to work harder, better execute its strategy and improve its culture.

MNA/AP

**ADB approves loan to help Vietnam SMEs development**

**MANILA, 22 Oct—** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved on Thursday a 100-million-US-dollar loan package to help create a business environment to support the development of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Vietnam.

The project, ADB's first policy loan in Vietnam specifically designed to promote an enabling environment for the SME sector, will undertake intergovernmental coordination and stakeholder consultation to systematically identify and resolve constraints facing business, the Manila-based

ADB said in a statement. The project will enhance the policy and regulatory framework, improve SMEs' access to finance and land use rights, and help increase their access to domestic and international markets by improving industrial and technical standards.

MNA/Xinhua

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## SPORTS

## Mutu warmly welcomed by national team

BUCHAREST, 22 Oct—Romania coach Anghel Iordanescu will warmly welcome back Chelsea striker Adrian Mutu after he has served any ban he might receive for failing a drugs test.

"I'm waiting for Mutu to come back to the national team as soon as possible... his place is with his colleagues," Iordanescu told reporters on Thursday. "The national team needs him, I need him and so do his team mates.

"Mutu made a mistake. A lot of young players make mistakes and I don't think he should be buried," Iordanescu said.

Mutu's agents have said the striker, stories of whose playboy exploits have filled the pages of the tabloid Press in Britain for the last few days, was devastated and wanted to cooperate with any FA hearing. Mutu has agreed to counselling and to waive the right to a test of a B sample after admitting to testing positive for cocaine.—MNA/Reuters



Benfica soccer player Nuno Gomes (R) scores the fourth goal followed by Heerenveen's Radomski (L) during their UEFA Cup Group G match held at the Luz Stadium in Lisbon on 21 Oct, 2004. Benfica won the match 4-2. —INTERNET

## FA says Beckham will not face disciplinary action

LONDON, 22 Oct—England captain David Beckham will not face disciplinary action after telling a newspaper he deliberately got himself booked in a World Cup qualifier

against Wales, the Football Association (FA) said on Thursday. Beckham caused a furore by saying he fouled Wales defender Ben Thatcher in order to get a yellow card and serve

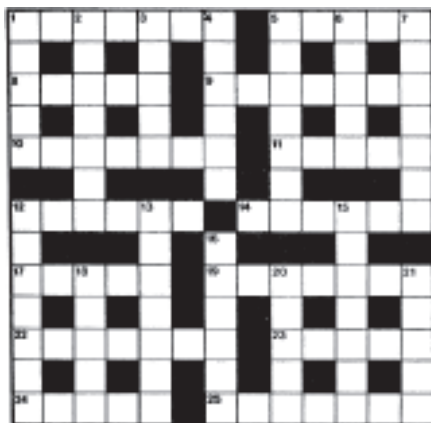
out a one-match suspension for the qualifier against Azerbaijan while injured.

Beckham suffered a rib injury moments before his booking in the Group Six game on 9 October and knew he would be ruled out of the 1-0 victory in Azerbaijan four days later.

"Following due process under the FA's disciplinary regulations, the FA's compliance department has reviewed all available information and concluded that there is insufficient evidence to pursue a disciplinary charge," a statement said.

MNA/Reuters

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Hors d'oeuvre
- 5 New
- 8 Slack
- 9 Windpipe
- 10 Underground cell
- 11 Flashlight
- 12 Lose weight
- 14 Lawsuit
- 17 Hickory
- 19 Displacement
- 22 Eradicates
- 23 Small pie
- 24 Follow
- 25 Kitchen sideboard

### DOWN

- 1 Full of matter
- 2 Embellished
- 3 Subject
- 4 Ordinary seaman
- 5 Frenzied
- 6 Anaesthetic
- 7 Pagan
- 12 Ecstasy
- 13 Overlook
- 15 Asks
- 16 Deleted
- 18 Is concerned
- 20 Light-coloured hardwood
- 21 Stratum

## Newell's Old Boys go top of Argentine Apertura C'ship

BUENOS AIRES, 22 Oct—Newell's Old Boys went top of the Argentine Apertura championship after traditional favourites Boca Juniors and River Plate both failed to win for the second time in four days.

Newell's, where former World Cup forward Ariel Ortega has resumed his career after ending a 19-month ban following his decision to walk out on Turkey's Fenerbahce, beat coachless Racing Club 1-0 on Wednesday night.

River lost 1-0 at Lanus while Boca coach Miguel Brindisi was insulted by fans after his team conceded a late equalizer in a 1-1 draw at home to Banfield.

Midfielder Fernando Belluschi scored a 40th minute winner as Newell's went top on goal difference from Velez Sarsfield, who were beaten 1-0 at home by Rosario Central on Tuesday.

Ortega, who joined Newell's after

FIFA brokered an agreement between the club and Fenerbahce, had another excellent game for his new club.

Racing had midfielder Juan Manuel Torres sent off in the 85th minute as they lost for the seventh time in eight games.

The 2001 Apertura champions are under the caretaker leadership of Guillermo Rivarola after Ubaldo Fillol, goalkeeper in Argentina's 1978 World Cup winning team, resigned on Monday.

Newell's and Velez both have 22 points from 11 games, two ahead of third-placed Boca who were set to go top until Banfield striker Diego Ceballos gave his team a 1-1 draw at the Bombonera Stadium.

MNA/Reuters

## Romario kicked out by Fluminense

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Oct—Former Brazil striker Romario has been kicked out by his club Fluminense after a series of fitness problems and clashes with his coaches.

"It's a sad moment but it's in the best interests of the club," Fluminense president David Fischel said in a television interview broadcast on Thursday.

"The situation had become wearing for Fluminense and wearing for Romario."

Fischel said he had not been able to contact the 38-year-old former PSV Eindhoven, Barcelona and Valencia striker to tell him the news personally.

Although most commentators have urged him to end his career, there was widespread speculation on Thursday that Romario could rejoin neighbours Vasco da Gama, where he began his career.

MNA/Reuters

## US teenage soccer prodigy wins cybersquatting case

GENEVA, 22 Oct — US soccer's most expensive player, teenage prodigy Freddy Adu, has won his cybersquatting case against a man who claimed to be preparing a fan-based web site, an international arbitrator ruled on Thursday.

Adu, a Ghanaian-born 15-year-old who plays for Washington's DC United, filed a complaint against Frank Fushille, a soccer fan who registered the domain name freddyadu.com in 2002.

Richard Lyon, an arbitrator appointed by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), ordered the domain name transferred to Adu after ruling that Fushille had acted in bad faith.

Fushille had contacted Adu's agent seeking majority ownership of the disputed site, participation in corporate advertising negotiations and admission to all matches.

Italy's Francesco Totti, Dutch defender Jaap Stam and Chelsea midfielder Joe Cole are among other soccer players to have won decisions at WIPO, a United Nations agency offering a fast-track, low-cost procedure to resolve domain name disputes.

Adu — the highest paid player in professional US soccer after being the first pick in Major League Soccer's superdraft — also successfully claimed his name had trademark protection even if it was not formally registered, the ruling said.

MNA/Reuters

## Williams reaches last eight in Zurich

ZURICH, 22 Oct—Venus Williams came through a stiff test against Serbian schoolgirl Ana Ivanovic on Thursday to book her place in the Zurich Challenge quarterfinals.

The American former world number one eventually defeated the 16-year-old 7-6, 7-6 but will have to raise her game against in-form Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova in the next round.

Williams broke early in the first set and seemed on course for a routine victory but world number 156 Ivanovic thrilled the Swiss crowd by storming back to force a tiebreak.

Ivanovic had five set points before Williams clinched the tiebreak 13-11.

The young Serb, who has won all five of the ITF tournaments in which she has competed this season, maintained her form in the second set to cause the four-times Grand Slam champion just as much trouble.

MNA/Reuters



Netherlands' Heerenveen player Hansson, right, struggles to keep up with Benfica's Joao Pereira during their UEFA Cup match on 21 Oct, 2004 at Benfica's Luz Stadium in Lisbon, Portugal. Benfica defeated Heerenveen 4-2. —INTERNET

## Rare genetic mutation may help diabetes, heart disease, obesity

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct — A rare genetic mutation may help explain why some people get hit with a triple whammy of high blood pressure, cholesterol and a tendency to gain weight easily, US researchers reported on Friday.

The mutation is seen in one gene found in mitochondrial DNA — handed down virtually unchanged from mother to child. Mitochondrial DNA affects basic cell functions and while the mutation itself is rare, it may help explain so-called metabolic syndrome or syndrome X, in which people are prone to diabetes, heart disease and obesity.

"This finding raises the possibility that all features of the metabolic syndrome may be attributable to altered mitochondrial function," said Dr Richard Lifton, a geneticist at Connecticut's Yale medical school who led the study.

This in turn could help explain why people are more prone to heart disease as they age — because mitochondria work less efficiently as people get older, Lifton and colleagues wrote in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*.

Lifton and colleagues studied 142 people in four generations of a family whose members frequently had high blood pressure, cholesterol and another, less well-known disorder in which their blood carried low levels of magnesium. It was this rare disorder that first put them onto the case, said Lifton, whose work is funded by the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. Colleagues at the State University of New York treated a woman with a rare condition causing her to have low magnesium levels. "She said, 'Gosh I think several of my other family

members have the same problem'," Lifton said in a telephone interview.

"That led us to suspect that this might be a new disease." The family also tended to have high blood pressure and cholesterol.

"That's when the real saga began," said Lifton. "The family was extraordinarily cooperative, and we eventually studied 142 relatives. When we looked at the pattern of these pathologies, we found there was a whopping excess of affected individuals on the maternal lineage." That points to mitochondrial DNA.

Genetic tests showed that everyone in the family had a certain mutation in the mitochondria, although they did not all have high cholesterol, for instance, or high blood pressure. The mutation affected each family member differently. Lifton said many studies have shown that people prone to high cholesterol often have high blood pressure too, or other symptoms such as diabetes or even low magnesium.

"Not everybody who has any one of these traits has all of the others. The pattern of inheritance is complicated, and there hasn't been a clear understanding of what's driving this relationship." Now it will be worth studying mitochondrial DNA to see just what its role is in heart disease — the No 1 killer in the United States and much of the developed world — and diabetes — the sixth leading cause of death.—MNA/Xinhua

## Kerry leads over Bush among college students

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct — The Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry took a big lead over the incumbent US President, George W Bush, among college students, who are drawn by the war in Iraq and an uncertain economy, *The Los Angeles Times* reported Friday.

Among college student voters, Kerry enjoyed a support of 52 per cent of those surveyed, leading 13 percentage points over Bush, who had 39 per cent of student voters' support, the paper said, quoting a poll released Thursday by Harvard University.

The paper attributed the big margin partly to falling student support for the war in Iraq. Support for Kerry was also more pronounced among undergraduate women, the paper said. The poll surveyed

1,202 college undergraduates from October 7 to 13 on 210 campuses in 48 states and had a margin of error of plus or minus 2.8 percentage points.

The 18-year-olds were given the right to vote in 1972 and voter turnout among young people has ever since fallen steadily. But the poll showed that 84 per cent of students said they would "definitely be voting" this year, compared with 50 per cent who said so in the spring of 2000, the paper said.—MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese Scientists find 120-million-year-old fossil of baby bird

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct — Scientists in China have found a 120-million-year-old fossil of a baby bird which is believed to have died just before it hatched and which could shed light on the relationship between dinosaurs and birds.

The discovery of the bird, with a well-developed skull, large curved claws and feathers, could also give an insight into when complex behaviour like caring for helpless young first began to evolve. It could lend credence to the idea that birds of that era, like dinosaurs, were sufficiently developed at birth to function on their own immediately they hatched. The discovery was described by Zhonghe Zhou and Fucheng Zhang of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*.

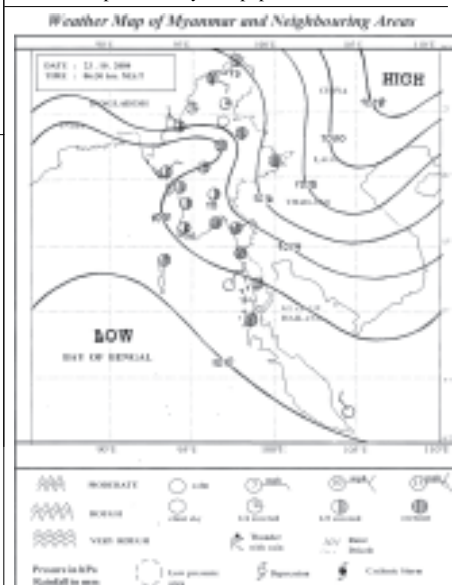
The fossil chick was found in deposits in Liaoning in northeast China. While there is no eggshell, the little body is curled up into an egg-shaped space and looks like a developing chick. The bird looks even more developed than so-called precocial birds that live today. Precocial birds such as Australian Malee fowl hatch with their eyes open and covered with down and can survive on their own fairly quickly. In contrast, altricial birds are born without feathers and completely helpless. All songbirds are

altricial, and scientists believe this type of bird evolved later.

Many researchers believe that birds and dinosaurs evolved from the same ancestor. This month alone fossils have been reported showing that Tyrannosaurs had feathers and that a related dinosaur slept curled up like a bird.

The earliest known bird is the 150-million-year-old Archaeopteryx although scientists have also discovered a 200-million-year-old feathered dinosaur fossil.

MNA/Reuters



## WEATHER

Saturday, 23 October, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Bago Division, isolated in Kachin and Chin States, Yangon Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining states and divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Bago (2.20) inches.

Maximum temperature on 22-10-2004 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 23-10-2004 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 23-10-2004 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 22-10-2004 was (1.1) hours approx. Rainfall on 23-10-2004 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 6 mph from Northeast at (18:40) hours MST on 22-10-2004.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in East Central Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 24-10-2004:** Except for the possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Yangon and Bago Divisions, weather will be generally fair 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:** Generally fair weather in the whole country.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-10-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-10-2004:** Partly cloudy. **Weather outlook for last weekend of October 2004:** During the coming weekend, isolated light rain of thundershowers in Yangon Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Mandalay Division.

<div> </div> <p><b>Sunday, October 24</b> View on today:</p> <p><b>7:00 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottama-thara</li> </ol> <p><b>7:25 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. To be healthy exercise</li> </ol> <p><b>7:30 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Morning News</li> </ol> <p><b>7:40 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. Nice and sweet song</li> </ol> <p><b>7:50 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)မြောက်နေ့</li> </ol> <p><b>8:10 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. အစပြုပြင်</li> </ol> <p><b>8:20 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. ဇာတ်အိမ်ဆရာတော်တော်</li> </ol> <p><b>8:30 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. International News</li> </ol> <p><b>8:45 am</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Say it in English</li> </ol> <p><b>11:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Martial song</li> </ol>	<p><b>11:10 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Musical programme</li> </ol> <p><b>11:25 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. Round-up of the week's International News</li> </ol> <p><b>11:35 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းစဉ် "သဘာဝရပ်စုံ" (အပိုင်း-၃၈)</li> </ol> <p><b>12:15 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. နတ်သားတောဆရာတော်တော်</li> </ol> <p><b>12:25 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Myanmar movie: "ဝန်းပန်းလွတ်လွတ်" ရော့ကွဲသူ၊ ဇာတ်ပို့၊ မိုးမိုးမြင့်အောင်၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြိုးမြင့်</li> </ol> <p><b>1:30 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. ယုဒဇာတ်တော်</li> </ol> <p><b>2:45 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. International News</li> </ol> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Martial song</li> </ol> <p><b>4:15 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</li> </ol> <p><b>4:30 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3. English for Everyday Use</li> </ol> <p><b>4:45 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့ ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်တန်းစာ - တတိယနှစ် (ရုပ်ပုံအထူးပြု) (ရုပ်ပုံအထူး)</li> </ol>	<p><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Dance of national races</li> </ol> <p><b>5:15 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာတော်</li> </ol> <p><b>5:35 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Agricultural Source Country Development</li> </ol> <p><b>5:45 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8. Sing and Enjoy</li> </ol> <p><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9. Evening News</li> </ol> <p><b>7:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10. Weather report</li> </ol> <p><b>7:05 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>11. ကမ္ဘာ့ကုလသမဂ္ဂနေ့တော်များ</li> </ol> <p><b>7:15 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းစဉ် "ချစ်ကြွေးသွယ်သွယ်လင်းလင်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)</li> </ol> <p><b>7:45 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>13. ကမ္ဘာ့သမဂ္ဂမြင့်မုံ့ မြန်မာအောင်ပွဲ</li> </ol> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>14. News</li> </ol> <p><b>8:15 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>15. International News</li> </ol> <p><b>8:30 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>16. Weather report</li> </ol> <p><b>8:45 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>17. ဂန္ထဝင် ဓမ္မစာ၊ ဂန္ထဝင်အကြိမ် (၁)ကြိမ်၊ မြန်မာ့နိဂ္ဂဟသမ္မာဏ၊ အထိ၊ အက၊ အရ၊ အတိ၊ အမြင့်</li> </ol> <p><b>9:00 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းစဉ် "ချစ်ကြွေးသွယ်သွယ်လင်းလင်း" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)</li> </ol> <p><b>9:15 pm</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>19. The next day's programme</li> </ol>	<div> </div> <p><b>Sunday, October 24</b> Tune in today:</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> Brief news</p> <p><b>8:35 am</b> Music: - Sunny holiday</p> <p><b>8:40 am</b> Perspectives</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> Music: Holiday</p> <p><b>8:55 am</b> National news/ Slogan</p> <p><b>9:05 am</b> Music: - Saturday night</p> <p><b>9:10 am</b> International news</p> <p><b>9:15 am</b> Cultural Images of Myanmar: - Signs of Thadingyut</p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b> News/Slogan</p> <p><b>1:40 pm</b> Story for children - Look after your parents, you'll bring Song for children</p> <p><b>1:50 pm</b> - Prosperity</p> <p><b>9:00 pm</b> Weekly news review</p> <p><b>9:10 pm</b> Music</p> <p><b>9:15 pm</b> Article</p> <p><b>9:25 pm</b> Radio play - Blessing</p> <p><b>9:45 pm</b> News/Slogan</p> <p><b>10:00 pm</b> PEL</p>
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**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects progress in building overpass linking Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo (Yangon).— YANGON COMMAND

## Commander and Mayor inspect measures for making city clean and pleasant

YANGON, 23 Oct—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected measures undertaken for making the city clean and pleasant, proper drainage and sanitation work in the streets, laying of pavements, extension of roads and paving of roads today.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin arrived at the corner of Strand Road and 64th Street in Botataung Township this morning.

They were welcomed there by

Commander of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command, Commodore Maw Thein, Commander of No 4 Military Region Col Yan Naing Oo and officials.

The commander and the mayor inspected sanitation work along 64th Street and alleys in Botataung, and Mingala Taungnyunt townships, laying of pavement on ring road of Kandawgyi, construction of the overpass linking Kandawgyi and Yangon Zoological Gardens and sanitation works and laying of the pavement and paving of roads in Bahan, South Okkalapa, Dagon Myothit (South), North Okkalapa, Mayangon and Shwepyitha townships.

They gave instructions on works.

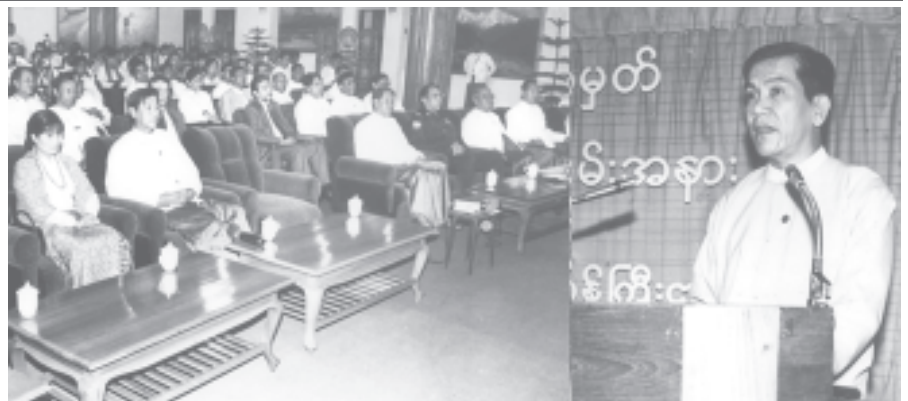
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## Prize presentation ceremony of 59th Anniversary UN Day Commemorative Essay, Poster and Painting Competitions held

YANGON, 23 Oct — The prize presentation ceremony of the 59th Anniversary United Nations Day Commemorative Essay, Poster and Painting Competitions was held at the Wunzin Minyarzar Hall of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, directors-general and officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Education, Coordinator of United Nations Mr Charles James Petrie, resident representatives of the United Nations agencies, school heads, prize winners and guests.

First, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win delivered a speech and presented first, second, third and consolation prizes of the high-school level essay (See page 9)



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win addresses prize presentation ceremony for essay, poster and painting contests to mark 59th Anniversary UN Day.— MNA

## Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

YANGON, 23 Oct — The 10th-day programmes of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the designated places today.

The song contest was held at the National Museum on Pyay Road, the piano contest at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street, the Saing contest at Padonma Theatre and the song composing contest at the Kanbawza Theatre. Present on the occasions were members of the Panel of Patrons for Organizing the Competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Chairman of the Work Committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan, Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein of the State Peace and Development Council

Office, officials of the respective committees and enthusiasts.

At the National Museum, Chairperson of the Panel of Judges for Song Contest Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya of Myanma Radio and Television, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khaing and members supervised the song contest. Altogether 14 contestants participated in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boy's religious song contest. And, 13 women took part in the amateur level women's old and modern song contest. On 24 October, the professional level men's classical song contest and the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' classical song contest will be held at the same venue.

(See page 10)



Ma Pwint Phyu of Mandalay Division taking part in the basic education level (aged 10-15) song composing contest.— MNA