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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing being seen off by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party at Yangon International Airport.— MNA

## Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing leave for India on State Visit

YANGON, 24 Oct—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing left here by special aircraft of

Myanma Airways International for New Delhi to pay a State Visit to India at the invitation of President of the Republic of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

The Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing were seen

off at the airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win

and wife Daw Than Nwe, members of the State Peace and Development Council and their wives, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and their wives, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, the ministers, senior military officers, Dean of diplomatic corps Ambassador of Singapore Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz and wife, heads of diplomatic missions and resident representatives of UN Agencies, Charge d' Affairs of Embassy of India Mr Rahul Kulshreshtha, senior military officers and heads of departments.

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## PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 25 October, 2004

## Add new strength to drive for emergence of a balanced world

The 59th Anniversary of the United Nations Day falls on 24th October 2004. After seeing two world wars break out in the world, the world leaders sought the way to avoid such wars and founded the United Nations Organization.

The Organization came into being with these aims: to eliminate the scourge of war, to maintain peace which is justice and is consistent with the international law, and to respect the principles of equal rights.

Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, sent a message on this 59th Anniversary of the United Nations Day. In his message, it is stated: "The majority of the members of the UN are developing countries. For them, especially the small and vulnerable, the UN is their hope and aspiration for a better and more equitable world based on shared responsibilities and commitments. They view the Organization as an important forum for articulation of their position. They also expect it to be responsive to their concerns and needs."

The UN was founded as an instrument of peace, human rights and development. Although the world is becoming a better place, many people are today the victims of violence, oppression, poverty, hunger, illiteracy and disease. The UN Charter defines the purposes to resolve disputes by peaceful means and to devise collective solutions to economic, social, cultural and humanitarian problems through international cooperation. Further, it also encourages the practice of the principles of justice and the international laws when it comes to international relations.

The world leaders laid down collective goals for the 21st century at the Millennium Summit held in a gesture of hailing the advent of the new century. In doing so, they placed emphasis on the aims embodied in the UN Charter and the perpetual existence of the Organization.

The role of the UN should comply with what is stated in the Charter in the present era of globalization. However, there still exists a huge gap between developed countries and developing ones. This being so, equitable development should be a top priority.

The measure of the success of the UN will depend on how soon and to what extent they can serve the interests of and alleviate the concerns of both the developed as well as rich countries and developing as well as poor ones.

It is thus believed the UN will be responsive to the emergence of a world that can guarantee international peace and security as well as equity by way of revitalizing the purposes and principles of the UN Charter.

## Coord meeting of Performing Arts Competition held

YANGON, 24 Oct — The chairman of the Work Committee for Organizing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, sub-committee members and the team managers from the states and divisions held a coordination meeting this evening, attended by Chairman of the Work

Committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan.

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

Next, Col Tint Hsan attended to the needs.

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## 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

## Labour Ministry donates rice to monasteries

YANGON, 24 Oct — Under the patronage of Minister for Labour U Tin Winn and wife Prof Daw Khin Nu, staff families of the Ministry of Labour held the rice offering ceremony at Ngwekyayan Pariyatti Monastery in South Okkalapa Township and Five Nikaya Sasana Beikman in Yankin Township today. Present were Minister for Labour U Tin Winn and wife Prof Daw Khin Nu, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Win Sein and wife, departmental heads and staff families. At the ceremonies, the Ministry of Labour donated 110 bags of rice and donations worth K 1,187,500.

Presiding Nayaka of Ngwekyayan Pariyatti



Minister for Labour U Tin Winn and wife Prof Daw Khin Nu offer provisions to a Sayadaw.— LABOUR

Monastery Member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Revata and Lecturer Sayadaw Bhaddanta

Dhammadinna and Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Five Nikaya Sasana Beikman Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Agga Maha Pandita

Bhaddanta Tejobhasa and Lecturer Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasi-habbivamsa delivered sermons and shared merits gained.— MNA

## Chinese delegation arrives



Deputy Director Mrs Zhang Liming and party of National Working Committee for Children and Women of China being welcomed at the airport.— MNA

YANGON, 24 Oct — A five-member Chinese delegation led by Mrs Zhang Liming, Deputy Director of the National Working Committee for Children and Women of the People's Republic of China, arrived here by air this afternoon to attend COMMIT Senior Officials Meeting to be hosted in Myanmar.

The Chinese delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by members of the Reception Subcommittee from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Home Affairs.

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## More tennis players arrive

YANGON, 24 Oct — A total of 11 tennis players from Indonesia, the Philippines, Singapore, Australia and Chinese (Taipei) to take part in the 1st Myanmar Junior World Ranking Tennis Tournament Grade-5 to be organized by the Ministry of Sports and 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 Myanmar Tennis Federation.

A total of 20 players and managers from the Republic of Korea, Indonesia and Thailand arrived here yesterday night.

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Indonesian tennis players arrive at Yangon International Airport.— SPED





# Kerry accuses Bush of allowing bin Laden to escape

**PUEBLO (Colorado), 24 Oct**—Democratic presidential nominee and Vietnam War veteran John Kerry kept up his attack on President George W Bush on Saturday, accusing his Republican rival of allowing Osama bin Laden, to “walk out of the back door”.

“This President keeps going around the country trying to scare people,” Kerry told thousands of supporters at an outdoor rally in Pueblo.

“He talks about only one thing. The only thing he wants to talk about is terror, the war on terror, national security.”

“If that’s the debate he wants to have, I’m

prepared to have that debate because I can wage a better war on terror than George Bush has.”

He scoffed at Bush’s tough talk on terror, but did not repeat the suggestion he made on Friday night that if he had been in the White House, Osama bin Laden would be dead or in jail.

Kerry said Bush had allowed bin Laden —

whose al-Qaeda group carried out the September 11 attacks — to escape in Afghanistan by not using US troops to hunt him down in the mountains of Tora Bora.

“When this President had an opportunity to go capture Osama bin Laden or kill him in the mountains of Afghanistan, he did the same thing with that job that he did

with your jobs,” Kerry said. “He outsourced it to Afghan faction leaders and Osama bin Laden just walked out of the back door.”

Kerry rebuked Bush for diverting money and troops from the war on terror to the invasion of Iraq and promised never to take his eye off the “real targets,” al-Qaeda and bin Laden.

“A few months later the President was asked well, where’s Osama bin Laden? And after having told America this is the most important goal of the country, you know what he did? He said ‘well, I don’t know, I’m not really that concerned, I don’t think about him that much.’”

MNA/Reuters

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A US Army tank passes by a burning US Army Bradley armoured vehicle next to a junction on the airport highway in Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

## 26 killed on horrific day of violence in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 24 Oct** — Suicide bombers killed at least 22 members of Iraq’s fledgling security forces yesterday amid a spate of guerilla attacks across the country that also left six US servicemen injured, four civilians dead and a sabotaged pipeline that was still blazing at nightfall.

The surge in violence came the day after Care International, the charity for whom hostage Margaret Hassan works, made a statement on the Arab television station al-Jazeera emphasizing her Iraqi credentials.

There has been no statement from Mrs Hassan’s captors, and no other developments since the senior aid organizer, who has worked in Iraq for 30 years, was shown on Friday making a tearful video plea for her life, and for British troops to leave her adopted country.

Yesterday’s outbreak of violence

began with a suicide car bombing outside a US marine base 142 miles west of Baghdad. The blast hit an Iraqi police post at the base, killing 16 security men and injuring up to 40 others. No US servicemen or women were hurt.

Then another suicide bomber blew up his vehicle near a checkpoint manned by Iraqi National Guards in the village of Ishaqi, near Samarra, north of Baghdad. Four guards were killed, and six wounded in the attack. Two other policemen were killed by a roadside bomb in Samarra.

Internet



British Army soldiers tie a rope to an armoured vehicle which became stuck in the mud during a joint raid in the town of Gurna, some 40 km north of Basra, on 23 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

## Russian Govt proposes to restructure 19,000 state-owned companies

**MOSCOW, 25 Oct** — Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zhukov told a Cabinet meeting Thursday that the government is proposing to restructure a large number of state-owned organizations and companies, the *Interfax* news agency reported. The Cabinet discussed the restructuring of some 19,000 state-owned defence and security organizations and companies that do not belong to law enforcement agencies.

Under the proposal, 9,500 of the organizations and companies will be kept as federal property, more than 3,700 are to be handed over to regional governments, while 2,735 are expected to be restructured, liquidated or wound up, Zhukov was quoted as saying. — MNA/Xinhua

## Roadside bomb injures six US soldiers in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 23 Oct** — A roadside bomb exploded near an American military patrol in Baghdad Saturday, injuring six soldiers, the US command said.

The attack occurred at 7.15 am along the main highway leading to Baghdad International Airport, the US military said.

Witnesses saw an armoured vehicle engulfed in flames. The troops were evacuated to a nearby military medical

facility. None of the soldiers received life-threatening injuries, the US military said.

The stretch of highway leading to the airport is the site of frequent attacks by insurgents, and is considered one of the most dangerous roads in Iraq. — Internet

## Australian police seize drugs worth \$100m

**CANBERRA, 23 Oct** — Australian police have seized drugs with a street value of 100 million Australian dollars (73 million US dollars) in the second largest drug haul and three people have been arrested and charged.

The 125 kilos of crystalline methy-lamphetamine, or ice, were found inside 624 candles in a shipment container aboard the Kota Sejati which unloaded at Port Botany on 9 October.

This is the second largest seizure of the drug to be made in Australia, the Australian Federal Police (AFP) said Friday.

The operation is believed to have dismantled the Australian base of an international narcotic smuggling syndicate. — MNA/Xinhua

## John Howard leaves govt unchanged

**CANBERRA, 23 Oct** — Australian Prime Minister John Howard left his victorious government team largely unchanged on Friday, two weeks after winning a fourth straight term.

All Cabinet members, including Treasurer Peter Costello, Foreign Affairs Minister Alexander Downer, Trade Minister Mark Vaile, Finance Minister Nick Minchin and Defence Minister Robert Hill, retained their positions.

Howard made just two changes to his front bench, in veterans affairs and the newly created workforce participation portfolio. He also named seven new parliamentary secretaries.

“The quality of the team I lead has played a major part in them all being returned. If we hadn’t had such a strong, united team we wouldn’t have done as well in the

election,” Howard told a news conference.

Howard said a Department of Human Services would be created to oversee six agencies and improve the delivery of 80 billion Australian dollars (59 billion US dollars) of human services annually. Tourism Minister Joe Hockey would become Minister for Human Services. Howard’s conservative Liberal/National coalition government will be sworn in for the new term on Tuesday.

His government won an increased majority over centre-left opposition Labour, securing the most powerful mandate an Australian administration has held in more than 20 years. — MNA/Reuters

## India not aware of any US sanction plan

NEW DELHI, 24 Oct — India said on Saturday it was not aware of any US plan to impose sanctions on three Indian entities for allegedly aiding Iran's nuclear weapons programmes and made it clear that such cases could be taken up during discussions on nuclear issues.

"We are not aware of plans to sanction three entities as mentioned in the Press reports," Union External Affairs Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna said when asked about reports that Bush Administration was considering imposing sanctions on one to three Indian entities for aiding what Washington insists are Iran's nuclear programmes.

"If there had been any such plans, then the Next Steps in Strategic Partnership (NSSP) forum would have been the appropriate forum to discuss these cases," he said.

"We have seen these Press reports. With the launch of the NSSP, we now have a forum for discussions on such issues between the two countries and it is in this forum that

all cases of onward proliferation can be brought up by one or the other country," Sarna said.

About the US sanctions imposed on two Indian scientists C Surendar and Y S R Prasad, both former CMDs of Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited, and that Washington was seeking "convincing proof" that they were not involved,

he said in the recently concluded NSSP implementation group here, no demand was made on the Indian side for such evidence.

The spokesman said "in fact, the burden of action was on the US as we have already pointed out to them that the decision in regard to these entities is based on faulty evidence and must be revoked". — MNA/PTI

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## Gunmen kill two Turkish truck drivers in Iraq

MOSUL, 23 Oct — Two Turkish truck drivers were killed and two wounded near the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Saturday, police and hospital officials said.

One of the wounded drivers told *Reuters* they came under fire from gunmen while they were transporting canned juice to the US military in Mosul.

Many Turkish truck drivers have been attacked or kidnapped along the highway from Turkey to Iraq.

Internet



An Iraqi woman asks British soldiers, sealing off her area, for permission to walk to her house during a joint raid in the town of Gurna, some 40 km north of Basra, on 23 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

## APEC urges closer cooperation for integrated oceans management

HANGA ROA (Chile), 23 Oct — The Third Meeting of APEC Integrated Oceans Management Forum urged APEC economies to intensify cooperation and exchange, working together to achieve integrated oceans management.

The call was made in the final summary report issued at the end of the third Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) oceans forum Wednesday in Hanga Roa, capital of Chile's Easter Island province.

The report also called for a bigger role of regional organizations and institutions throughout the Pacific Rim in marine environmental protection and marine transportation security, so that they can coordinate in drafting regional policy on oceans management. Experts and representatives from 12 APEC members attended the three-day meeting, which focused on challenges faced in oceans governance and the utility of marine and coastal resources.

Chilean Undersecretary of Fisheries Felipe Sandoval presided over the opening ceremony.

During the meeting, participants discussed the

governance mechanisms and experience on integration of oceans management and they also exchanged views on the role of international and regional institutions such as APEC on integrated ocean management.

After the meeting, a Chinese expert told *Xinhua* that the Asia-Pacific Region has been economically the most dynamic area in the world and it is necessary for APEC members to set up a corresponding coordination mechanism and strengthen exchange of information

and management know-how so as to achieve an effective integrated oceans management and a sustainable development.

Wen Quan, a researcher with China's National Marine Environmental Monitoring Centre, also said the fisheries resources in the Pacific region, environmental pollution, measures to protect endangered species, transportation security and sub-regional marine interests have topped the agenda of the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two more US soldiers to stand trial over Abu Ghraib affair

BAGHDAD, 23 Oct — A US military court in Baghdad on Friday ordered two more soldiers, including an alleged ringleader, to stand trial over the sexual and physical abuse of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib Prison.

Military judge Colonel James Pohl rejected a bid by the defence counsel for one of the soldiers, Sergeant Javal Davis, to force Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to testify at his trial.

Like others convicted over the Abu Ghraib affair, which created world outrage, Davis and Specialist Charles Graner argue they were following orders to soften prisoners up for interrogation.

Graner, named by one co-accused as a ringleader, faces up to 28 years in jail and other penalties on charges including cruelty, assault and committing indecent acts.

A military investigator has told another court Graner, 36, had been identified by fellow accused Private Lynndie England as the father of her baby born this month.

Graner is due to stand trial on 7 January and Davis on 1 February. Both are Army reservists.

Photos of US soldiers

taunting and humiliating naked prisoners at the jail, a notorious execution and torture centre under Saddam Hussein, sparked worldwide condemnation when they were published in April. Graner was photographed standing over a pyramid of naked, hooded prisoners.

England was pictured holding a naked prisoner on a leash.

"We are going to win. He was acting under fully lawful orders at the time," Graner's counsel, Guy Womack, told reporters at Friday's hearing at a US base.

"The orders had been given to him by his

superiors in the military police chain of command, military intelligence and civilian intelligence."

Witnesses in the court martial of the most senior soldier charged over the incidents, Staff Sergeant Ivan Frederick, jailed for eight years on Wednesday, said the CIA sometimes directed abuse and orders were received from military command to toughen interrogations.

The evidence, from an officer and a chief warrant officer who served at the jail, is among the strongest so far in the Abu Ghraib trials pointing to more senior involvement.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi boy watches US Army soldiers patrolling the centre of Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq on 23 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

## UNDP promises assistance to SME development in Nigeria

LAGOS, 23 Oct — The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has promised further assistance to the Nigerian Government for the development of small and medium enterprises (SME) to enable the country to reduce poverty, a UNDP official said Thursday.

"We are contending with some challenges facing the Nigerian enterprise which include access to finance, management capability, resource development and market information" said Bernard Egwu, assistant country director of the UNDP, adding that "we would continue to do more for the country".

Nigeria's Small and Medium Enterprises Development Agency (SMEDA) had approached the UNDP for assistance in processing and analysis of data collected from a survey of small and medium enterprises in the country. —MNA/Xinhua





An Iraqi detainee shouts that he is innocent as he is guided by a national guardsman following his arrest during a joint raid in the town of Gurna, some 40 km north of Basra, on 23 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

## Cathay Pacific Airways to buy 9.9% of Air China after IPO

**BEIJING, 23 Oct** — Cathay Pacific Airways announced its plan to buy a 9.9-per-cent stake in Air China after its Initial Public Offering (IPO).

Executives from the two airlines signed the agreement that will include coordinated schedules and marketing efforts. The agreement will combine Cathay's large network of global and Asian routes and Air China's routes centred around its Beijing hub.

Air China is planning to sell stock in Hong Kong soon and possibly London. Further details will be announced later.

The deal also sets out a framework for the two airlines to develop a closer partnership, including joint marketing and sales activities as well as better coordination of the airlines' schedules. They plan to cooperate in engineering, ground handling, catering, cargo services, information technology, purchasing, safety and security.

MNA/Xinhua

## Briton, Dutchman charged in drug scandal in Singapore

**SINGAPORE, 23 Oct**—Singapore's authorities charged a second Briton and a 56-year-old Dutchman on Friday in a rare high-society drug scandal in the tightly controlled country.

Briton Andrew Veale, a 40-year-old financial broker, was charged for consumption of cocaine and the party drug Ecstasy, and faces a maximum penalty of 10 years in jail and a 20,000-Singapore-dollar (11,970 US dollars) fine, a Central Narcotics Bureau spokeswoman said. Petrus van Wanrooij, a Dutch citizen, was also charged for consumption of drugs along with Singaporean Penelope Pang, the 35-year-old daughter of an entertainment mogul, police said.

Police have detained 23 people since October 7, including a Tunisian restaurant marketing manager and two Singaporeans who face possible execution on trafficking charges after police found 61.2 grammes of cocaine in their possession. The arrests follow anti-drugs campaigns this year targeting drugs popular at nightclubs frequented

by the sons and daughters of the nation's business elite.

They also come after a year in which synthetic "club drugs" overtook heroin as the drug of choice in the city-state and young ethnic Chinese outnumbered Malays as the biggest group of drug abusers for the first time in 15 years.

"The crackdown on the cocaine ring shows the government is really not softening up when it comes to drug crimes," said Chua Beng Huat, a sociology professor at National University of Singapore.

Of the 23 arrested, 14 have been charged, including another Briton, 35-year-old Nigel Bruce Simmonds, editor of the Singapore edition of high-society magazine Tatler. He was charged with consumption and possession of cocaine and methamphetamines. —MNA/Reuters

# UN rejects to train Iraqi judges

**UNITED NATIONS, 23 Oct** — The United Nations has rejected a request from Iraqi leaders to train some 30 judges and prosecutors who would be trying former President Saddam Hussein, in part because Baghdad has the death penalty, a UN spokesman said on Friday.

The request was made to Carla del Ponte, chief prosecutor at the UN War Crimes Tribunal on the former Yugoslavia in The Hague, but UN Secretary-General Annan turned it down, spokesman Stephane Dujarric said.

He said del Ponte and the court were under pressure to meet target dates to complete their work and that the United Nations had no mandate to help

train Iraqi judges. Judicial assistance, however, was among the tasks the world body could undertake in Iraq in previous Security Council resolutions.

Dujarric also said the request was rejected because "serious doubts exist regarding the capability of the Iraqi special tribunal to meet relevant international standards."

"The Secretary-General recently stated that

UN officials should not be directly involved in lending assistance to any court or tribunal that is empowered to impose the death penalty," he said in answer to questions.

Annan's position was first reported by the *New York Times*, which said that a weeklong training session for Iraqi judges and prosecutors chosen to try Saddam and his key associates ended in Lon-

don on Monday. Both Iraqis and their Western advisers agreed that Iraqis were unprepared to undertake full-fledged trials soon.

The London courses were organized by American lawyers who assist Iraqi investigators and judges in Baghdad. Britain sent legal experts to the training sessions but Iraqis were not expected to be ready to start proceedings next month as originally planned.

The United Nations is assisting in Iraqi elections, planned for January, training Iraqi elections workers in Mexico and other places outside the country, who in turn train others. Dujarric said 6,000 Iraqis had completed direct or indirect training and were setting up 585 voter registration stations.

Annan has said plans for elections were technically feasible but that the decision was up to the Iraqis. "It's their call, not ours," he told reporters on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters

## Two civilians killed under US fire near Fallujah

**FALLUJAH (Iraq), 23 Oct** — Two young Iraqi girls were killed on Friday when their car came under US fire near the rebel-held city of Fallujah, according to an Iraqi who helped rescue four people wounded in the incident.

Villager Mahmoud Mohammed said the mother of the two girls and the driver of the car, who were both wounded, had told him a US tank had fired at the vehicle in Naamiya, six miles southeast of Fallujah. Two other children in the car were hurt.

Hospital officials in Fallujah confirmed the casualties.

There was no immedi-

ate comment from the US military, which has intensified air and artillery strikes around Fallujah in the past week in what it says is a drive against foreign fighters led by Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

It says Zarqawi, a declared al-Qaeda ally, has bases in the Sunni Muslim stronghold, but residents deny knowledge of Zarqawi's network and say

US assaults kill civilians.

In other violence, a car bomb exploded near a police station in Ishaqi, about 50 miles north of Baghdad, wounding two policemen, police said. Two prisoners escaped after the blast.

Police said the bomb was aimed at a passing US convoy. The US military had no immediate information on the attack.

MNA/Reuters

## Chinese elderly want more care as elderly's day comes

**BEIJING, 23 Oct** — As Chinese senior citizens celebrated the Double Ninth Festival, or "Elderly's Day", Friday, there is growing appeal that the elderly should be better taken care of.

The life expectancy of Chinese has reached 72 years today, and how to create a sound environment for the elderly to enjoy their life still needs painstaking

efforts of the whole society, sociologists say.

This is especially true when China's large population of senior citizens is taken into account.

China has a population of 1.3 billion and 130 million, or 10 per cent, of the people are aged above 60, the largest group of senior

citizens in the world. The number is expected to soar to 400 million by 2050. The Double Ninth Festival, pronounced in Chinese as "Chong Yang Jie," falls on the ninth day of the ninth month on the Chinese lunar calendar. Nine in Chinese has the means "luck"; double nines mean "great

luck." Besides, nine stands for a long time in China, so the day gradually became the elderly's festival for longevity. The traditional festival features mountain climbing, eating of rice cakes, dates and nuts, and enjoying the beauty and fragrance of chrysanthemum.

MNA/Xinhua



An injured Iraqi policeman receives attention from hospital staff after a suicide car bomb exploded near a US marine base in the western town of Al Asad on 23 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

# UN official calls for more int'l help for mideast peace

UNITED NATIONS, 24 Oct — In order to build lasting peace in the Middle East region, more vigorous international engagement will be needed, a senior UN official said here Friday.

"Violence, not negotiation, continues to be the all too frequent mode of communication in the Middle East," Under-secretary-General for Political Affairs Kieran Prendergast said in his monthly briefing to the Security Council.

"There is a palpable sense of drift and foreboding, [and] neither

side is fulfilling its obligations under the Road Map," he added, referring to the plan sponsored by the so-called Quartet of the UN, European Union, Russian Federation and United States that calls for Israel and the Palestinians to take a series of parallel and reciprocal steps leading to two states living side-by-side in peace by

2005. Prendergast drew attention to Israel's recent major operation in the Gaza Strip which resulted in the deaths of a large number of Palestinians, many of them civilians.

He also underscored the fact that the terror attacks earlier this month in Taba, Egypt, had struck a place which had been known as haven of

coexistence and peace.

"One hears from many quarters the argument that the time has come for a renewed commitment and effort, but that the parties cannot succeed left to themselves," he said. "The international community's more vigorous engagement is therefore an indispensable ingredient if we want to end the violence and bring fresh hope of peace in the Middle East," he stressed.—MNA/Xinhua



*Iraqi national guardsmen arrive at the scene of a suicide car bomb attack north of Baghdad, on 23 Oct, 2004. A suicide bomber blew up his vehicle near a checkpoint manned by Iraqi National Guards in the village of Ishaqi, near Samarra, north of Baghdad, killing four guards. A guard officer said six guards were also wounded in the attack. —INTERNET*

## US presidential race spending all-time high

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct — The US presidential race this year will cost an unprecedented 1.2 billion dollars or more, an independent study released on Thursday said.

The study by the independent Centre for Responsive Politics also estimated that combined spending on presidential and congressional races this year will reach a record 3.9 billion dollars, a 30-per-cent increase over the three billion spent on federal elections four years ago.

"The 2004 presidential and congressional elections will shatter previous records for spending, and the biggest reason is the increase in giving by individuals to candidates and parties," said Larry Noble, the Centre's executive director.

Individual contributions giving to federal candidates and political parties will total 2.5 billion dollars, a significant jump over the 1.5 billion dollars in individual contributions raised in the 2000 election cycle.

Contributions from political action com-

mittees, established by individuals or institutions to support their candidates or causes, will total 384 million dollars in this

year's elections, an increase of 33 per cent over the elections four years ago, the study said. —MNA/Xinhua

## Britain urges Iraqi captors to release Hassan

LONDON, 23 Oct — The British Government Friday urged the kidnappers in Iraq to release Margaret Hassan, director of CARE International in the country, after her video was aired by Arabian-language TV channel al-Jazeera.

The videotape, where Hassan pleaded the government to withdraw its troops from Iraq, was "extremely distressing", said British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw in a statement.

"I have the greatest sympathy for what her family is suffering," he said. "Margaret Hassan has spent more than 30 years working for the Iraqi people. We hope all Iraqis will join us in calling for her immediate release," he added. Hassan, 59, was kidnapped on Tuesday in Baghdad by an unknown group. She has lived in Iraq for the last 30 years helping its people and is married to an Iraqi.

In the newly-released tape, Hassan pleaded the government to help her out of the same fate as Kenneth Bigley, British hostage who was beheaded by his captors in Iraq earlier this month.

"The British people, tell Mr Blair to take the troops out of Iraq and not bring them here to Baghdad," she said. —MNA/Xinhua



## Putin calls for concentrating more resources for Iraq

MOSCOW, 23 Oct — Russian President Vladimir Putin has called on the international community to concentrate more resources to support the Iraqi provisional government, the Interfax news agency said Friday.

In a response letter Putin thanked Iraqi Prime

Minister Iyad Alawi for his condolence on the latest terrorist attacks in Russia, the Kremlin Press service reported on Friday.

"Active promotion of a political settlement process, arrangement of constructive interaction between all leading political forces in the country, which reject terrorist methods, would facilitate sooner normalization of the situation in Iraq," Putin said.

The President noted that "along with this, it is necessary to mobilize additional resources of the international community to support efforts being made by the Iraqi provisional government. It is exactly what Russia's initiative on calling an international conference on Iraq is aimed at."

He said the Russian and Iraqi people "are tied by traditions of friendship and cooperation that have been developed for years".

"Russian specialists were directly involved in helping Iraq develop the basic sectors of its economy and gained unique experience in your country," Putin said. He emphasized that Russia should play an important role in Iraq's economic reconstruction, Interfax said.—MNA/Xinhua

## HK makes plan to counter winter flu hike

HONG KONG, 24 Oct — Hong Kong's Centre for Health Protection has made a plan to counter the coming flu hike during winter and has prepared sufficient vaccine for a large-scale vaccination programme next month, its controller Leung Pak-yin said on Saturday.

Speaking on a radio programme, Leung said there was a slim chance of an avian flu outbreak in Hong Kong. But he warned there was a certain degree of risk as there were suspected cases of man-to-man infection of the virus in neighbouring countries. He said the centre would closely liaise with the World Health Organization and authorities of neighbouring

countries to get related information, as well as to monitor local flu statistics and the virus transformation situation.

Leung said cross-departmental meetings and public forums would be held in Hong Kong for medical professionals and the general public so as to assess risk and map out a response plan.

He appealed to members of the public not to underestimate their contribution to improving environmental hygiene, adding that refraining from littering and water accumulation as well as frequent hand washing were important practices. —MNA/Xinhua

## German, Russian government leaders to meet next week

BERLIN, 24 Oct — German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder will meet Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov next week for talks on bilateral and European issues, it was announced Friday. The meeting will be held on October 28 in Stuttgart, where both leaders are scheduled to attend the German-Russian Conference on Investment, said Bela Anda, spokesman for the Chancellery.

Themes of the talks between Schroeder and Fradkov are concerning bilateral cooperation and European aspects, he said.

Schroeder and Russian leaders have met each other on a regular basis and the investment conference, sponsored by the German Foreign Ministry and economic sectors, is expected to attract businessmen from both countries. —MNA/Xinhua



*An Iraqi views the damage to the building in Baghdad after it was hit by a rocket on 23 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET*



# Myanmar lacquerware art and Lacquerware college

*Maung Lin Thu (NyaungU)*

Bagan is a place in the world where a large collection of cultural heritage can be found in a single place. Thus, Bagan can be called the mirror of Myanmar's culture. Theravada Buddhism has flourished in Myanmar till now since the Bagan era in 11th Century, which left behind many pagodas and temples as cultural monuments, and also the ten traditional arts and crafts which have been flourishing in the nation up to now. Bagan is also a place that has preserved and maintained the art of lacquerware making, one of the ten traditional arts and crafts, as one of its traditions.

Lacquerware making is an art of painting and decorating a white wooden object with resin, using a piece of white bamboo flap and a stylus instead of a brush. Myanmar has preserved lacquerware as a traditional art, which has benefited human societies throughout the successive eras and whose role has been important not only in the rural society, but also in all social affairs of the Myanmar people.

The origin of lacquerware art is coating a wooden or bamboo object with black resin. Members of Bagan pagodas restoration body found lacquered cups made of woven bamboo strips inside a pot of Bagan era while digging the ground at the collapsed Lemyethna brick monastery near Minnathu village. The colour of the ancient cups were fading and the woven bamboo strips began wearing out. No decorations were made on the cups. They are now displayed at the museum of Lacquerware College in Bagan.

Nyaungyan era saw the art of decorating lacquered objects. The use of lacquerware became wider in Konboun era, during which, skillfully decorated lacquerware and lacquerware embedded with glass mosaic were designated as items of court use. In the late Konboun period, new designs were invented based on original techniques. During the time lacquered objects were decorated with various kinds and shapes of flowers, pictures and portraits. The era also saw the introduction large and strong lacquered wooden boxes to store religious treatises at monasteries. Buddhists donated lacquered wooden boxes decorated with mosaic paintings to the monks, and they

can be found at almost every ancient monastery till now. The design of a treatise box or cupboard of Min Letwagyi, who was a court official under both King Mindon and King Thibaw, is so excellent that it is displayed at the museum of Lacquerware College in Bagan. Another box of excellent quality used by Su Phaya Latt, the Queen of King Thibaw, is shown at the National Museum in Yangon. It is about six feet in height.

Ancient lacquerware of artistic designs and decorations is displayed at the famous museums in foreign

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countries. A 12-inch high lacquerware container decorated with glass mosaic paintings is exhibited at Pitt Rivers Museum in London. It was a property of King Thibaw. Another lacquerware container of the King is in Victoria and Albert Museum in London. It is decorated with floral designs. In the book "Burmese Lacquerware" compiled by Sylvia Fraser-Lu, the author said that many of the court lacquerware of Myanmar are now in the museums in England.

During the colonial era, the lacquerware industry of Bagan was in a state of gradual decline, and some lacquerware art that was preserved for successive eras was nearly lost. But thanks to the efforts of U Tin, a

local authority of Bagan, and artisans, a lacquerware school could be opened in Bagan in 1924.

At present, the Lacquerware School of Cottage Industries Department of the Cooperatives Ministry is disseminating the art of lacquerware making. It is the only lacquerware school in the whole Southeast Asia. It is also inventing advanced methods to produce lacquerware of high quality, strictly following the traditional style. The school has also opened a lacquerware museum and the exhibition showing the process of lacquerware making. The State Peace and Development Council has upgraded the school to a college in May 2003 in accord with the submission of the department. The college is now running the two-year diploma course, one-year diploma course and one-year high school level course on the lacquerware subject. Those who have passed the matriculation examination may apply for the two-year diploma course, and graduates are allowed to enroll in the one-year diploma course.

The college is teaching economics as the main subject in addition to the subjects on the lacquerware at the two-year diploma course. After completing the course, a student can join any institute of economics or the arts (economics) course of University for Distance Education from the second year.

The science of lacquerware and related subjects are taught at the one-year diploma course. The one-year high school level course accepts only 20 students per year, and they will get stipends.

Myanmar has preserved the lacquerware art for centuries, and thanks to the innovations and new introductions based on original methods, Myanmar lacquerware is flourishing in its own style as a branch of art and culture. As the Government has upgraded the Lacquerware School into a college to preserve and restore the art and to produce lacquerware experts, it is sure that Myanmar lacquerware will continue to stand tall in the world.

(Translation: TMT)

(Myanma Alin + Kyemon: 22-10-2004)

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Two Indian Children of Indian Embassy present bouquets to Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing at the airport before their departure for India to pay a State Visit. — MNA

## Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife...

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Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing were accompanied by Daw Khin Lay The, wife of General Thura Shwe

Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife

Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Daw Khin Thet Htay, wife of Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung

Thaung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Health Dr

Kyaw Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Military Assistant to the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Nay Win, Director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw

Thu, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, senior military officers and heads of department.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing being seen off at Yangon International Airport by diplomats of foreign missions and officials of UN agencies.— MNA

## Shweyinaye paddy strain harvested in Hopong

YANGON, 24 Oct — The harvesting ceremony of high yield Shweyinaye paddy strain was held at Myoma Paddy Field in Hopong, Shan State (South), on 21 October morning, attended by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint

and officials.

Officials reported on cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy in the township. The commander gave instructions on efforts to be made for meeting the target cultivation and extended cultivation of Shweyinaye paddy strain.

Next, the commander and officials inspected harvesting and

winnowing of paddy. The one-acre model paddy plot yielded 179.40 baskets of paddy per acre. Assistant Manager Daw Thuza Myint of Myanmar Agriculture Service and officials reported on agricultural technique and use of fertilizer. Later, the commander gave the concluding remarks.

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## Commander, minister meet local traders, entrepreneurs of Shan State

YANGON, 24 Oct — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, accompanied by departmental officials, on 23 October, viewed around thriving orange in Aungban Township and orange and grape plantations grown in Nyaungshwe Township by Eikhsthan Agriculture Group and clarified

extended cultivation and export of the fruits.

In the afternoon, Chairman of Shan State (South) Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and the minister met regional traders and agriculture entrepreneurs at the meeting hall of

Shan State. They discussed in detail extended cultivation for export and the requirements to be fulfilled by the State Peace and Development Council and the ministry.

Afterwards, the officials answered the queries raised by the entrepreneurs. —MNA



## SPDC chose, assigned duties to those who were assumed to be able to loyally discharge State duties

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The Tatmadaw in order to discharge a wide array of duties has formed the State Peace and Development Council on its behalf. The State Peace and Development Council has also formed the Government and the central bodies along with the Prime Minister and assigned duties to them to be able to exercise the three organs of power.

In other words, the State Peace and Development Council has chosen and assigned duties to those who were assumed to be able to loyally discharge State duties in line with policies, directives, rules and regulations laid down by the State.

If they, in discharging the State duties,

border trade at Muse, the border gate, the Government had to take action against service personnel who were involved in bribery and corruption of kyat billions, that were detrimental to the interest of the State and traders. The State Peace and Development Council, upholding the national interest in the fore, has taken actions whenever there arises a situation adversely affecting the national policies—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. Former Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt had been permitted to retire for his violation of Tatmadaw discipline such as insubordination, for his involvement in the bribery



General Thura Shwe Mann and Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially converse with national entrepreneurs at the ceremony to clarify the latest developments of the State.— MNA

Tatmadaw and no one is above the law. Severe actions were taken

no one is above the law and everybody is equal before the law.

government and the ministries are implementing the nation-building policies laid down by the State Peace and Development Council and members of the State Peace and Development Council are undertaking the entire national development task in harmony through collective leadership and individual responsibility and their supervision at the grassroots levels. Therefore, considerable and speedy progress has been made due to cooperation between the departments and the public under the leadership of the State.

In discharging the duties of the government, he said the Government will do so for the emergence of the government capable of serving the interest of the State and the national people widely, effectively and correctly without losing sight and clean and dynamic government

machinery which does not oppress the people through violating codes of conduct, behaving in an unreliable manner and taking bribes.

Only when the administrative machinery of the State is dynamic, can the people earn their living peacefully and with security and will the economy of the State be stronger in all sectors, he said. As is known to all, the role of private sector plays a wide part in the economy of the State. It is found that the ratio of the private sector is high in both GDP and major sectors such as manufacturing, service and trade, he added. There are now national entrepreneurs such as farm entrepreneurs, indus-trialists, hoteliers, bankers, importers and exporters and livestock breeding entrepreneurs in economic sector due to the permission and practical

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have gone against the policies, rules and regulations, or if they are unable to serve the interest of the people, they are to be removed from the posts.

In connection with

and corrupt practices, and for failure to carry out the duties properly.

Every section of the Tatmadaw will have to follow the rules and regulations of the

whenever there arose violation of laws such as mistreating and bullying the people. It was the policy of the Tatmadaw constantly adopted in taking action in accord with the concept that

He said all present at the meeting were the ones who were far-sighted, well experienced at home and abroad and very well-to-do. Therefore, he said, the clarification was made with the aim of enabling them to make efforts for serving the interest of the State, the people and the private sector after realizing the changing situations in the State. In his address to the traders and national entrepreneurs, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win said the government will continue to practise and implement the political, economic and social policies of the State; and the objectives of the State will not be changed for any reasons. He said the



National entrepreneurs attend the ceremony to clarify the latest developments of the State.— MNA



Deputy Director-General U Zaw Myint Pe of State Peace and Development Council Office acts master of ceremonies.— MNA

## Sagaing Division USDA Annual Meeting held

YANGON, 24 Oct — A ceremony to unveil the signboard to hail the Annual General Meeting of the Union Solidarity and Development Association 2004 was held in front of Monywa Pyinnya Alin modern library in Sagaing Division on 22 October morning. Present on the occasion were member of the Panel of Patrons of the USDA (Central) Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, CEC member Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, district level departmental officials, secretaries and executives of division, district and township USDAs and social organization members. The CEC member and the member of the Panel of Patrons formally opened the signboard.

The Sagaing Division USDA Annual Meeting was held at the city hall in

Monywa. USDA members opened the meeting by singing the song titled "Eternal Union". Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered addresses. The commander, the minister and officials presented gifts to outstanding students.

Next, the CEC member and officials accepted K 4.6 million for Sagaing Division USDA donated by wellwishers. Afterwards, the minister presented K 2,540,000 to be used in rural development tasks to officials of the respective townships.

Before concluding the meeting, USDA members sang the song titled "Pyi Myanmar". In the afternoon, the second-session of the Sagaing Division USDA Annual Meeting continued. The meeting made decisions and ended with the concluding remarks by the meeting chairman.—MNA



CEC member Col Thein Nyunt addresses annual meeting of Maubin District USDA.—MNA

## Maubin District holds annual meeting

YANGON, 24 Oct — The Maubin District Union Solidarity and Development Association of Ayeyawady Division held its annual meeting at Toe Shwewa Hall in Maubin this morning.

Present on the occasion were CEC member of USDA Minister Col Thein Nyunt and

district level officials, Ayeyawady Division USDA Secretary U Than Tun, executives, well-wishers, outstanding students and USDA members.

First, students of Maubin Basic Education Middle School No 1 presented the songs titled "Eternal Union" and "Pyi

Myanmar".

Next, the CEC member gave a speech. Ayeyawady Division USDA Secretary U Than Tun explained the purpose of holding the annual meeting. The CEC member presented K 800,000 for the ambulance of Maubin District Red Cross Society, one 10

KVA generator for Maubin District USDA and a set of computer for Maubin District BEMS No 1 to officials.

Afterwards, officials gave away prizes to outstanding persons.

In the afternoon, the Maubin District USDA Annual Meeting followed.

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## 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

YANGON, 24 Oct — The 11th-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 song composing contest at Kanbawza Theatre on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and the music contest at Padonma and National Theatres. Present on the occasions were Daw Khin Than Nwe, widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, member of the Panel of Patrons for Organizing the Competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Chairman of the Work Committee No 3 Military Region Com-



U Myo Myint of Shan State taking part in professional level men's classical song contest.—MNA

mander Col Tint Hsan, 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 Myanmar Radio and Television, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khaing and

members supervised the song contest. Altogether six contestants participated in the professional level men's classical song contest. And, 10 women took part in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' classical song contest. On 25 October, the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' religious song contest and the professional level men's oldies and modern song contest will be held at the same venue.

Chairman of the Panel of Judges Bogale U Tint Aung and members supervised the song composing contest at Kanbawza Theatre. Altogether eight contestants participated in the basic education level (aged 15-20) song composing contest. Tomorrow morning, the song composing contest will continue. At Padonma Theatre, five participants took part in the higher education level (men's) harp contest and six women in the higher education level (women's) harp contest. Next, five

participants took part in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' harp contest and 10 girls in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' harp contest. Leader of the panel of judges U Thein Han Gyi and party supervised the contest. On 25 October morning, the amateur level oboe contest, the basic education level (aged 15-20) oboe contest and the higher education level oboe contest will be held at Padonma Theatre.

At the National Theatre, seven contestants from States and Divisions competed in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' piano contest and eight in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' piano contest. The contest was supervised by leader of the panel of judges Pianist U Chit Swe and party. On 25 October, the higher education level Ozi contest and the basic education level (aged 10-15) Ozi contest will be held.

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## Mayor inspects urbanization tasks

YANGON, 24 Oct — Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, member of the Central Executive Committee of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and also Chairman of the Yangon City Development Committee, inspected the replacement of water pipelines in 23rd Street, Latha Township, this morning, and urged officials concerned to work hard for the implementation of the urbanization drive. Next, the mayor accepted 849 USDA membership applications submitted by residents. The mayor also looked into sanitation works being carried out at ditches on both sides of the street.

Later, the mayor oversaw the tasks for the beauty of Kandawgyi Gardens and its surrounding areas, construction of as-

phalt roads, the laying of concrete tiles on the pedestrian lane, and construction of retaining wall.

The mayor proceeded to Shwepyitha Township, where he inspected the extension of the tarred entrance road to the University of Computer Studies.

The 22-foot-wide road is now being extended to a 40-foot-wide one by expanding nine feet to each side.

The mayor also looked into the repair of the approach road to Shwepyitha Bridge near Shwepyitha Industrial Zone.

The mayor also oversaw the repairs of road between Anawrahta Road and Sayasan Road and Shwelipan Bridge, and urbanization tasks in Hlinethaya Township.

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Ma Moe Moe Yin Min of Yangon Division.—MNA



# Cash and kind donated to home for the aged, schools for the deaf and dumb in Kyimyindine, Mayangon, Dagon Townships

YANGON, 24 Oct — A ceremony to present rice, oil, salt, medicine, gram and cash donated by Tatmadaw families and wellwishers to Kandawlay Home for the Aged of the Little Sisters of the Poor in Mingala Taungnyunt Township was held at the home on Theinbyu Street this afternoon.

Present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Chief of Staff (Navy) Captain Nyan Tun, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, senior military officers, local authorities, departmental officials, social organization members, officials of the home and wellwishers.

Maj-Gen Tin Soe of the Ministry of Defence, Chief of Staff (Navy) Captain Nyan Tun and Colonel General Staff (Air) Lt-Col Nay Win presented rice, edible oil, gram and K 10,000 to Head of the Home Mother Clare.

Next, the commander, the deputy minister, the vice-mayor and the Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council presented donations to the Head of the Home. Wellwishers and departmental officials also gave donations to the Head of the Home.

Sisters from the Home accepted K 7,039,135 donated by wellwishers. The Head of the Home expressed thanks.

Today's donations for the Home for the Aged of the Little Sisters of the Poor were 64 bags of rice, 16 viss of oil, 157 viss of iodized salt, 32 tubes of tooth paste, 1,413 bottles of traditional medicine, 31 viss of gram and K 7,039,135.

A similar ceremony was held at School for the Blind Children and Schools for the Blind from Dagon, Mayangon and Kyimyindine townships at 2 pm today.

The donation ceremony was held at Mary

Chapman's School on Thantaman Street in Dagon Township, attended by Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were senior military officers, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, departmental heads, local authorities, principals of the schools and wellwishers.

Chairman of the Administrative Board of the Mary Chapman's School Archbishop U Mahn San Si Htay said the blessing.

On behalf of the Tatmadaw families, Maj-Gen Mya Win of the Ministry of Defence, Chief of Staff (Navy) Captain Nyan Tun and Lt-Col Chan Maung of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) pre-



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents cash donations to an official.—MNA



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sented donations to Principals Daw Khin May Hsint, Daw Yu Yu Swe and Daw Zinar Dun. Next, the commander and wellwishers gave offertories to Principal Daw Khin May Hsint of the Mary Chapman's School. Similarly, other donors presented their donations to Principals Daw Yu Yu Swe and Daw Zinar Dun. After the ceremony, teachers and students entertained the audience with dances and songs.

Today's donations to three schools for the deaf and dumb in Mayangon, Kyimyindine and Dagon Townships were 179 bags of rice, 62 viss of edible oil, 123 viss of gram, 615 viss of iodized salt, 123 tubes of tooth paste, 1,560 bottles of traditional medicines and K 2,638,070.—MNA



Senior military officers present cash donations to an official at the donation ceremony to Home for the Aged and Schools for the Deaf and Dumb.—MNA



Maj-Gen Mya Win, Captain Nyan Tun (Navy) and Lt-Col Chan Maung (Air) present cash to officials at the donation ceremony to Home for the Aged and Schools for the Deaf and Dumb.—MNA

## Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004 goes on

YANGON, 24 Oct— Under the arrangement of the Ministry of Forestry, the Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004 continued for the third day at the Tatmadaw Convention

Hall on U Wisara Road today.

Entrepreneurs at home and from abroad and diplomats visited the fair.

Altogether 41

companies with 154 booths participated in the fair which will be kept open for public on 25 and 26 October from 10 am to 5 pm.

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## All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased



Entrepreneurs visit Ocean Glory Ltd's Booth at Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004.—UMFCCI

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## Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 28<sup>th</sup> October (Thursdy), 2004, being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

## Autodesk launches regional headquarters in Beijing

BEIJING, 23 Oct — Global design software and digital content provider Autodesk launched a limited company, Autodesk China, earlier this week to make China a regional base along with the United States, Europe and Japan.

Labour-intensive, low-efficient and heavy-consuming industries of manufacturing and construction will be China's major forces for economic growth for a certain period in the future, and just in this sense, they give vast space for nation's digitalization, said Autodesk global vice-president and Greater China president Gao Qun Yao. China will inevitably become one of the world's most important software bases, he said.

Autodesk have deployed large regional development centre in Beijing in the United States, Europe and the Asia-Pacific Region. Now it will develop another regional centre in China, said Autodesk CEO and President Carol Barts. —MNA/Xinhua

UNION OF MYANMAR  
MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION  
MYANMA RAILWAYS  
INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tender are invited by Myanmar Railways, for Supply of the following Machinery and Spare Parts which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats:-

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

Tender No - 51/MaMa/Local/ဖွဲ့အစုံ (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.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 291994, (201555 Ext-602,613)

Deputy General Manager  
Supply Department, Myanmar Railways, Botataung Yangon

Ministry of Transport  
Department of Civil Aviation  
INVITATION FOR TENDER

1. Sealed tenders are invited for the supply, installation and commissioning of the followings systems for Yangon International Airport New Passenger Terminal Building:

Mechanical systems ( Lifts, escalators, air conditioning and ventilation etc..)  
Electrical systems (Power supply, distribution and building lighting etc..)  
Specialized systems (Passenger boarding bridges, baggage handling conveyors, Information systems, security CCTVs etc..)

2. complete set of tender documents can be bought at planning department of Department of Civil Aviation, Yangon International Airport Complex, Mingaladon. Phone 665377.

3. Tender will be accepted only as a whole system. No individual bids will be accepted.

4. Tenders will close at 16:00 hrs on 15 November 2004.

## Crude oil prices close above \$55 per barrel in New York

NEW YORK, 24 Oct — Crude oil futures rose above 55 dollars a barrel Friday as concerns about the global supply of heating oil persisted ahead of winter in the Northern Hemisphere.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, crude oil futures for December delivery rose 70

cents to settle at 55.17 dollars a barrel.

Meanwhile, on London's International Petroleum Exchange the December Brent crude-oil futures contract climbed 50 cents to close at 51.22 dollars per barrel.

The latest report from US Energy Department

showed US inventories of distillate fuel, which included heating oil and diesel, declined for the fifth consecutive week, leaving supplies nearly 10 per cent below year ago levels. Meanwhile, oil stocks in Western Europe and Japan were also reported lower.

MNA/Xinhua

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## ADVANTAGE

Reg.No. 3425/2004

## CONTOUR

Reg.No. 3426/2004

in respect of "toothbrushes (electric and non-electric) and parts and fittings for such goods; dental floss".

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## CICA meet adopts declaration

ALMATY (Kazakhstan), 23 Oct — In a significant development, a 17-member grouping of Asian countries on Friday denounced terrorism in "all its forms" and "violent manifestations of separatism and extremism" and resolved to enhance efforts at bilateral and multilateral levels to fight these "common threats". The Conference on Interaction and Confidence Building Measures in Asia (CICA) also emphasized the centrality of UN in promotion of international peace, favoured "independence and sovereignty" of Iraq, political and economic reconstruction in Afghanistan and expressed concern over situation in the Middle East. — MNA/PTI

## Drive safely

## Increasing Norwegians study via Internet

STOCKHOLM, 23 Oct — Several thousands of Norwegians now get their higher education via the Internet, Aftenposten reported on Thursday.

It has only taken a few years to create Norway's "Virtual University" with its Web Campus, and now university students all over the country follow lectures from their homes, the Norwegian newspaper said.

Through the use of

special educational web sites and communication tools, they have direct access to video and sound from universities, colleges and private institutions.

The information technology have made universities and colleges much

more accessible, said Knut Olav Aslaksen, head of the Centre for Further Education at the University of Bergen.

Norway was an early starter, and is still in the forefront when it comes to web education. — MNA/PTI



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Residents watch as a sea turtle is released on the shore of Zamboanga on the island of Mindanao. An endangered sea turtle, caught in a net by fishermen off the southern Philippine city of Zamboanga, received a new lease of life after local officials learned of its plight and arranged to have it freed. — INTERNET

## Senior CPC official meets Austrian guests

**BELING, 23 Oct—** Luo Gan, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), met here Thursday with Karl Korinek, president of the Constitutional Court of Austria.

Luo said that the relationship between China and Austria has developed smoothly since the two countries forged diplomatic ties, adding that bilateral political relations and cooperation in economy, culture and education have been furthered.

He said that the courts of the two countries have increased contacts, and his delegation is composed of heads of the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Judi-

cial Court and the Administrative Court. This, he said, will promote exchanges and cooperation between the two countries in the judicial field.

Korinek said Austria and China should enhance judicial cooperation and learn from each other to improve the legal system of their own.

He expressed appreciation for China's implementation of the rule of law, saying that law helps safeguard a nation's

stability and the world peace as well. Austria is willing to work with China to advance bilateral ties and contribute to the world peace and stability.

Austrian judicial organs include the Constitutional Court, the Supreme Judicial Court and the Administrative Court. The country has 200 district courts, 17 provincial courts and four superior provincial courts.

MNA/Xinhua

## HK, Macao tax exemption order gazetted

**HONG KONG, 23 Oct —** An order of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government which gives effect to the double taxation relief provision in the Air Services Arrangement with the Macao SAR was gazetted on Thursday.

Made under the Inland Revenue Ordinance by the Chief Executive in Council of the Hong Kong, the order will bring mutual ben-

efits to the airline businesses of both places. Under the new provision, Hong Kong and Macao will provide reciprocal tax exemption for

income, profits and property of airlines of the other side derived from operating aircraft in their own area. — MNA/Xinhua

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## Brazilian President meets with Chinese DM

**BRASILIA, 23 Oct —** Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Friday met visiting Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan and both sides pledged to work together for world peace and stability.

During the 40-minute meeting at the Presidential Palace of Planalto, Lula said he is pleased with the bilateral relations since a strategic partnership was established between the two countries.

Cao Gangchuan, also vice-chairman of China's Central Military Commission and state councillor, arrived in the capital Friday for a four-day visit.

Lula reaffirmed Brazil's support for China's reunification and the one-China policy and pledged to joint hands with China in working for world peace and stability and boost development.

Cao said that since China and Brazil established diplomatic ties 30 years ago,

the two countries have cooperated extensively and fruitfully in various fields like politics, economy, trade, science and technology. They have also developed a sound military relationship with military exchanges and cooperation being expanded and strengthened, Cao added.

The Chinese Minister said China is willing to make joint efforts with Brazil to contribute to world peace and common development.

Also on Friday, Cao and his Brazilian counterpart, Jose Viegas Filho, held talks and signed a cooperation agreement covering defence, science and technology. — MNA/Xinhua

## Macao Int'l Trade, Investment Fair opens

**MACAO, 23 Oct —** The Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF) opened here on Thursday, attracting over 1,300 government officials and business people from over 30 countries and regions.

The fair, co-sponsored by the Secretariat of China and Portuguese-speaking Countries Economic Cooperation Forum (Macao) and the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (MTIPI), is a venue for some 40 forums and workshops, and offered 332 booths for 70 trade delegations to engage in business talks.

President of the MTIPI Lee Peng Hong said that the effect of the Mainland/Macao Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) and the establishment of regional cooperation framework in the Pan-Pearl River Delta Region earlier this year have expanded Macao's business scope and enhanced the importance of MIF, which entered the ninth session this year. The four-day event is the first major international trade activity held after the implementation of CEPA in Macao on January 1 this year. As the most important annual economic activity in the city, MIF has become an important trade platform for enterprises from China's Mainland, and European and Portuguese-speaking countries. — MNA/Xinhua

## French fireworks show presented in central China

**WUHAN, 23 Oct —** The famous French fireworks show, A Little More Light, took place here Thursday as part of the French Culture Year celebrations.

The show, presented by French Group F, told Chinese viewers an ancient myth of kidnapping sunlight and giving it back to the people in colours of red, gold and white.

The show lasted about 40 minutes and cost about one million euros.

Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, was one of the first

cities in China to experience the Sino-French cultural exchanges in the 1960s. It drew an audience of tens of thousands of local people.

According to the local statistics, Wuhan has become the largest French investment destination and more than 30 French companies established businesses here, bringing about investment of 2.2 billion US dollars to the city. French Air Force's "Patrouille de France" gave its famous aerobatics show in the city six days ago. — MNA/Xinhua



Aerial view of the Houses of Parliament in London. British MPs were forced to defend themselves for claiming more than 140 million dollars in expenses last year. — INTERNET

## SPORTS

## Maier takes another swipe at Lehmann

BERLIN, 23 Oct—Former Germany goalkeeping coach Sepp Maier has taken another swipe at Jens Lehmann in his battle with Oliver Kahn to be the country's number one keeper.

Maier, fired by new Germany manager Juergen Klinsmann for making disparaging remarks about Lehmann, said the Arsenal player had been at fault for both Panathinaikos goals in their 2-2 Champions League draw in Greece on Wednesday.

"I can assure you Lehmann will never be Germany's number one goalkeeper," said Maier, Kahn's coach at Bayern, in an interview with Munich's AZ newspaper, two weeks after vowing not to say another word about the Kahn-Lehmann rivalry.

"Jens had better watch out," added Maier. "If he keeps this up he may soon end up being the number three goalkeeper in Germany (also behind VfB Stuttgart's Timo Hildebrand)."

MNA/Reuters



Olympique Lyon's Sylvain Wiltord (R) fights for the ball against Rafik Saïfi of Istres during their French Ligue 1 soccer match in Nîmes on 23 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

## Nomura in talks to provide financial backing for Harris

LONDON, 23 Oct—Japanese investment bank Nomura said on Friday it was in talks to provide financial backing for Keith Harris, a businessman and fan of Manchester United who wants to prevent the football club's takeover by a US sports tycoon.

Manchester United, the world's richest football club, is facing a takeover as US sports tycoon Malcolm Glazer has built a 28.1-per-cent stake in the club, close to its biggest shareholder, Irish racehorse owners John Magnier and JPMcManus, with 28.9 per cent.

"Nomura confirms its Asset Finance Group is in discussions with Seymour

Pierce Ltd, about providing finance to assist them and the supporters with a view to developing a strategy that will provide a long-term future for Manchester United that is in the best interests of the club," Nomura said in a statement.

A source close to the situation said: "What the proposal is about is devising something which stops

any one individual taking it over. That's the real point. This is not a takeover bid".

The source added Harris would not accumulate a stake in United as part of the plan.

Harris, a former chairman of the English Football League, is chairman of British brokerage Seymour Pierce.

At 1520 GMT, United shares were up 1.4 per cent at 284 pence, valuing the club at 745 million pounds (1.36 billion US dollars).

MNA/Reuters

## Answers for yesterday's crossword puzzle



## Ferguson admits Man Utd must win to stay in Premier League

MANCHESTER (England), 23 Oct—Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson is backing his players to rise to the challenge against Arsenal on Sunday in a match he admits his side must win to stay in the Premier League title race.

"Everyone is looking forward to it. Over the years my experience of situations like this is that we seem to revel in occasions like Manchester United-Arsenal games," Ferguson told a news conference on Friday.

"Every game is important to this club, but these are the special games, the ones you feel you're challenged in and your players are looking forward to. There's a general good buzz about the place.

Ferguson thinks United, 11 points behind leaders Arsenal, need victory to retain realistic hopes of winning their ninth title in 13 seasons.

For us to win the league I think winning is a very important issue for us on Sunday," he said. "Arsenal could come and get a draw and still be 11 points clear of us and they would be delighted with that at this stage of the season.

"But leagues can turn very easily. We were 12 points behind Newcastle once

and won the league, so it can change. What we need is for Manchester United to win the game on Sunday and see how that affects the whole thing."

Arsenal go to Old Trafford looking to extend their unbeaten league record to 50 matches but Ferguson is not worried about that milestone.

"We don't concern ourselves about what a team has done in previous games," he said. "What we are going to be building on is that it's a game at Old Trafford and I've got a group of players who are well and truly capable of winning this match and that's what I expect us to do."

Arsenal have scored 29 league goals compared to United's nine, and Ferguson's expensively assembled frontline has scored only once in the last three games. Ferguson, however, believes his strikers will soon be back among the goals.

MNA/Reuters

## Sharapova beat Williams to reach Zurich semifinal

ZURICH, 23 Oct—Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova beat former world number one Venus Williams 6-3, 6-4 on Friday to reach the semifinals of the Zurich Challenge.

Frequently putting Williams on the back foot in a battle of past and present Wimbledon winners, the 17-year-old Russian further underlined her country's domain in the women's game.

The world number seven was in almost constant control, combining fierce ground strokes and ferocious returns of serve to win in just 75 minutes.

It was the Russian's 11th victory in a row, following on from tournament triumphs in Seoul and Tokyo.

Local favourite and 10th seed Patty Schnyder will contest Saturday's second semifinal against Australia's Alicia Molik. Schnyder, who won the Zurich title in 2002, came back from a set down on Friday to defeat Argentina's Paola Suarez 2-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Sharapova's win means she is almost certain to qualify for the end-of-season WTA Tour championships in Los Angeles next month which carry a one-million-dollar winner's prize.

MNA/Reuters

## Baird shoots to grab lead at Funai Golf Classic

ORLANDO (Florida), 23 Oct—Briny Baird, seeking his first win on the PGA Tour, fired a six-under-par 66 to grab the lead after the second round of the 4.2-million-US-dollar Funai Classic at the Walt Disney Resort on Friday.

Baird finished on 13-under 131, one ahead of former British Open champion Tom Lehman (66). Cameron Beckman (65), Hank Kuehne (64), Kirk Triplett (67) and Skip Kendall (67) shared third place on 133. A further stroke adrift on 10-under 134 were Harrison Frazar, Chris DiMarco, Vaughn Taylor and South African

Brenden Pappas.

Overnight leader JL Lewis followed his spectacular opening 62 with a one-over 73 to slump to nine-under. World number one and defending champion Vijay Singh of Fiji carded a 71 for 137, seven-under.

The first two rounds have been played on the par-72 Magnolia and Palm

courses but will move to the Magnolia exclusively for the final two days.

Baird was in action on the Palm on Friday and recorded seven birdies and a bogey. The 32-year-old American knows a breakthrough maiden victory would change his career but says he is not putting too much pressure on himself. — MNA/Reuters

PSG midfielder will be out for two months

PARIS, 23 Oct—French international midfielder Jerome Rothen, forced out of Paris St Germain's 2-0 victory over Porto in the Champions League on Wednesday, will be out for two months with an ankle fracture, PSG said on their website.

Medical checks at a Paris hospital showed the injury was more serious than expected.

Rothen, 26, has been plagued by injuries this season and was forced to take three weeks off after suffering a groin injury in the Champions League game against Chelsea on September 14.

MNA/Reuters

Briny Baird watches his tee shot on the par-4 fifth hole during the second round of the Funai Classic in Lake Buena Vista, Florida. Baird fired a 66 to capture the halfway lead at the Funai Classic. —INTERNET



## SPDC chose, assigned duties...

(from page 9)

encouragement under the government's policy. It is not a dream but practical indeed. The entrepreneurs present here are economic forces produced by the government that leads the transitional process, he said.

Therefore, he spoke of the need for the entrepreneurs to undertake their business correctly and far-sightedly in cooperation with the government for national development and normal running of market-oriented economic system.

He said progress and work and work and discipline are in pairs. It is im-

portant not to lead to short-cut road superficially in cooperation with corrupted personnel for prosperity of a single person. Remedial measures on the past mistakes are to be taken.

He urged the entrepreneurs who are responsible for shaping the market-oriented economic system launched by the government in accord with normal channel to undertake their business peacefully and honestly after taking into consideration of the future of the State and the people. He spoke of the need to undertake export and import functions sys-

tematically by sea or by inland checkpoint through the official channel. The acts of cultivating close personal relationship through greasing the palms of the corrupted personnel will do no good in the long run. In the mind of the people such acts for the prosperity of a single group or the minority will likely be regarded as the task of establishment of new modern class.

The Government will protect the welfare of the public with policies, rules and regulations without any discrimination, rather than with favouritism.

It is important the

entrepreneurs should undertake their businesses through coordination taking a shelter under the umbrella of rule of law. The State will thrive more than it has ever been before if governmental organizations work hard seriously and honestly and if the people play their part dutifully.

In his guidance given at a meeting with entrepreneurs in August 1999, the Head of State made it clear that the businessmen as well as the leadership of the government should not lie to the country, instead they should be loyal to the country; that for the businessmen there was no need to regard them as benefactors because of the assistance the government provided; that they did not expect anything in return for their assistance; and that they did so only for the development of the country.

This being the case, the entrepreneurs should establish themselves to be well-versed, simple-minded and respected businessmen in such areas as capital investment, production lines and trade.

Next, General Thura Shwe Mann, in his concluding

remarks, said the Tatmadaw Government has a long tradition of protecting the country and the welfare of the people and always holds this responsibility in high esteem.

They never lose sight of the welfare of the national people. Just as permission will be granted to businessmen in accord with law, protection will be given to them as well. Moreover, further assistance considered necessary will also be offered. In this process, businessmen and the public, on their part, are to keep themselves aloof from committing the act of bribery. The National Intelligence Bureau and the Na-

tional Intelligence Bureau Law were annulled to address moral decay stemming from bribery, corruption and extortion.

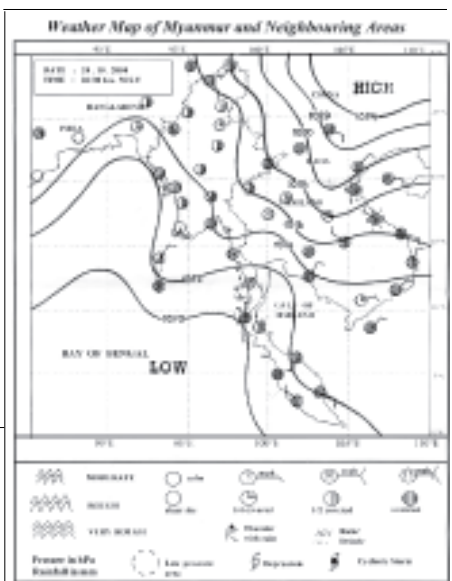
It is therefore necessary for the entrepreneurs to continue running their businesses with peace of mind without a bit of concern as well as cooperate with the government in the drive for national development and economic growth on the understanding that the goodwill and objectives of the State are real.

After the meeting, General Thura Shwe Mann and Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially greeted national entrepreneurs.

MNA



National entrepreneurs attend the ceremony to explain current changes of the State. — MNA



### WEATHER

Sunday, 24 October, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Southern Shan and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions.

Maximum temperature on 23-10-2004 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 24-10-2004 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 24-10-2004 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 23-10-2004 was (7.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 24-10-2004 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 (10:20) hours MST on 23-10-2004.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 25-10-2004:** Except for the likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated rain in extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-10-2004:** Generally fair weather. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-10-2004:** Fair weather.



Monday, October 25

View on today:

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning News

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. Song of national races

8:05 am

6. Cute little dancers

8:15 am

7. ကော့ကံကြီးပေါက်ကံကော့

8:30 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. Grammar made easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in reading

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အစားသစ်တရားသို့လဲ ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသစ်စနစ်စာ - ပထမနှစ် (သင်္ချာ၊ ဓါတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒအသုံးပြုများ) (သင်္ချာ)

5:15 pm

6. Dance variety

5:30 pm

7. တေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်

5:35 pm

8. လက်ဆွဲကမ်းစားဂီတတေး

5:45 pm

9. Songs and dance of national races

5:55 pm

10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

6:10 pm

11. Discovery

6:15 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာလွန်စာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "ဇာကပ်မင်းသုန်း" (အပိုင်း-၃၅)

6:30 pm

13. Evening News

7:00 pm

14. Weather report

7:05 pm

15. Industrial achievement

7:20 pm

16. Musical programme

7:35 pm

17. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသစ်စနစ်စာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "ဇာကပ်မင်းသုန်း" (အပိုင်း-၃၅)

8:00 pm

18. News

8:05 pm

19. International News

8:10 pm

20. Weather report

8:15 pm

21. ဂဝဏ် ဇနနီ၊ ရှိသောအကြိမ် (၁၂ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 pm

22. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "သေချာစွာချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၆)

8:25 pm

23. The next day's programme



Monday, October 25

Tune in today:

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:

- Let's get loud

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music: Paradise

8:50 am National news/ Slogan

9:00 am Music:

- Somewhere I belong

9:10 am Music

Anticipating News/Slogan

1:30 pm Lunch time

1:40 pm music

- Pretty baby

- Do you remember

- Could you ever

9:00 pm Spotlight on the star

"Ronan Keating"

- When you say

nothing at all

- If tomorrow

never comes

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Radio magazine

Drug elimination

- U N O P C ,

confirms study

reduction in

opium cultivation

in Myanmar

9:35 pm Golden land's

melody/vocal

gems

- The world's

most beautiful

Myanmar

9:45 pm News/Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

# No one is above the law

## Severe actions taken whenever laws violated

YANGON, 24 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win this evening attended the ceremony to clarify changes taken place



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win explains changes occurred in the State.— MNA

in the State held at Zeya Thiri Beikman on Konmyinthar.

Present on the occasion were the members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council commander of Yangon Command, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Auditor-General, the Yangon Mayor, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC Office, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under various ministries, the president and vice-presidents of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and executives, computer entrepreneurs, agricultural and livestock breeding entrepreneurs, exporters and importers, hotel and tourism entrepreneurs, construction entrepreneurs, rice traders, oil merchants, beans and pulses and sesame traders, fishery entrepreneurs, industrialists, rice millers, medicine and medical equipment traders, textile entrepreneurs and officials of Myanmar Mercantile Marine Development Association. Regarding the changing situations in the State, General Thura Shwe



General Thura Shwe Mann clarifies matters regarding the latest developments of the State to national entrepreneurs.

MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, officials and entrepreneurs attend the ceremony to clarify the latest developments of the State.— MNA

**Marionette Contest continues**

YANGON, 24 Oct—The Mahosadha Marionette Contest of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the fourth day at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street here at 7 pm today.

Among the audience were Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Chairman of the Work Committee Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint Hsan, members of the Work Committee and the sub-committees, maestros, fans and others.

The Yoksonthabin troupe of Mon State took part in the contest. Leader of the Panel of Judges U Ye Dway and party supervised the contest. On 25 October evening, Shwepyithar Yoksonthabin troupe of Yangon Division will take part in the contest as the fifth day and the final day.—MNA

Mann said that there have been widespread speculations as to how the retirement of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt would affect the continued implementation of the State's seven-point Road Map including the National Convention, as to whether there would be changes in the attitude of the Government towards the armed groups which had returned to the legal fold; as to whether there would be changes in the State's foreign policy.

In this connection, he said, the State has been committed itself to continued implementation of the seven-point Road Map and convening of the National Convention. There would be no change in national policies towards the armed groups which had returned to the legal fold, he said, adding the Government would continue to work together with the groups in line with the State policies based on national solidarity as before. Concerning the foreign policy, there would be no change and the State would continue to cooperate with the world nations in international relations, he added.

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**State committed to continued implementation of Road Map**

- \* The State is committed to continued implementation of the seven-point Road Map and convening of the National Convention.
- \* There would be no change in national policies towards armed groups which had returned to the legal fold.
- \* There is no change in foreign policy and the State will continue to cooperate with the world nations in international relations.