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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Yangon-Kyaukphyu road, invaluable land route for over 300,000 people of Kyaukphyu, Yanbye townships Londawpauk Bridge inaugurated in Rakhine State

YANGON, 25 Oct — A ceremony to inaugurate Londawpauk bridge on Yangon-Kyaukphyu Highway in Yanbye Township, Rakhine State, built by Public Works was held at the bridge this morning with an address by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Brig-Gen Myint Soe of Taungup Station, State, District and Township level departmental

officials, social organizations and local people totalling over 2,500.

At the opening ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence said that the State Peace and Development Council has been building economic, transport, education, health, and social infrastructures for cent per cent progress of the whole Union, to

narrow the gap between one region and another and for simultaneous development of all regions. It is laying sound development foundations to the utmost degree, especially in states including the Rakhine State and border areas which lagged behind in development due to certain reasons. Transport is the most important require-

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than address ceremony to inaugurate Londawpauk bridge on Yangon-Kyaukphyu Highway in Yanbye Township, Rakhine State, — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 26 October, 2004

For the sake of national and public interests

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. It never loses sight of the interests of the nation and the people.

A ceremony to clarify the changes that have taken place in the State was held in Yangon on 24 October. It was attended by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win. It was also attended by national entrepreneurs in various lines of business.

General Thura Shwe Mann said, in his address on the occasion, that the Tatmadaw Government had committed itself to the continued implementation of the State's seven-point Road Map and convening of the National Convention, that there would be no change in national policies towards the armed groups which had returned to the legal fold. He added that there would be no change in its foreign policy and it would continue to cooperate with the world nations.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win also reaffirmed that the Government would continue to implement the political, economic and social policies of the State and that the State Peace and Development Council is undertaking the national development tasks through collective leadership and individual responsibility. Therefore, considerable and speedy progress has been made due to cooperation between the departments and the public.

The State Peace and Development Council has formed the government and various organs of power and assigned duties to them. Only when the administrative machinery of the State is dynamic, can the people earn their living in peace and security and will the economy of the State be stronger in all sectors.

As is known to all, the private sector plays a big role in the economy of the State. Therefore, it is necessary for the entrepreneurs to run their businesses correctly and farsightedly in cooperation with the government for national development.

We would like to call on all the national entrepreneurs to fully cooperate with the Government and work hard and be honest in running of their businesses for the sake of the interests of the nation and the people as well as their own.

Seminar on Pre-primary Network to be held

YANGON, 25 Oct—A coordination meeting on holding of Seminar on Pre-primary Network was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Education Research Department this morning.

It was attended by the director-general of MERD, members of the Committee for Holding Seminar on Pre-primary Network, guests and others.

Director-General U Myint Han made a speech on the occasion, followed by a general round of discussions.

Seminar on Pre-primary Network will be held at the MERD from 13 to 15 November 2004 and trainees of Model Pre-primary Teachership Course No 1 to No 5 may attend it.

Those wishing to attend it are to contact the MERD, No 426, Pyay Road, Kamayut Township (Tel 527035 or 535860) not later than 13 November 2004.

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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

Presiding Sayadaw of Twantay Nyaung Waing Kyaungtaik passes away

YANGON, 25 Oct—State Ovadacariya Twantay Shwehsandaw Pagoda Board of Trustees' Ovadacariya Presiding Sayadaw of Nyaung Waing Kyaungtaik in Twantay, Yangon Division Bhaddanta Nandavamsa aged 82, vassa 62, passed away at 3 pm on 24 October (Sunday) (11th Waxing of Thadingyut 1366 ME), according to the Religious Affairs Department.

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Doh-Kyeywa (Our Village) Journal in circulation

YANGON, 25 Oct—Volume 1, No 1 of the Doh-Kyeywa (Our Village) Journal which will directly contributes to welfare of rural people has been in circulation. Included in the journal are articles on agriculture and livestock breeding, rural forum, news on prices of agricultural produce, short story, poem, humour, movies and astrology. The address of the journal is the Doh-Kyeywa Journal Editorial Section, No 30/32, 10th Street, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon (Tel 01-252452 or 01-379768).—MNA

Final of Eighth Minister for Home Affairs' Championship Shield Volleyball Tourney held

YANGON, 25 Oct—The final of the Eighth Minister for Home Affairs' Championship shield Volleyball Tourney was held in conjunction with prize-presentation ceremony at the Aung San Stadium this morning, attended by Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing.

Also present on the occasion were Daw Khin Hla Hla, wife of Minister Col Tin Hlaing, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe and wife, Chairman of Sports Committee of the Ministry of Home Affairs Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, the directors-general and the



Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing presents a shield to champion MPF Team.—MNA

deputy directors-general under the ministry, guests and others.

In the final, MPF Team (men) and MPF

Team (women) emerged champions.

Minister Col Tin Hlaing, Daw Khin Hla Hla, Deputy Minister

Brig-Gen Phone Swe and officials presented prizes to winning teams, men of the match and women of the match.—MNA

Junior World Ranking Tennis Tournament begins

YANGON, 25 Oct — Myanmar Tennis Federation hosted the first Myanmar Junior World Ranking Tennis Tournament Grade-5 at Theinbyu Tennis Court here this morning.

Present were Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, the Patron of MTF, departmental heads, President of MTF U Zaw Zaw of Max Myanmar Co Ltd, patrons of Myanmar Women Sports Federation, diplomats of foreign missions in Myanmar, and others.

Ministers and all those present saluted the Na-



The first Myanmar Junior World Ranking Tennis Tournament being opened by Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Patron of MTF and President of MTF U Zaw Zaw.—MNA

tional Flag while the band troupe of No 4 Basic Education High School in Tarmway Township played the national anthem. The Patron of MTF delivered an address. Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, the Patron of MTF and President of MTF U Zaw Zaw

formally opened the tourney. Two athletes from Australia, 11 from Chinese Taipei, two from England, 16 from India, 14 from Indonesia, two from Japan, four from Republic of Korea, 10 from Malaysia, 17 from host Myanmar, one from New Zealand, seven from the

Philippines, three from Singapore, three from Sri Lanka, 25 from Thailand, one from the United States and one from Canada are taking part in the under-18 tourney. Sixteen matches were held today. The tourney continues tomorrow.

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Ambush kills 50 Iraqi soldiers execution style

BAGHDAD, 24 Oct—In the deadliest ambush of the guerilla, guerillas dressed as policemen killed about 50 freshly trained Iraqi soldiers in remote eastern Iraq as the unarmed soldiers were heading home on leave Saturday evening, Iraqi officials said Sunday.

The soldiers were taken from three minibuses at a fake checkpoint about 95 miles northeast of Baghdad, near the Iranian border in restive Diyala Province, police officials said. They were told or forced to lie down on the ground in rows, then killed mostly with bullets to their heads. The ambush, extraordinarily ambitious in scope and violence, showed a high level of organization, and the guerillas probably had inside information on the travel plans of the soldiers, who were members of the nascent Iraqi National Guard, officials said.

The mass killing deals a severe blow to the American military and the interim Iraqi government at a time when top officials say Iraqi forces are being quickly trained to take over policing duties from the 138,000 American troops

here and to help maintain security for general elections scheduled in January.

On Sunday night, a group called Al Qaeda in Mesopotamia, the new name of the militant band led by Jordanian fighter Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, claimed responsibility in an Internet posting.

In Baghdad, a State Department security officer, Edward J Seitz, was killed Sunday morning by a mortar or rocket attack at Camp Victory, the American base next to Baghdad International Airport that serves as the military's operations centre, said Bob Callahan, a spokesman for the American Embassy. Mr Seitz, a 16-year veteran of the State Department who was posted at the base, is the first American diplomatic employee known to have been killed in the war.

Internet



Scottish soldiers of the First Battalion, Black Watch sit on top of their armoured vehicles during a parade at their base in Basra, southern Iraq on 24 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

CIA took detainees out of Iraq

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that the Justice Department's interpretation of the Geneva Conventions was unusual.

The memo noted that violation of that portion of the treaty could constitute a war crime and that officials should proceed carefully, the *Post* said.

Internet

Susilo orders to arrest most wanted terrorists in 100 days

JAKARTA, 24 Oct—Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono on Friday ordered National Police Chief Da'i Bachtiar to arrest the country's two most wanted terrorists, Azahari and Noordin Moh Top, within 100 days. "The President said Noordin and Azahari must be arrested in 100 days," Bahtiar told reporters shortly after a meeting with Susilo at the Merdeka Palace here. Both Malaysian fugitives are believed to be the masterminds of the September 9 bombing near the Australian Embassy here that killed nine people.—MNA/Xinhua

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Seven-year-old boy kidnapped in Iraq

BEIRUT, 24 Oct—Gunmen in Iraq have abducted a seven-year-old Lebanese boy and are demanding \$150,000 for his release, Lebanon's official news agency reported Sunday.

The boy, identified as Mohammed Hamad, was kidnapped two days ago on his way home from school in the Diyala province east of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, the state-run *National News Agency* said. The boy's father, Abdel-Ghani Hamad, has lived in Iraq for 30 years.

The Lebanese Embassy in Baghdad was aware of the ransom demand and the Lebanese charge d'affaires in Iraq, Hassan Hijazi, was trying to secure the child's release, the report said.

Foreign Ministry officials could not be reached Sunday.

Guerillas in Iraq have kidnapped more

than 150 foreigners. Most have been kidnapped for ransom and freed unharmed, but at least 30—including several Americans—have been killed in a violent campaign to drive out coalition forces and hamper reconstruction efforts.

Three other Lebanese are believed to be held hostage in Iraq. One other Lebanese—26-year-old construction worker Hussein Ali Alyan—was killed. His body was found 12 June.

Hundreds of Lebanese, mainly construction workers and industrialists, went to Iraq looking for opportunities in the massive postwar reconstruction.

Internet

Oman oil giant starts accepting tenders through Internet

ABU DHABI, 25 Oct—The Omani oil giant Petroleum Development Oman (PDO) announced that it invited tenders to get contracts worth more than 500,000 US dollars via the Internet, the *Khaleej Times* reported Saturday.

Tenders who are interested in bidding for contracts will no longer need to be located in Oman nor registered with PDO, the premier hydrocarbon exploration and production company in Oman.

Doing business with PDO will become streamlined, and the process from announcement to award will become absolutely transparent and auditable. Everything will be done online, said Mahmoud Al Lawatia, a project leader of the company.

Up to 10 tender packages per week may be uploaded in the new online tender system on www.pdotenders.com and also accessible through a hyperlink on PDO's web site www.pdo.com

All in all, contracts with a total value of approximately two billion dollars are expected to be awarded over the course of one year.

The system offers many advantages for companies that wish to do business with PDO. It will make it easy for them to reach the right person in the company to kick off the pre-tender procedures.

It will also save a great deal of time for everyone involved in the process. Only the winning bidder will have its technical suitability examined by PDO, and will have to be approved by the company's tender board.

Meanwhile, PDO also

aims to allow local companies to promote their services online. In this way, Omani companies will be able to market their services to clients worldwide and have a better chance of working with new and innovative partners.

In 2003, PDO produced an average of 702,000 barrels per day (BPD), 99.8 per cent of the target of 703,000 bpd set by the company. Total annual condensate production was also essentially on target, amounting to 21.5 million barrels.

In addition, PDO supplied a total of 14.7 billion cubic metres of natural gas and produced an average of 190 tons per day of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) in 2003.—MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis try to destroy debris of a car after a car bomb exploded in Mosul, northern Iraq on 24 Oct, 2004, near a US patrol.

INTERNET

Iraqi Govt resumes talks to pacify Fallujah, avert military assault

BAGHDAD, 25 Oct— Iraq's Interim Government said on Saturday it had resumed talks to pacify the western town of Fallujah and avert a military assault on the rebel stronghold that has faced heavy US bombardment in recent days.

Defence Minister Hazim Shaalan said he had renewed contacts with Fallujah's chief negotiator, Sheikh Khaled al-Jumaili, and other local leaders who said a meeting could come as soon as Sunday.

"We will resume talks once again with our brothers and will reach new results, God willing," Shaalan told a news conference. "Today, we will have a phone conversation to agree a meeting for this week to keep talks going."

Talks aimed at securing the return of Iraqi security forces to Fallujah collapsed more than a week ago after Prime Minister Iyad Allawi threatened to attack the city unless it handed over Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi

and his followers. The US military said it had captured a lieutenant of Zarqawi, its top foe in Iraq, and five other suspects in an overnight raid on Fallujah, 30 miles west of Baghdad.

But residents of the town, which has been a bastion of guerilla activity since shortly after US-led forces toppled Saddam Hussein's regime, say they know nothing of Zarqawi's foreign fighters and that US raids take a toll on civilians. A Fallujah negotiator said the Mujahedin Shura (council), a body that claims to represent at least some of the guerilla forces in the town, along with local governors and tribal sheikhs had agreed in principle to restart talks provided the United States

stops the daily airstrikes.

Lieutenant-Colonel Hakim Karim Midb told Reuters local leaders would demand residents who had fled the fighting be allowed to return and be compensated for damage, and that US troops remove a checkpoint on the town's eastern entrance.

Midb said the town's leaders would also push for an Iraqi National Guard force that would include local residents to keep the peace between US forces and guerillas in the town.

Fallujah has been in the hands of guerillas since a US offensive in April failed to dislodge them. Police there do not answer to Baghdad and the town has since become more militant.— MNA/Reuters



Iraqi boys shout anti-US slogans behind an American soldier conducting a search operation in eastern Baghdad on 24 Oct, 2004.

INTERNET

Kuwait sets up new department to inspect oil bidding

KUWAIT CITY, 25 Oct— The Kuwaiti Energy Ministry has established a new department to monitor and supervise oil bidding, the Kuwait News Agency reported on Saturday.

The decision to set up Tenders Affairs and Field Search Department was made by Energy Minister Sheikh Ahmad al-Fahd al-Sabah, the ministry's Undersecretary Essa Mohammed Al-Oun was quoted as saying.

The new department will study bidding documents from petroleum companies to guarantee justice and fairness between bidders, the official said.

The department will participate in preparing lists of contractors and accredited importers through a classifica-

tion committee, the official said, adding that it will also look into and address complaints submitted by companies and contractors.

It will also conduct field search and follow up implementations of contracts and purchase orders of petroleum companies, he said. Al-Oun stressed that the establishment of the new department came in accordance with the ministry's strategies which were aimed at activating its supervisory role in the oil sector.

MNA/Xinhua

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False premise underpins Duelfer warning of Iraq weapons plan

NEW YORK, 25 Oct— Arms hunter Charles Duelfer's report, in concluding Iraq might have resumed weapons-building "after sanctions were removed", left out the crucial fact that the UN Security Council had planned controls over Baghdad for years to come, UN officials say.

The Council, led by the United States, had decreed that inspections and disarmament of Iraq were to be followed by tough, open-ended monitoring.

"It's been a little disturbing," said Demetrius Pericos, chief UN weapons inspector. "All the arguments say that when sanctions ended, Saddam Hussein would have had a free hand. By the Council's own resolutions that wasn't so."

In his October 6 report, CIA adviser Duelfer discredited President George W Bush's stated rationale for invading Iraq, saying his Iraq Survey Group found no weapons of mass destruction there. But he suggested Iraq might still have posed a threat. Saddam "wanted to recreate Iraq's WMD capability — which was essentially destroyed in 1991 — after sanctions were removed", the report said, though adding that no such formal plan was uncovered.

This Duelfer finding became a new focus for the Bush Administration. Vice-President Dick Cheney told one audience on October 7, "As soon as the

sanctions were lifted, (Saddam) had every intention of going back" to weapons-building. An academic expert on the Iraq inspections regime was among those disputing this, noting that lifting the UN embargo would not have opened that door. "This is not the case under Resolution 687 and later ones," said Yale University's James S Sutterlin.

Years of Security Council resolutions preceding the 2003 US-British invasion mandated that UN arms monitors would remain in Iraq once Baghdad's WMD programmes were shut down — as Duelfer now acknowledges they were in the 1990s. With unusual powers and the best technology, the monitors in this second stage would "prevent Iraq from developing new capabilities", said a blueprint for the Ongoing Monitoring and Verification (OMV) programme.

Resolutions also stipulated that UN trade sanctions would not be lifted until the ongoing monitoring programme was in place — and lifted then only for civilian goods.— MNA/AP

Blair opponents renew attack over Iraq

LONDON, 24 Oct—Political opponents of Prime Minister Tony Blair launched a renewed attack on his handling of the Iraq conflict Sunday, as British soldiers prepared to move deeper into the country to support US troops.

Four senior members of previous Conservative Party governments, including former Prime Minister John Major, leveled a series of allegations against Blair ranging from accusations of outright lying to moving British troops deeper into Iraq and into much more dangerous territory to help President Bush in the approaching US election.—Internet

Two US citizens killed in Mexico armed robbery

MEXICO CITY, 25 Oct— Armed robbers shot and killed two US citizens and left a third bound on the side of a highway in Mexico's tropical Guerrero State, the US Embassy said on Saturday.

Suspects were arrested, Mexican police said.

The Americans, two women and a man, were assaulted in their vehicle on Thursday while travelling on a highway in Guerrero, home to the famous resort towns of Acapulco and Ixtapa, US Embassy spokesman Jim Dickmeyer told Reuters.

"Three US citizens were taken and two were killed," said Dickmeyer.

MNA/Reuters



A US Bradley armoured vehicle patrols a street in Baghdad's Shiite suburb of al-Sadr city during a military search operation, on 24 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

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The US Government transferred al-Qaeda fighters out of Afghanistan during the war there after it ruled that they were not protected by the treaty. Former members of the Iraqi military and Saddam Hussein's Baath Party, by contrast, are considered to be protected by the treaty, the *Post* said.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi youths paint traffic barriers of the main road in Baghdad's Shi'ite suburb of al-Sadr city, on 24 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

Iran, Bahrain set up joint bank

TEHRAN, 25 Oct—Iran and Bahrain have opened a joint bank and named it as "Future Bank", the official IRNA news agency reported Saturday.

Bank Melli Iran (BMI) and Bank Saderat of Iran (BSI) and Bahrain's Al-Ahli Commercial Bank have invested 200 million US dollars in the bank, the first joint bank between the two countries, said a BMI report.

"The bank mainly aims to expand mutual economic and trading ties between Iran and the Gulf Cooperation Council member states," Gholam-Reza Kazemi Dinan, head of the Public Relations Department of BMI, was quoted as saying.

"Central Bank of Iran and Bahrain Monetary Agency had earlier approved the establishment of the bank and the relevant licences were issued," Dinan added.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 600 pieces of stolen monuments return to Egypt

CAIRO, 25 Oct — A total of 619 pieces of antiquities have returned to Egypt, four years after they were stolen and smuggled out of the country, Egypt's official MENA news agency reported Saturday.

The monuments were retrieved with the help of British authorities, Zahi Hawwas, chairman of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities, was quoted as saying.

The monuments date back to various Pharaonic ages, the chairman said, adding that they include two pharaoh coffins inscribed with hieroglyphics and ceramics from the ancient Greek era.

Hawwas said the restored pieces would be displayed in some new Egyptian

museums, such as the Great Museum, the Museum of Civilization and the Egyptian Museum.

He added that the pieces would likely be named after the places from where they had been brought back as a gesture of gratitude to encourage other people to return any Egyptian monuments in their possession.

MENA said the items were stolen from Egyptian museums and were shipped to London via Switzerland before they

were seized by British authorities at the Heathrow Airport.

Earlier, the Egyptian authorities announced that a number of suspects were arrested on charges of stealing and smuggling artefacts from Egyptian Museum in collaboration with museum staff. The Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities has threatened to cease cooperation with foreign museums and institutions which buy stolen Egyptian artefacts.

MNA/Xinhua

US security official killed in Iraq attack

BAGHDAD, 25 Oct—A U.S. security official, assigned to the US Embassy in Baghdad, was killed on Sunday by a mortar attack on a US Army base near Baghdad International Airport, US Secretary of State Colin Powell said.

"The Department of State and I mourn the loss of one of our own today in Baghdad," Powell said. "Assistant

Regional Security Officer Ed Seitz was killed in a mortar attack on Camp Victory."

A US soldier was

also wounded in the attack, a State Department spokesman said.

Powell confirmed the death to reporters who were traveling with him in Beijing, China, on Sunday.

Internet

Indo-Pakistani dialogue to strengthen stability in region

ALMATY, 24 Oct—Describing the resumption of Indo-Pakistani dialogue as an important, positive move, Russia on Friday hoped that both sides will show "political will" in continuing the process aimed at strengthening stability and security in the region.

"Important positive moves are taking place in South Asian region. A political dialogue between New Delhi and Islamabad has been recommenced," Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said addressing the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building in Asia (CICA) here.

He noted that both the countries have embarked on implementation of a wide range of confidence-building measures, establish business contacts and discuss the possibilities of expanding trade and economic cooperation.

"We hope that both sides will show a political will and continue the process started in the interest of strengthening regional stability and security," Lavrov told a ministerial meeting of the 17-member CICA.

Lavrov underlined the need for intensified steps and cooperation between member states to tackle the problem of terrorism.

Under the conditions where international terrorism challenges the whole world, strives for destabilization of vast regions and pits different nations, religions and cultures with each other, attempts to take possession of nuclear, chemical and biological weapons, a qualitatively new level of anti-terrorist partnership is needed to counter this danger," he said. —MNA/PTI

Over one tenth French live in depression

PARIS, 25 Oct — About 11 per cent of French people declared suffering recently from depression and 12.8 per cent of inquired adults from general anxiety, according to a survey on mental health in France published Saturday by French newspaper *Le Monde*.

The inquiry concerning 36,000 adults during the period from 1999 to 2003 was conducted by the Collaborator Centre of the World Health Organization (Centre collaborateur de l'Organisation mondiale de la Sante, CCOMS) and French Health Ministry.

About 11 per cent of the questioned people, 8.9 per cent of them men and 13

per cent of women, acknowledged having a depressive event during the last two weeks, including 6 per cent considering the event as recurrent in their life.

It also showed separated and divorced people and the jobless have been most frequently identified as suffering from the trouble.

MNA/Xinhua



Cyclists cross Tower Bridge in London at the end of the Paris to London charity cycle race on 24 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

Abdullah pledges continued battle against corruption

KUALA LUMPUR, 24 Oct — Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi Saturday pledged that the government would continue its battle against corruption.

Abdullah was commenting on a report that Malaysia dropped two spots from last year to rank 39th of 146 countries and regions surveyed in the Transparency International Corruption Perceptions Index 2004.

Noting that the index was based on perceptions, he told local reporters that it overlooked the country's strict laws and regulations as well as the institutional framework in place to help keep graft in check.

"Our fight against corruption is a long-drawn process, the result of which may not be seen overnight," he said.

Abdullah, who is also Internal Security Minister, said that Malaysia was strong in terms of having the relevant laws and framework to stem corruption.

The strengthening of the Anti-Corruption Agency (ACA), which now has forensic accounting in its arsenal of graft-busting tools, had led to numerous cases being brought to court, he said.

Abdullah also said that he had instructed ACA to be more open with regard to its activities.

Abdullah said that for the first eight months of this

year, 734 investigation papers had been opened, 359 arrests were made, 121 people were charged in court and 81 cases had been disposed of in court.

For the whole of last year, 1,058 investigation papers were opened, 331 arrests made, 175 charged and 106 cases disposed of.

Coming back to ACA, the Prime Minister said that the proposed ACA Academy would be opened next year aimed at enhancing further the agency's prowess in combating corruption.

"As far as I am concerned, our determination to fight corruption must continue," said the Prime Minister.

Abdullah said that the government would strive to improve the public delivery system so as to prevent tardiness in serving the people from becoming a breeding ground for corruption.

The government had taken what he described as preventive measures to enhance the integrity of Malaysians from all levels of society, Abdullah added.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese top legislator to visit four African countries

BEIJING, 24 Oct — Wu Bangguo, chairman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC), will pay an official goodwill visit to Kenya, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Nigeria from 29 October to 8 November.

He will make the visit at the invitation of Francis Ole Kaparo, Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya; the government and National Assembly of Zimbabwe; Amusaa K Mwanamwambwa, Speaker of the National Assembly of Zambia; Adolphus Nduneweh Wabara, president of Senate of the National Assembly of Nigeria, and Aminu Masari, president of House of Representatives of the National Assembly of Nigeria.

During the visit, Wu will meet with or hold talks with the four countries' presidents, vice-presidents or speakers, and exchange views with them on bilateral relations, parliamentary exchanges and other issues of common concern.

The visit aims to increase mutual understanding, enhance traditional friendship and expand mutually beneficial cooperation, sources with the NPC said Saturday.

MNA/Xinhua

Hebei Province launches coal mine safety check

SHIJIAZHUANG, 24 Oct — North China's Hebei Province released an urgent notice Friday night, asking local governments to launch a thorough check on the safety of coal mines across the province.

The notice said that in the recent period, especially since September, severe accidents have been frequent in the province, indicating problems in management and supervision of safety production.

A coal mine flooding left 29 people missing early Wednesday morning in Desheng Coal Mine of the province. But the mine owner only reported six people being trapped, according to sources with the local production safety bureau.

The notice asked companies to check thoroughly the loopholes in their management and safety facilities in production.

MNA/Xinhua

Howard to introduce new anti-terror laws

SYDNEY (Australia), 24 Oct — The re-elected government of Prime Minister John Howard will introduce new anti-terror laws when Parliament sits next month for the first time since 9 October elections, a senior minister said on Sunday.

Howard's conservative administration won a fourth three-year term on a platform pledging economic prosperity and tough national security.

Attorney-General Philip Ruddock said Sunday he wants Parliament to pass laws boosting the powers of spy agencies and police to use covert listening devices and intercept e-mails as part of counterterrorism investigations.

Ruddock told Australian television's Seven network he also would introduce legislation preventing the release of

classified information during terror trials which could undermine ongoing investigations.

MNA/AP

Thai rice exports likely to reach nine million tons this year

BANGKOK, 24 Oct — Exports of Thai rice are believed to reach at least nine million tons at the end of this year although the country's rice exports in October are likely to drop slightly, the Thai News Agency reported on Sunday.

The source in the Department of Foreign Trade disclosed Friday that Thai rice exports in the first nine months of this year reached 7.22 million tons, worth 1.93 billion US dollar, a 37-per-cent increase in volume and a 56-per-cent increase in value from the same period of last year,

the report said.

Thai Hom Mali rice accounted for the largest proportion of the country's rice exports during the January-September period, or 1.54 million tons, worth (633 million US dollars), the source added.

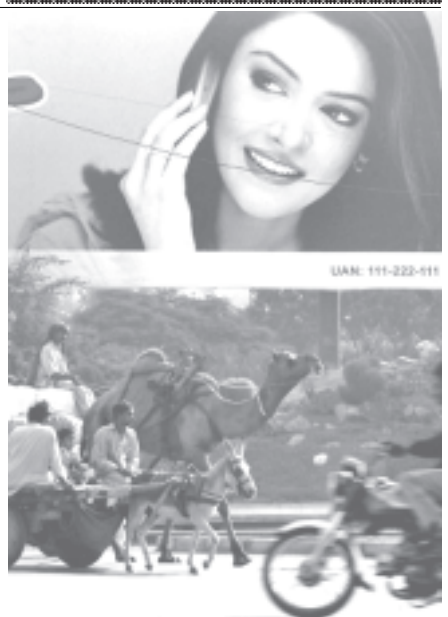
It is expected that Thai rice exports in Oc-

tober will stand at 650,000 tons, from 876,000 tons in September.

This is because many rice importers are deferring their purchase orders until next month when new lots of Thai rice from the current harvest come out to the market.

MNA/Xinhua

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Pakistani commuters using various modes of transportation make their way past a billboard promoting hi-tech mobile phone technology in Faisalabad. The industry's deregulation is fast gaining momentum with dozens more communications providers and millions of customers entering both the fixed line and mobile markets.—INTERNET

HK to extend ban on smoking

HONG KONG, 24 Oct — Hong Kong plans to extend a ban on smoking to bars, restaurants and offices to protect the public from second-hand smoke, joining a growing list of cities worldwide outlawing people from lighting up in crowded places.

The government first proposed the wider ban in 2001 but met fierce resistance from businesses, which are highly influential in Hong Kong politics.

Now Hong Kong health chief York Chow says enough time has been spent on debate and he will introduce the smoke-ban bill during the current legislative session.

The bill will expand non-smoking areas to all indoor restaurants, bars, karaoke lounges and outdoor campuses and tightens controls over the sale and promotion of tobacco.

Smoking has been banned in shopping centres, cinemas, supermarkets and banks since 1998, and big restaurants are already required to have designated no-smoking zones.—MNA/Reuters



A squirrel stands on the ground among fallen leaves in a Moscow park, on 23 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET

Drive safely

Factories under Ministry of Industry-2 inspected

YANGON, 25 Oct—Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, accompanied by officials, met with employees at the briefing hall of No 2 Agricultural Machinery Factory (Malun) on 23 October morning. On the occasion, U Thein Aung, factory general manager, reported on arrangements for production of agricultural machinery in the first six months of the fiscal 2004-2005, monthly production and sale. After hearing the reports, the minister explained measures being

taken by the minister for agricultural growth of the country, urging officials concerned to produce machinery as targeted and to ensure full capacity of productivity.

The minister also inspected the replacement of compressed natural gas kits in power tillers and left necessary instructions.

Yesterday morning, the minister met with the staff of No 1 AMF (Hsinde), No 2 Auto Manufacturing

Factory (Htonbo) and No 1 Machine Tools Factory at the assembly hall of the No 1 AMF (Hsinde) and heard reports on the production of agricultural machinery during the first six months of the fiscal 2004-2005, their sale condition and production of machinery for other factories.

After hearing the reports, the minister urged the employees to work hard and gave instructions on minimized use of electricity and fuel oil. — MNA

Donations for Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery in Paris

YANGON, 25 Oct—Wellwishers have been making donations for construction of Theravada Buddhist Missionary Monastery in Paris, France at the Office of Committee for Construction of the Monastery, No 49/51, Bahan Road here.

Donations made included K 500,000 by U Thein Kywe-Dr Daw Khin Saw Nwe and family of Mandalay; K 210,030 by U Than Lwin-Daw Aye Aye Thit and family of Hline; K 150,000 by U Myat Min-Daw Saw Myaing and family of Kamayut; K 120,000 by Daw Thang Yi, Daw Mya Khin Maw and family of Mingalar Taungnyunt; K 100,000 each by U Chit Swe of Customs Department-Daw Tin Win and family of South Okkalapa, U Maung Sein-Daw Kyin Yon and family of Latha, U Toe Aung-Daw Hla Hla Win and family of Lanmadaw, U Soe Moe Khine-Daw Nyo Nyo Win and family of Tamwe, Daw Yein Yi and family of Mayangon, U Myint Han-Daw Khin Myint Myint Swe and family of Kamayut; FEC 100 each by

Ma May Than Kywe of North Dagon and U Aye Ko Ko-Daw Ohnma Nyunt and family of Tamwe; K 90,000 by Ma Khin Myo Tint; FEC 55 by Ko Maung Maung Win-Ma Yu Yu Mon and family of Mingalar Taungnyunt; K 50,000 each by Daw Tin Oo Yi and students of No 4 BEHS, Tamwe and U Sein Aung-Daw Malar Win and family of Tamwe; K 41,500 by U San Ni-Daw Khin Htay and family of Kamayut; K 30,000 each by U Nyunt Way-Daw Nyunt Nyunt Kyaw and family of South Okkalapa, U Tint Te-Daw Htar Yi and family of Bahan and U Than Myint-Daw Hla Than and family of Bahan; K 20,000 each by Daw Myint Myint, Daw Le Le Than and family of Kyimyindine, U Myat Thu and family of Ahlon, U Zaw Tint Lwin-Daw Khin Hnin Khine and family of Insein and Daw Lay Nge and family of Thanlyin and others.

The donations amounted to K 2,831,200 plus FEC 367.

Those wishing to make donations are to contact 0980-32692.

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Actor Lu Min briefs on the King Kyansitt Film. (News on page 16) — MNA

Chairman of CSSTB receives Japanese Ambassador

YANGON, 25 Oct—Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun received Japanese Ambassador Mr Nobutake Odano at the Chairman's office this morning.

Present on the occasion were member of CSSTB U Nyunt Shwe, U Aung Myint and U Hla Myint Oo, Director-

General U Hla Kyi and Deputy Director-General U Wai Myint of the Civil Service Selection and Training Department.

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C.T. Scanner donated to hospital

YANGON, 25 Oct — A ceremony to donate C.T. Scanner by Daiyukai Medical Foundation to Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital, the Ministry of Health was held at the hall of Na-

tional Health Committee, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Directors-General of Departments under the Ministry, officials, donor,

President of DMF and others.

The Deputy Minister spoke on the occasion.

Next, Professor, Shinichi Ito, President of DMF explained the purpose of donation.—MNA



A scene from King Kyansitt Film being shown in KLCC Twin Tower in KL, Malaysia. (News on page 16) — MNA

Agricultural tasks inspected in Lashio

YANGON, 25 Oct — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council and Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hline, accompanied by departmental officials, arrived at the Hsinshweli high-yield strain paddy field near Yaypusan village, Lashio, on 23 October morning. The commander also attended a harvest ceremony held in the field. Next, the commander gave instructions on the employment of systematic winnowing methods so as to obtain quality paddy strain and to minimize loss and wastage. In his inspection tours of the paddy fields, the commander met with local farmers and fulfilled their needs. In the afternoon, the commander went to the high-land farming at the edge of Lashio, where he inspected the pilot fields of Hsinshweli paddy strain

and heard reports on cultivation of other crops.

After hearing the reports, the commander gave instructions on pest control

and the use of organic and inorganic fertilizers and fulfilled the requirements.

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A scene from King Kyansitt Film being shown in KLCC Twin Tower in Malaysia. (News on page 16) — MNA





Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than unveils the plaque of Londawpauk Bridge in Yanbye Township in Rakhine State at the inauguration ceremony of the bridge. — MNA

Yangon-Kyaukphyu road, invaluable...

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Thus, the Government has been giving priority to progress of transport and communications in all the states and divisions. In the past, Rakhine State had to rely on water transport alone. Although there are three gateways — An pass, Taungup pass and Gwa-Ngathaingchaung road — the state had few

passing through Taungup pass, has been built with geotextile method. Of the 14 over-180-foot-long river-crossing bridges on the Taungup-Maei-Kyaukphyu section, nine bridges — the Gaingshe, the Tanhlwe, the Hsapyin, the Lamu, the Maei, the Kyaukkyipauk, the Sanepauk, the Deedokpauk, and the Londawpauk bridges —

highway. It is also the 175th bridge of over 180-foot in length. Public Works has built after 1988. If the six bridges built by Myanmar Railways and the seven bridges built by Directorate of Military Engineers are added the number will reach 188. It is also the 30th large bridge in Rakhine State.

It is a reinforced concrete type bridge installed with steel frames. The maximum load bearing capacity of the bridge supporting a 24-foot wide motor way is 60 tons. As it is located on the road linking Yangon and Kyaukphyu, where prospects are bright to build a deep-seaport, it will play an important role for development of Rakhine State in the future. Rakhine

greater economic progress and an increase in living standard.

The Government has been providing necessary assistance and building sound foundations. But the main force for development of the state is no other than the local people themselves. Thus, they will have to harmoniously work with the Government to utilize the natural resources of the state more effectively for further development of the Rakhine State. All has the responsibility to maintain the bridge for its long-term existence.

Speaking of the construction of the bridge, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun said while undertaking the construction tasks for better transport, the State is also seeking to harness land and water resources for agricultural purposes and to build irrigation facilities. And from 1988 to this date the State has spent 277,907 million kyats on road construction and 97,284 million kyats and US \$ 152 million on bridge construction. Londawpauk Bridge inaugurated today is the 175th and it is one of over 180-foot long bridges. A total of 30 bridges including this one have been built in Rakhine



The map shows four main routes to Rakhine State. — MNA

State. Besides, altogether five bridges including the Londawpauk have been opened along Maei-Kyaukphyu Road, he said. There are plans afoot to

open Thanthamagyi Bridge, Thanthamache Bridge, Thazintanpauk Bridge and Minkyaung Bridge, he added.

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Now the people of the state can reach every part of the nation through the Sittway-MraukU-An highway. As three are also Taungup-Padaung road and Gwa-Ngathaingchaung road, the state now has three main land gateways reaching all the parts of the Union. The swampy part of the Taungup-Padaung road, passing through Taungup pass, has been built with geotextile method.



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and guests stroll along the bridge. — MNA

roads and condition of the existing roads were then poor. Thus, the Government has spent a large amount of cash to build roads and bridges. Now the people of the state can reach every part of the nation through the Sittway-MraukU-An highway. As there are also Taungup-Padaung road and Gwa-Ngathaingchaung road, the state now has three main land gateways reaching all the parts of the Union. The swampy part of the Taungup-Padaung road,

have been completed.

When all the bridges are completed, An-Maei-Kyaukphyu road and An-Maei-Taungup will emerge, serving as a coastal highway linking northern and southern Rakhine State. Moreover, the over 400-mile Yangon-Kyaukphyu high way will also emerge. Up to four highways linking the three gateways to the state will also emerge. The Londawpauk is an important bridge on Yangon-Kyaukphyu

State is rich in land and water resources. Striking of a natural gas reserve of the Rakhine coast will accelerate the development momentum of the state. The Yangon-Kyaukphyu road will become a invaluable land route for over 300,000 people of villages and towns in Kyaukphyu and Yanbye townships. The road will facilitate trade links between towns and villages of Rakhine coast and other parts of the nation. Thus, the local people will enjoy

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party pose for a group photo together with locals after the opening ceremony of Londawpauk Bridge. — MNA

Yangon-Kyaukphyu road, invaluable...

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Londawpauk Bridge with steel frame is of reinforced concrete type. It is 1155 feet long and its clearance is 160 feet wide and 17 feet high. It is 24 feet wide two-way lane bridge with 3 feet wide pedestrian



Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Oo. — MNA

lanes on both sides. The bridge can withstand 60 tons of loads. The project was started on 1-1-2002 and took only one year and nine months.

With the emergence of the bridge, the people of the townships of Yanbye and An can trade easily in products such as rice and fish and prawn. As a result, their socio-economic life will surely improve, the minister noted. When the project of other bridges completes on Yangon-Kyaukphyu Road, there will emerge not only fruits of socio-economy but also national solidarity among national people, he said.

Speaking on the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo said as the 29th bridge whose length is over 180 feet, Nayikan Bridge on An-Sittway Road was commissioned into service in Rakhine State on 17 April 2004. Londawpauk Bridge, now opened, is the thirtieth in Rakhine State.

The bridge, the ninth on Yangon-Kyaukphyu Road, is the one whose length is over 180 feet.

To enable the development gap among 14 States and Divisions in the country to narrow and to ensure simultaneous development in urban as well as rural areas, the Government formed the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs so that measures will be able to be taken for development of border areas and national races. At the same time, the 24 special regions development project

and the five rural development plans project are being implemented with added momentum.

As is known to all, in the political, economic and social sectors, the National Convention has now been in progress as part of the implementation of the first phase of the seven-point future policy programme of the State for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed democratic nation relevant to the historical background of the country and cultural traditions of our race.

Topographically, Rakhine State is a narrow coastal region stretching north to south with the sea in the west and Yoma mountain ranges in the east. The region is also surrounded by woods, rivers and creeks, swamps, islands and plains. As a result, the trip between one region and the other is difficult. Moreover, Rakhine mountain range also turns out to be an obstacle to other States and Divisions.

The pace of development in Rakhine State was slow for various reasons as travelling by sea and by air



Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun. — MNA

was the only means of transport in the past.

There are plenty of rivers, creeks and mountains in Rakhine State. Overcoming difficulties, roads and bridges are being built for ensuring smooth transportation linking the other states and divisions. Rakhine State is a state that relies on agriculture. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on exceeding the target of one million acres of monsoon paddy in the state. Out of 1,003,434 acres, 974,100 acres have been cultivated in 2004-2005.

Arrangements were made to turn the region into a pepper state. Before 2002, there were only 1,666 acres. Now there are 15,655 acres. He called on local people in the state to make efforts for increased income.

The Rakhine State can now enjoy fruitful results as the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Austria

YANGON, 26 Oct — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Dr Benita Ferrero-Waldner, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, on the occasion of National Day of the Republic of Austria, which falls on 26 October 2004. — MNA

made achievements in economic, education, health and transport sectors. He thanked the Head of State for construction of the bridge.

A local also thanked the government.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander, the minister and guests took the designated place in front of the bridge.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein formally opened the bridge.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than formally unveiled the stone inscription and sprinkled scented water on it.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and guests passed the bridge.

The 1,154.5 feet long and 24 feet wide reinforced concrete bridge is on Yangon-Kyaukphyu Road in Yanbye Township. It has a three feet wide walkway on either side and its clearance is 160 feet wide and 17 feet high.

The two-lane bridge can withstand 60 tons of load. Construction started on 1 January 2002.

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A local speaks words of thanks at the opening ceremony of Londawpauk Bridge. — MNA

Functions of Development Affairs Department inspected

YANGON, 25 Oct — DAD Director (Engineer) U Hla Thein Aug reported on water supply tasks through the river-water pumping project and the lake. The minister gave necessary instructions. Lt-Col Ye Htut and Pyapon Township USDA Secre-tary U Hla Moe also reported on arrangements to supply the township with water. The 23-acre Kandawgyi Lake has a capacity of 45 million gallons. Next, the minister inspected circular road section-1 and gave instructions to officials on

repairing of the road. He also looked into the tarring of circular road section-2 and instructed officials to dig drains and ditches.

The minister met secretaries of township USDAs and officials and engineers of the Township Development Affairs Department at the meeting hall of the department and fulfilled the needs. On 24 October, the minister and party went to Kyaiklat and inspected the laying of gravel on Kandawgyi Road and attended to the needs.

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Performing Arts Competitions Work Committee chairman and sub-committee members, managers meet

YANGON, 25 Oct — A coordination meeting between the Chairman of Work Committee for Organizing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and members of the sub-committees, managers from the States and Divisions was held at No 1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung) here this evening.

Chairman of the Work Committee Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint Hsan made a speech, followed by a general round of discussions. Next, Chairman of the Work Committee Col Tint Hsan dealt with suggestions and matters presented by those present and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004 goes on

YANGON, 25 Oct — Under the arrangement of the Ministry of Forestry, Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004 continued for the fourth day at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road today.

Local and foreign entrepreneurs, governmental employees from governmental organizations and foreign diplomats visited the fair.

The fair attracted 154 booths from 41 companies, and it continues tomorrow at the same venue as the last day.

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Text books donated to schools in Hlaingthaya

YANGON, 25 Oct — A ceremony to donate text books by Training Middle School, Yankin Education College was held at No 24 BEPS, Hlaingthaya Township this afternoon. Present on the occasion were secretary of township PDC, headmistress of Training Middle School, others. The headmistress explained the purpose of the donation. The headmistress donated the text

books to No 11 BEPS, No 37 BEPS, No 46 BEPS, No 38 BEPS, No 1 BEMS and No 5 BEMS. Next, the headmistress donated K 100,000 to Assistant Township Education Officer U Myat Wai Toe.

Township Education Officer U Tin Maung Oo expressed his thanks for the donation. A total of 6302 text books were donated to the schools in Hlaingthaya Township. — MNA



Booth of Asia Wood Co at Myanmar Furniture Fair-2004. — UMFCFI

Mahosadha Marionette Contest continues

YANGON, 25 Oct—The Mahosadha Marionette Contest of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the last day at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street here at 7 pm today.

Among the audience were members of Panel of Patrons for Organizing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions families of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and members, Chairman of Work Committee Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint San, Commander of No 4 Military Region Col Yan Naing Oo, members of the work committee and the sub-committees, maestros, enthusiasts and others.

Shwepyithing Yoksonthabin troupe of Yangon Division took part in the contest.

Leader of the Panel of Judges U Ye Dway and party supervised the contest.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and party share the merits gained at the 'soon' offering ceremony. — MNA

Ministry of Information offers 'soon' to monks

YANGON, 25 Oct — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended the ceremony to offer 'soon' to Sayadaws and members of the Sangha by the staff families of the Ministry of Information at the State Pariyatti Sasana University here this morning.

Present on the occasion were SPSU Rector Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pandita Bhivamsa,

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads under the ministry and officials.

The deputy minister and party offered 'soon' to 450 monks, and the minister presented cash donations for 'soon' through Deputy Director-General of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Tun Mya Aung. — MNA



Family members of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe enjoy Mahosadha Marionette Contest. — MNA

Hlawga Park kept open on Full moon day of Thadingyut

YANGON, 25 Oct — Hlawga Park will be kept open from 8 am to 5 pm on 28 October (Full moon day of Thadingyut) for recreation of the public.

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Prize Presentation Ceremony of Bagan Open Golf Championship held

YANGON, 25 Oct — A prize presentation ceremony of Bagan Open Golf Championship of Myanmar Open Golf Tour 2004 sponsored by Myanmar Professional Golf Association and Myanmar Golf Federation was held at Bagan Golf Course, Bagan NyaungU Township, yesterday evening.

Executive U Ko Ko Lay of MPGA and MGF presented Yangon-Bangkok-Yangon return air ticket to Win Zaw Oo who won hole-in-one

prize. Incharge of Bagan Golf Course Capt Aung Myint also presented gift to Win Zaw Oo.

Professional Golfer U Aung Hla Han gave away special prizes to Min Naing and Soe Kyaw Naing who stood first and second in Professional Golfer event.

Managing Director of Kaung Myat Co Ltd U Maung Maung Myint presented prizes to golfers who won daily best in amateur event (man), Chairman of NyaungU Township PDC Lt-Col

Tay Za to golfers who won daily best in Professional Golfer event.

Joint Deputy Managing Director Maj Thein Aung (Retd) of Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd presented first prize to Thein Zaw Myint, second prize to Thein Zaw and third prize to Naing Naing Lin in amateur event (man).

President of Myanmar PGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing gave away first prize to Min Naing (Srixon), second prize to Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon)

and third prize to Than Naing (Wilson) in Professional Golfers event and presented cheque as a prize to Min Naing (Srixon) in the same event.

Marketing Planning and Development Manager U Kyaw Soe Lwin of Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd presented souvenir to Capt Aung Myint, incharge of Bagan Golf Course.

Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar is Tour Sponsor of Bagan Open Golf Championship and Title Sponsor is Bagan Hotel Association. The tournament was co-sponsored by Air Mandalay, Tiger Beer, Alpine Drinking Water, Bagan Golf Resort Hotel, KM Golf Centre, Maruman, Tour Stage, Wilson, Srixon, Grand Slam (Munsing Wear), Accel International Co Ltd, (Canon), Sunfar Travels and Tours, Bagan Resort Golf Club.

Bagan Open Golf Championship was organized by Han Event Management, — MNA



Ma Cho Zar Hein of Mon State. — MNA

Traditional Cultural ...

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(aged 5-10) and professional level song composing contests will continue.

At Padonma Theatre, eight participants took part in the amateur level oboe contest, and seven contestants in the basic education level (aged 15-20) oboe contest. Four participants took part in the higher education level oboe contest. Leader of the panel of judges U Mya Gyi and members supervised the contest. Tomorrow morning, the professional level women's orchestra contest, the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' orchestra contest and the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' orchestra contest will be held at the same venue.

At the National Theatre, five Ozi troupes from states and divisions competed in the higher education level Ozi contest and six troupes from states and divisions in the basic education level (aged 10-15) Ozi contest. The contest was supervised by leader of the panel of judges U Sein Ba Maw and party.

The professional level Ozi contest and the basic education level (aged 15-20) Ozi contest will continue at the same venue tomorrow.— MNA



Winners of Bagan Open Golf Championship. — (MGF)

Orind chalks out massive expansion plans in China

WANGHAI (Northeast China), 25 Oct— Orind Refractories Limited, the first Indian company to set up a wholly-owned venture in China, will expand threefold to register their global presence in refractory business by 2008, top company executives said here on Sunday.

"We have already acquired land, adjacent to the existing plant and work on the new state-of-the-art facility will commence soon to produce new value-added refractory items," Orind group Managing Director Rajeshwar Mishra told PTI.

"We envisage Orind to be the largest refractory group in this part of the globe coinciding with Beijing Olympics of 2008," Mishra said.

Production and sales of the company have soared over the years, allowing Orind to become China's largest exporter of refractors, a position it wrested from other local companies through hard work and quality products.

About 98 per cent of the company's output is currently being shipped to

over 70 countries, Mishra said.

During the last fiscal year, Orind-China's production touched 70,000 metric tonnes and achieved an annual sale of 41.16 million US dollars.

This year, the sale is expected to touch up to 60.53 million US dollars, Mishra said, adding that Orind has plans to acquire a local magnesite mine to reduce raw material costs.

As part of the expansion plans, a magnesite fusion plant and a resin plant are also being envisaged.

Recalling the initial stages of Orind's operations in China, Mishra said it was a bold move by the Chairman of Orind, Ravin Jhunjhunwala, to venture into the Communist Nation in 1994 to start manu-

facturing operations through a fully-owned company.

"Rules were lacking in China on the operations on foreign enterprises in China when we decided to start operations in the country. However, we were determined and along with the local governments, we moved ahead," he said.

Formed in 1994, at an initial investment of five million US dollars, the company, based at Yingkou Economic and Development Zone in the mineral-rich Liaoning province of northeast China, caters to the ever-demanding needs of the steel industry and beyond, Satish Mishra, general manager, marketing of Orind said.

MNA/PTI

Indian manufacturing exports to touch \$300b by 2015

NEW DELHI, 25 Oct — After the success of the services sector, manufacturing could be the next big thing for India with exports set to jump over sevenfold to touch 300 billion US dollars by 2015, a has concluded.

The global trend to manufacture and source products in low-cost countries (LCC) is likely to rise in the next decade and India could benefit the most due to its competitive advantage, especially in skill intensive industries like auto components, the study, undertaken jointly by Confederation of Indian Industries and McKinsey, said.

Manufacturing exports from the country could see annual growth of 17 per cent to cross the 300 billion US dollar mark from 40 billion US dollar in 2002, it said, adding India's share in world manufacturing trade would also rise to 3.5 per cent.

The sector would also create as much as 25-30 million jobs with another 60-90 million jobs in allied activities

like construction, education and entertainment, CII said.

The next wave of offshoring business would be in auto component and pharmaceutical sectors, the study said. India has an advantage in these areas due to its low wage structure, high engineering skills, an established raw material base and growing domestic demand, it added.

Besides auto components, apparel, speciality chemicals and electrical and electronic items would contribute the biggest to the pie with cumulative exports of 70-90 billion US dollar, the study said.

Global trade in apparel could rise to 300 billion US dollar by 2015 from the present 200 billion dollar. — MNA/PTI

Chinese speed living pace pushed by mounting pressure

BEIJING, 25 Oct— China's fast-growing economy is causing Chinese to adapt to a faster pace of life even though the culture has long admired a leisure living style.

In an on-line survey, conducted by the Chinese news portal Sina. com, 56 per cent of the Chinese said they are short of time.

And 75 per cent of the total surveyed said that Chinese have little idea of how valuable time is, indicating that more people value and pursue a more time-efficient life style, according to the survey report.

In the survey, 64 per cent said they have never been late and would not tolerate others to be late.

According to the survey, 73 per cent said they were busy most of the day; 56 per cent acknowledged they spent most of their time in working and studying.

However, only 17 per cent of the surveyed said that the best use the time is to work or study. But 76 per cent of the surveyed thought that in order to better use their time they should work more.

The report said the answers showed a big gap between Chinese's ideal life and reality. Their concept of time has changed partly because of mounting pressure to make more money.

A survey, conducted in 66 middle and primary schools in eight cities in southwest China's Guangxi Province, showed that adults are not the only ones

under pressure in the country.

Students are overwhelmed by long school hours, piles of homework, and various after-school training, including home tutoring.

Middle school students usually have inadequate time for sleep. In the survey, 62 per cent of the students in their last year in high school, who are preparing for the university entrance exam, slept less than seven hours each day and none met the eight-hour minimum set by the Ministry of Education.

The government issued a circular to release students from heavy burden of long school hours and homework, requiring primary and middle school students in their first three years to sleep at least nine hours a day and those in their last three years to spend eight hours in bed.

According to the survey, nearly half of the students in elementary and middle schools spent more time on homework each day than the requirement of educational departments. Some parents even gave additional homework to their children.

Some 77 per cent elementary students and 46 per cent middle school students have various extracurricular training in their spare time, said the survey. — MNA/Xinhua

Kowloon-Canton Railway extends to Kowloon shopping areas

HONG KONG, 25 Oct— The Kowloon-Canton Railway Corporation (KCRC) has extended its 34-kilometre Kowloon-Lo Wu Railway one kilometre longer to the commercial areas of Kowloon, Hong Kong from Sunday.

The KCRC held an opening ceremony at the newly-built East Tsim Sha Tsui Station on Sunday to celebrate the commission of the Tsim Sha Tsui Extension.

With 4.1 billion HK dollars (525 million US dollars) investment, the East Rail is now extended from Hung Hum South (the original end of the Kowloon-Canton Railway) to East Tsim Sha Tsui, which is the heart of commercial centers and shopping facilities in Kowloon.

Hong Kong Secretary for Environment, Transport and Works Sarah Liao, KCRC Chairman Michael Tien attended the opening ceremony.

Liao said at the ceremony that "the Tsim Sha Tsui Extension is one of the priority projects of the government's Railway Development Strategy. We hope that with the opening of new rail-

way projects such as the Tsim Sha Tsui Extension, more and more people will choose to use railway services, thereby reducing the road traffic and air pollution". She said that the opening of the Tsim Sha Tsui Extension is expected to provide people of Hong Kong and travellers with an even more convenient transport service, enhances the dining and retail businesses of the area, and generate economic benefits for Hong Kong.

Michael Tien said "the new extension confirms East Rail's importance in linking up our north-south network. We believe that the East Tsim Sha Tsui Station will be one of the busiest stations in the Kowloon-Canton Railway network and an important transportation hub in the Tsim Sha Tsui area."

MNA/Xinhua

Only Iraqi Interim Government to attend Iraq conference

CAIRO, 25 Oct— Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit said Sunday that only the Iraqi Interim Government would attend the expected international conference on Iraq to be hosted by Egypt next month, the official MENA news agency reported.

Gheit made the remarks before leaving on a European tour that will take him to France and the Netherlands.

The conference will be of a governmental level and Egypt hopes the conference will facilitate participation of all Iraqi political powers in the country's political process, Gheit was quoted as saying.

On October 20, the Iraqi interim Foreign Minister Hoshiar Zibari de-

clared that only Iraqi Government officials would attend the international conference on Iraq.

"It is an official conference between foreign governments and international agencies.

There will not be any Iraqi political parties nor organizations," Zibari told a news conference in Baghdad.

MNA/Xinhua



Large waves caused by Typhoon Nock-Ten pound Taiwan's northeastern coast near Keelung city on 25 October, 2004. The typhoon, packing sustained winds of up to 145 km (90 miles) per hour, killed at least one person in Taiwan and left two others missing as it moved up the island's eastern coast, forcing schools, businesses and financial markets to close. —INTERNET

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Nigeria sets 2010 targets to protect ozone layer

LAGOS, 24 Oct — The Nigerian Government plans to phase out all Ozone Depleting Substances (ODS) in the country by 2010 to offer maximum protection to the ozone layer, an official said here Friday.

"The country is committed to carrying out the 1987 Montreal Protocol Agreement on the protection of the ozone layer," said Aliyu Muhammed, deputy director of Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Environment.

The Nigerian Government has made greater efforts to protect the ozone layer since it banned importation of used refrigerators, air conditioners and certain chemicals in 2002.

The ministry is collaborating with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) to train air conditioning and refrigeration technicians on the handling of ODS materials. — MNA/Xinhua

Germany to tighten control over visa-granting

BERLIN, 25 Oct — The German Foreign Ministry will tighten its control over visa-granting to strengthen safety and eliminate irregularity in the field, local media reported Sunday.

New rules will be implemented shortly in all German embassies and consulates, German news agency DPA quoted a senior diplomat as saying.

Germany was "an open and receptive country" but also must give top priority to security said Juergen Chrobog, Minister of State in the Foreign Ministry.

"We will not issue any visas if there is any danger of abuse," he said.

The rules will allow authorities to probe German firms or individuals on suspicion of issuing multiple visit invitations.

German Foreign Ministry has been under criticism for granting visas to suspected foreigners.

MNA/Xinhua

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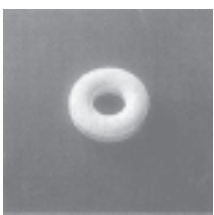
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Brazil launches successfully first rocket into space

RIO DE JANEIRO (Brazil), 25 Oct — Brazil successfully launched its first rocket into space, 14 months after a devastating accident that killed 21 space agency employees and damaged the reputation of the country's space programme.

The two-stage rocket, named VSB-30, or Brazilian Exploration Vehicle, was launched at 1:30 pm Saturday (1850 GMT) from the Alcântara launch site in the state of Maranhao, 2,700 kilometres (1,700 miles) north of Rio de Janeiro, said officials with the Brazilian Air Force's Research and Development Department.

A successful launch would not only restore the reputation of Latin America's first space programme, but would also allow it to follow through on plans to export the rockets to the European Space Agency where it would reportedly replace the equivalent British-made Skylark rocket.

MNA/AP

Zimbabwe to set up HIV/AIDS testing centres for police

HARARE, 24 Oct — The Zimbabwean Government

Tanzanian cotton farmers earn record income

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 24 Oct — Cotton farmers in Tanzania have earned a record combined income of 75 billion Tanzanian shillings (75 million US dollars) by selling 301,000 tons of their cash crops, according to the Tanzania Cotton Lint and Seed Board (TCLB).

This year's cotton production has therefore surpassed the set target of 250,000 tons by 20 per cent, though cotton farmers, especially in eastern Tanzania, are still to sell more of their harvest.

Cotton farmers have been selling their crops at an average price of 250 shillings (0.25 dollars) per kilogramme.

MNA/Xinhua

will soon set up HIV/AIDS Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centers for police in most camps countrywide, according to the *Herald* on Saturday.

So far the police have managed to set up three Voluntary Counselling and Testing Centres at Morris Depot, the Chikurubi Support Unit headquarters and Ross Camp in Bulawayo, respectively.

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The garden of Villa Barbarigo near Padova, inspired by Italian architect Andrea Palladio. Villa Barbarigo's garden is one of the most famous in the world.—INTERNET

Combating "East Turkistan" terrorism entails int'l cooperation

ALMA ATA, 24 Oct — "East Turkistan" terrorist forces pose a grave threat to security and stability in China and the whole region, and combating these forces is an important part of the international fight against terror, Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said here Friday.

Speaking at a meeting of foreign ministers at the Conference on Interaction and Confidence-Building Measures in Asia (CICA), Li said China expects to strengthen cooperation with other CICA member countries to combat "East Turkistan" insurgents.

The fight against terrorism has a long way to go and entails strengthened international cooperation, Li added.

Conventional and unconventional security threats, such as terrorism, separatism, extremism, regional conflict, arms and drug smuggling, still

threaten peace in Asia, Li said.

Li called on CICA members and other Asian countries to adopt a new security concept that is characterized by mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality and coordination and to abandon old concepts focussing on unilateral security.

The Chinese Foreign Minister also said China's development will bring huge opportunities for Asia and the world and China urges Asian countries to deepen cooperation in economy and security,

He said China is ready to develop ties on an equal footing with other Asian countries and to expand mutually beneficial cooperation with them.

The country is willing to push forward all-round regional and sub-regional cooperation within Asia and is committed to building a peaceful, secure, cooperative and prosperous Asia, Li said.

Li said China's peaceful development has brought and will continue to bring enormous opportunities for Asia and the whole world.

MNA/Xinhua

Kenyan professor honoured by UN

NAIROBI, 24 Oct— The United Nations agencies in Kenya on Friday commemorated the UN Day by honouring a Kenyan activist for her efforts in contributing to preventing the spread of sexually-transmitted disease and HIV/AIDS in the East African country.

Elizabeth Ngugi, professor of the University of Nairobi, was awarded "the United Nations in Kenya Person of the Year" for providing an outstanding example toward the achievement of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals in her untiring efforts and contribution to the battle against STD/HIV as well as AIDS in Kenya and the overall development of the country.—MNA/Xinhua

Azerbaijan President meets with Chinese Foreign Minister

BAKU, 25 Oct— Azerbaijan President Ilham Aliyev met with visiting here Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing on Saturday.

At the meeting Aliyev said that Azerbaijan and China have good relations and support each other in the international affairs. He stressed Azerbaijan firmly stands by the "one China principle".

Aliyev said both Azerbaijan and China dedicate efforts to peace-keeping and development of economy. He noted that Azerbaijan welcomes the investment and cooperation of Chinese enterprises in Azerbaijan's energy, chemical industry, traffic, tourism and other fields.

The President also said that his country is keen to intensify the cooperation with China in culture and education, sanitation and sport. Positively evaluating the Sino-Azerbaijan relations, Li Zhaoxing, for his part, expressed appreciation for the support of the Azerbaijan Government in the "one China principle".

He said China is willing to intensify exchange and cooperation of the two countries in political, economic and cultural scopes.

At the same day Li Zhaoxing also had meetings with Azerbaijan Minister of Foreign Affairs Elmar Mamedyarov and Minister of Economic Development Farkhad Aliyev.—MNA/Xinhua

"Soyuz" lands in Kazakhstan's steppes

Almaty, 25 Oct— A Soyuz capsule made a soft landing in complete darkness in the steppes of Kazakhstan early on Sunday, bringing a US-Russian space trio back to Earth from the International Space Station.

"All is fine, it was apparently a soft landing. They landed as planned near Arkalyk at 0435 Moscow Time (0035 GMT)," a spokesman for mission control said by telephone from Moscow.

The crew of US astronaut Michael Fincke and Russian Gennady Padalka who have spent almost 188 days in space, and Russian Yuri Shargin who flew to the ISS 10 days ago, landed in the pitch-dark about an hour and a

half before dawn, he said.

"Helicopters with medical staff and recovery teams are now hovering above the capsule, waiting for the sunlight to be able to land nearby," the mission control spokesman said.

"But the crew are in constant radio contact and are saying that they feel fine."

He said that according to preliminary information, the capsule's 3-1/2 hour journey to Earth had

ended as planned, 56 miles north of the Kazakh town of Arkalyk.

Russian spacecraft have become the sole means of sending crew and supplies to the ISS since February 2003, when the US space shuttle fleet was grounded after the Columbia craft disintegrated over Texas, killing all seven people on board.

Shuttle flights are likely to resume in May or June next year, US space officials say.—MNA/Reuters

Bulgarian soldier killed in car bomb explosion in Kerbala

SOFIA, 25 Oct — A Bulgarian soldier died and three others were wounded on Sunday when a car bomb exploded near their military convoy in the southern Iraqi city of Kerbala, government and military officials said.

"He died while being transported from the hospital in Kerbala to Baghdad," a military source, who did not wish to be named, told Reuters.

Government spokesman Dimitar Tsonev confirmed the soldier's death and said three others had been wounded in the attack, which occurred on Sunday afternoon.

Earlier in the day, the Defence Ministry had said only two soldiers had been wounded. Tsonev said the three would be released from

hospital on Monday.

Bulgaria has a 480-strong peacekeeping battalion stationed in Iraq, and its presence there has become a flashpoint domestic issue, not least since six of its soldiers and several civilians have been killed in the past year. The government of the poor Balkan state, which joined NATO earlier this year, is a strong proponent of the US-led military operations in Iraq, although opinion polls show around 70 per cent of Bulgarians oppose the war. MNA/Reuters

Russia denies reported lease of nuclear submarine to India

Moscow, 24 Oct — Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov on Friday refuted reports that his country would lease a nuclear submarine to India, Russian news agencies reported.

Ivanov said there were discussions with India on military deliveries earlier this year, but "there was no talk of leasing any submarines", the Interfax reported.

It was reported on Thursday that the Indian Navy will take a lease on a Russian Akula-class nuclear submarine for 10 years.

MNA/Xinhua



US astronaut Michael Fincke gives a thumbs-up after landing in northern Kazakhstan on 24 Oct, 2004. A Soyuz space capsule touched down safely pre-dawn on Sunday, bringing Russian-US crew back to Earth from the International Space Station.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Cagliari hang on for 2-2 draw at Atalanta

MILAN, 24 Oct—Ten-men Cagliari hung on for a 2-2 draw at Atalanta in Serie A on Saturday leaving the Bergamo club still without a win.

Giampaolo Pazzini put Atalanta ahead in the second minute taking advantage of a poor clearance from Cagliari's Greek goalkeeper Thofanis Katergiannakis.

But the Sardinians fought back 10 minutes later when Gianfranco Zola put Mauro Esposito through and the Italy international rounded Atalanta keeper Massimo Taibi before slotting home.

Zola had a hand again when the visitors took the lead in the 29th minute, his free kick leading to Simone Loria's goal from close range.

The Bergamo side went in level at the break though after Riccardo Montolivo slotted home following good work from former AC Milan midfielder Demetrio Albertini.—MNA/Reuters



Zaragoza's David Villa (L) is challenged by Racing Santander's Oriol Lozano during their Spanish first division soccer match at the Sardinero Stadium in Santander, on 24 Oct, 2004. Racing Santander won the match 1-0. —INTERNET

Owen scores second goal in two games to earn Real 1-0 win

MADRID, 24 Oct—Michael Owen scored his second goal in two games to earn Real Madrid a morale-boosting 1-0 win at home to champions Valencia in the Primera Liga on Saturday.

The England striker, who opened his account for Real when he scored in their 1-0 Champions League win over Dynamo Kiev on Tuesday, cracked home from the edge of the area after Raul had threaded the ball through the defence in the seventh minute.

But although Real dominated for long periods at the Bernabeu they failed to press home their advantage against a Valencia side that appeared to be still traumatized by their 5-1 Champions League mauling at home by Inter Milan in mid-week.

Despite Saturday's defeat, Valencia remain in second place in the table, five points behind unbeaten Barcelona who entertain Osasuna at the Nou Camp on Sunday.

Real, who had taken just a point from their last three league games, move up to seventh in the standings and are now only a point adrift of last season's champions.

Real coach Mariano Garcia Remon, deciding to keep faith with the attacking lineup that helped beaten Kiev in midweek, played Owen up front alongside Ronaldo while Raul dropped back on to

the left side of midfield.

His gamble took just seven minutes to pay off when Owen put his side ahead with a coolly-taken strike after some excellent work by Zinedine Zidane and Raul.—MNA/Reuters

Urawa Reds remain five points clear in J-League

TOKYO, 24 Oct—Brazilian striker Emerson fired an 85th-minute winner as leaders Urawa Reds won 3-2 at Kashima Antlers to remain five points clear in the J-League on Saturday.

JEF United Ichihara won 2-0 at Nagoya Grampus Eight to keep their hopes alive but the Reds underlined their credentials with a determined performance in front of 32,000 spectators in Kashima.

"We kept concentrating until the end and were ready when the chance came our way," Emerson, a target for several European clubs, told reporters. "Luckily I was able to put it away." Urawa, who have never won the J-League title, moved on to 25 points with five matches remaining in the second stage. Ichihara went second with 20 points from 10 games.

Daisuke Oku scored an 89th-minute penalty after a foul on South Korean Ahn Jung-hwan to give Japanese champions Yokohama a 2-1 home victory over FC Tokyo. Yokohama won the first-stage title and will meet the winners of the second stage in December's two-leg championship final.

Elsewhere, Osvaldo Ardiles' Tokyo Verdy thrashed Shimizu S-Pulse 4-0 and Kashiwa Reysol were held 1-1 by visiting Cerezo Osaka in a battle of First Division strugglers.—MNA/Reuters

VfL Wolfsburg storm back to top of Bundesliga

BERLIN, 24 Oct—Surprise successes VfL Wolfsburg stormed back to the top of the Bundesliga with a 3-0 home win over VfL Bochum on Saturday for their seventh victory in nine matches.

VfB Stuttgart, however, one point back, can overhaul them on Sunday when they travel to Freiburg.

Struggling Bayern Munich, meanwhile, beaten by Schalke 04 last week and by Juventus in the Champions League on Tuesday, snatched two late goals from Willy Sagnol and Mehmet Scholl at Hansa Rostock to move up to third. Wolfsburg erupted with three goals in a 15-minute spell, Pablo Thiam, Diego Klimowicz and Andres D'Alessandro all on target in the first half.

Silencing their many doubters, they showed resilience at the back after last week's bitter 3-0 derby defeat against Hanover 96 while continuing to sparkle in attack.

"The first half was extremely satisfy-

ing — that was the kind of football the fans want to see," said coach Erik Gerets. "We started the second half well, but unfortunately we let up too soon. It's a pity because we owed the fans more."

Thiam scored first after 27 minutes with a well-placed header from a Martin Petrov free kick and Klimowicz doubled their lead in the 40th minute after collecting a fine pass on the right from Germany striker Thomas Brdaric.

D'Alessandro, after several near misses, found the net two minutes later after beating three defenders down the right. "I was hoping to get a goal today but am delighted we won and played so well," said Brdaric, who was a constant threat. "We deserved to win this one."

MNA/Reuters

Chelsea crush Blackburn Rovers 4-0

LONDON, 24 Oct—Eidur Gudjohnsen hit his first ever hat-trick as Chelsea overcame their striker problems to crush Blackburn Rovers 4-0 and keep hot on the tails of leaders Arsenal in the Premier League on Saturday.

Fellow Londoners Tottenham Hotspur, in contrast, went down 2-1 to Bolton Wanderers at a sad White Hart Lane on the day their former manager Bill Nicholson died aged 85.

Champions Arsenal hope to notch a record 50 matches unbeaten in the league away to sixth-placed Manchester United on Sunday at Old Trafford where defeat for the home side would leave them 14 points adrift of their rivals.

At Stamford Bridge, Gudjohnsen helped Chelsea make light of the absence through injury of top scorer Didier Drogba and Adrian Mutu, who failed a drugs test, with their biggest win under coach Jose Mourinho.

Former Wales manager Mark Hughes' Rovers, who have conceded 10 goals in their last three games, sank to one from bottom in the standings.

Gudjohnsen scored twice in two minutes late in the first half with right-footed shots from right side of the box after crosses from England midfielders Joe Cole, in the 37th minute, and Frank Lampard.

The Iceland striker, who scored Chelsea's second in their 2-0 win over CSKA Moscow in the Champions League in mid-week, completed his hat-trick six minutes after the interval with a penalty after being brought down by defender Craig Short.—MNA/Reuters

Deportivo Coruna hang on for 1-1 draw at Malaga

MADRID, 24 Oct—Deportivo Coruna striker Diego Tristan earned his side a 1-1 draw away to a dominant Malaga with a well-taken header four minutes from time in a Primera Liga match on Saturday.

Tristan, who has missed most of the early season through injury and illness, popped up at the far post shortly after coming on as substitute to nod in a fine cross from winger Pedro Munitis.

Malaga had threatened to run away with the match early on after Costa Rican international Paulo Wanchope scored his fourth goal of the season to put his side ahead with a classy strike in the seventh minute.

The former Manchester City striker

hit a perfectly timed angled volley past the advancing Jose Molina and into the far corner after midfielder Ivan Leko had lofted a clever pass over the heads of the static Deportivo defence.

Malaga had several chances to extend their lead after the break, Wanchope slicing wide of the far post and then missing a close-range header, while midfielder Miguel Angel slammed a 25-metre drive against the bar.

MNA/Reuters



Rangers' Dado Prso jumps for the ball with Dundee United's David McCracken (R) in the Scottish Premier League soccer match at Ibrox in Glasgow, on 24 Oct, 2004. The match ended in a 1-1 draw. —INTERNET

Energy watchdog warns Britain may face catastrophe

LONDON, 25 Oct— Britain faces a multi-billion pound flood catastrophe from climate warming unless people have a radical lifestyle change, an energy watchdog said on Monday.

The Energy Saving Trust (EST) said Britain could face damage to two million homes and 200 billion pounds (365 billion US dollars) of assets from flooding due to rising sea levels as early as 2050.

"Without a drastic reduction in the UK's energy consumption, emissions of carbon dioxide — one of the leading contributors to climate change — could have disastrous results for the UK," EST chief executive Philip Sellwood said.

"Every time a light is switched on or a video is left on standby, carbon dioxide is emitted from a power station into our atmosphere, causing damage to the environment," he added.

The trust, set up by the government to promote responsible energy usage following the 1992 Earth Summit in Rio de Janeiro, said Britain emitted 536 million tons of carbon dioxide (CO2) each year of which one-third was due to energy usage in homes.

It said the average home was responsible for six tons of CO2 emissions a year — of which one-third could be saved by a switch to energy efficient

lifestyles.

This in turn could carve 10 per cent off the national total — equivalent to emissions from 30 coal-fired power stations.

"It is imperative that we become more aware of the energy we use in our homes and reduce our carbon dioxide emissions," Sellwood said.

"This can be as simple as turning thermostats down by one degree, replacing ordinary light bulbs with low energy ones or even walking to the shops instead of taking the car," he added.

The report said climate change could alter the entire face of Britain, with warmer winters spelling the end of several species of plants and trees which need a winter cold snap, and summer droughts burning green pastures to brown.

It came just days after the Russian Parliament finally ratified the Kyoto climate change treaty aimed at cutting CO2 emissions by 5.2 per cent below 1990 levels by 2012.

The treaty — first agreed in 1997 but held in limbo by the refusal in 2001 of key polluter the United States to sign up — will now come into effect.

MNA/Reuters

Turkey to buy 36 "Airbus" planes

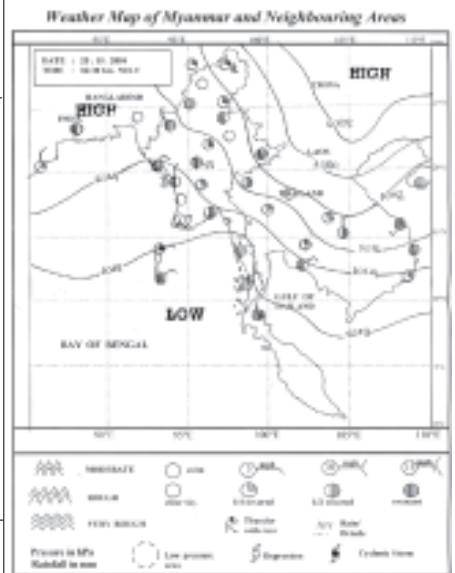
ANKARA, 25 Oct— Turkish Airlines (THY) will sign a deal with European Airbus on purchasing 36 aircraft worth 2.8 billion US dollars, the *Turkish Daily News* reported Saturday.

The paper quoted German Government spokesman, Bela Anda, as saying that the deal is expected to be inked on Tuesday during a meeting among Turkish Prime Minister Recep Erdogan, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and French President Jacques Chirac.

In July, THY announced that it will buy 36 airplanes from Airbus and 15 from Boeing.

THY has finalized a contract to buy 15 next-generation 737 passenger planes from Boeing in September.

Boeing said that the agreement was worth 982.5 million dollars, adding that the planes will be delivered as of 2005. THY, of which 98.17 per cent is owned by the state, said that its profit of 200 million dollars in 2003 and full capacity on domestic flights helped bolster its position. The company has expected its annual turnover to soar to 2.5 billion dollars in three years from current 1.5 billion dollars. — MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Monday, 25 October, 2004

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

Maximum temperature on 24-10-2004 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 25-10-2004 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 25-10-2004 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 24-10-2004 was (7.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 25-10-2004 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 East at (14:40) hours MST on 24-10-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26-10-2004: Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin, Chin States and upper Sagaing Division and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Isolated light rain or thundershowers are likely in Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-10-2004: Generally fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-10-2004: Generally fair weather.

Greece to introduce new traffic code

ATHENS, 25 Oct— Greek Transport Ministry will introduce a new stricter traffic code in a bid to increase road safety and reduce the number of road accidents, sources said Saturday.

The new project will introduce a twofold increase of the fines for serious violations of the traffic code.

If the violation is considered dangerous for road safety, along with the fine, motorists will be forced to leave their cars on the

spot, and will be able to get the vehicle back only a month later.

The new traffic code will reintroduce the penalty point system and motorists who accumulate 18 penalty points will risk their driving license being suspended for six months.

There will be severe rules for professional drivers. The minimum age limit for coach drivers will be increased to 24 years from the current 21 years. The age limit for truck drivers will be increased

from 18 to 21 years. Professional drivers will not be allowed to stay nonstop behind the wheel for more than eight hours a day.

From 2001 to 2003, Greece carried out an EU-funded road safety campaign, which envisaged rigid controls and sanctions for drunken driving.

According to statistical data, the results were significant as fatal road accidents dropped by 22 per cent during that period.

MNA/Xinhua



Tuesday, October 26
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

7:50 am

5. ကဗျာပန်းညွှတ်

8:05 am

6. အကူပိုင်

8:20 am

7. Song of yesteryear

8:30 am

8. International News

8:45 am

9. Let's Go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold

National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Musical programme

4:40 pm

4. အစားအသောက်သုံးစွဲသူများအတွက်

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်တန်းစာ

- ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တမအ၊ ပါးတေး)

အထူးပြုစုမှု (ပါးတေး)

4:55 pm

5. Dance of national races

5:10 pm

6. စံနားနားဆင် ဆေးစာတံဆိပ်

5:20 pm

7. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစာကား

5:35 pm

8. Sing and Enjoy

6:10 pm

9. နိုင်ငံခြားကားတိုင်းစာတိုင်း

"သမိုင်းမင်းသမီး" (အပိုင်း-၃၆)

6:30 pm

10. Evening News

7:00 pm

11. Weather report

7:05 pm

12. မြန်မာ့နိုင်ငံခြားသံသရာ (၂၀၀၄) ခုနှစ်

7:20 pm

13. သားငယ်မြို့ ပြည်အထိ

7:35 pm

14. The Mirror Images of the Musical Oldies

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International News

17. Weather report

18. ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ် ချိတ်သံအကြိမ်

(၁၂ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့နိုင်ငံခြားသံသရာ

အထိ၊ အက၊ အမေ၊ အတီးမြိုင်

19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုင်း

"သမိုင်းမင်းသမီး" (အပိုင်း-၇)

20. The next day's

programme



Tuesday, October 26
Tune in today:

8:30 am

Brief news

8:35 am

Music:

- Love of my life

8:40 am

Perspectives

Music: What's up

8:45 am

National news/

Slogan

9:00 am

Music:

- Send me an angle

9:10 am

Music

- Moonlight shadow

1:30 pm

News/Slogan

1:40 pm

Lunch time music

- Lady

- Vincent

- It must be love

- When will I see you again

9:00 pm

English Speaking

Course Level-1

Unit (7)

9:15 pm

Article/Music

9:25 pm

Weekly sports reel

- All out of love

- How many hours

9:35 pm

Music for your

listening pleasure

9:45 pm

News/Slogan

10:00 pm

PEL

Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

YANGON, 25 Oct — The 12th-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.

Among the audience were for Chairman of the Work Committee for organizing the Competitions No 3 Military Region Commander 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 Myanma Radio and Television, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khaing and members supervised the song contest. Altogether 16 contestants participated in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girl's religious song contest. And, 12 contestants took part in the professional level men's oldies and modern song contest. On 26 October, the professional level women's oldies and modern song contest, the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' oldies and modern song contest and the basic education level (10-15) boys' religious song contest will be held at the same venue.



Maung Min Thein Htut and party taking part in higher education level Ozi Contest. — NLM

Chairman of the Panel of Judges Bogale U Tint Aung and members supervised the song composing contest at Kanbawza Theatre. Altogether 12 contestants

participated in the professional level song composing contest. Tomorrow morning, the basic education level (See page 10)

Kyansitmin (King Kyansitt) Film penetrates foreign market

YANGON, 25 Oct — Kyansitmin (King Kyansitt) Film directed by actor Lu Min has been shown at KLCC Twin Tower in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, as of 16 October attracting many

moviegoers.

One of the aims of the Ministry of Information is for Myanmar movies to be of international standard and to be able to penetrate the world's movie market.

To realize this aim, Director Lu Min of Everest Movie Production produced the film entitled Kyansitmin (King Kyansitt), one of the heroes of the First Myanmar Empire.

With the assistance of PWT Co Ltd of Malaysia, Actor Lu Min, an academy award winner, directed the film and acted in it by himself.

Moreover, technicians of Addaudio Post SDN BHD also cooperated in creating the film meeting the international standards. Now, the film is being shown abroad.

It is a romantic film about King Kyansitt based on the history of Bagan, the royal city of Myanmar during the period.

The director has exerted great efforts to choose the items and costumes to reflect the real image of Bagan era, to produce a quality film and to finish it in time.

MNA



Moviegoers in the queue at KLCC Twin Tower Cinema to enjoy the King Kyansitt film. — MNA



Poster of King Kyansitt Film being shown in Kuala Lumpur. — MNA



Londawpauk Bridge, the 175th major facility, is located on the road linking Yangon and Kyaukphyu. (News on page 1) — MNA