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## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of congratulations to King of Cambodia

**YANGON, 29 Oct —** Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe has sent a message of congratulations to His Majesty Preah Karona Preah Bat Samdech Preah Boromneath Norodom Sihamoni on the occasion of his coronation as King of Cambodia.—*MNA*

*Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye. — MNA*



## Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrive back from State Visit to India

**YANGON, 29 Oct —** Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and the Myanmar delegation arrived back here from New Delhi of India by special aircraft of Myanmar Airways International at 4.50 pm today after paying a State Visit to the Republic of India at the invitation of President of the Republic of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General

Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, members of the State Peace and Development Council and their wives, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and the Commander-in-Chief (Air) and their wives, the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, ministers, senior military officers, Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz and wife, heads of foreign missions and their wives, resident representatives of UN agencies, charges d'affaires ai

of the Indian Embassy Mr Rahul Kulshreshth and officials.

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## Prime Minister to pay official visit to PRC

**YANGON, 30 Oct —** At the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, Lt-Gen Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, will pay an official visit to the People's Republic of China in the near future to attend the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit to be held in Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. — *MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 30 October, 2004

### Exert greater efforts in fight against trafficking in persons

The Union of Myanmar has been combating narcotic drugs, transnational crimes and trafficking in persons in harness with ASEAN members, regional countries and world nations. In the process, the nation is taking all dimensions to such problems systematically and thoroughly. In an attempt to tackle the problems that occur regionally in cooperation with the world nations, it has placed emphasis on the fight against trafficking in persons.

The Senior Officials Meeting for the Co-ordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT) is in the process starting from 27 October at the Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yangon, and it will yield good results not only to the peoples of member nations but also to the whole Mekong Region. Trafficking in persons has become one of the top global issues amongst transnational organized crimes after the Cold War. Evil consequences of trafficking in persons are making tremendous social impact on the entire people of the world especially on women and children. All of the nations of the Greater Mekong Sub-region have experienced harsh realities of trafficking in a variety of ways as a country of source, transit or destination. This being the case, world nations are to pay serious attention to measures for reducing not only the number of victims but incidence of human trafficking instead of putting blame on each other. In this regard, collaboration is required so as to pull and push factors need to be tackled both at the point of origin and that of the destination.

Myanmar is strengthening operations and cooperation in the nation to fight against trafficking in persons and to promulgate more laws after forming national level organizations. Besides, the government has given the highest priority to establish anti-trafficking units and forces around the border and other hot spot areas in the nation. At the same time, it is well aware of the absolute need to provide psycho-social support, undertake and improve repatriation and reintegration systems, and provide rehabilitation services for the victims of trafficking and vulnerable groups.

Therefore, we simply believe that the participant nations will be able to find solutions to the abuse of innocent people, and to ensure that they are free from such vulnerabilities, that lead them to become victims of trafficking.

### Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

YANGON, 30 Oct — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of HE Mr Fahd Salim as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Union of Myanmar.

HE Mr Fahd Salim was born in 1944 at Ayoun, Syria. He graduated from the University of Aleppo with a Bachelors Degree in Economic Sciences. After graduation, he joined the

diplomatic service in 1974 and has served in various capacities at the Syrian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Missions in Dar es Salaam, Geneva, Madrid and Tunisia. HE Mr Fahd Salim will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Syrian Arab Republic to the Union of Myanmar with residence in New Delhi. HE Mr Fahd Salim is married with three children.— MNA

### Special Appellate Bench hears criminal, civil appeal cases

YANGON, 29 Oct — The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (Yangon) U Thein Soe, Supreme Court Judges Dr Tin Aung Aye and U Tin Aye sitting at Court Room No 1 this morning, delivered judgement of six special civil appeal cases and one special criminal appeal cases, also heard four special civil appeal cases under section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000.— MNA

## People's Desire

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



Teachers and students led by Headmistress Daw Sein Myaing of Bahan BEPS No 10 offer candle lights to Ngadatgyi Buddha Image on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.—(H)

## MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 29 Oct—The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) Col Aung Saw Win Ministry of Defence	Director-General Bureau of Special Investigation Ministry of Home Affairs
(b) U Kyaw Ye Tun Pro-rector Kalay University Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar)	Rector Kalay University Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Ministry of Education

MNA

## Programmes of performing arts competitions continue

YANGON, 29 Oct — The 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at designated venues here today.

Among the audience were Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, literati, musician, and tourists.

The song contests took place at the National Museum this morning. Chairperson of the Panel of Judges, Assistant Director (Music) of MRTV Daw Tin Tin Mya, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khine, and members supervised the contest and assessed

The men's religious song contest at professional level and the girls' (aged 10-15) oldies and modern song contests at basic education level will be held at the same venue tomorrow.

The music contests were held at Padonma Theatre in Sangyoung Township this morning.

The men's music contest attracted four troupes at higher education (men's) level, and eleven troupes at men's amateur level. The music contests held today were supervised by U Sein Sten, Leader of the Central Panel of Judges, and members. The boys' solo orchestra contests at higher

level, one at the women's professional level, and three contestants each at the boys' and girls' (aged 10-15) basic education levels.

Gita Lulin U Ko Ko, Chairman of the Panel of Judges for the Donmin Contest, and members supervised the contests and assessed the performance of the contestants.

The men's and

ship this morning. The men's and the women's mandolin contests at professional level attracted nine participants and two participants respectively.

At the basic education level, six contestants participated in the boys' (aged 15-20) mandolin contest, and five in the girls' (aged 15-20) mandolin contest. Tomorrow at the same venue, man-



Ma Nan Thuza of Bago Division joins basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' mandolin contest.— MNA

women's xylophone contests at professional level will take place at the same venue tomorrow.

The mandolin contests were held at National Theatre in Dagon Town-

dolin contests will be held at boys' and girls' (aged 5-10) basic education level as well as at the men's and the women's amateur level.

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U Kyaw Htay of Magway Division participates in professional level men's donmin contest.— MNA

the performance of the contestants.

A total of seven contestants joined the women's classical song contest at the professional level, while a total of eleven contestants joined the boys' (aged 15-20) high school level.

education level and at the men's amateur level will be held at the same venue tomorrow.

The Donmin contests took place at Kambawza Theatre in Bahan Township, this morning. It attracted five contestants at the men's professional



Daw May Than Tun of Sagaing Division taking part in professional level women's classical song contest.— MNA



# Kidnappers demand US allies leave Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 29 Oct**— Militants have piled more pressure on Washington's military allies in Iraq, seizing an Iraqi-Polish woman and holding a Japanese man under threat of death.

With a British-Iraqi aid worker already in captivity, Iraq's hostage crisis has intensified amid growing expectations of a US offensive on the rebel cities of Fallujah and Ramadi.

A new study said at least 100,000 more Iraqis had died since last year's US-led invasion than would have been expected — most of them from vio-

lence and especially US air strikes.

The estimate was based on researchers' surveys in Iraq and compared with figures for the pre-war period.

"The use of air power in areas with lots of civilians appears to be killing a lot of women and children," said Les Roberts of the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of

Public Health in the report published online yesterday by *The Lancet* medical journal.

Iraq's US-backed interim government has vowed to pacify the whole country before nationwide elections due in January.

Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi urged Fallujah leaders to grab what he said could be their "last chance" to avert a

military assault, asking them to help find a political solution.

Peace talks between the government and Fallujah negotiators halted this month when Allawi threatened military action unless the guerrilla-held city handed over Islamist militants led by al Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi said to be holed up there.

*Internet*

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## 1,111 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

**WASHINGTON, 28 Oct**—As of Thursday, 28 October, 2004, at least 1,111 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 847 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. The figures include three military civilians.

The AP count is five higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated Thursday at 10 am EDT.

The British military

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

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 973 US military members have died, according to AP's count.

That includes at least 738 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

The latest death reported by the military:

— A US soldier was killed in a rocket-propelled grenade attack Thursday while on patrol south of Balad, Iraq.

— A US soldier was killed in an explosion Thursday while on patrol in Baghdad.

*Internet*



*Iraq National Guard troops pass blazing wreckage from a car bomb attack, in Mosul on 28 October 2004. The US military said one of its soldiers was injured in the attack, which had targeted a convoy.*—INTERNET

## India, France pledge to work closely to counter terrorism

**NEW DELHI, 28 Oct**—India and France on Wednesday pledged to work closely to counter terrorism and step up economic and commercial ties as New Delhi invited French companies to make use of vast opportunities now available in this country.

During wide-ranging discussions Indian External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh had with his visiting French counterpart Michel Barnier here, the two sides noted that international terrorism was one of the serious challenges faced by open democratic, multilingual and multi-cultural societies.

"We reiterated our determination to continue to work closely together to counter the menace of terrorism," Singh said at a joint Press interaction with Barnier.

He said French President Jacques Chirac has been invited to visit India and hoped he would be able to undertake it soon.

Observing that India shared strategic partnership with France which it deeply valued, Singh said both countries believed in a strong and effective

multipolar world.

Asked about the controversy about alleged middlemen being engaged by French company Dassault for getting contracts for the sale of Mirage 2000 jets to India, Barnier said there was a court ruling on the issue and he would not like to comment on it.

About negotiations on the Scorpene submarine deal, he hoped these would be concluded on a positive note.

Singh said India appreciated France for being in the forefront in supporting its candidature for permanent membership in an expanded UN Security Council. —MNA/PTI

## Norway pledges Zambia \$22m for wildlife protection

**LUSAKA, 28 Oct**—The Norwegian Government has pledged Zambia nearly 22.5 million US dollars in support of its five-year wildlife programmes, local newspaper *Times of Zambia* reported Wednesday.

Zambian Tourism, Environment and Natural Resources Deputy Minister Nedson Nzowa was quoted as saying the Zambian Government was grateful for the support the Norwegian Government had been providing for the wildlife sector of Zambia for the past 18 years. Speaking at a farewell party for Norwegian Ambassador Halvard Lesteberg held here Tuesday, Nzowa said "we appreciate the support that the Norwegian Government has been providing by improving management of the wildlife sector". —MNA/Xinhua

## Two US soldiers killed in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 28 Oct**—Two American soldiers were killed in Iraq on Thursday in guerilla attacks in Baghdad and north of the capital, the US military said.

It said one soldier died when guerillas attacked his patrol with rocket-propelled grenades, south of Balad, which lies 50 miles north of Baghdad.

A car bomb earlier killed an American soldier on patrol and at least one Iraqi civilian in southern Baghdad. A second civilian may also have died in the blast, the military said.

The latest deaths took to 849 the number of American military personnel killed in combat in Iraq since the start of last year's war to topple Saddam Hussein.

Witnesses said guerillas with rocket-propelled grenades attacked two US military fuel tankers between the refinery town of Baiji and Haditha in western Iraq, setting them ablaze.

The US military had no immediate word on the attack. —Internet

## Zambia targets bumper maize harvest next year

**LUSAKA, 28 Oct**—

Wednesday. Zambian Agriculture Minister Mundia Sikatana has said the agriculture sector was targeting the maize output next year at three million tons, local newspaper *Daily Mail* reported

given the abundant resources at the country's disposal.

Sikatana was quoted as saying Zambians should not be proud of the 1.2 million tons of maize it produced this year because that was a scratch on the surface

He said Zambia had the capacity to produce one billion tons of maize per year if it tapped its full potential. —MNA/Xinhua



*US soldiers arrive in their armoured vehicles to secure the area close to an overturned vehicle targeted along the airport road on the outskirts of Baghdad.*

*INTERNET*

## Senior General Than Shwe lays wreath at Samadhi of Mahatama Gandhi

YANGON, 29 Oct — After attending the welcoming ceremony by President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and entourage arrived at Samadhi of Mahatama Gandhi in New Delhi, India, on 25 October morning.

Senior General Than Shwe laid a wreath at Samadhi of Mahatama Gandhi and paid one-minute-silence tribute to the fallen hero.

There, the Senior General signed the visitors' book.

Next, Secretary of



Senior General Than Shwe and party lay wreath at Samadhi of Mahatama Gandhi in Rajghat of New Delhi, India.—MNA

the Management Committee for Samadhi of Mahatama Gandhi Mr

Rajnish Kumar presented books published in memory of Mahatama

Gandhi and a statue of Mahatama Gandhi to the Senior General.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and entourage left Samadhi

of Mahatama Gandhi for the Oberoi Hotel.

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## Senior General Than Shwe receives Indian External Affairs Minister

YANGON, 29 Oct — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe received Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India Shri K Natwar Singh at Room No 716 of the Oberoi Hotel in New Delhi, India, on 25 October morning.

Also present at the call together with the Senior General were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu,

Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein and Director-General of the Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Thaug Tun, and together with the Indian Minister were Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs Mr Shyam Saran, Joint-Secretary Mrs Mitra Vasisht and Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia. —MNA

Senior General Than Shwe receives Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India Shri K Natwar Singh.—MNA



## Myanmar Ambassador hosts dinner to Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and delegates

YANGON, 29 Oct — The Myanmar delegation led by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at the residence of the Myanmar Ambassador to India in New Delhi at 7.15 pm on 24 October. Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein and wife, Military Attaché Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw and wife, Minister Counselor of the Consulate in Kolkata U Zeya Oo and wife, Myanmar diplomats and their families, Myanmar doctors working at the World Health Organiza-

tion in New Delhi, and Myanmar scholars in New Delhi.

Next, the ambassador and wife, the military attaché and wife, diplomats and their families, doctors and scholars paid respects to Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Later, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing presented souvenirs to them through the ambassador and wife and the military attaché and wife.

State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win met



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing present gifts to Myanmar Ambassador U Kyi Thein and wife and staff.—MNA

with the ambassador, the military attaché, diplomats and their families,

doctors and scholars at the parlour of the residence.

On the occasion, Sec-

retary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said Myanmar has long been in friendly rela-

tions with India since many years ago.

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Myanmar Ambassador, Military Attaché, consul-general, staff, doctors and Myanmar trainees pay respects to Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

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## Myanmar Ambassador hosts dinner to Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and delegates

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With the aim of further cementing the ties between the two countries, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing are now on State Visit here.

Myanmar and India have also had exchange

the rules and regulations of the host country, and to follow the diplomatic code of conduct.

The government is implementing the seven-point Road Map to shape a modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democracy. In this process, the National Convention, which is

Later, Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan

Win urged diplomats to make themselves accustomed to their lines of duty with patriotism and nationalism as well as with loyalty.

Next, the ambassador and wife hosted a dinner to Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party. After dinner, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party left the ambassador's residence for the hotel. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing present gifts to Military Attaché Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw and wife and staff of Military Attaché's Office.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party being welcomed by Myanmar trainees in New Delhi.— MNA

of visits between the leaders. Just as State Peace and Development Council Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Maung Aye paid a goodwill visit to India, Indian Vice-President Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat was on a goodwill visit to Myanmar as well.

The bilateral relations established between the successive leaders of Myanmar and India have to be handed down to the generations to come.

Diplomats, the staff of the military attaché's office and their families are to bear in mind always that constant efforts are to be made to promote bilateral relations, to respect and follow

the first phase of the Road Map and is most important, will continue without fail.

The diplomats should believe the Road Map and strive for its success. Moreover, they are to uphold non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuity of sovereignty, which are our three main national causes, in other words, three national tasks.

The Secretary-1 called upon them to work hard above and beyond the call of duty and to set an example of good service personnel while serving the interests of the country and the people.

**Images of the State Visit  
of Head of State  
Senior General  
Than Shwe and wife  
Daw Kyaing Kyaing  
to the Republic of  
India**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets Myanmar Ambassador, Military Attaché, consul-general, staff, doctors and Myanmar trainees at the ambassador's residence in New Delhi.— MNA

## We unanimously recognize the need of concerned government ministries or agencies to work together to strengthen our capacity to fight off this crime of human trafficking

YANGON, 29 Oct — A ceremony to open the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT), hosted by the Union of Myanmar, was held at the Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, at 8.30 am today, with an address by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win.

**The Memorandum of Understanding that will be signed today will be the first crucial step towards creating an unacceptable environment for trafficking and where there will be zero tolerance to all forms of exploitation.**

Also present on the occasion were Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, ministers, deputy ministers, the ministers, the deputy ministers and senior officials of Cambodia, China, Lao PDR, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam who are attending the COMMIT, the Coordinator of UN Organizations and residents representatives of UN agencies, officials

meeting, marking a concerted and coordinated effort by our fellow governments in the Greater Mekong Sub-region, to unitedly stem the tide of human trafficking.

As host, Myanmar is gratified to note the high level of participation and representation from member countries. This clearly demonstrates the highest level commitment

by the member states of the Greater Mekong Sub-region to address this unacceptable crime against humanity. I am also delighted to see many observers to this process. Your interest and support to our efforts is greatly encouraging and deeply appreciated.

It is indeed a great honour for Myanmar to host this first ever Ministerial Level Meeting, a significant milestone in

concerned government ministries or agencies to work together to strengthen our capacity to fight off this crime of human trafficking. As we all know, the work of coordination among different ministries is not an easy task. It has often been a challenge to bring together a concerted approach to the issue. This, however, is no longer the case. I understand that country delegations to the COMMIT Process comprise representatives from the ministries of Interior, Justice, Social Welfare, Foreign Affairs and others. At the national level this marks an attempt to rationalize a coordinated approach to human trafficking. And of course, at the regional level, this marks a systematic approach to inter-state as well as a holistic regional response to the issue. Having noted the significance of this Greater Mekong Sub-regional Initiative against Trafficking, I must, not only as the Prime Minister but a citizen of Myanmar

this abhorrent human rights abuse of the trade in people. The Memorandum of Understanding that will be signed today will be the first crucial step towards creating an unacceptable environment for trafficking and where there will be zero tolerance to all forms of ex-ploitation.

I understand that already our Senior Officials from the six participating countries, with support from the UNIAP, the Secretariat to the process, has been working hard on

higher wages and of opportunity for prosperity are often cited as pull factors for out migration. Until recently, interventions have focused on places of origin. The burden of responsibility too, has also been placed on these source countries.

There is, however, a growing awareness that it is the demand side of the equation; the demand for cheap and easily exploited labour that has continued to fuel the process. It is encouraging to see that ownership of the problem

Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam, is slightly more than 2.4 million square kilometers. It has a total population of around 240 million people and as we all know, with long porous borders. It has traditionally been a region of high migration. This migration has been, and continues to be, an important factor in the region's economic growth, providing benefits for both sending and receiving areas. Recent times have, however, seen a growth in more malevolent and highly

*Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses opening ceremony of Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT).*  
MNA



Ministers and deputy ministers and officials of Greater Mekong region countries attending Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT).— MNA

of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, social organizations, the patron, the president and members of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club, guests and observers.

First, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing and Coordinator of UN Organizations Mr Charles James Petrie extended greetings.

Next, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win delivered an address. He said:

In particular, I am pleased to welcome you to this historic ministerial

what has come to be recognized as the COMMIT Process or the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking. Today's meeting which will be marked by the signing of the COMMIT Memorandum of Understanding, is a major step forward. For the first time, cross-sectoral delegations from countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-region have come together as a group, to thresh out a mechanism of cooperation, to fight against this evil, which is a threat to human dignity. We unanimously recognize the need of

and of the Greater Mekong Sub-region, acknowledge the seriousness of the issue that we collectively face today. It is increasingly recognized that with the end of the cold war, the onset of globalization, and the accelerated technological advancement, movement in goods and people have increased by leaps and bounds. While acknowledging the significance of this meeting, none of us can delude ourselves into thinking that neither this, nor a series of other ministerial meetings, MOUs, declarations or even action plans will solve

developing a Regional Plan of Action. This is noteworthy.

Given the link between migration and human trafficking, let us look at the increased flows of people in this increasingly inter-connected world. Migration takes place for a number of reasons. Mostly, these reasons are classified under the push and the pull or the supply and the demand factors. The most powerful push factor amongst others is considered poverty, both absolute and relative poverty as well as lack of economic opportunities at home. The temptation of

and responsibility are recognized as issues that need to be addressed by countries of destination.

Geographically, the

exploitative forms of migration, in the form of human trafficking.

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total area of the Greater Mekong Sub-region which comprises the Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China, Cambodia, Lao PDR,

involvement of organized and transnational criminal groups, we must also be mindful of the less organized nature of the  
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# Myanmar has been responding to the issue of human trafficking, as early as the 1990s

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crime. Often trafficking occurs in the form of a cottage industry and where opportunistic trafficking takes place. Taking all the complexities into consideration, it is evident that no single country, institution or organization can alone diminish the problem of human

bodia on developing an MOU on trafficking. Your joint efforts in establishing such a mechanism is well-noted by all the governments in the Greater Mekong Sub-region and beyond. In fact, the governments of Lao PDR and Thailand are already working together towards establish-

ing Myanmar's participation to the Fourth World Conference on Women in Beijing in 1995, the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs, a national mechanism for the advancement of women was established. The committee began work to combat trafficking in

nated as the focal ministry to deal with the issue of human trafficking.

Within these mechanisms, I would like to briefly highlight some of our recent efforts to comprehensively address trafficking. In 2001, the MNWCWA in collaboration with UNIAP set up

tion to draft a trafficking specific law was put forth. While the Law Drafting Task Force drafted the law, an independent team comprising personnel from key ministries such as the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Attorney General Office, Ministry of Immigration and Population, the Judiciary and the MWAF studied the Convention against the Transnational Organized Crime and the two protocols on trafficking and smuggling of migrants. To review the existing legislation as well as to become a state party to the above convention and the protocols, in fact, were some of the key recommendations put forth at the first ever National Seminar on Trafficking conducted in May 2003. This was organized under the sponsorship of the Myanmar National Committee on Women's Affairs, UNIAP, UNICEF and Safe the Children-UK. Only last month, a workshop to review the draft law was organized jointly by

ing in the region indicates individual government's efforts at national as well as bilateral levels. That we are here today highlights the significance we place on establishing a regional mechanism.

I would, now, like to bring your attention to our efforts to cooperate at the international level. I would like to refer to the above Convention and its accompanying Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons.

I am aware that a number of us in the region have also become State Parties to the Convention as well as its Protocol on Trafficking, while some of us are seriously considering becoming state parties. This is extremely encouraging. As you know, the Protocol gives a great deal of focus on international cooperation.

The COMMIT Process in this sense reflects the essence and the spirit of the Protocol. While it provides for law enforcement measures against traffickers it



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win views booths on prevention against human trafficking.— MNA

trafficking.

Let me recall a number of significant initiatives that has been taken to combat human trafficking in the region and by our respective governments. I would like to acknowledge that what I refer to as initiatives by the countries in the Greater Mekong Sub-region is only indicative of the efforts and in no way is it near being exhaustive.

One example is the launching of a joint anti-trafficking communication campaign between the governments of China and Vietnam. Border liaison offices to ex-

ing a similar mechanism between their two countries. The efforts by the Royal Thai Government to register illegal migrant workers is also to be commended. This effort created a "win-win" situation for all; the workers, their employers and the overall economy. We are all aware that in terms of trafficking, one of the most vulnerable and easily exploited aspects of any employee is his or her illegal status. This bold step sets a good example to many other countries of destination. Let me briefly touch upon some of the initiatives that Myanmar has been un-



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially greets ministers and deputy ministers to Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking.— MNA

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change information and experiences on a regular basis have also been set up between your two countries.

All of us are aware of the pioneering work initiated by Thailand and Cam-

bertaking. Myanmar has been responding to the issue of human trafficking, as early as the 1990s when our Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement began receiving trafficked victims from abroad. Fol-

women and children under the issue area of Violence against Women. The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation established in 2003 has taken on active implementation of anti-trafficking initiatives. The increased seriousness of the crime of human trafficking, however, has led the government to create an inter-ministerial level Preventive Working Committee for Trafficking in Persons in July 2002. Simultaneously, Ministry of Home Affairs was desig-

mobile teams to train service providers on the issue of trafficking. Since then, the team has covered 13 out of 17 States and Divisions; Pilot Research on trends of migration was also conducted; a specialist police unit to investigate trafficking has also been established in collaboration with an AusAID supported Asia Regional Cooperation to Prevent People's Trafficking or the ARCPPT project; following a year long law review exercise, a recommenda-

the Ministry of Home Affairs and UNIAP in collaboration with UNODC and ARCPPT. Similarly in collaboration with UNICEF a workshop on CSEC and Trafficking was undertaken in May.

I am also happy to share with you the information that following intensive review, Myanmar acceded to the Convention on the Transnational Organized Crime and the two protocols in March of this year. Efforts to combat human traffick-

also emphasizes measures to protect and assist victims or survivor of trafficking. As such the Protocol calls upon state parties to adopt a concerted human rights based law enforcement approach to trafficking. The Protocol is important in another way. It gives an internationally agreed upon definition of trafficking which allows all actors engaged in the fight against trafficking a mutual understanding of the issue they are up against.

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## Senior General Than Shwe and...

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing were accompanied by Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Daw Khin Thet Htay, wife of Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung

Thaung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Military Assistant to the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Nay Win, Director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu,



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party being welcomed back by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party.

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Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein of the State Peace and Development Council Office, Director-

General U Soe Tint at the Prime Minister's Office, Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol

Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, senior officials from the

Ministry of Defence departmental heads.

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Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party being welcomed back by diplomats and their wives and resident representatives of UN agencies.

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## Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing...

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State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Daw Khin Thet Htay, wife of Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Military Assistant to the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Nay Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Than Aung, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and heads of department arrived at the Airforce Station, Palam, New Delhi at 12.30 pm local time.

On arrival at the airport, Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of India U Kyi Thein and Head of Protocol Department of Indian Ministry of External Affairs Mr Pinak Ranjajan Chakravarty boarded the plane and welcomed Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party alighting from the plane were greeted by Indian Deputy Minister of External Affairs Mr E Ahamed, Secretary of External Affairs Ministry Mr Shyam Sarani, Joint Secretary Mrs Mitra Vasisht and Indian Ambassador Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia.

Two young Myanmar ladies presented bouquets to Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and wife

Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party were greeted by Daw Mar Mar Shein, wife of the Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of India, Defence Attaché Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw and wife Daw Thida Nyunt, staff of Myanmar missions in India and their families.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party, accompanied by Deputy Minister of External Affairs Mr E Ahamed and officials, left the Airforce Station in a motorcade and arrived at the Oberoi Hotel where they were going to stay. In extending the grand welcome to the Myanmar delegation led by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, flags of the two nations were put up at the Airforce Station building and in its compound and at the junctions and roundabouts of main roads in New Delhi.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party being welcomed by Indian Deputy Minister of External Affairs Mr E Ahamed and officials.—MNA

### POEM:

### Historic milestone of the East

- \* Since beginning of history, long ago  
With no gap, for long time  
Live together side by side  
Myanmar - India.
- \* Once upon a time, evil persons  
Put life in subjugation under colonialism  
We fell under the same fate  
With mutual help had to struggle  
Seek freedom and sovereignty  
We regained, of same fate  
Myanmar - India.
- \* A look at the present  
Drumming up support, the news media  
Evil persons with their words  
Many and varied, never a word  
Did we countenance, but much amity  
Multiply, strengthen our relations  
Myanmar - India.
- \* India - Myanmar, same fate  
We shared, and initial ties  
Of neighbourliness, unfading metta  
As foundation, came and went  
Heads of State, leaders  
Thus engaged, and on this score  
Two nations in peace and harmony  
Areas throughout Eastern hemisphere  
Traveling, trading with ease and comfort  
In nations of the East  
It will be a historic milestone.

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# Indian President accords welcome...

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Indian President and the Prime Minister. Also present together with Senior General Than Shwe at the welcoming ceremony were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, SPDC member Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for



Senior General Than Shwe being greeted by Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe greets Indian Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh and senior officials.— MNA

Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Military Assistant to the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Nay Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, Director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence Brig-Gen Than Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Kyi Thein, Director-General of the SPDC Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein and departmental heads.

Present together with the Indian President were Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh, Minister of External Affairs Shri K Natwar Singh, Minister of Home Affairs Shri Shivraj Patil, Minister of Chem & Fert and Steel Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, deputy ministers, high-ranking officials, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia and Ambassador of Bhutan to India and Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Mr Lyonop Dago Tshering.



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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein being greeted by Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe inspects Guard of Honour at the welcoming ceremony of Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.— MNA

**Images of fraternal  
friendship between  
the Union of  
Myanmar and the  
Republic of India**

## Bilateral trade to be raised to US\$ 1 billion by 2006 as proposed by the Joint Trade Committee

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3. HE Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing and members of the Myanmar delegation were extended a warm and cordial welcome to India by HE Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and the Government and people of India. HE Senior General Than Shwe expressed his happiness at the opportunity to visit a close and friendly neighbour and conveyed his warm and sincere greetings to HE Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and to the Government and people of India.

4. In New Delhi, HE Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing were accorded a ceremonial welcome by HE Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. HE Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing called on HE Dr APJ Abdul Kalam. HE Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Vice President of India, HE Mr K Natwar Singh, Minister of External Affairs, Mr LK Advani, Leader of the Opposition.

5. HE Senior General Than Shwe also held extensive discussions with HE Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of India on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest. The discussions enabled better understanding and appreciation of each other's concerns and perspective and enhanced closer understanding at the political level. Both sides agreed to regular exchange of high-level visits in the future.

6. HE Senior General Than Shwe informed the Indian leadership about the implementation of countrywide all-round development tasks undertaken in Myanmar by State Peace and Development Council. The Myanmar side reiterated its strong commitment to building a modern, democratic state suited to Myanmar's needs and conditions. The Myanmar side briefed the Indian leadership about the process of national reconciliation and reconvening of and deliberations in the National Convention in accordance with the seven-step Roadmap elaborated by the Government of the Union of Myanmar in August 2003.

7. The Indian side noted the resolve of the Myanmar leadership to build an enduring democratic system in Myanmar and expressed support for national reconciliation and early transition to democracy in Myanmar. The Indian side stressed that it wished to see a stable, peaceful, prosperous and democratic Myanmar and was ready to assist the government and people of Myanmar on their path to further political and economic progress.

8. The two sides expressed satisfaction that bilateral cooperation was proceeding smoothly in a wide range of areas such as infrastructure, human resource development, industry, railways, oceanography, science and technology, etc and agreed to expand bilateral interaction to the health sector, the energy sector, ICT and higher education. While taking note of the steady expansion in the trade turnover between the two countries, they emphasized that the present bilateral trade level was not commensurate with existing potentialities. They agreed to direct their Ministers concerned to take appropriate measures in order to raise bilateral trade to US\$ 1 billion by 2006 as proposed by the

Joint Trade Committee. The two sides emphasized the role of the private sector and cross border investment in strengthening bilateral economic and commercial cooperation and agreed to encourage efforts in this direction. The Myanmar side assured that it would welcomed and actively facilitate private Indian investment in Myanmar.

9. The Indian side extended to the Government of the Union of Myanmar a Line of Credit of US\$ 7 million for two telecom projects and announced a grant of US\$ 3 million for implementation of IT-related projects. The Myanmar side expressed its deep gratitude for the Line of Credit and the grant. The Myanmar side also thanked warmly the Indian side for providing in July 2004 a special Line of Credit of US\$ 56.358 million for up-gradation of the Yangon-Mandalay trunk line and allied facilities.

10. The two sides fully shared the view that economic development of the region along the India-Myanmar border required special focus. Noting that the Tamu-Kalembo Road had greatly improved economic conditions in the area, the Myanmar side expressed appreciation for the maintenance of the road by the Indian side. Both sides expressed satisfaction that several other cross-border projects such as the Tamanthi HEP, the Rhi-Tiddim and Rhi-Falam roads and the Kaladan Multimodal Transport Project were on the anvil. It was decided that keeping in view the vital importance of these projects to the economic welfare of the people living in the border areas and to improving connectivity between the two countries, their implementation should be expedited. It was also decided that specific measures would be taken to encourage border trade.

11. At the same time, the two sides agreed that maintenance of peace and security along the border areas was an essential pre-requisite to successful implementation of cross border projects and to bring about economic prosperity in the area. Both sides reiterated their firm determination to maintaining peace, stability and tranquillity along the entire length of their common border. The Myanmar side reiterated that it would not allow insurgent activities against India from its soil. The Indian side thanked the Myanmar side for the assurance. Both sides agreed to take necessary steps to prevent cross border crimes, including drug trafficking and arms smuggling, and to upgrade substantially the bilateral cooperation in this context.

12. Regular visits involving the three Services, Port Calls by Indian Naval Vessels, participation of Myanmar in 'Milan 2004' and 'DEFEXPO India 2004', performances by SKAT in Myanmar and visits by sports teams were reviewed with satisfaction and it was agreed to encourage such exchanges. The Myanmar side expressed appreciation with the training of Myanmar personnel in India. Both sides agreed that possibilities of expanding cooperation in the defence sphere would be examined.

13. The two sides recalled that they were bound by enduring cultural and spiritual links. They noted with satisfaction on-going bilateral cooperation in the cultural sphere. The Myanmar side thanked the Indian side for extending facilities to pilgrims from Myanmar. Both

sides underscored that tourism promotion would nurture age-old ties and contacts at the people to people level.

14. In discussing the international situation, the two sides reaffirmed the validity and relevance of the principles of Panchsheel to inter-State relations. They observed that an equitable world order alone would allow solutions to challenges emanating from processes of economic development and advancements in science and technology. They noted that growth of extremist ideologies and terrorism posed a serious threat to global peace and security. They declared that terrorism anywhere in the world and in any form and manifestation was completely unacceptable.

15. The two sides also agreed that the United Nations had an important role to play in the dealing with present-day challenges and, therefore, restructuring and reform of the United Nations in line with global realities was necessary. They were of the view that an expanded UN Security Council would give it greater legitimacy and enhance its effectiveness. The Myanmar side conveyed full support for India's bid for Permanent Membership of UNSC.

16. Both side noted that India-Myanmar relations were an important factor in enabling regional cooperation. They expressed satisfaction that regional initiatives such as the India-ASEAN partnership and BIMST-EC had assumed concrete form and content. They agreed to work closely in promoting regional cooperation in its various dimensions. The Myanmar side thanked India for its assistance under IAI of ASEAN.

17. While in New Delhi, HE Senior General Than Shwe laid a wreath at the memorial of Mahatma Gandhi. HE Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing, and the Myanmar delegation visited Agra, Bangalore, Bodh Gaya, Sarnath, and Kolkata before returning to Yangon.

18. During the visit, the following documents were signed: (i) MoU on Cooperation in the field of Non-traditional Security Issues; (ii) MoU between the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the Department of Hydropower, Government of the Union of Myanmar in the Tamanthi Hydro-electric Project; and (iii) the Cultural Exchange Programmes for the year 2004-2006. The Export-Import Bank of India and the Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank signed an agreement on a special Line of Credit of US\$ 7 million for commission of CorDECT WLL based basic telephone and internet networks in Yangon and Mandalay and installation of an Optical Fibre Cable between the border towns of Moreh and Tamu. A comprehensive report on long term business linkage between India and Myanmar, prepared jointly by the Conference of India Industry and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, was also released.

19. Separately in New Delhi, bilateral discussions were held between HE U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs, Government of Myanmar and HE K Natwar Singh, Minister of External Affairs, Government of India; HE Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, Government of Myanmar, and HE Shri Dayanidhi Maran, Minister of Communication & Information Technology, Government of India; HE Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Rail Transportation, Government of Myanmar and HE Shri Lalu Prasad, Minister of Railways, Government of India; HE U Aung Thuang, Minister for Industry-1, Government of Myanmar and HE Shri Kamal Nath, Minister of Commerce & Industry, Government of India.

20. HE Senior General Than Shwe invited HE Dr APJ Abdul Kalam to pay a State Visit to Myanmar. The Invitation was accepted with pleasure.

21. HE Senior General Than Shwe also invited HE Dr Manmohan Singh to pay an official visit to Myanmar. HE Dr Manmohan Singh convey an invitation to HE Lt-Gen Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar to visit India.

22. HE Senior General Than Shwe thanked HE Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and the Government and the people of India for warm and friendly reception and gracious hospitality accorded to him and to the Myanmar delegation.



President of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh cordially greet Senior General Than Shwe. — MNA

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## We unanimously recognize...

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This minimizes misunderstanding and miscommunication among actors, a critical element in creating an environment of cooperation and collaboration.

On behalf of the Government of the Union of Myanmar I would like to reaffirm our sincere commitment and our willingness to work together with you to translate our words of commitment into action that would make a dent in the ever increasingly crime of human trafficking in the region and in the world. We can and we will show the world and challenge the traffickers that we mean business. With our resolve, we will break the vicious cycle of trafficking in the region.

While the key responsibility to address human trafficking lies 'with governments in the region, support and collaboration from international organizations and external sources adds momentum to the process. On behalf of the governments and the peoples of the Greater Mekong Sub-region I would like to express our sincere thanks to these organizations. They include, the Asian Development Bank

(ADB); Australian Agency for International Development (AusAID), the International Organization for Migration (IOM); New Zealand's International Aid and Development Agency (NZAID); the Royal Norwegian Government, Save the Children-UK; the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA); UNDP; UNFPA, UNICEF, and UNODC. A special note of thanks, of course, goes to UN-Inter Agency Project, the Secretariat of the COMMIT Process, for their tireless efforts in supporting the realization of this



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win poses for documentary photo with ministers and deputy ministers to Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking.—MNA



Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing extends greetings to participants of COMMIT.—MNA

very important initiative.

May I wish you a pleasant stay in

Myanmar, a land that always welcomes you. Please accept my good

wishes for a successful launching of the COMMIT Memorandum of Understanding as well as the challenging road ahead for the effective implementation of the COMMIT Regional Plan of Action. I thank you all for your kind attention.

Next, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the participants to the COMMIT. Afterwards, the Prime Minister had documentary photo taken together with the ministers, the participants to the COMMIT, the UN Coordinator, residents representatives of UN agencies and senior officials.



UN Coordinator Mr Charles James Petrie extends greetings.—MNA

After the opening ceremony, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win viewed round booths on fighting against human trafficking of countries in Greater Mekong region.—MNA

## Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win receives ministers and deputy ministers from Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand, Vietnam

YANGON, 29 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win received Minister for Social Affairs, Veterans and Youth Rehabilitation Mr Ith Sam Heng of Cambodia, Minister and Vice Chairperson Madame Huang Qingyi of National Working Committee for Children and Women of the People's Republic of China, Minister for Labour and Social Welfare Mr Somphanh Phengkhammy of Lao People's Democratic Republic, Permanent Secretary Mr Wanlop Polytatbim of Ministry of Social Development and Human Security of Thailand and Vice-Minister for Public of Security Lt-Gen Dr Le The Tiem of Vietnam Socialist Republic, who arrived here to attend the

Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking (COMMIT), at Mindon Hall of the Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, at 9.30 am today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and

Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and officials.

The guest ministers and deputy ministers were accompanied by Coordinator Mr Charles James Petrie, UN Resident Representative Mr Robert England from Bangkok and representatives of UN agencies.—MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win receives ministers and deputy ministers attending the Coordinated Mekong Ministerial Initiative against Trafficking.—MNA

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No Claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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AGENT FOR: M/S PREMIER SPECTRUM**

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No Claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Dated: 30 October 2004.

## Uganda sets up limit to fight noise pollution

KAMPALA, 28 Oct — Uganda's National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) announced the East African country has set up noise limit to fight noise pollution, reported local Press on Wednesday.

The NEMA said in a notice published on Tuesday that the noise standards and control regulations empowered the NEMA, local council officials and the police to seize the noise-causing instruments.

The environment agency said a person defying lawful orders to stop noise was liable to a fine from 180,000 shillings to 18 million shillings (104-10,400 US dollars) or imprisonment not exceeding 18 years.

Noise zones are defined as residential, commercial premises, industrial areas, and entertainment, worship and construction sites, accelerating vehicles, mines and quarries, according to the regulations. Noise levels vary during day and night ranging from 35 to 114 decibels. *MNA/Xinhua*

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## Singapore's manufacturing output up 11.8% in September

SINGAPORE, 28 Oct — Singapore's manufacturing output rose 11.8 per cent in September this year as compared with the same period of last year.

According to the figures released by the Economic Development Board (EDB) on Tuesday, for the first nine months of this year, Singapore's total manufacturing output registered an increase of 14.3 per cent over last year. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Chinese Mainland, HK agree rules of origin for HK-made products

HONG KONG, 28 Oct — The Central People's Government and the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government signed on Wednesday the legal text on further trade liberalization under the second phase of the Chinese Mainland and Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA II).

Both sides also announced that they have agreed rules of origin for Hong Kong-made products included in this phase of liberalization, according to a government Press release on Wednesday.

Vice-Minister of Commerce An Min, and Hong

Kong Financial Secretary Henry Tang, signed the legal text this morning in Hong Kong after the fourth High Level Meeting of the CEPA Steering Committee. The legal text, which gives expression to the package of liberalization measures under CEPA II, contains three annexes: the list of additional products that will be given zero tariff preference, the rules of origin for these products, and further liberalization measures in services.

As regards to the rules of origin for the 713 Chinese Mainland product codes covered in CEPA II, 74 per cent of the products will adopt Hong Kong's

existing process-based origin rules as the CEPA rules of origin. These items include textiles and clothing, food and beverages, pharmaceutical products as well as some plastic and metal products.

Another 11 per cent of the products will adopt the "Change in tariff heading", and only 7 per cent will use the "30 per cent value-added requirement" as the CEPA rules of origin.

For the rest of the products, including fish and aquatic products, both sides have also agreed on their rules of origin after taking into account the characteristics of the products concerned. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## ADB approves loans to boost Sri Lanka's secondary education system

MANILA, 28 Oct — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a 35-million-US-dollar loan to further help improve access to and the quality of secondary education in Sri Lanka.

The project will upgrade around 1,100 schools not supported under ADB's first Secondary Education Modernization Project and other earlier projects, and provide system-wide support to all the country's 2,300 secondary schools that offer full and limited curriculum, the Manila-based ADB said on Wednesday in a statement.

"The project will address the fundamental problem of secondary education in Sri Lanka, which is the lack of universal access to quality education," said Ayako Inagaki, an ADB Education Specialist.

"The project will upgrade all target schools that do not meet an acceptable standard in terms of physical facilities, teaching-learning resources, teachers' skills, and principals' managerial capacities. This will minimize disparities across regions, gender, and ethnicity and ensure that every secondary school is capable of successfully teaching the required ordinary-level subjects in the curriculum," she said.

Aside from basic rehabilitation and provision of furniture and equipment, the project will modernize the curriculum and teaching-learning methodologies by equipping some schools with science laboratories, computer facilities, and multimedia units.

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— *MNA/Xinhua*

## AU official says Africa leads in HIV/AIDS deaths

LAGOS, 28 Oct — Africa is the HIV/AIDS hardest hit continent in the world, the *News Agency of Nigeria* quoted African Union Representative in Nigeria Grace Kalimugogo as reporting on Wednesday.

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## Hydroelectric power 40% of China's conventional energy

BEIJING, 28 Oct — China's hydroelectric reserves stand at 700 million kilowatts, 40 per cent of the country's total conventional sources of energy, according to a new statistics released here on Wednesday by the State Development and Reform Commission (SDRC).

"China leads the world in term of hydroelectric power, with approximately 400 million exploitable kilowatts and annual hydropower production of about 170 million kilowatt-hours," said Zhang Guobao, Vice-Minister of the SDRC.

Addressing an United Nations seminar on sustainable development of hydropower, Zhang said

that the hydroenergy, equivalent to 60 billion tons of standard coal, is China's second largest energy resource next to coal.

In 2004, Zhang noted, China's gross installed hydropower generating capacity has exceeded 100 million kilowatts, making up one quarter of gross installed electric power capacity and providing

some 20 per cent of the country's total electric power.

With China's sustained and rapid economic development, the demand for petroleum, coal and electric power remains high in recent years.

In 2003, China ranked third in the world in term of energy production, with an output of 1.6 billion tons' standard coal, and

second in energy consumption, with total consumption of 1.68 billion tons' standard coal, the SDRC statistics show.

Hydroelectric power is an important component of energy resources of the world, providing one-fifth of world electric power, Zhang Guobao acknowledged. Unlike coal, he added, China's primary source of energy, hydropower is a renewable energy that can be tapped on a large scale.

China will put priority on hydroelectric projects as part of its sustainable development strategy to reduce pollution in the future, Zhang said.

MNA/Xinhua



*Pedestrians shelter from waves crashing over the sea wall at Torquay, south-west England, on 27 Oct, 2004. Communities across the region have been clearing up on—INTERNET*

## World largest cross-river project to debut in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 28 Oct — Shanghai will begin construction on a bridge and tunnel project to link Shanghai with Chongming, an island on its outskirts, at the end of this year.

Zhu Zhengbiao, vice magistrate of the Chongming County, said that the total lengthen of the cross-river project will be 25.5 kilometres. This is the world's longest project of its kind.

The project is designed to start from the Pudong District of Shanghai, and extend across the Changxing Island to Chenjia in Chongming County. The project includes a tunnel to cross the southern part of the Yangtze River, a bridge over the northern part of the Yangtze River.

The total investment of the project will be about 12.3 billion yuan (about 1.49 billion US dollars), said Zhu. Located at the river mouth of the Yangtze River, the Chongming Island covers an area of 1,200 kilometres, about one-fifth of the total land area of Shanghai.

China's central government plans to turn the Chongming island into a model of ecotypic city of the country, and the Shanghai municipal government is also paying more attention to the island, with many infrastruc-

ture projects to be built within the island.

Experts said the inconvenient traffic between Shanghai and the Chongming Island once blocked the development of the island. The construction of the bridge and tunnel will help attract overseas investment and make the suburb a major channel of the Yangtze River Delta area.

Zhu said in the future, the island will set up series of zoology protection areas and take strict measures to protect its natural resources.—MNA/Xinhua

## IRF official says education can reduce mortality of road accident

XI'AN, 28 Oct — Education and training can reduce road accident fatalities, said an IRF senior official here on Wednesday. Statistics show that 104,000 people died in traffic accident in China in 2003, accounting for 15 per cent of the world's total of 700,000 deaths.

Patric Sankey, director-general and chief executive officer of International Road Federation (IRF), said safety is everybody's concern worldwide. It is important in industrialized countries, but even more so to developing nations, such as China, Turkey and Egypt.

"These countries have similar problems that can be resolved through education and training," Sankey said.

In 2003, about 11 million people in China have obtained driving licences, and the amount is increase by a rate of 12.4 per cent. Materials from the Ministry of Public Security show that traffic accidents made by new drivers increase every year.

Road accidents are the top killer for people aged

15 to 44 worldwide.

Sankey said under such circumstances, if China does not take measures to educate people on road safety, traffic accidents will be further on rise.

According to a research by Chinese transportation experts, drivers are the major perpetrators of traffic accidents, while pedestrians, passengers and bicyclists are the main victims. However, a number of traffic accidents are caused when these three kinds of people lack of conscious of road safety.

China only has required training programmes for people applying for driving licenses — not pedestrians or bicyclists. But education and training is the key to a solution, particularly at the

highest level of government, Sankey said.

"We believe policy decisions can have a large, significant impact in decreasing road deaths and severe injuries," Sankey said.

The IRF provide a World Bank-sponsored road safety course to all countries. He said Turkey, after using the IRF intense complete training programme, reduced their car accident fatalities from 8,500 in 1995 to 2,500 in 1999. "I believe China could have the same result with training provided by the IRF," he said.

IRF and the Chinese transportation department are discussing cooperate in this regard and IRF plans to bring its programme to China in 2005, Sankey said.

MNA/Xinhua



*A polar bear at the San Diego Zoo gets into the Halloween spirit as he plays with a pumpkin on Thursday, 28 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET*

## World's largest container crane debuts in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 28 Oct — A giant crane that can lift two 40-foot containers at one time, the first of its kind worldwide, debuted in Shanghai recently.

The machine will be exported to United Arab Emirates (UAE) by the end of this year.

The crane, the world's largest and most advanced container-lifting machine, was developed by Shanghai-based Zhenhua Port Machine Company (ZPMC).

The enterprise has exported more than 1,500 cranes to 70 ports in 37 countries and regions, grabbing more than half of the market shares in global port machine market, according to ZPMC sources.

MNA/Xinhua

## Child DNA identification popular with Chinese parents in S China

GUANGZHOU, 28 Oct — DNA identification has become increasingly popular in the country, especially in southern China's port city of Shenzhen.

Despite the relatively high price of 1,300 US dollars per person, the

number of Shenzhen people who seek DNA identification has increased 50 per cent per year since 2001, according to a report in the *Guangzhou Daily*.

Currently, about 80 to 90 per cent of the applica-

tions are made by ordinary Chinese parents, while others are made by judicial departments. A large portion of the applicants — more than 1,000 over the past four years — are from Hong Kong or Macao.—MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS

**Real beat Leganes 2-1 in King Cup first round**

MADRID, 28 Oct — England striker Michael Owen scored early in the second half and Real Madrid beat Third-Division Leganes 2-1 in the King Cup first round.

Owen's 49th-minute goal at the Butarque Municipal Stadium was his fourth in as many games and gave Madrid a successful start to its campaign to win Spain's knockout competition for the first time in 12 years. Fernando Morientes scored in the 19th minute to give the lead to Real, which played without several regulars.

Deportivo La Coruna and Osasuna also advanced to the second round on Tuesday.

Former Spanish international Diego Tristan scored twice to earn Deportivo a 2-0 win over Fourth-Division Cerceda, while Osasuna beat Third-Division Castellon 4-2 on penalties following a 0-0 draw after extra time. — MNA/Xinhua

**FIFA launching 18-month campaign of referees' project**

ZURICH, 28 Oct — FIFA, determined that the refereeing at the 2006 World Cup finals will be the best ever, are launching an 18-month campaign to ensure the world's top referees are fully prepared for the finals in Germany.

The Referees' Project will begin early next year "to produce consistent world-class performances in all the matches of FIFA's flagship event", the world governing body said in a statement on Wednesday. The programme will start early next year with the announcement of the 46 candidates who will com-

pete for the final 30 positions in Germany.

The selected candidates will come together for preparatory meetings early next year. These will include theoretical and practical training sessions designed "to set the bar as high as possible for 2006", according to FIFA.

The candidates will also be assessed during 2005 in various FIFA competitions and will be observed throughout the project to assess their performances at international and domestic level.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter said: "This unique programme will help us identify, train and prepare match officials for the 2006 FIFA World Cup so that we have nothing but the best referees on the pitch."

There was widespread criticism of referees and

linesmen at the 1998 World Cup and although officiating in 2002 was much improved there were still some highly controversial calls which cost teams crucial goals.

In their official report of the 2002 finals FIFA rated the overall performance of the referees and linesmen as "good".

Summing up the finals FIFA said: "Like the top players, referees also fall victim to intense media coverage highlighting the negative, and overlooking the many positives in the refereeing performances. So it has been and so it will always be."

"But if their new initiative works, FIFA will be hoping there will be far fewer negatives for the media to highlight in 2006."

MNA/Reuters

**Inter draw with Lecce while AC Milan crash Atlanta**

ROME, 28 Oct — Bulgarian teenager Valeri Bojinov scored twice as Lecce came from two goals behind to draw 2-2 with Inter Milan in Italian First Division league on Wednesday.

Inter had led 2-0 at the break after goals from Brazilian Adriano and Nigerian Obafemi Martins before 18-year-old Bojinov's superbly taken goals earned Lecce a point.

Champions AC Milan moved above Lecce into second place, two points behind leaders Juventus, after they beat bottom club Atalanta 3-0.

Second half goals from Jon Dahl Tomasson, Kakha Kaladze and Serginho gave Milan victory at the San Siro. Juventus host AS Roma at the Delle Alpi stadium on Thursday. — MNA/Xinhua

**Transistor radio missile leads home ban to Juventude**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Oct — Brazilian club Juventude have been given a one-match home ban after a transistor radio was thrown on to the field by a fan during a game earlier this month.

Brazilian football federation's disciplinary tribunal ruled the club, who are fifth in the Brazilian championship, will have to play their next home game against Internacional at least 150 kilometres from their own stadium. Juventude, based in the southern town of Caxias do Sul, are the latest club to be punished as authorities try to clamp down on missile-throwing fans.

Earlier this month, Santos were given a two-match home ban after Vitoria coach Helio dos Anjos was struck on the head by a cup of water during a game at their Vila Belmiro Stadium.

Last Friday, Atletico Mineiro were given a three matches suspension after Sao Paulo defender Fabao was struck by a stone thrown from the crowd. Other objects also landed on the field, including an old tennis shoe, sandals and a mobile phone.

Championship leaders Atletico Paranaense were given a two-match home ban after toilet rolls were hurled on to the field during a game with Atletico Mineiro. Gremio and Botofogo each received a one-match ban after tennis shoes and bottles of water were thrown at recent matches. — MNA/Xinhua



Tim Fedewa (12) and Mike Wallace spin in turn two during the *SpongeBob SquarePants* Movie 300 NASCAR Busch Series race at Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, NC, on 15 Oct, 2004. — INTERNET

**Brazil's Socrates joins non-League Yorkshire team**

LONDON, 28 Oct — Former Brazil captain Socrates is to join a non-league English team of Garforth Town in the Northern Counties East League.

The former Brazil captain had played alongside fellow Latin luminaries Zico and Junior.

Teesside businessman and owner of Garforth Simon Clifford persuaded Socrates to join the club initially on a month-long deal until December.

"It is a fantastic coup. Our fans will be pinching themselves when they see Socrates running out," he told Britain's Sun newspaper on Wednesday.

Clifford, who names a number of Brazilian soccer players among his friends, owns a string of soccer schools in the South American country.

"I wanted to put the focus on the club (Garforth) so a few weeks ago I started putting out feelers in Brazil," Clifford told The Times. "This is the result."

The 50-year-old Socrates reportedly still has the same slim physique as he did in his prime.

MNA/Xinhua

**Seongnam Ilhwa beat Pakhtakor 2-0 in Asian Champions League**

TASHKENT, 28 Oct — Seongnam Ilhwa shook off their wretched domestic form to record an upset 2-0 victory at Pakhtakor on Wednesday that sent the South Koreans into the Asian Champions League final.

K-League title holders Ilhwa advanced after a goalless draw with the Uzbeki champions in the first leg of their semifinal

in Korea last week.

Seongnam, struggling in South Korea's domestic league this season, will take on Al Itihad in the two-leg final on November 24 and December 1.

The Saudi giants overcame South Korean cup holders Chonbuk Motors 4-3 on aggregate in the other semifinal.

Kim Do-hoon, who scored his 100th K-

League goal last week, latched on to a long ball from Lee Ki-hyung to put Seongnam ahead in the 37th minute with a clinical finish.

Kim's Brazilian striking partner Dudu doubled their lead with a rasping drive from 25 metres after 56 minutes in Tashkent as Seongnam ended Pakhtakor's proud home record.

The result was a devas-

tating blow to Pakhtakor, who were knocked out at the same stage last year and had not conceded a goal at home in 10 Asian Champions League matches.

Their misery was compounded when defender Bakhtiyor Ashurmatov was sent off for a "professional" foul on Kim as he looked likely to score his second of the game. — MNA/Reuters

**Benfica to hire Brazilian international Robinho**

LISBON, 28 Oct — Brazilian international Robson de Souza "robinho", currently with Santos, could be hired by Benfica of Lisbon, the manager of the Portuguese team, Jose Veiga, said on Wednesday.

Veiga said that on Tuesday he was negotiating on the issue, but refused to confirm it to the Press on arrival in Lisbon airport.

With this Benfica could make the most expensive hiring of recent years as Robinho is considered Brazil's best offensive midfielder. — MNA/Xinhua



Chelsea were reported to have completed the 10 million pound signing of 20-year-old Santos striker Robinho, but he will first join Benfica until the 2006-2007 season. — INTERNET



## Pagodas crowded with devotees

YANGON, 29 Oct — Today being the day after the Fullmoon Day of Thidingyut, well-known pagodas like Shwedagon, Sule, Botahtaung, Kaba Aye, Sacred Tooth Relic (Yangon), Maelamu,

Shwephonepawint, Kyaikkasan, Okkalapa, Kothtetgyi, Chauchtetgyi, Ngahtetgyi, Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labhamuni Buddha Image, Kyaikkalat, and Kyaikkaleh, were packed with

pious people doing meritorious deeds like offering water, flowers, lights to Buddha images, saying prayers, and reciting religious verses and parittas.

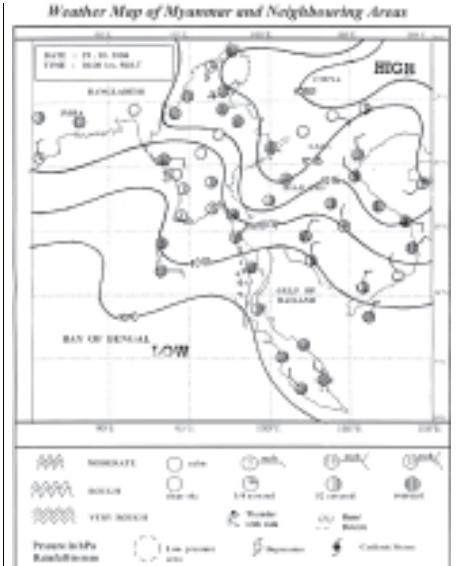
## Light festivals

were also held in some pagodas, where religious associations comprising people from all walks of life recited the seven treaties of Abhidhamma Discourse.

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*The photo shows night scene of Shwedagon Pagoda crowded with devotees and pilgrims on the day after Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.—MNA*



## WEATHER

**Friday, 29 October, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Kalay (0.23) inch.

Maximum temperature on 28-10-2004 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 29-10-2004 was 64°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 29-10-2004 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 28-10-2004 was (7.2) hours approx. Rainfall on 29-10-2004 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 10 mph from North-east at (12:30) hours MST on 28-10-2004.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 30-10-2004:**  
Weather will be partly cloudy in Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and fair in the remaining areas.

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

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-10-2004: Fair weather.**

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area  
for 30-10-2004: Fine weather.**


**Weather outlook for last weekend of October 2004:** During the coming weekend, weather will be fair in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

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ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ ကမ္ဘာလွတ်မြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကုန်-အင်းစိန်လမ်း၊ လကွဲလမ်း၊ အမှတ်(၁၁)နေ့ အမှတ် ၁-အိမ်အမှတ် ၁၆၊ အိမ်အောက်တွင် သိမ်း (၁၆-၀၆-၂၀၁၆) နေ့၊ ဦးကင်မြင့် (အမှုနံပါတ် ၁၆-၀၆-၂၀၁၆)၊ ဦးနီဝင်း (နယူးလိုင်ကော့စ်မြို့နယ်)-အိုင်အေအေ (BPL-ငြိမ်း)၊ ဦးခင်မောင်အောင် (အမှုပိုင် GEC)-အိုင်ခင်ခင်ဝင်း (BPL-ငြိမ်း)၊ ဦးမောင် (အသားသင်တန်းသို့လ်၊ ဇော်လှလှဝင်း)-ဒေါ်ချယ်ချီမြင့်၊ အိုင်ခင်သီဒီဝင်း (ဒဂုံမြို့နယ်၊ စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုဌာန၊ မြို့တော်လမ်း)၊ ဦးမြဝင်း-အိုင်ခင်သီဒီဝင်း (ဦးသီဒီဝင်း)၊ အိုင်ခင်ခင်ဝင်း၊ ဦးကိုကိုဝင်း-ဒေါ်အိမ်လှဆွေတို့၏ ဈေးသမီးဝင်း၊ ခြေ ၇ ယောက်၊ မြစ် ၄ ယောက်တို့၏အတွေးသည် ၂၀-၁၁-၂၀၁၆ ရက်နေ့ နံနက်၌ ရန်ကုန် ဦးနီဝင်းနတ် အာရှကုန် အမှတ် ၈၅-မြို့တွင် ကွယ်လွန်သွားပါ၍ ၁၁-၁၁-၂၀၁၆ ရက်နေ့ နံနက် ၁၀:၀၀ နာရီ အချိန်တွင် ဈေးအေးအေးတိုက်မှ ဈေးသားသွား၍ ပို့ဆောင် လုပ်ကိုင်ပါသည်။ (နေအိမ်နည်းစာချုပ် နံနက် ၉ နာရီ တိတိအချိန်တွင် ထွက်ပါသည်။)

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	<p>11:20 am</p> <p>3. News</p> <p>11:40 am</p> <p>4. Games for children</p> <p>12:05 pm</p> <p>5. Round-up of the Week's TV local news</p> <p>12:30 pm</p> <p>6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ္စာရပ်စန်း" (အပိုင်း-၃၅)</p> <p>1:00 pm</p> <p>7. ကမ္ဘာ့ဂုဏ်ထူးဆောင်များ ပြန်မဟာအောင်ပွဲ</p> <p>1:15 pm</p> <p>8. "ပရမ္မာရုပ်ရှင်ပွဲ"</p> <p>ခင်ဦးသာ၊ အောင်မြည်၊ အေးနိုင် (ရုပ်ရှင်) ညီရောင်၊ ဝမ်းပုံကြီး ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဌေးအောင် (ပြုပြင်နိမ့်)</p> <p>1:45 pm</p> <p>9. လူငယ်ပြိုင် ရေလှေကစား</p> <p>2:00 pm</p> <p>10. Musical programme</p> <p>2:15 pm</p> <p>11. Dance of national races</p> <p>2:30 pm</p> <p>12. ဆင်ဖြူရှင်တော်</p> <p>2:45 pm</p> <p>13. International news</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. English for Everyday Use</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Musical programme</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ပညာရေး</p>	<p>ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယနံပါတ် (သတ္တဝေဒ) အထူးပြုစုသူ (သတ္တဝေဒ)</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. နာရီဝင်စီမံ သူလက်သံ</p> <p>5:25 pm</p> <p>7. Musical programme</p> <p>5:35 pm</p> <p>8. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာကား</p> <p>5:45 pm</p> <p>9. Musical programme</p> <p>5:55 pm</p> <p>10. Games for children</p> <p>6:20 pm</p> <p>11. Musical programme</p> <p>6:25 pm</p> <p>12. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>13. Weather report</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>14. Discovery</p> <p>7:15 pm</p> <p>15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုပ်ရှင်ကြီးသွယ်တဲ့ လင်းရိုင်ဝေ" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)</p> <p>7:45 pm</p> <p>16. မြန်မာပရိသတ်ပြပွဲ -၂၀၀၄ (အပိုင်း-၂)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>17. News</p> <p>18. International news</p> <p>19. Weather report</p> <p>20. ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ ဒွါဒသမအကြိမ် (၁၂ကြိမ်) ပြန်မဟာနိဂ္ဂဟသို့ကျေးဇူးအဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတိအကျသို့</p> <p>21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုပ်ရှင်ကြီးသွယ်တဲ့ လင်းရိုင်ဝေ" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)</p> <p>22. The next day's programme</p>
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<b>Saturday, October 30</b>	
<b>Tune in today:</b>	
<b>8.30 am</b>	Brief news
<b>8.35 am</b>	Music: -Story of love
<b>8.40 am</b>	Perspectives
<b>8.45 am</b>	Music: -Stay the same
<b>8.55 am</b>	National news/ Slogan
<b>9.05 am</b>	Music: -Searching my soul
<b>9.10 am</b>	International news
<b>9.15 am</b>	Music : -Spotlight on a Star -Ronan Keating
<b>1.30 pm</b>	News/Slogan
<b>1.40 pm</b>	Request -True love -A few good things -She's crazy for leaving
<b>9.00 pm</b>	ASEAN review -News
<b>9.10 pm</b>	Article
<b>9.20 pm</b>	Myanma culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt -Thadingyut, The month of Light Festival
<b>9.30 pm</b>	Souvenirs
<b>9.45 pm</b>	News/Slogan
<b>10.00 pm</b>	PEL

## Indian President accords welcome to Senior General Than Shwe

YANGON, 29 Oct — Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, President of the Republic of India, accorded warm welcome to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, at the President's House in New Delhi on 25 October morning.

At 10 am, Senior General Than Shwe arrived at the compound of the President's House in Rashtrapati, New Delhi, where he was welcomed by the cavalry.

Meanwhile, Senior General Than Shwe was accorded a 21-gunsalute. Indian President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam and Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh cordially greeted Senior General Than Shwe on his arrival at the President's House. Senior General Than Shwe took salute of the Guard of Honour from the dais while the military band played the national anthems of the two countries.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe inspected the Guard of Honour, and greeted the Indian Prime Minister, the ministers, the deputy ministers and the high-ranking officers.

The Indian President also greeted the entourage of the Senior General. Later, Senior General Than Shwe posed for a documentary photo together with the

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Senior General Than Shwe takes salute of Guard of Honour of Republic of India.— MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrive in New Delhi on State Visit

YANGON, 29 Oct— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing left here by special aircraft of Myanma Airways International for New Delhi to pay a State Visit to India at 10 am on 24 October at the invitation of President of the Republic of India Dr APJ Abdul Kalam.

The special aircraft carrying Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing accompanied by Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the

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Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party being welcomed by Indian Deputy Minister of External Affairs Mr E Ahamed and officials.— MNA

## Indian side expresses support for national reconciliation, early transition to democracy in Myanmar

### Economic development of the region along the India-Myanmar border requires special focus

YANGON, 29 Oct — The following is the full text of the Joint Statement of Myanmar and India issued today at the conclusion of the State Visit of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe to India.

1. At the invitation of HE Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, President of the Republic of India, HE Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) paid a State Visit to India from 25 to 29, October 2004.

2. The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, HE Senior General Than Shwe was accompanied by a high level delegation including HE Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council, HE Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Member of the State Peace and Development

Council, HE U Aung Thaung, Minister for Industry-1, HE U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs, HE Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, HE Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Energy, HE U Thaung, Minister for Science and Technology, HE Prof Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Health, HE Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Rail Transportation, HE Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister for Religious Affairs, U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and other senior officials.

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