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**Artistes are to expose and promote heritage of  
Myanma traditional and cultural performing arts  
Build future nation with Myanma ways, styles  
as well as with social values, norms  
Take part with artistic might in successful  
implementation of Seven-point Road Map**

**YANGON, 3 Nov—The following is a translation of the address delivered by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein at the prize-presentation of 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at National Theatre here today:**

May I wish all the State level officials, departmental heads, diplomats, specially invited guests, judges and contestants attending the closing ceremony of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions "Mingalaba" (auspiciousness) in the best Myanmar tradition.

The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been held annually with the lofty aim of further raising the fine traditions and culture and customs, national pride and nationalist fervour of the Myanmar people through promotion and conservation of Myanmar cultural and fine arts heritage. Now, the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been completed successfully.

National pride is the honour of our country and people, and preservation of fine traditions is an auspicious act leading to further glorifying national pride. As glorification of national pride in turn further vitalizes nationalist fervour, it is strength reinforcing the national might that is always ready to safeguard the interest of our nation and people at any time.

In this regard, as further glorification of national pride of the Myanmar people and further consolidation of national strength is being materialized by the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions we have been participating and holding with all-out efforts have contributed much to the implementation of the national task of preserving, safeguarding and promoting national identity and traditions and culture and customs, a responsibility we are shouldering at present.

The current penetration of alien culture is not just a normal engagement and integration. Behind cultural penetration is a well-schemed intention of diminishing and weakening our traditions and culture, social values, morals, ethics and national norms through gradual domination of alien customs, thoughts, styles and social values. With national outlook, we must always beware of such cultural penetration.

Alien cultures, customs and life styles are coming into the nation through the cultural and economic doors, using advanced IT and media as a vehicle to carry them. We can ward them off and safeguard ourselves from their domination only with the national strength of vitalizing national spirit and preserving and promoting national culture.

I would like to say that the significant power of Myanmar culture and fine arts is that they have never been tainted with any foreign culture, whenever they come into contact with it and that Myanmar character and styles, qualifications, power and national might, have been preserved and

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents prize for brilliant role as Dathagiri to U Zaw Naing of Yangon Division. — MNA

**Significant power of Myanmar culture and fine arts is that they have never been tainted with any foreign culture, whenever they come into contact with it and that Myanmar character and styles, qualifications, power and national might, have been preserved and safeguarded for centuries, are being restored and promoted by the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at present.**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivering a speech to the prize-presentation of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA



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

## PERSPECTIVES

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## Produce more and more well-qualified citizens

The State Peace and Development Council has been putting into motion the Border Areas and National Races Development Project, the 24 Special Regions Development Project and the Rural Development Project in harmony with the aim of transforming the nation into a modern developed one. The basic education sector plays a major role in promoting the education standard of the nation especially border and rural areas. That was the reason why Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance to pay serious attention to building the basic education sector firmly and to make trips down to the villages to make its foundation stronger.

The Government places emphasis on the education field in a bid to accomplish these three projects as the development of human resources in the education sphere is the main factor for greater progress of the nation.

Addressing the Meeting No 4/2004 of the Myanmar Education Committee, Chairman of the MEC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein stressed the need for the majority of the national people to possess knowledge to be able to distinguish what is right or wrong and good or bad, and said it plays a central role in building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. There are over 60,000 villages and 40,000 basic education schools altogether in Myanmar and so it is apparent that the Government has identified opportunities for rural people to pursue education.

Since the basic education serves as the foundation in the drive for the nation to become a developed one, measures are to be taken systematically to raise the standard of the schools. Only when the basic education schools are capable of producing qualified persons, will there be highly-skilled human resources in the nation. Now, the nation has been facilitated with river-crossing bridges, dams and reservoirs, modern airports and hydropower plants with the might of national intellectuals and intelligentsia. Indeed, it is the fruitful result of promotion of the education sector.

Besides, priority should be given to enhancement of the condition of the basic education schools as it will help raise the moral conduct of students.

All those responsible are therefore urged to develop the basic education sector to produce more and more well-qualified citizens capable of contributing towards building of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

## သတိ

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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



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Khin Maung offers Kathina robes to members of the Sangha. — AGRI & IRR

## Communal Kathina of Ponnagyun Township USDA held

YANGON, 3 Nov — Communal Kathina of Ponnagyun Township Union Solidarity and Development Association was held in the precincts of Uyittaw Pagoda in the township on 1 November. Present were CEC

member of USDA Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, departmental officials, secretaries of Rakhine State and Township USDA and members. Kathina robes and offer-tories were presented to

members of the Sangha of monasteries in the town-ship.

The deputy minister inspected monsoon paddy plantations in the town-ship and chose pedigree of paddy. Per acre yield of such paddy is over 100

baskets.

In Rakhine State, average per acre yield of Kyawzeya and Manaw-thukha strains is over 100 baskets of paddy. The deputy minister made ar-rangements for cultivation of such paddy.— MNA

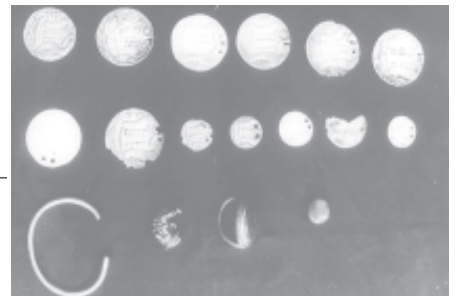
## Antiques of Pyu era unearthed in Pyinmana

YANGON, 3 Nov — The villagers of Kyidaung Village in Pyinmana Township, Mandalay Division, on 2 November presented antiques of Pyu era to the Archaeological Department. The antiques including 13 silver coins, a metal bangle, a ring, a broken silver earring were found near a stream at the

East of the village.

Arrangements are being made to honour them. The villagers found the antiques while pan-ning for gold near the stream.— MNA

Pyu period ancient arte-facts excavated near Paikkin Stream in Kyidaung Village-tract, Pyinmana. — MNA



## Soe Kyaw Naing wins Monywa Open

YANGON, 3 Nov — Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) won the first prize worth K 800,000 and a flight ticket for Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon in the professional golfers event of the Monywa Open Golf today with 288 strokes at a golf course in Monywa yesterday evening.

The second prize of K 400,000 went to Aung Win (Srixon) who scored 291, while joint thirds Zaw Latt and Min Naing got K 225,000 each.

In the amateur level, Aung Win won the championship prize with 298 strokes and took away the award worth K 250,000, a gift of Tiger Beer and a Yangon-Mandalay-Yangon flight ticket of Air Mandalay. Naing Naing Lin won the second prize valued at K 200,000 with 299 strokes; and Thein Zaw Myint, the third prize worth K 175,000.

Special prizes were

also presented to the winners of the tourney spon-

sored by Myanmar PGA, Myanmar Golf Federation,

Han Management Event and other companies. MNA



Prize-winning golfers of Monywa Open Golf Championship. — MGF

## Myanmar mountaineers to climb MaDwe Mountain

YANGON, 3 Nov — Myanmar mountaineers will climb MaDwe Mountain in Putao District in Kachin State from 8 November to 1 December. The snow-capped MaDwe is 15,158 feet high. The mountaineers received uniforms and

cash assistance at National Sports Stadium-1 here yesterday presented by Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

A leader of the mountaineering team accepted the uniforms and

K 500,000 and spoke words of thanks.

Chairman of Myanmar Trekking and Mountaineering Federation Dr Paing Soe briefed the minister about ar-rangements for climbing the mountain.

MNA

## Controller of Military Account to close on Dipavali Day

YANGON, 3 Nov — Dipavali Day, which falls on 12th November (Friday), is a public holiday. Pensions will not be disbursed by the Controller of Military Account of the Ministry of Defence on that day.—MNA

## Pipeline, oil well in northern Iraq attacked, halting exports from north

KIRKUK, 2 Nov—Saboteurs blew up an oil pipeline and an oil well in northern Iraq in two attacks Tuesday that shut down oil exports from the north, probably for the next 10 days, Iraqi oil officials said.

Late Tuesday night, a huge explosion rocked the compound of Ghabaza oil field, 22 miles southwest of Kirkuk, said an official with the state-run Northern Oil Co. The oil valves were blown up and huge fire engulfed the area, the source added.

The attack on the Ghabaza well will likely cut into the country's oil production, an engineer with the state-owned

Northern Oil Co told Dow Jones.

"This evening, an act of sabotage took place against one of our key oil wells, and that will reduce our crude oil production from the north," the engineer said, without saying how much output would be hurt.

Earlier in the day, saboteurs blew up an oil pipeline in northern Iraq that is used for export pur-

poses, oil officials said. The officials said the stoppage could last for as long as 10 days.

The pipeline, which connects the oil fields in Kirkuk with the Beiji refinery, was attacked at 10 am, said Col Mohammed Ahmed of the Northern Oil protection services. Firefighters battled to put out the fire some 44 miles southwest of Kirkuk.

Oil is being diverted to

domestic refineries while repairs are carried out on the pipeline.

"There's only 3.5 million barrels in storage now," said a Ceyhan port agent. "The pumping was stopped this morning because of the explosion," he said. Without a reopening of the pipeline, scheduled loadings of sour Kirkuk crude will diminish these stores further, the agent said.

On Thursday, Repsol is due to lift 1 million barrels and ExxonMobil Corp is scheduled to load another 600,000 barrels. *Internet*

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## Six Iraqi soldiers killed in Iraq blast

BAGHDAD, 2 Nov —A suspected IED (Improvised Explosive Device) ripped through an Iraqi National Guard truck in Baghdad on Tuesday afternoon, killing six Iraqi soldiers and wounding four others, according to an eyewitness.

Shortly after the attack, the site was secured by US soldiers and the vehicle was removed, along with the Iraqi soldiers who were riding in it.

Meanwhile, Iraqi forces were searching for militants in a raid in the central Iraqi city of Baqouba.

They were acting on a tip-off from local residents, but the group of armed men managed to escape.

Aqil Hamid al-Adili, the Deputy Governor of Diyala province, was killed in Baqouba on Friday. The Assistant Governor for Projects Affairs was killed by unidentified gunmen as he was sitting in a friend's office.

A known militant group, the Ansar al-Sunnah Army, is believed to be behind the assassination. —*Internet*



A man cries as he is led away past destroyed vehicles after viewing the place where his brother was killed in a car bomb that detonated across the road outside the villa housing the Dubai-based Al-Arabiya satellite television station on 30 Oct, 2004, in the Mansour District of Baghdad. —INTERNET

## WHO warning backs duck farming ban in Thailand

BANGKOK, 2 Nov — The World Health Organization (WHO's) warning that bird flu might be transmitted from ducks to humans supports Thai Government's decision to ban open-field duck farming, a senior health official has said.

Charal Trinuvuthipong, director of the Bird Flu Operation Centre, said WHO's statement supports the policy of bringing all duck raising into a closed system in order to limit the spread of the virus.

"If flocks of ducks roam freely in fields, control of the bird flu virus is unlikely to be effective," Charal was quoted by the *Bangkok Post* newspaper as saying on Monday.

WHO warned on Friday that domestic ducks, including healthy birds, could transmit the H5N1 strain of virus to other poultry and even humans. They pose a particular threat as H5N1 carriers because they stay healthy longer, making it difficult to detect the virus.

The government has prohibited any new open-field duck farming in the

country and farmers raising ducks in the field must switch to a closed system. Statistics from the control centre showed that from October 1 to October 30, a total of 397,751 fowls, including ducks, were

culled to contain the spread of the disease.

Meanwhile, the government plans to control bird flu in winter season as the cold temperature can prolong the survival of the virus. —*MNA/Xinhua*

## China should boost development of three major city clusters

GUANGZHOU, 3 Nov — China should boost the development of three city clusters respectively on the Yangtze River delta, Pearl River delta and the area along the Bohai Bay rim, said Niu Wenyan, an urbanization specialist, at a mayors' forum here on Monday. A city cluster is a high-standard mode for urbanization, which features resource sharing among bigger and smaller cities, according to Niu. Niu said the three city clusters in eastern, southern and northern parts of China should play a role in the nation's urbanization and serve as major engines for the national economy. The two-day mayors' forum, which opened Monday, was sponsored by the China Association of Mayors, China Research Institute of Urban Science and the Municipal Government of Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## US soldier captured as two car bombs explode in Mosul

BAGHDAD, 2 Nov — Iraqis have captured an American soldier in the city of Samarra, north of Baghdad, an Iraqi police spokesman told *Reuters* on Tuesday.

Lt Col Mohammed Ahmed of Samarra police said the soldier had been seized Monday night by gunmen. According to him, American soldiers were out in force in the streets of the city Tuesday.

Elsewhere, at least two members of Iraq's security forces were killed and 11 others injured in double car bombing attacks in the northern city of Mosul.

One car went off in the path of a

national guard patrol in a southern district of the city, killing two members of the Iraqi national guard and injuring four others, an Iraqi police officer told *AFP*.

A second car bomb detonated a few hours later in the path of a convoy of General Rashid Falih, a national guard commander, injuring seven of his companions. Four of the injured were in critical condition. —*Internet*

## IAF seeks foreign investment in aeronautical engineering sector

KANPUR, 3 Nov — The Indian Air Force on Monday strongly favoured Foreign Direct Investment from "friendly countries" in sectors like aeronautical engineering.

"It is possible that some private sector like original

equipment manufacturer should pitch in to form joint ventures. Government is looking to joint sector as an experiment worth starting," outgoing Air Chief S. Krishnaswamy told reporters here.

Terming areas like

aeronautical engineering as "gold mines", he said "some base repair depots in the country can work in a joint sector. With private investment or joint management from friendly countries, we can augment our income." —*MNA/PTI*



A handout photograph shows the Commanding Officer of Britain's Black Watch Colonel James Cowan walking from his Warrior armoured vehicle to the scene of a vehicle bomb blast near the village of Abd Al Karim Farah, south of Baghdad, on 31 Oct, 2004. —INTERNET

# Risks for journalists multiply in deadly Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 2 Nov** — A devastating attack on an Arab news channel in Iraq and a threat by Islamic militants to slaughter journalists have raised fears that reporters have become direct targets in a country already rife with peril.

A group that claimed the weekend bombing of Al Arabiya television's Baghdad office, the Brigades of Holy War Martyrs in Iraq, said the attack that killed seven was just a warning for journalists and worse could follow.

"The next strike will be deadly and painful," the Brigades said in a Web posting. "We vow to punish the employees of these agencies and television stations, one after the other."

"We will kidnap them and slaughter them like sheep if they side with the American occupiers...or if they describe the mujahideenas 'terrorists'."

Reporters Without Borders and the Committee to Protect Journalists have said that Iraq has become the most dangerous place in the world for journalists.

Washington said the Arabiya bombing heralded a disturbing danger for

journalists in Iraq, where scores have already died.

Arabiya is seen by militants as sympathetic to the US-backed Iraqi government and has angered them by avoiding the term "martyr" — common in Arab media when referring to Muslim suicide bombers or fighters killed by US forces.

At least 50 Iraqi and foreign journalists and assistants had been killed by US forces, guerillas, crimi-

nals or accidents in Iraq before the Arabiya bombing. Many Iraqi reporters say they have received death threats.

Nearly two dozen foreign journalists have been kidnapped and an Italian was killed. Two French reporters are still held.

In the past two weeks, a journalist has been killed almost every day, including an Iraqi cameraman filming for *Reuters* who colleagues said was killed by a US sniper on Monday.

Some foreign media have pulled out of Iraq as the danger grows and moving around for stories becomes near-impossible. —*Internet*



The Arab satellite television news station Al Arabiya's bureau stands damaged a day after a car bomb went off in the parking lot, in Baghdad on 31 Oct, 2004. —*INTERNET*

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## French FM hits back at jab by Iraq's Allawi

**BRUSSELS, 2 Nov**—French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier hit back Tuesday at criticism by Iraqi interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi that France is "bogged down in the past" over its policy towards his war-scarred country.

"What I think frankly ... is that in a difficult and very serious situation like that in Iraq, I think that everyone, starting with the Prime Minister, has better things to do than (get involved in) polemics like that," Barnier said.

Allawi warned France on Sunday against appeasing guerillas in order to secure the release of two of its nationals held hostage in the country, as he prepared to travel to Brussels for an EU summit later this week.

"France is bogged down by the past," the Iraqi leader said, adding: "France must revise its policies towards Iraq because its actions and statements are driven by the fact two Frenchmen are held hostage in Iraq."

Barnier said that he did not know what Allawi meant by the term "bogged down". "I don't see at all what ...he is talking about," the French Minister said, speaking at a meeting with his EU counterparts in Brussels. —*Internet*

## Filipino accountant confirmed kidnapped in Iraq

**MANILA, 2 Nov**—Labour Secretary Patricia Santo Tomas confirmed Tuesday evening that a 29-year old Filipino accountant from Davao City has been abducted in Baghdad, Iraq, late Monday.

Santo Tomas identified the victim as Roberto Tarongoy, a certified public accountant who has been working with the Saudi Arabian Trading and Contracting Co (SATCo), a company that caters food to American troops.

Also reported kidnapped with Tarongoy were an American, a Nepalese and an Iraqi. Masked gunmen reportedly stormed the SATCo offices in Mansour, Baghdad, late Monday.

A US Embassy official in Baghdad said the gunmen killed one Iraqi guard but later released two of three Iraqis also seized in the raid.

No group has claimed responsibility for the latest kidnappings in Iraq, nor made any demands for the release of the hostages, the official said.

One of the kidnappers was also killed during the raid, according to Iraqi police. —*Internet*

## US govt record borrowing in 1st quarter of 2005

**WASHINGTON, 2 Nov** — The US federal government will have to borrow a record 147 billion US dollars in the first quarter of 2005, the Treasury Department announced Monday.

The department also projected net borrowing needs of 100 billion dollars for the final quarter of this year, less than the 122 billion dollars it had earlier estimated. The projected net borrowing of 147 billion dollars in the first quarter of next year would surpass the previous record borrowing amount for a single quarter of 146 billion dollars set in the first quarter of this year.

In the third quarter of this year, the government borrowed a net 89 billion dollars. The government, running record

budget deficits over the past two years, is now only 25 million dollars below the national debt ceiling of 7.384 trillion dollars. In an attempt to avoid hitting the national debt limit, the government began on 14 October halting new investments in a retirement fund for federal workers.

The budget deficit for the fiscal year ended on 30 September hit a record 413 billion dollars, up from the previous record of 377 billion dollars set in 2003. —*MNA/Xinhua*

## Cambodian PM leaves for trade fair in China

**PHNOM PENH, 2 Nov**—Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen left Cambodia Tuesday for a four-day trip to China to attend the China-ASEAN Expo. Heading a 20-member delegation, Hun Sen said before boarding the plane that the "Expo is important as that will push bet-

ter relations between ASEAN and China."

The presence of Cambodia, Laos, and Myanmar at the forum will reflect the full integration into the region, he said.

According to the schedule, the China-ASEAN Expo will be held in south China's Nanning City from

Wednesday to Saturday.

While staying in China, Hun Sen will attend a number of meetings with delegations from other nine-member states of Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China to discuss trade issues, according to his Cabinet staff. —*MNA/Xinhua*

## Chinese antiques stolen from British Museum

**LONDON, 2 Nov**—Fifteen Chinese antique items were stolen from the British Museum in London last week, a spokeswoman for the museum said Monday.

The stolen items, most of them jewellery including hairpins, earrings and fingernail guards dating back from the 700 to 1400

AD, were possibly stolen Friday evening, the spokeswoman told *Xinhua* in a telephone interview.

She added that the museum noticed the items were missing Saturday. Police suspect the robbery is linked to the theft of nine Chinese art objects worth about 60,000 pounds (about 108,000 US

dollars) from the Victoria and Albert museum in London last month.

The spokeswoman gave no estimate of how much the stolen treasure are worth.

"We don't put financial values on our pieces, but these are obviously historically important items," she said. —*MNA/Xinhua*



US Marines from the 2nd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment patrol past unidentified wreckage in Ramadi, Iraq, on 31 Oct, 2004. —*INTERNET*

# Scientist Stephen Hawking decries Iraq war

LONDON, 2 Nov—Britain's most famous scientist, Stephen Hawking, condemned the US led invasion of Iraq as a "war crime" and said Tuesday it was based on lies.

The physicist spoke at an anti-war demonstration in London's Trafalgar Square timed to coincide with the US election. Protesters read out the names of thousands of Iraqis and coalition troops killed since the March 2003 invasion.

"The war was based on two lies," said Hawking. "The first was we were in danger of weapons of mass destruction and the second was that Iraq was somehow to blame for September 11.

"It has been a tragedy for all the families that have lost members. As many as 100,000 people have died, half of them women and children. If that is not a war crime, what is?"

Hawking, the best-selling author of "A Brief History Of Time," was joined by other public figures. Similar events were being held in Spain, Italy, Australia, the United States and Iraq.

"Our message to the US is that the

war is illegal and unnecessary, and we want our troops to come home," said Andrew Burgin, a spokesman for demonstration organizer Stop the War Coalition. "We also want to highlight the enormous number of Iraqis killed in this conflict who are so often ignored."

In Trafalgar Square, hundreds of spectators holding candles or placards opposing President Bush listened as speakers read the names of the dead while their images were projected onto a large screen.

One group of students from London's Imperial College waved anti-Bush signs, hoping to send a message to US voters.

"If enough people show up tonight at the demonstration, I think a few more voters might notice what we're saying," said Emma Thomson, a student from Scotland who said she was able to cast a vote in Pennsylvania because she was born there. —Internet

## China-ASEAN Expo opens for further cooperation

NANNING, 3 Nov — The four-day China-ASEAN Expo opened here on Wednesday in Nanning, capital city of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, attracting more than 1,500 companies from China, ASEAN member nations and other countries, including 19 companies from world's top 500.

More than 200 categories of products from 11 industries were presented

at the exposition, including machinery, household electric appliances, electronic and IT products, automobile and spare parts, hardware and construction materials, pharmaceutical and chemical products, and textile and light industrial products.

About 30 per cent of the 2,506 exhibition stalls are set up by companies from outside China. On the sidelines of the expo-

sition, Chinese and ASEAN businessmen, scholars and officials will also attend the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit.

ASEAN countries are close neighbours to China. In recent years, the two sides have achieved smooth development of political ties and made big progress in bilateral trade, two-way investment, project contracting and labour service.

MNA/Xinhua

BAGHDAD, 2 Nov — An Iraqi television cameraman working for Reuters was killed on Monday during heavy fighting between US forces and guerrillas in Ramadi, west of Baghdad, police and witnesses said.

Dhiaa Najem was shot in the head and the back as he was filming the fierce fighting in a street near his house, the police said. Najem in his 40s was a freelance cameraman, who leaves his wife and three daughters and a son, local residents said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iraqi cameraman killed in Ramadi



US Army soldiers survey a damaged car at the scene of a car bomb explosion outside a ministry in the capital Baghdad, on 2 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET



A little girl holds her teddy bear as she wipes away her tears standing next to her mother at the gate of their home, metres away from a car bomb in the centre of Baghdad on 3 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET

## Japan to tighten security at its military camp in Iraq

TOKYO, 3 Nov—Japan is to tighten security at its military camp in Iraq after a rocket shell landed inside the facility, the latest sign of a worsening security situation that is fuelling demands in Japan that the troops be pulled out.

A shell landed inside the Japanese camp in Samawa, 170 miles south of Baghdad, late on Sunday, piercing a metal container and prompting troops to evacuate to bunkers for safety, Japanese officials said. No one was hurt and it was unclear who was responsible.

"We must further tighten security," Japan's top government spokesman Hiroyuki Hosoda told a news conference on Tuesday.

Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, a close ally of US President George W Bush, has sent about 550 troops on a reconstruction mission to Samawa — their riskiest deployment since World War II—despite opposition from most voters.

The soldiers' activities have been restricted by deteriorating security and some critics say the mission violates Japan's pacifist Constitution.

Under a law allowing Japanese troops to be sent to Iraq, the soldiers can operate only in a "non-combat zone", a concept critics have said from the start is meaningless in Iraq.

The main opposition Democratic Party, which opposes the mission in Iraq, has stepped up its calls for the deployment to end next month.

Democratic legislator Yukihisa Fujita grilled Koizumi and Foreign Minister Nobutaka Machimura in Parliament on Tuesday on their handling of

the hostage crisis and their refusal to pull out the troops.

He said the area where Japanese troops are stationed has fallen into the category of a "combat zone".

"We believe the time has come for Japan to withdraw the Self-Defence Forces (military)," Fujita told Parliament's Lower House.

MNA/Reuters

## World Engineers Convention opens in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 3 Nov — More than 3,000 engineers from 58 countries and regions across the world gathered here for the 2004 World Engineers' Convention, which opens on Wednesday in the Shanghai International Convention Centre.

Noted engineers will discuss frontier issues on engineering and related social issues with other participants during the three-day meeting under the theme of "Engineers shape the sustainable future".

The organizers will arrange plenary lectures, parallel sessions on seven engineering subjects, exhibitions, forums and a closing gala named Engineers' Evening during the meeting.

Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju attended the opening ceremony and delivered a speech, and Secretary-General of the United Nations Kofi Annan sent a letter of congratulations. —MNA/Xinhua

## India's telephone density reaches 8 %

NEW DELHI, 3 Nov— India's telephone density reached 8 per cent in September as against 7 per cent in March and 6 per cent a year ago, the Indo-Asian News Service reported Monday.

Over 10 million phones were added to the network, taking the subscriber base to 86.8 million, the news service quoted official data as saying, adding more than 90 per cent of the new connections were accounted for by mobile phones during the year.

The number of mobile phones — including wireless in local loops or fixed mobile connections — as on 30 September was estimated at 42.98 million, just marginally short of the fixed-line base of 43.8 million.

The private sector plays a major role in improving the telecom density, accounting for over

75 per cent of the expansion during the current fiscal, the report said.

In mobile telephony, the private sector accounts for 80 per cent of the country's total. While the private sector has an installed base of 34.45 million mobile phones, the state accounts for 8.53 million.

MNA/Xinhua

## Shell hits facility inside Japan GSDF camp in Iraq

TOKYO, 2 Nov — A shell hit and damaged a facility inside the camp housing Japan's Ground Self-Defence Forces (GSDF) troops in the southern Iraqi city of Samawah on Sunday night local time, forcing the troops to cancel their Monday activities outside the camp, *Kyodo News* reported Monday.

Japanese Government also said earlier a large explosion was heard around 10.30 pm local time or 4.30 am (1930 GMT) Monday Japan Time near the camp of Japan's Ground Self-Defence Force troops.

The attack came just a day after the decapitated body of a Japanese hostage was found in Baghdad and is likely to fuel renewed concerns in Ja-

pan about the area's security as well as heat up debate over whether to extend the deployment of the troops, who are on an aid mission that is to expire on 14 December.

Troops evacuated into bunkers and were put on alert. The shell did not explode and did not injure anyone or damage any equipment other than the building hit, *Kyodo* said. "We have confirmed

that there is no problem with the SDF troops or diplomats there," Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda told a Press conference in Tokyo.

"Steps need to be taken to enhance safety at the camp," he said, adding the government sees a need to analyze the local security situation because attacks on the Japanese camp appear to be increas-

ingly accurate.

A dud rocket landed inside the camp on 22 October, the first time a shell had reached inside the camp since Japan deployed ground troops in Iraq in January. Attacks have taken place in the camp's vicinity on six other occasions since April.

Only one shell was fired in Sunday's attack, according to the sources. The troops have surrounded the damaged building with sandbags.

According to *Kyodo*, the GSDF is in close contact with Dutch troops, who are in charge of maintaining security in Samawah, and other authorities to locate the attackers.

The Self-Defence Forces dispatched to Iraq for reconstruction work are required under Japanese law to operate in a "noncombat" zone.

MNA/Xinhua



US Marines from 2/5 Marine transport an injured comrade into a Chinook helicopter in Ramadi, 100kms west of Baghdad, on 30 Oct, 2004.—INTERNET

## Indians warned against travelling to Iraq

NEW DELHI, 2 Nov — The Indian Government has again warned its nationals against travelling to Iraq, saying those who violate the travel advisory will be doing so at their own risk, the *Indo-Asian News Service (IANS)* reported Monday.

Indian nationals in Kuwait and other neighbouring countries of Iraq have been advised through the Indian missions not to travel to the war-torn nation because of the security situation there, quoted an official source as saying.

"In fact, we have also reiterated our advisory to all Indian nationals in Iraq to leave the country because of the risk of being kidnapped and executed," the source said.

The source was commenting on the Kuwaiti Government's decision in late October to lift the ban on foreign workers travelling to Iraq for employment.

The government apparently does not want to find itself in a situation like the one following the kidnapping of three Indian truck drivers in Iraq in July. The three were finally released by their abductors after more than a month in captivity and protracted negotiations.

The government had at that time asked Kuwait and Jordan to help prevent Indian nationals in those countries from going to Iraq.

"We earnestly hope that our citizens will heed the government's advice and refrain from travelling to Iraq," Minister of State for External Affairs E Ahamed, who headed the crisis management group set up by the government to deal with the hostage release issue, had said.

"We still hold that view. There is no change in the government's position. We don't want Indians to travel to Iraq. If they do, it will be at their own risk," the source said.

"If they still go, naturally it will be presumed that they will be responsible for their action. We don't want another hostage crisis," the source said. It is estimated that 1,500 to 5,000 Indian workers are currently employed throughout Iraq, working in mostly menial jobs.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi women walk from an outdoor market in the restive city of Fallujah on 2 Nov, 2004. US Marines are preparing to attack Ramadi and Fallujah in a drive to pacify Iraq before the Iraqi national assembly polls. It is not clear if the assault will begin before Tuesday's American presidential poll. —INTERNET

## 45 countries participate in commercial exposition in Cuba

HAVANA, 2 Nov — Forty-five countries from around the world Monday took part in the 22nd International Exposition of Havana (FIHAV 2004), which Cuba believed showed the world's resistance to the blockade policies the United States imposes on the country.

Foreign Trade Minister Raul de la Nuez said 1,181 firms, including 720 foreign enterprises and eight official delegations participated in the event.

Moreover, he noted, there are 241 food companies from the US, nearly doubled the number of the previous exposition.

He said, it was a clear

evidence of rejection by the international community to the four-decade blockade policies imposed by the US on Cuba.

The exposition, which took a total area of 13,000 squaremetres, will offer a good business opportunity to all participants, he added. Spain as usual is the most represented country, while China, Brazil, Argentina, Venezuela, Italy, Russia, Panama and France remarkably increased their

presence this year, said the minister.

Vice-President Carlos Lage Davila and other senior officials of the Cuban Government attended the opening ceremony of the exposition.

FIHAV, the most important commercial event in Cuba, has a wide influence in the region of Latin American and the Caribbean. The present session will conclude on Sunday.

MNA/Xinhua

## Uruguay to keep water, sanitation services under state control

MONTVIDEO, 2 Nov — Uruguayan voters approved in a Sunday referendum a constitutional reform that will keep the supply of water and sanitation services under state control, the Electoral Court reported Monday.

As of now, the Uru-

guayan Constitution prevents the exploitation of surface and underground water by private firms within the Uruguayan territory.

However, around 14 private firms are now supplying potable water and sanitation services in the

country.

The most important of these private firms is Spain's Aguas de Bilbao, which operates in the province of Maldonado and in the city of Punta del Este (120 kilometres east of Montevideo, capital of the country).—MNA/Xinhua

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## Artistes are to expose and ...

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safeguarded for centuries, are being restored and promoted by the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at present.

Thus, I honour the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, for they are helping materialize the significant and profound national objective and essence successfully.

As in all the previous competitions, we all have seen again with pride and pleasure the national spirit and efforts of all the participants to highlight the aesthetic profession and essence of the performing arts of Myanmar.

The style of dialogues, dances and acts of the epic Ramayana are flourishing in Myanmar with its own style, is different from those of other Myanmar drama. It is genuine Myanmar performing arts, that is endowed fully with the appearance, nature and essence of Myanmar theatrical art.

Arrangements are under way to include gradually all the scenes in presenting the epic Ramayana, with a wide array of structure, at the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, to make the audience understand well its theme and purport. Thanks to the arrangements, every part or scene, including the ones that are vulnerable to become extinct, can be restored and preserved.

Whatever changes

there may be in the presentation, the Ramayana has been staged skilfully by the performers to give the theatre-goers the lesson and the intended message. The drama portrays clearly that justice always wins over injustice, as in the final part of the play, Rama, who is just and noble-minded and against injustice and has sympathy and magnanimity for others win over unjust Dasagiri, having the burning anger, antagonism, arrogance, and the will to bully others.

**All the artistes are requested to expose and promote the heritage of Myanma traditional and cultural performing arts, and to take part with their artistic might in the successful implementation of the Seven-point Road Map so that the future nation will be replete with Myanma ways and styles as well as with social values and norms.**

As the Mahosadha drama of the marionette contest depicts the unfathomable knowledge and wisdom of the embryo Buddha, it highlights Myanmars' confidence in and respect for the correct knowledge and wisdom.

Although Mahosadha has already been staged in both the drama and the marionette contests at the Performing Arts Competitions, only some parts of the play having a large array of sectors in its structure, can be presented yet.

It is found that the artistic talent of the contestants resulted in a vivid

presentation of the attitude of Myanmar people toward righteousness and justice, a theme attribute of Mahosadha drama, as well as that of social ethics born of the teachings of Theravada Buddhism, to which judiciary phenomena take root.

Moreover, it is also found that the marionette competition could succeed in clearly exposing the royal courtesy of Myanmar people, systematic governance and administration of justice of ancient Myanmar kings, high level of diplomatic practices, and sublime and

alien culture as well as various forms of influence and interference.

With this end in mind, the government is making constant efforts to expose and promote national heritage including the performing arts competitions. In this way, the government raises the dignity of Myanmar society with a long tradition of fine history and higher cultural level.

In other words, these measures will in fact pave the way for the emergence of a future nation consistent with the historical course of Myanmar culture, traditions, justice, ideology based on humanitarianism, righteousness, virtue and Myanmar social values and norms.

Thanks to concerted efforts and active participation of the entire people filled with nationalistic sentiment, the Union of Myanmar is now on the right track to the realm of intended society.

The State Peace and Development Council is implementing the

Seven-point Political Road Map that can guarantee putting the motherland on the right track of nationalism.

This being the case, all the artistes are requested to expose and promote the heritage of Myanmar traditional and cultural performing arts, and to take

line with the lofty aims of the performing arts competitions.

In conclusion, all the artistes are requested:

— to strive with their talent to ensure the perpetual existence and grandeur of the Union of Myanmar amid the international commu-



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung presents first prize for basic education level boys' (aged 5-10) song composing competition to Maung Phone Letyar of Yangon Division. — MNA

part with their artistic might in the successful implementation of the Seven-point Road Map so that the future nation will be replete with Myanmar ways and styles as well as with social values and norms.

At such an opportune time when Myanmar culture and traditions are in vogue again, when fine contour of cultural traditions are thriving, when fruitful results have been achieved with the revitalization of patriotism and nationalism in the minds of the people, the onus is on the entire people including the young of today to deter and prevent the infiltration of alien behaviour and ideologies in

nity and to uplift national traits, culture, traditions, and social values and norms;

— to make the new generations realize the profound and grand cultural level of Myanmar with a firm history and to reinforce the national strength that can build and protect a modern and developed nation and

— to play their own role in the successful implementation of the Seven-point Political Road Map designed to shape a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. — MNA

deep strategies.

Organizing such kind of competition ena-



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents first prize for basic education level girls' (aged 5-10) classical/modern song competition to Ma The Nu Aye of Kayin State. — MNA

bles Myanmar youths to realize the higher level of Myanmar culture, to cultivate the heart for respect and admiration of national culture and to appreciate it.

Nationalism stemming from the desire to preserve and uphold patriotism and to preserve traditions and cultures will surely revitalize the strength needed to defend the country and the people at any given time.

The strength of solidarity rooted to such spirit will enable the people to equip themselves with the strength and courage to ward off the infiltration of

### Medals won by the States and Divisions at the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

Sr.	Division/State	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Consolation Prize	Total	Remarks
1	Yangon	103	73	47	1	224	
2	Mandalay	26	32	43	-	101	
3	Rakhine	15	19	11	5	50	
4	Ayeyawady	12	13	12	-	37	
5	Bago	11	12	9	-	32	
6	Sagaing	9	14	14	-	37	
7	Mon	5	10	5	2	22	
8	Magway	5	1	9	-	15	
9	Shan	3	5	3	2	13	
10	Kachin	2	5	7	1	15	
11	Kayin	1	3	4	5	13	
12	Kayah	1	-	1	2	4	
13	Chin	1	-	1	1	3	
14	Taninthayi	-	1	1	1	3	
<b>Total</b>		<b>194</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>569</b>	

N.B. Medals for Outstanding performance in Acting and Saing are counted as golds.



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presents first prize for professional level women's Dhamma song competition to Daw Yin Yin Tun of Yangon Division. — MNA

## Prize presentation ceremony ...

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Next, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented first prize for the professional level (women's) Maha Gita song contest to Daw Thuza Aung of Yangon Division; second to Daw Wa Wa Shwe of Mandalay Division and third to Daw Than Than Nyein of Yangon Division; first prize for the amateur level (women's) Maha Gita song contest to Daw Mu Mu Swe of Yangon Division; second to Daw May Thet Shin of Mandalay Division and third to Daw Kyu Kyu Khaing of Sagaing Division; first prize for the higher education level (women's) Maha Gita song contest Ma Than Than Win of Rakhine State, second to Ma The Myat Soe of Yangon Division and third to Ma Nwe Nwe Thiri Aung of Shan State; first prize for basic education level (women's, aged 15-20) Maha Gita song contest to Ma Ei Ei Chun of Yangon Division; Ma Phyu Sin Thu (a) Sabe Phyu Thein of Yangon Division and Ma Kyu Kyu Lwin of Sagaing Division; first prize for the basic education level (girls', aged 10-15) song contest to Ma Zin Pyae Pyae Phyo of Ayeyawady Division; second to Ma Zin Thu Moe of Rakhine State and third to Ma Myat Su Kyi of Yangon Division and first prize for the basic education level (girls', aged 5-10) Maha Gita song contest to Ma Nan Thet Hmu Kywe of Yangon Division; second to Ma Le Le La Win of Sagaing Division and third to Ma Thuza Hlaing of Yangon Division.

Afterwards, Member of the Panel of Patrons for Organizing the Competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung presented respective first, second and third prizes to U Ye Htike of Yangon Division, U San Lwin of Rakhine State and U Min Han of Mon State in the men's professional level religious song contest; U Sai Nyo Min of Shan State, U Myo Min Win of Mon State and U Zaw Min Lat of Rakhine State in the men's amateur level religious song contest; Maung Aung Ko Thet of Yangon Division, Maung Kyaw Swa Thwin of Mandalay Division and Maung Aung Kyi Soe of Kachin State in the men's higher education level religious song contest; Maung Than Myat Soe of Sagaing Division, Maung Zeyar Pyae Phyo of Yangon Division, Maung Han Soe of Rakhine State and Maung Yan Min Aung of Mon State in the basic education level religious song contest (aged 15-20, boys); Maung Hein Htoo Zaw of Yangon Division, Maung Aung Kyi Phyo of Kachin State and Saw Aung Kyaw Zin of Kayin State in the basic education level religious song contest (aged 10-15, boys); Maung Htet Aung Phyo of Shan State, Maung Zaw Win Naing of Yangon Division, Maung Ye Lin Kyaw of Rakhine State and Saw Kyaw Khine Nyunt of Kayin State in the basic education level religious song contest (aged 5-10, boys).

Next, Member of the Panel of Patrons for Organizing the Competitions Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presented respective first, second and third prizes to



Minister Col Zaw Min presents first prize for professional level men's dancing competition to Maung Ko Ko Lin of Yangon Division. — MNA

Daw Yin Yin Tun of Yangon Division, Daw Khine Zin Shwe of Rakhine State and Daw Kyu Kyu Khine of Sagaing Division in the women's professional level religious song contest; Daw Thuza Aung of Yangon Division, Daw Sane Le Le of Mon State and Daw Aye Hnin Khine of Rakhine State in the women's amateur level religious song contest; Ma Thida Soe of Rakhine State, Ma The Myat Soe of Yangon Division and Ma Khin Thu Thu Win of Bago Division in the girls' higher education level religious song contest; Ma Ei Ei Chun of Yangon Division, Ma Aye Myat No Khin of Yangon Division and Ma Khin Thet Su of Rakhine State in the basic education level religious song contest (aged 15-20, girls); Ma Zin Pyae Pyae Phyo of Ayeyawady Division, Ma Phyu Zin Thu (a) Sape Phyu Thein of Yangon Division and Ma Zin Thu Moe of Rakhine State in the basic education level religious song contest (10-15, girls); Ma Nan Thet Mu Kywe of Yangon Division, Ma Yamin Tun of Sagaing Division and Ma Ohnmar Mon of Yangon Division in the basic education level religious song contest (5-10, girls).

Minister for Education U Than Aung presented the first prize for professional level (men) oldies/modern song contest to U Ye Htaik of Yangon Division, the second to U Sai Nyo Min of Shan State, the third to U San Lwin of Rakhine State; the first prize for amateur level (men) oldies/modern song contest to U Ye Thwe (a) Bo Htoo of Mandalay Division, the second to U Aung Aung of Shan State, the third to U Thet Win; the first prize for professional level (men) oldies/modern song contest to Maung Kyaw Swa Thwin of Mandalay Division, the second to Maung U Myat Tun of Rakhine State, the third to Maung Aung Ko Thet of Yangon Division; the first prize for basic education level (aged 15-20, boys) oldies/modern song contest to Maung Than Myat Soe of Sagaing Division,



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin presents first prize for basic education level girls' (aged 5-10) harp competition to Ma Hnin Hnin Hlaing of Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

the second to Maung Hein Htoo Zaw of Yangon Division, the third to Maung Sai Thein Myint Tun Kayin State; the first prize for basic education level (aged 10-15, boys) oldies/modern song contest to Maung Myo Nyi Nyi Zaw of Yangon Division, the second to Maung Myat Tun Thein of Rakhine State, the third to Maung Thiha Kyaw of Kachin State and the consolation prize to Maung Akar Nyein Chan; first prize for basic education level (aged 5-10, boys) oldies/modern song contest to Maung Ye Myint of Bago Division, the second to Maung Aye Kyaw of Rakhine State and the third to Maung Hla Myo Zaw of Mandalay Division.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented the first prize for professional level (women) oldies/modern song contest to Daw Khaing Zin Shwe of Rakhine State, the second to Daw Thuza Aung of Yangon Division and the third to Daw Yin Yin Tun of Yangon Division; the first prize for amateur level (women) oldies/modern song contest to Daw Aye Hnin Khaing of Rakhine, the second to Daw Sane Leh of Mon State and the third to Daw May Thet Shin of Mandalay Division; the first prize for higher

education level (women) oldies/modern song contest to Ma Than Than Win of Rakhine State, the second to Ma Htet Htet Maw of Yangon Division and the third to Ma Mar Mar Aye of Yangon Division; the first prize for basic education level (aged 15-20) oldies/modern song contest to Ma Ei Ei Chun of Yangon Division, the second to Ma Kyu Kyu Lwin of Sagaing Division and the third to Ma Khin Thet Su of Rakhine State; the first



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo presents first prize for basic education level boys' (aged 15-20) harp competition to Maung Saing Ye Htet Win of Shan State. — MNA

prize for basic education level (aged 10-15, girls) oldies/modern song contest to Ma Cho Zar Hein of Mon State and Ma Aye Myat No Khin of Yangon Division, the second to Ma Phyu Zin Thu of Yangon Division and Ma May Thet Nwe of Shan State and the third to Ma Yut Ye Htet of Kayin State; the first prize for basic education level (aged 5-10, girls) oldies/modern song contest to Ma The Nu Aye of Kayin State, the second to Ma Kyi Kyi Wa of Yangon Division and the third to Ma Yamin Tun of Sagaing Division.

After the ceremony, Ma The Nu Aye of Kayin State entertained the audience singing "ShweMi" song.

Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Competitions Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min presented first, second and third prizes for professional level men's dancing competition to Maung Ko Ko Lin of Yangon Division, Maung Kyaw Zeya Aung (a) YUC Ko Zay of Yangon Division and Taing Chit Tin Ngwe of Magway Division; first, second and third prizes for supporting orchestra for professional level men's dancing competition to Maung Ko Ko Lin and group of Yangon Division, Maung Kyaw Zeya Aung (a) YUC Ko Zay and group of Yangon Division and Taing Chit Tin Ngwe and group of Magway Division; first, second and third prizes for amateur level men's dancing competition to Maung Ko Ko Naing (a) Shine Thura of Yangon Division, Maung Ye Thura Naing of Yangon Division, and Maung Soe Lin Kyaw of Ayeyawady Division and consolation prize to Maung Hla Maung Tun of Rakhine State; for higher education level men's dancing competitions to Maung Ne Phyo Zin of Mandalay Division, Myainggyingyu Sai Lin Aung of Kayin State and Maung Kyaw Swa Myo of Yangon Division; for basic education level boys' (aged 15-20) dancing competition to Maung Myo Thiha Kyaw (a) Paing Paing of Mandalay Division, Myainggyingyu Saw Htet Shine of Kayin State; and Maung Aung Chan Win of Mandalay Division and consolation prize to Maung Ye Lin Tun of Mon State; for basic education level boys' (aged 10-15) dancing competition to Maung Thant Zin Tun of Yangon Division, Maung Thura Zwe Naing of Mandalay Division and Myainggyingyu Saw Tun Tun Lin of Kayin State; basic education level boys' (aged 5-10) dancing competition to Maung Min Paing Zay of Mandalay Division, Maung Noe Noe La Pyae of Yangon Division, and Maung Kyaw Tun Min of Yangon Division.

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Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Competitions Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presented first, second and third prizes for professional level women's dancing competition to Daw San Nilar Win of Rakhine State, Daw Dailey Myint of Mandalay Division and Ma Htet Htet Htoo Wai of Mandalay Division; for supporting orchestra for professional level women's dancing competition to Daw San Nilar Win and group of Rakhine State, Daw Dailey Myint and group of Mandalay Division and Ma Htet Htet Htoo Wai and group of Mandalay Division; for amateur level women's dancing competition to Daw Hnin Wai of Yangon Division, Ma Htet Htet Lin (a) Shwun Le Le Yi of Mandalay Division and Ma Aye Aye Thi (a) ET of Magway Division and consolation prize to Ma Mon Mon Chan of Mon State; for higher education level women's dancing competition to Ma San San Maw (a) Hnin Aye Hlaing of Yangon Division, Ma Waing Chit Aung of Ayeyawady Division and Ma Aye Le Wah Wah Aung of Yangon Division and consolation prize to Ma Khin Me Me Zaw of Yangon Division; basic education level girls' (aged 15-20) dancing competition to Ma Aye Nandi Khaing of Yangon Division, Ma Aye Chan Myat Phyto (a) Wint Phyu Phyu of Yangon Division and Ma Ngu Wah Wah of Shan State; basic education level girls' (aged 10-15) dancing competition to Ma Eindre Kyaw of Yangon Division, Ma Thuzar Hlaing of Yangon Division and Ma Nwe Ni Win Win of Mandalay Division and consolation prize to Mi Thidar Oo of Kayin State; first prize for basic education level girls' (aged 5-10) dancing competition to Ma Kyi Nue Pwint of Yangon Division and Ma Su Po Po Aung of Mandalay Division, second prize to Ma Ei Shwe Zin of Yangon Division, third prize to Ma Aye Myint Myat Phyto (a) Ma Aye Theint Theint Kyaw of Kayah State and consolation prize to Ma Ei Myat Moe Wai; and first prize for amateur level marionette (modern duet dance) competition to U Aung Than Win and Ma Aye Myat Myat Mon of Yangon Division, second prize to Ma Yu Thandar and Ma Zin Mar Win of Mandalay Division and third prize to Ma Nan Oh Chit Yar and Ma Hnin Wut Yi Khin of Yangon Division.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented the first prize for the professional level marionette (Mahothada Drama) contest to Shwepyithing Troupe; second to Tawwin Troupe of Yangon Division and Ayeyaw Troupe of Ayeyawady Division and third to Mon State Marionette Troupe.



Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presents first prize for professional level women's dancing competition to Daw San Nilar Win of Rakhine State. — MNA

Lt-Gen Thein Sein also gave away prizes to Shwepyithing Troupe of Yangon Division, Tawwin Troupe and Taungzun Aung Koe of Tawwin Troupe of Yangon Division. Next, Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented the first prize for professional level Ramayana Drama contest to Thiri Yama Troupe of Yangon Division, second to Mahayama Troupe of Yangon Division and third to Pyapon Nandwin Yama Troupe of Ayeyawady Division; prizes for outstanding performances in the contest to U Ye Win Naing (Mahayama Troupe) of Yangon Division, U Than Htut Aung (Thiri Yama Troupe) of Yangon Division, Daw Myint Myint Win (a) Khaing Thazin Thein (Thiri Yama Troupe), U Zaw Naing (Thiri Yama Troupe), U Than Soe (Mahayama Troupe), U Aung Myint (Thiri Yama Troupe), U Win Zaw Htut (Thiri Yama Troupe), Thiri Maung Maung Orchestra Troupe of Yangon Division and U Thein Myint of Ayeyawady Division Orchestra Troupe.

Prize winners Ma Kyi Nu Pwint of Yangon Division and Ma Su Po Po Aung Mandalay Division entertained with dances.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung presented first, second and third prizes in professional level song composing contest to U Mya Nyein, U Moe Khin Kyaw; U Aung Naing respectively; first, second and third prizes in amateur level to U Moe Kyaw Aung, Daw Mi Mi Aung, and



Minister U Than Aung presents first prize for professional level men's classical/modern song competition to U Ye Htaik of Yangon Division. — MNA

Tekkatho Aye Ko respectively and consolations to two winners; first, second and third prizes in higher education level song composing contest to Ma Khin Chit Su, Maung Lin Htut and Ma Khin Mya Thet Hnin and Maung Yaza Win respectively and consolation to one winner; first, second and third prizes in basic education level (15-20) song composing contest to Ma Phyo Thinzar Khin, Ma Moe Moe Yin Min and Maung Sein Lwin Kyaw and Maung Hsan Zaw (a) Heye Mon; first, second and third prizes in basic education level (10-15) song composing contest to Ma Hsu Ywet Wai, Ma Han Ni Ni Naing and Maung Thein Bo Bo respectively and one consolation prize; first, second and third prizes in basic education level (5-10) song composing contest to Maung Phone Letya, Khin Sanda Myint and Ma Shun Le May respective and a consolation prize to a winner.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo presented first, second and third prizes in men's professional level harp contest to U Aung Pyi Sone, U Phyo Wai Naing, and Maung Bo Bo Kyaw respectively; first, second and third prizes in men's amateur level harp contest to U Nyi Nyi Aung, U The Aung Chit and Maung Zeya Lin respectively; first, second and third prizes in men's higher

education level harp contest to Maung Min Min Thein, Maung Aung Myo Htet and Maung Soe Thein respectively; first, second and third prizes in men's basic education level (15-20) harp contest to Maung Sai Ye Htet Win, Maung Han Soe and Maung Kan



Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung presents first prize for amateur level men's Dhamma song singing competition to U Saing Nyo Min of Shan State. — MNA

Oo Aung respectively; first, second and third prizes in men's basic education level (10-15) harp contest to Maung Myo Tun Kyaw, Maung Htet Naing Lin and Maung Aung Naing Soe respectively; first, second and third prizes in men's basic education level (5-10) harp contest to Maung Lwin Wai Yan Maung, Maung Theik Chit Aung, and Maung Moe Myint Hset respectively.

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin presented first, and second prizes in women's professional level harp contest to Ma Pyone Mya Mya Kyi and Ma Lwin Mar Thein; first prize in women's amateur level harp contest to Ma Khin Swe Mya Nyunt, first, second and third prizes in women's higher education level harp contest to Ma Tin Tin Yu, Ma Aye Thida Win and Ma Khin Mi Mi Moe respectively; first, second and third prizes in women's basic education level (15-20) harp contest to Ma Shwe Yamin Oo, and Ma Cho Mu Win and Ma Cho Zin Tun and Ma Tin Nilar Win respectively; first, second and third prizes in women's basic education level (10-15) harp contest to Ma Hsu Hsu Win Maung, Ma Su Su Myat and Ma Nang Thiri Khin Khin respectively; first, second and third prizes in women's basic education level (5-10) harp contest to Ma Hnin Hnin Hlaing, Ma Nanda Wutyi and Ma Phu May Khin respectively.

Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented first, second and third prizes in men's professional level xylophone contest to U Sein Bo Thin, U Sein Min Naing, and U Myint Aung respectively; first, second and third prizes in men's amateur level xylophone contest to Maung Swan Htet, U Zeya Tun Wai, and U Chit Win Maung respectively; first, second and third prizes in men's higher education level xylophone contest to Maung Kyaw Zin Aung, Maung Soe Thein, and Maung Aung Aung respectively; first, second and third prizes in men's basic education (15-20) level xylophone contest to Maung Zaw Min (a) Po La Pyi, Maung Pyi Phyo Maw, and Maung Saw Maung Hlaing respectively; first, second and third prizes in men's basic education level (10-15) xylophone contest to Maung Sein Bo Htoo, Maung Myo Min Paing and Maung Htet Aka respectively; first, second and third prizes in men's basic education level (5-10) xylophone contest to Maung Shein Bo Bo Oo, Maung Chit Ko Ko Soe and Maung Kyaw Thuya Win respectively.

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## Minister visits lychee farm in Tachilek



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo views the map for extended cultivation of crops along Maesai Creek in Tachilek Township. — AGRICULTURE AND IRRIGATION

YANGON, 3 Nov — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo observed a thriving lychee farm of Akha national race leader U Azee in Loiltawhkam region, Tachilek Township, eastern Shan State, on October 30.

In meeting with officials concerned, the minister discussed mix-crops farming and nurturing of

the plants systematically. They sought means to find markets for the fruits and to build connecting roads from the farm to the nearest highway.

The following day, the minister urged members of Union Solidarity and Development Association of Tachilek district and township and local elders to join hands with local people for the

successful materialization of the seven-point Road Map and to speed up rural development work.

The minister also visited Naga Hnakaung Monastery in the town, where he paid respects to Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Dhammasiri.

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## Minister inspects forest plantations, saw mills in Mandalay

YANGON, 3 Nov — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, accompanied by Director-General of Forest Department U Soe Win Hlaing, Director-General of Arid Zones Greening Department U Tun Tun and officials went to Ywatha Nursery, Pyawbwe, Mandalay Division and inspected plantation of hardwood sapplings on 30 October.

At the briefing hall of Dry Zones Greening Department in Kyaukpadaung Township, they heard reports on arrangements for establishment of belleric myrobalan plantation, conservation of natural forest and greening of Ngalin mountain presented by Director-General U Tun Tun.

On their arrival at the briefing hall of Afforestation Project in Nyaung U, they heard reports on conservation of hardwood species presented by Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing. After they had looked into reports on forest plantation, they made

suggestions to fulfil the requirements.

The minister and party on 31 October inspected castor oil plantation in Nyaung U. At the briefing hall of Myanmar-Japan Friendship Reafforestation Project, Directors-General U Tun Tun and U Soe Win Hlaing reported on implementation of the projects to the minister and party.

After inspecting the forest plantation, the minister instructed officials to carry out future tasks. Upon arrival at Mt. Popa on 1st November, the min-

ister inspected plantations around there.

Having observed arrangements to be made for building short cut from Mt. Popa to Meiktila, the minister gave instructions to officials.

And then, he inspected forest plantations and mixed crops plantations on mountain road and herbal plantations and garden produce booths.

Next, the minister and party on 2nd November inspected No 95 Saw Mill in Taungdwingyi and No 96 Saw Mill in Aunglan.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects herbal plantation at the foot of Mt. Popa. — FORESTRY

## 272 drug-related cases exposed in September

YANGON, 3 Nov — The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 272 drug-related cases in September 2004.

The authorities seized 88,0133 kilos of opium in 31 cases, 2,9995 kilos of heroin in 102 cases, 6.91 kilos of morphine in 1 case, 1,2203 kilos of opium oil in 3 cases, 3,7151 kilos of low-grade opium in 15 cases, 5,2678 kilos of marijuana in 10 cases, 0.7 litres of Phensedyl in 1 case, 31,445 stimulants tablets in 46 cases, 6.28 kilos of ephedrine, 0.956 kilo of stimulant powder, 0.05 litre of cough syrup, 0.9468 kilo of speciosa in 3 cases, 0.79 kilo of caffeine, 11 litres of chemical liquid, 0.235 litre of chemical power, 20 cases of failure to register and 39 other cases.

Tatmadaw regiments and units seized 44,191 kilos of opium in 3 cases, 0.0065 kilo of heroin in 2 cases and 175 stimulant tablets in 1 case and one case of failure to register.

Myanmar Police Force seized 43,8223 kilos of opium in 28 cases, 2,993 kilos of heroin in 100 cases, 6.91 kilos of morphine in one case, 1,2203 kilos of opium oil in 3 cases, 3,7151 kilos of low-grade opium in 15 cases, 5,2678 kilos of marijuana in 10 cases, 0.7 litre of Phensedyl in 1 case, 31,270 stimulant tablets in 45 cases, 6.28 kilos of ephedrine, 0.956 kilo of stimulant powder in 1 case, 0.05 litre of cough syrup, 0.9468 kilo of speciosa in 3 cases, 0.79 kilo of caffeine, 11 litres of chemical liquid, 0.235 litre of chemical power, 19 cases of failure to register and other 39 cases.

Action was taken against 384 people in 272 cases — 324 men and 60 women in September 2004.

Acting on information, an anti-drug squad together with witness searched the house of Kyaw Lin (a) Twen Chein Paw of Nyaungkai Village, Monyin Township, on 18 September. The authorities found out 9600 stimulant tablets packed with plastic. The seizure led to the arrest of Kyaw Lin (a) Twen Chein Paw by Muse Police Force.

On 20 September, acting on information, an anti-drug combined team searched the house of San Shwe of Nyaungkai Village, Monyin Township. Although nothing was found there, further inspection from San Shwe led to the search the house of Aung Aung and found out 21 packets weighing 29,149 kilos of opium buried in the ground. San Shwe and Aung Aung were taken against by Monyin Police Force under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein addressing the formation of Myanmar Marine Products Producers and Exporters Association, and Myanmar Fish Breeders Association. — LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES

## Myanmar Marine Products Producers and Exporters Association, Myanmar Fish Breeders Association formed

YANGON, 3 Nov — The Myanmar Marine Products Producers and Exporters Association and the Myanmar Fish Breeders Association of Myanmar Fisheries Federation have been formed. The ceremony was held at Traders Hotel on November 2.

Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Fisheries Federation U Han Tun explained arrangements for formation of the associations. Minister for Livestock and

Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Minister U Aung Thein and Director-General of Fisheries Department U Than Tun accepted donations for funds of both associations. Chairman of Myanmar Marine Products Producers and Exporters Association U Soe Tun Shein and Chairman of Myanmar Fish Breeders Association U Than Lwin expressed their gratitude to all concerned. — MNA

## Sale of Gems Emporium up to 717 jade lots, 53 gem lots

YANGON, 3 Nov — On fifth day of Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium-2004 today gems merchants purchased 26 gem lots and sale of gem lots reached 53.

A total of 712 jade lots and 52 gem lots have been sold at the emporium through tender and competitive bidding systems.

Chairman of Central

Committee of Myanmar Gems Emporium Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein presented a souvenir and a certificate of honour to a merchant who bought the highest value of gem lots.

Pearl lots will be sold tomorrow through tender and competitive bidding systems.

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Deputy Minister U Myint Thein presents a gift to a gems merchant who has bought gem lots most at the emporium. — MNA

**The Government of the Union of Myanmar**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs**  
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In exercise of the power conferred by sub-section (a) of section 43 of the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Law, the Ministry of Home Affairs hereby issues the following Rules, with the approval of the Government:-

**Chapter I**

**Title and Definition**

1. These Rules shall be called the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Rules.

2. The expressions contained in these Rules shall have the same meanings as are assigned to them in the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Law. In addition, the following expressions shall have the meanings given hereunder: —

- (a) **Law** means the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Law;
- (b) **A person in custody** also includes a person who is detained by the relevant competent authority;
- (c) **Requesting State** means the State seeking assistance from the Requested State;
- (d) **Requested State** means the State which shall render assistance to the Requesting State.

**Chapter II**

**Accepting, Granting Permission and Refusing the Request for Assistance by Foreign State**

3. Any foreign State requesting assistance of Myanmar in criminal matters:-

- (a) shall, if it is the State Party to the international convention or regional agreement of which the Union of Myanmar is a State Party or the State which has bilateral agreement with the Union of Myanmar request assistance directly to the Central Authority in (Form 1). If the request is made through diplomatic channel, the Central Authority may accept;
- (b) shall, if it is the State Party to the international convention or regional agreement to which the Union of Myanmar is not a State Party or the State that has not entered into bilateral agreement with the Union of Myanmar request assistance to the Central Authority through diplomatic channel with Request for Assistance on Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters in (Form-1);
- (c) may, in urgent circumstances, if there is an agreement with the Union of Myanmar, request assistance to the Central Authority through International Police Organization.

4. The requesting State may, in urgent circumstances make a request for assistance orally, by telephone, facsimile or electronic mail or any other electronic means including communication made through computer network. In making such request the original letter of request shall be sent to the Central Authority without delay.

5. The Central Authority shall scrutinize whether or not the request by a foreign State is a matter for assistance contained in section 11 of the Law, and whether or not it is complete with the facts contained in section 12 of the Law.

6. The Central Authority may: —

- (a) in scrutinizing under Rule 5, request necessary additional information and supporting evidence for the execution in conformity with the existing laws;
- (b) meet with the person or body of persons assigned by the authority of the requesting State and make inquiry and request supporting evidences.

7. The Central Authority may, after executing as may be necessary the request of foreign State under Rules 5 and 6, and on finding that it is in conformity with section 15 of the Law grant the request.

8. The Central Authority shall:-

- (a) if the request is granted, hand over the request for assistance to the relevant government department and organization and assign duty thereof for implementation of the request for such assistance;
- (b) on finding that the detailed programme to be included in the request and necessary information and evidences are required, inform the requesting State to send the necessary information;
- (c) on refusing or postponing the request of any foreign State reply without delay, to the Requesting State giving reasons for so refusing or postponing;
- (d) if further assistance has been sought by the Requesting State, scrutinize again as to whether the request is in conformity with section 15 of the Law and instruct the relevant government department and organization for implementation thereof, as may be necessary.

**Chapter III**

**Search, Seizure, Control, Issuing Restraining Order, Confiscation of Exhibit and Obtaining Statement**

9. If the request for assistance by a foreign State is for search, seizure, control, issuing restraining order or confiscation, the following shall also be mentioned, in addition to the requirements contained in section 12 of the Law:

- (a) statement of type, form and extraordinary characteristics of the property;
- (b) location and detailed specifications of property;
- (c) statement as to in whose possession the property is;
- (d) sufficient facts to investigate and expose the property;
- (e) certified copy of the order, judgement or decision of the relevant court.

10. If the request for assistance by a foreign State is for search of documents and records, the following shall also be mentioned, to the requirements contained in section 12 of the Law:

- (a) type and location of documents and records;
- (b) the residential address of person in possession and reasonable grounds to believe that the document or record is at the said address;
- (c) the reason to adduce as evidence in performing the investigation or judicial proceeding for an offence committed in the Requesting State;
- (d) if there are distinctive facts in respect of search or seizure, statement of such facts;
- (e) statement of all known information regarding the rights of other person;
- (f) in cases involving requests for the production of computer records, the risks of deletion and destruction should be considered, so as to maintain the computer records in their original condition and special order required for safety;
- (g) the original or certified copy of document and record (if any);
- (h) if certification or authentication is required in specific form, the attached pro-forma of such specific form;
- (i) if there is any special privilege under the law regarding any requested document, statement of the said privilege.

11. If the request for assistance by a foreign State is to make inquiry on the location of any person the following shall also be mentioned, in addition to the requirements contained in section 12 of the Law:

- (a) name of the said person and facts identify-

ing the said person;

- (b) address and reasonable grounds to believe that the said person resides thereat;
- (c) the involvement of such person in any offence which has occurred in the requesting State.

12. If the request for assistance by a foreign State is to conduct inquiry or to take testimony, the following shall also be mentioned, in addition to the requirements mentioned in section 12 of the Law:-

- (a) the questions and facts that are desired to be put to the witness;
- (b) if it is to conduct inquiry or to take testimony in Myanmar Court, the copy of the report, charge and direct complaint filed in the requesting State.

13. With respect to testimony, document, record and evidence executed upon the request for assistance of a foreign State:-

- (a) the officer in charge of the relevant government department and organization who executed shall sign on each and every page of the English translation, and send to the Central Authority;
- (b) the Central Authority shall, after scrutinizing the English translation of the documents sent under sub-rule (a) send True and Authentic Translation Certificate in (Form 2) and Authentic Documentary Certificate in (Form 3) attached with the said testimony, document, record and evidence to the Requesting State.

**Chapter IV**

**Sending an Expert or Other Person to give Testimony and Statement**

14. If the request for assistance made by a foreign State in conformity with the provisions of (Chapter II and III) is the request of assistance for testifying by any expert and any other person as witness, prior negotiation on the date of arrival of the said person at the requesting State shall be made and summons shall be sent.

15. In inviting to testify as a witness under Rule 14, the following shall be mentioned

- (a) the security programme of the said person;
- (b) appropriate permitted currency, travelling cost and general expenses for the said person and the person who will accompany the said person (if any).

16. The witness who is to testify in a foreign State may, upon the recommendation of the competent authority of such State that he has the right to refuse to testify under the law of the said foreign State, refuse to give testimony.

**Chapter V**

**Handing Over a Person in Custody Temporarily to Give Testimony, Statement or Expert Opinion**

17. If a request for assistance of any foreign State is to hand over a person in custody in Myanmar to give testimony, statement or expert opinion in the requesting State, the following shall also be mentioned, in addition to the requirements contained in section 12 of the Law:-

- (a) the name of person in custody and the place where he is detained;
- (b) facts incidental to the case under trial in the requesting State;
- (c) points in respect of which is required to be taken from the said person;
- (d) rights that can be obtained by the said person and his duties under the law, agreement or commitments made by Myanmar and the Requesting State.

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### HK police smash drugs trafficking syndicate

**HONG KONG, 3 Nov** — Police officers of Hong Kong Narcotics Bureau mounted two anti-dangerous drugs operations on Ash Street, Mong Kok and Waterloo Road, Yau Ma Tei respectively on Sunday and seized drugs worth over 7 million Hong Kong dollars (897,000 US dollars), according to the bureau on Monday.

After extensive investigations, officers of the Narcotics Bureau mounted the first operation at noon on Sunday inside a residential building on Ash Street in Mong Kok. Police officers intercepted a 22-year-old man and a 20-year-old woman, who were believed to be the key members of a psychotropic drugs trafficking syndicate, when they were leaving the building.

Two plastic bags containing 30 grammes of suspected Ketamine were found in the woman's possession and various dangerous drugs, including 5.5 kilos of suspected Ketamine, 1.5 kilos of suspected Ice, 1,700 tablets of suspected Ecstasy, and 20,000 tablets of suspected Erimin 5, were seized in the residence of the two arrested persons in the building.

A subsequent search in another residential unit on Nathan Road, Yau Ma Tei

led to the seizure of 28 plastic bags containing 28,000 tablets of suspected Ecstasy and 51,000 tablets of suspected Erimin 5.

The amount of suspected Erimin 5 tablets was the largest seizure of its kind on record, according to police.

In a separate operation, police officers arrested two Ghanaian men, aged 25 and 26, in a hotel on Waterloo Road, Yau Ma Tei Sunday afternoon.

The 26-year-old man was found to carry a bag with 2.2 kilos of suspected No.4 Heroin worth about 770,000 Hong Kong dollars.

Further inquiries revealed that the seized drugs in the two operations were for the distribution in local markets.

MNA/Xinhua

### Over 76,000 made homeless by winter season in Colombia

**BOGOTA, 2 Nov** — The new winter season in Colombia has caused 11 people dead, 23 injured and more than 76,000 people have been left homeless, the authorities said.

Chief of investigation and development of the Civil Defence Department, Eugenio Alarcon, said rains have affected some 16,100 families in the country's 22 departments and destroyed over 200 houses.

"The most affected areas are those that have been hit by landslides and rains in the region of the Magdalena department, where in recent hours the overflow of the Magdalena River has affected 90 families in the San Pablo del Bolivar municipality," Alarcon said.

In the Simiti municipality in the northern department of Bolivar, 43 families were affected by landslides.

MNA/Xinhua

### 80% of Venice flooded

**VENICE, 2 Nov** — The lagoon-city of Venice spent a fifth day struggling against high waters on Sunday, as heavy rains and wind lashed parts of northern Italy.

Officials said more than 80 per cent of the city was flooded, leaving tourists and townspeople scrambling over planks to cross St. Mark's Square with its famous five domed basilica.

Flooding is a constant enemy of the fragile art city, with every new incursion damaging its medieval and renaissance palaces. Officials on Sunday railed against decades of delay to a plan to build underwater barriers against the sea. "My feeling is rage and recrimination for those who have wasted years and years before starting the work," Giancarlo Galan, chairman of the Veneto region, told ANSA newsagency. — MNA/Reuters

### French university recruits MPA students in China

**BEIJING, 3 Nov** — Students in China and elsewhere in the world with both an undergraduate degree and at least three to five years of work experience, now have the choice of applying for a two-year MPA (Master in Public Affairs) programme provided by Sciences Po, a prestigious French university in social sciences.

Vice-president Francis Verillaud of Sciences Po made the announcement here on Monday at a Press conference. The programme is organized in partnership with Columbia University, USA, and the London School of Economics and Political Science, so Sciences Po MPA students will be allowed to spend their second year in New York or London, he said.

Classes are slated to begin in early fall 2005, and the deadline for application is February 2005, he said, noting that about three to four Chinese students will be admitted to the programme.

MNA/Xinhua

### Volcano erupts in isolated area of Iceland

**REYKJAVIK (Iceland), 2 Nov** — A volcano erupted in a remote area of Iceland on Monday, setting off tremors across the area and prompting officials to warn pilots to avoid flying through gasses being emitted by the blast.

No evacuations were needed in the unpopulated area around Grimsvotn Mountain in eastern Iceland, the Meteorological

Office said, but observation of any damage was impossible because heavy winds and rains reduced visibility in the area.

The eruption was believed to have been caused by expansion of a lake underneath the Vatnajökull Glacier.

"The water is under extreme pressure from the glacier. We believe it could open a part of the

Grimsvotn Mountain, causing the release of some magma, though this cannot be confirmed without visual identification," said Oli Thor Arnarsson at the Meteorological Office.

His office issued the warning to pilots on Monday evening.

Grimsvotn last erupted six years ago. It also erupted in 1995 and 1993, causing flooding. — MNA/AP

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### China confers honorary doctorate on Siemens President

**SHANGHAI, 3 Nov** — Dr Heinrich von Pierer, president and chief executive officer (CEO) of German industrial conglomerate Siemens AG, received an honorary doctor's degree on Monday at a top Shanghai-based university.

He was conferred with the doctorate by Professor Wan Gang, president of Tongji University, in praise of his as well as his company's long-term technological cooperation and educational exchanges with the university and many other Chinese higher learning institutions.

Dr. Von Pierer and his company were "far-sighted" for investing in the education sector, said Professor Wan. "It's conducive to the all-round cooperation between the two countries and our common prosperity."

Siemens has by far teamed up with 16 noted Chinese colleges and universities for personnel training, technological development and other cooperation programmes. The move is aimed at training high-calibre professionals for the company itself, and helping improve the quality of Chinese college education by incorporating its state-of-the-art expertise.

Founded in 1907, Tongji is a multi-disciplinary, polytechnical university featuring engineering, sciences, management, arts and law. —MNA/Xinhua

### Cyprus invaded by locusts

**NICOSIA, 2 Nov** — Cyprus was invaded by a swarm of thousands of locusts on Monday, a rare occurrence on the east Mediterranean island, which left farmers scrambling to protect their crops.

Authorities described the insects as "big, pink locusts" which were first detected on the western shores of the island on Sunday and spread inland on Monday.

Tests were pending on specimens to identify the insect, thought to have spread on winds from North

Africa and attracted by unseasonably hot weather.

"It is pink with clear wings with black dots on it. I have never seen this in Cyprus before," said Andreas Kazantzis, a senior officer of the Agriculture Ministry in the western region of Paphos.

"There are thousands of them. I've only ever seen such scenes on the television," he told Reuters, adding he thought the swarm could disperse by Tuesday.

There was damage reported to potato crops in the Paphos region. Locusts generally prefer vegetables and alerts were issued to farmers further inland to seal up greenhouses and spray open-field crops.

MNA/Reuters

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## ASEAN states to set up network to standardize blood products

**BANGKOK, 3 Nov—** Member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have agreed to establish a medical network to standardize blood products throughout the region.

The plan was developed during the meeting of ASEAN specialists in Bangkok between 31 October and 2 November, the *Thai News Agency* reported.

The seminar entitled the "Development of Harmonization of QA system for Blood Products in Asian Countries" was sponsored by the World Health Organization (WHO).

Several dozens blood experts from the United States, Japan, South Korea, India, Germany, Malaysia, Thailand and

the WHO participated in the seminar.

The seminar was intended to be a forum for these experts to exchange experiences in the quality control of blood products used for medical purposes.

Thailand will be one of the founding countries of the ASEAN network, Deputy Public Health Minister Professor Dr Suchai Charoenrattanachai, was quoted by the agency.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nepal Mountaineering Association marks 31st anniversary

**KATHMANDU, 3 Nov—** Nepal Mountaineering Association, a prime institution for mountain tourism promotion and mountain environment protection in Nepal, celebrated its 31st anniversary here Monday.

The Nepali Government has authorized the only national alpine club of Nepal to issue permits for 33 peaks between 5,587 metres and 6,654 metres since 1978, Ang Tshering Sherpa, president of the association, told *Xinhua*.

The association has always been active in promoting and developing mountain tourism in Ne-

pal, which is home to the vast Himalayan range with eight of the 14 peaks that are over 8,000 metres in the world, Ang Tshering said.

Since its establishment on 1 November, 1973, the non-governmental and non-profit organization has maintained the foremost objective of not only promoting mountain tourism in the coun-

try but also working for the conservation of the fragile mountain and Himalayan ecology, he noted.

"Our association has 1,200 formal members nationwide up to now," he said, adding "Of the tens of thousands of tourists visiting Nepal every year, around 30 per cent come here for mountaineering."

MNA/Xinhua

## Researchers develop new methods of fighting infection

**WASHINGTON, 2 Nov—** Pitting one germ against the other, researchers said on Monday they had developed at least two new methods of fighting infection without the use of antibiotics.

One method uses a deadly enzyme made by viruses called bacteriophages that precisely execute bacteria, and another uses compounds made by one bacteria to shut down another without actually killing it.

Each illustrates potential new ways to fight the growing problem of superbugs — bacteria that have mutated the ability to resist most or even all of the antibiotics used against them.

They might also work against biological agents such as anthrax, the researchers told a meeting sponsored by the American Society for Microbiology.

A single squirt of the bacteria-killing enzyme may keep an infected per-

son from sneezing out bacteria for up to a week, said Dr. Vincent Fischetti of Rockefeller University in New York.

"These are enzymes that, basically, punch a hole in the bacteria and cause them to explode," Fischetti told a news conference.

They have used them to decontaminate animals of pesky bacteria such as Group A streptococci and staphylococci.

"We can eliminate these organisms from the noses of these animals," Fischetti said.

They tried it intravenously against the anthrax bacillus. "We could save 90 per cent of the animals with a single dose of the enzyme," said Fischetti, whose work is funded by the Department of De-

fence's Advanced Research Projects Agency or DARPA.

They are planning tests in mice, monkeys and perhaps rabbits and will use the results to seek permission to test the enzyme for safety in human volunteers.

New Food and Drug Administration rules allow researchers to test drugs against potential biological agents in two animal species, as there is no ethical way to test them in people.

"These enzymes work instantly," Fischetti said. They could be sprayed into the nose in a saline buffer, he said. And there is no evidence, yet, that bacteria can develop mutations that will allow them to evade these enzymes, he said.

MNA/Reuters

## Britain starts on-the-spot fines for shoplifters, litter droppers

**LONDON, 2 Nov—** The British Home Office said it started on-the-spot penalties from Monday on shoplifters, underage drinkers, vandals and litter droppers to crack down on anti-social behaviours.

Fines of 80 pounds (147 US dollars) can be given to first-time shoplifters where the value of the goods taken is less than 100 pounds, and anyone caught drinking underage, buying alcohol for a minor or causing minor criminal damage. Thefts of goods worth more than 100 pounds will be dealt with by the courts.

People caught dropping litter will face instant fines of 50 pounds (92 dollars) under new police powers.

Any offender who refuses to pay the fine faces an increased penalty and possible court action.

British Home Office Minister Hazel Blears said the fines would "make people think twice" and bring more "low level offenders" to justice.

"Vandalizing property, fouling streets with litter, blind drunk teenagers causing trouble or stealing for a buzz — this is anti-social, criminal behavior and a scourge on society," she said.

"People committing these offenses will no longer be let off with a verbal warning. From today (Monday), they will face immediate punishment and court action if they refuse to pay," she said.

"Fixed penalty no-

tices make big savings in police time, freeing them up to patrol the streets, they enable the courts to concentrate on more serious offenses and give offenders an immediate punishment," Blears added.

MNA/Xinhua



Professional Santa Claus performers attend a training day at the 'Ministry of Fun's Santa School' at Southwark Cathedral in London, on 1 Nov, 2004. The 'Ministry of Fun,' which provides Santa Claus performers for Christmas grottos, hosted the event for 35 Santas on Monday, with the aim of highlighting and turning around what they claim is a decline in demand for their services during the festive period.—INTERNET

## China has shut 1,600 Internet cafes between February, August

**BEIJING, 2 Nov—** China has shut 1,600 Internet cafes between February and August and imposed 100 million yuan (12.1 million dollars) worth of fines for allowing children to play violent or adult-only games and other violations, state media said.

Of 1.8 million Internet bars inspected, 18,000 were ordered "to stop operation for rectification", *Xinhua* news agency quoted Zhang

Xinjian, deputy director of the Culture Ministry's market department, as saying.

"Porn, gambling, violence and similar problems

have adversely affected the healthy development of the Internet in China," Zhang was quoted as saying.

MNA/Reuters



Chance, a 2-year-old English Sheepdog, wears a Superman costume during a costume contest at Piccadilly Pets, on 30 Oct, 2004, in Palo Alto, Calif. Chance and owner Clive Davies won first place.—INTERNET

## SPORTS



Arsenal's Jose Antonio Reyes (L) has his shot blocked by Panathinaikos goalkeeper Kostas Chalkias during their Champions League clash at Highbury in London.—INTERNET

## Arsenal held 1-1 draw by Panathinaikos

LONDON, 3 Nov— Arsenal missed a chance to virtually guarantee themselves a place in the knockout stage of the Champions League when they were held 1-1 by Panathinaikos at Highbury on Tuesday.

A Thierry Henry penalty was cancelled out when Arsenal defender Pascal Cygan diverted a shot past his own goalkeeper with 15 minutes to go and Panathinaikos held out against some frenetic Arsenal attacking to secure a point.

It was hardly the result Arsenal wanted after a couple of difficult weeks and it could have been worse had Angelos Basinas not missed a penalty for the Greek champions in the 62nd minute.

Arsenal, who needed a late goal on Saturday to avoid a second straight league defeat a week after Manchester United had ended their record unbeaten run at 49 games, remained second in Group E three points behind PSV Eindhoven with Panathinaikos still just a point behind.

The home side made a stuttering start and looked out of sorts before referee Luis Medina Cantalejo

adjudged that Sotiris Kirgiakos had bundled Arsenal skipper Patrick Vieira over in the box as they competed for a 16th minute Dennis Bergkamp freekick.

Henry, who missed a penalty against Southampton on Saturday, made no mistake this time and after a stutter-step the French striker sent Kostas Chalkias the wrong way.

But the goal failed to fire Arsenal and for the rest of the half they continued to scrap it out in a congested midfield while failing to find their teammates with the usual incisive passing.

Henry had a goal disallowed for offside early in the second half after a fine run by Robert Pires but just after the half hour mark Panathinaikos looked to set to get back on level terms when Ashley Cole upended Dimitris Papadopoulos in the box.

MNA/Reuters

## Celtic keep hope of reaching knockout phase

GLASGOW, 3 Nov— Scottish champions Celtic kept alive their slim hopes of reaching the Champions League knockout phase with a 1-0 win against nine-man Shakhtar Donetsk on Tuesday.

Alan Thompson crashed home a 25th-minute free kick awarded after visiting goalkeeper Jan Lastuvka was penalized for holding the ball too long.

Shakhtar captain Anatoly Tymoshchuk was shown a red card shortly before halftime when he brought down a surging Henri Camara and Cosmin Barcauan also departed after 58 minutes when a late tackle on Stilian Petrov earned him a second yellow card.

Celtic failed to press home their numerical advantage and stay bottom of Group F with three points, behind Donetsk on goal difference after their 3-0 loss in the Ukraine last month.

The Glasgow side had conceded six goals in losing at AC Milan and Shakhtar, but they continue to be tough opponents at Celtic Park where their 3-1 reverse to Barcelona in September remains their only home defeat in their last 21 European games.

They could have been two goals up early on when Camara slipped an effort

wide after speeding away and Joos Valgaeren headed straight at Lastuvka moments later.

Shakhtar also threatened on the counter attack and Brazilian Matuzalem thrashed a ferocious shot that was brilliantly tipped away by David Marshall after 10 minutes.

Stilian Petrov went close with a volley and John Hartson almost connected with Didier Agathe's shot before the home side made the breakthrough.

After French referee Eric Poulart penalized Lastuvka for holding the ball too long Petrov rolled a short free kick to Thompson who hammered the ball into the net.

Celtic's night got better on 41 minutes when Tymoshchuk was sent off for a cynical foul on Camara as he sped towards goal.

Hartson and Petrov both went close to extending Celtic's lead before Donetsk were further handicapped by the sending off of Barcauan.—MNA/Reuters

## Porto face struggle to qualify for knockout phase

PORTO (Portugal), 3 Nov— Champions League title holders Porto face a struggle to qualify for the knockout phase after Paris St Germain held them to an uninspired 0-0 draw on Tuesday.

The 2004 winners remain rooted to the bottom of Group H with two points from four games after a scrappy, rain-soaked match where they enjoyed most of the possession but failed to capitalize on their chances.

Brazilians Derlei and

Diego and Portugal midfielder Maniche all squandered opportunities while PSG, apart from some spirited moments in the last 10 minutes, looked happy with a draw.

Poor passing and finishing let down Vitor Fernandez's Porto, who

have struggled with their form after losing coach Jose Mourinho to Chelsea at the end of last season.

Maniche put a volley wide in the 19th minute and broke through at the end of the half but he shot high under pressure.

Diego produced the only shot on target in the first half but he scuffed the ball straight at PSG goalkeeper Lionel Letizi.

Brazilian playmaker Derlei then missed a sitter from a pinpoint Maniche cross in first-half injury time, heading wide with the goal at his mercy.

Benni McCarthy also put a diving header wide early in the second half.

PSG relied on the counter-attack but Porto proved expert at catching Pauleta offside.

MNA/Reuters



FC Porto's Brazilian Diego Ribas (R) is tackled by Paris St Germain's Modeste M'Bami (L) during their European Champions League clash in Porto.—INTERNET

## Werder thrash Anderlecht 5-1

BREMEN (Germany), 3 Nov— Werder Bremen moved a step closer to the knockout stage of the Champions League with a 5-1 thrashing of Anderlecht on Tuesday, striker Ivan Klasnic scoring a hat-trick against the young Belgian side.

Victory was never doubt for the Bundesliga and German Cup champions once they went ahead in the second minute and they were an ever-present danger to the visitors' defence.

A third consecutive win consolidates Werder's second position in Group G, with nine points, one behind Inter Milan, who are guaranteed qualification.

Crucially, they are five ahead of Valencia, whom they visit in the last round of fixtures next month.

Anderlecht, who have now lost all four games, cannot qualify, although they could still grab third place and a back-door entry to the UEFA Cup.

Klasnic, whose two goals in Brussels assured Werder's comeback win two weeks ago, put Werder 2-0 up by the 16th minute.

The lively Croat striker opened his account with a long-range left-foot strike after 77 seconds, then skil-

fully steered in a second following a corner.

The Anderlecht side, all of them under 30, briefly threatened midway through the first half as Walter Baseggio narrowly missed from close range and Oleg Iachtchouk's header went over the bar before he glanced in a Baseggio free-kick.

However, Miroslav Klose settled the game three minutes later when French midfielder Johan Micoud crossed to provide

the Germany striker an easy tap-in.

Klasnic and Daniel Jensen compounded Anderlecht's misery with two more goals late in the second half as Werder's neat passing ripped open the visiting defence.

Werder were indeed far superior. Playmaker Johan Micoud directed midfield operations and repeatedly sent in dangerous corners, while Ludovic Magnin threatened down the left all night.—MNA/Reuters



Bremen's striker Miroslav Klose (C) celebrates with his teammates his 3-1 against Anderlecht during their Champions League match in Bremen.—INTERNET

## Chelsea become first club through to knockout stage

MOSCOW, 3 Nov— Chelsea became the first club through to the knockout stage of the Champions League on Tuesday when they won 1-0 at CSKA Moscow whose Brazilian Vagner Love conjured up the worst penalty miss of the season early in the second half.

The result gave the multi-national London side, owned by Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich, a maximum haul of 12 points from four matches with two games still to play in Group H and they cannot finish outside the top two places. Arjen Robben and Damien Duff traded passes for the well-struck goal which broke the deadlock in the 24th minute.

Robben, who missed the first two months of the season with a foot injury, accelerated down the right and tapped the ball outside to Duff, who back-heeled it back into the Dutchman's path.

Robben dummied past a defender and made room for himself before coolly

slotting the ball into the bottom left corner of Igor Akinfeev's net for his first Chelsea goal.

His new side could have had a second after another Robben break eight minutes later but Sergei Semak just got a leg in the way of Eidur Gudjohnsen's cross to a goal-hanging Duff.

Much as at Stamford Bridge two weeks ago where Chelsea soaked up pressure before emerging comfortable 2-0 winners, CSKA's energetic runs down both flanks were let down by poor finishing.

They produced a good chance in the 32nd minute when Love wrong-footed midfielder Scottp Parker and defender Ricardo Carvalho.—MNA/Reuters

## China slams America's "irrational" foreign policies

BEIJING, 3 Nov— China has fired yet another salvo at the United States, criticizing the Bush Administration's "outdated" and "irrational" foreign policies and urged Washington to undertake a profound self-examination to win the hearts and minds of the international community.

If the United States wants to regain respect from the world people, it must make profound self-examination, abandon the long outdated diplomacy characterized by power politics and hegemony, the only way for a solution to the problem is for it to implement a more democratic foreign policy that conforms to the international tide," a stinging article in the *People's Daily* said.

Otherwise, it would

be as futile as catching fish in a tree — doing the impossible," the article in the ruling Communist Party's mouth-piece said.

The highly critical article is the second to appear on the eve of the US presidential polls. Former Chinese vice-premier and foreign minister Qian Qichen had penned an article on Monday lambasting the Bush Administration's quest to rule the world, drawing sharp reactions

from US officials.

The *People's Daily* article points out that Washington's attempts to change its international image since the September 11 attacks has "completely failed."

Listing out a slew of diplomatic and public relations activities undertaken by the US Government since September 11 attacks, the article says that America's attempt to reverse its image has not yielded the anticipated results. —MNA/PTI

## China, Italy to join hands in producing fastest light helicopters

NANCHANG, 3 Nov — China will produce the world's fastest light double-engine helicopters, according to an agreement signed on Tuesday between China and Italy in Zhuhai, a coastal city in south China's Guangdong Province.

The A109E helicopter is also reportedly the most powerful double-engine helicopter in resisting wind.

Under the accord between Jiangxi Changhe Aviation Industry Co Ltd based in this capital city of east China's Jiangxi Province, and the AGUSTA from Italy, the world's leading helicopter supplier pledged to transfer all of the produc-

tion activities for A109E to China eventually.

The cooperation between the two will have two modes, outsourcing and joint-venture operation, according to an official with the Jiangxi company.

After the planned joint-venture company is established, it will take over all of the marketing of its choppers in China, the official said. The joint venture is expected to start delivering A109E helicopters to the Chinese market in 2005, the official added.

The coming joint venture will also act as a service centre for A109E choppers, and all of the

other products of AGUSTA in China, the official said.

Prior to the agreement inked on Tuesday, the Jiangxi company clinched a contract with the AUGSTA in July this year and vowed to supply body parts of 290 A109E choppers for the Italian firm.

Put on the market in 1997, A109E is one of the state-of-the-art light double-engine helicopters in the world. With a remarkable performance, particularly against high temperature and high land conditions, the helicopter will be suitable to fly most parts of China, experts said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Jakarta to host Asian cities meeting

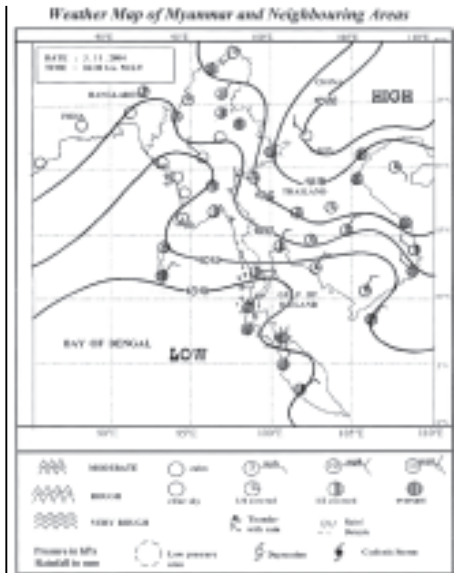
JAKARTA, 3 Nov— Top officials from the biggest cities of Asia will meet later this month in Jakarta for the fourth Asian Network of Major Cities 21 (ANMC 21) annual meeting.

The meeting, scheduled to run from November 21 to November 24, will be attended by the governors or mayors of Tokyo, Beijing, New Delhi, Seoul, Bangkok, Hanoi, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Manila, Yangon and Taipei.

Jakarta's intercity co-operation bureau chief Terman Siregar was quoted Tuesday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying that the meeting would discuss issues including joint projects between member countries, special reports on contagious diseases in the region and human resources, culture and technology policies.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono is expected to open the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 3 November, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

**MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Shan State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Taunggyi (0.27 inch). Night temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, (3°C) below normal in Kayin State, Magway and Yangon Divisions and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions.

Maximum temperature on 2-11-2004 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 3-11-2004 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 3-11-2004 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 2-11-2004 was (6.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 3-11-2004 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 (109.64 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from North at (11:55) hours MST on 2-11-2004.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 4-11-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon State, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of rain in extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-11-2004:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-11-2004:** Fair weather.

## His Grace Archbishop Alphones

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မန္တလေးတိုင်းဒေသကြီးရိုက်ချုပ်ဆရာတော်



Thursday, November 4  
View on today:

- 7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by Mingun Sayadaw
- 7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**  
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**  
5. Dance of national races
- 8:05 am**  
6. အရေးကြီးသော
- 8:15 am**  
7. Dance variety
- 8:25 am**  
8. မင်းလှစုလှောင်တစ်

- 8:30 am**  
9. International news
- 8:45 am**  
10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**  
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**  
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**  
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**  
5. အစောဆုံးတစ်နေ့လုံး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်တန်းစာ - ဒုတိယပိုင်း (ရုပ်စောအထူးပြု)
- 5:15 pm**  
6. Cute little dances
- 5:30 pm**  
7. "သတိတစ်ချက် တစ်သက်အတွက်" ကျော်နိုးနား၊ ကြည်လုံလုံ၊ နုနုကလေးလုံ၊ သကြားအောင် ခါရိုက်တာ-စောစောလုံ
- 5:45 pm**  
8. Musical programme

- 6:00 pm**  
9. နိုင်ငံအနှံ့ သင်တန်းစာဖြင့် စီမံကိန်းရေးဆွဲ
- 6:15 pm**  
10. မဟာနိဗ္ဗာန်သွယ်သွယ်ကြွမယ်
- 6:30 pm**  
11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**  
12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**  
13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "လူမှုနိဗ္ဗာန်" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 7:35 pm**  
14. ရောင်းဝယ်ဆိုင်ခန်းစာ သာသနာ (သာသနာရိပ်မြို့ မဟာ ဂဓာန)
- 8:00 pm**  
15. News
- 8:15 pm**  
16. International news
- 8:30 pm**  
17. Weather report
- 8:45 pm**  
18. "ယောကျာ်းတို့၏ တစ်ခါတုန်းက သမင်ပါပဲ" (အပိုင်း-၁) ကျော်နိုး၊ ရန်အောင်၊ လွင်စိုး၊ မိုးမြင့်အောင်၊ မေသဉ္ဇာတိ၊ မိုးသင်းကြည် ခါရိုက်တာ- မောင်မျိုးမင်း (ရင်းတူးမြစ်)
- 9:00 pm**  
19. The next day's programme



Thursday, November 4

- Tune in today:**
- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:  
- True to your heart  
Perspectives
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:  
-First love
- 8:50 am** National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: We like to party
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music:  
-Ain't no particular way  
News/Slogan
- 1:30 pm** Lunch time music  
-Eternal flame  
-Big big world  
-Give it to you  
-Love me for a reason
- 9:00 pm** Aspects of Myanmar  
-Scissored Rice Noodle
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Pouri
- 9:30 pm** Favourite songs chosen by music lovers  
-More than a friend  
-You'll still be one  
-Can you feel the love tonight
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets members of the Panel of Patrons for the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

## Prize presentation ceremony of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held

YANGON, 3 Nov — The prize presentation ceremony of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street, Dagon Township this afternoon. Member of

Present on the occasion were widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Daw Khin Khin Win, Members Panel of Patrons for Organizing the

the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Mayor, senior military officers, deputy ministers, members of CSSTB, members of Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions, Chairmen of Work Committee and Sub-committees and members, foreign ambassadors, charge d' affaires and military attaches, resident representatives of UN organizations, officials of State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of

departments, members of social organizations, judges, managers of states and divisions and participants, prize-winners, students of University of Culture and guests. During the ceremony, Daw Tin Tin Mya, Daw San San Yin, Daw Thida Swe and Daw Kay Khine Swe acted as masters of ceremonies.

First, Member of the Panel of Patrons for Organizing the Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein made a speech on the occasion.

Next, prize

presentation followed. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented first prize for the professional level Maha Gita song contest (men's) to U Kyaw Kyaw Han of Yangon Division; second to Yangon Than Swe of Yangon Division and third to U Myo Min Win of Mon State; first prize for the amateur level Maha Gita song contest (men's) to U Ye Thwe (a) Bo Htu of Mandalay Division; second to U Tin U Hlaing of Yangon Division and U Tin Win (Nyaung Shwe) of Shan State and third to U Saw Win of Yangon Division; first prize for the higher education level (men's) Maha Gita song contest to Maung Aung Ko Thet of Yangon Division; second to Maung Kyaw Swa Thwin of Mandalay Division and third to Maung Aung Kyi Soe of Kachin State and consolation prize to Myaing Gyi Ngu Sai Saw Lin Aung of Kayin State; first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 15-20) Maha Gita song contest to Maung

Than Myat Soe of Sagaing Division; second to Maung Zayar Pyai Phyo of Yangon Division and third to Maung Hein Htu Zaw of Yangon Division, first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 10-15) Maha Gita song contest to Maung Aung Kyi Phyo of Kachin State; the second prizes to Maung Htet Aung Lin of Yangon Division, Maung Yan Min Aung of Mon State and Saw Aung Kyaw Zin of Kayin State and third to Maung Aung Kyaw Phyo of Yangon Division and first prize for the basic education level Maha Gita song contest (boy's, aged 5-10) to Maung Ye Lin Kyaw of Rakhine State; the second to Maung Wunna of Mon State and Maung Aung Khaing Min of Yangon Division.

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Panel of Patrons for Organizing the Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony and made a speech on the occasion and presented prizes to the winners.

Competitions, Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Ministers and their wives,



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents first prize for amateur level women's Maha Gita song contest to Daw Mu Mu Swe of Yangon Division. — MNA

## Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Rules issued

YANGON, 3 Nov — The Ministry of Home Affairs of the Government of the Union of Myanmar has issued the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Rules under Notification No 5/2004 dated 14th October 2004. — MNA