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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the 42nd Meeting of the National Health Committee. — MNA

## Fitness and higher education of people essential for improvement of all sectors in country NHC Chairman addresses 42nd NHC Meeting

YANGON, 4 Nov — National Health Committee Chairman and State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addressed the 42nd NHC Meeting at the meeting hall of Zeyathiyi Beikman on Konmyinthta here this afternoon.

The meeting was attended by NHC member ministers, the Yangon mayor, the deputy minister for Health, the director of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence, responsible personnel of

the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads of the Ministry of Health, and officials.

In his speech, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said the government is making all-out efforts to turn the country into a peaceful, modern and developed nation. At the same time, systematic measures are also being taken for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic state.

In this process, the government is now successfully holding the National Convention, which

is the most vital step of the seven-point Road Map.

Fitness and higher education of the people are essential for the improvement of all sectors in the country in line with the national outlooks. Therefore, the government formed the National Health Committee and the Myanmar Education Committee to effectively carry out the tasks in respective sectors.

The NHC is responsible to evaluate health issues and give counsel to the govern-

ment; to lay down national health policies; to take the lead in drawing health policies and imple-

Minister  
Maj-Gen  
Sein Htwa.  
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Minister  
Dr Kyaw  
Myint.  
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In implementing the different stages of the national health plan, the Ministry of Health receives assistance from related ministries and governmental organizations. Moreover, the Union Solidarity and Development Association, the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Myanmar Red Cross Society, and other volunteer social organizations render cooperation to the ministry.

The government, on its part, is also undertaking public health care services by forming health committees at different levels down to grass-roots level. With these concerted efforts, the tasks of the NHC have achieved success. Therefore, ministries and departments concerned

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## Prizes presented to winners in 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions



YANGON, 4 Nov — The 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions were held from 14 to 31 October here in accordance with the six objectives—to vitalize patriotism and nationalism in all citizens, to preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage, to perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts, to preserve Myanmar national character, to nurture spiritual development of the youths and to prevent influence of alien culture. The prize presentation ceremony of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held yesterday afternoon at National Theatre in Dagon Township. Member of the Panel of Patrons for Organizing the competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented prizes to the winners.

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Minister Col Tin Hlaing presents first prize for basic education level girls' (aged 10-15) Xylophone contest to Ma Kay Zin Chit Su of Yangon Division. — MNA

menting them; and to give counsel to the government as to cooperation with the WHO, the UNICEF and other health-related international organizations and promulgation of health-related laws.

The NHC has been implementing its national health plans laid down in accord with the national health policies. For the time being, the NHC is implementing its 12-point National Health Plan 2001-2006.

Keeping in mind the future state which is being built in accord with national objectives, the NHC is also implementing the 30-year long-term national health plan.

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Prevent penetration of alien culture

Now, the Union of Myanmar is moving on the path where there prevails justice and unity suitable for the country's traditions, culture, national character and norms. And the Government has been implementing the State's Seven-point Road Map step by step, which can guarantee the nation to continue to march along the national path firmly.

In this regard, efforts are to be exerted with heart and soul through the might of national cultural performing arts to shape the better future of the nation in conformity with national character, value, norms and standards.

Member of the Panel of Patrons for Organizing the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, also Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, delivered an address at the prize presentation ceremony for the Competitions the other day.

The Secretary-1 in his address said "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".

Now is the time when the Government is constantly reinforcing own traditions, culture and national sentiment, which have been preserved for centuries, by organizing Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions. It is also exposing grandness of Myanmar's traditions and cultural standard and uplifting the dignity of Myanmar society, while safeguarding cultural heritages including Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions. Only then, will nationalistic spirit, which has been conceived through preservation of national heritages, and national strength, which serves the interests of the nation and the people forever, flourish amongst the national people.

Therefore, the entire people are urged to constantly preserve and uplift the nation's noble traditions, fine customs and grand culture so as to be fully equipped with national fervour in order to prevent the penetration of alien culture.

### 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

### Mayor inspects projects of YCDC

YANGON, 4 Nov—Chairman of the Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, accompanied by officials, inspected the projects being undertaken by the YCDC this morning. On arrival at the Central Forest Zone, the Mayor

and party heard reports presented by officials concerned on progress of construction of a replica of Mt. Popa and future plans. The Mayor instructed the officials to upgrade roads, construct a car park, complete the tasks timely and ensure worksite safety, and in-

spected the project site.

The Mayor also inspected progress in constructing the wooden bridge linking Ba-GanLone island and Khaymardipa island, buildings, and the bridge linking Pale island and TintCarGon island, and gave instruc-

tions on completion of the projects as soon as possible and minimizing loss and wastage. Next, the YCDC Chairman inspected land preparations for building a gold resort and left instructions on ensuring a standard training course.—MNA

### Myanmar delegation returns home from ACMECS

YANGON, 4 Nov — Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu arrived back here by air this morning after attending the Ayeyawady-Chao Phra-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) Ministerial Retreat held in Krabi, Thailand from 1st to 3rd November 2004. At the Retreat, projects that are implemented under the five areas of cooperation during the past year, especially short-term projects to be implemented from 2003 to 2005 were assessed and solutions to effectively overcome the obstacles in implementing them were sought.

It was also agreed at the Retreat, to set up Sectoral Working Groups for each area of cooperation to assess and expedite the process of implementing the ACMECS Plan of Action. In this regard, Myanmar will serve as Coordinating Country for the Agricultural and



Ministers and deputy ministers who attended Ayeyawady-Chao Phra-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) pose for a documentary photo. —MNA

Industrial Cooperation Sector. After the Retreat, Myanmar delegation leader U Kyaw Thu attended the Signing Ceremony and signed the Protocol to the Bagan Declaration on the Admission of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to ACMECS.

During the ACMECS Ministerial Retreat, ACMECS member countries met in an open session with Development Partners (Australia, France, Germany, Japan, New Zealand and Asian Development Bank-

ADB). ACMECS member countries tabled 26 projects under ACMECS Plan of Action for consideration by the Development Partners. The Development Partners expressed their support and interest to collaborate with ACMECS members in implementing the projects.

The Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu received Mr Keishiro Fukushima, Parliamentary Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Japan and discussed matters relating to bilateral relations.

Also present at the meeting were U Nyan Lynn, Director-General of Consular and Legal Affairs Department and U Soe Lynn Han, Counsellor of Myanmar Embassy in Bangkok.

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by directors-general and senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Acting Representative Charge d'Affaires Mr Opas Chantarasup of the Royal Thai Embassy. —MNA

### Chinese wushu coach arrives

YANGON, 4 Nov — Mrs Liang Xia Kul, a daoshu coach from the People's Republic of China arrived here by air

from PRC yesterday to train the Myanmar team that will take part in the sixth Asian Wushu Championships to be hosted by

Myanmar from 20 to 28 November.

Mrs Liang will coach Khaing Khaing Maw, Kaythi Maw and Myo Min Soe, daoshu athletes of the Myanmar team to the championships.

She won gold medal in All China Wushu Championships in 2003, and was included in the Chinese team that staged wushu demonstrations in Myanmar in 1999.

NLM



Chinese coach Mrs Liang Xia Kul seen together with selected Myanmar Wushu athletes. —NLM

### သတိ

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### Date refixed for CLMTV-ECS Trade Fair

YANGON, 4 Nov — The first CLMTV-ECS Trade Fair 2004 to be held on 1st to 5th December is rescheduled to 3rd to 7th December.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.



# Netherlands and Hungary to quit Iraq coalition

LONDON, 3 Nov—The Netherlands and Hungary announced plans to pull their troops out of Iraq next March, moves that could undermine Washington's efforts to secure greater international support for its mission.

The decisions come as other coalition states, often facing public criticism over the deployment of troops in

Iraq, have indicated they will review their plans after the elections due to be held in Iraq in mid-January.

The Dutch Defence Ministry said 1,350 soldiers going to Iraq on Thursday would leave in March and would be the country's last military contribution to the stabilization effort. Ferenc Gyurcsany, the Hungarian Prime Minister, announced plans to withdraw 300 troops in March.

"To stay there until elections are completed is an obligation, to stay there for much longer

is an impossibility," said Mr Gyurcsany, according to *MTI*, the state news agency.

The troop deployment has been a political millstone for the ruling Socialist party, which in the summer forced former Prime Minister Peter Medgyessy out of office and replaced him with Mr Gyurcsany.

About ten states have already either pulled out or announced plans to do so, including Spain, which had 1,400 in Iraq until this year's general election when the centre-right government of former Prime Minister José María Aznar was replaced by the Socialist administration of José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero.

Bulgaria said it would cut its military presence by 10 per cent next month.

*Internet*



A soldier from the Queen's Dragoon Guards warns an Iraqi driver during a lightning storm to keep his headlights off to avoid being hit by enemy fire as a British army convoy travels overnight from Basra to join the Black Watch Battle group at Camp Dogwood, 20 miles south west of Baghdad.

*Internet*

## Roadside bomb kills US soldier in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov — A roadside bomb killed a US soldier in Iraq on Wednesday, the US military said.

The bomb exploded as the soldier's patrol passed the device in Salman Pak, just south of the Iraqi capital. Another soldier was wounded, the military said

in a statement.

The death brings to 859 the number of US soldiers killed in combat in Iraq. Almost 1,120 have died in action or from accidents or other causes since the start of last year's US-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein.— *Internet*

## Russian nuclear submarine fires ballistic missile

MOSCOW, 3 Nov — A nuclear submarine of the Russian Pacific Fleet successfully fired a ballistic missile from the Sea of Okhotsk at 12.25 Moscow Time (0725 GMT) on Tuesday, *ITAR-TASS* news agency said.

A Defence Ministry official was quoted as saying that the missile was launched from the Moscow institute of thermal engineering is unique in its capability to change course and altitude in order to effectively overcome successive anti-missile defence lines.

It is the first launch by the Pacific Fleet in 2004. Earlier, only the North Fleet submarines have performed five successful launches of sea-based intercontinental ballistic missiles to date.

The combat submarines of the Russian Navy are intensively "breaking in" new-generation missiles. Thus, the team of the Dmitry Donskoi submarine of the North Fleet on 24 September carried out "jump" testing of the latest ballistic missile *Bulava*, according to the report.

The warhead of this intercontinental ballistic missile developed at the Moscow institute of thermal engineering is unique in its capability to change course and altitude in order to effectively overcome successive anti-missile defence lines.

The *Bulava* is expected to arm promising new-generation submarines, as well as the *Typhoon*-type submarines (project 941). The intercontinental ballistic missile launched on Tuesday has hit the training target on the Chizh testing ground on Cape Kanin Nos, aide to the commander-in-chief of the Russian Navy Igor Dygalo was cited by *ITAR-TASS* as saying.

He said the successful firing of the missile "confirms the readiness of

the combat management systems of the sea-based strategic nuclear forces for the accomplishment of this kind of assignments."

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Shortage of qualified labour hampers Norwegian industries

STOCKHOLM, 3 Nov — A shortage of qualified labour has led to production problems for traditional Norwegian industries, the Norwegian Broadcasting Corporation (NRK) reported on Tuesday.

Even though there are at the moment 87,000 people without work in Norway, an increasing number of industrial leaders said that they lack qualified workers.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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## Bush wins reelection, Kerry concedes defeat

WASHINGTON, 4 Nov — US President George W Bush has won reelection as his opponent Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry called him and conceded defeat Wednesday.

From his hometown of Boston, Massachusetts, US senator Kerry expressed his congratulations to Bush, telling the Republican President the country now was too divided.

"Congratulations, Mr President... We really have to do something about it," Kerry said in the telephone call described by sources as lasting less than five minutes, media reported. Bush agreed, calling Kerry a worthy, tough and honourable opponent, according to the report.

Kerry's call came after his campaign learned that Bush was assured of victory in key battleground state of Ohio, giving the president an unquestioned majority in the electoral votes.

Both Bush and Kerry will make a statement later in the day about the election, according to US TV networks. Earlier in the day, White House Chief of Staff Andrew Card said Bush will hold off a formal victory declaration to give Kerry the "time to reflect" on the results.

Meanwhile, the Kerry camp made an announcement, refusing to concede defeat before every vote in the controversial state of Ohio had been counted. "We will fight for every vote," Senator John Edwards, Kerry's running mate told supporters in Boston.

Bush has got more than 270 electoral college votes needed to win the presidency after his victory in Ohio.

*MNA/Xinhua*



A man lies on a hospital bed at the Yarmuk general hospital in central Baghdad following an attack along the airport road on the outskirts of the city on 3 Nov, 2004.—*INTERNET*

## 1,123 US troops killed since beginning of Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 3 Nov—As of Wednesday, 3 November, 2004, at least 1,123 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 860 died as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department as of Wednesday. The figures include three military civilians.

The *AP* count is four higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated Wednesday at 10 am EST.

The British military has reported 70 deaths; Italy, 19; Poland, 13; Spain, 11; Ukraine, nine; Bulgaria, seven; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and

the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary and Latvia have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 985 US military members have died, according to *AP*'s count. That includes at least 751 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers as of Wednesday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

—A soldier was killed Wednesday in a roadside bombing 12 miles south of Baghdad.

*Internet*

# British troops in central Iraq suffer new attacks

\*\*\* LONDON, 3 Nov—British troops redeployed in central Iraq to support US forces have come under fresh attacks at their base south of Baghdad, the BBC reported Wednesday.

One mortar exploded at the Camp Dogwood complex, about 25 km southwest of Baghdad, on Tuesday evening, the report said. Five other "impacts" which failed to explode were also reported.

However, the British Defence Ministry said no one was injured and there

was no damage to the base.

The attack was the fourth at Camp Dogwood since the 850-strong battle group, led by three companies of armored infantry from the 1st Battalion the Black Watch, arrived last Friday.

The Black Watch is expected to begin active patrolling this week,

blocking off exit routes from Fallujah and releasing US forces for an anticipated all-out assault on the stronghold, the BBC said.

British Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon said on Tuesday he was confident that the Black Watch would be back in their base in the southern

part of the country within 30 days.

The British government agreed on 2 Oct to send hundreds of troops north to central Iraq to cover for US troops planning a new assault in Iraq.

Concern has been expressed in Britain that the redeployed troops would be in greater danger in a region that has seen far more violence than their base in Basra.

Internet



A fire burns from a car bomb attack near an office of the Iraqi Ministry of Education in Baghdad, on 2 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET

## Asian, African countries pledge to promote trade

TOKYO, 3 Nov—Asian and African countries concluded a two-day meeting on Tuesday, agreeing to intensify Africa-led economic cooperation to help the poverty-stricken continent.

Participants affirmed in a joint policy framework that the ultimate goal of promoting trade and investment is essentially to attain poverty reduction through economic growth.

They said that "African ownership and leadership are essential for promoting trade and investment that will lead to self-reliant and sustainable development and equitable growth as well as support and cooperation of the Asian countries."

The importance of private sector was highlighted. Both sides appealed to all participating countries and organizations to "ensure political, economic and social stability, good governance and transparency over a substantial period of time" in a bid to gain the confidence of private enterprises.

They also called for

improving socioeconomic conditions, such as infrastructure and human resources, and enhancing economic efficiencies.

They intend to establish an appropriate channel for networking public and private sectors in the two regions, which, among other things, would help stimulate the interest of the private sector in business opportunities in Africa.

The conference, known

as the TICAD Asia-Africa Trade and Investment Conference, is part of follow-up actions of the Third Tokyo International Conference on Development (TICAD III) held last year. Representatives of governments, multilateral organizations and private companies from about 60 countries and economies in the two regions attended the meeting, according to the Japanese Foreign Ministry.

MNA/Xinhua

## HK people gaze at Latin "Under the Same Sun" exhibition

HONG KONG, 3 Nov—Two exhibitions, "Under the Same Sun" arts and crafts from Latin America and "Latin Gaze" photography, of the "Latin America in Hong Kong" festival were held at Hong Kong Cultural Centre on Tuesday.

Colourful traditional dresses, hand-made baskets, handbags, festive masks, decorative hanging mats and wooden plates together expressed the culture of Latin American countries which represented the characteristics, originality and creativity at the "Under the Same Sun" crafts exhibition.

The exhibition at the same time illustrated the work of craftsmen who express the traditions of the indigenous communities, producing work which has much to say about their values, customs, aesthetics and individual characters. — MNA/Xinhua

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## Four Jordanian truck drivers kidnapped in Iraq

AMMAN, 3 Nov—Militants seized four Jordanian drivers along a highway in Iraq close to its western border with the kingdom, a Foreign Ministry official said on Wednesday.

The official said the Jordanians were intercepted on Tuesday on the main highway to Baghdad in a desolate location near the town of Rutba, close to the Jordanian-Iraqi border.

The highway is a key trade route.

Relatives said they had been driving four trucks loaded with plastic goods for US army camps. No further details were available.

Several Jordanians have been kidnapped in Iraq since a wave of abductions of foreigners began in April. —Internet

## Bulgaria to reduce troops in Iraq

SOFIA, 3 Nov—Bulgaria will cut its troops in Iraq from 480 to 430 beginning from December, the Defence Ministry said Wednesday.

"US and Polish military experts in Iraq have said 430 troops will be enough to carry out the military tasks in the new spot," said spokesman Vladislav Prelezov said.

Bulgaria sent 500 troops to Iraq in May 2003. The troops operated under a

Polish-led multinational division to maintain social order and protect projects in postwar rebuilding.

More than 70 percent of 8 million people disapproved of the US-led war, in which Bulgaria has lost seven of its soldiers. The leftist opposition has called on the government to withdraw its troops after the January general elections in Iraq.

Internet



Iraqi school children cry near the site of a car bomb attack near an office of the Iraqi Ministry of Education in Baghdad, on 2 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET

## IAF chopper makes world's highest landing in Ladakh

NEW DELHI, 3 Nov—An Indian Air Force Cheetal helicopter on Tuesday made the world's highest landing at a density altitude of 7621 metres on Sasser Kangri massif in Eastern Ladakh setting a new world record.

The Cheetal, sporting a Cheetah air frame with a more powerful tm-333-2b2 aero engine, thus bettered the record held by the US Bell helicopter of landing at an altitude of 7655 metres achieved on July 28, 2004, according to IAF spokesperson Squadron Leader Mahesh Upasani.

Flown by Group Captain A S Butola and Squadron Leader S Sharma the chopper landed at the Sasser Kangri depression between main and south peak at an altitude of 7070, pressure altitude of 7670 metres and density altitude of 7670 metres.

The feat was witnessed and validated

by Wing Commander Upadhyay, Chief test pilot, helicopters of HAL and Wing Commander Uni Pillay flying India's indigenous light helicopter Dhruv.

IAF sources said the motivation behind the world record breaking bid was that a Cheetah helicopter of the IAF had landed at a record density altitude of more than 7,500 metres just a few months back—not in the quest of a record, but to rescue casualties from a mountaineering expedition in extremely challenging conditions. "This feat made the IAF to launch a bid to break the world highest landing record", the spokesperson said.—MNA/PTI



# US soldier pleads guilty in Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal

WASHINGTON, 3 Nov— Army Special Megan Ambuhl has pleaded guilty to one count of dereliction of duty in the Abu Ghraib Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal, in a deal with prosecutors sparing her any prison time, the US Army said on Tuesday.

Ambuhl, a 30-year-old reservist from Centerville, Virginia, was reduced in rank to private and ordered to forfeit half a month's pay, said Lieutenant-Colonel Pamela Hart, an Army spokeswoman at the Pentagon.

She became the third soldier from the Army's 372nd Military Police Company to plead guilty to charges stemming from the abuse at the jail on the outskirts of Baghdad.

A fourth soldier from an Army military intelligence unit also has pleaded guilty. Ambuhl was the first of the soldiers who have pleaded guilty not to receive prison time.

Ambuhl entered her plea on Saturday at a summary court-martial in Baghdad to a charge of dereliction of duty, taking responsibility for failing to

stop or report abuse of prisoners by other US soldiers, according to the Army and Ambuhl's lawyers.

Under her agreement with prosecutors, they dropped charges of conspiracy, maltreatment of detainees and indecent acts. She had faced up to 7 1/2 years in prison if convicted on the more serious charges.

Another soldier in January informed the US military chain of command in Iraq of physical and sexual abuse of Iraqi prisoners at the jail, and a military criminal investigation ensued.

The scandal erupted in April when photographs depicting US soldiers taunting and humiliating naked prisoners became public, sparking world-

wide condemnation.

The two other soldiers from Ambuhl's unit who previously pleaded guilty were Staff Sergeant Ivan "Chip" Frederick and Special Jeremy Sivits.

A US military judge in Baghdad last month sentenced Frederick to eight years in prison after he pleaded guilty to five charges that included assault, committing an indecent act and dereliction of duty. In May, Sivits was sentenced to a year in prison after pleading guilty to maltreating a detainee, conspiracy to maltreat and dereliction of duty.

Special Armin Cruz, a military intelligence soldier, pleaded guilty in September to maltreatment of detainees and was sentenced to eight months in prison.

In addition, PFC Lynndie England was ordered to stand trial on January 17 on charges of assault, conspiracy to mistreat prisoners, committing indecent acts, disobeying orders.

She gained notoriety after photos were released showing her holding a dog's leash attached to a naked Iraqi prisoner.

MNA/Reuters



US Army soldiers remove a covered body from the scene of a car bomb attack in western Baghdad, on 3 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET

## A Filipino and an American kidnapped in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov — A Filipino is among three foreigners, including an American, kidnapped from the Baghdad villa of a Saudi Arabian company supplying US forces in Iraq, officials said on Tuesday.

Initial reports had failed to establish that a Filipino was abducted on Monday along with an American, a Nepali and three Iraqis after a gunbattle in which an Iraqi security guard and one of the assailants were killed.

Two of the Iraqis were released overnight and on Tuesday returned to the villa in the affluent Mansour District.

The kidnap victims work for the Saudi Arabian Trading and Contracting Company (Satco), a Riyadh-based company owned by Saudi and Lebanese businessmen that supplies US forces in Iraq, according to executives who know the firm.

"We are concerned that an American was abducted yesterday...from

Satco in Mansour," a US Embassy spokesman said. "We are actively engaged in the matter but cannot say what we are doing," he said.

He said no one had claimed responsibility or made demands. He confirmed a Filipino was among the captives.

The Philippines Embassy in Baghdad said Satco had reported a Filipino accountant missing immediately after the kidnapping.

"A Filipino is reported missing but I do not have verification that he was kidnapped," said Charge d'Affairs Ricardo Endaya.

The Saudi company has declined to comment.

At least 25 foreigners from a dozen countries are thought to be held by kidnappers trying to drive US-led forces and foreign workers from Iraq. Scores of foreigners have been abducted since April. Many have been freed but more than 35 have been

killed, several of them beheaded.

The last two Americans to be kidnapped in Iraq were beheaded by a militant group led by al-Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi that demanded US-led forces free women detainees.

The body and severed head of a Japanese backpacker kidnapped by Zarqawi's group was found on a Baghdad street on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters

## Ahamed says UAE President a great friend of India

NEW DELHI, 4 Nov — India on Tuesday night condoled the death of UAE President Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al-Nahayan describing him as an "outstanding" leader of Islamic world and recalling his contribution in cementing Indo-Emirates ties.

President A P J Abdul Kalam and Prime Minister Manmohan Singh have sent separate messages condoling the death of the 86-year-old al-Nahayan.

Minister of State for External Affairs E. Ahamed termed the UAE President as an "outstanding leader of the Arab and Islamic world who played a critical role for UAE's progress and prosperity in the last three decades".

Describing al-Nahayan as a "great friend of India", he said he had contributed to Indo-UAE ties and his "deep interest in the well-being of India was always reflected in the strength of the relationship". The UAE President was always helpful to the large Indian community in the Emirates, Ahamed said. — MNA/PTI



American soldiers walk past vehicles damaged in a car bomb explosion at a checkpoint at the entrance of the Baghdad International Airport on the outskirts of Baghdad, on Wednesday, 3 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET

## India warns IAEA should not be utilized for political ends

UNITED NATIONS, 3 Nov — India has warned against the use of International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for "political ends" and said that effective measures should be evolved to check nuclear proliferation without constraining in any way the peaceful uses of nuclear energy.

Intervening in a debate on IAEA, India's Junior Minister for Foreign Affairs Rao Inderjit Singh told the United Nations General Assembly on Monday that the world's nuclear watchdog should not be utilized for political ends beyond its original purpose "to promote safe, secure and peaceful nuclear technologies."

The role of IAEA promoting developmental programmes for the betterment of humankind by using nuclear technologies, he said, is unique and must be encouraged and expanded but it should operate within its technical expertise in a transpar-

ent manner.

He said measures should be evolved to check nuclear proliferation without constraining in any way the peaceful uses of nuclear energy and added India would be a partner in such an effort and should

der the obligation flowing from it.

"... efforts to prevent proliferation should not impose undue restrictions on the development and utilization of nuclear energy," he said.

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## Angola profits more in first half of 2004

LUANDA, 3 Nov — Angola profited an extra revenue of 250 million US dollars in the first half of this year due to the price increase in the world market, according to a local report on Tuesday.

Deputy Prime Minister Aguinaldo Jaime made the disclosure at a Press briefing here on Monday. He said that "the increasing of prices have been favouring an accelerated investments recovery that has been carried out by oil companies as well as a quicker reimbursement of our foreign debt through oil". — MNA/Xinhua

## Prizes presented to winners...

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The ceremony was also attended by Daw Khin Than Nwe, widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of the Leading Committee for the 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, 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 Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions, Chairmen of Work Committee and Sub-committees and members, ambassadors, chage d' affaires, 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.

At the ceremony, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing presented the first prize for the professional level (women's) xylophone contest to Daw Khin Thein Aye of Mandalay Division, second to Daw Khin Khin Myint of Rakhine State and third to Daw Than Than Nyunt of Mandalay Division; the first prize for the amateur level (women's) xylophone contest to Daw Khaing Zar Win of Yangon Division, second to Ma Cho Thet Tin of Sagaing Division and third to Daw Kyi Kyi San of Mandalay Division; the first prize for higher education level (women's) xylophone contest to Ma Lwin Lwin Cho Tun of Rakhine State, second to Ma Tin Zar Aye Lwin of Yangon Division and third to Ma Aung Bo Ma of Sagaing Division; the first prize for the basic education level (women's, aged 15-20) xylophone contest to Ma Ei Ei Chun of Yangon Division, Ma Yadana Lin of Rakhine State and third to Ma Zar Zar Lin (a) Pauk Kyaw Ma of Yangon Division; the first prize for the basic education level (girls', aged 10-15) xylophone contest to Ma K Zin Chit Su of Yangon Division, second to Ma Nyein Aye Thu of Mandalay Division and third to Ma Ingyin Oo of Magway Division and the first prize for the basic education level xylophone contest (girls', aged 5-10) to Ma Win Nanda Lwin of Yangon Division, second to Ma Yadana U of Mandalay Division and third to Ma Zarni Nann Lwin of Yangon Division.

Next, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented first, second and third prizes in men's professional level piano contest to U Myint Aung of Ayeyawady Division, Maung Aung Zaw Htwe of Yangon Division

and U Kyaw Thu Win of Rakhine State respectively, and U Aung Thet Tun of Mandalay Division respectively; first, second and third prizes in the men's amateur level piano contest to U Win Htut of Ayeyawady Division, Maung Pa Zaw Hein of Yangon Division and Maung Chan Tha of Rakhine State respectively; first, second and third prizes in the higher education level men's piano contest to Maung Soe Thein of Rakhine State and Maung Min Zayar Oo of Yangon Division, Maung Yu Maung of Sagaing Division and Maung Aung Ko Thet of Yangon Division respectively; first, second and third prizes in the basic education level piano contest (boys', aged 15-20) to Maung Zayar Min of Yangon Division, Maung Htein Lin Aung of Yangon Division and Maung Chan Ko Naing of Ayeyawady Division respectively; first, second and third prizes in the basic education level piano contest (boys', aged 10-15) to Maung Hein Htoo Zaw of Yangon Division, Maung Pa Pa Aung of Sagaing Division and Maung Thuta Tun of Mandalay Division respectively and consolation prize to Maung Ye Pyi Phyo of Shan State; first, second and third prizes in the basic education level piano contest (boys', aged 5-10) to Maung Pyi Phyo Maung and Maung Paing Phone Maw of Mandalay Division, Maung Zaw Moe Paing of Yangon Division and Maung Nann Oo Htet of Bago Division respectively.

Next, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi presented the second prize for the women's profes-



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi presents first prize for basic education level girls' (aged 5-10) piano contest to Ma Wint Yi Yun of Chin State. — MNA

sional level piano contest to Daw Sein Sein Yin of Yangon Division and third to Daw Than Than Nyunt of Mandalay Division; first prize for the women's amateur level piano contest to Ma Tin Sandar Win of Bagon Division, second to Daw Hnin Ei Phyu of Ayeyawady Division and third to Ma Cho Mar Tun of Taninthayi Division; first prize for women's higher education level piano contest to Ma Khin Swe Mya Kyi of Mandalay Division, second to Ma Ei Thinza Kyaw of Kachin State and third to Ma Khin Swe Mya Nyunt of Mandalay Division; first prize for the basic education level piano contest (girls', aged 15-20) to Ma Ein Tharaphu of Yangon Division, second to Ma Su Myat of Yangon Division and third to Ma Tin Nila Win of Ayeyawady Division; first prize for the basic education level piano contest (women's, aged 10-15) to Ma Theint Myat Thwe of Yangon Division, second to Ma Chan Myay Thu of Mandalay Division and third to Ma Thin Myat Soe of Rakhine State; first prize for the basic education level piano contest (girls', aged 5-10) to Ma Wint Yi Yun of Chin State, second to Ma Nyein Su Tha of Yangon Division and third to Ma Phu Ngon Kyaw of Magwe Division.

Next, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut presented the first, second and third prizes in the professional level men's guitar contest to U Aung Shein of Yangon Division, Shwe Linban Thein



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presents a first prize for basic education level boys' (aged 15-20) piano contest to Maung Zeya Min of Yangon Division. MNA

Hlaing of Yangon Division and U Aung Thein of Ayeyawady Division respectively; first, second and third prizes in the amateur level men's guitar contest to U Myint Kyi of Yangon Division, U Kyaw Myint of Rakhine State and U Thein Naing of Yangon Division respectively; first and second prizes in the higher education level men's guitar contest to Maung Zaw Zaw Aung of Bago Division and Maung Aung Thu Naing of Yangon Division respectively; first, second and third prizes in basic education level men's guitar contest (boys', aged 15-20) to Maung Aung of Yangon Division, Maung Hsi Thu Htet Aung of Yangon Division and Maung Kyaw Swa Lin of Bago Division respectively; first, second and third prizes in basic education level men's guitar contest (boys', aged 10-15) to Maung Aung Naing Soe of Ayeyawady Division, Maung Zarni Hein of Yangon Division and Maung Min Htut of Yangon Division respectively. The minister also presented the first prize for the basic education level guitar contest (boys', aged 5-10) to Maung Phyo Min Zaw of Kachin State, second prize to Maung Phone Lattya of Yangon Division and Maung Nann Tain Yan Tun of Bago Division and third to Maung Htet Ko Ko Lin of Yangon Division.

Afterwards, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented first and second prizes of the amateur level of women's guitar contest to Daw Mya Hnin Yi of Yangon Division and Daw Khine Khine Myint of Bago Division; first prize for the basic education level (women's, aged 15-20) guitar contest to Ma Thiri Hlaing of Yangon

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents a first prize for amateur level women's guitar contest to Daw Mya Hnin Yee (a) Daw Hnin Yi Kyaw Ko Ko of Yangon Division. — MNA



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint presents a first prize for basic education level girls' (aged 10-15) mandolin contest to Ma Phyu Hnin Wai of Bago Division. MNA



## Prizes presented to winners in...

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Division and second prize to Ma Nwe Zin Win of Yangon Division; first prize for the basic education level (girls', aged 10-15) to Ma Su Yi Ko Ko of Yangon Division and second prize to Ma Aye Myat Thu of Yangon Division; first prize for the basic education level (girl's, aged 5-10) to Ma Phyo Phyo Lin of Bago Division and second prize to Ma Pan Mi Mi of Yangon Division; first prize for the professional level men's mandolin contest to U Kyi Shwin of Mon State, second prize to U Kyaw of Sagaing Division and third prizes to U Tin Maung Htay of Magway Division and U Saw Hla Kyi of Mandalay Division; first prize of the amateur level men's mandolin contest to U Hla Myo of Yangon Division, second prize to U Than Soe of Bago Division and third prize to U Maung Maung Lwin of Kachin State; first prize for the higher education level men's mandolin contest to Maung Myo Zaw Zaw of Yangon Division, second prize to Maung Oo Mya Tun of Rakhine State and third prize to Maung Zaw Zaw Aung of Bago Division; first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 15-20) mandolin contest to Maung San Htwe, second prize to Maung Aung Naing Win of Rakhine State and Maung Ko Ko Win of Bago Division; first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 10-15) mandolin contest to Maung Aung, second to Maung Ye Win Aung of Bago Division, third prize to Maung Thet Aung Soe of Ayeyawady Division and consolation prize to Maung Pyae Sone Phyo of Rakhine State; first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 5-10) mandolin contest to Maung Mya Moe and second prize to Maung Htet Ko Ko Lin.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint presented first prize for the professional level women's mandolin contest to Daw Mya Hnin Yi of Yangon Division and second prize to Daw Ohnmar of Ayeyawady Division; first prize for the higher education level women's mandolin contest to Ma Hnin Nwe Soe of Ayeyawady Division; first prize for the basic education level (girl's, aged 15-20) mandolin contest to Ma Thiri Hlaing of Yangon Division, second prize to Ma Nan Thu Zar of Bago Division and third prize to Ma Ei Thandar Aung of Yangon Division; first prize for the basic education level (girl's, aged 10-15) mandolin contest to Ma Phyu Hnin Wai of Bago Division, second prize to Ma Nwe Zin Win of Yangon Division and third prize to Ma Khin Marlar of Shan State; first prize for the basic education level (girl's, aged 5-10) mandolin contest to Ma Le Yi Win of Bago Division,



Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone presents first prize for basic education level boys' (aged 10-15) oboe contest to Maung Kyaw Ko Lat of Magway Division. — MNA

second prize to Ma May Myat Tin of Ayeyawady Division and third prize to Ma Pan Mi Mi of Yangon Division.

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min presented first prize for the professional level men's domin contest to U San Tint of Yangon Division, second prize to U Maung Maung Myint of Shan State and third prize to U Kyaw Htay of Magway Division; first prize for the amateur level men's domin contest to U Sein Tin Aung of Bago Division, second prize to U Myint Soe of Ayeyawady Division, third prize to Maung Min Ye Tun of Yangon Division and consolation prize to U Thaug Myint Tun of Rakhine State; first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 15-20) domin contest to Maung Thet Lwin Maung Tun of Yangon Division and second prize to Maung Htoo Aung of Yangon Division; first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 10-15) domin contest to Maung Zeyar Soe Oo, second prize to Maung Moe Wai of Ayeyawady Division and third prize to Maung Thiha Lin of Bago Division; first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 5-10) domin contest to Maung Aung Kyaw Myint and second prize to Maung San Shwe Myat; first prize for the professional level women's domin contest to Daw Sein Sein Yi of Yangon Division; first prize for the basic education level (girl's, aged 5-10) domin contest to Ma Nan Kyar Nyo Kyawt



Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut presents first prize for basic education level boys' (aged 10-15) Myanmar guitar contest to Maung Aung Naing Soe of Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

of Yangon Division, second prize to Ma Ei Ei Chaw of Mandalay Division and third prize to Ma Zin Mar Win of Yangon Division.

Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Brig-Gen Pyi Sone presented first prize for the professional level men's oboe contest to U Zeyar Pyae of Sagaing Division, second prize to U Sein Maung Ei of Rakhine State and third prize to U San Ohn of Yangon Division; first prize for the amateur level men's oboe contest to U Tar Naw of Mandalay Division, second prize to U San Lwin of Mandalay Division and third prize to U Hla Thein of Yangon Division; first prize for the higher education level men's oboe contest to Maung Tin Myo Lwin of Mandalay Division, second prize to Maung Zaw Myo Thet of Yangon Division and third prize to Ye Win Than of Yangon Division; first prize for the basic education level (aged 15-20) oboe contest to Maung Min Swe of Magway Division, second prize to Maung Sein Than Zaw of Yangon Division and third prize to Maung Si Thu Myo Htike of Mandalay Division; first prize for the basic education level (aged 10-15) oboe contest to Maung Kyaw Ko Lat of Magway Division, second prize to Kaung Myat Wai of Yangon Division and third prize to Maung Si Thu Phyo of Mandalay; first prize for the basic education level (aged 5-10)



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min presents first prize for basic education level girls' (aged 10-15) domin contest to Ma Shwe Zin Chit of Yangon Division. — MNA

oboe contest to Maung Soe Thein of Mandalay Division, second prize to Maung Soe Thiha of Yangon Division and third prize to Maung Myat Ko Ko Win of Yangon Division.

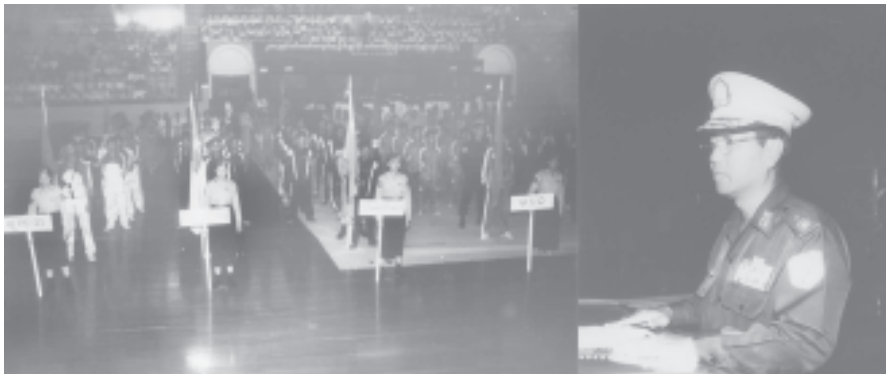
Minister for Labour U Tin Winn presented first prize for the professional level men's violin contest to U Pike of Ayeyawady Division, second prize to U Khin Maung Yin of Mandalay Division and third prize to U Ti Win of Mandalay Division; first prize for the amateur level men's violin contest to Maung Si Thu Aung of Rakhine State, second prize to U Nyunt Win of Mandalay Division and third prize to U San Maung of Yangon Division; first prize for the higher education level men's violin contest to Maung Win Arkar Aung of Bago Division, second prize to Maung Aung Htwe of Yangon Division and third prize to Maung Bo Bo Kyaw of Mandalay; first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 15-20) violin contest to Maung Thein Htet Aung of Yangon Division and second prize to Maung Min Thukha of Yangon Division; first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 10-15) violin contest to Maung Thet Lwin Aung Tun of Yangon Division, second prize to Maung Saw John Na Than Aung of Yangon Division and third prize to Maung Thet Aung Soe of Ayeyawady Division; first prize for the basic education level (boy's, aged 5-10) violin contest to Maung Kyaw Wana of Mandalay Division, second prizes to Maung Hay Shar Yar Taw of Yangon Division and Maung Thiha Oo of Mandalay Division and third prize to Maung Saw Gay De.

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Minister U Tin Winn presents first prize for basic education level boys' (aged 10-15) violin contest to Thet Lwin Aung Tun of Yangon Division. — MNA

## Judo, acrobat competitions of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) commence



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe speaks at the opening of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Shield Judo/Acrobat Tournament (2004). — MNA

YANGON, 4 Nov — A ceremony to open Judo and Acrobat Competitions of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) was held in National Stadium-1 (Thuwunna) this afternoon. On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe formally opened the competitions.

Also present on the occasion were senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, station commanders, the commander of No 3 Military Region, commanders of regiments and units, officials of the Ministry of Sports, officers and other ranks and their families, members of social organizations, fans and

athletes.

First, the commander made a speech on the occasion. In his speech he said that the competitions were held with the purposes of enabling the Tatmadawmen to keep themselves fit and strong, to increase the number of judo and acrobat athletes in Tatmadaw, to produce athletes who will bring honour to the State and to help them win victory in battle fields. Athletes are to follow the rules of the competition.

Altogether 22 teams of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) are taking part in the competitions. The competitions continue till 10 November.

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## Myanmar and Thailand sign MoU on Water Resources

YANGON, 4 Nov — The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation of Myanmar and the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand signed an MoU on cooperation in water resources management at the Dusit Island Resort in Chaing Rai, Thailand on 1 November morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Deputy Minister U Ohn Myint and delegates, Minister for Natural Resources and Environment of Thailand Mr Suwit Khunkitti, delegates and guests.

At the ceremony, the two Ministers delivered addresses,



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo views hybrid corn plantation on 1-11-2004.

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signed the MoU and exchanged the documents. The ceremony came to an end.

After the ceremony, they posed for

documentary photos.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and party went to Chaing Rai Farm and observed

production of the Farm and they were conducted round by Chairman of the Farm Mr Montri and officials.

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## Industry-2 Minister tours Bago, Mandalay divisions

YANGON, 4 Nov — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin on 30 October arrived at construction project of the multi-purpose diesel engines manufacturing factory (Thagaya) Yedashe Township, Bago Division, and inspected the construction work.

At the briefing hall, responsible officials briefed the minister on

progress of construction work and arrangement for water and power supply to the factory.

Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Bank Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin went to Meiktila Bank (Branch) of MIDB the next day and inspected banking services there.

The minister on 1 November arrived at the

vehicle repairing factory No 1 in Aungmyathazan Township, Mandalay Division and inspected SuperMandalay Jeeps and 10-ton and two-ton lorries assembled by the industrial zones.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Saw Lwin also inspected the construction work of the industrial training school (Mandalay).

He went to the

Mandalay Bank (Branch) of MIDB and also inspected the banking services.

On 2 November, the minister arrived at the multipurpose diesel engines manufacturing factory (Thagaya) project in Yedashe Township and gave instruction on efficient use of electricity and fuel.

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## Fitness and higher ...

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are to make continued efforts for further achievements.

Next, NHC Secretary and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo reported on measures taken for the implementation of the 41st NHC meeting's resolutions. Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint also presented reports on arrangements for sending health staff abroad for further medical studies.

Later, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa reported on the operation of health care centres for women.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo also presented additional reports on arrangements made for organizing the fifth traditional medicine practitioners conference and the traditional medicines and medical equipment exhibition. On the occasion, Director-General of the Health Planning Department Dr Kyi Soe read out the resolutions of the 42nd NHC Meeting and sought the approval of the meeting.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein made suggestions in respect to the reports and gave concluding remarks. —MNA



Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo presents a report at the meeting. — MNA

## Contract signed to build Momauk-Lweje Road

YANGON, 4 Nov — The Ministry of Construction and Momauk Road construction Company from China today signed a contract to repair and construct Momauk-Lweje Road at Public Works (Head Office) here.

Managing Director of Public Works U Han Zaw and Director-General of the Chinese construction company Mr Li Hialgyum signed the contract and exchanged documents.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Ministers U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, departmental heads and officials.

After completing Momauk-Lweje gravel road, the Chinese company will carry out the maintenance work of the road for ten years. — MNA

## Nepalese journalists visit Bagan-NyaungU, Sagaing, Mandalay

YANGON, 4 Nov — A seven-member Nepalese journalist delegation led by Mr Manju Ratna Sakya on 2 November visited Shwezigon Pagoda, Alodawpyai Pagoda and Arnanda Pagoda in Bagan NyaungU, Mandalay Division.

In the afternoon, they also visited Bagan Archaeological Museum and Myanmar Institute of Lacquerware.

The delegation went to the University for Development of National Races in Sagaing the next day and viewed round the museum of the university.

During their stay in Mandalay, the journalists called on the Mayor of Mandalay Brig-Gen Yan Thein and visited Maha Myat Muni Buddha Image and the Yadanabon Bridge Project. In the evening, Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein hosted a dinner to them. The delegation arrived back here this morning. — MNA



## Doyen artistes disseminating...

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gentle characteristics and traditions and culture and customs under the ideological and cultural domination will lead the people to fall under spiritual enslavement. Only if the firm historical background, high-standard civilization and the essence and value of the delicate traditions and culture and fine arts can be exposed, will the youths be able to cherish the traditions and culture and to vitalize their national outlook and spirit. Not only a dynamic defence force, but also a strong spiritual force comprising the spirit of national solidarity, Union Spirit and national spirit is also needed to steer the national cause towards a correct way. In addition, preservation and promotion of the national culture is also a requisite for reinforcing

the national strength.

Thus, the Government has been laying down and implementing cultural preservation and promotion programmes in all sectors, holding annually the performing arts competitions in accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. The performing arts have been firmly standing on their own style throughout the past successive eras till now. And throughout history, doyen artistes have handed down the performing arts to new generations, and in this way they have been flourishing.

At the performing arts competitions, doyen artistes are disseminating their invaluable art knowledge and experiences to the new generation. As the performing arts competitions have been achieving success more and more new



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents certificates of honour to maestros and judges for the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

generation youths have come to cherish the performing arts. In this favorable circumstances, the doyen artistes should continue to strive to extend

the task of preserving and promoting traditional culture and for perpetuation of fine cultural traditions and national characteristics, while disseminating the essence of the cultural and art heritage to posterity. At the same time, penetration of customs, styles and thoughts, that are against Myanmar culture, through movies, music, culture and economic doors, must be warded off with the spirit to cherish traditional culture and national spirit. In conclusion, the Secretary-1 thanked and honoured doyen artistes for their ardent contribution to cultural preservation and promotion programmes, wishing them to continue their work with health and longevity.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen

Thein Sein, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe

Win Maung presented gifts of honour to doyen artistes, instructors and judges. Doyen artistes and medalists of the performing arts competitions staged entertainment programmes. The Secretary-1 presented them honorary cash awards. He also greeted those present at the dinner. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents certificates of honour to maestros and judges of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA



Judge from Ayeyawady Division U Moe Kyaw Tun expresses gratitude. — MNA

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In addition, they visited JCS Co Ltd in Kalaw Township, and gave instructions to the officials concerned on extended production of corn and niger. Next, they inspected the 200-acre plot of Shweyinaye strain paddy in Lwemaw village, Kalaw Township. After hearing report on the farm, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe left necessary instructions.

They inspected Kalaw-Taunggyi-Hopang Section of Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway. — MNA

## Coord meeting of Work Committee for Upgrading of Yangon City Kandawgyi Park and Zoological Gardens (Yangon) held

YANGON, 4 Nov — A coordination meeting of Work Committee for Upgrading of Yangon City Kandawgyi Park and Zoological Gardens (Yangon) was held at the Agricultural Museum of Myanma Agriculture Service this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Work Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Members of Work Committee Deputy Minister for Hotel and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, heads of departments, military region commanders, chairmen of District Peace and Development Councils and guests.

First, the commander made a speech on the occasion. In

his speech he said that Kandawgyi Park and Zoological Gardens are located in the heart of Yangon City. Therefore, measures are to be taken for timely completion of upgrading tasks with modern designs without affecting existing natural resources. The earlier the project is completed than scheduled, the sooner the people can have relaxation there. Later, he called for speedy implementation of the project. Next, Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu presented reports to the commander on progress in construction of high-class restaurants and possibility of opening them; Brig-Gen Than Htay on assistance rendered for timely completion; Head of Department of Gardens and Playgrounds U Nyunt Pe of Yangon City Development Committee on progress of construction work in

Relaxation Zone; Director of Yangon Division Forest Department U Khin Win on tasks being carried out and future tasks in Central Forest Zone; Deputy Director of Fisheries Department U Min Thein on measures being taken for construction of fresh water fish gardens and future tasks in Education Zone; President of Hoteliers Association Dr Khin Shwe on progress of work and future tasks in Recreation Zone; Director of Yangon Division Irrigation Department U Kyaw Thein on tasks for storage of more water in Kandawgyi Lake; Managing Director of Woodland Co Ltd U Win Aung on progress in construction of high-class swimming pools; President of Pyi Sone Win Naing Co Ltd U Win Naing on tasks being carried out for running Mono Rail in the gardens; Associate Professor of the

Minister of Science and Technology on quality tests; Director of the Ministry of Forestry U Myint Swe on progress in upgrading tasks of Zoological Gardens (Yangon); Manager of MAS U Myo Nyunt on measures being taken in Education Zone; and Architect Mr John Enada on measures to be taken for the application of advanced technologies according to conceptual design in upgrading tasks of Kandawgyi Gardens. After that heads of departments gave suggestions on timely completion of upgrading tasks of the Kandawgyi Park and the Zoological Gardens. After hearing the reports, the commander gave instructions on speedy completion of the project. After the meeting, officials conducted the commander round the construction sites.

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18. The Central Authority shall, on deciding to give assistance send the decision of the Central Authority and the documents on request of assistance to the relevant government department and organization with Transferring a Person in Custody Temporarily to give Testimony, Statement or Expert Opinion to the Requesting State in (Form-4), to obtain his opinion.

19. The relevant government department and organization shall clarify to the person in custody the decision of the Central Authority, as well as the request of assistance in conformity with the law, agreement and commitments of the Requesting State, and send the opinion of the person in custody as to whether or not he is willing to go to the foreign State and give assistance in (Form-4), within the prescribed period.

20. The Central Authority shall, if the person in custody has agreed to testify or give statement or expert opinion regarding the clarification under Rule 19 inform the Requesting State. The copy of the said letter of information shall be sent to the person in custody and to the government department and organization that will hand over the said person.

21. If the person in custody, after agreeing to give testimony, statement or expert opinion in the Requesting State retracts his agreement in writing before departure from Myanmar, the relevant government department and organization shall submit the matter to the Central Authority, without delay.

22. The Central Authority shall, on receiving the submission of the relevant government department and organization, inform the retraction of the said agreement immediately to the Requesting State.

23. The Central Authority shall, for enabling to hand over the person in custody to the Requesting State to give testimony, statement or expert opinion, send the request of assistance and the necessary documents to the relevant government department and organization that will hand over the person in custody temporarily, instructing to assign a suitable official for supervision.

24. The Central Authority shall, on receiving information that the Requesting State will hand over the person in custody after obtaining testimony, statement or expert opinion to Myanmar, inform the government department and organization that handed him over for receiving him back.

25. The relevant government department and organization shall:—

- (a) carry out in accordance with the instruction of the Central Authority for enabling to receive the person in custody back;
- (b) report to the Central Authority immediately after the person in custody has been received back.

26. The Central Authority shall, if it is no longer required to keep the person in custody, who was handed over to give testimony, statement or expert opinion due to request of assistance by the foreign State, inform the authority of the relevant State to release the said person from custody.

**Chapter VI**

**Requesting Assistance by Myanmar**

27. Any government department and organization shall, if it desires to request assistance from a foreign State in respect of matters contained in section 11 of the Law submit to the Central Authority with Submission to Seek Assistance from the Authority of the foreign State in Form (5), mentioning the necessary facts contained in section 12 of the Law, to obtain permission.

28. The Central Authority:-

- (a) shall, after scrutinizing the submission made

under Rule 27 to seek assistance from a foreign State, and if permission is to be granted carry out in accordance with section 34 of the Law.

- (b) may, if there is agreement with the foreign State from which assistance is sought in urgent matters, request assistance from the authority of the said foreign State through Interpol.

29. The Central Authority may, if the following events occur, request the authority of the said State with Requesting Assistance in Criminal Matters in (Form-6) or in the Form prescribed by the said State for causing any person residing in the foreign State to come to Myanmar and give testimony or assistance:

- (a) there being credible ground that the said person will be able to give testimony or assistance regarding any offence;
- (b) the said person agreeing to come to Myanmar and give testimony or assistance.

30. The Central Authority shall, for enabling the person who is to give testimony or assistance to come to the Union of Myanmar, to depart from the Union of Myanmar and to perform other relevant matters, assign duty to the relevant government department and organization.

**Chapter VII**

**Taking Over Temporarily a Person in Custody in Foreign State to Take**

**Testimony, Statement or Expert Opinion in Myanmar**

31. The government department and organization desirous of taking testimony or statement or expert opinion of a person in custody in foreign State in Myanmar shall submit to the Central Authority mentioning also the following, in addition to the requirements contained in section 12 of Law.

- (a) detailed programme to bring the person in custody;
- (b) necessary documents, records and evidences.

32. The Central Authority shall on receiving the submission under Rule 31 and on deciding that the testimony, statement or expert opinion of a person in custody in foreign State should be obtained, request the foreign State to hand over temporarily the said person for obtaining the testimony, statement, or expert opinion.

33. The Central Authority shall, on receiving the letter informing that the person in custody in foreign State has agreed to give testimony, statement or expert opinion in Myanmar and that assistance will be given to Myanmar by the foreign State instruct the relevant government department and organization to carry out the following matters:

- (a) carrying out to obtain a visa for the person in custody in foreign State and taking him over temporarily;
- (b) keeping the said person in custody continuously at an appropriate place in Myanmar;
- (c) obtaining the testimony or statement of the said person.

34. The Central Authority shall, after carrying out the matters contained in Rule 33, instruct the relevant government department and organization to make arrangements for sending the said person back to the relevant foreign State.

35. The Central Authority shall, when informed by the foreign State that the person in custody who has been handed over to the Union of Myanmar is no longer required to be kept in custody, inform the relevant government department and organization to

release the said person from custody.

**Chapter VIII**

**Bearing of Costs**

36. If there is no agreement by other means, the ordinary expenses in respect of the request of assistance shall be borne by the State rendering assistance. The two States shall, if the expenses are of unusual or extraordinary nature bear the same in accordance with the conditions agreed upon in advance.

37. (a) If there is an agreement to assist reciprocally with the Union of Myanmar and if is mentioned that the expenses are to be settled by special arrangement, they shall be borne in accordance with the said agreement.

(b) If the requesting State agrees to pay all the expenses relating to request for assistance, they shall be borne by the said State.

(c) If a person in custody is transported passing through the territory of Myanmar or in transit in the territory of Myanmar the expenses incurred shall be borne by the State which first brought the said person or the requesting State.

38. The relevant government department and organization shall, if the expenses regarding the request of assistance or rendering of assistance are to be borne by the Union of Myanmar submit to the Government together with the recommendation of the Central Authority and obtain approval thereof.

**Chapter IX**

**Miscellaneous**

39. The Government, in exercising the power contained in section 9 of the law, in respect of requesting assistance, shall amend, alter, suspend or cancel only when it is required due to the reason that the activity of the Central Authority is not in conformity with the aims of the law as provided in section 4 of the Law.

40. In implementing the functions and duties relating to mutual assistance in criminal matters, in the absence of express provision in these Rules, the provisions contained in the Code of Criminal Procedure or any other existing law may be applicable, as may be appropriate.

41. With respect to mutual assistance in criminal matters, there shall be the right to submit as exhibits documents, records and evidence sent by the authority of the foreign State due to request made by the Central Authority.

42. (a) The Central Authority shall, if the requested matter of the foreign State is for judicial proceedings, inform the Supreme Court.

(b) The Supreme Court may carry out the matter informed under sub-section (a) by itself or delegate to the relevant competent Court.

43. With respect to mutual assistance in criminal matters, if any matter arises to be settled the relevant government department and organization shall submit it to the Central Authority immediately for enabling negotiation and settlement of the same between the Requesting State and the Central Authority.

44. With respect to rendering and obtaining assistance, if there are bilateral or multilateral agreements between the parties of the said agreements it shall be complied with, and if there are no specific provisions in the said agreement, it shall be carried out in accordance with these Rules.

(Sd) Colonel Tin Hlaing  
**Minister**  
**Ministry of Home Affairs**



# "Reuters" cameraman died in battle between Marines and guerillas

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov— The US military said on Tuesday a cameraman killed in the Iraqi city of Ramadi while on assignment for Reuters had died in a gunbattle between Marines and guerillas.

"Marines from the 1st Marine Division of the I Marine Expeditionary Force engaged several guerillas in a brief small arms firefight that killed an individual who was carrying a video camera earlier Monday morning," it said in a statement. The statement was the military's first response to questions about the killing from Reuters.

Video footage of the incident showed no apparent fighting and no sounds of shooting in the vicinity before Najim was killed by a single bullet. He filmed heavy clashes between Marines and guerillas earlier in the day but that had subsided.

Najim's colleagues and family said they believed he had been shot by a US sniper. The cam-

eraman was near his house in the Sunni Muslim city's Andalus District when he was hit by a single bullet in the back of the neck that killed him instantly.

Video shot from an upper floor of a building nearby shows Najim, at first half-hidden by a wall, move into the open. As soon as he emerges, a powerful gunshot cracks out and he falls to the ground, his arms outstretched.

Civilians are seen gathering calmly at the scene immediately afterwards to look at his lifeless body. Marine snipers are posted in Ramadi, news photographs taken on Sunday show.

US State Department spokesman Adam Ereli told reporters in Washington on Monday that officials were "deeply disturbed" by deaths of jour-

nalists in Iraq, including Najim's. "We rededicate ourselves now to providing an environment in which the free press can do its work," he said.

Ereli was commenting on a spate of attacks on journalists in Iraq, including a bomb attack on Al Arabiya television at the weekend which killed seven people. He was speaking before the Marines' statement.

The military statement said: "Identification badges found on the dead man confirmed employment with a major news agency."

"Inspection of videotape in the camera revealed footage of previous attacks on Multi-National Force military vehicles that included the insurgent use of RPGs (rocket-propelled gre-

nades), an IED (roadside bomb) and small arms fire."

It was not immediately clear how the US military had been able to view the tape in Najim's camera, which has not been recovered by Reuters, or check his identity cards. "The guerillas fled the scene with their wounded but left the body of the dead man along the side of the road," it said. — MNA/Reuters



## Car bomb blows up near US convoy

BAGHDAD, 4 Nov — A suspected car bomb blew up near a US convoy on the main road to Baghdad airport on Wednesday, witnesses said. There was no word on casualties.

The witnesses said a car exploded not far from the first US checkpoint on the airport road in southwestern Baghdad, setting fire to a US military Humvee vehicle.

Smoke billowed from the damaged vehicles.

US military officials could not immediately be reached for comment. A US military spokesman in the Green Zone complex in central Baghdad said earlier that he had heard the blast, but did not know what had caused it. — MNA/Reuters

## Car bomb kills five people in central Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 3 Nov — A suspected car bomb exploded outside the Education Ministry in central Baghdad on Tuesday, killing at least five people and wounding four, a Reuters witness said.

A ministry official, who asked not to be named, said about 20 people had been killed or wounded.

The blast in the Iraqi capital's Adhamiya District heavily damaged the ministry building and destroyed half a dozen vehicles. Smoke poured from the building as firemen fought a blaze set off by the blast.

The body of one elderly man lay in the street on fire. Two of the dead

were women. The bomb exploded in a sidestreet, close to a wall of the ministry building, at about 9:30 a m (0630 GMT).

Water from burst mains flooded the streets.

Parents of children at a nearby girls' school raced to the scene in panic searching for their daughters. There were no reported casualties at the school.

US troops and Iraqi National Guards arrived later as American helicop-

ters clattered overhead.

Neighbours said they had urged the ministry's security officials in the past to block off the sidestreet where the bomb went off. "They didn't listen to us," said one man.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack, the latest of many bombings to bring carnage to the heart of Baghdad since last year's US-led invasion.

MNA/Reuters



US troops search an Iraqi car in central Baghdad, following an attack along the airport road on 3 Nov, 2004. At least nine people were injured after a car bomb punched another hole into battle-scarred Baghdad, while guerillas kidnapped more foreigners and shot dead a top oil ministry official.

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## Chinese trade platform in Dubai opens gate to Syrians

DAMASCUS, 3 Nov — A soon-to-open Chinese trade centre in the UAE city of Dubai has welcomed Syrian businessmen to trade with it in the future.

Chinamexmart, the largest permanent Chinese trading platform outside China, offers an easy and direct access for the Syrian importers, said a statement of the company obtained by Xinhua on Monday.

"Our aim is to facilitate industrial and economic development in Syria through easy availability of high-quality, competitively-priced goods from reputable

manufacturers in China," vice-president of the company David Xu said.

Meanwhile, the close proximity of the platform to Syria could allow the Syrian entrepreneurs an easier opportunity to explore joint venture possibilities with their Chinese counterparts, added Xu.

Chinamexmart is a joint venture with Jebel Ali Free Zone Authority, which is designed to establish a large-scale eco-

nomie and trading platform for the Middle East, Africa, South Asia and Europe.

The mart, to be inaugurated on December 6, covers an area of 150,000 square metres and will house 3,000 Chinese enterprises specializing on varieties of products, such as building materials, stationery, industrial equipment and furnishings.

MNA/Xinhua



US troops close off a street in the Mansour District of Baghdad on 3 Nov, 2004. A US-Lebanese man working for Iraq's transport ministry was kidnapped overnight from his house in Mansour. — INTERNET

## Foreign tourist arrivals rise in September in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 3 Nov — The number of foreign tourists visiting Indonesia in September reached 403,444, up 16.5 per cent from that of the same period last year, the Central Bureau of Statistic (BPS) announced here on Monday.

However, the figure was lower than the previous month due to the seasonal cycle of travelling as September is the low season for foreign tourists to go overseas after the peak season of August, Head of the BPS Choirul

Maksum said.

"The bombing in front of the Australian Embassy in Jakarta in September does not significantly affect foreign tourist arrival into Indonesia," he told reporters.

MNA/Xinhua

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### Summit of Rio Group to discuss foreign debts

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 3 Nov**—The Summit of the Rio Group, to be held Thursday and Friday in Brazil, will pay more attention to the restrictions of foreign debts on society and development in member countries.

The Rio Group, comprising 19 Latin American countries, will propose to international organizations, including the International Monetary Fund, some measures to lessen the burden of public accounts.

According to the governments of member countries, debt repayment will deplete the resources that are needed for social programmes and development in the countries.

The debt problem was also discussed during the previous summit held in the southern Peruvian city of Cusco.

Another issue at the upcoming summit will be the political, economic and social situation in Haiti and the difficulties facing the UN peace mission deployed in the Caribbean country.

MNA/Xinhua

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#### Colombia seizes 2.1 tons of cocaine

**BOGOTA, 3 Nov** — The Colombian Navy seized in a joint operation with the US Coast Guards 2,151 kilos of cocaine on the international waters of the Pacific Ocean, Navy authorities said Tuesday.

Five traffickers, including four Colombians and a Mexican were captured on the fast boat carrying the huge amount of narcotics in the operation carried out under the Agreement on Maritime Interdiction signed by the United States and Colombia.

Navy officials said the boat departed from the port of Buenaventura in the west of Colombia and its owner was yet to be identified.

Drug pushers leaving from the Colombian coast of the Pacific Ocean usually make a stop in Central America and Mexico before reaching their final destination in the US, said the officials.

Colombia is one of the top producers of narcotics in the world and most of the drugs from the South American country are consumed in the US and Europe.

MNA/Xinhua

#### Hainan Airlines to buy three "Boeing" jets with bank loan

**TAIYUAN, 3 Nov** — Hainan Airlines based in China's southernmost island province has ordered three *Boeing 737-800* jets with a 1.1-billion-yuan (132.5-million-US-dollars) loan granted by a domestic bank, company sources have confirmed.

The airline company signed a pact with the Shanxi branch of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (ICBC) on Monday in Taiyuan, capital of north China's Shanxi

Province, said Chen Feng, president of Hainan Airlines Group, China's fourth-largest carrier.

The three jets will be delivered in July, August and September, 2005, to their end user Shanxi Airlines, one of the four members the Hainan Airlines Group, said Chen. Shanxi Airlines has presently two *Boeing 737-400s* and three *737-700s* in its fleet.

The new *Boeing 737-800* is equipped with a state-of-the-art engine that



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#### UAE's development projects cost \$2.3b

**ABU DHABI, 3 Nov**—The overall cost of development projects of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) ministries and federal autonomous authorities for 2004 has reached 2.3 billion US dollars, the official WAM news agency reported Monday.

Minister of Planning Sheikh Humaid Bin Ahmed Al Mualla said in his investment programme report that the figure is a 7.7-per-cent rise in total costs of federal development projects as compared to that of last year.

Financial allocations for development projects of ministries and autonomous authorities this year rose by 5.8 per cent as against the last year's funds of 792 million US dollars.

Total costs of projects which are under construction by the Ministry of Public Works and Housing have reached around 1.2-billion-US-dollars, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua

### Senior Chinese leader emphasizes all-round links with DRC

**BEIJING, 3 Nov 3** — Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong said here on Monday China is ready to further its relationship with the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Zeng made the remarks during his meeting with Raymond Ramazani Baya, visiting Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the DRC.

Over the years, Zeng said China and the DRC have been trust-worthy friends who treat and cooperate with each other on an equal footing and according to the five principles of

peaceful co-existence.

Zeng said the Chinese Government appreciates the government of the DRC for its firm support to China on such major issues as Taiwan.

He said China is ready to further expand bilateral friendly relations, increase exchanges, enhance mutual trust in politics and expand trade and economic cooperation. China is willing to continuously expand exchanges between the two countries in the fields of culture, education and health, he said.

Baya said the relations between China and the Democratic Republic of the Congo have set an example to others in the world. He thanked China for its support to the Con-

golese Government's efforts to realize peace and national development.

Baya expressed the willingness to further enhance bilateral political exchanges, expand trade and economic cooperation and strengthen coordination in international organizations. He said the two countries should reinforce and develop bilateral relations so as to bring benefits to their people.

Baya reiterated that the Democratic Republic of the Congo will stick to the one-China policy and firmly support China's cause of reunification.

Baya arrived here Sunday for an official visit to China at the invitation of Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing.

MNA/Xinhua

#### HK, Ireland enhance bilateral economic relations

**HONG KONG, 3 Nov**—Hong Kong Chief Secretary for Administration Donald Tsang met with Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern in Dublin of Ireland to discuss measures to develop bilateral links in the economic and cultural spheres, according to a government Press release on Tuesday.

Donald Tsang welcomed Monday Ireland's increasing interest in the growing Chinese market, and reiterated Hong Kong's intention to strengthen ties with the republic.

"Hong Kong is already the biggest investor in the Chinese Mainland. With the implementation

of the Chinese Mainland/Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA) and the Pan- Pearl River Delta initiative to develop closer links between Hong Kong, Macao and nine southern provinces, we will offer an excellent base for Irish companies to do business in the region," Tsang said.

Tsang and Ahern witnessed the initialling of a working holiday agreement which will enable young people to travel to Ireland and Hong Kong for up to a year, hoping the exchange will lead to greater understanding and co-operation.

MNA/Xinhua

#### Venezuelan police seize 180 kilos of cocaine

**CARACAS, 3 Nov**—The Venezuelan investigative police seized 180 kilos of cocaine and arrested two Colombians on a ranch in the western state of Portuguesa, local newspaper *El Nacional* reported Tuesday.

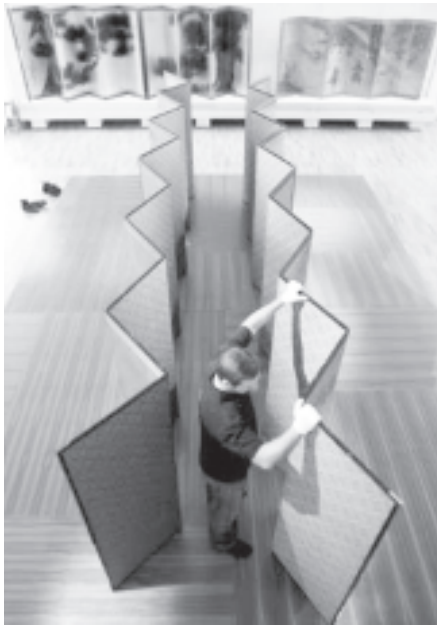
Police officials of the Anti-Narcotics Division arrested the two men Monday when they were to take drugs to Haiti on the Galapaguito ranch. The seizure was conducted after a six-month investigation.

The police investigated a group which carried drugs from Colombia to Venezuela, from where the drugs were sent abroad.—MNA/Xinhua

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*Peter Tsangarides carefully positions a Japanese screen painting more than 400-years-old at Sydney's New South Wales Art Gallery on 4 November, 2004 for part of the gallery's collection of 16th to 17th century Japanese art. The exhibition showcases screens from the 'Golden Age' of Japanese screen painting, which in Japanese are called 'byōbu' or 'protection from the wind'.*

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## Thai govt sets up National Rice Office

**BANGKOK, 4 Nov —** Thailand made a further step in securing the future of its rice production sector by authorizing the establishment of the National Rice Office, aimed at turning the nation into a world leader in rice production, trade, research and development.

Proposed to the Cabinet by the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, the National Rice Office is being set up at the request of Her Majesty Queen Sirikit, who in recent talks with Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra spoke of the need to bring the various agencies responsible for

rice cultivation, trade and research under a single umbrella, the *Thai News Agency* reported Wednesday.

The new office will function essentially as a government department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives, and will be staffed by officials from the min-

istries of agriculture, commerce, and science and technology.

Government Spokesman Jakrapob Penkair said the new office would help facilitate planning and policy making, while ensuring the effective transfer of technology to rice farmers.

MNA/Xinhua

## Shahrukh Khan celebrates 39th birthday

**MUMBAI, 4 Nov —** Bollywood star Shahrukh Khan turned 39 Tuesday and it was a quiet celebration by the actor with his family members and close friends.

Shahrukh, described by the *Time* magazine as "biggest movie star in the world", marked his birthday in a manner unlike the grandeur usually associated with the celebrations of birthdays of some other Bollywood stars, industry sources said.

"It was a quiet family affair although Shahrukh invited only the closest friends in the film fraternity," an industry source said.

Beginning his career as a television

actor by doing roles in serials like "Fauji" and "Circus", Shahrukh has come a long way and has given industry some of the biggest hits like "Baazigar", "Darr", "Dilwale Dulhaniya Le Jayenge", "Kuch Kuch Hota Hai", "Kal Ho Na Ho".

Two of his films Yasho Chopra-made "Veer Zaara" and "Swades" from Asutosh Gowariker of "Lagaan"-fame are likely to be released this year.

MNA/PTI

## Paramount Pictures chairwoman to depart when contract expires

**LOS ANGELES, 4 Nov —** Sherry Lansing, chairwoman of the Hollywood studio Paramount Pictures, will leave her post at the end of next year when her contract expires, she announced Tuesday.

Her announcement came after several management shakeups at the studio's parent company Viacom, including the departure of Jonathan Dolgen, who had shared power with Lansing at Paramount and left shortly after Tom Freston and Les Moonves were made co-presidents of Viacom in June.

It was also regarded as part of efforts by Freston and Viacom chairman Sumner Redstone to revitalize the ailing studio after several years of lackluster performance. Paramount has seen a series of box office disappointments in recent years, including "The Stepford Wives".

Lansing, 60, said she plans to leave her high-

profile Hollywood job when her contract expires on December 31, 2005, and that she will help find a successor.

Lansing, a former actress and model, became the first female president of production for a Hollywood studio in 1980 when she was named to that job at 20th Century Fox Productions. —MNA/Xinhua

## Archaeologists find Iron Age hut in Czechoslovakia

**PRAGUE, 4 Nov —** Archaeologists have discovered remains of a nearly 3,000 years old hut from the Iron Age with extraordinary well preserved facilities during the excavations in Prague-Liboc, research head Michal Bures from the Archaia organization said on Tuesday.

"The places where the inhabitants prepared and ate meat, where they ground wheat and where they stored it are recognizable in the hut's interior," Bures said.

The archaeologists have revealed a fireplace, a ceramic water container

and a small oven. Two containers for valuables were found under the floor, but they were empty. The excavations started last autumn and have brought other discoveries as well, including about twenty 7,000 years old tombs.

"One of the buried individuals has a sharpened axe and a marble weapon, another one was buried with several necklaces from bone beads and small shells," Bures said. He added it is a unique discovery.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam exports more fragrant rice

**HANOI, 4 Nov —** Vietnam exported over 100,000 tons of fragrant and glutinous rice in the first 10 months this year, up from 75,000 tons in the whole 2003, said the Vietnam Food Association Wednesday.

Among fragrant and glutinous rice strains, Khawdakmali has the highest export price — 400 US dollars per ton, followed by sticky rice with 240-250 dollars, and Jasmine with 240 dollars, which are comparatively high compared to prices of 5 per cent broken normal rice at 220-225 dollars, according to the as-

sociation.

Main importers of Vietnamese fragrant rice are Southeast Asian countries, it said.

The association has proposed to the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development that more fragrant rice, especially the Jasmine strain, should be grown for export. Vietnam currently has some

115,000 hectares of fragrant and glutinous rice.

The country shipped abroad nearly 3.5 million tons of rice of all kinds totalling 817 million dollars in the first 10 months this year, down 5.4 per cent in volume but up 17.9 per cent in value over the same period last year.

MNA/Xinhua

## Jackie Chan to make more action movies in Hollywood, Asia

**SINGAPORE, 4 Nov —** Hong Kong film legend Jackie Chan will perform martial arts stunts as long as he can and has no plans to retire after turning 50 this year, but he said on Wednesday he might like to direct a film.

Chan, who performs most of his own gravity-defying stunts and came close to death in 1985 after falling from a tree and splitting open his skull, says he would like to make more action movies both in Hollywood and Asia.

"I don't know how far I can go, but I'll just keep going. I feel I still can do it," Chan told a news conference in Singapore, where he is promoting the share market listing of Hong Kong-based film company Media Asia Entertainment Group Ltd.

"Movies are my business and movies are my job...but if I am not in front of the screen then I would become a director or producer," he said.

MNA/Reuters

## Australia ratifies tobacco control treaty

**MANILA, 4 Nov —** Australia has ratified the World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC), which is designed to reduce the devastating health and economic impact of cigarette smoking.

Australia ratified the treaty on October 27, becoming the 34th country ratifications, which has given the global war on smoking a major boost, the WHO Regional Office for the Western Pacific said Tuesday here in a statement.

"Australia has provided excellent leadership on tobacco control, as well as during the intense FCTC negotiations," said Shigeru Omi, WHO's Regional Director for the Western Pacific.

"Its decision to ratify brings us one step closer to protecting present and future generations from the destructive force of tobacco use and exposure to tobacco smoke pollution," he added.

With just six more ratifications, the FCTC becomes international law, requiring that coun-

tries that ratify it implement comprehensive tobacco measures, the WHO statement said.

Almost one fifth of all Australians aged 14 and above smoke. Smoking is the single greatest cause of death and disease in Australia, causing an estimated 19,000 deaths each year, the statement said.

Tobacco is responsible for an estimated 3000 deaths per day in the Western Pacific Region. As a risk to health, it ranks first among developed countries; it is a contributor to five of the top 10 diseases and injuries. Worldwide, tobacco now accounts for 9 per cent of all deaths, it added. — MNA/Xinhua

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## SPORTS

**AS Roma draw 1-1 with Bayer Leverkusen**

ROME, 4 Nov — An injury-time equalizer by striker Vincenzo Montella threw AS Roma a Champions League lifeline when they drew 1-1 with Bayer Leverkusen in a Group B match played behind closed doors at the Olympic Stadium on Wednesday.

An earlier goal by Dimitar Berbatov had seemed to condemn Roma to their fourth successive defeat and elimination, but two minutes into injury time Montella latched on to a Francesco Totti pass before firing past Jorg Butt to rekindle his side's faint hopes of progressing. Leverkusen remain locked together with Real Madrid and Dynamo Kiev on seven points after their rivals drew 2-2 in Ukraine, while Roma remain in with the slenderest of a chance on one point.

UEFA ordered the match to be played behind closed doors after Swedish referee Anders Frisk was injured by a coin thrown from the stands in Roma's opening Champions League match against Dynamo Kiev in September. To the strains of the Champions League anthem, the players trooped out to the unusual sight of rows of empty seats in a stadium that holds 75,000 spectators.

MNA/Reuters

**Champions League:****Ronaldinho's brilliant goal gives Barcelona 2-1 win over Milan**

BARCELONA, 4 Nov — A brilliant late strike from Ronaldinho gave dominant Barcelona a 2-1 comeback win over AC Milan in an epic Champions League contest at the Nou Camp on Tuesday.

The Brazilian forward brought the crowd to its feet when he jinked his way past two defenders and fired an unstoppable shot high into the net just two minutes from time to give the Catalans a thoroughly deserved win in Group F.

"It was an unforgettable goal and came at the perfect time," said delighted Barca coach Frank Rijkaard.

Milan had taken the lead against the run of play when Ukraine international Andriy Shevchenko finished off a razor-sharp break with a cool finish in the 17th minute.

But the Catalans, who were on top throughout, responded by pouring for-

ward and got their reward when African Player of the Year Samuel Eto'o lashed home eight minutes before the break.

Despite the defeat Milan remain top, level on nine points with Barce-

lona, while Donetsk and Celtic have three.

Barca controlled possession from the start, stroking the ball around midfield and probing for gaps in Milan's defence.

MNA/Reuters



Barcelona's Samuel Eto'o(L) celebrates with teammate Ronaldinho(R) after scoring a goal during a Champion League soccer match in Barcelona.

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**Real holds 2-2 draw with Dynamo Kiev**

KIEV, 4 Nov — Real Madrid fought back from two goals down to draw 2-2 with Dynamo Kiev in their Champions League match on Wednesday, leaving Group B wide open with two rounds remaining.

Nigerian midfielder Ayila Yussuf, who turns 20 on Thursday, gave himself a birthday present with his first Champions League goal, firing home in the 13th minute after his shot deflected off Michael Owen and wrong-footed Real keeper Iker Casillas.

Latvia striker Maris Verpakovskis made it 2-0 minutes later with a solo effort and the Ukrainian champions looked poised

to take control of the game.

But Real, who conceded three goals in each of their last two Champions League away games, fought back with a vengeance despite missing three key players including England captain David Beckham through injury.

Raul started the Spanish comeback in the 38th minute with his 48th Champions League goal — one behind former Real striker Alfredo Di Stefano's European scoring record.

Luis Figo, who turns 32 on Thursday, also had reason to celebrate a day early after threading a perfect pass to Raul, who gave Olexander Shovkovsky no

chance as he slotted the ball into the corner with his left foot. Figo then silenced a capacity 83,000 home crowd at Kiev's Olympic stadium, levelling the score with a 44th-minute penalty after Ronaldo was tripped inside the box by Dynamo's Moroccan international Badr El Kaddouri.

Despite conceding four goals between them, Shovkovsky and Casillas made several fine saves in a frantic first half. Dynamo captain Shovkovsky stopped Roberto Carlos and Ronaldo while at the other end, Casillas made a great diving save to deny Oleg Gusev from the edge of the box. — MNA/Reuters

**Manchester United demolishes Sparta Prague 4-1**

MANCHESTER (England), 4 Nov — Ruud van Nistelrooy struck four times as Manchester United demolished Sparta Prague 4-1 in a lively Champions League Group D match at Old Trafford on Wednesday.



Manchester United's Ruud van Nistelrooy sidesteps the keeper to score his first of four goals against Sparta Prague during their Champions League clash at Old Trafford, Manchester United won 4-1.

INTERNET

Van Nistelrooy, recalled after missing the 2-0 defeat at Portsmouth on Saturday through suspension, responded in style to manager Alex Ferguson's criticism of his expensive strike force by going one better than his partner Wayne Rooney.

Rooney scored a hat-trick on his United debut in their last home Champions League game against Fenerbahce.

Wednesday's victory lifted the English side into second place with eight points from four matches, two behind leaders Olympique Lyon.

United went ahead on 14 minutes when van Nistelrooy latched on to a poor back pass by defender Jiri Homola and coolly rounded keeper Jaromir Blazek before rolling the ball into an empty net.

The hosts had already struck the Sparta woodwork through a rasping shot from

defender Gabriel Heinze and should have doubled their lead when Paul Scholes headed wide of a gaping goal from close range.

The Czechs' reprieve was short-lived, however, Scholes earning a 25th-minute penalty after being upended as he surged into the area and van Nistelrooy calmly converted the spot-kick.

Sparta also had dangerous moments, Roy Carroll making a fine save to deny Lukas Zelenka, but United should have added a third just before the interval when Cristiano Ronaldo failed to beat Blazek after being released by Rooney's pass.

The Portuguese winger's profligacy looked worse eight minutes into the second half when Zelenka pulled a goal back for Sparta.

The lively forward tricked a static United defence with a dummy and ran on to a precise through ball before lifting the ball neatly over Carroll from 10 metres.

United looked rattled but van Nistelrooy was on hand to settle their nerves on the hour.

The Dutchman was again the beneficiary of sloppy defending as he capitalized on a weak header back to stretch out a leg and lift the ball over Blazek.

The Czech goalkeeper made a diving save to keep out Ronaldo's blistering 30-metre free kick and the winger was substituted soon afterwards, along with Scholes, as Ferguson turned his attention to Sunday's Manchester derby against City. — MNA/Reuters

**Liverpool earn valuable 1-0 win over Deportivo Coruna**

LA CORUNA (Spain), 4 Nov — An own goal by defender Jorge Andrade gave Liverpool a valuable 1-0 win over a toothless Deportivo Coruna at the Riazor in a Champions League Group A match on Wednesday.

The Portuguese centre back turned the ball into his own net in the 14th minute under pressure from Liverpool striker Milan Baros after Norwegian midfielder John Arne Riise had swept in a low cross from the left.

Depor, who had not scored in any of their previous group matches, threw men forward in search of the equalizer but were unable to break down the powerful Liverpool back four.

The result leaves Liverpool in second place in the group, level on seven points with leaders Olympiakos, who beat Monaco 1-0 at home.

Depor, who reached the semifinals last season, are rooted to the bottom of the table on two points and now have little chance of making it to the next phase.

Liverpool had a gilt-edged opportunity to snatch the lead straight from the kickoff when Milan Baros beat the off-side trap and found himself alone in front of goal,

but Depor keeper Jose Molina reacted sharply to smother the ball as he entered the area.

Depor responded well to the early shock and quickly got control of the ball in midfield with Victor making several dangerous forays down the right flank and Sergio lashing wide from the right-hand-side of the box.

But the Liverpool back four, marshalled by the outstanding Sami Hyypia, refused to give ground and

frustrated Depor's attempts to get into the area. The visitors gradually grew in confidence and took the lead on 14 minutes after some powerful play by Igor Biscan in midfield.

The Croatian shrugged off several challenges as he strode forward towards the Depor area, pushed the ball out wide to Riise on the left and the Norwegian's cross was turned into the net by Andrade as he was pressured by the waiting Baros. — MNA/Reuters



Liverpool's goalkeeper Chris Kirkland stops a ball in front of a Deportivo Coruna player during their Champions League matchday 4 group A football match at Riazor stadium in La Coruna. — INTERNET



## ASEAN Govt Heads arrive Nanning for China-ASEAN Expo

NANNING, 4 Nov—Government leaders from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) arrived in this capital city of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region to attend the first China-ASEAN Expo.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen said at the Nanning airport that the first China-ASEAN Expo is a historic event for cooperation between China and ASEAN. The fair will be conducive to the promotion of the process of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area in the future.

The government heads will also

attend the first China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit that will be held on the sideline of the expo.

The first China-ASEAN Expo will be held in Nanning from November 3 to 6. About 1,500 enterprises from ASEAN, China and other countries will participate in the expo.

MNA/Xinhua

## Engineers urged to contribute more to sustained development

SHANGHAI, 4 Nov—Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju said here Wednesday that worldwide engineers should cooperate with each other to contribute more to sustained development of the human society.

At the opening ceremony of the 2004 World Engineers' Convention (WEC), Huang said it is a common responsibility for engineers to create a better world for the people.

Combined with science, technology and other fruits resulting from human intelligence, engineering and technologies are playing a vital role in pushing forward economic and social advancement, Huang said.

Faced with new opportunities and challenges in the 21st Century, Huang said, engineers should shoulder more responsibility in safeguarding world peace and realizing common prosperity.

Developing countries need help to strengthen science, technology and engineering capability, Huang said. Continuous development of science and technology in developing countries will contribute to narrowing the gap between the rich and the poor.

Resources-saving and environment-friendly technologies are encouraged to realize harmonious coexistence

between the nature and the human society, Huang said.

China should revitalize the nation through science and technology and education, pay great attention to save natural resources and protect environment and ecology, and also train a good number of excellent engineers and technologists, Huang said.

Huang said China will constantly enhance exchange and cooperation with the international engineering community and try all out to keep up with the latest developments in world engineering.

Before the opening ceremony, Huang met with Lee Yee-Cheong, president of the World Federation of Engineering Organization (WFEO), and other leaders of international or foreign organizations.

About 3,000 engineers and representatives from international organizations participated in the three-day convention with a theme of "Engineers shape the sustainable future".

MNA/Xinhua

## Asphyxia accident claims 6 lives in N-W China county

XI'AN, 4 Nov — A gold mine asphyxia accident that happened in northwestern Shaanxi Province took the lives of six farmers, and their bodies have been recovered, local sources said Wednesday.

The accident of suffocation occurred Monday night at Taoyuan gold mine located nearby Suyu Village of Huaxian County, when nine peasant farmers were working at a workplace 200 metres underground where oxygen was thin and scarce, said local officials.

When the tragedy happened, three people managed to escape to the ground, while the six others were left behind.

Local government officials organized an emergency rescue effort right after the accident, but repeated cave-in caused by the shortage of oxygen at the bottom of mine pit impaired the rescue move, and the bodies of those killed were brought out till Tuesday night.

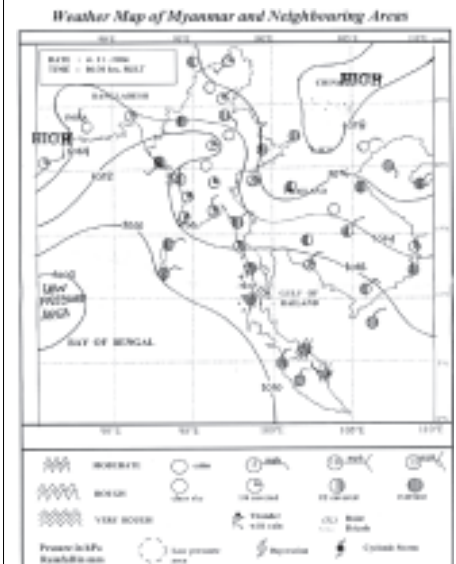
The six dead were all farmers in adjacent rural areas, and the cause of

the accident is still being investigated, said a local government official.

It is learned that the Taoyuan gold mine where asphyxia accident

occurred, formerly owned by the county, was closed for months, but reopened Monday after its transfer to a private owner.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Thursday, 4 November, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rain have been isolated in Shan State and Taninthayi Division, weather has been generally fair in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Kachin State. (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayin State, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining States and Divisions.

Maximum temperature on 3-11-2004 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 4-11-2004 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 4-11-2004 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 3-11-2004 was (8.1) hours approx. Rainfall on 4-11-2004 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 5 mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 3-11-2004.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed over southwest Bay. Weather is partly cloudy in South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 5-11-2004:** Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-11-2004:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-11-2004:** Fair weather.



Friday, November 5

Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: - What about me
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Mambo No 5
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: Violet
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: -After the love has gone
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunchtime music -I live my life for you
- Sleeping child
- 9.00 pm World of music Songs from: Japan
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Music at your request
- My love
- Unchanged melody
- Owner of my heart
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Friday, November 5

View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌာရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မစာတော်၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီတ၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသစီ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 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. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်တေးဂီတ
- 8:05 am 6. အတူပြိုင်
- 8:15 am 7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:25 am 8. ရုပ်ရှင်တေးဂီတ
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. English For Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Practice in reading
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm 5. အစားသင့်တော်သည့် ရုပ်ရှင်သံကြားသံဇနီးစာ -တတိယနှစ် (စာတည်းအထူးပြု) (စာတည်း)
- 5:15 pm 6. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm 7. အချစ်ပြိုင်
- 5:40 pm 8. နည်းစနစ်မှန်မှန်အားကစားအပြိုင်
- 5:50 pm 9. ဂီတမဟာဓမ္မစာတော်
- 6:00 pm 10. မြန်မာ့စာ၊ မြန်မာ့စာ
- 6:10 pm 11. Discovery
- 6:20 pm 12. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm 13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတော်လမ်းကွဲ "လူမှုနိဗ္ဗာန်" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)
- 7:40 pm 16. Songs of yesteryears
- 8:00 pm 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. "ယောက္ခမဆိုတာ တစ်ခါတုန်းက သမင်ပဲ" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- ကျေးဇူး၊ ရန်အောင်၊ လွင်မိုး၊ မိုးမိုးမြင့်အောင်၊ မေသန္တာဦး၊ နိုင်ငံခြားသံ၊ မောင်မျိုးမင်း (ရုပ်ရှင်ပြိုင်)
- 21. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားဘိဝံသစီ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မစာတော် တရားတော်
- 19. The next day's programme

**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

## Doyen artistes disseminating invaluable art, knowledge and experiences to new generation

### Doyen artistes, and judges of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions honoured

YANGON, 4 Nov — Doyen artistes and judges who rendered assistance for the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions were honoured at the National Theatre in Dagon Township here this evening, with an address by Patron of the 12th MTCPAC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were Chairman of the Leading Committee to Organize the 12th MTCPAC Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the mayor, chairmen and members of the respective committees and subcommittees, officials, others and guests.

The Secretary-1 said that the artistes themselves have already accepted the fact that the performing arts competitions play a key role in implementing a delicate national task of preserving and promoting Myanmar culture. The holding of the performing arts competitions

on a grand scale annually, with the participation of artistes of all ages, is the implementation of the national task, with the harmonious efforts of the entire people. Thanks to the invaluable assistance of the doyen artistes, historians, literati and judges, the performing arts competitions and the national task of preserving and promoting national culture are flourishing with full artistic essence. The Government has been honouring them annually to acknowledge their assistance. The State Peace and Development Council has been striving in all sectors for the nation to stand shoulder to shoulder with other nations around the world, and its goal is for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation that preserves the thousand-year-old traditions and culture of Myanmar. Thus, preservation of national value, traditions and culture and customs will be a priority task till the emergence of the future nation that serves the interest of people. Elders should teach youths to understand that the extinction of Myanmar's

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gives a speech at the dinner hosted in honour of maestros and judges who contributed their services to the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Aung Htwe tours Kalaw Township

YANGON, 4 Nov — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Brig-Gen Thet Oo of local battalion and departmental officials, attended the

harvesting of paddy on Konmyint-2 model field in Kyauksaung Myaygya village, Kalaw Township, yesterday morning.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected the harvesting of paddy on the Konmyint-2 model fields of local farmers.

Local authorities reported on cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy for local food sufficiency and regional development. Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint dealt with growing of paddy, edible oil crops and other crops in the townships of

Shan State (South), success achieved in cultivating the ten major crops and other 20 kinds of crops in the region, distribution of high-yield Shweyinyay strain paddy and Konmyint strain 1 and 2 paddy to farmers and condition on food sufficiency of Shan State.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe said that with increasing per acre yield of crops, the farmers will enjoy better income and it will contribute towards further regional development. The Government is taking measures for progress of

Shan State. Now the State's Seven-step Road Map is in the process under the guidance of the Head of State to transform the nation into a discipline-flourishing democratic one. Local people and departmental officials at all levels are to cooperate with each other for ensuring development, peace and stability of the region, he said.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint visited the bees keeping farm in Kalaw Township.

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## Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium concludes

YANGON, 4 Nov — Patron of the Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint arrived at the Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium for 2004 held at the Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this morning. The minister was welcomed there by Chairman of the Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, Managing Director U Khin Oo of the Myanmar Gems Enterprise and members of CEC.

The minister viewed round the Mart, observed the sales and left it. Pearl lots were sold by tender system during the sales today. Merchants purchased 82 pearl lots this morning.

The emporium successfully ended at noon.

A total of 852 jade, gem and pearl lots were sold at the emporium. Altogether 173 local merchants from 109 companies and 658 foreign merchants from 228 companies of 12 countries attended the emporium.—MNA

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