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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to US President

YANGON, 5 Nov—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a congratulatory message to Honourable George W. Bush, on the occasion of his re-election as the President of the United States of America. — MNA

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win on return from PRC

YANGON, 5 Nov—A Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar Lt-Gen Soe Win returned this afternoon by special flight of Myanmar Airways International after attending the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People Republic of China, at the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and De-

velopment Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Chief of Staff (Navy), the Chief of Staff (Air), the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council the Commander of Yangon Command, ministers, senior military officers, Acting Dean of the Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun, heads of foreign missions in Yangon, resident representatives of UN agencies, officials and departmental heads.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Director-General of State Peace

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

and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General at Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, Director-General of Political Department U Thaug Tun, heads of departments and officials.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and party welcome back Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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For implementation of National Health Plans

The Government is making all-out efforts to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation, while taking all possible measures step by step for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

At a time when the Government is exerting endeavours in line with national objectives for development of the nation in all spheres, national people, on their part, are to keep themselves fit and to try their best to be well-educated ones so as to be able to take part in the drive for building a new nation.

In the process, the Government has formed such organizations as the National Health Committee and the Myanmar Education Committee to achieve greater success in the respective sectors.

Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein addressed the 42nd Meeting of the NHC held at Zeyathiri Beikman in Konmyinthta, Yangon, the other day. In his address, the Secretary-1 said that the NHC has been implementing its National Health Plans laid down in accord with the national health policies. Now, the 12-step National Health Plans (2001-2006) are being put into operation, he said.

Since its birth, the NHC has been assigned five tasks by the State. Beginning from 2001, the NHC has implemented the five-year National Health Plan, which is made up of 12 points. Simultaneously, it is also implementing the 30-year National Health Plan.

In addition to the Ministry of Health, related ministries and departments are contributing towards the implementation of the health plans. Furthermore, social organizations and national people are participating in the drive.

The NHC is taking measures through correct management and effective cooperation. Now, health committees at State and Division, district, township, ward and village levels have achieved success in carrying out public health concerns.

Thus, respective officials and ministries are urged to exert greater efforts through cooperation and coordination for the implementation of the plans of the NHC.

MTCPAC contestants depart

YANGON, 5 Nov — Contestants and managers of the teams and judges of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions left Yangon for home by car, train or air today. They were seen off by officials concerned.— MNA

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People's Desire

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

Commander sees off service personnel to discharge duties in Cocogyun Township

YANGON, 5 Nov — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe saw off the service personnel who will discharge duties in Cocogyun Township, Yangon South District, at the hall of Thakayta Jetty of Myanmar Five Star Line in Thakayta Township, Yangon East District, this morning.

Also present on the

occasion were Managing Director of MFSL U Khin Maung Kyi, Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi and members, departmental officials, the Chairmen of the District Peace and Development Councils, the service personnel who will be on a trip to Cocogyun Township, students and others.

The commander, in his meeting with the serv-

ice personnel, said that the government fulfilled all the necessary requirements in education, health and transport sectors and endeavoured for supply of potable water in Cocogyun Township. Moreover, arrangements are being made for enabling the people of the township to read newspapers issued during the day and the service personnel are to make strenuous efforts for development of

the township, he added. Next, Secretary of the Township Peace and Development Council U Myat Kyaw introduced the service personnel to Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe individually.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented gifts and cash assistance to the service personnel, students and the public who will be on a trip to Cocogyun Township.—MNA

A & I Minister visits fruit garden

YANGON, 5 Nov — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspected the fruit garden at Wanpon Village-tract in Tachilek Township on 2 November morning. Next, the Minister inspected thriving paddy fields and orange plantations in the region. Next, the Minister inspected classifying of fruits that were to be distributed to markets and instructed the officials concerned to seek better ways and means to penetrate the market.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo views classifying of fruits. — AGRI & IRR

Civil Service Journal in circulation

YANGON, 5 Nov — The Civil Service Selection and Training Board published Civil Service Journal, Vol 2, No 1, on 30 September.

The 200-page journal carries articles on various topics, measures being taken by the CSSTB for the programme of e-Government, noteworthy

facts about promotion examinations, news about the ongoing National Convention, State-released notifications and orders, other interesting stories at home and abroad. The journal is available at the six-story office of the Civil Service Selection and Training Department on Strand Road here.—MNA

Mayor inspects water treatment plant

YANGON, 5 Nov — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, together with Joint-Secretary U Aung Soe and heads of departments, inspected progress of construction of the water treatment plant project of the YCDC in Thanlyetsun, Botahtaung Township, this morning.

At the meeting with officials of the project, the Mayor instructed them to speed up efforts for ensuring test running of the plant in December.— MNA

Nepalese journalist delegation visits the Drug Elimination Museum. — MNA



Luncheon hosted to Nepalese journalist delegation

YANGON, 5 Nov — Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association hosted luncheon to the visiting Nepalese delegation headed by Chairman of Nepal Journalists Association Mr Manju Ratna Sakya at the Oriental House in Dagon Township here. Present at the Luncheon were MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-Chairmen U Tin Kha (Tatkatho Tin

Kha), U Than Maung (Than Maung) and U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung), Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) and members.

In the afternoon, the delegation members called on Director-General of Myanmar Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay and studied the studios. Later, the guests visited the Drug Elimination Museum. — MNA

Suicide bomb in Iraq kills three soldiers from Britain

BAGHDAD, 5 Nov — Three British soldiers whose regiment had recently moved northward to support an expected American-led assault on Fallujah were killed in a suicide bombing on Thursday, British officials said. Meanwhile, the medical relief agency Doctors Without Borders announced it was ending its operations in Iraq because of deteriorating security.

Britain's Armed Forces Minister, Adam Ingram, told the House of Commons in London that three soldiers of the

Black Watch Infantry Regiment were killed in the attack.

An Iraqi interpreter was also killed, and eight

British soldiers were wounded, said Major. Charlie Mayo, a British Army spokesman in Basra, in the south.

Major Mayo said that further details would be released once the families of the dead soldiers had been notified.

Last month, the Black Watch Regiment had redeployed from the relatively peaceful south to reinforce American troops gathering for a possible attack on Fallujah, a stronghold of the guerillas. The soldiers' deaths bring to 73 the number of British military personnel who have died in Iraq since the invasion last year.

Internet



British soldier David James Atkins (R) from Hastings, serving with the First Queen's Dragoon Guards, provides cover as a British Army convoy travels north from Basra to join the Black Watch Battle group at Camp Dogwood, 20 miles south west of Baghdad, on 2 Nov, 2004. —INTERNET

Nepali govt seeks to free Nepali hostage in Iraq

KATHMANDU, 4 Nov — The Nepali Ministry of Foreign Affairs has confirmed a Nepali national has been taken hostage by a militant group in Iraq, and said the government is making efforts to free the abducted.

The Nepali hostage among the eight workers abducted Monday in Baghdad, the capital of Iraq, has been identified as Inus Kwari, probably from Saptari District in eastern Nepal, the ministry said in a statement available here Wednesday.

The hostages were working for the Saudi Arabian Contracting Company, which has been supplying rations to the US forces, and Kwari was working as waiter there, the statement said.

The ministry has written to the Iraqi interim government and the Saudi Arabian Government seeking their help for release of the Nepali citizen, the statement noted.

The ministry has also contacted the US Embassy and the Indian mission in Baghdad and sought their help. Meanwhile, all other Nepali missions in the Gulf region have been directed to take needful measures to get the hostage released.

"Our Riyadh-based

mission is trying to confirm the details through the Saudi Arabian Contracting Company and other channels, and we are planning to make appeals through various channels to release our national," the statement added.

According to Xinhua report from Baghdad, among the eight captured men, five were Iraqis working as private guards, one Nepali, one American and one Filipino. Two of the Iraqis were later released.

MNA/Xinhua

US airmen killed in Vietnam War identified with genetic tests

WASHINGTON, 4 Nov — Six US airmen killed when their plane went down in Laos in 1966 in the Vietnam War have been identified with genetic tests and other methods, the Pentagon said on Tuesday.

They were crew members aboard an AC-47 Spooky gunship that was flying a nighttime reconnaissance mission over southern Laos when it went down in flames on June 23, 1966, in a heavily wooded area in Khannouan Province, the Pentagon said.

The six Air Force airmen will be buried as a group at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia on Friday with full military honours, said Larry Greer, spokesman for the Pentagon's POW/MIA office.

Their remains were recovered by a team of US and Laotian specialists, headed by an American forensic anthropologist, in May and June 1995, Greer said. A local villager in October 1994 had identified an area where personal effects, aircraft wreckage and a crew member's identification tag were found.

The remains were transported to facilities in Hawaii, where scientists used forensic techniques including mitochondrial DNA sequencing, dental remains and X-rays to identify them, Greer said.

MNA/Reuters

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Aid group to leave Iraq, fearing extreme risk

BAGHDAD, 4 Nov — Faced with a wave of savage kidnappings and beheadings, the humanitarian agency Doctors Without Borders announced today that it was ending its operations in Iraq.

The move came after the latest video appeal by Margaret Hassan, the director of operations in Iraq for CARE International, whose captors said on Tuesday that they would turn her over to the militant group led by the Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi within 48 hours if Great Britain did not withdraw its troops from Iraq.

"For us, it is a very painful situation that we feel forced into due to the security situation, and the risk that that entails," said Arjan Hehenkamp, operational director for the group in Iraq. "We're not at all happy having to pull out of Iraq," he said.

Mr Hehenkamp declined to comment directly on Ms Hassan, citing continuing efforts to win her release, but he said that "the kidnappings generally and the fact that they seem to be directed at humanitarian workers was a factor in it."

Internet



Fire-fighters extinguish a car set ablaze following an attack on the road leading to Baghdad airport on 3 Nov, 2004. At least six foreign workers were reported kidnapped in Iraq as a roadside bombing claimed the life of a US soldier and fires were raging near oil wells after a string of sabotage attacks. —INTERNET

Fast-track fund announced for Asian developing countries

GENEVA, 4 Nov — Nineteen Asian developing countries may gain from new fast-track access to technical assistance in a three-year programme, an international technical cooperation agency said Tuesday.

The programme, financed by the International Trade Centre (ITC) and the European Union, is an Asia Trust Fund worth 5.0 million euros (6.35 million US dollars).

The fund will support projects for quick delivery of short-term assistance with a budget of up to 200,000 euros (254,000 dollars) and a maximum duration of one year for each project, the ITC said in a Press release.

The Asia Trust Fund will support national efforts to benefit from

the World Trade Organization (WTO) rules or sector-specific initiatives to strengthen exports, according to the ITC, which is to manage the fund.

"Technical cooperation is traditionally delivered in country-specific contexts over a period of many years," said J Denis Belisle, executive director of the ITC.

"The Asia Trust Fund is a cost-effective, innovative and complementary delivery mechanism that facili-

tates speedy access to urgently-needed and very specific expertise in the area of trade development," he said.

The ITC, based in Geneva, is a technical cooperation agency of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) and the WTO.

It works with developing countries and economies in transition to set up effective trade promotion programmes to expand their exports and improve their import operations.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq protesters march down Fifth Avenue

WASHINGTON, 4 Nov—An estimated 200 people marched through the streets of Oakland Wednesday evening, as part of a multi-city protest against the war in Iraq.

Channel 4 Action News crews following the event reported a handful of arrests and fires being started as the group marched along Fifth Avenue during evening rush-hour traffic.

According to a press release, the demonstration was put together by Pittsburgh Organizing Group as part of the "Beyond Voting" movement, and planned before Tuesday's election as a form of civil disobedience.

Participants are calling on President George W

Bush to focus on health care, education and what they call "the dangers of current US policy."

University of Pittsburgh police said they arrested two people on unspecified charges during the protest.

Pittsburgh police said they helped campus police monitor the protest and used dogs to move demonstrators back onto the sidewalk after some of them spilled into the street.

Internet



A member of Iraq's rapid reaction force patrols the site of a car bomb attack in Mosul on 2 Nov, 2004. Witnesses said a car bomb exploded as a convoy carrying the commander of Iraq's specially trained rapid reaction force was passing, wounding seven soldiers.—INTERNET

Ethiopia lacks over \$4m to fight malaria

ADDIS ABABA, 4 Nov—Ethiopia obtained only some 65,000 US dollars out of the requested five million US dollars to fight the yearly occurring malaria epidemic in the country, the United Nations (UN) said in a report here on Tuesday.

The five million US dollars was requested in September 2004 by the UN Country Team to avert a major malaria epidemic in various places of the country, said the United Nations office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in its "Focus on Ethiopia" report.

It said this September, the UN Country Team on behalf of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and the World Health Organization (WHO) issued a special alert in Ethiopia, warning that an estimated 6.2 million cases were expected by the end of the year.

It said that so far, only 65,000 US dollars has been secured against the appeal from WHO's Harare regional office, which the UN said will cover operational costs for training of health workers and malaria surveillance

activities.

The report noted that 380,000 malaria treatments procured by UNICEF arrived in the

country recently to distribute in places where malaria is highly occurring between October and January. —MNA/Xinhua

Brahmos successfully tested

BALASORE, 4 Nov — The naval version of the Brahmos, the supersonic cruise missile jointly developed by India and Russia, was successfully tested on the ship-to-ship mode from the Bay of Bengal off the Orissa coast on Wednesday, paving the way for its induction into the Navy, officials said.

The missile was fired from Navy's destroyer *INS Rajput* at around 11.18 am and the DRDO officials at the site said "it had a perfect hit on the targeted ship".

Though Brahmos is essentially an anti-ship missile, the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) is developing its surface-to surface and air-to-ground variants.

This was the fourth test firing of the naval version of the missile and naval sources have indicated that Brahmos would be launched on frontline warships in the coming months.

The missile, which has multi-target capability, has a striking range of 290 kilometres and weighs about three tons. It is eight metres long and carries a conventional warhead weighing about 200 kilos.

MNA/PTI

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US bombardment kills five in Iraq's Fallujah

FALLUJAH, 4 Nov — US artillery shelled Fallujah on Thursday after overnight air and tank attacks killed five people in Iraq's most rebellious city, braced for an all-out

offensive now the US presidential election is over.

The US military said two air raids after midnight destroyed "fighting barricades" prepared by guerillas in the northeast and southeast of the Sunni Muslim city.

The strikes followed what witnesses called an intense half-hour bombardment of eastern and northwestern areas by AC-130 planes and tanks that shook the city late on Wednesday night.

They said the attacks were the heaviest for several weeks. Hospital doctor Ahmed Mohammed said five people had been killed, including a woman and a child. All had been in a car hit in an air raid while trying to escape the violence.

US artillery was back in action during the day, a *Reuters* reporter with Marines near Fallujah said. A woman was seriously wounded and a teenage girl lost a leg in earlier air strikes on Wednesday, hospital officials said.—Internet

63% of Japanese oppose extending Iraq mission

TOKYO, 4 Nov—More than half of Japanese opposed to extend the Self-Defence Forces' reconstruction assistance mission in Iraq, a media survey said Thursday.

Up to 63.3 per cent of respondents was against keeping troops in Iraq after current mission ends on 14 December, according to a *Kyodo News* poll. People who were in favour of an extension stood at 30.6 per cent.

The survey was conducted shortly after a Japanese hostage's beheaded body was found Saturday in Iraq. The kidnappers had asked Japan to pull the troops out in exchange for the hostage's release. But Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi flatly rejected the demand.

The ground troops started entering Iraq's southern city of Samawah early this year. The Japa-

nese Government is mulling on remaining the force out there for probably another one year.

Since the death of hostage, Koizumi and other senior officials have showed caution on the plan, saying it would be decided depending on a comprehensive review of the local situation. The opposition party has urged the ruling coalition to scrap the envisaged extension.

The survey also showed that 64.2 per cent thought the government should review the policy toward the United States, up from the 57.1 per cent in the survey conducted after another two Japanese hostage incidents in April.—MNA/Xinhua

China, Tanzania sign nat'l stadium construction pact

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 4 Nov — China and Tanzania on Tuesday signed a construction pact for a 60,000-seat national stadium which is scheduled to host national and continental soccer matches in 26 months.

The stadium is calculated to cost more than 40 million US dollars, with Tanzania paying 23 million US dollars of the bill and China contributing 20.5 million US dollars.

The stadium will be

up to the standards of the International Olympic Committee and FIFA.

A ground-breaking ceremony is planned for later this month and the construction starts in early January next year.

MNA/Xinhua



Student Carolina Vazquez sets up a Day of the Dead floral offering against the war in Iraq outside of the US Embassy in Mexico City on 1 Nov, 2004.

INTERNET

Jordanian hostages plead to govt to warn against working in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Nov — Militants in Iraq issued a video tape on Thursday of three captive Jordanian truckers pleading for their government to warn its nationals against working with US-led forces.

"We will not have mercy on anyone. We will strike with an iron fist who ever deals with the occupation," one of three masked gunmen said on the video, released to Reuters. No specific threat was made against the truckers.

The tape shows the three sitting in front of the gunmen under a black banner that reads "Army of Islam-Counter-attack Brigades". It includes close-

ups of their passports.

The truckers said they had treated been well. "God grant victory to the Mujahedin," said one, identifying himself as Mohammed Zeitoun.

It was not immediately clear if the three were among four Jordanian drivers that a Foreign Ministry official in Amman said were kidnapped in western Iraq on Tuesday.

Militants in Iraq have seized scores of foreigners since April as part of a campaign to try and drive foreign troops and workers from the country.

Many have been freed, but more than 35 have been killed, some of them beheaded.

MNA/Reuters



The 1st Queen's Dragoon Guards travel from Basra on 3 Nov 2004, to join the Black Watch battle group. —INTERNET

British soldier faces murder trial over death of Iraqi civilian

LONDON, 4 Nov — A British soldier accused of murdering a civilian in Iraq will face trial in the early part of next year, a court ruled on Wednesday.

Kevin Williams, 21, a trooper with the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment, is the first British soldier to face a murder indictment in connection with British troops' presence in the country.

He is charged with murdering Hassan Said, who died in ad-Dayr, southeastern Iraq, in August last year.

Williams appeared at London's Old Bailey criminal court on Wednesday for the second time for a pre-trial hearing in which the judge ruled the case should go ahead next Spring.

Justice Treacy also extended his conditional bail and ordered him to reside at Catterick Barracks in North Yorkshire.

Williams answered only to confirm his name and that he understood the proceedings during the 25-minute hearing.

Britain's military has launched more than 100 investigations into deaths and injuries of Iraqis in incidents that range from combat to detentions to road accidents.

Britain has announced military trials for four soldiers accused of sexual abuse of detainees and one for the non-fatal shooting of an Iraqi boy. Iraqis who claim they or their relatives were abused by British troops have also launched a civil case in the High Court. — MNA/Reuters

Chinese envoy to attend Iraq conference in Egypt

BEIJING, 4 Nov — Chinese Permanent Representative to the United Nations Wang Guangya

will attend the international conference on Iraq slated for November 22-23 in the Red Sea resort of Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, as the envoy of the Chinese Government, according to sources with the Foreign Ministry Wednesday.

China hopes the conference will help expand the consensus of various parties and be conducive to the stabilization of situation in Iraq and the reconstruction process of the country, the sources said.

Iraq, Egypt, the Group of Eight, China, the United Nations, the Arab League, the Organization of Islamic Conference and the European Union are expected to attend the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

Threat to Americans in Syria remains unchanged

WASHINGTON, 5 Nov — US Embassy in Damascus, Syria will remain closed for security reasons until this weekend, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher confirmed here on Thursday.

"The general threat level to American citizens in Syria remains unchanged," Boucher told a regular news briefing. Boucher declined to elaborate the threat to Americans in the Middle East country.

The US Embassy in Damascus closed for security reasons on Thursday. The embassy's spokesman Brian O'Rourke said that he could not say whether there was a specific threat but noted such measures are taken from time to time.

Observers have noticed that the temporary closure of American Embassy in Syria happened on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the start of the hostage siege in Iran. — MNA/Xinhua



US Marines of the 1st Division get first aid lessons at their base outside Fallujah, Iraq, on 3 Nov, 2004. US forces are preparing for a possible attack on the rebel stronghold of Fallujah. —INTERNET

Doctors say Arafat responding to treatment

CLAMART (France), 4 Nov — French doctors said on Tuesday Yasser Arafat was responding to treatment and ruled out leukaemia, though aides said the Palestinian leader could remain in a French military hospital for several more weeks.

Arafat was well enough to follow the US presidential election and had taken calls from heads of state and senior Palestinian officials, said aides in the southwestern Paris suburb where the 75-year-old leader is being treated.

Initial tests "confirmed the abnormal blood count, high white blood cell count and low platelet count and ruled out a diagnosis of leukaemia", Palestinian envoy to Paris Leila Shahid said in a statement read to journalists.

The statement, drawn up by doctors at the Percy military hospital and approved by Arafat, was the first by the hospital since his admission and broadly confirmed aides' comments. — MNA/Reuters

China hopes to further military ties with New Zealand

BEIJING, 4 Nov — The Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) hopes to work with the New Zealand Armed Forces to push forward bilateral friendship and cooperation up to a new, higher height, said Chinese Minister of National Defence Cao Gangchuan here Wednesday.

Cao, also vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and state councillor, made the remarks during his meeting with visiting New Zealand's Navy Commander Major-General Rear Admiral D Ledson.

Cao said that the relations between the two Armed Forces showed sound growing momentum in recent years along with the smooth development of Sino-New Zealand friendly relations.

The two Armed Forces kept frequent exchanges and visits and their friendly cooperation progressed smoothly, acknowledged Cao. He expressed the belief that Ledson's present China trip will promote the friendly cooperative ties between the two Armed Forces, especially their two navies.

MNA/Xinhua

Strong earthquake hits N Japan

TOKYO, 4 Nov — A strong earthquake with a preliminary magnitude of 5.2 shook northern Japan on Thursday in the same region that was hit by a deadly tremor last month, but there were no immediate reports of damage or injuries.

The earthquake, which had focus 12 miles below the Earth's surface, shook the central Niigata region just before 9 a.m. (0000 GMT), the Meteorological Agency said.

No tsunami warning was issued.

MNA/Reuters

Nepal, India to update extradition treaty

KATHMANDU, 4 Nov — Nepal and India will soon meet to update their extradition treaty of 1953, the Nepali Foreign Ministry said here Wednesday. According to Foreign Ministry Spokesman Durga Prasad Bhattarai, an expert level meeting on extradition and mutual legal assistance in the Criminal Matters Treaty between Nepal and India is scheduled to start next Tuesday in Kathmandu. The spokesman noted that the talks will focus on ways to extradite Nepali and Indian citizens to each other's country over offences including "terrorist activities and financial crimes". — MNA/Xinhua

Iraqis say choosing Bush for new term crisis for Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Nov—Iraqis challenged re-elected President George W Bush on Thursday to bring them the elusive new dawn he promised when US forces deposed Saddam Hussein.

"Bush talks about freedom and democracy but all the Americans have brought is death and destruction. Where's our electricity? Where's our oil money?" asked Abu Ghazwan, a greengrocer in southwestern Baghdad. Bush wants to play occupier, then let him improve security."

Struggling with

daily bombings and kidnappings that have plagued the country since last year's invasion, many Iraqis were dismayed Bush had won another term, though few had hoped for much better from his Democratic challenger John Kerry. While glad to be rid of Saddam, many Iraqis, like most Arabs, worried that another four

years of Bush would bring more bloodshed to a country that has borne the brunt of his administration's doctrine of preemptive attacks.

"They call Saddam a criminal, but Bush is the biggest criminal and terrorist in the world.

I only expect crimes and killings and occupation of Muslim

countries from him," said Waad Mohammed Ali, a butcher in Baghdad's central Karrada area.

"Not that Kerry would have been much better. They're all determined to suck our blood."

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Philippine Govt seeks to free its hostage in Iraq

MANILA, 4 Nov — The Philippine Government said on Wednesday it would do everything possible to secure the release of a Filipino worker taken hostage in Iraq, but said it had no word yet on any demands made by his abductors.

MNA/Reuters

Relatives of kidnapped worker plead with Britain to meet demands

DUBLIN, 4 Nov — Irish relatives of a British-Iraqi aid worker kidnapped in Baghdad made an emotional appeal for her release on Tuesday, saying they had pleaded with Britain to meet the demands of her captors.

Margaret Hassan was seized last month on her way to work in the Iraqi capital by militants demanding the release of all female Iraqi prisoners and opposing the deployment of British troops near Baghdad. "We are the Irish family of Margaret Hassan, and we are pleading with you to set her free," said Deirdre Fitzsimons, one of three sisters of the kidnapped woman who met Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern in Dublin on Tuesday. "We have listened to your

demands and begged (British Prime Minister) Tony Blair and the British Government to release the women prisoners and also not to move the troops, but we are Irish and we have no influence on the British Government." Hassan, who worked for the aid agency Care International, is married to an Iraqi and has lived in the country for 30 years. She was born in Dublin and holds British and Iraqi passports.

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Picture released by the Multi National Force-Iraq (MNF-I) shows a Bradley Fighting Vehicle departing for a mission from Forward Operating Base MacKenzie, at an undisclosed location in Iraq on 4 Nov 2004.—INTERNET

Gene found to defend against environmental pollutants

NEW DELHI, 4 Nov — Scientists have identified a "master gene" in mice that controls the action of 50 other genes whose products protect the lungs against environmental pollutants.

A US team led by an Indian scientist believes its findings will provide a better understanding of the human body's defence mechanisms and could lead to the identification of what factors make some people more susceptible to lung diseases. The "master gene" called "Nrf2" is activated in response to environmental pollutants such as cigarette smoke, and then turns on

numerous antioxidant and pollutant-detoxifying genes to protect the lungs from developing emphysema.

The study said Nrf2 has now been identified as "the key player in protection even in the case of chronic exposure to pollutants."

Dr Shyam Biswal, senior author of the study published in the current issue of the *Journal*

of *Clinical Investigation* is an assistant professor in the Bloomberg School of Public Health's Department of Environmental Health Sciences.

In 2002, Dr Biswal and his colleagues were the first to show the activation of Nrf2 in response to an anti-cancer agent—Sulforaphane. But little was known about Nrf2-regulated genes and their role in lung inflammatory diseases caused by chronic exposure to environmental agents. By exposing mice to cigarette smoke, researchers were able to learn which gene controlled natural defence mechanism. Through gene chip analysis, the researchers were able to identify 50 Nrf2-dependent antioxidant and cytoprotective pulmonary genes that work together to protect lungs from cigarette-smoke-induced emphysema, a major manifestation of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD).

MNA/PTI



US soldiers lift a covered body into a military medical evacuation vehicle at the scene of a car bomb attack in western Baghdad, on 3 Nov, 2004.—INTERNET

Britain to double flights to India

NEW DELHI, 4 Nov — Britain plans to double the number of flights from the weekly 19 to Indian destinations by next year in an effort to boost bilateral trade ties, the Indo-Asian News Service (IANS) reported on Tuesday.

With about 30-per-cent growth in multiple entry visas to Indians, taking the total number of visas to 300,000 this year, the demand for more flights between the two countries was growing. IANS quoted Michael Arthur, British High Commissioner to India as saying in Bangalore in south India. Britain was considering an increase in its multiple entry visa quota to India next year from the present level, Arthur said.

"The number of flights between India and Britain will go up to 40 from the summer of 2005. Besides the four metros, Bangalore, Kochi in south India and Hyderabad in southeast India will be directly connected to London," he said.

Saying that the number of visas issued to Indians by the British Government was more than twice given to any other country, Arthur said the recent visit by Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh to London had produced more business initiatives between the two countries.

"The declaration signed by the prime ministers of the two countries in September has created opportunities for more tie-ups in the knowledge sectors spanning IT, biotech and research and development in science and technology," Arthur said. "With about 60 per cent of the Indian investments to Europe coming into Britain, more Indian firms are using our country as a springboard to Europe."—MNA/Xinhua

Putin, Berlusconi satisfied with bilateral relations

Moscow, 4 Nov — Russian President Vladimir Putin Wednesday expressed his satisfaction at bilateral relations with Italy after meeting with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi in the Kremlin, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

"We had an opportunity to exchange opinions on almost all aspects of bilateral cooperation and international issues," Putin was quoted as saying.

A steady development of ties with Italy and other leading European nations would help improve Russia's relations with the EU, said the Russian President.

The Italian Prime Minister, for his part, also expressed confidence that "all conditions exist for even closer and more fruitful relations between our governments and peoples". "The climate of relations between Russia and Italy is rather positive, which makes it possible to say that our bilateral cooperation can keep improving," said Berlusconi, adding that he and his Russian host share common views on many international issues. — MNA/Xinhua

Winners of Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions awarded

YANGON, 5 Nov — The prize-presentation ceremony for the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, which were held with six objectives on a grand scale here from 14 to 31 October, took place at the National Theatre in Dagon Township on 3 November.

It was attended by member of Panel of Patrons for organizing the competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Daw Khin Than Nwe, widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw

Khin Khin Win, wife of Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of the Leading Committee for organizing the competitions Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, ministers and their wives, the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, senior military officers, deputy ministers, members of the CSSTB, members of various committees and subcommittees for organizing the competitions, heads of foreign missions and diplomats,

resident representatives of UN agencies, officials of the SPDC Office, heads of department, members of social organizations and guests.

At the ceremony, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presented awards to the contestants who won the women's violin contest at higher education level and girls' (aged 15-20, 10-15 & 5-10) violin contests at basic education level; Chief Justice U Aung Toe to the contestants who won the men's solo orchestra contests at professional, amateur and higher education levels, boys' (aged 15-20, 10-15 & 5-10) solo orchestra contests at basic education level; Attorney General U Aye Maung to the contestants who won the women's solo orchestra contests at professional, amateur and higher education levels, girls' (aged 15-20, 10-15 & 5-10) solo orchestra contests at basic education level and the men's ozi contests at professional, amateur and higher education levels; CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun to the contestants who won the boys' (aged 15-20, 10-15 & 5-10) ozi contests at basic education level, the dohbat contests at pro-

fessional, amateur and higher education levels and the dohbet contests (aged 15-20, 10-15 & 5-10) at basic education level; member of the National Convention Convening Commission U Thaug Nyunt to the contestants who won the men's orchestra contests at professional, amateur and higher education levels and the boys' (aged 15-20, 10-15 & 5-10) orchestra contests at basic education level; and Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung to the contestants who won the women's orchestra con-



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presents first prize for basic education level girls' (aged 10-15) violin contest to Ma Naw Do Nay Htoo of Kayah State. — MNA

tests at professional, amateur and higher education levels and the girls' (aged 15-20, 10-15 & 5-10) orchestra contests at basic education level.

Next, prize winners entertained the audience with their performances. After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greeted the judges of the competitions, literati and doyen artistes.

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Attorney-General U Aye Maung presents first prize for amateur level women's traditional orchestra (individual) contest to Ma Khaing Zar Win of Yangon Division. — MNA



Chief Justice U Aung Toe presents first prize for basic education level boys' (aged 10-15) traditional orchestra (individual) contest to Maung Thein Bo of Sagaing Division. — MNA



Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun presents first prize for basic education level (aged 5-10) dohbat (group) contest to Maung Nyein Chan Min and group of Sagaing Division. — MNA



Member of NCC Commission U Thaug Nyunt presents first prize for amateur level men's traditional orchestra (group) contest to Maung Myo Thant Tin (a) Bo Bo Thein and group of Mandalay Division. — MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung presents first prize for basic education level girls' (aged 10-15) traditional orchestra (group) contest to Ma Zar Ni Nan Lwin and group of Yangon Division. — MNA



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win being welcomed home at the airport by Acting Dean of Diplomatic Corps Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun and diplomats.—MNA

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The goodwill delegation led by the Prime Minister was welcomed at the airport by Vice-Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Zhang Weixue, Mayor of Nanning Mr Lin Guo Qing, Myanmar Ambassador to PRC U Thein Lwin and staff, and President of the Union of Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and party.

A member of traditional cultural troupe presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister. And the troupe welcomed the goodwill delegation with dance performances. The goodwill delegation stayed at Wharton International Hotel.

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Madame Wu Yi

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win met with Vice Premier of the State Council of PRC Madame Wu Yi at Ming Yuan (Majestic) Hotel. Ministers, Ambassador U Thein Lwin and heads of department were also present. Madame Wu Yi was accompanied by Minister of Commerce Mr Bo Xilai, General Secretary of the regional party Mr Cao Bochun, Vice Minister of Commerce Mr An Min, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Wudawei and officials. Lt-Gen Soe Win and Madame Wu Yi



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win being welcomed at Nanning International Airport by the Vice-Governor of Guangxi Zhang Weixue and party. — MNA

discussed promotion of bilateral economic cooperation between the two countries, increase in the bilateral trade volume and anti-drug drive.

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The Myanmar Prime Minister said that the fine traditions of friendship and cooperation between the two countries must be promoted in all aspects. He reiterated that Myanmar will continue to support the One China Policy. He said that Myanmar is peaceful and stable under the leadership of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, thanking the PRC, the ASEAN, regional and neighbouring nations for their understanding and support for Myanmar's developments in international and regional affairs. The bilateral cooperation agreements reflect profoundly the fraternal relations between the two countries. He discussed the increase in the trade volume

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win

and investment and promotion of economic cooperation in accord with the aim of transforming the border trade into regular trade. At Majestic Hotel at 4.45 pm, the Myanmar Prime Minister held talks with his Laotian counterpart Mr Bounnhang Vorachith who was also in Nanning then. Ministers, Ambassador U Thein Lwin and heads of department were also present. Laotian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Phong Savath, Deputy Minister for Information and Culture Mr Khck Keo, and Deputy Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Dr Bovien Kham also attended the meeting.

The two Prime Ministers exchanged views on promotion of mutual understanding and bilateral friendship and cooperation between the two countries.

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win meets Laotian counterpart Mr Bounnhang Vorachith at the Majestic Hotel. MNA

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win said that Myanmar has been further strengthening her developments, internal peace and stability, and the rule of law, under the leadership of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. In addition, it will continue to maintain her friendship and active cooperation with regional, neighbouring and ASEAN nations, without losing momentum. He expressed his belief that the ASEAN Summit, to be hosted by Laos soon, will be a successful one, inviting the Laotian Prime Minister to attend the World Buddhist Summit that will be held in Myanmar soon.

The LPDR Prime Minister said that as the two countries are traditional friendly neighbours, both countries will have to maintain the fine traditions. Preparations have already been made to host the

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ASEAN Summit in Laos, he said, thanking Myanmar for her assistance for the Summit. He said he would like to invite the Myanmar Prime Minister again to the Summit.

At 6.30 pm, the Myanmar Prime Minister attended the dinner co-hosted by China Council for the



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win attends the dinner jointly hosted by China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. — MNA

Samdech Hun Sen and wife, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith and wife, Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand Mr Phinij Jarusombu, Deputy Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Pham Gia Kheim, Minister U Soe Tha, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister U Nyan Win, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Ambassador U Thein Lwin, Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein and heads of department, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and the PRC, Secretary General of ASEAN Mr Ong Keng Yong and officials.

Vice President of China-ASEAN Expo Organizing Committee Deputy Minister of Commerce Mr An Min, Governor of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous

of China, on 3rd November.

Present on the occasion were PRC State Council Chinese Vice Premier Madame Wu Yi, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen and wife, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith and wife, Vice Prime Minister of Vietnam Mr Sham Gia Kheim, Thai Vice Prime Minister Mr Shinij Jarusombu, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Myanmar Ambassador to PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, departmental heads, ministers from Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and the PRC, deputy ministers, high-ranking officials, businessmen, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong, and journalists from ASEAN countries and foreign news agencies.

At first, the flags of the PRC and ASEAN countries were flown at the opening ceremony, which was followed by a speech given by Mr Bo Xilai,

As the Myanmar and Laos are traditional friendly neighbours, both countries will have to uphold the fine traditions.

Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith

Chinese Minister of Commerce.

Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Governor Mr Lu Bing extended greetings. Mr Ong Keng Yong delivered an address concerning ASEAN affairs.

Chinese Vice Premier Madame Wu Yi declared the trade fair open. Peoples of the ASEAN countries and the PRC wished a success for the trade through TV channels.

Next, ASEAN prime ministers, vice-prime ministers, ministers and the Chinese vice premier

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win attends the opening of first China-ASEAN Expo-2004. — MNA

Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) of the Ministry of Commerce of PRC, and local government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region at the Li Yuan Hotel.

The dinner was attended by Vice-Premier Madame Wu Yi, Prime Minister of Cambodia Mr

Region Mr Lu Bing and Minister of Commerce Mr Bo Xilai extended greetings. Dinner was then hosted.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win attended the opening ceremony of the first China-ASEAN Expo 2004 at Li Yuan International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Nanning, the People's Republic



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win visits booths of first China-ASEAN Expo-2004. — MNA

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poured water on the ASEAN Flower Bed to mark the China-ASEAN Unity. Later, they opened the trade fair by pressing an electronic button.

They viewed round the booths exhibited at the trade fair. Myanmar Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win also viewed the booth of the country.

After the opening ceremony, Chinese ethnic dance troupes presented their respective traditional entertainment.

Myanmar and Cambodia are friendly nations showing mutual respect, understanding and sympathy. Cambodia will always stand in solidarity with Myanmar and will continue its close relationship and cooperation in regional as well as international issues.

Prime Minister Hun Sen

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win called on Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Hun Sen at Ming Yuan (Majestic) Hotel in Nanning at 11.15 am on 3rd November.

At the call, the Myanmar Prime Minister was accompanied by ministers and departmental heads. And the Cambodian Prime Minister was accompanied by Cambodian Commerce Minister Mr Soulivong Daravong and top-ranking officials.



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win meets Cambodian counterpart Mr Sandech Hun Sen at the Ming Yan Hotel in Nanning. — MNA

the way for Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar to become members of the association. Cambodia maintained its stance at the Asia-Europe Meeting that there should be no discrimination among ASEAN countries. The future of Myanmar should always be kept in the hands of Myanmar government and its people. Cambodia had experienced the struggle for the right to decide the

with Cambodia in regional as well as international affairs. The Four-Country Summit on Ayeyawady-Kyaukphaya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategies held in Bagan of Myanmar brought about not only the interests of individual countries but also regional benefits. In addition to Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, Vietnam has now joined the



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win, prime ministers of ASEAN nations, deputy prime ministers and ministers and the Chinese Vice-Premier pour water on the ASEAN Flower Bed. — MNA

At the meeting, the Cambodian prime minister said Myanmar and Cambodia are friendly nations showing mutual respect, understanding and sympathy. Cambodia will always stand in solidarity with Myanmar and will continue its close relationship and cooperation in regional as well as international issues. The unity shown in the recent Asia-Europe Summit could pave

affairs of Cambodia by its own people. Myanmar will also have its own right to shape its future without any foreign interference in its internal affairs. Later, the two prime ministers discussed matters related to promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation.

On the occasion, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win said Myanmar will continue its close relations

In addition to Myanmar, Thailand, Cambodia and Laos, Vietnam has now joined the regional grouping. As a result, measures will be able to be carried out for regional stability and peace as well as for regional development on a greater scale.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win

regional grouping. As a result, measures will be able to be carried out for regional stability and peace as well as for regional development on a greater scale. Myanmar will play its part all the more in cooperation with other ASEAN members for the development of the Association while cementing the existing bilateral relations between Myanmar and Cambodia. Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win also made known the latest developments in Myanmar. — MNA

Minister visits factories

YANGON, 5 Nov—Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspected Factory No 1 in North Okkalapa Township this morning. The Minister provided assistance to run Win Thuzar shop in the factory compound. The Minister observed the production process at the factory and gave instructions the quality control of the products and innovative measures. Next, he inspected the production of bicycles, trishaws and trailers at the Bicycle Factory (Yangon), and arrival of machines for extension of the factory. — MNA



The opening of the first China-ASEAN Expo in progress at Li Yuan International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Nanning, China. — MNA

The following are sample forms in connection with the Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters Rules published in this paper on 4 and 5 November.—Ed

Form - 1

.....State
.....Department

(Rule-3)

To.

The Chairman
Mutual Assistance in Criminal
Matters, Central Authority
Union of Myanmar

Subject: **Request for assistance relating to Mutual Assistance in Criminal Matters.**

In relation to the event, which occurred at.....a request is hereby made for the assistance from the Union of Myanmar, for investigation and Judicial proceeding.

1. Summary and Nature of the case concerning which the request for assistance is made.....
2. The Law and section under which action is taken.....
3. Matter desired to be performed.....
4. period during which matter is to be performed (in an urgent Circumstance Statement "to be preformed urgently".....
5. Excerpts of relevant Law, Rules, Procedures which are exercised in its own country relating to the request for assistance and grounds.....
6. If it is for the taking of evidence, testimony or expert opinion, the name and address of the said person.....
7. If it is for the search and seizure of documents and records -
(a) document and type of record.....
(b) Name and Address of the person in possession.....
8. If it is for the Search, Seizure, Control, Issue of Restraining Order, Confiscation of Exhibit-
(a) Type, form and distinguishing characteristics of the property;.....
(b) Location and detailed specifications of the property.....
(c) Order, judgment or decision of the relevant court.....
9. If it is for disclosure of information, the information to be disclosed.....
10. If it is a matter to be performed confidentially statement "to be performed confidentially".....
11. Name, Designation, Department and function and duty of the Officer who conducts the investigation, prosecution, judicial proceeding of the said offence in its own

country.....
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12. Statement of other required facts.....
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Authority Requesting Assistance
..... Country

Letter No.....
Dated.....

Note: To delete the irrelevant text.

Form - 2

**The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
Central Authority for Rendering Assistance
in Criminal Matters among States
True and Authentic Translation Certificate of
the Document
{ Rule - 13(b) }**

The Central Authority for Rendering Assistance in Criminal Matters among States, upon the request for assistance of the Central Authority of State hereby grants the True and Authentic English Translation Certificate of the testimony, document, record and evidence contained in the attached list.

Chairman
Central Authority for Rendering Assistance
in Criminal Matters among States

Dated.
Note: To delete the irrelevant text.

The list of English Translation Documents

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Form - 3

**The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
Central Authority for Rendering Assistance
in Criminal Matters among States
Authentic Documentary Certificate
{ Rule - 13(b) }**

The Central Authority for Rendering Assistance in Criminal Matters among States, upon the request for assistance of the Central Authority of State hereby grants the Authentic Original Documentary Certificate or the Authentic True Copies of the Original of the testimony, document, record and evidence contained in the attached list.

Chairman
Central Authority for Rendering Assistance
in Criminal Matters among States

Dated.
Note: To delete the irrelevant text.

The list of Documentary

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Form - 4

**The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
Central Authority for Rendering Assistance
in Criminal Matters Among States
(Rule - 18)**

Location
Dated..... year.....month
.....day

1. I Mr/Ms, Age.....year (Citizenship Scrutiny card no..... was detained in custody..... for.....and the remaining period of detention isyear.....month.....day.
2. As the Investigator Mr/Ms..... was to give Testimony, Statement or Expert Opinion to the State, I was to be transferred temporarily by Myanmar and when my performance in the related matter, is completed I will be re-transferred to Myanmar by..... State I already understand the relevant, definite rights and duties undertaken by Laws, agreement or the undertakings between the..... State and Myanmar. I agree/disagree to transferring me to..... State, and I sign in the presence of the following witnesses thereof

Mr/Ms.....
(person in custody)
Witness No.1 Witness No. 2

Signature _____
Name _____
Designation / Department _____
Citizenship Scrutiny _____
Card No: _____

3. I Mr / Ms office, department..... have obtained the consent of the said person in the presence of the witnesses of above paragraph (1) in connection with transferring temporarily (a person in custody) Mr/Ms....., to the State.

Signature
Name
Designation
Department

(Investigator)

USDA Basic Organizational Course No 8 opened

YANGON, 5 Nov—CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint this morning attended the opening ceremony of Basic Organizational Training Course No 8 and the new stadium at the office of Dagon Myoyhit (Seikkan) Township USDA and addressed the ceremony. First, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and well-wisher U Phyo Ko Ko Tint Hsan of ACE Construction Co formally opened the new stadium which was in the compound of the Township USDA Office. Next, the minister addressed the opening ceremony of the training course and accepted K 2.3 million donated for the stadium by the company. After that, the USDA CEC member accepted K 120,000 donated by well-wishers of the township.

Afterwards, the USDA CEC member donated 19 long benches worth K 240,000 for No 1 Basic Education Primary School and No 3 BEPS and sports gear worth K 80,000.—MNA

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12 people killed in road accident in Zambia

LUSAKA, 4 Nov — Twelve people died while 28 others were seriously injured in a road accident in Zambia's Copperbelt Province, police confirmed Wednesday.

The accident happened Tuesday night in Kitwe of Copperbelt Province after two commuter mini buses collided head-on along the Kitwe/Chingola road.

MNA/Xinhua

British Parlt rejects calls for smacking of children

LONDON, 4 Nov — Britain's Parliament overwhelmingly rejected calls on Tuesday for all smacking of children to be outlawed despite the wishes of some in Prime Minister Tony Blair's Labour Party.

Parliamentarians voted by 424 to 75 against a complete ban on smacking children although a handful of Labour members supported the motion — their second rebellion in as many days.

"Smacking is hitting

and smacking hurts. It causes not only physical pain. It hurts inside too," said Labour MP David Hinchliffe, who moved the amendment to the government's Children's Bill.

"This amendment would criminalize hitting to exactly the same extent as hitting adults is criminalized."

Hinchliffe, head of Parliament's Health Select Committee, said Britain was in breach of its obligations under the UN Con-

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2	Special Steel Plate	1 - Lot
3	Phenolic Resin	3 - Tons.
4	Antimony Ingot	9 - Tons.
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2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 5-11-2004 during the office hours.

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

Deputy General Manager
Supply Department, Myanma Railways,
Botataung, Yangon

Official says HK enhances national education

HONG KONG, 4 Nov — Hong Kong has launched a series of activities to enhance national education, a Hong Kong Government official told legislators here Wednesday.

Hong Kong's Secretary for Education and Manpower Arthur Li noted that a programme entitled "I love China", targeting for kindergarten students, aims to develop in them a sense of belonging to the country, a respectful attitude to the national flag and national anthem and to encourage them to cherish and observe the traditional Chinese culture.

He elaborated that with the return of Hong Kong to the motherland, there is a need to develop students' national identity, adding that moral and civic education is one of the four key tasks advocated in the curriculum reform of which national identity is one of the priority values schools have to develop among students.

Moreover, in the revised primary school curriculum of the subject General Studies, the strand of "national identity and Chinese culture" has been added. Additional topics to enhance students' understanding of the motherland are incorporated into the Personal, Social and Humanities Education (PSHE) KLA curriculum at different key stages.

MNA/Xinhua

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

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Roche sets up global R&D centre in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 4 Nov — The world's largest manufacture of cancer drugs and diagnostics tests, Roche, has announced the opening of its new global R&D centre in Shanghai.

This is the fifth global research and development centre of the Swiss Roche Group. The four others are based in Switzerland, Germany, the United States and Japan. Franz B. Humer, chairman and CEO of Roche said it is a strategic choice for Roche to set up an R&D centre in China, as the country's sustained economic growth and its improved investment environment has filled Roche

with increased confidence in the Chinese market.

He added that for Roche, China is not only an important sales market and production base, but also a vital R&D centre, for the country has great potential in the pharmaceuticals and its diagnostics business.

The new centre, located at Zhangjiang Hi-Tech Park in the Pudong New District of Shanghai, is expected to be a world top-level R&D centre for new pharmaceuticals in three to five years, said Andreas Tschirky, general manager of Roche China Co., Ltd.—MNA/Xinhua

Cyprus covered by millions of locusts

NICOSIA, 4 Nov — Areas of Cyprus were covered by millions more desert locusts on Tuesday as the insects moved north of their African habitats in search of greener pastures.

The locust invasion, which locals say is the first in living memory, first began on Sunday. A new and larger swarm arrived

on the west coast of the island on Tuesday afternoon.

"There are millions of them. It is like looking at a very, very dense net," said Andreas Kazantzis, a senior officer of the Agriculture Ministry in the region of Paphos. "They were brought here by the hot weather and winds," said Kazantzis.

The worst desert infestation in a decade struck Western and Central Africa earlier this year.

But the marauding insects caused less damage in Cyprus than initially feared. Some potato crops were destroyed in the Paphos area but banana and fruit plantations were relatively untouched.

MNA/Reuters

Five Brazilians killed in drug trafficking rings shoot-out

RIO DE JANEIRO, 4 Nov — Rival drug trafficking rings staged a shoot-out on Wednesday, killing at least five people and injuring nine others in Rio de Janeiro, southeast Brazil, local Press reported. Police said the skirmish started in the early hours of Wednesday in towns near the international airport of the city.

Three people, who were

probably killed at the beginning of the fight, were found inside a pick-up truck armed with machine guns.

Two others, who were seriously wounded, died later at Bonsucesso General Hospital, in north Rio de Janeiro. Among the fatalities is a 17-year-old adolescent and the injured include a six-year-old boy, two 18-year-old youngsters, four

women and two men.

The security measures adopted by the police after the shoot-out led to a traffic jam on the road to the city airport. On Thursday and Friday, Rio de Janeiro will be the venue for the 18th Summit of the Group of Rio, a sub-continental political forum formed by 19 countries of Latin America and the Caribbean.—MNA/Xinhua

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Study says growing reliance on foreign nurses a threat to NHS

LONDON, 4 Nov— A growing reliance on agencies and foreign nurses, particularly from India, South Africa, Philippines and Australia will affect the smooth working of the National Health Service, (NHS) Britain Nurses' Association has warned.

Nurses' leaders have claimed that the expansion of the NHS was "built on sand", relying too much on the recruitment of overseas and temporary staff who may quit at a short notice.

The Britain's Royal College of Nursing said its annual survey of the NHS labour market had found that the nursing and midwifery work force in England had grown by 16 per cent to 2,92,000 over the past four years, exceeding government targets.

But this was largely achieved by recruiting foreign nurses, notably from India, the Philippines, South Africa and Australia, and increasing the use of casual staff.

Last year the NHS spent 628 million pounds on employing agency nurses- almost triple the amount in 1997.

There are currently 396,300 NHS nurses in England compared with 318,800 in 1997, an increase of 77,500, according to the Department of

Health. The number of students entering nursing colleges has grown by 62 per cent during the same period from almost 15,000 to 24,200.

Dr. Beverly Malone, the college's general secretary, welcomed the increase in numbers but called for less reliance on agencies and foreign nurses, and the introduction of more attractive, flexible working patterns. Malone said, "While the college acknowledges that the num-

bers of nurses has increased, my concern is that the foundations of nursing are built on sand, not stone."

We have to ask why so many nurses feel unable to commit to the NHS and prefer to work on a temporary basis.

"Nurses tell us that the chance to choose which hours they work is a major factor. We want employers to do more with better, flexible working arrangements to significantly improve retention."—MNA/PTI

Inner Mongolia singer to give performance in HK

HONG KONG, 4 Nov— Tengger described as a singer-songwriter from Inner Mongolia who sings with his soul, and his Blue Wolf will give performances in Hong Kong on December 5-6.

Tengger first made his name in music circles in 1986 with his composition and performance of the song "The Mongolian". Since then, he was won a number of first prizes in various national and international music competitions.

In 1991, he won the top award for Chinese works with "Father and I" in the Second Asia Music Festival.

In March 1993, Tengger formed the Blue Wolf with five of his friends who came from the beautiful Inner Mongolian Steppe and shared the same music vision. The group is named after the Blue Wolf that was the totemic ancestor of the Mongols in ancient Mongolian myth.

The December concerts will include many of Tengger's works like "Heaven", "Father and I", "How Many Years", "Days in Love with You" "Wait or Leave" and "The Mongolian." —MNA/Xinhua

Smoking affects "feel good" brain chemical system

HOUSTON, 4 Nov— Ask any smoker, why he smokes and pat comes the reply — to satisfy the craving, calm nerves and relax.

It may sound funny to nonsmokers, but a team of scientists from University of Michigan has reported new evidence of why that might appear so.

A brain scan study suggests nicotine alters smokers' brain chemistry in ways that could help explain craving and satisfaction. Smoking produces major changes in the flow of feel good chemicals between brain cells, both temporarily and long-term.

Those changes in flow match up with changes in how smokers say they feel before and after smoking.

It is for the first time ever that smoking has been shown to affect the human brain's natural system of chemicals called endogenous opioids, which are known to play a role in quelling painful sensations, heightening positive emotions, and creating a sense of reward. It's the same system that is stimu-

lated by heroin and morphine.

The new results come from a pilot study involving a small group of young male smokers and non-smoking comparison subjects.—MNA/PTI

Astronomers believe to solve origin of cosmic rays

LONDON, 4 Nov— An international team of astronomers believe they have solved a mystery that has been perplexing scientists for 100 years — the origin of cosmic rays.

Scientists first discovered the energetic particles that bombard the Earth nearly a century ago but where they come from has been one of the big questions in astrophysics.

Using an array of four telescopes in Africa, the

scientists produced the first image showing that the source of cosmic rays could be the remnant of a supernova, a powerful explosion of a star at the end of its life.

"This is the first time we were able to take an

image of the source," David Berge, an astrophysicist at the Max Planck Institute in Heidelberg, Germany, told Reuters.

Scientists had long thought that supernova explosions were indeed the source, but did not have evidence to support it, according to Berge, who reported the findings in the science journal *Nature*.

He and colleagues from Britain, Armenia, France, Ireland, Namibia, South Africa and the Czech Republic studied the remnant of a supernova that exploded about 1,000 years ago and left a shell of debris.—MNA/Reuters



A pangolin is seized by Malay wildlife authorities before it is smuggled out of the country on 4 November. Police in Vietnam have seized 120 protected pangolins, also known as scaly anteaters, which were well known for their rumoured aphrodisiac meat.—INTERNET

India's Tatas eye global mart for "IT", telecom; launch undersea cable

SINGAPORE, 4 Nov— With an eye to expanding globally in the crucial IT and telecom sectors, the major industrial conglomerate, Tatas, Wednesday launched India's first fully-owned undersea optical cable to link Singapore and Chennai.

The 3175-kilometre cable project, implemented in less than 11 months, comes within two days of the Tatas announcing acquisition of Tyco Global Network of submarine telecom cable for 130 million dollars.

Launching the cable, Tata Group chairman Ratan Tata said this would prove to be an important link for growth of broadband business to serve the needs of corporate customers and households.

While the Tatas declined to give details of investment, company sources said the project was completed in 10 months and

two weeks for 100 million dollars, fully financed through internal resources of Videsh Sanchar Nigam Ltd.

Even after acquisition of Tyco Global Network, VSNL is understood to have resources of 16 billion rupees from which the company is planning significant investments over the next two years.

Asked if the company would invest upto 15 billion rupees for broadband and other related areas, N Srinath, Director (Operations) of VSNL, told PTI "we are looking at significant investments" but did not elaborate.—MNA/PTI

Chinese "expected" to travel in space in 20 years

SHANGHAI, 4 Nov— The Chinese people "are expected to realize their dream of space travel in 20 years," said a senior official with China's space industry at a symposium Tuesday.

Yuan Jiajun, chief commander of China's space programme and president of the China Academy of Space Technology, said China will "establish a sound mechanism to commercialize its space technology," which may spur China's manned

space flights.

He stressed that two fundamental problems should be addressed to bring "a booming space tourism": lowering the cost and ensuring safety. Currently China's research in the space industry mainly serves its

national economy and national defence, said Yuan, expressing his belief that in the near future, space technology will be extensively used for civil service and bring more benefits to common people.

MNA/Xinhua

Space outfits for "Shenzhou VI" light, removable

BEIJING, 4 Nov — Space outfits for China's second manned space flight capsule *Shenzhou VI*, scheduled to launch in September next year, will be lighter and removable, the *Beijing Morning Post* reported.

Unlike the outfits on *Shenzhou V*, space suits designed for *Shenzhou VI* astronauts are much lighter and can be taken off after spacemen enter the capsule, designers of the space contraptions with the Space Medicine Engineering Institute were quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Wes Brown agrees new deal with Man Utd

LONDON, 5 Nov — Manchester United defender Wes Brown has agreed a new deal that will tie him to Old Trafford until 2008, the Premier League club said on Thursday.



Wes Brown

The 25-year-old England centre back, whose career has been badly disrupted by injury, had been in contract discussions for some time although last month talks appeared to break down over his wage demands. United manager Alex Ferguson said he was delighted, adding: "Over the last few weeks there has been a great deal of uncertainty and that has been a worry."

MNA/Reuters

Robert Pires called to appear before French officials

PARIS, 5 Nov — Robert Pires has been called to appear before France officials on Monday to explain his criticism of national manager Raymond Domenech.

"The Arsenal midfielder will be asked to answer for criticizing... Domenech and infringing Les Bleus sponsorship rules," a French Federation spokesman said on Thursday.

The 31-year-old, who has won 79 caps, will face federation chairman Claude Simonet and league president Frederic Thiriez in Paris. Domenech will not attend "because he will be on an assignment," the spokesman added.

In an interview in last Friday's sports magazine France Football, Pires said of Domenech: "Nothing in his behaviour allows me to believe that he trusts me."

"I have the impression I'm still at school, that I'm 20 and I've only just started playing football."

"We need Domenech to make us relax and instead he makes us feel tense by

his behaviour, his words, his comments. There are problems between us. He doesn't get on my nerves. On the other hand, I think I do get on his."

Pires has not been at his best for France in recent matches and, after playing a full World Cup qualifying game against Ireland on October 9, he reacted angrily when he was substituted in Nicosia four days later.

"If the (Cyprus) match had taken place at the Stade de France, I would not have stayed. I would have gone. I would have gone mad, I would have lost my temper," he said.

"When the coach said Daniel Moreira was replacing me, I couldn't believe it. It's the first time in my career I have gone through something like this."

The federation are also unhappy that Pires appeared on French television wearing clothing showing his sponsor and not the national team's outfit after the game against Ireland. — MNA/Reuters

Filippo Inzaghi to undergo ankle operation

MILAN, 5 Nov — AC Milan's Italy international striker Filippo Inzaghi will undergo a further ankle operation and could be out for the rest of 2004.

Milan said on their official web site that the decision was taken after further tests on his left ankle.

Inzaghi had the same ankle operated on in April and was sidelined until mid-September, missing the finals of Euro 2004.

He has since appeared in five matches for Milan, scoring the second goal in the 3-1 Champions League win over Celtic.

Milan also have their Dutch central defender Jaap Stam sidelined with an Achilles tendon injury and said they are considering minor surgery.

MNA/Reuters

Argentine defender to join Spain's Villarreal

VALENCIA, 5 Nov — Argentine defender Juan Pablo Sorin will join Spain's Villarreal from Brazilian club Cruzeiro for the rest of this season and the following three years, the Primera Liga club said on Thursday. Sorin will take the squad place left vacant by Javier Calleja, who is out of action for at least six months with a serious knee injury, Villarreal chief executive Jose Manuel Llana said on returning from Brazil.

Sorin does not have to wait for the transfer window to open to move because he is replacing a seriously injured player. The 28-year-old Buenos Aires native, who has also had spells with Barcelona, Lazio and Paris St. Germain, was part of Argentina's 2002 World Cup squad. — MNA/Reuters

Olympiakos beat Monaco 1-0

ATHENS, 4 Nov — A goal six minutes from time from Argentine central defender Gabriel Schurrer gave Olympiakos Piraeus a 1-0 win over Monaco in their Group A Champions League match on Wednesday.

The win puts Olympiakos level with Liverpool on seven points,

one more than Monaco, last year's beaten finalists, with two rounds remaining. Olympiakos had the better of a tepid first half during which Monaco, in spite of their coach Didier Deschamps' pre-match assertion that they had come to attack, did not register a single

shot on goal.

The home side fared little better with their best attempts both coming from Rivaldo, a well-struck volley that flew over the bar and a direct free kick that was safely held by Flavio Roma in the Monaco goal.

MNA/Reuters

French clubs can make history in Champions League

PARIS, 5 Nov — French clubs can make history in the Champions League after Olympique Lyon secured a berth in the last 16 on Wednesday, blazing the trail for Monaco and Paris St Germain who still hope to get through the group stage.

Lyon, unbeaten in all competitions this season, wrapped up a late victory over Fenerbahce with two goals from substitute Nilmar in stoppage time on Wednesday.

The suspense was at its highest after striker Sanli Tuncay equalized for Fenerbahce to make it 2-2 with 17 minutes left, but the French champions deserved their late success

as they had dominated most of the match.

"We are all heroes," a beaming Nilmar said after the game. "I scored these two goals but it's the whole team which must be praised."

"We were aiming to qualify as soon as possible but being into the second round now is a bit unexpected. We must now carry on. We can do some-

thing great in this Champions League."

In four previous appearances in the competition, Lyon have only reached the knockout stage twice, being eliminated in the quarterfinals by eventual European champions Porto last year.

With 10 points already and two matches to play in Group D they are certain to finish at least second. Manchester United will join them in the knockout phase with a home victory over the French side on November 23.

Inspired by Lyon's performance, Paris St. Germain and Monaco are still in the race to qualify and if they make it through to the next stage it would be the first time France could boast three clubs in the second round of the lucrative event.

The best French showing so far was last season when Monaco finished runners-up and Lyon lost to Porto in the last eight.

Monaco slumped to a 1-0 defeat at Olympiakos in Group A but the principality team were solid throughout before Schurrer slotted home the winner for the Greeks six minutes from time.

Olympiakos and Liverpool are level on seven points, one ahead of Monaco with Deportivo Coruna in fourth place after two draws and two defeats.

"The next two matches will be decisive," said Monaco coach Didier Deschamps. "We will certainly have to wait for the last game but we can do it." — MNA/Reuters



Lyon's forward Nilmar celebrates after scoring during the Champions League football match against Fenerbahce at the Gerland's stadium in Lyon—INTERNET

Mutu banned for seven months

LONDON, 5 Nov — Romanian striker Adrian Mutu was banned from soccer for seven months on Thursday after being found guilty of taking a banned substance by the English Football Association.

Chelsea sacked the 25-year-old last Friday for cocaine use and the FA announced its punishment after Mutu attended a disciplinary hearing at the ruling body's Soho Square headquarters on Thursday.

"Adrian Mutu has been suspended for seven months, subject to the player successfully completing a programme of education and rehabilitation," the FA said on its web site.

Mutu was also fined 20,000 pounds (36,800 US dollars) and will be subject to target testing throughout the period of suspension.

His suspension includes the period already served under an interim suspension order, beginning on October 25, and will run until May 18, 2005.

His seven-month suspension will apply worldwide provided it is endorsed by world ruling body FIFA, which usually requires a minimum six-month suspension for such offences. — MNA/Reuters



Russia's Maria Petrova and Alexei Tikhonov perform in the pairs short programme of the International Figure Skating Competition in Nagoya, central Japan, on Thursday, 4 Nov, 2004. The Russian pair finished first in the programme. —INTERNET

Inquiry underway into airport runway crash in England

LONDON, 5 Nov — The authorities have launched an investigation after two passenger planes collided while taxiing at Manchester Airport, northwestern England, earlier Thursday.

The *BMI Baby Boeing 737* travelling to Belfast in Northern Ireland and an *Excel Airways Boeing 767* flying to Goa

touched wings outside the airport's Terminal Two.

No one is thought to have been injured in the incident although 79 passengers were on board the *BMI Baby* plane and 225 were on the *Excel Airways* plane.

"There had been a minor collision between two planes on the runway.

We believe that the wings of the two planes may have clipped," said a Greater Manchester Ambulance Service spokesman.

"The incident is currently being investigated," he said.

Other flights at the airport run as normal, according to a BBC report.

MNA/Xinhua

Researchers say atenolol not suitable for hypertensive patients

LONDON, 5 Nov — A leading drug used by millions of people to lower blood pressure does not prevent deaths from heart attacks or other cardiovascular problems as well as other treatments, researchers said on Friday.

Atenolol, which is sold under the brand name *Tenormin* by drugs giant AstraZeneca, was first introduced in 1976. It is one of the most widely prescribed drugs of its kind.

But Swedish scientists have questioned its benefits after reviewing the results of nine previous studies of the drug.

"Our results cast doubt on atenolol as a suitable drug for hypertensive patients," Professor Lars Hjalmar Lindholm, of Umea University in Sweden, said in a report in *The Lancet* medical journal.

Atenolol belongs to a class of drugs known as beta blockers, which are prescribed for high blood pressure, angina and to prevent repeat heart attacks. The drugs help relieve stress on the heart and slow its beat.

Lindholm and his team examined the results of four studies that compared atenolol with a placebo, or dummy pill, and five that contrasted its effects with other blood pressure-lowering drugs.

The research showed the drug was no better than a placebo in reducing deaths from heart attacks or heart disease. But in one study the drug reduced stroke more than in patients who were not receiving any treatment.

"The main finding was that atenolol could not be shown to have the same preventive effects on cardiovascular disease as other common anti-hypertension drugs," Dr Bo Carlberg, who worked on the study, said in an interview.

"Compared with the placebo, atenolol did not decrease all-cause mortality. It did not decrease cardiovascular mortality and did not decrease myocardial infarction (heart attack)," he added.

The scientists said they were surprised there were so few studies that looked at atenolol on its own, rather than in combination with other drugs. They themselves examined the impact of atenolol only and did not look at other beta blockers.

"Atenolol should not be a first-line drug for hypertension," said Carlberg, adding that it should also not be used as a comparative drug in studies to test the effects of new blood pressure-lowering drugs. — MNA/Reuters

Survey shows not enough male teachers in British schools

LONDON, 5 Nov — Male teachers are leaving British state school classrooms because the profession is more lucrative for women, according to economic research.

Adverts offering cash gifts and promising job satisfaction have had some success in reversing the trend but schools are still thousands of teachers short of teacher-pupil targets because not enough male graduates are signing up, researchers said.

"The problem of recruiting graduates into the teaching profession and retaining them has bedevilled recent British governments," economists Peter Dolton and Tsung-Ping Chung said.

Their survey found male recruits entering teaching stand to lose up to 67,000 pounds (123,200 US dollars) in earnings across their lifetime while women can gain up to 65,000 pounds (119,600 US dollars). Three out of five teachers

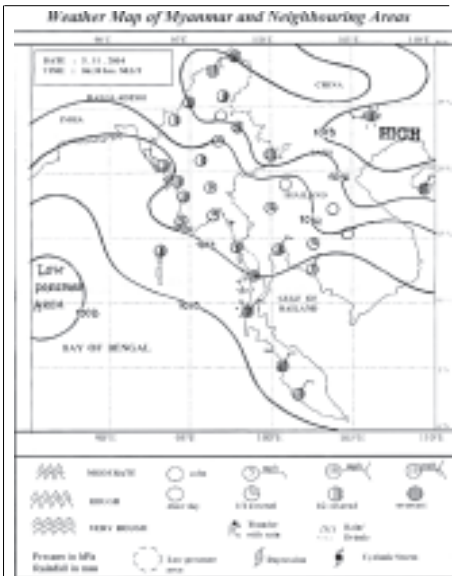
in Britain are female.

While teaching salary scales are the same for men and women, gender pay gaps in other jobs make working outside the classroom more profitable for men, Dolton and Chung said.

"Males who enter

teaching are disadvantaged monetarily," they said in October's National Institute of Economic and Social Research review. "For females, teaching appears to be profitable compared to alternative occupations."

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Friday, 5 November, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Kachin, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division, (5°C) below normal in Yangon Divisions, 3°C above normal in Mandalay Division and Chin State and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 4-11-2004 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 5-11-2004 was 65°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-11-2004 was 70%. Total sunshine hours on 4-11-2004 was (6.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 5-11-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was (112.24 inches) at Yangon Airport, (106.77 inches) at Kaba-Aye and (109.64 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from Northeast at (09:15) hours MST on 5-11-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Southwest Bay persists. Weather is cloudy in South and West Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 6-11-2004: Except for the possibility of isolated light rain in Taninthayi Division, weather will be generally fair in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-11-2004: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-11-2004: Fair weather.

Weather outlook for first weekend of November 2004: During the coming weekend, weather has been generally fair in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

Radio Myanmar

Saturday, November 6
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Together forever
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Good feeling
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am Music: Don't play your rock 'n roll to me
- 9.10 am International news
- 9.15 am Music: (Spotlight on a star) -Jenniffer Paige News/Slogan
- 1.30 pm Request
- 1.40 pm Request -Since I met you baby
- Why baby why
- I love you baby
- 9.00 pm ASEAN review -News
- 9.10 pm Article
- 9.20 pm Myanma Culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt -U Kyi Pway or Mr Pestle
- 9.30 pm Souvenirs -Words of love -Bridge over troubled water
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Saturday, November 6

View on today:

- 7:00 am 1. ကော့ရှင်းစင်တုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံယာဉ် ဟောပြောသောအခါ အထူးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အသိပေးဟောပြောရန်၊ အသိပေးအမှာစကားပြောရန်၊ အသိပေးအမှာစကားပြောရန်၊ အသိပေးအမှာစကားပြောရန်၊ အသိပေးအမှာစကားပြောရန်
- 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. မြန်မာ့ပြည်သူ့ကျန်းမာရေး
- 8:05 am 6. Musical programme
- 8:20 am 7. တော်တော်ရေလှောင်တံခွန်
- 8:30 am 8. International news
- 8:45 am 9. Grammar Made Easy
- 11:00 am 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am 3. News
- 11:40 am 4. Games for children
- 12:00 pm 5. Round-up of the week's TV local news
- 1:35 pm 6. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လမ်းတွဲ "သော့ချစ်ပန်း" (အပိုင်း-၄၁)
- 2:10 pm 7. ကော့ရှင်းစင်တုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံယာဉ် ဟောပြောသောအခါ အထူးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အသိပေးဟောပြောရန်၊ အသိပေးအမှာစကားပြောရန်၊ အသိပေးအမှာစကားပြောရန်၊ အသိပေးအမှာစကားပြောရန်
- 2:20 pm 8. Dance of national races
- 2:35 pm 9. မြန်မာ့ပြည်သူ့ကျန်းမာရေး
- 2:45 pm 10. International news
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm 5. အလင်းသင်တန်းသို့ ပညာရေး ရရှိနိုင်သည့်အခါ အထူးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အသိပေးဟောပြောရန်၊ အသိပေးအမှာစကားပြောရန်၊ အသိပေးအမှာစကားပြောရန်၊ အသိပေးအမှာစကားပြောရန်
- 5:15 pm 6. Dance variety
- 5:30 pm 7. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လမ်းတွဲ "သော့ချစ်ပန်း" (အပိုင်း-၄၁)
- 5:50 pm 8. Musical programme
- 6:05 pm 9. လမ်းဆုံတံဆိပ်
- 6:00 pm 10. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm 11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 13. Discovery
- 7:15 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လမ်းတွဲ "သော့ချစ်ပန်း" (အပိုင်း-၄၁)
- 7:45 pm 15. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လမ်းတွဲ "သော့ချစ်ပန်း" (အပိုင်း-၄၁)
- 20. The next day's programme



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win meets Vice-Premier of the State Council of the PRC Madame Wu Yi. — MNA

Myanmar's internal problems must be solved only by Myanmar's themselves Myanmar peaceful, stable under Head of State's leadership

YANGON, 5 Nov — Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister Lt-Gen Soe Win attended the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China, at the invitation of the PRC Government.

The Myanmar Prime Minister and the delegation

comprising Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General at the Prime Minister's Office

U Soe Tint, Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Thura U Aung Htet and Director-General of Political Department U Thaug Tun, arrived at Nanning International Airport in PRC, at 12.42 pm local time on November 2.

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Permission granted for retirement

The State Peace and Development Council has granted permission to the following ministers to retire from duties with effect from today.

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| (1) Col Tin Hlaing | Ministry of Home Affairs |
| (2) U Tin Winn | Prime Minister's Office and Ministry of Labour |

By Order,
Sd/ Thein Sein
Lieutenant- General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

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Permission granted for retirement

The State Peace and Development Council has granted permission to the following deputy ministers to retire from duties with effect from today.

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| (1) Brig-Gen Khin Maung | Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation |
| (2) Brig-Gen Kyaw Win | Ministry of Industry-1 |
| (3) U Aung Thein | Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries |
| (4) U Nyi Hla Nge | Ministry of Science and Technology |

By Order,
Sd/ Thein Sein
Lieutenant- General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council Order No 16/2004 8th Waning of Thadingyut, 1366 ME (5th November 2004)

Appointment of Minister

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed and assigned duties to Maj-Gen Maung Oo as the Minister for Home Affairs with effect from today.

By Order,
Sd/ Thein Sein
Lieutenant- General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council Order No 17/2004 8th Waning of Thadingyut, 1366 ME (5th November 2004)

Assignment of joint ministerial portfolios

The State Peace and Development Council has assigned Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug concurrently as Minister for Labour with effect from today.

By Order,
Sd/ Thein Sein
Lieutenant- General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Union of Myanmar State Peace and Development Council Order No 18/2004 8th Waning of Thadingyut, 1366 ME (5th November 2004)

Appointment of Deputy Minister

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed and assigned duties to U Kyaw Soe as the Deputy Minister for Science and Technology with effect from today.

By Order,
Sd/ Thein Sein
Lieutenant- General
Secretary-1
State Peace and Development Council

Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil

- * In automobiles, natural gas can be used in place of petrol and diesel.
- * The use of natural gas can not only save fuel oil but also extend engine life.
- * Natural gas exploited at home can be used effectively and safely.
- * Natural gas burns cent per cent and is environment-friendly.
- * Adequate supply of natural gas helps facilitate passenger and cargo transport.