

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

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, wife Daw Khin Khin Win attend reception marking 57th Founding Anniversary of PRC

YANGON, 29 Sept — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win attended the reception to mark the 57th Founding Anniversary of the People's Republic of China at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this evening.

It was also attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, the departmental heads, officials of social organizations, heads of foreign missions, resident representatives of UN agencies and other guests.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win attend the reception to mark 57th Founding Anniversary of the People's Republic of China.—MNA

Daw Khin Khin Win were welcomed by Chinese Ambassador Mr. Guan Mu at the hotel.

Later, the Secretary-1 and his wife cut the cake and the guests were hosted a dinner by the Chinese ambassador.—MNA

Excerpts from the article

Not representing the people, NLD is attempting to harm the interests of the State and the people in league with the West.

PAGE 8+9

U PYAY KYAW

From SNPLO declaration

It is obvious that the decision turned a blind eye to fruitful results of prevailing peace and stability and developments that the people and SNPLO enjoy.

PAGE 10

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 30 September, 2006

To ensure durability of irrigation facilities

The government is constructing a cluster of dams numbering 71 in the five townships of Pakokku District for ensuring regional food security and the greening of the district in Magway Division.

On 26 September 2006, Yesagyo Township in Pakokku District saw the inauguration of the Myaykheadaung Dam intended for the greening of the region, extended cultivation of paddy and supply of clean water to the nearby villages.

The 44-foot-high and 1,300-foot-long facility was built by damming the Myaykheadaung Creek at a cost of over 102 million kyats contributed by the government, and it can store 2,880 acre feet of water.

It is the 189th dam among the irrigation facilities that the Tatmadaw Government has constructed across the nation since 1988 as well as the 32nd of its kind in Magway Division.

This rainy season, Magway Division is pursuing the target of putting about 925,000 acres under monsoon paddy and more than 160,000 acres under summer paddy. And it is striving for the achievement of 125 per cent of rice sufficiency, while Pakokku District is making endeavours to meet the target of 128,586 acres of monsoon paddy and over 20,000 acres of summer paddy in order to achieve 54 per cent of rice sufficiency.

The 71 irrigation facilities constructed for the greening of and supply of water to Pakokku cover small dams and lakes and other water resources. So far, 50 out of 71 projects have been completed and are benefiting some 5,000 acres of paddy fields.

Upon completion, the 71 projects will be able to irrigate 8,630 acres of farmland.

Besides, the government is implementing 13 river water pumping projects that will be able to benefit 35,000 acres of arable lands in Pakokku District.

Therefore, local farmers on their part are to reciprocate the goodwill of the government by collectively maintaining the irrigation facilities for their durability, the greening of the watershed areas and sustainable progress of the irrigation networks.

ဆက်သွယ်ရေး ချို့ယွင်းမှု တိုင်ကြားရေးဌာန (၁၀၆)

ဆက်သွယ်ရေး ဝန်ဆောင်မှုများဖြစ်ကြသည့် Telephone/Mobile/Fax/Internet/E-mail/Billing/DATA နှင့် ဝတ်ဆောင်း ဝန်ဆောင်မှုများတွင် ချို့ယွင်းမှု၊ မှားယွင်းမှုများ ဖြစ်ပေါ်ပါက မြန်မာ့ဆက်သွယ်ရေး ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးအဖွဲ့က “ဆက်သွယ်ရေး ချို့ယွင်းမှု တိုင်ကြားရေးဌာန-(၁၀၆)” ကို နေပြည်တော်တွင် ဖွင့်လှစ်ပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

ပြည်သူများအနေဖြင့် ဆက်သွယ်ရေး ဝန်ဆောင်မှုများနှင့် ပတ်သက်၍ တိုင်ကြားလိုပါက ဒေသဆိုင်ရာ ချို့ယွင်းမှုဖြေရှင်းရေး ဌာနများအပြင် “ဆက်သွယ်ရေး ချို့ယွင်းမှု တိုင်ကြားရေးဌာန-(၁၀၆)” သို့လည်း တိုက်ရိုက်ခေါ်ဆို တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

- တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် - ၁၀၆
- Fax - 067-422106
- E-mail - 106@mptmail.net.mm
- ဓာတိုက်ဆွေအမှတ် - ၁၀၆ နေပြည်တော်

(မြန်မာ့ဆက်သွယ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်း)

Republics, Democracies

- * 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

Yangon Division USDA holds annual meeting

YANGON, 29 Sept — The Annual General Meeting for 2006 of Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association was held today at the office of the association here.

Member of the Panel of Patrons of USDA (Central) Patron of Yangon Division USDA Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, CEC Member of USDA Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa delivered addresses at the meeting.

Twenty-five outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2005-2006 academic year were awarded at the meeting. Later, wellwishers donated cash to the association through Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa.

In the second session of the meeting, participants of the meeting discussed the annual report of the executive committee of Yangon Division USDA, and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by the meeting chairman. — MNA



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win addresses Annual General Meeting for 2006 of Yangon Division USDA. — MNA

CSSTB holds coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept — Civil Service Selection and Training Board held its coordination meeting at the Board, here, this afternoon.

Chairman of CSSTB Dr Than Nyun made an inaugural speech.

Members of CSSTB, directors-general and rectors of departments and universities and the head of office were present.

Members U Aung Myint, U Hla Myint Oo, U Win Aung, U Soe Oo, U Nyi Tun and U Kyaw Aung spoke on the occasion.

Directors-General and rectors reported on work done in 2006 and future tasks.

The chairman gave instructions on reports submitted and made concluding remarks.

MNA

Diplomatic relations established between Myanmar and Timor-Leste

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept — The Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and norms of International Law in accordance with the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassadorial level with effect from 26 September 2006.

The agreement to establish diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste was signed by HE U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar and HE Jose Luis Guterres, Minister of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste, in New York on 26 September 2006. — MNA

Foundation Analysis & Design Course of MES on 14 Oct

YANGON, 29 Sept — Myanmar Engineering Society will conduct Foundation Analysis & Design Course on 14 October at the office of the society on Hline University Campus here.

The course will last one month and those wishing to attend it may contact Tel: 519673 and 519676.

MNA

Fire breaks out in Kyauktada Township

YANGON, 29 Sept — A fire broke out at Pwint Oo Furniture Mart of U Aung Nyunt, of No 67 (ground floor) at the corner of Anawrahta Street and 40th Street in Kyauktada Township here yesterday evening.

The flame caused damage to plastic kitchen and household items estimated at K 3 million, it is learnt.

MNA

Haitian Justice Minister accuses US of undermining sovereignty

HAVANA, 28 Sept—Haitian Justice Minister Henry Marge Dorleans said on Tuesday that a US Embassy advert offering rewards for information about heavy weapons in private hands in the island nation, was a deliberate move to undermine Haitian sovereignty.

"This is an attempt to bring Haiti's justice system under the authority of the United States," Henry Marge Dorleans was quoted as saying by the daily newspaper *Caribbean Net News*, according to reports reaching here on Tuesday.

"If you have any infor-

mation about people hiding heavy weapons, please contact the United States Embassy in Port-au-Prince. Calls will be treated as confidential and will be handsomely rewarded," said the US Embassy advertisement, currently running on Haitian radio in the local Creole

language.

The incident came as the country's National Commission is trying to recover an estimated 200,000 weapons, which are scattered all over the place and believed to be in private hands. The government body, along with seven non-governmental organizations, is negotiating with street gangs in Haiti's roughest neighbourhoods.

"All attempts to deliver the apparatus of justice into the hands of foreigners deserves an urgent intervention from our nation's authorities," said Joseph Lambert, president of Haiti's Senate.

The US Embassy sources have formally denied any attempt to undermine Haiti's sovereignty. *MNA/Xinhua*

ထုတ်ကုန်သွင်းဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း



Zhao Gang shows his handcraft "Heaven and Earth", which was made from over 100 calabashes in Tianjin, north China, on 27 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA



The new Logan MCV is presented on media day at the Paris Mondial de l'Automobile on 28 Sept, 2006. The Paris Auto show opens its doors to the public 30 Sept to 15 Oct. —INTERNET

Romania, Bulgaria welcomed as full-fledged members of EU

BUCHAREST, 28 Sept—Leading European parliamentarians have said Romania and Bulgaria are welcomed to be full-fledged members of the European Union (EU), the Romanian Rompres news agency reported on Wednesday.

"There are some shortcomings in Romania and Bulgaria, however, this is not the time nor the place to talk about problems," said the European Parliament Socialist Group leader Martin Schulz.

The EU itself will reap benefits from the membership of Romania and Bulgaria in terms of security along its borders, social cohesion and economic strength, said Schulz.

He compared the joy of the two countries' EU accession to the one experienced at Germany's reunification.

Enthusiastic about Romania and Bulgaria's entry to the EU on 1 January, 2007, was also the European liberal democrats leader Graham Watson, who said that following the EU accession of the two states, both sides will reap benefits.

"The most important argument favouring the EU accession of the two countries are the 22 million Romanians and 7.5 million Bulgarians," said Brian Crowley, an Irish parliamentarian who is also co-chairman of the Union for Europe of the Nations.

He pointed out that the two states should be given the same opportunities as current EU states got when they were weaker and less developed.

The key word of the emphasis should be laid from now on is "transparency," said European parliamentarian for Bulgaria Geoffrey van Orden (EPP-ED).—*MNA/Xinhua*

US soldier and Marine killed in restive Iraqi province

BAGHDAD, 28 Sept—An American soldier and a Marine died from enemy action in the restive western Iraqi province of al-Anbar, the US military said on Wednesday.

The Marine assigned to Regimental Combat Team 7 died Monday while operating in the insurgency-ravaged province, the military said in a statement.

Another soldier assigned to 1st Brigade, 1st Armoured Division also died on Monday in hostile action in al-Anbar, a separate statement said.

The latest fatalities bring to 68 the number of US soldiers killed this

Dirty water 'kills 1.5m children'

LONDON, 28 Sept—More than 1.5m children under five die each year

because they lack access to safe water and proper sanitation, says the United Nations children's agency.

In a report, UNICEF says that despite some successes, a billion people worldwide do not have access to safe drinking water from protected sources.

More than 1.2 billion people have gained access to safe water since 1990.

But sub-Saharan Africa remains a major area

of concern, especially countries affected by conflict. A UNICEF deputy-director, Vanessa Tobin, gave the example of Niger, where only 13% of the population has access to toilets of an acceptable standard, or better.

She said it "certainly is a contributing factor in the cholera outbreaks" in Niger.

The UN hopes to halve the number of people without access to clean drinking water and sanitation by 2015. —*Internet*



A fire-fighter kicks dirt on a hot spot as he works to contain the Day Fire burning out of control in the Los Padres National Forest and in Ventura County, California on 27 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Buddha statues stolen from Indian Museum

PATNA (India), 28 Sept— A total of 18 bronze statues of Lord Buddha dating back to the 9th and 10th century were stolen from the Patna Museum, according to the Bihar state government Wednesday.

The stolen statues are estimated at 1000 million rupees (some 210 million US dollars) in the international market.

Director of the Directorate of Museum Sahdeo Kumar said the staffs of the museum found the priceless statues missing from the first floor gallery of the museum when it opened for public on Tuesday after a weekly closure.

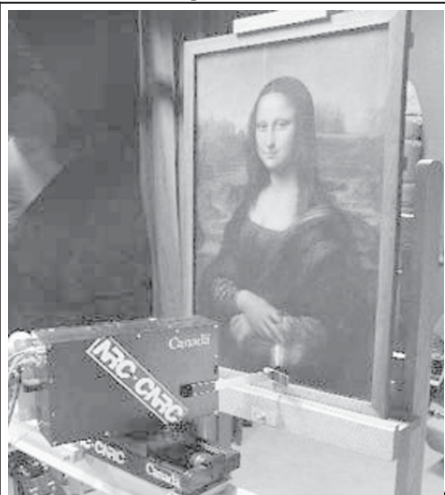
It was a great relief for the museum that the thieves did not take away the urn containing ashes of Lord Buddha

discovered during excavation of 6th Century stupa at Vaisahli and relics of Hieun Tsang, the Chinese monk who visited India in between 630- 645 AD to study at Nalanda University.

The state government has now asked the Interpol

and the Central Bureau of Investigation of India to help find those stolen treasures, said Inspector General of Bihar Police Anil Sinha.

The state government has formed a special team of police to probe into the issue. — MNA/Xinhua



A high resolution 3-D colour laser scanner is seen examining the Mona Lisa in a handout photo from the National Research Council of Canada. XINHUA

Official linked with US Army commits suicide in Kuwait

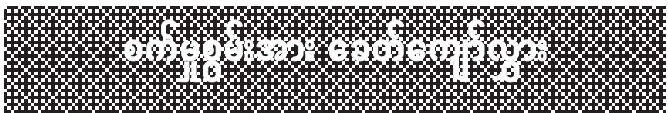
KUWAIT CITY, 28 Sept — A financial official linked with the US Army committed suicide in Kuwait on Tuesday after being investigated for fraud, local daily *Kuwait Times* reported Wednesday.

According to the report, the man, an American citizen, served as a mediator between local firms and the US military for service contracts and other projects. He had discovered that he was being investigated for fraud and other financial crimes before committing suicide, said the report.

Concerned sources were quoted as saying that three people have been involved in the alleged fraud. They were working in Iraq and were questioned by US officials before being sent back to Washington.

However, the US Embassy here said it had no information about the citizen, preferring not to comment on the matter. — MNA/Xinhua

An aerial view shows houses flooded with mud in Sidoarjo in Indonesia's East Java province on 27 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET



A delegation of the Associated Press, headed by President and CEO Tom Curley, visits Xinhuanet (Xinhua Online) and watches a demonstration of Xinhua Multimedia Database on 28 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

EU urges Thai democracy, end to martial law

BRUSSELS, 29 Sept — The European Union called on Thursday for a speedy return to democracy in Thailand and said martial law should be lifted without delay.

A statement from the Finnish Presidency of the European Union said the bloc attached great importance to holding free and democratic elections in Thailand “as soon as possible”.

“Martial law should, without delay, give way to the rule of ordinary law with full respect for human rights and civil liberties,” the statement said.

“The European Union has noted with great attention the military leadership’s assurances that Thailand will continue to abide by the United Nations Charter and international treaties and agreements,” it added.

“The decisions and actions of the new

military-appointed government will be evaluated by the European Union in the light of Thailand’s international obligations, inter alia in the area of human rights, including freedom of expression and freedom of assembly,” it said.

The Thai military overthrew prime minister

Thaksin Shinawatra’s government in a bloodless coup on 19 September but promised to install a new civilian Prime Minister within two weeks of that date.

A draft interim constitution is due to be submitted for royal approval on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters



A police bomb expert walks away from a suspicious package after checking it at the US District Courthouse, after police blocked all traffic for blocks in Washington on 27 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Car bomb near Baghdad market kills five, wounds eight

BAGHDAD, 28 Sept — A car bomb exploded near a crowded market in southern Baghdad’s Bayaa District on Wednesday, killing five people and wounding eight others, police said.

The car was parked at the side of a road and detonated by remote control. Police said the casualty toll was likely to rise. Sunni Muslim guerillas have regularly attacked crowds of civilians in mostly Shiite areas such as Bayaa as part of tit-for-tat communal violence that is claiming dozens of lives in Iraq every day. — MNA/Reuters

Microsoft offers emergency patch for IE bug

LOS ANGELES, 28 Sept—Microsoft on Tuesday released a patch for a critical flaw in its Internet Explorer web browser, ahead of its next scheduled round of security updates.

Breaking its monthly patch cycle, the software maker said hackers had been using the flaw to attack computers via the Internet.

Malicious software can be loaded, unbeknown to users, on to a vulnerable Windows computer when users click on a malicious link, Microsoft said, adding that for more than a week, and in recent days

especially, malicious activity had been on the upswing.

The patch will fix vulnerability in the way that Internet Explorer renders VML (Vector Markup Language) graphics, according to a security bulletin released by the company.

The out-of-cycle release is unusual, since Microsoft generally

releases its security updates on the second Tuesday of every month, giving system administrators a predictable way to set aside time to test the new software.

The last time the software maker rushed out a fix was in January, when another image-related flaw in the IE browser was being used to compromise Windows PCs through malicious websites.

With attack code that works on the latest version of Windows XP now publicly available, the flaw is emerging as a very serious concern for administrators, security experts said, while pushing Microsoft to rush out a fix for it.

There are currently more than 3,000 websites infecting users with malware that exploited the deficiency, said Ken Dunham, an expert with the Internet security firm Verisign.

MNA/Xinhua



A Japan Airlines cargo plane taxis at Bangkok's newly opened International Airport on 28 Sept, 2006. The Suvarnabhumi Airport officially opened on Thursday. — INTERNET

Baggage hiccups mar Bangkok airport opening

BANGKOK, 29 Sept — Thailand's new four billion US dollars international airport won a thumbs up from most passengers on its first day of operation on Thursday, although teething problems with the baggage handling system led to some delays.

"It appears there weren't enough carts to carry the luggage from the plane," said Hemant Chattopadhyay, an IT professional from Bangalore in India who had to wait 2-1/2 hours before being reunited with his bags.

Others complained about a lack of signs to the baggage halls, although by-and-large the massive complex, which will be able to handle 45 million passengers a year when it hits top gear, appeared to have swung into action smoothly.

In the cavernous steel-and-glass departure hall of Suvarnabhumi — "Golden Land" in Thai — check-in queues moved steadily, although some passengers confessed to being overawed by the size of the world-record 563,000 square metres (6.06 million square feet) terminal.

With 12 million tourists a year visiting Thailand and aspirations to being a regional trading and meeting centre, successive governments in Bangkok have deemed a replacement for its ageing, single-runway Don Muang Airport necessary.

MNA/Reuters



Commuters are forced to walk as some vehicles refuse to drive along a flooded road in Manila on 28 Sept, 2006. Typhoon Xangsane lashed the Philippine capital on Thursday, grounding flights, halting vessels and closing schools and market after triggering fatal flash floods in the centre of the country. — INTERNET

Experts say da Vinci's Mona Lisa was a new mother

OTTAWA, 28 Sept — Mona Lisa, the mysterious woman immortalized in Leonardo da Vinci's 16th century masterpiece, had just given birth to her second son when she sat for the painting, a French art expert said on Tuesday.

The discovery was made by a team of Canadian scientists who used special infrared and three-dimensional technology to peer through hitherto impenetrable paint layers on the work, which now sits in the Louvre Museum in Paris.

Bruno Mottin of the French Museums' Centre for Research and Restoration said that on very close examination of the painting it became clear that the Mona Lisa's dress was covered in a thin transparent gauze veil.

"This type of gauze dress... was typical of the kind worn in early 16th century Italy by women

who were pregnant or who had just given birth. This is something that had never been seen up to now because the painting was always judged to be dark and difficult to examine," he told a news conference.

"We can now say that this painting by Leonardo da Vinci was painted to commemorate the birth of the second son of the Mona Lisa, which helps us to date it more precisely to around 1503."

The young woman with the ambiguous half smile has been identified as Lisa Gherardini, wife of Florentine merchant Francesco de Giocondo. She had five children.

MNA/Reuters



A locust eats a plant as a plague of the insects is affecting parts of Mexico's prime tourist destination Cancun on 27 Sept, 2006. Clouds of locusts have descended around the Mexican beach resort of Cancun, destroying corn crops and worrying officials in a region still recovering from the devastating fury of last year's Hurricane Wilma. — INTERNET

Cambodia, Vietnam start installing border markers

PHNOM PENH, 28 Sept — Cambodia and Vietnam on Wednesday kicked off their joint operation to install markers to precisely define their 1,270-kilometre-long land border.

Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen and his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Tan Dung witnessed the first plantation of the border markers at the Bavet-Mocbai international border crossing. — MNA/Xinhua

Long-dormant Alaskan volcano may erupt soon

ANCHORAGE (Alaska), 28 Sept — A volcano believed by scientists to be dormant for the last 10,000 years has rumbled to life with a burst of ash, gas and steam, signs that an eruption could occur in the coming days or weeks, a joint state and federal agency said on Tuesday.

Scientists last week spotted a cloud streaming near the Fourpeaked Volcano, a 6,903-foot (2,104-metre) mountain about 200 miles (322 kilometres) southwest of Anchorage, but area residents thought the activity was coming from another active volcano in the area.

Once the weather cleared, information gleaned from overflights and sensors placed on Fourpeaked Volcano indicated the mountain was active, said Peter Cervelli, a geophysicist at the Alaska Volcano Observatory. — MNA/Reuters



A child gives a kiss to South Korea actress Lee Bo-young at a news conference where she promoted her new TV drama series "Song of the Prince" in Taipei (China), on 28 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Most Iraqis favour withdrawal of US forces soon

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept—About three-quarters of Iraqis believe US forces are provoking more conflict than they are preventing in Iraq and should be withdrawn within a year, a survey released on Wednesday showed.

The poll of 1,150 people, conducted by a policy group at the University of Maryland, also found growing support for attacks against American-led forces, with a majority of Iraqis now favouring them.

The release of the survey came a day after President George W. Bush declassified a national intelligence report saying the Iraq war had become a "cause celebre" that was

breeding deep resentment in the Muslim world and helping Islamist militants cultivate supporters.

The findings were similar to those of a State Department study reported in *The Washington Post* on Wednesday but not released publicly.

That poll found a strong majority of Iraqis wanted American forces to leave immediately.

It asked whether people favoured US troops leaving immediately, staying until the government asked them to leave or staying until the violence stopped.

The University of Maryland poll, conducted in September by the Programme on Interna-

tional Policy Attitudes, found that 78 per cent of Iraqis believe the US military presence causes more conflict than it prevents.

Among Iraq's three main communities, only Kurds tended to see the US military presence as a stabilizing force, with 56 per cent agreeing with that statement versus 17 per cent of Shi'ites and 2 per cent of Sunnis. Ninety-seven per cent of Sunnis said they believed the American presence caused more conflict than it prevented, compared with 82 per cent of Shi'ites and 41 per cent of Kurds.

Most Iraqis — 71 per cent — said US soldiers should be withdrawn

Israelis, Palestinians team up to make fatter fish

JERUSALEM, 28 Sept — Researchers in Israel, the Palestinian territories and Germany are pursuing a project to transform female freshwater fish into males, a sex change they hope will put bigger fish on the dinner table.

Male fish are larger, grow faster and weigh about a third more than females, Mutaz Qutob, a Palestinian researcher involved in the experiments, said on Tuesday.

As part of a project with Hebrew University and Germany's University of Hohenheim, Qutob and his colleagues will inject compounds from plants

found in the occupied West Bank and often used as seasonings into food fed to newborn Nile Tilapia fish. "This will have an effect on the fish's metabolic (structure) — it may shift from female to male," said Qutob, a chemist at al-Quds University in East Jerusalem. "This is a very important project. We are introducing a new food source for the Palestinians."

Scientists at Hebrew University had previously used synthetic steroids, which are regarded as less healthy, to create male fish, said Berta Sivan, a

researcher at the Israeli school who helped found the project.

Palestinians in the West Bank import most of their fish from Israel and the coastal Gaza Strip.

But their consumption of fish, especially those from fresh water sources, has fallen in recent years due to rising costs and tighter Israeli travel and trade restrictions on Palestinians.

"We wanted to solve a fish-breeding problem in Israel and help bring in and promote fish consumption in the Palestinian Authority," Sivan said.

MNA/Reuters

within a year, but only 37 per cent favoured an American withdrawal in the next six months.

MNA/Reuters



A model displays a creation as part of Dolce & Gabbana's Spring/Summer 2007 women's collections during Milan Fashion Week on 28 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Eight killed in mortar barrage northeast of Baghdad

BAQUBA (Iraq), 28 Sept — Eight Iraqi people were killed and two others wounded when several mortar rounds struck a residential area in the volatile province of Diyala northeast of Baghdad, local police said.

The mortar rounds landed on and around a house in Baquba Town, killing eight people, including seven members of one family, who were sleeping in the house garden due to Iraq's constant power cut and

high temperature, a source from Diyala provincial police told *Xinhua*.

Three women were among the deaths, he added. It was not clear whether the attack was targeting the family or hit the house mistakenly.

Baquba is the provincial capital of Iraq's Diyala Province which located within Iraq's so-called Sunni Triangle, a bastion of sectarian violence and insurgency against the US-led occupation.

MNA/Xinhua

Storm, whirlwind kill 7 in Vietnam

HANOI, 28 Sept — A tropical storm hitting Vietnam's central region and a whirlwind in the country's southern Dong Thap Province have killed or left missing seven people since last weekend, the local newspaper *Youth* reported Wednesday.

The storm has killed or left missing four people in the central provinces of Nghe An, Ha Tinh, Quang Tri and Quang Nam.

Two residents in the central province of Quang Binh died after being swept away by strong water.

MNA/Xinhua



Toronto Aerospace Museum volunteers pull open giant hangar doors to unveil a life-size model of the Avro Arrow fighter during a media preview in Toronto, on 28 Sept, 2006. The Toronto-built Arrow was the world's most advanced new jet fighter design when the Canadian government killed the programme for political and economic reasons in 1959. —INTERNET

Secretary- 1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win being welcomed by Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu at the reception to mark the 57th Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China on 29 September 2006.

MNA

(News on page 1)



Minister for Home Affairs receives FATF On-site Visit Mission of Japan



Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo receives Mr Katsuyuki Meguro, Director of Monetary Investigation Office of Japan.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received a five-member FATF On-site Visit Mission led by Director Mr Katsuyuki Meguro of Monetary Investigation Office of Ja-

pan at the Ministry, here, this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi of Myanmar Police Force, Director-General U Myat Ko of

General Administration Department, Director-General U Aung Saw Win of Bureau of Special Investigation, Director-General U Zaw Win of Prisons Department and officials.

MNA

Preparatory tasks for National Convention at Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township inspected

YANGON, 29 Sept — Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung,

inspected preparations for holding the National Convention at Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

First, Maj-Gen

mess hall No 1 for serving meals to the delegates, the sites for opening GEC shop, Win Thuza Shop of the Ministry of Industry-1, Sarpay Beikman book-



Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung inspects Win Thuza Shop of the Ministry of Industry - 1. — MNA

accompanied by the secretary of the NCC Management Committee, chairmen of subcommittees and officials, in-

Lun Maung inspected preparatory tasks at Pyidaungsu Hall where the National Convention will be convened, and gave necessary instructions to officials.

At Anawrahta Yeiktha, NCCMC Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and officials viewed preparations at the Office of National Convention Convening Commission and meeting halls where delegate groups of the National Convention will hold meetings, the mess hall for staff, fulfillment of accommodation facilities and installation of telephones and TV sets at the recreation hall of NC delegates, preparations at the women's hostels, storage of groceries at the

stall, the spectacles shop, and the post office and communications centre of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, the foodstuff products shop and laundry service of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Padetha Restaurant of Myanma Hotels and Tourism, the canteen, departmental store, tea shop and hair dressing shop of the Ministry of Industry-1, sports facilities at the gymnasium, providing of the billiard tables at men's hostels and golf equipment at the golf training range, and the hospital for providing health care services to the NC delegates.

Later, the NCCMC Chairman gave necessary instructions to officials and attended to the needs.

MNA

NLD committing confrontation acts to harm the nation and the people

51 Einme Township NLD members resign

YANGON, 29 Sept — A total of 51 members of Einme Township National League for Democracy resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 4 September.

Among those who resigned from the party were 14 members of Ayeyawady Division including U Toe Aung, U Aye Thein and U Pho Lei of Kyonsein Village, three members including U San Htay of Thakwin Village, U Hla Win and U Kyaw of Kwingale Village, 15 members including U Than Nyunt, U Tin Aung and U Thaug Shwe of Wakhaye Village, U Myint Aye and U Kyway of Shwebo Yegyaw Village, eight members including U Tu Ni, U Thein Myint and U Thein Shwe of Wegyiwa Village, five members including U Tin

Thein, U Myo Than and U Win Kyi of Kuntaing Village, and U Khin Kyaw and U Kyu Khin of Pynmangu Village.

They sent the letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities. In their letter sent to Einme Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission they said the NLD is committing confrontation acts that will harm the nation and the people, without carrying out party politics. Therefore, they were disappointed with the acts of the party and no longer wished to join the party as members. Moreover, they had lost faith and trust in NLD and party leaders. That is why they resigned from the party of their own accord.

MNA

Difference between authentic dialogue and fake dialogue

U Pyay Kyaw

A sovereign independent nation has to lay down principles which specific body will have to exercise one of the three branches of power namely, legislative, executive and judicial powers and how. And fundamental rights of citizens have to be prescribed. These principles and provisions are termed constitution.

In the colonies, colonialist governments manipulated the sovereign powers of the former, deprived fundamental rights of the subjects, repressed the people, prescribed various laws to restrict their freedom, ruled the colonies through the master-and-slave policy, and administered justice to mete out severe and death penalties to the people. That was why Myanmar people drove out the British colonialists to regain independence.

When British colonialists had to grant independence to Myanmar, they demanded that Myanmar have a constitution, and only then would they hand over the sovereignty to the nation. For that reason, 1947 constitution of the Union of Myanmar was drawn hastily. It was approved at the Hluttaw (legislative body) meeting held on 4 January 1948, on which Myanmar regained independence. One of the sections of the hastily-formulated constitution manifested the rights to secede from the Union. The federal movement led the Union to near collapse and the nation was on the verge of being a member of the US-led SEATO military bloc in 1962, and the Tatmadaw and the people thus had to prevent the motherland from falling to alien subjugation again.

In 1974, the Myanma Socialist Programme Party took suggestions and opinions from the people three times and presented the draft to the public two times and approved the constitution with the support of 91.19 per cent of the voters in the referendum. At the time, the nation was on the path of transition to Socialism, so socialist principles were in a dominant position. In the 1988 mass protest, the people expressed their dislike for 1974 constitution. So, the constitution was abolished.

The Tatmadaw Government held multi-party elections in May 1990. Since before the elections, the Tatmadaw Government had reminded that election winners would have to write a constitution of the nation that lacked one. It was stated so at the press conferences and also in its Notification 1/90. How could the Tatmadaw Government hand over the power to an individual, a group of people and a party while the nation lacked a constitution that was to be systematically drawn, based on sovereignty, the symbol of independence, that derived from the people of the Union? It was the same in essence as

demanding by the colonialists when they had to grant independence to Myanmar.

After restoring peace and stability, in June 1992, the government held discussions with NLD representatives, whose number was twice that of government representatives, and the representatives of political parties such as SNLD and Ta-Sa-Nya (National Unity Party) and the meeting reached an agreement for the emergence of a constitution and convening of a national convention. As agreed, the National Convention was launched on 9 January 1993.

The NC was held in Kyaikkasan Grounds with an attendance of 702 delegates — delegate group of political parties, delegate group of representatives-elect, most of them are from NLD nearly 100, delegate group of national races (from various parts of the Union and various national races), delegate group of workers (from various industries), delegate group of peasants (from various regions), delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia (professors, legal experts, veteran engineers, medical specialists, artistes, artists and artisans and scholars, delegate group of State service personnel (from various ministries and enterprises), and other invited persons (representatives of national race peace groups, literati, historians, former diplomats and other scholars).

At the plenary sessions, the NC delegates submitted what they had discussed in delegate groups, in parties or in groups, including individual proposals. The panel of chairmen assessed the proposals thoroughly and submitted them to the plenary sessions. Then, the NC Work Committee with the nod of the majority or through democratic practices laid down basic principles and detailed basic principles that were most suitable for the nation.

There were some arguments and debates in holding discussions in groups. And there came out some proposals (presented by the minority) that were contrary to those of the majority. However, after due negotiations, the 15 chapters to be included in the State constitution could be approved by consensus. Of the 15 chapters, basic and detailed basic principles on Chapter (1) the State, Chapter (2) the State Structure or formation of the Union with seven states and seven regions, Chapter (3) basic principle for the Head of State (the president of the Union shall be elected by presidential electoral college) were laid down. Chapters (4), (5) and (6) basic principles for formation of bodies to exercise legislative, executive and judicial powers were laid down in the Kyaikkasan Grounds.

The National Convention was reconvened at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township in May 2004 with more than 1,000 delegates. The delegate group of national races was made up of over 600

delegates representing all parts of the Union (whereas just over 200 at the NC held at Kyaikkasan Grounds). So, it was about 350 more. It was the very convention representing the whole Union as well as people from all walks of life, and there the delegates held discussions with Union Spirit for the emergence of a State constitution essential for the State. There will be no dialogue that is as grand as the discussions held in the NC. Now, respective delegate groups have submitted proposals for Chapter (7) Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of Citizens, and Chapter (8) the Role of the Tatmadaw to the NC plenary session. While the NC is not in session, the panel of chairmen assesses the proposals and the Work Committee will submit the assessments of the proposals and adopt detailed basic principles at the NC scheduled to resume on 10 October 2006. Then, discussions will be held for new headings.

With regard to the constitution and fundamental rights of citizens, every nation (excluding colonies) has a constitution. Some constitutions were drawn by an individual or a single party. Amendments have been made to French state constitution no less than 14 times. The Constitution of the US has lasted about 230 years.

As a matter of fact, the US is the land of native Red Indian ethnic groups. In 300 years, Englishmen from England and Wales, Scottish and Irish colonized the region. They were followed by French, Dutch, Belgians, Germans, Italians, Spanish and Russians. Then, the number of colonies rose to 13. The government of the British Queen sent governors to the region to govern the areas. In the early 1770s, the region rose against the British government and declared its dependence on 4 July 1776 and established a country with 13 states. Later, in the war with Mexico, the US occupied some regions of Mexico and subjected the regions to it. It also bought some regions from Russia and France, thus increasing the number of its states to 49. In 1958, it arrested the queen of Hawaii Island located at a strategic position in the Pacific and added it to the nation as the 50th state. In 1860, southern states seceded from the US and installed parallel presidents. So, the then-president Abraham Lincoln sent troops to suppress the struggles, thereby causing bloodshed and that grew into the US civil war. That was the incident to avert the possible disintegration of the nation.

In 1787, the US held a national convention to draft a state constitution, with the representatives from 12 out of 13 states. And passions were running high with heated debates at the convention and some representatives left the convention in anger. So, George Washington who organized the convention had to follow them and persuaded them to continue to attend it. Some 40-50 representatives attended the convention. In the discussions about the chapter for fundamental rights of citizens, the representatives from southern states persisted in refusing to bestow the rights of citizenship, the rights to vote and to stand for elections to native Red Indians and negroes they used as slaves. Therefore, the chapter for fundamental rights of citizens was left undiscussed. Only when amendments were made to the State constitution, the chapter for fundamental rights of citizens was added.

(See page 9)

At the plenary sessions, the NC delegates submitted what they had discussed in delegate groups, in parties or in groups, including individual proposals. The panel of chairmen assessed the proposals thoroughly and submitted them to the plenary sessions. Then, the NC Work Committee with the nod of the majority or through democratic practices laid down basic principles and detailed basic principles that were most suitable for the nation.

(from page 8)

In Myanmar, 1947 constitution and 1974 constitution carried more than 20 articles each on fundamental rights of citizens. It is encouraging to learn that the ongoing National Convention manifests 48 detailed basic principles on fundamental rights of citizens. So, in Myanmar, the National Convention is the most important, most effective and successful dialogue that represents the whole Union.

After 1988, dialogues or peace talks were held between the government and the insurgent groups in the jungle. In the past, however, national race armed groups rose against the government due to the fact that they were not pleased with their regions lacking progress. In the colonial era, the colonialists deliberately made the border as well as far-flung areas get into trouble without considering to build a single road in those regions. Those regions were forced to cultivate poppy and they were exploited socially, politically and economically. After regaining independence, Myanmar was not able to take measures for border region development due to insurgencies.

The Tatmadaw government which started assuming State duties due to 1988 unrest gave priority to the development of border areas spending millions of kyats and as a result, those areas have seen significant progress. As the national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold after realizing the goodwill of the State and evil consequences of their armed struggle line, now the whole Union has come to enjoy peace and progress. They are playing their active part in regional and national development work as well as narcotic drug elimination tasks. There have been now 17 major armed groups and 18 small groups that made peace with the government. If there are no outside pressure and interferences, the remaining two or three armed groups would have made peace with the government.

Efforts of AFPFL, the Revolutionary Council and BSPP to make peace with such armed groups through dialogues were in vain. But, the present government did succeed. It has been documented that negotiators of the government went to the national race armed groups for peace negotiations without carrying any weapons. Being asked why they showed no fear coming here with no weapon with them, the negotiators replied that they didn't need to worry because they were all national brethren. These are none other than the dialogues for forging national reconsolidation. As a result, all the national races are now in a position to live in peace and security. It is natural that fruitful results of development usually pour into the regions blessed with peaceful environment. These are indeed the results of genuine, just and successful dialogues.

However, a dialogue the NLD, expatriates and neo-colonialists of the West bloc are advocating is different. The dialogue they want to hold is to be represented by the NLD, nationalities who are NLD members and the government without the participation of the general people. The dialogue must be the one in which all the demands of NLD are to be granted by the government. Otherwise, they will regard the government to be insincere and dishonest. It is clear that all their demands are none other than shouting for the government to step down. NLD is to seize power. That's all. In this context, it is also obvious that whether the NLD actually represents the people and serves their interest or not.

At the same time, in order to stifle the efforts for development, those inside the country who place reliance on the West, expatriates and neo-

colonialists are levelling accusations that Myanmar is using forced labour and violating human rights. NLD and exiled groups demanded the West impose economic sanctions against the nation. In consequence, the US imposed economic sanction against Myanmar, and made some other countries to do the same. Again, those renegades demanded that Myanmar products should not be purchased by the US. Their acts have borne witness to the fact that instead of becoming a public-representing party, NLD has become a party that always attempts to bring miseries and adversities to the people. **And it is focusing on grabbing power, fulfilling the wishes of the US and stirring up local problems.**

It is found that not representing the people, NLD is attempting to harm the interests of the State and the people in league with the West. In Myanmar as well as in the world history, it is mentioned that members of parliament are to be elected only for a four-year tenure. (There are hardly any MPs who are elected for a five or three years' period.) There is no foolish concept in the world in which an MP is valid for a term until he can come to power. In 1992 Islamic MPs won almost all of the seats in Algeria's elections. They declared that they would establish the Islamic Republic of Algeria like Iran. But the US did not accept it. Consequently, the entire result of the election was cancelled. Democratic rights of all the voters went to the dust bin. The US did not express a single word to recognize the 1992 elections of Algeria. Since then that country had to suffer civil wars.

It was told in advance that elected candidates in the 1990 election would have to draw the constitution. The fact was reiterated after the election. If the constitution was formulated, it would be passed by the Hluttaw, and afterwards elections were to be held at the designated time in accord with the new constitution. The NLD delegates boycotted the National Convention under the West's directives and Daw Suu Kyi's irrevocable order. Since then the NLD has been hatching plots to undermine the National Convention, relying on foreign powers to demand a dialogue. It also demanded for the convening of the Hluttaw.

The 1990 election was held in 485 constituencies. For certain reasons, the NLD won in 392 constituencies. The article will not present in detail the facts leading to NLD's victory. Because those facts will reveal all the NLD's perpetrations during the election. Of the elected NLD representatives, 34 have changed their status to independent representatives-elect, 39 passed away, 92 resigned and 144 were found disqualified for their misconduct. Hence, there are now only 83 NLD elect representatives. If elected delegates of other parties and independent representatives-elect are added, the number will become 124 or 25.57 per cent of the

elected representatives which is less than the required number to call the Hluttaw.

In democracy, people's deputies can be elected and there is also the right of recall. Eligible voters, whose numbers are much larger than those of the 1990, have already unseated the NLD representatives of the 48 constituencies.

It is clear that the NLD does not dare to face the election that will be held after the adoption of the new constitution. Hence the party is still insisting on the election results that were 16 years old and have become invalid. As the NLD has come to realize that it cannot win power through public support, it is relying on the West. Diplomats of the West including those from the US and Britain have been visiting the NLD HQ, one-time residence of Daw Suu Kyi. I have read in a news article that Western diplomats visited the headquarters for 59 times in a single month. The article stated that when those diplomats arrived at the HQ, the NLD even adjourned its central executive committee meeting in progress to hold personal dialogues with them. Sure, they did not exchange usual pleasantries at the meetings. It is food for thought.

The Myanmar people have already known the innate nature of the NLD as the party has been maintaining contacts with the West and using the expatriate-dominated VOA, BBC, RFA and DVB as a tool. "The Head of State himself held discussions four times with Daw Suu Kyi to forge national solidarity and to enable her to cooperate with the government. The responsible personnel at the ministerial level also held similar discussions with her as many as 20 times. With the same objectives, chances and opportunities were given to Daw Suu Kyi time and again. However, Daw Suu Kyi, on her part, had given priority to the party and personal interests rather than national interests. As such, no positive results that will serve the national and public interests could be achieved. So, there is no reason to hold discussions with NLD again." I presented this passage, an excerpt from the declaration on the stance of the government and the people issued on 18th September 2006, as there are a lot of talks concerning the dialogue and in response to the US's attempts to use UN as a tool.

The Revolutionary Council Government invited all underground insurgent groups to participate in the internal peace talks. But the talks came to an end without any results because many of the groups were relying on the aliens and every individual group was demanding the impossible, with the State power as its only goal. As the NLD is also under the influence of the dark forces — greed, anger, delusion and excessive pride — there did not come out any positive results although the government had held talks with it for about 25 times with much patience.

(Translation: MS+ST+TMT)

A dialogue the NLD, expatriates and neo-colonialists of the West bloc are advocating is different. The dialogue they want to hold is to be represented by the NLD, nationalities who are NLD members and the government without the participation of the general people. The dialogue must be the one in which all the demands of NLD are to be granted by the government. Otherwise, they will regard the government to be insincere and dishonest. It is clear that all their demands are none other than shouting for the government to step down. NLD is to seize power. That's all. In this context, it is also obvious that whether the NLD actually represents the people and serves their interest or not.



The photo shows religious freedom flourishes in Myanmar and the Government provides necessary assistance to members of different creeds. — MNA



UN Under-Secretary-General for Political Affairs of the United Nations Mr Ibrahim A Gambari and members witness the religious freedom in Myanmar as they visit religious ceremonies such as the one shown in the photo during their Myanmar visit. — MNA

International Religious...

(from page 16)
false information in order to discredit her in the religious sector. It is regrettable that the United States has once again turned a blind eye to the reality of the Union of Myanmar and wrongly designated Myanmar as "a Country of Particular Concern" (CPC) for severe violations of religious freedom, which committed abuse of the right to freedom of religion. This clarification does not in any way represent the true situation in the country. The report is

lack of objectivity and is contradictory to Myanmar's efforts in building her nation and keeping her citizens of various religious beliefs in harmony.

Disappointingly, most of the allegations contained in the report came from certain quarters, which has been widely and conveniently used against the Government of Myanmar to portray her as an unpleasant country on earth. Their constant unconstructive attitude, irresponsible ac-

tions and impractical expectations are like pushing Myanmar into becoming a country in chaos.

It could be a blunder if one considers religious issue as an Achilles' heel of Myanmar and accused that the Government imposed restrictions on certain religious activities and frequently abuses the right to freedom of religion because in Myanmar the reality is that the Government takes all necessary steps to encourage and maintain the inter-religious harmony and freedom of worship. In Myanmar, Christians, Muslims and Hindus enjoy equal right as majority Buddhists such as celebrating religious festivals, publishing religious books and calendars. They are allowed to perform their respective religious duties at home and to attend their respective religious functions abroad. There is no serious prob-

lem among religions in Myanmar and all are living in peace and harmony with equal support provided by the State with no discrimination.

The report rightly acknowledged that there were no report of forced conversion of non-Buddhist and Myanmar has no official state religion. Compared to many parts of the world, Myanmar is a country where inter-religious harmony has been a well recognized characteristic of its society. There is no discrimination or persecution for religious reasons.

The report also acknowledged that the government allowed members of all religious groups to establish and maintain links with coreligionists in other countries and to travel abroad for religious purposes. Leaders of the religious organizations of all four major religions in Myanmar were allowed to attend the meeting of all religions for world peace, held in Indonesia this year.

It is an undeniable fact that religion is a highly sensitive and volatile issue in current international affairs. Myanmar

believes that this allegations contained in US State Department's Report are unjustified and they must be considered as being politically motivated and represent an attempt to exert pressure and interfere in the internal affairs of the country.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, therefore, completely rejects the ill-founded assessment of 2006 Annual Report on International Religious Freedom issued by the US State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour.

MNA

In Myanmar, Christians, Muslims and Hindus enjoy equal right as majority Buddhists such as celebrating religious festivals, publishing religious books and calendars. They are allowed to perform their respective religious duties at home and to attend their respective religious functions abroad.

Patriarchs, journalists...

(from page 16)
clearer and clearer in the public eyes; and that those acts are like inspiring the patriotism and the love for the nation of the Myanmar people, with fine historical traditions.

Since its formation, the NLD has never tried to stand as a dutiful political party in the interest of the nation and the people. Instead, it has been perpetrating constantly to defy all orders, create confrontations, rely on aliens and advocate the imposition of sanctions on Myanmar from all angles. Not only at this ceremony did the NLD breach prescribed discipline and rules and carried out anarchist acts, but also did the same during every past occasion. Officials concerned had to deal with much care and restraint. At this year's ceremony, the NLD as ever did not observe the discipline and rules. Instead it ignored the national interest and yielded to Western powers as its masters. Journalists of the private media are saying that all the perpetration bears witness to the NLD's inability to transform itself from an organization commit-

ting misdeeds.

As people are witnessing only the irresponsible acts of the NLD, they view it as a political party using democracy transition as a means to grab power. There are public criticisms on the NLD, saying that defiance of orders, confrontation and opposition, all, are against the democracy transition and also the acts of an underground group, other than that of a lawful political party; that the NLD's readiness to always yield and agree to the US proves itself as a minion of the neo-colonialists; and that if the NLD assumes power, Myanmar will become a slave of the neo-colonialists.

Moreover, the NLD's acts of holding instigative ceremonies with participants exceeding the agreed number and staging strike-like movements are against the public opinion. The public is prompted to stage counter-protests against the NLD in response to its acts. In addition, the people have the strong desire to ward off and crush the perpetration of the NLD trying to undermine the National Convention and the seven-step Road Map and to drag the nation to become a neo-colonialist slave. — H

Shan State Nationalities Peoples Liberation Organization condemns US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept — Shan State Nationalities Peoples Liberation Organization issued a declaration officially expressing its stance on the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UN Security Council.

The following is the translation of the declaration:

The declaration of Shan State Nationalities Peoples Liberation Organization

25 September 2006

1. Shan State Nationalities Peoples Liberation Organization is joining hands with the Government in building a discipline-flourishing, modern and developed democratic nation that the people desire. Our organization together with the Government is safeguarding Our Three Main National Causes of the State — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.
2. Furthermore, our organization supports the ongoing National Convention to achieve success in realizing the seven-step Road Map of the Government.
3. We have learnt that due to the submission of the permanent US representative to the UN that Myanmar posed a threat to regional stability, a decision was made on 15 September 2006 to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UN Security Council. The decision undermines welfare and development works of the country being undertaken collectively by the Government and our organization and disturbs stability of the nation, prevalence of law and order, national unity, sector-wise development and democratization process.
4. It is obvious that the decision turned a blind eye to fruitful results of prevailing peace and stability and developments that the people and our organization enjoy.
5. Shan State Nationalities Peoples Liberation Organization, does not accept and therefore condemns the US interference in the nation's internal affairs, using the UN as a tool.

Signed

U Khun Chit Maung
Chairman
Shan State Nationalities Peoples Liberation Organization
(Ya-La-La-Pha-SNPL)

S Korean FM calm over his advantage in UN chief election

SEOUL, 29 Sept — South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon was calm on Friday over his advantage in the latest straw poll for the next Secretary-General of the United Nations (UN).

"It is still too early to draw a conclusion," Ban told reporters here upon his arrival at the Incheon International Airport.

Ban was back from New York after attending the UN General Assembly meeting there.

"I will wait with a humble heart for the results of the fourth straw

poll and the official election," said Ban, who received the outcome of the third straw poll at the airport.

Ban got 13 "encouragement" votes, one of "discouragement" and one of no opinion at Friday's informal poll (Seoul time) of the 15-member UN Security

Council (UNSC), which was the third time for Ban to keep advantage in polls for the UN chief, South Korea's *Yonhap* news agency said.

According to *Yonhap*, Shashi Tharoor, the Indian UN Undersecretary-General for public information, was in the second place

with eight encouragement votes in the third straw poll.

However, it is not clear whether Ban gained the crucial approval of all five veto-wielding permanent members of the UNSC, as they used the same coloured ballot papers as the 10 non-standing members.

The five permanent members of the UNSC will cast ballots on blue papers while the non-standing members will use white ones in the fourth straw poll for the UN chief set for 2 October.

Under UN regulation, the candidate for the UN chief must get unanimous approval from the five permanent members of the UNSC, namely China, the United States, France, Russia and Britain.



Guo Ruimin, a retired gardener of 67 years old, makes imitative Hami melons in Hami, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, on 28 Sept, 2006.
XINHUA

Strong quake jolts near Samoa, no tsunami alert

SYDNEY, 29 Sept — A strong earthquake with a magnitude of up to 6.9 hit near the South Pacific nation of Samoa on Thursday but there was no tsunami alert.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre put the quake's magnitude at 6.9 but said in a statement no Pacific-wide tsunami threat existed. The US Geological Survey put the quake's magnitude at 6.7 and said it was about 290 kilometres (180 miles) southwest of Pago Pago in American Samoa. — MNA/Reuters

APEC Ministerial Meeting on enterprise opens in Vietnam

HANOI, Sept 29 — The 13th APEC Ministerial Meeting on Small and Medium-sized Enterprises (SME) kicked off here Thursday, centering on measures to foster the firms in the Asia-Pacific Region.

The two-day meeting, with participation of ministers in charge of SMEs of members of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC), has the theme "Strengthening SME Competitiveness for Trade and Investment" which covers such fields as business-enabling environment for SME, SME capacity building for trade and investment, and facilitation of linkages for SME.

During a retreat on

Thursday morning and plenary sessions on Thursday afternoon and Friday morning, delegates to the ministerial meeting are expected to discuss existing and proposed initiatives on the fields, and eventually adopt the "Hanoi Declaration on SME Competitiveness for Trade and Investment".

Since its inception in 1989, the 21-member APEC, which gathers some of the world's largest economies,

including China, the United States, Russia, Japan, and Singapore, has worked to reduce tariffs and other trade barriers across the Asia-Pacific Region, create efficient domestic economies and dramatically increase exports.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

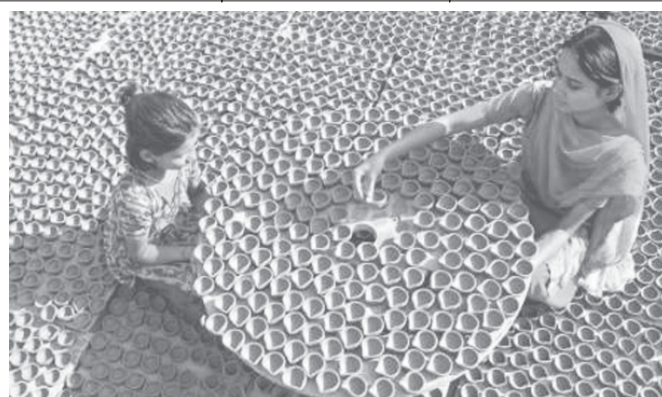
Dutch burglar betrayed by urge to play piano

AMSTERDAM, 29 Sept — A burglar who broke into a house in the Dutch town of Tiel on Wednesday night could not resist playing the piano he found there after ransacking the living room, police said on Thursday.

Unfortunately for the 20-year-old thief, his music woke the owner of the house, who called the police.

"The owner didn't register whether the playing was any good or not. He was more worried about the state of his house," a police spokesman said.

MNA/Reuters



Girls dry earthen lamps at a workshop in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh on 28 Sept, 2006. Earthen lamps are sold in large numbers during Diwali, the annual Hindu festival of lights, when people buy them to decorate their homes. — INTERNET

French surgeons perform zero-gravity operation on plane

MERIGNAC (France), 29 Sept — French surgeons performed the first zero-gravity operation on Wednesday aboard a plane free-falling to create weightless conditions in what they hope can be a trial run for surgery on astronauts in space.

Dominique Martin, head of Bordeaux university hospital's plastic surgery unit, removed a fatty cyst from the forearm of volunteer patient Philippe Sanchot.

"It happened in accordance with our expectations. Today we performed a feasibility test. We weren't seeking to achieve a technical exploit," Martin told a news conference at an airport near the southwestern city of Bordeaux.

The operation lasted around 11 minutes and was performed in 32 sequences, during

which an Airbus 300 Zero G aircraft flew in arcs putting it into free fall and creating weightless conditions for 22 seconds each time. In a specially-developed operating theatre, measuring two metres by two metres, surgical instruments were held in place by powerful magnets and the surgeons by harnesses.

"If we had had two hours of continuous weightlessness, we could have operated on an appendicitis," Martin said.

MNA/Reuters



This picture shows French doctors carrying out the world's first ever operation on a human in zero gravity, using a specially adapted aircraft to simulate conditions in space. — INTERNET

ADVERTISEMENTS

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV VASCO DAGAMA VOY NO (013)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DAGAMA VOY NO (013) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 1.10.2006 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES**

Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

ဘီယာထုတ်လုပ်ရန်ကုန်ကြမ်းပစ္စည်းအဝယ်တင်ဒါ

ဝယ်ယူမည့်ပစ္စည်း- ဘီယာထုတ်လုပ်ရန်ကုန်ကြမ်း(၁၁)မျိုး

Malt, Hop Pellet Type, Crystal Malt, Hop Extract, Filter Sheet, Glue, Glyco, Dry

Yeast, Stabiquick, Crown Cork, Bottle New (Qt)

တင်ဒါပိတ်ရက် - ၁၃.၁၀.၂၀၀၆

အချိန် - ၀၄:၀၀နာရီ

တင်ဒါပုံစံနှင့်စည်းကမ်းအသေးစိတ်အချက်အလက်များကို အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ဌာနတွင်စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

မြန်မာ့စားသောက်ကုန်လုပ်ငန်း တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ်

အမှတ်(၁၉၂) ကမ္ဘာ့အေးဘုရားလမ်း၊ ရွှေဘိုလမ်း၊ ရန်ကင်းမြို့။

Legally Adopted

I, Lu Aye and my wife, Khine Yin Myint adopted Ei Thinn Thinn Kyaw, 12/Ba Ha Na(N) 098004, who lives in No. 39, Po Sein Road, Bo Cho(2) Quarter, Bahan Township, Yangon, Myanmar on 22 September 2006.

Lu Aye, Khine Yin Myint

Cuba condemns US for denying visa to Health Minister

HAVANA, 28 Sept—Cuba's top diplomat in the United States on Tuesday, publicly condemned the United States for refusing to grant a visa to the Cuban Health Minister Jose Ramon Balaguer, to attend a Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO) conference.

Dagoberto Rodriguez, head of the Cuban interests office in Washington, told the Cuban Government newspaper *Granma* that the United States was making a mockery of its role as host of the multinational organization.

It is the second consecutive year that the United States has rejected

a visa for the Cuban Health Minister to attend the conference, which runs from Monday to Friday of this week.

Rodriguez said it is absolutely wrong if the US Government thinks that its actions would silence Cuba and block the country's efforts to extend its international medical assistance.

Rodriguez called on PAHO to make a public statement criticizing the United States during the meeting.

Cuba currently has more than 30,000 health workers, helping in 68 nations, and it is also training 20,000 health

professionals from 26 nations, the newspaper said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

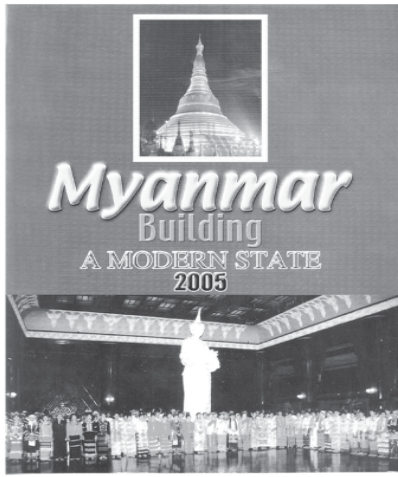
Most people to live in cities by 2008

UNITED NATIONS, 28 Sept—The number of people living in cities will surpass those living in rural areas for the first time around mid-2008, a year later than previously forecast, a UN official said on Wednesday.

"A quick back-of-the-envelope calculation yields August 16, 2008, as the day there will be as many urban dwellers as rural dwellers," said Thomas Buettner, head of the estimates and projection section at the UN Population Division. The urban and rural populations would then each total 3,349,383,005 people, he told *Reuters*, adding that there were wide uncertainties about the data.

Urban populations have been growing more quickly than rural areas for decades, particularly in developing countries, due to the greater availability of jobs and freer lifestyles. — *MNA/Reuters*

**MYANMAR
Building A Modern State
2005**



- ❑ This facts studded book provides a reliable and valuable reference for scholars, researchers and the public for general reading.
- ❑ Illustrated with colourful photographs.
- ❑ Published by the Ministry of Information presenting five chapters: The Beautiful Land, Economy, Infrastructure, Social Setting, International Cooperation.

On sale US\$ 5.00 per copy

Available at
 ❑ Sarpay Beikman Book Shop, No. 529-531, Merchant Street, Yangon
 ☎: 381448, 249031
 ❑ News and Periodicals Enterprise Book Shop, No. 212, Theinpyu Street, Yangon ☎: 294306
 ❑ Hotels, Shopping Malls and other Book Shops in Yangon

US Army shows signs of strain in Iraq, Afghan wars

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept—The US Army is showing growing signs of strain as it tries to sustain troop levels in Iraq and Afghanistan, including stress on soldiers, lower unit readiness, equipment shortfalls and money worries.

The Army, largest of the military services, has provided most of the ground forces in the 3-1/2-year-old Iraq war and 5-year-long Afghanistan war. About 102,000 of the 142,000 US troops in Iraq are Army soldiers, as well as 16,000 of 21,000 troops

in Afghanistan.

Many soldiers are facing second and third deployments. US military leaders had expected lower US troop levels in Iraq by now, but have been scrambling to sustain higher totals because of sectarian violence that has raised fears of a civil war. No significant cuts are expected until at least the middle of next year.

In the past two months, the Pentagon has extended two brigades of nearly 4,000 soldiers each beyond their scheduled departure date from Iraq - which can undermine morale and upset families at home.

Army officials also said they might need to turn more to part-time National Guard soldiers

for future rotations.

Army leaders are expressing concern over getting sufficient resources to sustain overseas deployments and replace and fix tanks, armoured vehicles and other equipment battered in Iraq.

The Army has warned of declining combat readiness of units as soldiers face less time at home bases for rest, training and reequipping after a yearlong combat tour. In fact, a brigade due to deploy in January will have spent barely a year at its home base between tours in Iraq.

"The real question is: Can the Army do its job?" asked Lawrence Korb, assistant secretary of defence for manpower issues under former

president Ronald Reagan. "The Army is not going to be what it should be.

There are going to be more deaths and longer wars because you're not at your peak readiness."

In a highly unusual move, General Peter Schoomaker, Army Chief of Staff, last month did not give Pentagon leaders a mandatory fiscal 2008 budget plan after telling them the Army needed billions of dollars more to sustain operations in Iraq and perform missions elsewhere.

Schoomaker wants about 140 billion US dollars in 2008, roughly 25 billion US dollars more than the outline initially set by the Pentagon for the Army.

MNA/Reuters

Argentina to vote for Venezuela at UNSC

BUENOS AIRES, 28 Sept—Argentina's Foreign Minister Jorge Taiana stressed on Tuesday that his nation would vote for Venezuela as a non-permanent member of the UN Security Council.

"There is no doubt that Argentina's Security Council vote will be for Venezuela," he told reporters.

"Argentina has not experienced any pressure, nor would it allow itself to be pressured," he added.

According to information from the United Nations, if Venezuela cannot get 128 votes, and US-supported Guatemala also fails to do so, there would be a proposal for both nations to rescind their candidacies, and let Latin American countries choose a third candidate instead.

MNA/Xinhua

ယဉ်ကျေးမြင့် ခေတ်မီပွင့် ပြီးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်ခုံ

China, Poland boost cooperation in science, education, culture, sports

WARSAW, 28 Sept— Visiting State Councillor of China Chen Zhili met with Poland's Deputy Prime Minister Roman Giertych on Wednesday, and reached a broad consensus on furthering and strengthening Sino-Polish cooperation.

Chen said the bilateral relations have sustained a stable development, thanks to the mutual respect that exists between the two countries.

The exchanges and cooperation in the fields of education, science, culture and sports have progressed smoothly and

the Chinese are satisfied with it, she said, adding that China is ready to promote further bilateral cooperation in these areas.

Giertych, who is also Education Minister, agreed with Chen, saying that Poland attaches great importance to comprehensive cooperation with China in science, education, culture and sports. Poland will not only cooperate with its neighbours, but also actively develop friendly cooperation with Asian countries, particularly with China, said Giertych. The Polish official

stressed that with no conflict of interests between Poland and China, the two countries have good prospects in developing bilateral relations.

On the same day, Chen also attended signing ceremonies of a letter of intent to carry out educational cooperation for the period 2007-2009, and a memorandum on cultural cooperation for the period 2007-2012.

MNA/Xinhua



A foreign expert looks at China's thermonuclear fusion reactor. Chinese scientists on 28 Sept, 2006 successfully conducted their first test of an experimental thermonuclear fusion reactor, which replicates the energy generating process of the sun.—XINHUA

Test of China's "artificial sun" succeeds

HEFEI, 29 Sept — Chinese scientists on

Thursday successfully conducted their first test of an experimental thermonuclear fusion reactor, which replicates the energy generating process of the sun.

The Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST) fusion reactor, nicknamed "artificial sun", was tested at the Institute of Plasma

Physics under the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) in Hefei, capital city of east China's Anhui Province.

During the experiment, deuterium and tritium atoms were forced together at a temperature of 100 million Celsius.

"At that temperature, the super heated plasma, which is

neither a gas, a liquid nor a solid, should begin to give off its own energy," scientists explained.

The first tests lasted nearly three seconds, and generated an electrical current of 200 kiloamperes, Wan Yuanxi, general manager of EAST, told Xinhua.

The experiments were continuing, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A clown boxes with a kangaroo during an animals "Olympics" performance in the Shanghai Wild Animal Park on 28 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Brazil to host China Education Exhibition

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Sept— The next China Education Exhibition which is scheduled for 20-21 October, in Sao Paulo, Brazil, will be the first time the event has been staged in a South American country.

It is expected to draw 82 academic representatives from 32 Chinese universities, said President of Brazil-China Chamber of Economic Development Paul Liu.

He said the Chinese Government wished to stimulate the enrollment of Brazilian students in university courses in China despite the fact that they did not speak China's

first language, Mandarin. With the fast growth of the Chinese economy, it is a good moment for young Brazilian students to seek an opportunity in China, be they Portuguese or Mandarin speakers, he said.

Acknowledging that foreign students who pursue education in China usually prefer universities in Beijing and Shanghai, Liu recommended some other universities, especially in northeastern China.— MNA/Xinhua

US soldiers held at Philippines for not producing travel clearance

MANILA, 28 Sept—Some 114 US soldiers were briefly held at the international airport of Zamboanga, southern Philippines, Tuesday afternoon for failing to produce travel clearances from the Bureau of Immigration, local newspaper *Philippine Daily Inquirer* said Wednesday.

Immigration officials said the US servicemen arrived in Zamboanga from the US-Pacific territory of Guam aboard a Boeing 757, which was chartered from the North American Airlines.— MNA/Xinhua

US durable goods orders drop 0.5% in August

WASHINGTON, 28 Sept— US durable goods orders fell by 0.5 per cent in August to 209.7 billion dollars, following a bigger drop of 2.7 per cent in July, the Commerce Department reported on Wednesday.

The report showed that orders for aircraft declined by 21.9 per cent in August, while orders for military aircraft rose by 9.8 per cent.

Excluding the volatile transportation sector, orders were down 2 per cent, the biggest setback in this category in 13 months. The 1-billion-dollar drop from July, much worse than the expected 0.4 per cent increase, provided evidence that the US economy was slowing because of rising interest rates and the decline of home sales, according to analysts.

MNA/Xinhua



A vehicle is damaged by a billboard structure after the structure was blown down by strong winds of typhoon Xangsane in Manila on 28 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Palermo outclass West Ham to progress in UEFA Cup

ROME, 29 Sept — Palermo reached the group stage of the UEFA Cup on Thursday when they outclassed West Ham United 3-0 to complete a 4-0 win on aggregate.

Two goals by midfielder Fabio Simplicio and one by striker David Di Michele gave the home side a comfortable win, though an entertaining contest was overshadowed by the arrest of 20 West Ham fans in clashes with rival supporters and police earlier in the day.

The Premier League side started aggressively at Palermo's Renzo Barbera Stadium, with strikers Marlon Harewood and Carlton Cole forcing reflex saves from keeper Alberto Fontana.

But in the 35th minute a deflected shot from outside the area by Simplicio crept in at the post to put the home side ahead. — MNA/Reuters

Marseille, Schalke suffer UEFA Cup exits

LONDON, 29 Sept — Former European champions Olympique Marseille suffered a humiliating 4-3 UEFA Cup exit to Mlada Boleslav on Thursday to miss out on the group stage.

The Czech league leaders, 1-0 down from the first leg in France, appeared down and out when Marseille went 2-1 up on the night but Mlada stormed back.

They scored three second-half goals and secured a 4-3 aggregate victory and their passage with a stoppage time header from substitute Tomas Sedlacek.

Schalke 04, who lifted the trophy in 1997, also bowed out as French side AS Nancy overturned a 1-0 first-leg defeat to win 3-1 at home.

Marseille, twice beaten UEFA Cup finalists, seemed in control of their tie thanks to goals from Toifilou Maoulida and Taye Taiwo either side of a Lubos Pecka strike.

It left Mlada, who lost in the third qualifying round of the Champions League to Galatasaray, needing to score three times.

Substitute Radim Holub gave Mlada hope four minutes after coming on early in the second half and his second eight minutes from time set up a frantic finale, capped by Sedlacek's winner.

"It was a collective failure. It should have been a simple match," Marseille chairman Papa Diouf told the club's website.

"We took the lead early, we even led for a second time in the match.

"This is a day which will serve as a lesson for everybody. The players have to tell themselves you do not win a match without showing some humility."

Two goals in a seven-minute spell midway through the first half from Brazilian defender Andre Luiz and Uruguayan striker Gaston Curbelo set French Cup holders Nancy on their way to victory over Schalke, who have made a flying start to the Bundesliga season.

Issiar Dia made it 3-0 before Marcelo Bordon got one back but Schalke's woes were compounded by striker Gerald Asamoah breaking his left leg.

Despite Marseille's exit it was an otherwise good night for French sides with Racing Lens and Auxerre going through.

Twice winners Parma qualified when a goal by 18-year-old striker Daniele Paponi gave them a 1-0 win over Russian side Rubin Kazan to go through 2-0 on aggregate.

Hapoel Tel Aviv marked the return of international competition in Israel with a 3-1 win (4-1 aggregate) over Chornomorets Odessa in front of 15,000 fans at the Bloomfield Stadium.

UEFA imposed a ban last month due to the war in Lebanon between Israel and Hizbollah guerillas. It forced all Israeli home fixtures under UEFA's jurisdiction to be played at other venues in European countries. — MNA/Reuters

FIFA tells Brazil to get building for 2014 World Cup

BRASILIA (Brazil), 29 Sept — Brazil must start building new stadiums now if it wants to ensure it will be chosen to host the 2014 World Cup, FIFA head Sepp Blatter said on Thursday.

"The ball is Brazil's court and we can say that the demands are very great," Blatter said after meeting Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva in Brasilia.

Brazil, five times winner of the World Cup, is keen to host the 2014 tournament and is the front-runner to do so after FIFA established its policy of continental rotation that paved the way for a South American country to stage the event in eight

years. However, many of Brazil's stadiums are inadequate or even dangerous and other infrastructure such as transport links is also lacking.

Lula, who is tipped to win reelection in a poll on Sunday, told Blatter his government would fully back the bid.

"This is important because we need government guarantees," Blatter said. "If Brazil needs new infrastructure, it should begin today."

A high standard of organization had been set by Germany with this summer's World Cup, he added.

MNA/Reuters



Inter Milan's Ivan Ramiro Cordoba (L) fights for the ball with Bayern Munich's Claudio Pizarro during their Champions League Group B soccer match in Milan on 27 Sept, 2006. Bayern Munich won 2-0.—XINHUA

McClaren's agent tones down claims

LONDON, 29 Sept — England manager Steve McClaren's agent Colin Gordon, who said earlier in the week the majority of soccer agents were corrupt, toned down his remarks on Friday.

"I regret what I said to a degree but I absolutely

believe we've got a problem and I want to do my bit to solve it," he told the Sun newspaper.

"A lot of my colleagues conduct themselves honorably but we're looking at the small minority.

"We're talking about a lot of money going missing. Millions. I don't have any evidence but I have a lot of experience and people know what's going on."

The BBC television programme Panorama made accusations last week of corruption and rule-breaking by managers and agents. All the accused have denied any wrongdoing, with several raising the prospect of legal action against the BBC.

However, the programme has prompted the FA to launch a series of inquiries.—MNA/Reuters



Seven-time world surfing champion Kelly Slater of the US launches an aerial off the lip of a wave during the Quiksilver Pro France, which is part of the ASP Men's World Champion Tour of Surfing, at Hossegor in the south west coast of France on 28 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Top seed Ljubicic makes quarters in Thailand open

BANGKOK, 29 Sept — Top seed Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia scored a hard-fought win of 7-6 (8-6) and 7-5 over German newcomer Benjamin Becker to reach the quarterfinals of the Thailand Open here on Thursday. Ljubicic made 16 aces and broke clear at 5-5 in the second set as Becker struggled to return serve on his backhand.

"It took a while, but I realized it would be difficult," Ljubicic said. "He showed everyone how well he can play, but a lack of concentration in the second to last game cost him the match."

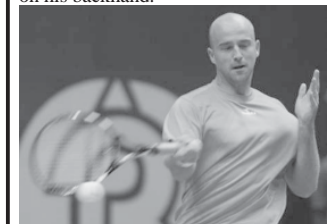
Third seed James Blake of the United States earlier breezed through to the last eight with a 6-3 and 6-2 win over Monaco's Benjamin Balleret within one hour.

Blake will next play Finn Jarkko Nieminen, who beat Canada's Frank Dancevic 2-6, 7-6 and 6-4.

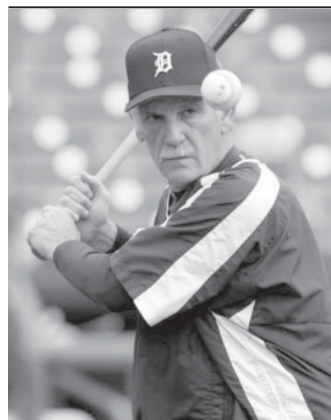
Former world number one Marat Safin, who has not won a tournament since 2005, also battled his way into the next round, beating Frenchman Julien Benneteau 7-6, 6-7 and 6-2.

Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan moved a step closer to his dream of winning an ATP tour title on home soil with a 6-4, 5-7 and 6-2 victory over Russian Mikhail Ledovskikh.

MNA/Xinhua



Croatia's Ivan Ljubicic returns a shot to Germany's Benjamin Becker during their second round match at the Thailand Open tennis tournament in Bangkok on 28 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



Detroit Tigers manager Jim Leyland eyes the ball before hitting it to players during batting practice before their American League Baseball game against the Toronto Blue Jays in Detroit, Michigan on 28 Sept, 2006.

INTERNET

Gunman kills Colorado schoolgirl, commits suicide

DENVER, 29 Sept — An armed man took two girls hostage at a Colorado high school on Wednesday, fatally shooting one of the students and then killed himself when police stormed the classroom where he was barricaded, authorities said.

The wounded girl was rushed by helicopter to St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver but died there, hospital spokeswoman Bev Lilly said. Her classmate and fellow hostage was apparently not hurt in the incident, which drew comparisons to the 1999

Columbine massacre that took place 30 miles (48 kilometres) away in Littleton, Colorado.

Police raided the classroom building after the gunman, who initially held six people, broke off negotiations. The incident began shortly before noon

when the man, whose identity was not immediately known by police, walked into Platte Canyon High School in the small mountain town of Bailey and opened fire.

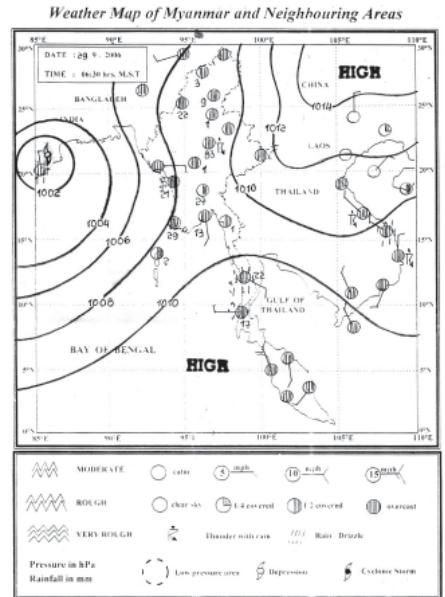
"We tried talking to this individual and had some success," Park

County Sheriff Fred Wegener told reporters. "He started to release hostages, but eventually he gave us a deadline of 4 o'clock (to back off) and ceased talking to negotiators, at which time we decided a tactical solution needed to be done."

"Entry was made, the suspect shot one of the hostages and then shot himself," an emotional Wegener said. "That's what it looks like, although the investigation is still ongoing." — MNA/Reuters



Families hug after their children were released from the Platte Canyon High School in Bailey, Colorado, on 27 Sept, 2006, after shots were fired at the school and hostages taken. — XINHUA



WEATHER

Friday, 29 September, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.97) inches, Mandalay (3.31) inches, Kayin (2.91) inches, Sagaing (2.56) inches, Monywa (2.24) inches, Pyay (1.77) inches, Mawlaik (1.50) inches, Minbu (1.46) inches, Aunglan (1.38) inches, Dawei (1.26) inches, Taungdwyngyi (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 28-9-2006 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 29-9-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 29-9-2006 was (100%). Total sunshine hours on 28-9-2006 was (2.8) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 29-9-2006 were (0.63) inch at Mingaladon, (1.03) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.20) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (93.43) inches at Mingaladon, (105.83) inches at Kaba-Aye and (108.90) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (14) mph from Southwest at (15:20) hours MST on 28-9-2006.

Bay inference: Yesterday's low pressure over West Central Bay has further intensified into a depression at last night. According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, it has crossed the Orissa Coast, India. Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 30-9-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Chin State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeayawady Divisions, scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of withdrawal of Southwest Monsoon from Southern Myanmar area.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 30-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 30-9-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 30-9-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for first weekend of October 2006: During the coming weekend, scattered rain or thundershowers will be in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Yangon Division.

Earthquake Report

(Issued at 13:00 hours MST today)

A moderate earthquake of intensity (5.0) on Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (240) miles southwest of Dawei Seismological Observatory was recorded at (21) hours (10) minutes (20) seconds MST on 28th September 2006.



Saturday, 30 September Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
 - Rhymes with Lila Muan
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
 - Get it back W Houston
- 8:50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
 - My land of girl Collin Raye
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
 - More More More No Mercy
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Music at your request / lunch
 - You raise me up Westlife
 - Something Shakira
 - Stand by your man Tracy Huang
- 9:00pm ASEAN news review
- Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20pm Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- Thadingyut the month of light festival Part II
- 9:30pm Souvenirs
 - Power of all friends Cliff Richard
 - Clover in the meadow Pat Boone
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Saturday, 30 September View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:05 am
 6. Musical programme
- 8:20 am
 7. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း ပေါင်းလင်း (ငမိုးရီခရုကျ) ရေလှောင်တစ်
- 8:30 am
 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 9. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am
 1. Martial songs
- 11:15 am
 2. News

- 11:25 am
 3. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:15 pm
 4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဆညီအောင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 1:00 pm
 5. "စိတ်၏စေ့ ၃၀၂" (နေ့တိုင်း မင်းထက်ကျော်စင်၊ သွားစန် ကျော်၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး၊ မိုးသိမ်းထွဋ်)
- 2:30 pm
 6. Dance of national races
- 2:15 pm
 7. "ပြေးပြေးလွှားလွှား သွားသွားလာလာ" (မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မအေးမြင့်၊ စိန်ဂွက်ထော်၊ မောင်မောင်မျိုးသန့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)
- 2:45 pm
 9. International news
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial songs
- 4:15 pm
 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. အဆောင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတ်ယူနစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm
 4. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အပို့

- အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၀-၁၅ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:00 pm
 5. Games for children
- 5:30 pm
 6. ဘဝနိဂုံး ပြီးပန်းတစ်ရာ
- 6:00 pm
 7. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 8. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 9. အလှူရှာမယ်၊ လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm
 10. Discovery
- 7:15 pm
 11. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ဓားမာန်ဆောင်းရဲ့ နေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 7:50 pm
 12. ပြည်သူတို့၏ သဘောထား (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 8:00 pm
 13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. လတ် မိုးလေဝသနှင့် ဓလဗေဒ ဓနိဗ္ဗန်ချက်
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 18. The next day's programme

*R 489 Published by the News and Periodicals Enterprise, Ministry of Information, Union of Myanmar. Edited and printed at The New Light of Myanmar Press, No 22/30 Strand Road at 43rd Street, Yangon. Cable Newlight, PO Box No. 43, Telephones: Editors 296115, Manager 392226, Circulation 297093, Advertisement 392223,

International Religious Freedom Report-2006 is lack of objectivity and is contradictory to Myanmar's efforts in building her nation and keeping her citizens of various religious beliefs in harmony

Allegations contained in US State Department's report are unjustified and they must be considered as being politically motivated and represent an attempt to exert pressure and interfere in internal affairs of Myanmar



Government takes all necessary steps to encourage and maintain the inter-religious harmony and freedom of worship. Myanmar is a country where inter-religious harmony has been a well recognized characteristic of its society. Photo shows some religious buildings in downtown Yangon.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept— *The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar today issued a press release totally rejecting the International Religious Freedom Report-2006 released by the US State Department on 15-9-2006. The following is the full text of the press release:*

The International Religious Freedom Report-2006 released by the US State Department's Bureau of Democracy, Human Rights and Labour came out on 15 September 2006 with allegations against the Government of the Union of Myanmar to disseminate (See page 10)

Patriarchs, journalists, people criticizing NLD as an organization dragging Myanmar into neo-colonialist subjugation

YANGON, 29 Sept — The 18th founding anniversary of the National League for Democracy was held at NLD headquarters on West Shwegondine Road, Bahan Township here from 1 to 4 pm on 27 September.

Old politicians or the so-called fellow politicians group, old students whom they called themselves the "88" generation, persons from dissolved political parties and diplomats from US and British embassies attended the ceremony. Before the ceremony, about 100 NLD members holding placards shouted slogans outside the HQ.

The US State Department on 26 September issued an announcement hailing the anniversary day in support of the NLD. The announcement said that the NLD founding day coincided with the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UN Security Council; that the US government would continue to work in the UNSC to make a decision concerning

Myanmar affairs. The announcement openly interferes in the Myanmar's internal affairs.

The authorities agreed the number of attendants no more than 50 inside the hall when a submission was presented to obtain permission for the NLD founding anniversary day. But about 500 NLD members attended, and there was a crowd of people holding placards and shouting slogans. Although they were in open violation of the rules that were agreed in advance, the authorities showed much magnanimity and restraint in dealing with the matter. There were eyewitnesses to the holding of the meetings between the NLD central executive committee and organizers of the states and divisions on 28 and 29 September.

The NLD has been constantly demanding the US to interfere in Myanmar's affairs and to apply pressure on the country. The NLD in collusion with expatriate groups abroad sent false information and slanders to the US at a time when the latter was making attempts to put

Myanmar on the UNSC agenda. The NLD welcomed with great pleasure the decision to put Myanmar on the UNSC agenda under US pressures. The chairman of the ceremony in his address thanked US ambassador to the UN John Bolton for his efforts to materialize the matter wishing him every success in his future tasks. The NLD has been relying on foreign countries to that degree while betraying the national cause without considering the nation's future.

As an accomplice, the NLD is welcoming the US government that is using the UN as a tool to interfere in Myanmar's affairs. As the people have been hearing the news about the perpetration, anti-Americanism and hatred for the US and resentment against the NLD and its associates are rising among them.

Patriarchs are assessing that the alien-reliant negative acts of the NLD and cohorts are becoming (See page 10)