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## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects extension of Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road, progress of Pinlaung-Tonhon-Mongthauk-Nyaungshwe Road

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence arrived at Koekway waterfall camp near Koekway Village in Pinlaung Township yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall of Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road Extended Construction Project, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Win Pe reported on tarmacking

the road, construction of the retaining walls and bridge and matters related to extension of the road.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaung Aye and Chief Engineer (Road) U Kyaw Lwin gave supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on extension of the road meet-

ing the set standard.

The extension of the road section in Shan State is 30 miles long.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win proceeded to Leinli Bridge construction project site on Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road near Leinli Village. Deputy Superintending Engineer U Than Swe of Public Works reported on construction of the foundation of the bridge and tasks for the approach bridge and

the main section of the bridge. The commander gave a supplementary report.

In his instruction, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that the government is building new roads and bridges for the people to enjoy fruits of secure and smooth transport. Therefore, employees are to make concerted efforts for construction of a suspension bridge.

Leinli Bridge is being built across Paunglaung Creek on Nay Pyi Taw-Pinlaung Road. The bridge will be 1,760 feet long. The bridge will have 28

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feet wide motor way flanked by three feet pedestrian way. It is a steel frame suspension bridge. Its clearance is nine feet

high and 880 feet wide. It can withstand 75-ton loads, and it is the longest bridge.

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**Out of 53 miles long Pinlaung-Tonhon-Mongthauk-Nyaungshwe Road, 16-mile Pinlaung-Tonhon section has been completed as a one-way lane. The whole road will be constructed as a tarred facility.**



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence inspects Leinli Bridge construction project site on Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road. —MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 1 October, 2006

## Collectively take care of older persons

Older persons are important in a society. Affluent older persons with sons and daughters are able to pass their lifetime with peace of mind. However, poor older persons with no sons and daughters lacking care and support are in trouble. Homes for the aged have been established to take care of older persons with no family support.

Older persons such as grandfathers and grandmothers are highly regarded and respected in Myanmar society. They are given a respectable place at home and being taken care of out of loving-kindness.

Out of over 55 million population of Myanmar, there are over four million older persons aged over 60. There has been no problem regarding older persons in the nation as they are being taken care of by the respective families. Countries of the region including those of ASEAN are seeking ways and means in order that they can take care of older persons.

Homes for the aged were established in Myanmar over 90 years ago to take care of older persons. Overcome with sympathy and understanding, Daw Oo Zun started establishing homes for the aged in 1915. Nowadays, there are 52 homes for the aged throughout the nation with over 2,000 older persons.

Myanmar is actively participating in domiciliary care of older persons launched under the Korea-ASEAN Cooperation Programme. Remarkable progress has been made in this regard.

Taking care of older persons is a noble, humanitarian task of Myanmar. We firmly believe that social organizations including the people will earnestly be of service to older persons.

## Peoples' Desire

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

### Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Cyprus

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Yiorgos Lillikas, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Cyprus which falls on 1 October 2006.

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## Minister inspects construction of new Yangon International Airport building



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects completion of extension to the runway of Yangon International Airport.—TRANSPORT

YANGON, 29 Sept—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe this morning inspected construction of new Yangon International Airport building.

The new airport building is 832 feet long and 206 feet wide, and on completion, it will be able to handle 900 arrivals and 900 departures an hour.

At the runway extension project for Yangon

International Airport, the minister heard a report presented by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Hlaing of Public Works on the extension to the runway up to 3,100 feet in length and 200 feet in width, and attended to the needs. On completion of the runway, such aircraft as Boeing 747 will be able to land.

MNA

## Cash and medicines donated hailing International Day of Older Persons

YANGON, 29 Sept— In commemoration of the International Day of Older Persons for 2006, a ceremony to donate cash and medicines was held at International Business Centre on Pyay Road, here, this afternoon.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife Daw Tin Tin Nwe, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and officials accepted cash and kind from wellwishers.

Next, the minister thanked the wellwishers



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepts cash and medical equipment from a wellwisher. — MNA

for their donations.

Today's donations by

69 wellwishers totalled K 16,365,235—K 11515870

and medicines worth K 4,849,365. — MNA

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# Russia-China relationship based on mutual trust, benefit

BEIJING, 29 Sept— Russia and China have built a new type of nation-to-nation relationship based on mutual trust and mutual benefit, a senior Russian official said here Thursday.

Mihail Nikolaev, vice-chairman of the Federation Council of Russia, made the remarks at a meeting which is held to mark the establishment of the China-Russia Friendly Strategic Dialogue mechanism.

Nikolaev said the strategic partnership between Russia and China was not targeted at any third country and did not point to an alliance.

The new type of relationship could be seen in many bilateral and multilateral occasions, including the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) meetings, said Nikolaev, adding the SCO had contributed greatly to regional peace, stability, development and prosperity.

Nikolaev also made positive comments on the increasingly close

collaboration between Russia and China in areas like politics, trade, energy and science.

This year marks the Year of Russia in China, the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the China-Russia Strategic Partnership of Coordination and the fifth anniversary of the establishment of the SCO.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 28 Sept, 2006 shows the general view of the reception marking the 57th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China held in Beijing.—XINHUA



French President Jacques Chirac on 28 Sept, 2006 at the opening of the 11th Summit of the International Francophone Organisation.—XINHUA

## Venezuela says US is harbouring terrorists

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Sept— Venezuela's Foreign Minister Nicholas Maduro said on Thursday the United States distinguished between "good" and "bad" terrorists, depending on their political leanings.

In an address to the Security Council during a session on terrorism and comments to reporters afterwards, Maduro said the 15-member body should join his country in demanding the United States hand over an anti-Castro Cuban accused of planning the bombing of a Cuban airliner 30 years

ago. "For the government of George W. Bush there are good terrorists and bad terrorists," he told reporters after the Council meeting, in a preview of anti-American positions Venezuela is expected to take if it gets a seat on the Council next year.

At issue is the case of Luis Posada Carriles, 77,

a former CIA operative accused of planning the explosion of a Cubana de Aviacion airliner in 1976 that killed 73 passengers and crew.

Posada, who escaped from a Venezuelan jail, went to Central America and later came to the United States. He is being held in Texas on immi-

gration violations but a federal magistrate maintains he should be released from custody.

Maduro said the 30th anniversary of the attack was on 6 October "and we have asked the Council to get involved in the matter in such a way that public opinion can react against the protection of dangerous terrorists by the United States".

The minister also said the United States was protecting Venezuelan Jose Antonio Pulido and German Varela Lopez, who Caracas has linked to attacks in 2003 on the Colombian consulate and Spanish Embassy in Caracas.—MNA/Reuters

Filipinos share an umbrella as strong winds and rain from Typhoon Xangsane lash across the Makati District in Manila on 28 Sept, 2006.

INTERNET

## Metro Manila on heightened alert for typhoon "Xangsane"

MANILA, 29 Sept— The National Capital Region Police Office (NCRPO) is on heightened alert as Typhoon "Xangsane" is approaching Metro Manila, an official said on Thursday.

Police Director Reynaldo Varilla, NCRPO chief, said the elevated alert status was

in preparation for possible rescue operations.

The Northern Police District is on full alert as

the area was most vulnerable to floods, Varilla said.

"Just in case the typhoon hits Metro Manila, we are expecting areas to be flooded .. and we are ready for rescue operations," said Varilla.

The government-run Philippine Atmospheric Geophysical Astronomical Services Administration (PAGASA) has raised Signal No 3 in Metro Manila and in several provinces that are along the path of Xangsane.

Metro Manila is expected to be in the eye of the storm later in the day, PAGASA said.

The Philippine Government ordered the suspension of classes at all levels

and work in government offices in the metropolis and other affected areas on Thursday. MNA/Xinhua

## Afghan "US spy" shot dead in Pakistan's Waziristan

PESHAWAR (Pakistan), 29 Sept— Unidentified gunmen shot dead an Afghan man in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal region, and left a note on the body saying he was an American spy, officials said on Thursday.

"He was shot in the head and chest," Fida Mohammad Khan, North Waziristan's deputy administrator, said. He identified the dead man as Malang Jan, an-Afghan refugee.

The body was found in the mountains near Mir Ali, an area where pro-Taleban tribesmen and al-Qaeda fighters had been active until tribal elders called for a ceasefire with Pakistani security forces three months ago.

MNA/Reuters



# Russia watchdog accuses Shell of barbaric activity

Moscow, 29 Sept — A top Russian environment official stepped up his attacks on the Royal Dutch Shell-led 20-billion-US-dollar Sakhalin energy project on Thursday, saying Moscow wanted damages for every destroyed tree or damaged river.

"If criminal cases are opened for everything, the company will read the Criminal Code, come to its senses, and stop the barbarian activity," Oleg Mitvol, deputy head of Russia's environmental agency, told reporters in Sakhalin.

Shell strongly

defended its environmental record, saying it had "nothing to be ashamed of and nothing to hide" in the way it had led the Sakhalin oil and gas development, Russia's biggest foreign investment to date.

Analysts and diplomats say the environmental

accusations are a pretext for the Kremlin to force Shell and its partners to renegotiate their contracts on less favourable terms.

The latest Russian official pronouncements on Sakhalin reflected increasingly contradictory signals from Moscow on the project, in which

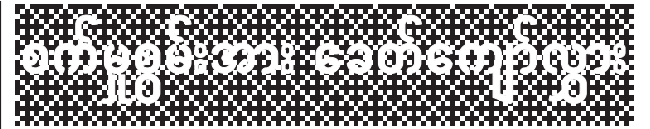
Japanese companies also have a big stake.

Only hours after Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov called for dialogue to resolve the crisis, Mitvol urged the suspension of the project, Sakhalin-2.

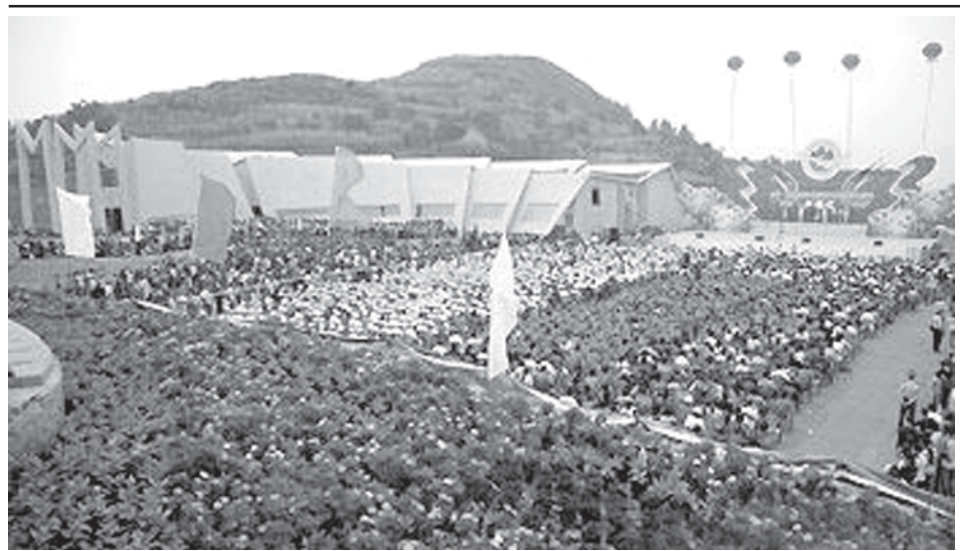
"We must stop the project and start over again," *Interfax* news agency quoted Mitvol as saying on the Far Eastern island.

"We want criminal cases for every destroyed tree or damaged river."

MNA/Reuters



Tourists visit the temple of the Parthenon at the Acropolis hill in Athens on 28 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



Picture taken on 28 Sept, 2006 shows the opening ceremony of the National Geopark in Guanling Buyi and Miao Autonomous County, southwest China's Guizhou Province. Guanling boasts of its abundant heritage sites and ancient fossils. Some of Guanling County's ancient fossils date back 230 million years ago making them of great importance to research and highly valued.—XINHUA

## Vietnam receives more foreign visitors

HANOI, 29 Sept— Vietnam has so far this year welcomed 2.7 million international arrivals, posting a year-on-year rise of 4.6 per

cent, according to the Vietnam National Administration of Tourism (VNAT) Wednesday.

The visitors were mainly from China, South Korea, the United States, Japan and Australia, the VNAT said, noting that markets with highest growth include Thailand, up 48 per cent; South Korea, up 29 per cent; Malaysia, up 27 per cent; and Denmark, up 26 per cent.

To lure more foreign visitors, Vietnam is intensifying tourism promotion in the key markets and members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN),

improving quality of service and upgrading infrastructure.

It has planned to pour 1.5 billion US dollars in the tourism sector from now to 2010, most of which will be spent on upgrading roads leading to tourism resorts nationwide, and developing new infrastructure works in the central region and Tay Nguyen (Central Highlands region), said the VNAT.

With the investment, the country hopes to welcome 5.5-6 million foreign visitors and 25-26 million domestic ones by 2010, and make tourism revenues totalling 4-4.

MNA/Xinhua

## 10 civilians killed in Baghdad attack

BAGHDAD, 29 Sept — Gunmen opened fire near a Sunni mosque in Baghdad, killing 10 civilians at the time of Ramadan evening prayers on Wednesday, Interior Ministry and police sources said.

One ministry source

initially said some of the victims were killed inside the Mashaada Mosque in the Hurriya District of northwestern Baghdad, but later said the clashes had taken place outside it.

A police source said only that the clashes took place in the vicinity of the mosque.

MNA/Reuters

## Hainan opens community-based methadone clinics

HAIKOU, 29 Sept 29 — China's southernmost province of Hainan launched eight community-based methadone clinics for drug addicts in seven cities between Monday and Wednesday, sources with the provincial health authorities said on Wednesday. The seven cities included such sightseeing destination as Sanya.

Methadone therapy is regarded as one of the most effective ways to reduce drug addicts craving for stronger illicit drugs.

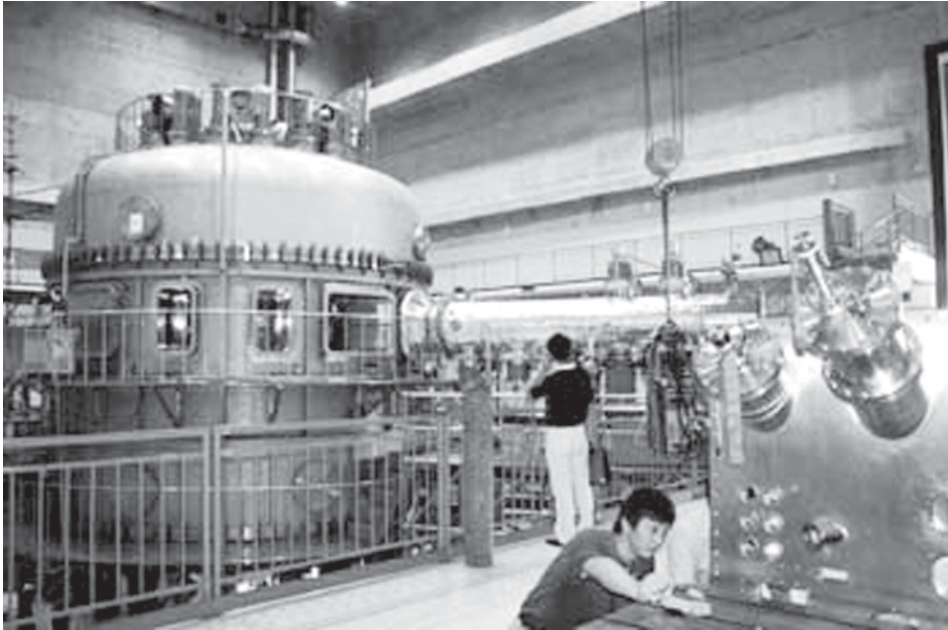
MNA/Xinhua



An undated handout photograph released on 27 Sept, 2006 shows Lee Redmond of the US who has won entry into the latest edition of Guinness World Records on 28 Sept, 2006 with the world's longest fingernails.—INTERNET



A chimpanzee lights the torch of the 4th national animal games in Shanghai, east China on 28 Sept, 2006. The games opened Thursday here, with over 300 animals across the country competing in more than 50 items.—XINHUA



A scientist debugs the Experimental Advanced Superconducting Tokamak (EAST) in the Institute of Plasma Physics of Chinese Academy of Sciences in Hefei, capital of east China's Anhui Province on 28 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

## Pakistan allows more goods to be imported from India

ISLAMABAD, 29 Sept—Pakistan decided on Wednesday to allow imports of machinery, surgical items, chemicals and pharmaceuticals from India to expand economic relations between the South Asian rivals.

Trade between the neighbours has been held back by their history of enmity following their independence from Britain in 1947, but a peace process begun in 2004 has seen a thaw in relations that has coincided with India's emergence as an economic powerhouse.

While India granted a Most-Favoured Nation

(MFN) status to Pakistan, Pakistan has yet to reciprocate and instead regulates trade through a list of items deemed tradeable with India.

The Economic Coordination Committee, Pakistan's top decision-making body on economic issues, on Wednesday allowed import of more than 302 "tariff lines" from India.

Pakistan earlier had put 1,527 tariff lines on the list, covering a total of just under 800 products.

"The decision will allow import of different items of machinery, surgical items and chemicals from India," Ashfaq Hasan Khan, an adviser to the Prime Minister, told reporters after the meeting.

MNA/Reuters

## "Opportunity" reaches "Victoria", sends back photos

LOS ANGELES, 29 Sept—The *Opportunity* Mars rover arrived at the rim of a crater named "Victoria" and returned its first photos of the huge crater, US space agency NASA said on Wednesday.

The rover has travelled for 21 months across the Martian landscape before starting to relay glimpses of the huge impact crater, said NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) based in Pasadena, California.

Initial images from the rover's first overlook show rugged walls with layers of exposed rock and a floor blanketed with dunes. The far wall is approximately 800 metres from the rover, the JPL said.

Reaching the crater provided an insight into Mars' history. Mission scientists said that these images might tell new stories about the past environmental conditions on the red planet, from a long time ago.

"This is a geologist's dream come true," said Steve Squyres of Cornell University, the principal

investigator for NASA's Mars rover programme.

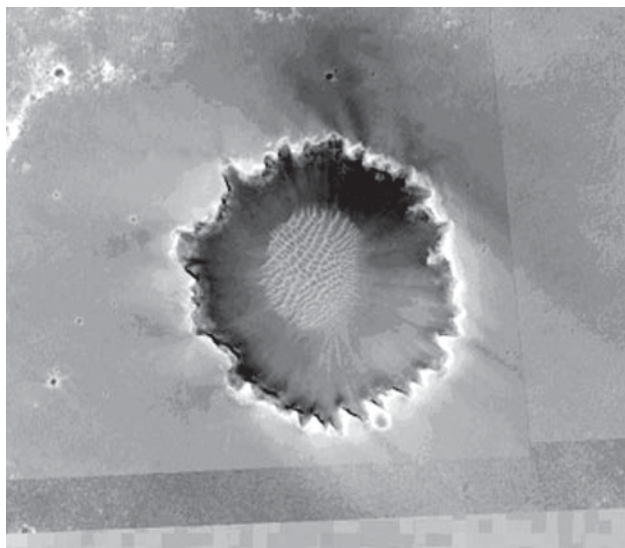
"We especially want to learn whether the wet era that we found recorded in the rocks closer to the landing site extended farther back in time. The way to find that out is to go

deeper, and Victoria may let us do that."

From the rim of Victoria, there are good views of the crater interior. The rover will use its set of cameras to help scientists intensively study the crater, according to

Squyres. *Opportunity* has been exploring Mars since January 2004, more than 10 times longer than its original prime mission of three months.

Most of the journey was to get from "Endurance" crater to "Victoria", across a flat plain pocked with smaller craters and strewn with sand ripples. Frequent stops to examine intriguing rocks interrupted the journey, and one large sand ripple kept the rover trapped for more than five weeks. The twin rovers, *Opportunity* and *Spirit*, are staying in a northward-tilted position through the southern Mars winter, in order to collect the maximum energy supply for its solar panels, JPL said.—MNA/Xinhua



This image from the Mars Orbiter Camera aboard NASA's Mars Global Surveyor spacecraft shows an overview of Victoria Crater. The Mars Rover *Opportunity* has arrived at the rim of the big crater, NASA said on 27 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

## UAE firm to set up new city, terminal near Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 29 Sept—A Dubai-based company "Emaar" would invest over 43 billion US dollars over the next 13 years to establish a state-of-the-art city near Karachi, a senior government official said on Wednesday. The new city spreading over 12,000 acres of land would be set up on two islands known as Bundal and Buddo, adviser to the Prime Minis-

ter, Ashfaq Ahmed Khan, told a news conference.

Another United Arab Emirates (UAE) based company Dubai Port World would invest 300 million dollars on the second container terminal at Port Qasim in Karachi.

This would be first green field project undertaken in the port sector of Pakistan, Ashfaq said.—MNA/Xinhua

## Three NATO soldiers injured in W Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 Sept—Three soldiers of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) and their local interpreter were injured as an explosive device struck their vehicle in western Herat Province, a Press release of the multinational force said Thursday.

"An improvised explosive device exploded at the edge of the road while an ISAF vehicle was driving near Shindand, approximately 90 kilometres south of Herat City, wounding three ISAF soldiers," said the Press release.

MNA/Xinhua

## Fifty hospitalized after eating at wedding reception in N-W China

XI'AN, 29 Sept—At least 50 people were hospitalized after eating at a wedding banquet on Sunday in northwest China's Shaanxi Province, the local health authority confirmed on Wednesday.

The patients, mostly women and children, suffered diarrhoea, nausea and vomiting shortly after the banquet at a restaurant in Guapo Town of Huaxian County, said a spokesman of the People's Hospital, the largest hospital in the county.

He said the patients were recuperating but the majority of them were still in hospital on Wednesday.

More than 200 friends and relatives of the newly-wed couple ate at the banquet but the rest of the diners showed no ill-

effects, a relative of the bride said on condition of anonymity.

The county's health department said it is investigating the case and has taken samples of the food for laboratory tests. The results have yet to be released.—MNA/Xinhua



The new Audi S3 is presented on media day at the Paris International Auto Show on 28 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

## Malaysia launches profession services export fund

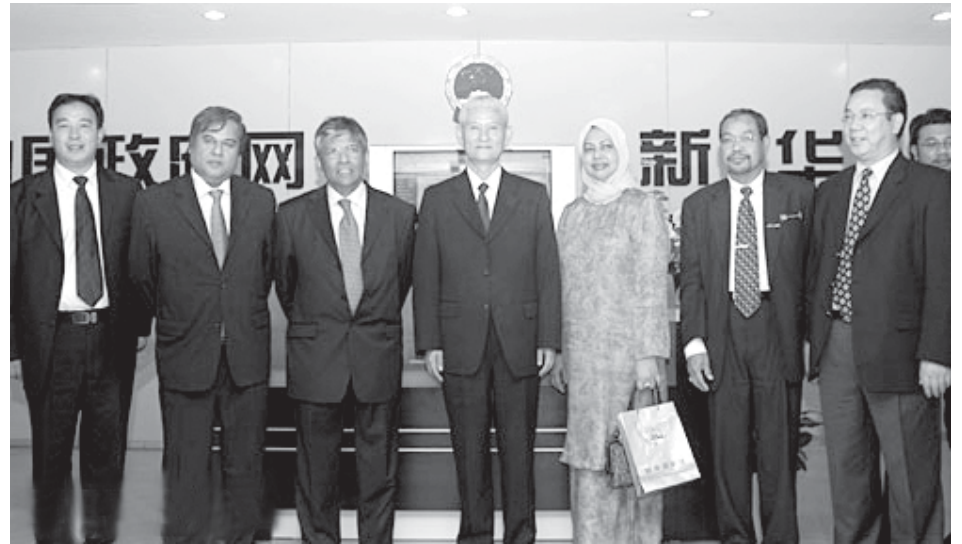
**KUALA LUMPUR, 29 Sept**— Malaysia Thursday launched Professional Services Export Fund to extend the global outreach of Malaysian professional services providers.

The fund, worth 150 million ringgit (40.54 million US dollars), will be managed by the Malaysian External Trade Development Corporation, said Minister of International Trade and Industry Rafidah Aziz at the launching ceremony here. Rafidah said,

Malaysian professional services providers have the expertise and technical capacities to successfully compete in the international arena, but feedback shows some of them, in particular the smaller firms, are constrained from participating in overseas bidding process

because of inadequate financial resources.

As such, Rafidah said, the fund was set up among others to encourage them to bid for overseas projects and expand the scope for the export of professional services, inclusive of Malaysian technologies and products.—MNA/Xinhua



Xinhua News Agency Editor-in-Chief Nan Zhenzhong, accompanied by Xinhua Deputy Secretary-General and Xinhuanet President Zhou Xisheng, meets with Malaysian Information Minister Datuk Zainuddin Maidin on 29 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

### Tropical storm "Isaac" froms in Atlantic

**MIAMI, 29 Sept** — Tropical Storm Isaac, the ninth of the Atlantic hurricane season, formed in the Atlantic Ocean on Thursday but was no immediate threat to land. The centre of Isaac was about 665 miles (1,070 kilometres) east-southeast of Bermuda at 11 am (1500 GMT) and the storm's predicted path would keep it out to sea well east of the British territory, the US National Hurricane Centre said. Isaac was moving northwest at about 8 mph (13 kilometres per hour). It had sustained winds of 40 miles per hour (64 kilometres per hour) and was not expected to reach hurricane strength during the next four days.

MNA/Reuters



A Lenovo employee displays a ThinkPad notebook computer in February 2006 in Tokyo. Lenovo is recalling 526,000 laptop batteries worldwide made by Sony Corp, the latest in a series of problems with Sony batteries.—INTERNET

### Microsoft sets \$250 price for Zune songs for \$0.99

**SEATTLE, 29 Sept** — Microsoft Corp said on Thursday its new Zune music player will be sold at a price matching Apple

Computer Inc's market-leading iPod and, as a result, lose money this holiday season.

Microsoft's 30-

gigabyte Zune will retail for 249.99 US dollars — 99 cents higher than the iPod with the same amount of storage — when it goes on sale 14 November. Songs available for download at the Zune Marketplace service will cost about 99 cents a song, on par with prices at Apple's iTunes, Microsoft said. The world's largest software maker faces an uphill climb in trying to topple the market-dominating iPod after conceding a five-year head start to Apple's media player.

Microsoft said it needed to put a comparable price on Zune, even if it meant that the company will suffer a loss from the device's sales this holiday season.—MNA/Reuters

### Ahmadinejad says Iran will not give up atomic work

**TEHRAN, 29 Sept**— Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Wednesday Teheran would not give up its right to uranium enrichment despite pressure from the West, the official IRNA news agency reported.

Western nations have said Iran must suspend enrichment, a process that can be used to make fuel for power stations or material for atomic bombs, to start negotiations over Iran's nuclear programme.

"In negotiations, they tell us to suspend uranium enrichment for one day on the pretext of some technical problem and let us continue negotiations with you," Ahmadinejad told a seminar in Teheran, IRNA reported.

"Our answer to them, is no one has the right to abandon the rights of the Iranian nation," he was quoted as saying. "The Iranian nation will not give up its right." But other

Iranian news agencies appeared to give slightly different renderings of what Ahmadinejad said, although the reason for the differences were not clear. Mehr news agency suggested Iran had ruled out suspension by quoting him saying: "Today, Western countries want us to suspend our nuclear technology, but we say to them that we will never give it up."

Another Iranian news agency, ISNA, reported Ahmadinejad as saying: "They tell us 'You should suspend uranium enrichment for just one day on the pretext of some technical problem and then we will negotiate with you.'—MNA/Reuters

### Israeli court to free Palestinian Deputy PM

**RAMALLAH (West Bank), 29 Sept** — An Israeli military court on Wednesday ordered the release of Palestinian Deputy Prime Minister Naser al-Shaer, a top Hamas official, after more than a month in detention, his lawyer said.

"The court admitted there was not enough evidence to keep him in jail. He will be home in Nablus (in the West Bank) in a matter of hours," the lawyer, Osama al-Saadi, said. An Israeli Army spokesman said he was checking the information.

Israeli forces seized Shaer at his house on 19 August. He had not been at home, and was put on Israel's wanted list, in late June when the military detained dozens of Hamas lawmakers and a number of Cabinet ministers after militants abducted an Israeli soldier in a cross-border raid from Gaza. Thirty-one Hamas legislators are still in Israeli custody.—MNA/Reuters



A baby hippopotamus takes a bath with its mother Carlota at the zoo in Lima on 28 Sept, 2006. The two-week-old hippopotamus is the first baby hippopotamus that has survived in Peru outside of its natural environment.—INTERNET

# Towards a society for all ages

*Tekkatho Mya Myinzu*

One of the adorable traditions Myanmar people preserve is “caring and catering their old parents, grandparents and relatives respectfully”. And there are many Myanmar adages and homilies persuading the people to preserve such a fine tradition.

In the Myanmar society is a thriving tradition that elderly persons live together with their children and grandchildren in peace and harmony in the same house, providing a reciprocal care between the old and the young.

Now, the aging population of Myanmar is on the increase, but the practice of caring the aged is never reckoned as an issue.

In Myanmar, Daw Oo Zun was the pioneer in the establishment of homes for the aged. She was born of silk merchant U Ei and Daw Hmyin of Mandalay on the fifth Waning of Wagaung 1230 Myanmar Era. She cared for her parents. After the demise of her parents, she devoted herself to the tasks for the development of the people and Sasana.

Spending her own money, she established homes for the aged at the foot of Mya Thabeik Hill in Thaton in 1289 ME, in Paungde in 1290 ME, at Hninzigon in Yangon in 1295 ME and in Pakokku in 1299. While pursuing her goal, she was initiated into nunhood at Paungde Home for the Aged at the age of 60, and she passed away in 1306 ME at the age of 76.

Now, the world population is about 6,500 million, of them one of five is an elderly person. According to the census taken in 2004, Myanmar’s population was 54.3 million, 4.46 million of them were aged 60 and above, accounting for one elderly person in every 13 people.

Now, the number of world’s aged population is burgeoning and that has become an issue. For that reason, the countries concerned are taking measures for enhancing the welfare of the senior citizens.

Under the culture, traditions and social ethics of Myanmar people with faith in Theravada Buddhism, the practice of paying respects to and caring for elderly persons with prestige is still thriving in the nation. Thanks to the equitable development of all parts of the nation, resulting from the border areas and national races development project and the rural development project the government is implementing, the older people are now enjoying a better live.

The United Nations adopted five fundamental principles for the elderly persons to enjoy a better and pleasant life — Independence, Participation, Care, Self-fulfilment, and Dignity.

Myanmar upholds these five fundamental principles, while caring for the aged in accordance with its culture and traditions.

The 37th UN General Assembly held in 1982 passed the resolution 37/51 — International Plan of Action on Aging. To implement that plan of action,

a conference on aging population was held in Vienna, Austria, the same year, and the conference passed Vienna Plan with the aim of strengthening the capacities of governments and international organizations in taking census of aging population and fulfilling their requirements. The plan covers suggestions — Health and Nutrition, Protection of Elderly Consumers, Housing and Environment, Family, Social Welfare, Income Security and Employment, and Education.

In accordance with the suggestions, UN members are taking steps for caring elderly persons such as holding workshops and taking census of the aged population.

Indeed, senior citizens have a vast knowledge and experience in the education, economic, health and social sectors because they have been engaged in the anti-colonialist battles and anti-fascist resistance, and in crushing internal strife. In addition, they have a taste for doing charity and public welfare services. So, elderly persons are given a place in social and religious associations.

On 21 July 1997, the United Nations Economic and Social Council passed resolution 1997/18 to designate the year 1999 as International Year for Older Persons, and the first of October as International Day of Older Persons. Since 1999, Myanmar has observed International Day of Older Persons through the theme “Towards a society for all ages” in line with its culture and traditions. And she has been adhering to the fundamental principles of the UN.

Now, social organizations are establishing homes for the aged across the nation. So far, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has opened 52 homes for the aged, where 2,196 elderly people receive care. And the ministry provides assistance for 42 homes for the aged annually. In 2004-2005, it provided cash assistance of 10.6 million kyats for the 42 homes for the aged. Social organizations and wellwishers also provide cash donations and voluntary services for the aged. Myanmar can take pride in the establishment of homes for the aged for the care of the elderly persons because such facilities are not available even in developed nations.

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## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects extension of Pyinmana-Pinlaung Road, progress...

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At Pinlaung-Tonhon-Mongthauk-Nyaungshwe Road (Inlay Lake Circular Road) Project, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on carrying out of earth work and construction of the conduits presented by Superintending Engineer U Myint Aung of Shan State (South).

Out of 53 miles long Pinlaung-Tonhon-Mongthauk-Nyaungshwe Road, 16-mile Pinlaung-Tonhon section has been completed as a one-way lane. The whole road will be constructed as a tarred road. The 16-mile Pinlaung-Tonhon section of the road is 12 miles and three furlongs shorter than the 28 miles and 3 furlongs long Pinlaung-Lwepyar-Tonhon road.

At the construction site of Pinlaung-Tonhon new road section near Naungpee Village, the Superintending Engineer reported to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on construction of the one-lane Pinlaung-Naungpee earth section.

At Tonhon Bridge, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on arrangements being made for controlling inflow of Bilu Creek from Inlay Lake into Moebye Dam and prevention against overflow of the creek presented by the commander and Assistant Director U Min Swe of Irrigation Department.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party viewed thriving monsoon paddy and tea plantations along Pinlaung-Tonhon-Mongthauk-Nyaungshwe Road and arrived at Taunggyi in the evening.

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## Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport meets



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win addresses coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport. —MNA

YANGON, 30 Sept — Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held its coordination meeting at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters, here, yesterday evening.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win said that the committee and subcommittees concerned are to make preparations for organizing the third exhibition and competitions on traffic rules and competitions, to be sponsored by Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee in November. A total of 22 special buses run from Yangon Railway Station to

11 townships for ensuring convenient of passengers who arrive here by Yangon-Mandalay trains after 10 pm daily. The commander went on to say that it is necessary to supervise taking action against those who broke traffic rules.

Officials of universities and colleges, members of the supervisory committee, departmental officials and chairmen of bus lines reported on matters related to enforcement of traffic rules and conversion of vehicles to NGVs.

Later, the commander attended to their needs.

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## Minister for Foreign Affairs back from UN General Assembly

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back in here this morning after attending the Sixty-first Session of the United Nations General Assembly held in New York.

Leader of the Myanmar Delegation Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win delivered his statement in the general debate of the plenary meeting of the United Nations General Assembly on 26 September 2006.

While in New York, the Minister for Foreign Affairs attended the Informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, the ASEAN-UN working lunch and the 13th Ministerial Meeting of the Group of 77 and China on 22 September 2006. On



Minister U Nyan Win being welcomed by officials at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

26 September 2006, the Minister co-chaired the ASEAN-ECO Joint Ministerial Meeting.

In the afternoon, a Joint Communiqué on the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Republic of

Timor-Leste was signed by the two Foreign Ministers at the Permanent Mission of the Union of Myanmar to the United Nations in New York.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win was welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for

Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and departmental heads of the ministry.

Assistant Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Win Zeyar Tun also arrived back here on the same flight. — MNA

## F&R Minister receives financial mission

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun received Mr Katsuyuki Meguro of Financial Action Task Force On-Site Visit Mission at his office here today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Finance and Revenue Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, President of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung and officials.

At the meeting, the minister briefed on Myanmar's actions in combating money laundering and financial support to terrorism and the rules and regulations of banks and institutions under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue. Mr Katsuyuki Meguro and party acknowledged achievements of the ministry. — MNA

## Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister back home

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept — The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint arrived back here by air today after paying an official visit to Yunnan Province from 24 to 28 September at the invitation of the Yunnan Provincial Government of the People's Republic of China.

They were welcomed by Director-General U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department and officials at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

During the visit, the Myanmar delegation met with Governor Mr Xu Rong Kai of the Yunnan Province on 24 September and also Vice-Governor Mr Liu Ping on 28 September. The Myanmar delegation visited Lijiang Ancient City, Kunming Iron & Steel Co Ltd, Yunnan Nationalities Village, Stone Forest, Jiu Xiang Cave and other interesting places. — MNA



## Ministry of H&T holds coord meeting



Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivers an address at coordination meeting of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing delivered an address at the coordination meeting of the ministry at his office, here, this morning.

Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing presented cash rewards to outstanding students of staff to Director-General U Htay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

The director-general reported on organizational set-up of the department, foreign investment at hotel projects, tourism matters, arrival of tourists and earning of foreign exchange, and promotion of tourism

industry.

Managing Director U Soe Thein of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services also reported on organizational set-up of the services, matters related to training courses at home and abroad and earning of foreign exchange at the State-owned hotels.

Next, officials submitted reports on their respective sectors. The director-general and the managing director gave supplementary reports.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.

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## Golden National Convention

- \* Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Chin  
Close kin, true brothers and sisters  
Brothers born of the same womb  
Representatives of the same nest.
- \* Among ourselves Myanmar nationals  
Free from doubts whatsoever  
Free from grudges whatsoever  
Companions all get together.
- \* Within bounds of the Steps for future  
Precisely and not faltering  
With clear mind, conscience  
Will hold deliberations openly.
- \* Golden National Convention  
Don't talk behind our backs  
We shall act harmoniously  
Carry us toward democratic State.

(Hailing the National Convention)  
Pho Yan Naing (Trs)

## Basic Administration and Management Course for doctors opens

YANGON, 30 Sept — The Basic Administration and Management Course No 2/2006 for doctors was opened at University of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, this morning.

In his speech, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said that as the government had spent a large amount of money on nurturing doctors, doctors are to reciprocate the goodwill of the government by discharging the assigned duties and providing health care services to the people. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance that it is impossible to develop study fields of science and arts including health sector without of human resources development. The training course will improve efficiency of the health staff. Parallel, hospitals and dispensaries will be upgraded with fulfillment of hospital equipment. Therefore, doctors are to constantly learn medical treatment and control of diseases at their respective units.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General Dr Tin Win Maung of Health Department, Director-General Dr Than Myint of Medical Science Department, Acting Director-General Dr Kyaw Myint of Medical Research Department, Director-General U Aung Kyaing of Health Planning Department, deputy directors-general and rectors of departments and universities, medical superintendents and guests.

The training course will last up to 5 October.

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## Improvement of banking services discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept — The Ministry of Finance and Revenue held the second coordination meeting for 2006 at the ministry, here, this morning.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivered an address.

Heads of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Myanma Economic Bank, Myanma Foreign Trade Bank, Myanma Investment and Commercial Bank, Myanma Small Loans Enterprise, Myanma Insurance, Budget Department, Customs Department, Internal Revenue Department, Pension Department and Revenue Appellate Tribunal reported on accomplishments of the respective departments and future tasks.



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun speaks at the 2nd coordination meeting for 2006 of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue. — MNA

Next, managers of state and division MEBs submitted reports on their respective sectors, and read papers on the increase of savings in the bank.

The minister instructed officials to compile the paper on development of banking services. The meeting continues tomorrow.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint makes a speech at the opening of the Basic Administration and Management Course No 2/2006 for doctors. — MNA

DRIVE WITH CARE

## Culture Ministry holds coord meeting



**Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint addresses the coordination meeting of the Ministry of Culture. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept — The Ministry of Culture held its coordination meeting at the ministry, here, yesterday, with an address by Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint.

Present also were

heads of Department of Cultural Institute, Department of Archaeology, Fine Arts Department and Universities of Culture (Yangon and Mandalay) and officials.

The minister called upon them to work with

duty consciousness in accordance with the mottoes of the ministry.

The directors-general, the rectors and the deputy directors-general reported on work done on the decisions of the second fourth-monthly meeting this year and future tasks. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.

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## SWRR Minister attends opening ceremony of disabled child care centre

YANGON, 30 Sept — An opening ceremony of care centre for the disabled children conducted by Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement was held at Institute of Social Welfare on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township this morning, with an address by Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe.

Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department and In-Charge Daw Than Than Nwe formally opened the centre. The minister and guests viewed round the centre and heard report on matters related to care services for disabled children by Administrative Director Daw Li Li Yan Gyi of Eden Disabled Persons Care Centre.

Later, the minister presented two wheelchairs to two disabled children.

Officials accepted clothing, blankets, TV and video sets and K 50,000 donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

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**President of Myanmar Cyclist Federation U Kyaw Win presents prize to a runner-up in Yangon-Bago-Yangon Cycling Contest on 30-9-06. — NLM**

## United Nations Secretary-General's Message on the International Day of Older Persons

1 October 2006

YANGON, 1 Oct— *The following is the message of the United Nations Secretary-General on the International Day of Older Persons which falls today:*

In the tenth and final year of my tenure as Secretary-General, after a full career in the service of the United Nations, I have a personal stake in the fate of older persons and the fulfillment of their aspirations. But I am only one of 600 million persons in the world over the age of 60. As people across the globe come to live increasingly longer lives, our entire human family has a stake in encouraging and easing a productive, active, and healthy aging process. The whole world stands to gain from an empowered older generation, with the potential to make tremendous contributions to the development process and to the work of building more productive, peaceful, and sustainable societies.

That is why the theme of this year's International Day of Older Persons is "Improving the Quality of Life for Older Persons: Advancing UN Global Strategies". It is a call to all communities to work for policies and programmes that will enable older persons to live in an environment that enhances their capabilities, fosters their independence, and provides them with adequate support and care as they age.

That means ensuring housing, transportation, and other living conditions that allow people to maintain their independence for as long as possible, and "age in place"— yet remain active— within their own communities. Equally important, it means recognizing and respecting the dignity, authority, wisdom, and productivity of older persons in all societies, particularly in their roles as volunteers and multi-generational caregivers. And that, in turn, means promoting a more positive image of ageing.

On this International Day of Older Persons, I call on Governments, the private sector, civil society organizations, and people everywhere to focus on building a society for all ages— as envisioned in the Madrid International Plan of Action on Ageing, and in line with the Millennium Development Goals and wider global development agenda. Together, we can and must ensure that people live not only longer lives, but better, more enriching, rewarding, and fulfilling lives. — UNIC

## Cooperatives Minister inspects tasks of cooperative societies, colleges

NAY PYI TAW, 29 Sept — Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut accompanied by officials met with the principal and teachers of Lacquerware College in Bagan of Nyaung U Township on 23 September. The minister and party inspected meeting hall of the college, the Anawratha Edible Oil Mill and Bagan Hotel of Nyaung U Township Myoma Cooperative Society and gave necessary instructions.

On 24 September, the minister and party also inspected tasks of cooperative societies in Moegok Township,



**Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut inspects dairy products of Mandalay Dairy Factory. — COOPERATIVE**

Pyigyidagon Township and Industrial Zone-2 in Mandalay Division. Later, the minister and party met with principal and officials concerned of Hsaungda Weaving School in Amarapura Township and visited Hsaungda Museum and Salesroom.

On 25 September, the minister and party met with the principal and teachers of Sagaing Division Cooperative College, the deputy director and services personnel of Di-

vision Cooperative Department at the meeting hall of the college and heard reports presented by

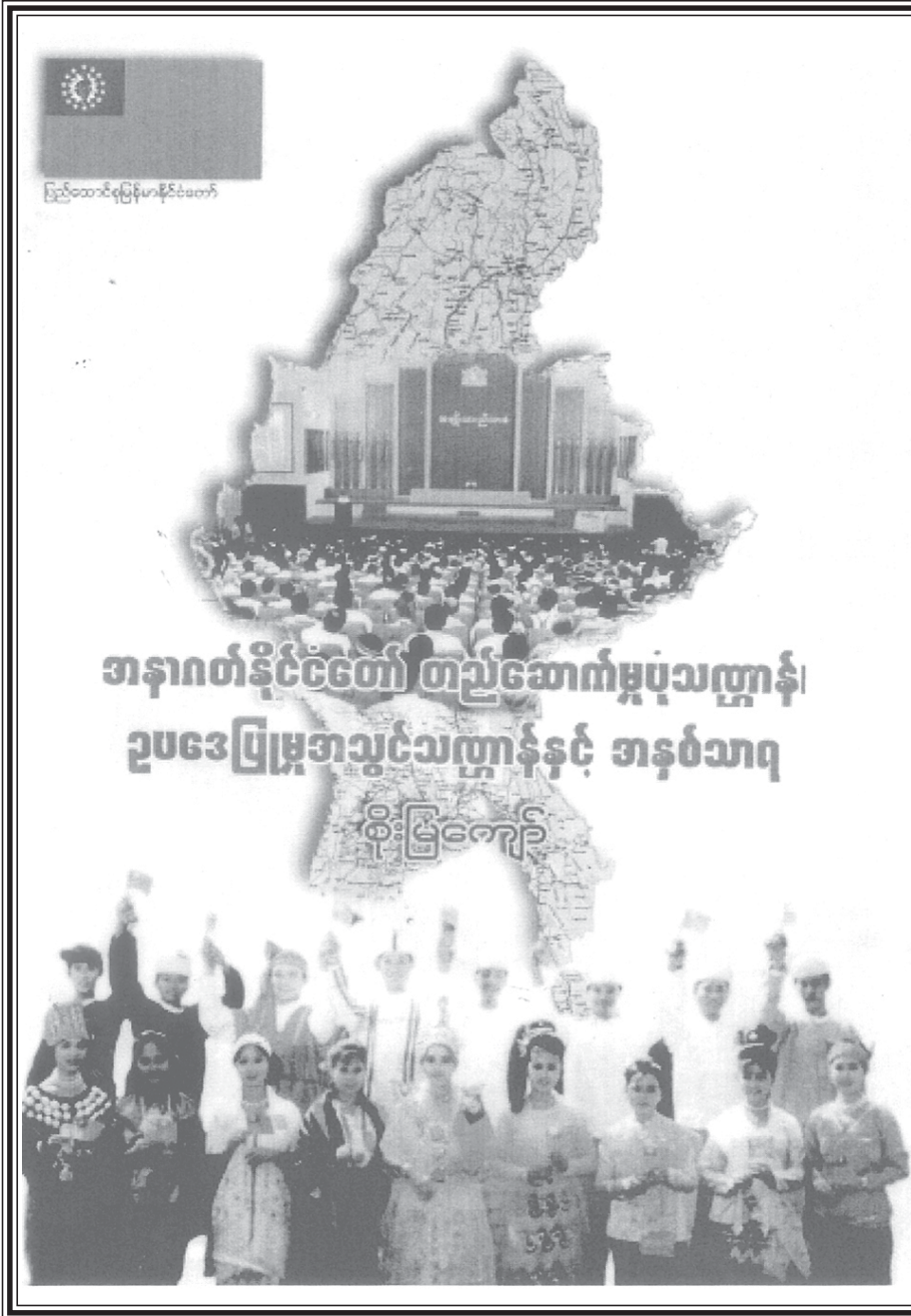
officials. The minister gave necessary instructions and attended to the needs. — MNA



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**Thai ruling council says new PM submitted for royal endorsement**

**BANGKOK, 30 Sept** — Thailand's military ruling body Council for Democratic Reform (CDR) has submitted the new prime minister designate and interim charter for royal endorsement, Sonthi Boonyaratkalin, leader of the Council said on Friday.

However, Sonthi still declined to reveal the name of the new Premier, who is to lead an interim government for about one year while a new Constitution is being drafted to pave way for a general election in October 2007, according to the timeframe given by the CDR after taking power in the September 19 coup.

"He (the new Premier) is somebody we know well," Sonthi told a Press conference transmitted by military TV channel 5 Friday afternoon.

One deputy chief of CDR, Navy Chief Sathiraphan Keyanont, on Thursday suggested the designate is not a military figure at least for now. He said Sonthi would be the one to

announce the new Premier.

Thai media has quoted sources close to the ruling council as saying that Privy Council member and retired general Surayud Chulanont was agreed among the CDR members as the most

suitable choice for the Premier post due to his capability in ensuring reconciliation, which the country now urgently needs.

Surayud was formerly Army chief and Armed Forces Supreme Commander.

MNA/Xinhua



*A father shows a Chinese character to his daughter during a Chinese character exhibition held in the museum of Guayasamin Foundation in Quito, capital of Ecuador, on 28 Sept, 2006. — XINHUA*

**Shanghai to be built into aviation hub for Asia**

**SHANGHAI, 30 Sept** — Shanghai, a financial and economic centre of China, pledged to build itself into an air transport hub for Asia and Pacific region and a key link in the world's aviation network, Shanghai Airport Group said on Thursday.

According to a strategic plan of the company, Shanghai will achieve its target by 2015 in three phases. From 2005 to 2007, the two airports, Pudong Airport and Hongqiao Airport, will be able to handle about 50 million

passengers and 3.1 million tons of cargo each year, along with the improvement of airports' infrastructure.

The two airports will handle 84 million passengers and five million tons of cargo a year after the expansion of Hongqiao Airport is finished and the second phase of Pudong Airport project is complete in the 2007-2010 period.

From 2010 to 2015, Shanghai will handle 110 million passengers and seven million tons of cargo yearly.

MNA/Xinhua

**Timor Leste opens consulate in Bali**

**JAKARTA, 30 Sept** — Timor Leste's Deputy Foreign Minister Adaljiza Magno Friday evening inaugurated the country's consulate office in Indonesia's Bali Island, which becomes the international gates for Timor Leste citizens willing to go abroad.

Bali and Australia have become the international gates for Timor Leste people.

But more and more Timor Leste people choose to depart from Bali to other international destinations to save costs, said newly-appointed consulate general Manuel Serrano.

Bali is in shorter distance from Timor Leste and offers lower travel costs, Serrano was quoted by the national Antara news agency as saying.

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**Zimbabwe,  
Botswana urged to  
improve trade  
relations**

HARARE, 29 Sept— Unfriendly Customs laws and other hindering factors should not deter trade between Zimbabwe and Botswana as the two countries have a lot to benefit from each other, a diplomat has said.

Botswana Ambassador to Zimbabwe Pelokgale Seloma said on Wednesday that business partnerships would allow local firms to expand into the region and generate foreign currency for their respective governments.

MNA/Xinhua

**UN training programme  
on disarmament  
delegation visits China**

BEIJING, 29 Sept — A delegation of members from the United Nations Programme of Fellowships on Disarmament, including young diplomats from 30 countries, paid their first visit to China on Thursday.

During their stay in Beijing, they held talks with experts from the Arms Control and Disarmament Department of China's Foreign Ministry and the China Arms Control and Disarmament Association.

The delegation was led by officials from the UN Department for Disarmament and comprised members from Egypt, Iran, India, Mexico, the United States, Russia and Japan.

Officials from the UN Department for Disarmament voiced the hope that China would receive more members from the UN programme so as to step up communication between the two sides.

They also visited the China Institute of Atomic Energy and attractions in the capital.

MNA/Xinhua

**Singapore's Army introduces  
new BFI system**

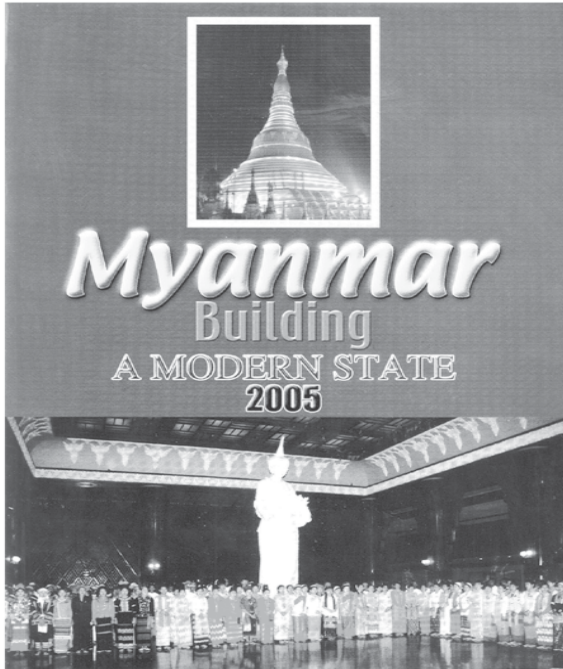
SINGAPORE, 29 Sept— Singapore's Army has introduced a new Battlefield Instrumentation (BFI) system to enhance its soldiers' battlefield training through experiential learning, marking a significant shift in the way soldiers are trained, said a statement released by the Ministry of Defence on Wednesday.

The statement said the system has been fielded in Army training and evaluation exercises since June, and it will soon be introduced to all Army training institutes.

The BFI system utilizes modern laser and information-communication technology to network soldiers, weapon systems and fighting platforms. It also uses the Global Positioning System (GPS), computer simulation and data communication to record details of battlefield engagements between opposing forces.

The Ministry of Defence said the BFI system can track soldiers' actions and engagements in a two-sided exercise setting. It can also simulate artillery and close air support to provide added realism during field training and evaluation exercises.

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**Costa Rica, Russia revive  
trade, energy agreements**

SAN JOSE, 29 Sept — Costa Rica and Russia have revived a series of agreements on trade and energy, Costa Rican Foreign Minister Bruno Stagno and visiting Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Sergei Kislyak said on Wednesday.

Kislyak and Stagno made the remarks at a joint Press conference on Wednesday, the last day of Kislyak's two-day visit, following a late Tuesday meeting with Costa Rican President Oscar Arias.

The three agreed to activate a reciprocal investment protection agreement, signed in 1999 but never brought into force.

"We will also seek an agreement to avoid double taxation, and an agreement that will facilitate the coordination of banks in the two

countries," Stagno said.

Stagno said that Costa Rica-Russia trade fluctuated a lot, and that many Costa Rican products appeared in Russian trade statistics as products of a third party, which prompted the two countries to seek a more direct relationship.

Russia currently imports 17 million US dollars worth of Costa Rican products, down from a peak of 34 million dollars in 1998.

Stagno said that the figures gave ample room for exports to increase,

adding, "I called a meeting of the Central American Integration System (SICA) energy ministers to allow Russia to offer help and opportunities for collaboration."

Costa Rica currently holds SICA's rotating presidency, and the meeting is part of an existing energy cooperation agreement.

Stagno also presented to Kislyak his country's key foreign policy ideas, including proposals, dubbed the Costa Rica Consensus, for writing off debts and promoting

investments in education and health for countries that reduced their arms budgets.

At a meeting in February 2007, international aid experts would hold a session on the Costa Rica Consensus and present it to the international community, Stagno said.

For his part, Kislyak said he agreed with Stagno that Russia was not fully using its relationships.

He said he was very interested to hear the Costa Rica Consensus ideas, adding that his nation would follow progress on the regulation of the arms trade, in which Russia is one of the world's largest trading nations.

"Many organizations and nations are trying to solve the disarmament problem," Kislyak said. "We believe that before setting up working groups, there may already be areas where many states are in agreement. My country would be very interested in analyzing such a document."

MNA/Xinhua



Lakeland City police officers, Polk County sheriff's deputies and state officers take part in a manhunt along I-4 in north Lakeland, Florida on 28 Sept, 2006. XINHUA

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*Performers stage wedding ceremony of Yi ethnic group at a folk custom show in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province, on 28 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA*

**India, China must coordinate to save tigers**

**NEW DELHI, 29 Sept—** India and China must share intelligence and strengthen their enforcement agencies to crack down on organized criminal gangs that illegally trade tiger skins and parts, wildlife experts said on Wednesday.

India has half the world's surviving tigers, but conservationists say the country is losing the battle to save the big cats. There were about 40,000 tigers in India a century ago, but decades of poaching have cut their number to 3,700. Some groups say their

number could be as low as 1,200.

The killing has been partly fuelled by rising demand for tiger skins and parts in neighbouring China.

Wildlife experts said that while India and China have stiff penalties for

illegal trading in animal parts, both countries lacked the political will to follow up cases with convictions.

"We need a centralized wildlife enforcement unit in both countries led by professionals who share information," said Belinda Wright of the Wildlife Protection Society of India (WPSI).

Other experts said both nations were up against professionals.

"The vast majority of those involved in this trade are well organized criminal gangs, not just some individual poacher," said Nick Mole of the Environmental Investigation Agency (EIA), an independent international group fighting environmental crime. The experts called for a new enforcement agency, like a "Wildlife FBI", to be set up as quickly as possible in India and China.

*MNA/Reuters*

**Australian law student thief caught in getaway cab**

**SYDEY, 29 Sept —** A law student who used taxis to escape with loot from dozens of house break-ins has been jailed after police in Australia caught him red-handed in the back of a cab fleeing his latest heist when not studying for a masters degree in law, Phillip Ryan See, 27, used his off-time to rob 43 houses in Sydney's plush harbourside suburbs, netting goods worth more than 110,000 Australian dollars (83,000 US dollars), the Sydney Morning Herald newspaper said on Thursday.

See, who once worked as a legal assistant in a government law office, would load plasma televisions, cameras, jewellery and laptop computers into the boot of a taxi after each raid.

But when a surprised home-owner discovered See during a midnight burglary, police arrested the would-be legal eagle escaping in the back of another taxi. During a search of See's flat, police found one of their own uniforms stolen during another break-in.

See was jailed for four years and nine months after the judge accepted he had a psychotic disorder.

*MNA/Reuters*

*Space tourist Anousheh Ansari and her husband Hamid meet near the Soyuz capsule after landing in northern Kazakhstan on 29 Sept, 2006. XINHUA*



**Modern Day Sherlock Holmes opens training centre in C China**

**WUHAN, 29 Sept—** Forensic scientist Dr Henry Lee, widely referred to as a modern-day Sherlock Holmes, opened a training centre at the Hubei University of Police in Wuhan, central Hubei Province, on Monday to train Chinese detectives.

The new centre, the first of its kind on the Chinese Mainland and run by 22 staff members from the university, will focus on forensic research, covering the areas of DNA, fingerprints, gathering of evidence and crime scene investigation.

Dr Lee said at the inauguration that the centre and its staff are committed to promoting the development of forensic science in China.

He said he will introduce the most advanced criminal investigation technologies to China to produce outstanding Chinese detectives. He has promised he will give

training seminars to senior Chinese police officers every year at the university.

Zhao Zhifei, a senior official of the 57-year-old university, said he is

convinced that forensic research in China will be boosted following the establishment of the workshop.

*MNA/Xinhua*

**Romanian ancient gold bracelet confiscated at Paris Exhibition**

**BUCHAREST, 29 Sept—** French policemen last week confiscated an ancient Dacian-Roman bracelet displayed in the Biennial Exhibition at the Grand Palais in Paris, reads a release of the Romanian Ministry of Administration and the Interior (MAI) on Thursday.

Following some information supplied by the Romanian Police, the Central Directorate of the French Judicial Police recovered the bracelet, made of 24 karat gold, weighing more than one kilogramme. The bracelet, dating back more than 2,000 years, was to be sold for 90,000 euros.— *MNA/Xinhua*



*Actors promoting a Japanese children's show due to appear in Thailand next week pose in front of a tank in Bangkok on 28 Sept, 2006, shortly before taken away by police. Thailand's military rulers, installed in a coup last week, have banned dancers or actors using tanks as a backdrop. The actors were later released without charge.— INTERNET*

# SPORTS

## Ruano Pascual edges out Mirza to reach semifinals

SEOUL, 30 Sept— Spain's Virginia Ruano Pascual reached her first semifinal of the season with a 7-6, 4-6, 7-6 victory over India's Sania Mirza at the Korea Open on Friday.

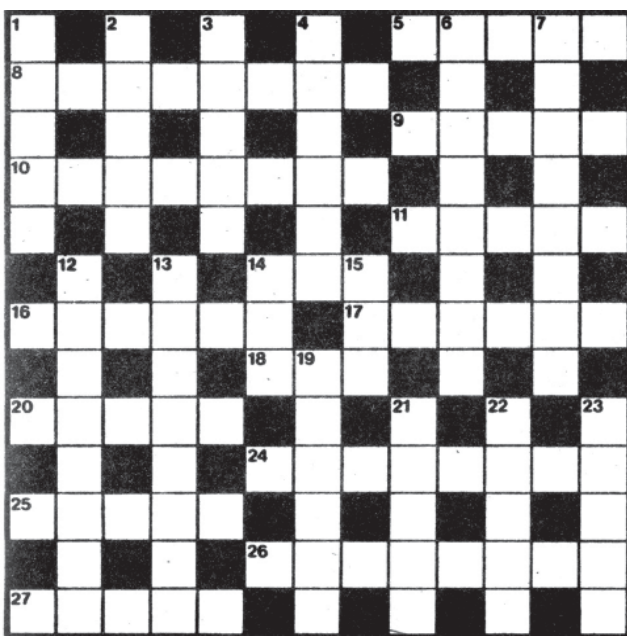
The world number 72 dashed Mirza's hopes of a second WTA title just one day after the Indian had upset top seed Martina Hingis and next plays Japan's Ai Sugiyama, who eased to a 6-2, 6-3 victory over Paola Suarez of Argentina.

With Hingis and number two seed Maria Kirilenko already out of the tournament, Frenchwoman Marion Bartoli is the highest ranked player remaining in the draw.—MNA/Reuters



China's Olympic champion and world record holder Liu Xiang beat his arch rival Allen Johnson from the United States again and won the men's 110m hurdles final in 13.14 seconds in South Korea's Deagu Athletics Meeting on Thursday.—XINHUA

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 5 Nautical miles
- 8 Gave notice to
- 9 Once more
- 10 Shoulder-tap in conferring knight-hood
- 11 Feed with fuel
- 14 Beverage
- 16 Fast (Mus.)
- 17 Begins
- 18 Deer
- 20 Pick-me-up
- 24 Depict heraldically
- 25 Ethical
- 26 Accuse publicly
- 27 Irritable

### DOWN

- 1 Manager of a house of ill-fame
- 2 Small spot
- 3 Foolish
- 4 Interfere
- 6 Patching (anag.)
- 7 Pieces of cheap jewellery
- 12 Coal-tar derivative
- 13 Ambitious
- 14 Foot extremity
- 15 Request
- 19 Clinging mollusc
- 21 Arm-joint
- 22 Sea air
- 23 Cynical facial expression

## Barca's Eto'o out for 5 months after surgery

MADRID, 30 Sept — Barcelona striker Samuel Eto'o will be sidelined for up to five months after having surgery to repair a torn meniscus in his right knee, the Primera Liga club said on Thursday.

"We carried out the operation this afternoon and found a meniscus in perfect condition apart from the damaged area," Barca doctor Ramon Cugat told Spanish media.

"We told Samuel, who was conscious throughout, that we could repair it and that was what we decided to do. To remove a professional sportsman's meniscus alters the biomechanics of the knee, and you could pay for that later.

"He is a young player, and the fact we have been able to preserve the meniscus means that when he recovers it will be as if he had never had an injury, although it has a longer recovery time."

Originally doctors had thought Eto'o would be out for two to three months.

He will miss next month's league clash with Real Madrid and the rest of Barcelona's Champions League group stage matches.—MNA/Reuters



Werder Bremen's Miroslav Klose (covered) heads the ball despite the challenge of Barcelona's goalkeeper Victor Valdes (C) and Charles Puyol (L) during their Champions League Group A soccer match at the Weser stadium in Bremen on 27 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA

## Safin battles past Zverev for Thai semifinal place

BANGKOK, 30 Sept— A resurgent Marat Safin battled for more than two hours on Friday to beat German teenager Mischa Zverev 7-6, 5-7, 7-5 and reach the semifinals of the Thailand Open.

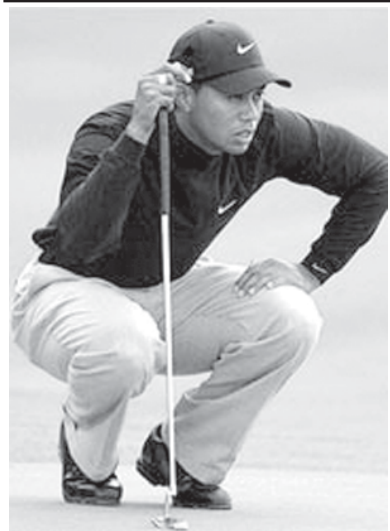
Double Grand Slam winner Safin, who has not won a title since January 2005, won the first-set tiebreak but became riled when he failed to take his chances in the second, allowing the energetic

Zverev to creep back into the match.

Safin, a former world number, held his game together, however, and broke the 198th-ranked German's serve at 5-5 to reach his third tournament semifinal of the year.

"He was difficult to play, he had nothing to lose," Safin told a news conference. "He was serving well with good volleys and he made few mistakes in his returns.

MNA/Reuters



Tiger Woods checks the line of a putt at the start of the first round of the World Golf Championship at The Grove, England.—INTERNET

## American Trahan forges ahead at Annandale

HOUSTON, 30 Sept— American DJ Trahan birdied the last two holes to move two shots clear in the Southern Farm Bureau Classic first round in Madison, Mississippi on Thursday.

Yet to win on the PGA Tour, the former Walker Cup amateur completed a seven-under-par 65 at Annandale Golf Club after covering the back nine in a blistering five-under 31.

Compatriots Glen Day and Nick Watney, plus Swede Gabriel Hjertstedt, shared second place on 67 with Tour veteran Brad Faxon a further stroke back in a six-way tie for fifth.

Twice champion Fred Funk opened with a 69 and former world number one David Duval signed for a 70.—MNA/Reuters

## Swedish champions' coach quits

STOCKHOLM, 30 Sept— Kjell Jonevret has quit as coach of Swedish champions Djurgarden and been replaced by Anders Gronhagen for the rest of the season, the club said on Friday. Jonevret took Djurgarden to the title but the Stockholm side are only eighth this season in the 14-team standings.

"I am primarily doing it (stepping down) because I feel the pressure gets even bigger with me as the head coach," said Jonevret, who will still be working within the club.—MNA/Reuters



The 2006 Chinese Grand Prix will be held in Shanghai from 29 Sept to 1 Oct at Shanghai International Circuit, where it has taken place since 2004. More than 10,000 TV and radio stations in over 200 countries and regions across the world will cover the event.—XINHUA

# 50 million Latin Americans lack drinking water

MEXICO CITY, 30 Sept — More than 50 million residents of Latin America and the Caribbean lack drinking water and a further 103 million lack basic sanitation, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) said in a report published on Thursday.

UNICEF said the differences were most marked between rural and city dwellers, and that the problem was most intense in areas home to indigenous groups.

Drinking water supply reached 91 per cent of the population in the re-

gion in 2004, up from 83 per cent in 1990, and sanitation reached 77 per cent of the population, up from 68 per cent, for the same period, according to the report.

In urban areas, drinking water supply is comparatively high, reaching

96 per cent of the population, while in rural areas it reaches a mere 73 per cent of the population. Some 86 per cent of city dwellers have access to appropriate sanitation, while in rural areas this figure is only 49 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua



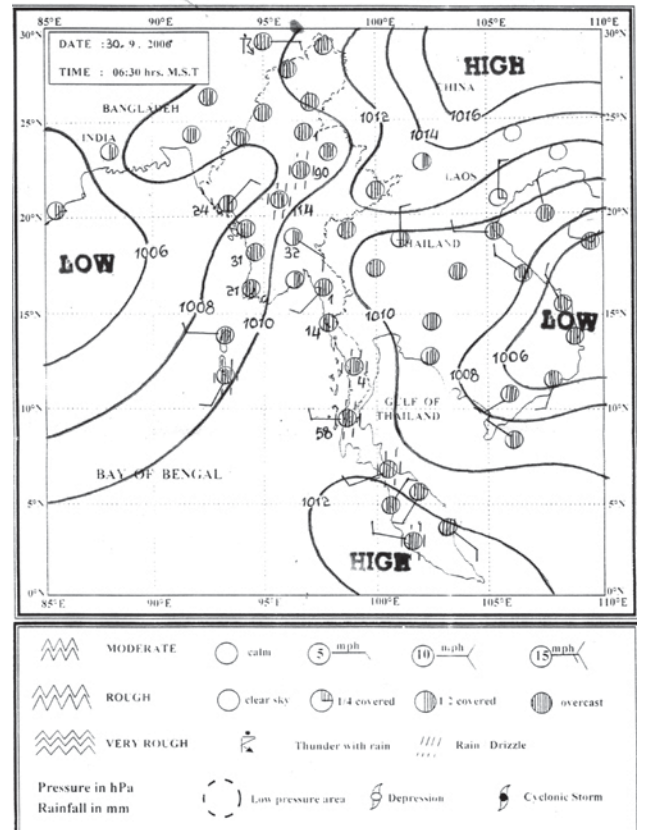
Promotion girls watch with their fingers in their ears as Formula One drivers roar out of the pits during the first practice session at the Shanghai International Circuit, venue of China's F1 Grand Prix, on 29 Sept, 2006. — INTERNET

## “Special Weather News”

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 30-9-2006)

The remnant of Typhoon “XANGSANE” over the South China Sea is likely to move in a Northwesterly direction after crossing the Vietnam Coast during the next (24) hours. Under the influence of this, rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in the Southern Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, Southern Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions within next (72) hours commencing noon today and surface wind speed may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Saturday, 30 September, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States and Magway Division, scattered in Kayin State, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Magway Division and locally heavyfalls in Mandalay and lower Sagaing Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.79) inches, Meiktila (4.49) inches, Mandalay (3.66) inches, Pakokku (3.59) inches, Yamethin (3.46) inches, Sagaing (3.19) inches, Myingyan (2.91) inches, Pyay and Kawthoung (2.29) inches each, NyaungU (2.17) inches, Kyaukse (2.08) inches and Chauk (1.89) inches.

Maximum temperature on 29-9-2006 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 30-9-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 30-9-2006 was (89%). Total sunshine hours on 29-9-2006 was (4.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 30-9-2006 were (Tr) at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) 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 (11) mph from Southwest at (10:25) hours MST on 29-9-2006.

**Bay inference:** Southwest monsoon is withdrawing from the Southern Myanmar areas. Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 1-10-2006:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing Division and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of thundery activities in lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 1-10-2006:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 1-10-2006:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 1-10-2006:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

### New Rainfall Record

(Issued at 10:30 hours MST on 30 September 2006)  
The amount of rainfall (114) mm (4.49) inches observed at (09:30) hours MST on 30th September 2006 in Meiktila is the (24) hours new maximum rainfall record at the station for the month of September during last (52) years. The former record was 111 mm (4.37) inches on 8th September 1967.

## Radio Myanmar

Sunday, 1 October  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:  
-We've got it going on
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:  
-Stay with me
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:  
-Butterfly
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar  
-Signs of Thadingyut
- 9:20 am Music:
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Children's Delight  
-Story for children  
-Songs for children
- 9:00 pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Music/ Latest Hits/Let's improve English through songs  
-Through the rain, feel -Butterfly
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Sunday, 1 October  
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. “တော်ပီပေတယ်ဘိုးဘိုးရယ်” (မျိုးသန္တာထွန်း၊ ကြည်စိုး၊ တင်တင်လှ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- ကြည်စိုး)

7:50 am

5. Nice and sweet song

8:00 am

6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ(၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:15 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. နမ္မတီးတံတား (ကံလှ)

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Say it in English

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:20 am

3. Round up of the week's international news

11:35 am

4. Yan Can Cook

11:50 am

5. “ဆည်းဆာ၏အရက်ဦး” (သတ္တိ၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ မေထွဋ်ခေါင်၊ ဦးစောနိုင် (ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ ဒေါ်အိအိစိုး (ဒါရိုက်တာ - မျိုးအေး)

1:20 pm

6. ဖြစ်ထွန်းအောင်မြင်ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်မြောက်ပိုင်း တစ်ခွင် (လိုက်ချီး၊ ကြက်ဆူ)

1:30 pm

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

1:45 pm

8. ပေါင်စည်းအင်အား ဧရာဝတီ မြစ်ကူးတံတားများ

2:00 pm

9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:15 pm

10. “ပေါင်ပေါ်ကျတဲ့မီး” (ရဲအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းနိုင်၊ ညီညီမင်းထက်၊ ဘုန်းလှ၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ဝိုင်းစုနိုင်သိန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- မောင်မောင်မြင့်လွင်၊ မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

2:30 pm

11. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း မဟာရာ ရေလှောင်တံမံ

2:45 pm

12. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song for uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)

4:45 pm

4. Dance of national races

4:50 pm

5. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာသက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများနေ့တေးများ

5:00 pm

6. သီးနှံစိုက်ပျိုး အထွက်တိုး (ခြံစည်းရုံးကြက်ဆူတစ်စက မျော်မှန်းအထွက်နှုန်း ရရှိစေရန် ဆောင်ရွက်ရမည့်နည်းလမ်းများ)

5:10 pm

7. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

8. Evening news

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:35 pm

10. သီရိဓမ္မာ

7:00 pm

11. Discovery

7:10 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဗောဓိတောင်၏နေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၄)

17. The next day's programme

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## Prime Minister sends felicitations to PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct— On the occasion of the 57th Anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1st October 2006, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. — MNA

## Industry-1 Minister inspects factories

YANGON, 30 Sept — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung arrived at the briefing hall of the hepatitis B vaccine factory project of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries in Hlegu Township this afternoon. Officials reported on trial-run of machinery, production of vaccines

and measures being taken for getting WHO-recognized GMP. After giving necessary instructions, the minister inspected storage of oil, incinerator, the installation of machine room, distilled water prepara-

tions machinery, washing room, dirty corridor waste disposal room, labelling & packing room, inspection room and microbiology laboratory.

At 3.30 pm, the minister visited the Rubber Glove Factory of

Myanma General and Maintenance Industries in Pynmabin Village-tract in Mingaladon Township, and inspected samples of gloves and production process. Later, he gave necessary instructions to officials. — MNA



*Minister U Aung Thaung inspects the hepatitis B vaccine factory project of Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries.*

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## Attempt to put Myanmar affairs on UNSC agenda is particularly designed to impede progress of National Convention

**US, exploiting UN authority, pressuring variously UNSC members in its bid to set up hegemony over the whole world**

NAY PYI TAW, 30 Sept—The PaO National Organization on 25 September issued the declaration on its stance on the decision to put Myanmar affairs on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.

The following is the full text of the declaration:

### The declaration of PaO National Organization (PNO) on its stance on decision to put Myanmar affairs on UNSC agenda

25 September 2006

1. Due to the submission of the permanent US representative to the UN that Myanmar's situations are posing a threat to regional stability and peace, a decision was made on 15 September 2006 to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC.
2. Upholding Our Three Main National Causes, Myanmar is putting into action the 12 political, economic and social objectives, and the seven-step Road Map for transition to a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, thereby resulting in stability, peace, prevalence of law and order, national solidarity along with the development of all regions including border areas.
3. At the ongoing National Convention, more than 1,000 delegates of political parties, delegates of national race armed groups that have returned to the legal fold, and delegates representing the people from all strata of life are

holding discussions on a grand scale. Now, the 104 basic principles have been laid down and many detailed basic principles have been adopted. So, the attempt to put Myanmar affairs on the UNSC agenda is particularly designed to impede the progress of the National Convention.

4. The US is exploiting the authority of the United Nations and pressuring variously UNSC members in its bid to set up political, economic, social and security hegemony over the whole world. Under the pretext of the problems of political inmates, refugee outflows, narcotic drugs and infections inclusive of AIDS, the US is resorting to various means to deal a devastating blow to the fruitful results Myanmar has achieved — tranquillity, peace, national cohesion, all-round development and democratic transition.

5. The PNO hereby declares that the US interference in the internal affairs and attempts to jeopardize the progress of the nation are absolutely unacceptable and the PNO strongly protests against such evil acts.

Signed

**U Aung Hkam Hti**

Chairman

**PaO National Organization**

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