

### 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

## Local administrative bodies to serve interest of the people effectively Police urged to implement regional development tasks in cooperation with the people

### 42nd Myanmar Police Force Day observed



NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — The 42nd Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day was observed at the Areindama Hall of Myanmar Police Force Headquarters here this afternoon with an address by Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present were Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Judge Advocate General Maj-Gen Soe

Maung, the deputy ministers, the deputy attorneys-general, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, officials of the Ministry of Home Affairs, MPF and guests.

In his address, Prime Minister General Soe Win said MPF has introduced reforms for over ten years to be a systematic organization, to be the reliable one trusted by the people and to be a consolidated reserve

force in defending the nation in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. Successive achievements have been made in ensuring community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order, antinarcotics campaign and community welfare services as the members of the police force at different levels actively take part in the reforms both in form and essence.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win delivers an address at the 42nd Anniversary Myanmar Police Force Day. — MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 2 October, 2006

## Phainglin Bridge bringing social and economic progress to local people

The transport sector plays a major role in the drive for the development of a nation. Only with smooth transport will it be possible to transport commodities to other regions smoothly. And that will further cement amicable relations among national races enjoying better transport.

Thanks to the transport facilities the government has been constructing or renovating in its bid to improve the transport sector for the development of the regions concerned, the transport network covering the whole Union including border areas is making a good progress with added momentum.

The Phainglin Bridge spanning the Nantyar Creek on Tamu-Zedi Road in Tamu Township, Sagaing Division, was put into service on 26 September. The 420-foot-long bailey facility has reinforced concrete piles with a 10 feet and nine inches wide motorway on it. It can withstand 13 tons of loads.

During the period of more than 18 years, the Tatmadaw Government has constructed 5,386 miles of various kinds of roads and 218 bridges, 180 feet and above long, the length and breadth of the nation.

It has built various roads stretching 763 miles and 12 bridges, each of which is 180 feet long or above, in Sagaing Division. Strenuous efforts are being exerted to complete Kangyiwa Bridge, URu Bridge and Namtsalein Bridge projects in the region ahead of schedule.

Due to the emergence of the Phainglin Bridge, the region is now enjoying comfort and convenience in transporting its products to other regions through Tamu-Kalay-Kalewa Road as well as to the neighbouring country through normal trade.

In addition, local people can travel between Tamu and Zedi by car in a short time. Therefore, local people are now reaping the rewards of the prudent project in the economic and social sectors.

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## Republics' 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

## Coord meeting of Ministry of Finance and Revenue concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — The second-day session of coordination meeting of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at the ministry, here, this morning.

Heads of State and Division Internal Revenue Department reported on progress of their tasks, and read papers on tax educative programmes to be conducted in respective regions. Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung explained banking services and monetary matters.

Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe responded to the reports.

After hearing the reports, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun instructed them to pay attention to conduct research and training for uplift of employees' sufficiency. Officials are to organize service personnel to discharge their duties conscientiously.

The coordination meeting concluded in the afternoon. — MNA

## Minister for Health inspects Specialist Hospital (Waibargi)

YANGON, 1 Oct — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, accompanied by Director-General Dr Tin Win Maung of Health Department, Deputy Director-General U Than Aung of Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) and Resident Coordinator Mr Brian Willian of UNAIDS, inspected Specialist Hospital (Waibargi) in North Okkalapa Township this morning.

Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Nilar and officials conducted the minister and party round the hospital.

At the hall of the hospital, the minister met with the medical superintendent, professors, specialists and health staff. Officials reported on medical treatment and cooperation of the government with social organizations in health care services.

After attending to the needs, the minister gave necessary instructions to them.

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## UN Secretary-General's Message on World Habitat Day

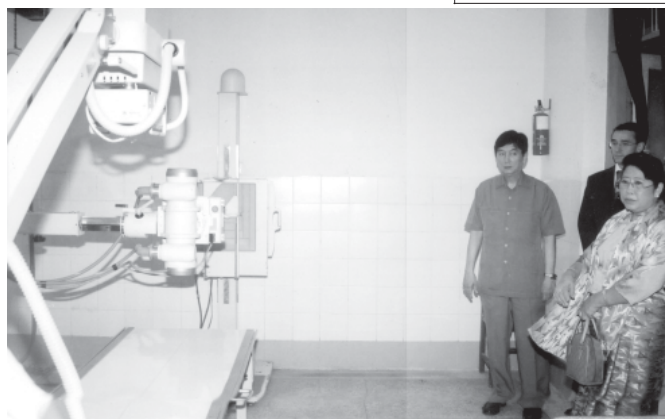
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YANGON, 2 Oct — The following is the message of the United Nations Secretary-General on the occasion of the World Habitat Day which falls today.

By the year 2050, some 6 billion people representing two-thirds of humanity will be living in towns and cities. Never before in history has the world witnessed such rapid urbanization. Neither has it witnessed such a swift rise in the absolute numbers of people migrating. The two phenomena— migration and urban growth— are strongly linked, mainly because the majority of people on the move go for the bright lights of the city.

As we reflect on the theme of this year's observance of World Habitat Day —“Cities, magnets of hope”— we must also bear in mind that cities can also be places of considerable despair. Never before has the world witnessed such a large proliferation of urban slums. Today, 1 billion people, or 1 of every 3 urban dwellers, live in slums. If municipalities and governments fail to manage urban growth and migration sustainably, this number is expected to double in the next 30 years. Almost everywhere, cities are the destinations for people escaping poverty, conflict and human rights violations, or simply those looking for ways to build better lives. While many migrants head to the North, South-South migration also presents tremendous challenges. Major cities such as Dakar, Jakarta, Johannesburg or Rio de Janeiro, to cite just a few examples, are having trouble accommodating new migrants when so many long-standing citizens are already struggling.

These and other challenges came into sharp focus at third session of the World Urban Forum held in Vancouver, Canada in June 2006. That meeting made it clear that UN Member States, along with non-governmental organizations, the private sector and citizens all over the world, need to galvanize their strength as never before in the quest for sustainable urbanization and inclusive cities. On World Habitat Day, I urge all involved to work in partnership to manage one of the key challenges confronting humanity in the 21st century. — UNIC



Health Minister  
Dr Kyaw Myint  
inspects X-ray unit  
of Specialist Hospital  
(Waibargi).  
HEALTH

# Russia opens new chapter in trade with Cuba

HAVANA, 30 Sept — Russia on Thursday turned a page in trade with its former Cold War-era ally Cuba by extending credit for the purchase of vehicles and winning Cuban commitment to buy 100 million US dollars a year in civilian aircraft.

During a visit by Russia's Prime Minister, Moscow extended a fresh credit line for 355 million US dollars — repayable over 10 years at 5-per-cent interest — to buy Russian cars and trucks and finance Cuban energy and transport infrastructure projects including air navigation systems, a Russian official said. Moscow, which has set aside a 26-billion-US-dollar debt it says Cuba owes it from the Soviet era, also agreed to restructure 162 million US dollars in debt run up by Cuba with Russia since the demise of the Soviet Union in 1991. Cuba, which early this year received two long-haul Ilyushin Il-

96s passenger jets, committed to buying two aircraft a year for seven years to overhaul its vintage fleet of Soviet-era planes, including regional and medium-range planes.

"Cuba agreed to spend 100 million US dollars a year in purchasing all sizes of Russian civilian aircraft over seven years," said Alexander Rubtsov, general director of private Ilyushin Finance Co, which is arranging the plane sale.

"We have started a new chapter. We are creating the conditions for major growth in trade with Russia," Cuban Vice-President Carlos Lage told Reuters.

The highest-ranking Russian official to visit Cuba since President Vladimir Putin in 2000, Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov met with acting Cuban President Raul Castro, who temporarily took over from his brother, Cuban leader Fidel Castro, after he underwent intestinal surgery in late July.

MNA/Reuters



Toshiba Corp's laptop computers are displayed at an electronics store in Tokyo on 30 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

## US Congress restricts Bush on Iraq spending

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept — The US Congress on Friday moved to block the Bush Administration from building permanent US military bases in Iraq or controlling the country's oil sector, as it approved

70-billion US dollars for funding the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The restrictions included in a record 447-billion-US-dollars military funding bill were a slap at the administration, and

Republicans have stripped them out of legislation in the past.

Democrats and many Republicans say the Iraqi insurgency has been fuelled by perceptions that the United States has ambi-

tions for a permanent presence in the country. They have called on Bush to make a policy statement that the United States has no such plans.

US President George W Bush has not said either way whether the United States wants permanent bases, but US officials have predicted a lengthy US military presence in Iraq.

The Senate unanimously passed the military spending bill, sending it to Bush for his signature. The House of Representatives passed it earlier in the week 394-22, as Congress rushed to head out to campaign for 7 November elections that will determine control of Congress.

MNA/Reuters

### Thai Prime Minister sworn in

BANGKOK, 1 Oct—Retired General Surayud Chulanont has been sworn in as Thailand's interim prime minister in a brief ceremony in the capital, Bangkok. His government would focus on "people's happiness" above economic growth, he told reporters afterwards. He was sworn in by coup leader General Sondhi Boonyaratkalin. Army officers took over the country after a bloodless coup on 19 September, ousting Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

The swearing-in ceremony for Gen Surayud, 62, came hours after the announcement the former army commander would be the new interim leader.

Internet

A couple takes part in Dandiya, a traditional dance, to celebrate the Navratri festival in Ahmedabad, on 29 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET



## Crashed Brazil jet found, survivors unlikely



Part of a Gol airlines Boeing 737-800 is seen through trees of the Amazon jungle, a day after flight 1907 from Manaus to Brasilia disappeared from radar, on 30 Sept, 2006 XINHUA

BRASILIA (Brazil), 1 Oct— Airborne searchers found the wreckage of a Brazilian passenger plane on Saturday that crashed a day earlier in Amazon jungle with 155 people on board and the chances of anyone surviving were slight, officials said.

The brand-new Boeing 737-800 operated by Brazilian low-cost carrier Gol probably plunged into the ground nose first after colliding with a smaller plane, the head of Brazil's Airport Authority Infraero said.

If the death toll is confirmed, it will be the worst aviation accident in Brazil's history. Relief teams recruited Amazonian Indians to find a path to the

remote jungle crash site, an area so dense with vegetation that searchers had to abandon efforts to rappel down from helicopters.

"All rational logic shows there is a high probability that a collision occurred," Infraero head Brigadier Jose Carlos Pereira told reporters.

The small size of the wreckage area indicated that the chances of survivors among the 149 passengers and six crew members on board were slim.

"Imagine the velocity at which it hit the ground coming from an altitude of 36,000 feet (11,000 metres)," Pereira told reporters. "It's very unlikely that there will be survivors." —MNA/Reuters

## Vietnam, Czech Republic to bolster friendly, cooperative ties

**HANOI, 30 Sept** — Presidents of Vietnam and the Czech Republic agreed here Friday to broaden and deepen their friendly and all-round cooperative relations, especially in the fields of trade and economy.

During the talks between Vietnamese State President Nguyen Minh Triet and his visiting Czech counterpart Vaclav Klaus, they agreed that the two countries will continue to strengthen exchange and cooperation on trade, investment, industry, energy, education and rural development, and environment.

They will also establish more direct relations among their enterprises and localities.

Triet said Vietnam always treasures the reinforcement and development of friendly and multi-faceted cooperative ties with traditional partners, including the Czech Republic, during the process of globalization and international and regional

integration. Klaus said he highly appreciated socio-economic achievements gained by Vietnam during its renovation process. After the talks, the two presidents witnessed the signing ceremony of five deals between state agencies and businesses of the two countries, including a memorandum of understanding inked by Vietnam's Ministry of Planning and Investment and Czech's Foreign Affairs Ministry on implementation of a development cooperation programme, and several documents on investing or financially assisting investment in production of electricity, cement, building materials, foodstuffs and drinks in Vietnam, and construction of a trade centre and apartment blocks in Czech.—MNA/Xinhua



Performers march forward during Wushan Temple Fair in Hangzhou, capital of east China's Zhejiang Province on 30 Sept, 2006. The fair, with a theme of folk custom and folk music, kicked off Saturday and will last till 15 Oct.—XINHUA

## Guatemala inmates used torture to run violent prison

**FRAIJANES (Guatemala), 30 Sept** — Inmates used torture to run a violent Guatemalan prison for more than 10 years without interference from authorities and may have buried corpses on its sprawling grounds, officials said.

About 3,000 police and soldiers firing automatic weapons stormed Pavon Prison outside of the town of Fraijanes near the capital Guatemala City on Monday, retaking a jail controlled since 1996 by a committee of inmates. An "order committee"

of hardened criminals including convicted murderers and rapists had ruled Pavon through extortion and punishment of prisoners who disobeyed them, Interior Minister Carlos Vielmann said on Thursday.

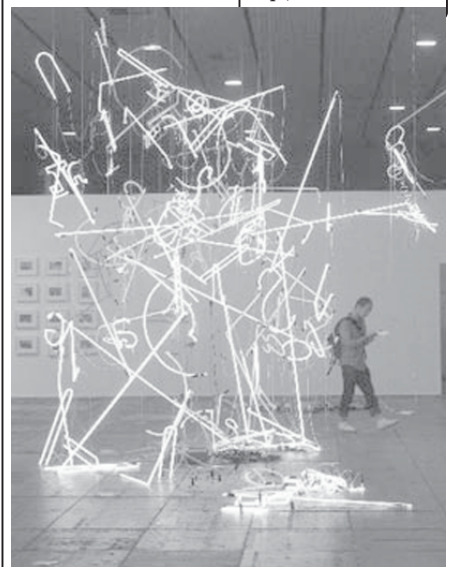
What began in 1986 as a prisoners committee looking for better conditions gained more and more control over the next decade, then signed a pact with national prison authorities to run the place, said prison director Alejandro Giammattei.

The authorities simply decided it was easier just to control the perimeter than to police what was going on inside the 1,600-inmate facility, he said.

The inmates bribed the perimeter guards, smuggled in food, drink,

luxury goods and materials to process hard drugs, some of which were sold outside, Vielmann said.—MNA/Reuters

A man walks past the untitled neon light installation by German artist Anselm Reyle at the Art Forum Berlin exhibition in Berlin on 29 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA



## Canadian soldier killed in S Afghanistan

**KABUL, 30 Sept**—One Canadian soldier of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) was killed by an explosion in the southern Kandahar Province of Afghanistan on Friday, according to an ISAF statement and local reports.

The statement said one ISAF soldier was

killed in an explosion at around 1:00 pm while conducting a dismounted patrol.

It did not announce the soldier's nationality and declined to give other information.

However, local reports said the soldier, who came from Canada, was killed by a roadside bomb in Zhari District.

A suicide bombing killed four Canadian soldiers and wounded over 20 others in the same district on 18 September.

About 2,300 Canadian troops are deployed in Kandahar Province, a traditional stronghold of Taleban militants, to fight insurgents and facilitate reconstruction there.

Thirty-six Canadian soldiers and one diplomat have been killed in Afghanistan since 2002. MNA/Xinhua

Local residents walk past a puddle on a rainy day in Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province on 29 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET



## Last Israeli troops leave Lebanon

**Beirut, 1 Oct**—Israel has withdrawn the last of its troops from Lebanon, fulfilling a key condition of the UN ceasefire that ended its war with Hezbollah.

About 200 soldiers crossed into Israel after midnight, the army said. Israel sent thousands of troops into southern Lebanon during a month-long war triggered by Hezbollah's abduction of two soldiers in July. Lebanese and international peacekeeping troops are being deployed to monitor the ceasefire.

"The responsibility for Lebanon right now is in the hands of the Lebanese government and, of course, the UN so every act of Hezbollah is the

responsibility of Lebanon," Israeli army spokesman Zvika Golan said.

A correspondent at the border said that although soldiers laughed and held up flags as they crossed back into Israel, there was no sense of victory. Hezbollah is still holding captive two Israeli soldiers whose abduction sparked off the conflict and most Israelis also believe that the fight with Hezbollah is not over once and for all, the correspondent said.

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## Pakistan, Malaysia conclude FTA talks

ISLAMABAD, 30 Sept—Pakistan and Malaysia have completed talks over a proposed Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in Islamabad, the Pakistani Commerce Ministry said on Friday.

“Both the sides made substantial headway in finalizing the draft,” the ministry statement said, “except a very few, most of the draft agreement chapters have been agreed upon”.

Malaysia has agreed to provide market access to Pakistan’s traditional items of export including mangoes, textile, leather, surgical instruments and other agriculture and manufactured goods, said the statement.

Oranges, potatoes and lemon can be exported to Malaysia at zero duty from 1 January,

2006, it added.

The draft FTA, including a chapter on promotion and protection of investment, is also expected to provide impetus for attracting the foreign direct investment from Malaysia to Pakistan.

It has been decided by the two sides to convene the meeting of the subgroup on services and rules of origin to settle all of the outstanding issues before next Trade Negotiating Committee Meeting in mid October, according to the statement.—MNA/Xinhua



Crew members of FM 807 flight of Shanghai Airlines, one of the Mid-Autumn Festival charter flights, pose for photos at Shanghai Pudong International Airport on 30 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

## Abe pledges to improve relations of trust with China, S Korea

TOKYO, 30 Sept—Japan’s newly-elected Prime Minister Shinzo Abe vowed on Friday in his policy speech to improve relations of trust with China, South Korea, calling them “important neighbours”.

“China and South Korea are important neighbours, with which Japan has established unprecedentedly close relations in economic and other areas,” Abe said in his first policy address to the Parliament.

“It was extremely important, to Asia as well as to the international society, to strengthen trust

with China and South Korea,” said Japan’s first premier born after World War II. Japan has strained ties with its Asian neighbours largely due to its Prime Minister’s visits to the war-linked Yasukuni Shrine, where top war criminals are honoured.

“I think it is important for all sides to make efforts so we can have forward-

looking and frank discussions,” Abe added. On Japan-US alliance, Abe said that Japan will strengthen its relations of trust with the United States, which is the basis of their alliance. “The Cabinet will communicate with the White House regularly to strengthen the ties,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Actress Nicole Kidman launches cancer research UK’s breast cancer awareness campaign at Madame Tussauds, in central London, on 29 Sept, 2006. XINHUA

## “Million bomblets” in S Lebanon

LONDON, 1 Oct—Up to a million cluster bomblets discharged by Israel in its conflict with Hezbollah remain unexploded in southern Lebanon, the UN has said.

The UN’s mine disposal agency says about 40% of the cluster bombs fired or dropped by Israel failed to detonate—three times the UN’s previous estimate.

It says the problem could delay the return home of about 200,000 displaced people by up to

two years.

The devices have killed 14 people in south Lebanon since the August truce.

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Burnt trees are silhouetted against the sunset as the Day Fire burns in the Los Padres National Forest in Ventura County, California on 29 Sept, 2006. There are almost 5,000 firefighters assigned to the fire which has burned more than 160,000 acres and is 63 percent contained. —INTERNET

## “Xangsane” death toll in Philippines rises to 48

MANILA, 30 Sept—The death toll in the Philippines from typhoon Xangsane rose to 48 on Friday, latest figures from the National Disaster Coordinating Council (NDCC) said.

Most of the deaths occurred in Laguna Province, south of Manila, where two landslides triggered by Xangsane hit two towns and killed at least 19 people on Thursday, with 20 still missing,

NDCC said. Other deaths were from Metro Manila and other provinces, caused by landslide, building collapse and fallen objects brought by the rainstorm of Xangsane, NDCC said. A total of 215 people

were wounded, according to NDCC’s data. Local officials in General Trias Town in Cavite, however, reported as many as 53 people were feared dead as surging flood waters engulfed dozens of villages.

Xangsane destroyed over 300 million pesos (6 million US dollars) worth of crops and property, most of which were in Eastern Visayas and Metro Manila, the agriculture department said.—MNA/Xinhua

## German employment rate goes up

BERLIN, 30 Sept— The number of employed persons in Germany went up by 329,000 or 0.9 per cent in August compared to the corresponding month last year, the Federal Statistics Office announced on Thursday.

The unemployment rate, measured as the share of unemployed in the total labour force, stood at 8.5 per cent in August, 0.9 percentage points lower than a year earlier.

The office’s provisional data showed that the number of persons in employment, whose place of residence is in Germany, was 39.0 million in August.

“The employment/population ratio, which is the share of persons in employment in the total population aged 15 to 64 years, was 68.7 per cent, which is 0.8 percentage points above the level of August 2005,” the office said.—MNA/Xinhua

## Thousands perform trance dance in Bali tourism drive

TANAH LOT (Indonesia), 30 Sept— About 5,000 people danced in a trance outside a Balinese temple on Friday in a colossal show aimed at reviving the Indonesian island’s tourism industry, still feeling the pinch of last year’s deadly bombings.

The Kecak dancers, dressed in chequered black-and-white sarongs, raised their arms and chanted “Cak Cak Cak” in a frenzied chorus at the foot of the grand Hindu Pura Tanah Lot temple overlooking the sea, just as the sun went down.

A Kecak performance traditionally involves between 75 and 100 people, and organizers said a performance on this scale was unprecedented.

MNA/Reuters

**Honouring the International Day of Older Persons (2006):**

# Home care service

*Ko Kway (Geology)*

Homes for the aged are, in fact, part of the home care service, and international home care services comprise home care service or volunteer base service, home base care service, community base care service, group home care service, day care centre, and volunteer elderly home or home for the aged.

Among the Myanmar's population of more than 55 million, about 4.6 million are aged 60 and above. Now, 52 homes for the aged across the nation are caring 2,196 elderly persons. So, at present, the number of homes for the aged is far out of proportion with that of the elderly persons. And the way "establishing homes for the aged" alone does not sufficiently cover care service for the aged.

However, Myanmar has not witnessed such an issue due to the fact that Myanmar people preserve the adorable tradition that the families concerned care their elderly persons respectfully. In the meantime, most of the nations are under the pressure of seeking ways and means to provide care service for the growing number of their aging populations. Many regional countries including ASEAN members are dealing in concert with programmes for caring their senior citizens.

Caring elderly persons has not been reckoned yet to be an issue in Myanmar, but a number of old people are in need of care service because of various reasons. Thus, it is required to apply other forms of

care service in addition to homes for the aged.

The Help Aged Korea of the Republic of Korea in cooperation with the ASEAN Secretariat submitted the Home Care for Older Peoples to ASEAN nations in April 2003.

Then, the Pilot Project Phase I was implemented in ten ASEAN members from April 2003 to March 2006. In Myanmar, the Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA), an NGO, in collaboration with the Social Welfare Department started to implement the phase I in Insein and Hlinethaya townships in Yangon Division in April 2004.

The meeting "Home Care for Older People Pilot Project Phase I" held in Manila, the Philippines, from 28 to 31 March assessed that the Pilot Project Phase I was compatible with cultures and traditions of Asian nations, and was the most effective way with the minimum cost, and agreed to continue the phase I. Myanmar will participate in the Home Care for Older People Pilot Project Phase II (2006-2009), part of Korea-ASEAN joint programme.

The Home Care for Older People Pilot Project focuses on the method that a well-trained volunteer provides home care service for about three hours once or twice a week for an elderly person, especially for needy and isolated older persons.

In this regard, priority is given to elderly people, aged 60 and above, disabled old people, needy old people, old people who live lonely without outside

help and assistance, old people with very low income, and isolated old people. And volunteers must be the ones aged 18, who are mentally and physically healthy, who can share their time with willingness to provide care service for old people, and who have completed the course on home care service.

Home care service comprises many things. Here, a notable fact is that by nature, an older person always wants to recount and share the experiences he or she has gained throughout the life. So, volunteers should have great patience to listen what the older person has to say, and that is a consolatory encouragement to the old people.

Due to one of the fine customs of Myanmar people "helpful to others", the number of people who enlisted for their voluntary services was more than needed. Receiving the home care service provided by the volunteers with genuine goodwill and loving-kindness and sympathy, the older people now can lead a new life, and their health and social standards are improving.

It was very heartening that till his last days, medical officer Lt-Col Maung Maung Myint (Retd) continued to provide home care service to elderly persons. And other volunteers showed their enthusiasm in the drive.

The ASEAN Secretariat called for implementation of the ROK-ASEAN Home Care for Older People on a larger scale in the countries concerned. With its fine tradition of caring elderly persons respectfully, Myanmar is expected to achieve greater success than other countries in implementing the programme. In addition, mobilizing internal NGOs such as the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, and the Maternal and Child Welfare Association whose memberships are very high, Myanmar will not have any particular difficulties in its efforts to translate into reality the project that covers the entire nation.

The people on their part are to contribute towards the project. All are therefore exhorted to participate in the Home Care for Older People to enable the elderly people, like other people, to enjoy the fruitful results of the drive for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

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## Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), wellwishers offer provisions to monasteries in Pabedan, Seikkan, Botahtaung and Pazundaung

YANGON, 1 Oct— A ceremony to donate rice, edible oil, salt, medicines and gram of Tatmadaw families and wellwishers to three monasteries in Pabedan and Seikkan townships in Yangon West District and Thanant Dhammapalaka Hindu Organization was held at Maha Theindawgyi in Pabedan Township this morning.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, military officers of the Ministry of Defence and departmental officials attended the ceremony.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wellwishers received the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw of Maha Theindawgyi Pariyatti

Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kumara. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe offered robes and provisions to the Sayadaw.

Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and military officers presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

On behalf of Tatmadaw families (Army, Navy and Air), military officers of the Ministry of Defence donated provisions to the Sayadaw. Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the Commander, the Vice-Mayor and military officers accepted cash and kind from wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Lt-Col Swe Lin of Mingaladon Air Base supplicated on the purpose of the donations.

Today's donations to monasteries in Pabedan and

Seikkan townships totalled 175 bags of rice, 195 viss of edible oil, 300 viss of salt, 1,488 bottles of traditional medicine, 59 viss of gram, 60 tubes of toothpaste, 299 bars of soap and K 8,271,733.

A similar ceremony was held to donate cash and kind to six monasteries in Botahtaung and Pazundaung townships this afternoon.

At Mingalayama Pali Tekkatho in Botahtaung Township, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wellwishers received the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Narindabhivamsa. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe offered robes and provisions to Sayadaws.

Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and military officers donated offertories to members of the Sangha.



Lt-Gen Myint Swe donates provisions to a Sayadaw at the donation of rice and cash for monasteries in Botahtaung and Pazundaung townships. —MNA

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Today's donations to

monasteries in Botahtaung and Pazundaung townships totalled 249 bags of rice, 101 viss of edible oil, 500 viss of dried fish, 717 viss of iodized salt, 3,162 bottles of traditional medicine, 143 viss of gram, 143 tubes of toothpaste and K 25,277,000. —MNA

## Terrorists of SSA-S Ywet Sit group put villages to torch, kill innocent people and rob property at five villages in Mongphyat Township

### Officials provide cash and kind to rehabilitate villages destroyed

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct— The so-called Shan State Army (South) SSA-S or Ywet Sit's terrorist group is committing terrorist acts against the State and the people by killing innocent people, planting mines, putting villages to torch and seizing villagers.

On 15 September, members of SSA-S Ywet Sit terrorist group, in three groups, simultaneously attacked Nanphe village, Hwepaku (upper) village and

Hwepaku (lower) village and Bupha village in Nanpan village tract and Shakin village in Monghe village tract of Mongphyat Township, Shan State (East) and torched the villages, killed villagers and took their property by force.

At about 3 am on 15 September, a group led by Aik Maung of SSA-S Ywet Sit terrorist group entered Hwepaku (upper) village and Hwepaku (lower) village and Bupha village and another



Bhupha Village put on fire by SSA-S Ywet Sit insurgents. — MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe hands over K 10 million donated by USDA to a responsible person. — MNA

group Shakin village and put the villages to torch, killed villagers including older persons, children and women, took property of villagers and butchered cows and pigs.

The terrorist insurgents burnt 31 houses in Nanphe village, 12 in Hwepaku (upper) village, 12 in Hwepaku (lower) village and 18 in Bupha village.

Members of People's Militia of Nanphe and Bupha villages repulsed the

terrorists at the risk of their lives. Due to the firing of the terrorists, 3 members of People's Militia of Bupha village and one member of Nanphe village were killed in the shoot-outs and two weapons lost.

The terrorist insurgent cruelly killed four villagers of Bupha village, a woman of Hwepaku village, three women of Shakin village and five villagers from Nanphe village.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win views documentary photos put on display. — MNA

## Local administrative bodies to serve...

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He said the police force members should not be content with such achievements and they are to continue to make efforts to become patriotic, efficient and modern MPF. Moreover, he said, morale, discipline, morals, understanding towards the people and willingness to help them are to be nurtured among the individual members.

Despite difference among the administrative machinery of the nations of the world, the police force is part of the administrative machinery. The police force is usually formed in every nation with the lofty aims of ensuring prevalence of law and order, community peace and tranquillity and protecting the people. The role of the police force varies depending on its formation and training. The police force was used to oppress the people by the authorities during some periods in certain countries and so it got notorious name.

Police came into existence an organization under the colonialist system and it had bitter experiences. The police force is to be built to be in oneness with the people after getting rid of thoughts and habits of the colonial periods. The will to protect the people, patriotism and the Union spirit are also to be cultivated among the members of the police force.

He said it is necessary for the police force members to always preserve its dignity and to avoid partiality and



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo gives a prize to Police Captain Kyaw Soe. — MNA

taking bribes while discharging the main duties. Man may have misconduct some time or somewhere as he is selfish by nature. Such kind of weaknesses can be controlled with caution.

Actual accused can be revealed with sound evidences through prompt investigation. Police members have to safeguard the judicial pillar as they are law enforcement persons, he said.

Effective administrative machinery is essential for the establishment of a modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. That is why reforms are being made in the police force, the part of administrative machinery, in conformity with the changing conditions and system, he said.

He said reforms are being made in the nations of the world for the administrative system to be effective and efficient, to undertake the tasks, to serve the interests of the people and to fulfill their requirements. In other words, efforts are being made to provide quality service to the people.

Therefore, the term, good governance, becomes popular in administrative field. Only when proper and effective administrative system is established will the people trust in and rely on the system.

The administrative field is very wide and it covers administration, police tasks, courts, other related economic and social aspects and clerical work. Therefore, the administrative pillar is the main pillar of political, economic and social sectors. Correct organizational setup and form is necessary for the emergence of good and effective administration and procedures must also be in conformity with the present time. Now is the time when all-out efforts are being made for smooth transformation of one system to a new one. The people should not discharge the duties as usual but strenuous efforts are to be made, he pointed out.

He said officials of MPF and General Administration Department are discharging duties in the regional administrative bodies. The police commanders of the respective regions are to discharge both police tasks and functions of the respective peace and development councils.

Duties are assigned to the police commanders as the members local of administrative bodies according to the functions of the bodies and the needs during the transitional period. The police officers have gained experiences on greater and wider functions of the local administrative bodies.

The Prime Minister called on them to always study the national policies to get wider views and wider knowledge. He spoke of the need for them to understand that establishment of a modern nation and the nation-building tasks are related with the reforms of the police force.

Now, the reforms of the police force and local admin-

istrative bodies are being made in formation as well as in procedures to be in conformity with the forthcoming State Constitution. The MPF will be a consolidated force and executive officers of GAD will also be important officials at different levels.

He said the functions of the local administrative bodies are to serve the interest of the people effectively without becoming a burden to them, to implement regional development tasks in cooperation with the people and to maintain regional stability and peace.

He pointed out the fact that weakness of individual persons and improper measures undertaken by the bodies may hinder the national and regional development. He called on the administrative bodies at different levels and government organizations to implement plans of the transitional process unitedly.

He also stressed the importance of abiding by the laws, observing discipline, avoiding malpractices.

He said in international situations, small nations are taking special care not to become a puppet government or satellite country of some powerful nations. A new nation has to be built in correct way on self-reliance basis despite the pressure, coercion, and sanctions that encroach upon the self-determination. He said unity and power of the people is



Prime Minister General Soe Win presents award to Police Lance Corporal Kyaw Myo Oo. — MNA

the main factor and urged the officials to discharge duties properly in accord with the slogan — the strength of the people lies within.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe presented first prizes to Police Sgt Soe Naing of Bago Division (West) and Constable Aung Lwin Moe of Criminal Investigation Department in the Sgt level and constable level Police Code of Conduct Contests.

Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo awarded first prizes to Police Captain Kyaw Soe of Chin State Police Force and Sub-IP Ye Htut of CID in the Police Captain level and SIP level Police Code of Conduct Contests.

Prime Minister General Soe Win put a sash of model police on Police L/Cpl Kyaw Myo Oo of Police Battalion Control Commander's Office in the Police Code of Conduct Contest, and presented cash reward to him.

Next, the Prime Minister greeted senior police officers and police members.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party viewed documentary photos of the Department against Transnational Crime, the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control and Drug Elimination Department, the Wireless and Traffic Police Force, the Special Duty Unit of MPF, Nay Pyi Taw Police Force, the Police Battalions Control Commander's Office, the CID, the Development Affairs Police Force and Railway Police Force displayed in the hall of MPF Headquarters. — MNA



**Senior citizens in Myanmar held in ...**



**President of MWWF Daw Than Than Nwe provides cash and medicines to an older person. — MNA**

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 commemorative ceremonies of the day yearly in line with the responsibility of a member of the United Nations. Today's ceremony is the eighth of its kind.

Myanmar people have a fine tradition to take care of senior citizens like their parents. Myanmar actively participates in the international activity to create a better and pleasant environments for the senior citizens with a view to preserving fine tradition and discharging duty as a member of the global family.

persons is an older person. Thanks to developing bio-technologies, the global people come to live increasingly longer lives. At present, the increasing number of older persons across the world is a serious social problem. Many countries have a wide range of task to take care of the older persons. Hence, the United Nations is giving encouragement to all the global countries to take care of older persons by adopting five basic principles for the elder persons to lead a better and pleasant life. Therefore, all the countries

that the tasks to take care of older persons in Myanmar is the fine tradition of social welfare service in line with the policy of the government. In fact, Myanmar is one of the first-ever countries that conducted the aged care services. In the history of Myanmar, Myanmar kings placed emphasis on taking care of older persons and patients as a fine tradition. During the Inwa period in 1156 ME, King Thalun also performed the meritorious deed by taking care of older persons. So also, King Min Don followed the tradition

**With better longevity, the number of older people is burgeoning, and so is that of elderly persons who have no children or relatives to rely on.**

Nowadays, the world population has exceeded 6,500 million, and 690 million persons in the world over the age of 60 became older persons. The population of Myanmar are more than 55.4 million, and 4.6 million of whom are the aged above 60. Therefore, one of 12

pay attention to taking care of the aged while adhering to the UN-adopted five principles. In carrying out development task of the social sector, the Government had laid down the plans to take care of children, disabled persons and the aged. It can be said

of his predecessors. The painting of artist Saya Mya, illustrating that three physicians are providing health care services to the aged and patients in Mandalay City, can be seen at the western stairway of Kuthodaw Pagoda at the foot of Mandalay hill.

Due to the aggressive



**Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win donates cash and medicines to an older person. — MNA**

war of colonialists, there were many homeless older persons in the country in the past. At that time, grandma Oo Zun built Mingun Home for the

enjoy their assistance and care service from them. So, caring older persons is not reckoned to be a social issue in the Myanmar society.

services such as home care service or voluntary base service, home base care service, community base care service, group home care service, day care



**Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents cash and medicines to an older person. — MNA**

Aged on Sagaing hill. Therefore, the aged care service got revitalized in Myanmar in 1276 Myanmar Era. Grandma Oo Zun built more homes for the aged in Thaton in 1289 ME, in Paungde in 1291, in Hninzigon of Yangon in 1295 and in Pakokku in 1299. At present, 52 homes for the aged have been established in the entire nation, and 2,196 older persons are

In Myanmar, life expectancy today is on the rise due to better care services. In 2005, life expectancies of rural people had increased to 60.8 years (men) and 63.32 years (women), from 56.2 years (men) and 60.4 (women) in 1988. In the meantime, that of urban folks had risen to 61.5 years (men) and 65.6 years (women), in comparison with 59 and 63.2 in 1988.

centre, and voluntary elderly home.

Myanmar should also introduce new methods that are in conformity with its people, culture and tradition for the increasing number of older people.

The phase I of the Home Care for Older People programme submitted by the Help Aged Korea of the Republic of Korea was launched in April 2003 in



**President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win gives cash and medicines to an older person. — MNA**

being accommodated at the homes.

Myanmar people live in the human society with the extended family pattern. Therefore, every elderly person has the rights to receive care and respects from his family members and relatives. Senior citizens in Myanmar were held in esteem and taken care of according to the culture, customs, social norms and teachings of the Buddha.

However poor their relatives are, older persons

With better longevity, the number of older people is burgeoning, and so is that of elderly persons who have no children or relatives to rely on.

So, the conditions call for proper arrangements for the welfare of the growing population of the aged. Other possible ways and means are to be sought in the drive in addition to homes for the aged. Now, eastern Asian countries including ASEAN members are employing international home care

ASEAN countries. In Myanmar, local NGOs, the Social Welfare Department and the Department of Health jointly launched it in Insein and Hlinethaya townships in Yangon Division in April 2004. The nation will join hands with other ASEAN members to implement the phase II (2006-2009).

The project focuses on the way that well-trained volunteers provide home care service needy and (See page 10)

## Remarkable progress made in fight against AIDS due to active participation of UN agencies, NGOs and the people



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Specialist Hospital in Mingaladon Township.— MNA

YANGON, 1 Oct— Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein this morning attended the opening of the Specialist Hospital (Mingaladon) of Health Department under the Ministry of Health on Yangon-Pyay Road in Mingaladon Township, Yangon North District and unveiled the signboard of the facility.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, the ministers,

the Mayor, members of NHC, the heads of department, resident representatives of UN agencies, those from social organizations, health staff and guests.

The opening ceremony was held in the compound of the hospital.

In his address, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the government is taking systematic steps to provide extensive health care services to the people. At such a time, the emergence of the Specialist Hospital (Mingaladon) is something to be proud of.

In its efforts to

build the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one the government has laid down and is implementing one of the social objectives which calls for uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation.

In this regard, more hospitals, dispensaries and rural health care centres were opened the length and breadth of the nation including border areas. With the aim of bringing about equitable development across the nation each specialist hospital (200-bed) was opened in 24 special regions strategically located in the states and di-

visions.

Moreover, the existing hospitals were upgraded and more specialist hospitals including 200-bed ones and 300-bed ones were equipped with modern medical equipment aiming at uplift of the health standard. As a result, the health standard of the people has improved significantly.

Nowadays, some

major malignant diseases have been put under control, some eradicated and some were in no position of plaguing the people. Facts and figures of UN agencies show the achievement in the health sector of Myanmar. As regards TB, malaria and HIV-AIDS, the incidence of those major diseases has decreased significantly when compared

with some neighbouring countries.

According to figures issued in 2006 by UNAIDS, the incidence of HIV-AIDS in the nation was only 1.3 per cent, and according to figures issued by UNDP, the incidence was 1.2 per cent. And the incidence rate is less than that of neighbouring countries. As those figures are (See page 11)

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isolated older persons for raising their health and social standards. Due to the fine tradition of caring elderly persons respectfully, Myanmar has opportunities to achieve greater success than other countries in implementing the project.

Myanmar will not get any particular difficulties with the project as it is mobilizing the strength of State's social forces such as USDA, MAAF, MMCWA, and MRCS in the drive covering the entire nation. He called for continued efforts to see to the project.

He said that gifts and medicines will be provided for the old persons aged 80 and above from states and divisions at the ceremony.

It will not work beautifully if home care service is provided for the aged only on the days of significance, he said, calling for speeding up the care service by providing it to nearby older people in need, and contributing towards the project.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 called for continued efforts to ensure durability of the homes for the

aged in addition to endeavours to establish more homes for the aged, contribution towards home care service that is compatible with the Myanmar's tradition of helping people in need, and successful implementation of the motto "Towards a society for all ages" to enable the older people, like other citizens, to enjoy fruitful results of the drive for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, the ministers, the president of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the president of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the ambassadors to Myanmar presented gifts, cash and medicines to U Tint Aung (Bogale Tint Aung), U Ba Gale (Cartoonist U Bagale), Wunna Kyawhtin Sein Mya Maung, U San Thein (Thiha Swe), Daw May Nwe, Artist U Thukha, Daw Kyan (Ma Kyan), Diving Tin Hla, Banjo U Maung Maung, U Tin Yu, Major Tun Nyein (Retd), Daw Yin Yin (Saw Mon Nyin), Sayagyi U Hmi, Daw Aung Than Tin, U Hla Kyaing (Paragu), U Htein Lin (Ko Ko Tun), U Sein Win (Guardian U Sein Win), Thakhin Hla Kun

(Moeno), U Kyaw Hsan (Thu Khi Aung), Col Saw Myint (Retd) (Hmu Thamein), U Myint Soe, U Tha Din, U Sein Hla Myaing, U Kyaw Win (Nyo Win), Daw Hintha Kyi, U Sao Tun Hmat Win, U Lay Myaing (Lay Myint), Lt-Col Khin Maung Thauung (Retd), U Tin Maung (Theikpan Hmu Tin), U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Sayagyi U Tin Soe (Thagadole), U San Win, U Mya Gyi and Sayagyi U Maung Maung Khin (Tekkatho Maung Maung Khin).

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presented K 3,170,000 to 45 homes for the aged and 34 oldest persons of States and Divisions, and 23 outstanding older persons to Chairman of the Work Committee for Organizing the International Day of Older Persons 2006 Director-General U Sit Myaing of Social Welfare Department.

On behalf of the older persons, U Tint Aung (Bogale U Tint Aung) and U Soe Thein of Hninzigon Home for the Aged expressed gratitude.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 greeted the ambassadors, Charges d'Affaires of foreign missions and the resident representatives of UN agencies.

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## With active participation of UN agencies,...

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reliable no one can deny the fact that the incidence of HIV-AIDS in the nation is insignificant.

However, there has been the spread of rumours that Myanmar was struck by a high incidence of HIV-AIDS, ignoring those official figures.

Internal and external destructive elements are making an attempt to impede the flow of international assistance including humanitarian aid into the nation. The impediment of such assistance is a heinous act.

In getting rid of HIV-AIDS the Central Committee for Prevention and Control of AIDS led by the Minister for Health was formed. And strenuous efforts are being made in the fight against AIDS under the instructions of the minister after the forming of the AIDS prevention and control sub-committees at

different levels in states, divisions, districts and townships.

With active participation of UN agencies, NGOs and the people, remarkable progress has been made in the fight against AIDS. To make the prevention and control of AIDS a success the imparting of knowledge on the spread of AIDS and the discussion with authorities at different levels were made in various parts of the nation. At the same time, preventive measures against the spread of AIDS through having sex, through drug users and from mothers to fetus, cent per cent use of condoms among the target groups, safe blood transfusion and taking care of AIDS patients were launched.

The cent per cent use of condoms among the target groups is being launched in 169 townships while treatment of drug



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils the signboard of Specialist Hospital in Mingaladon Township. — MNA

addicts and rehabilitation is being conducted in order to prevent the spread of AIDS and venerable diseases. And the prevention of AIDS from mothers to children is being carried out in 89 townships and the blood test for AIDS is being conducted in the township hospital level.

Meantime, consoling and educating the families of AIDS victims, secret AIDS test and taking care of AIDS victims are being carried out in cooperation

with social organizations. In cooperation with NGOs such as AZG, MSF (Switzerland), MDM, FXB, CARE and WVI the consoling and educating of some 250,000 people, giving ART drugs to 2,600 AIDS victims, treatment of over 20,000 patients and taking care of over 10,000 families of AIDS victims were carried out.

At present, the ministries, UN agencies, 18 social organizations and 17 NGOs are making concerted efforts in the fight against AIDS. The government is participating in the AIDS prevention projects being implemented by nations of the region, those of Mekong Basin and UN agencies. We firmly

believe that the prevention and control of AIDS will make progress with the active participation of the government, the people and social organizations at home and abroad.

The emergence of the Specialist Hospital (Mingaladon) will contribute much to the realization of the tasks for prevention and control of AIDS.

In conclusion, the Secretary-1 stressed the need for all officials to make integrated efforts for the people to be able to enjoy the health care services of high standard, making better use of the newly-opened hospital.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Health Dr

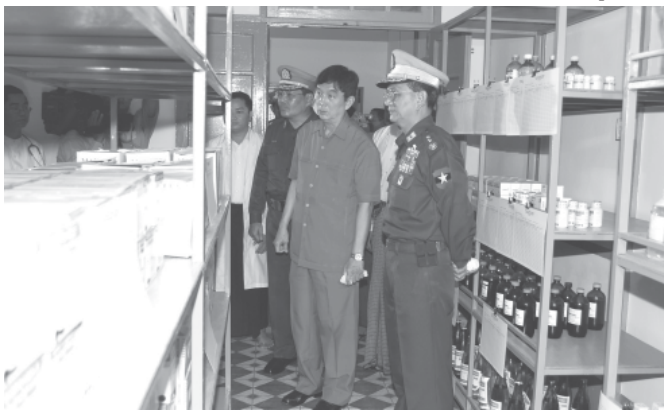
Kyaw Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn formally opened the hospital.

After that, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveiled the signboard of the facility and sprinkled it with scented water.

Afterwards, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members and guests inspected the hospital.

Next, Lt-Gen Thein Sein viewed round the medical ward (male), recreation room for doctors and nurses, medical store, various kinds of medicines including anti-retroviral therapy, laboratory, X-ray unit, medical ward (female) and others.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects Specialist Hospital in Mingaladon Township. — MNA

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Local battalion combed the area and there was an engagement. The Tatmadaw columns were in hot pursuit of the terrorists who were on their retreat.

To rehabilitate the villages, Triangle Region Command provided bags of rice and clothes, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement blankets, clothes, food and kitchen utensils, Shan State (East) Health Department medicines and State Red Cross kitchen utensils and waterproof.

On 23 September, the Union

Solidarity and Development Association Headquarters presented K 10 million, Ministry of Cooperatives K 5.5 million and Shan State (East) USDA K 2 million.

Although SSA-S Ywet Sit terrorist group shouted for the prosperity of Shan State with excuses of racism, they are engaging in drug trafficking, committing murder and robbery, putting villages on fire, robbing property of people, recruiting villagers by force and thus, the State declared the organization as terrorist group on 26 August in Declaration No 2/2006. — MNA



Bupha village torched by SSA-S Ywet Sit terrorist group. — MNA

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**China insists new UNSG from Asia**

BEIJING, 30 Sept — The Chinese Government on Friday said it would continue its insistence that the next UN Secretary-General should come from Asia.

"It is a common desire of Asian nations and has been widely supported by the international community that next UN Secretary-General should come from Asia," Foreign Ministry spokesman Qing Gang said.

"China will continue to support an Asian candidate," he said.

The Security Council will hold the fourth "straw poll" for UN Secretary-General on 2 October.

There are seven declared candidates:

-- Ban Ki-Moo, Foreign Minister of Republic of Korea.

-- Shashi Tharoor, the Indian UN undersecretary-general.

-- Surakiart Sathirathai, Thailand's former deputy prime minister.

-- Prince Zeid Ra'ad Zeid Al-Husseini, Jordan's UN Ambassador.

-- Ashraf Ghani, former Afghan finance minister.

-- Jayantha Dhanapala,

a Sri Lankan presidential advisor and former UN undersecretary-general for disarmament.

-- and Vaira Vike-Freiberga, Latvian President.

All are from Asia except Vike-Freiberga.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman was asked to comment on reports that its insistence on an Asian meant more meritorious candidates from other continents were excluded.

Qin said China held a positive and open attitude to all the Asian candidates.

MNA/Xinhua

**More poor countries to get access to leading agri journals**

UNITED NATIONS, 30 Sept — More than 100 of the world's poorest countries will now be able to access leading food and agricultural journals for little or no cost with the launch of the second phase of a joint United Nations-private sector initiative.

The Global Online Research in Agriculture (AGORA) project caters to the needs of thousands of students, researchers and academics in poorer countries, who continue

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to face challenges in accessing up-to-date information which is vital to their work.

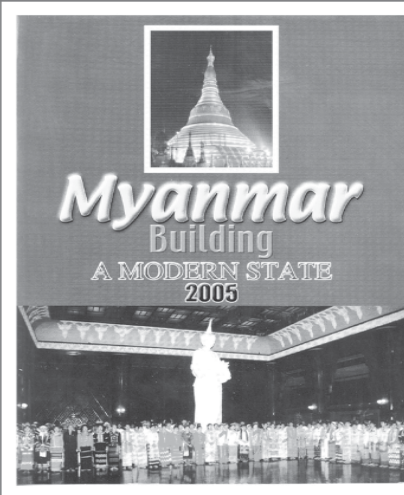
AGORA was launched in 2003 by the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) partnering 37 leading science publishers, WHO and Cornell University, providing access to 69 low-income countries.

In the second phase, the project has been expanded to include universities, colleges, research institutes

and government ministries as well as non-governmental organizations in an additional 37 countries with a per capita GNP between 1000 and 3000 dollars.

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**South Pacific regionalism urged as educational opportunity**

WELLINGTON, 30 Sept — Education ministers of the South Pacific region were urged to see regional initiatives in education as an opportunity, not a threat or a compromise of national interests, according to a Press release Thursday.

Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) secretary-general Greg Urwin said the Pacific Plan was based on the concept of regionalism.

According to Pacific Islands Forum Press release, Urwin noted regionalism under the Pacific Plan does not imply any limitation on national sovereignty.

Pacific Plan is the strategic blueprint adopted last year by the South Pacific countries at the Pacific Island Forum, the regional inter-government organization, for regional development to enhance and stimulate economic growth, sustainable development, good governance and security.

Urwin said regionalism is not intended to replace national programmes, only to support and complement them.

MNA/Xinhua

**Diversified energy-export strategy benefits Russia, China**

BEIJING, 30 Sept — Russian and Chinese experts attending the first meeting of the China-Russia Friendly Strategic Dialogue mechanism agreed on Thursday that a diversified energy-export

strategy would benefit both countries.

Mihail Nikolaev, vice-chairman of the Federation Council of Russia said although Russia is the world's largest exporter of natural gas and the second largest petroleum exporter, Asia received just 3 per cent and 5 per cent of those resources respectively, while the remainder went to Western countries.

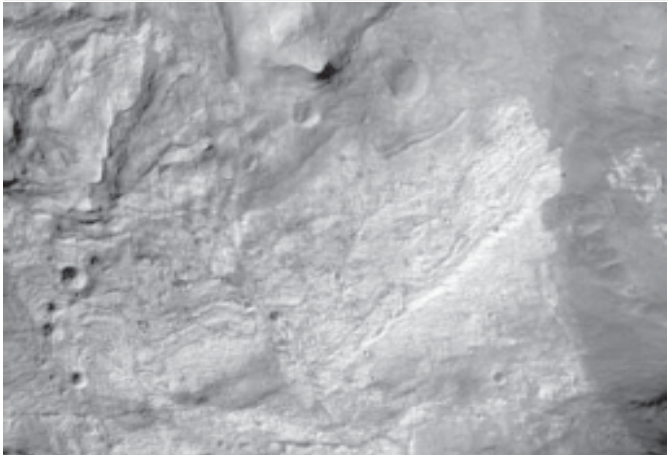
Such an imbalance in Russia's energy export should be adjusted, said Nikolaev.

Lu Nanxiang, a researcher with the Russian Research Centre of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, said energy cooperation was a key part in the China-Russia Strategic Partnership of Coordination.

MNA/Xinhua

**Drive safely**

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This image taken by NASA's Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter spacecraft in its mapping orbit on 29 Sept, 2006 covers a small portion of the floor of Ius Chasma, one branch of the giant Valles Marineris system of canyons on the planet Mars. The image taken by the spacecraft at an altitude of 280 kilometres (174 miles) shows a variety of processes that have shaped the Martian surface. —INTERNET

“Soyuz” with female space tourist returns to earth

Moscow, 30 Sept — A Russian Soyuz craft carrying the world's first female space tourist returned to earth early on Friday from the International Space Station (ISS), Mission Control outside Moscow said.

Iranian-born American Anousheh Ansari and two ISS crew members — Russian cosmonaut Pavel Vinogradov and US astronaut Jeffrey Williams — landed safely at dawn in northern Kazakhstan's barren steppes aboard the Soyuz TMA-8 capsule.

The capsule began its descent more than three hours before touchdown after undocking from the ISS. At the landing site

near the town of Arkalyk, search and rescue teams and helicopters were on call as the small capsule's engines fired a final braking burst to cushion the landing.

Vinogradov and Williams had worked on

the orbiting outpost since April and, with their return to Earth, left behind Russian cosmonaut Mikhail Tyurin, US astronaut Michael Lopez-Alegria and German astronaut Thomas Reiter. — MNA/Xinhua

Toshiba, Fujitsu to recall Sony-made notebook batteries

Tokyo, 30 Sept — Major Japanese computer makers Toshiba Corp and Fujitsu Ltd said Friday that they will recall lithium-ion batteries made by Sony Corp for their laptop computers in a global range.

The move came after Lenovo and IBM Corporation announced the voluntary recall of some 526,000 Sony lithium-ion batteries used in ThinkPad notebook computers worldwide earlier in the day. The recalls were due to concerns over possible overheating.

In August, Dell and Apple Computer started

recalling of several million units of Sony-made lithium-ion batteries for laptop PCs.

Sony said Thursday in the United States that it would begin a worldwide replacement programme for certain lithium-ion batteries used by notebook PCs in response to complaints of overheating by some computer makers.

MNA/Xinhua



Johansson, critically acclaimed for her performance in “Girl with a Pearl Earring”, takes the lead in “Mary Queen of Scots”, which will chronicle the antagonistic relationship between Mary and Queen Elizabeth I of England. —XINHUA

Patient dies after thieves steal French phone line

PARIS, 30 Sept — Two hundred residents of a French village had their phones cut off after thieves stole 270 metres (885 feet) of copper cabling in the latest such robbery as criminals try to cash in on soaring metal prices.

The theft in the southern village of Saint-Julien-le-Montagnier meant an 86-year-old woman, who was feeling ill, was unable to contact her doctor who lived in the village. In the end her neighbours realized she

was in difficulty and called an ambulance but she died before it arrived.

A France Telecom official said the cables were stolen in the early hours of Thursday from telephone posts around the village. — MNA/Reuters

Ancient mills unearthed in central Turkey

ANKARA, 30 Sept — A couple of 4,000-year-old mills have been unearthed in the ancient city of Kultepe in Turkey's central province of Kayseri, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Friday.

“We are glad to find these complete sets of mills. People produced their flour to make bread four thousand years ago,” professor Fikri Kulakoglu, head of the excavation team which carried out archaeo-

logical excavations in the ancient city, was quoted as saying. Kulakoglu noted that they brought the complete mills into daylight for the first time during excavations of 59 years. — MNA/Xinhua

“Bernama” launches bureau in China

BEIJING, 30 Sept — Bernama, the Malaysian national news agency, on Friday opened a bureau in Beijing, making it the second Malaysian media organization to commence operations in China.

Malaysian Minister of Information Zainuddin Maidin, who was here specially for the inauguration of the bureau, said it would deliver objective news and information about events in China to Malaysians.

The Star newspaper is the first Malaysian media organization to open a bureau in China. “With the numerous activities on the economic, social and other

fronts that are taking place in China, both Bernama and The Star undoubtedly have more than enough to write home everyday and enable the Malaysians to learn more about this great country,” said Zainuddin Maidin.

He appreciated the support given by the Chinese Government and the Xinhua news agency during the establishment of the Beijing bureau.

Bernama had much to learn from Xinhua and the two could cooperate closely on news reporting, in particular on covering the Beijing Olympic Games in 2008. — MNA/Xinhua

A Kashmiri survivor of the 8 Oct, 2005 earthquake walks past the ruins of a house in Tanghdar, 180 km (112 miles) northwest of Srinagar, on 30 Sept, 2006. The quake, the strongest to hit South Asia in a century, killed more than 1,300 people and left thousands homeless in Indian-administered Kashmir. —INTERNET



# SPORTS



Olympic and world champion Zhang Yining completed her group competition with a third straight win at the women's World Cup table tennis tournament here on 30 Sept, 2006. —XINHUA

## Oddo scores twice as Lazio trounce Torino 4-0

ROME, 1 Oct— Defender Massimo Oddo scored twice as Lazio put on a powerful second-half display to sweep aside Torino 4-0 in Serie A on Saturday.

The win gave Lazio minus two points from five matches—just one victory away from overturning the eight-point penalty handed down to them in Italy's match-fixing scandal. Champions Inter Milan lead the standings on 10 points ahead of their game at Cagliari on Sunday.

Torino, who have earned just two points since returning to the top flight, held out in the first half but collapsed in spectacular fashion after the break as striker Tommaso Rocchi put Lazio ahead with a close-range strike in the 49th minute.

The visitors doubled their lead six minutes later after Marco Di Loreto fouled Rocchi in the area and Oddo scored from the

resulting penalty.

Di Loreto was also involved in Oddo's second goal, deflecting a long-range shot by the Italy defender past his own keeper after 68 minutes.

The result was sealed three minutes later, when Rocchi broke the offside trap and sprinted into the area. —MNA/Reuters

## Villa hold Chelsea, Arsenal beat Charlton

LONDON, 1 Oct— Champions Chelsea were held to a 1-1 draw by Aston Villa, Liverpool lost 2-0 at Bolton Wanderers and Arsenal had to come from behind to beat Charlton Athletic 2-1 on a trying Saturday for the Premier League's top clubs.

Chelsea's Ivory Coast striker Didier Drogba, who hit a Champions League hat-trick in their midweek win at Levski Sofia, opened the scoring in the second minute. But Villa winger Gabriel Agbonlahor levelled on the stroke of half-time to earn Martin O'Neill's side a point and end Chelsea's 11-match winning run at home in all competitions.

A controversial strike by midfielder Gary Speed set Bolton on their way against Liverpool, while Dutch forward Robin van Persie scored twice for Arsenal at The Valley, two days after Arsene Wenger celebrated 10 years as club manager.

Manchester City snatched a late 1-1 draw at Everton, while Sheffield United were facing Middlesbrough in the late kickoff.



Liverpool's Steve Finnan, left, is challenged by Nicolas Anelka, centre, and Abdoulaye Faye, right, of Bolton Wanderers during their English Premier League soccer match at the Reebok Stadium, Bolton, England, on 30 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

Chelsea were clear favourites for their game at Stamford Bridge, having won every Premier League game there since January and made a dream start with Drogba's eighth goal of the season.

However, Villa have been transformed under O'Neill and their fightback was rewarded when 19-year-old Agbonlahor headed an equalizer.

Over at The Valley, Arsenal were trailing to a Darren Bent strike before van Persie levelled in the 32nd minute and followed up with an absolute stunner four minutes after the break—volleying home a cross from the right from Emmanuel Eboué.

MNA/Reuters



Aston Villa's Danish goalkeeper, Thomas Sorensen, right, and Swedish defender, Olof Mellberg, left, jump for the ball with Chelsea's Ivory Coast striker, Didier Drogba during their English Premier League soccer match at Stamford Bridge, London, England, on 30 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

## Controversy as Bolton beat Liverpool 2-0

LONDON, 1 Oct— A controversial strike by midfielder Gary Speed set Bolton Wanderers on their way to a 2-0 Premier League victory over Liverpool at the Reebok on Saturday.

With nearly half an

hour gone, Liverpool keeper Jose Reina was judged by a linesman to have carried the ball outside his area before clearing upfield. Spaniard Ivan Campo teed up the resulting free kick for Speed, playing his 750th league game, to lash home.

However, television replays clearly suggested that Reina was inside his area before throwing the ball up into the air and making contact inside the 'D'.

Liverpool had plenty of possession, but their passing lacked any real rhythm, their efforts on goal were largely off-target and the result was a third consecutive away loss this season. Delighted with the win, Bolton manager Sam Allardyce told Sky Sports: "It was good—because this is one of the big boys.

MNA/Reuters

## Bayern Munich stunned by Wolfsburg

BERLIN, 1 Oct— Bundesliga champions Bayern Munich were knocked off the top of the table on Saturday with a shock 1-0 defeat at VfL Wolfsburg.

The humiliating defeat against the team that started the game in bottom place sent Bayern down to fourth with a modest 10 points from six matches even though they had won convincingly at Inter Milan in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Germany striker Mike Hanke broke free on the left and tapped in a short pass from Cedrick Makiadi in the 36th minute for the match winner, giving Wolfsburg their first victory of the season and lifting them up to 14th place.

It was Hanke's first goal in seven months and only the third victory in 23 matches under beleaguered Wolfsburg coach Klaus Augenthaler.

Bayern, who won 2-0 at Inter Milan to take control of Group B in the Champions League three days earlier, struggled most of the match before 30,000 at the Volkswagen Arena against a team that had not won in their previous eight games.

Bayern had a number of chances in the first half. But Hasan Salihamidzic, Claudio Pizarro, Lucio and Bastian Schweinsteiger just missed the target or were denied by Wolfsburg's outstanding goalkeeper Simon Jentzsch.

Bayern were especially disappointing in the final 20 minutes, a phase when the fittest team in the league have usually proven to be especially lethal with many last-gasp wins. This time they mounted no serious threat.

MNA/Reuters



Tiger Wood of the US celebrates sinking a putt on the 18th hole during the third round of the American Express Championship golf tournament at the Grove in Watford, north of London, on 30 Sept, 2006. —INTERNET

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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# 8 EU nations meet for joint efforts against illegal immigration

MADRID, 1 Oct — The European Union's eight southern member states bordering the Mediterranean Sea agreed on Friday to boost cooperation and make joint efforts against illegal immigration.

They reached the agreement at a one-day meeting in the Spanish capital, which drew foreign and interior ministers from Spain, France, Italy, Portugal, Greece, Cyprus, Malta and Slovenia.

They agreed to boost sea patrols, establish a joint network for coastal guards, and develop an electronic alarm system.

"We all agree that illegal immigration is a shared problem," Spanish Deputy Prime Minister Maria Teresa Fernandez de la Vega said in a speech

after the meeting.

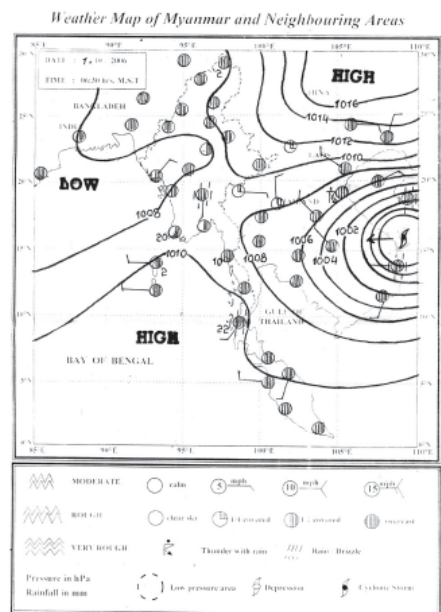
Representatives from the European Commission, European police agency Europol, EU's new border patrol agency Frontex, and Finland, the current holder of EU's rotating presidency, also attended the meeting.

Illegal immigration to Mediterranean nations has been intensified in recent years. More than 24,000 illegal immigrants have been caught in Spain's Canary Islands alone, so far this year, which is five times the number in the whole of 2005. Italy has caught over 12,000, trying to reach Sicily. Malta is also a key entry point.

MNA/Xinhua



A Landwind's 4x4 X-Pedition, manufactured by Jiangling group of China, is displayed during the 2006 Paris International Motor Show in Paris, capital of France, on 29 Sept, 2006. — INTERNET



## WEATHER

Sunday, 1 October, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, Southwest monsoon had withdrawn from the whole country. Weather has been partly cloudy in Shan State and rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Chain States, scattered in Rakhine State, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (3.54) inches, Mindat (0.83) inch, Patheingyi (0.79) inch and Chauk (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 30-9-2006 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 1-10-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 1-10-2006 was (89%). Total sunshine hours on 30-9-2006 was (4.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 1-10-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (6) mph from South at (14:30) hours MST on 30-9-2006.

**Special features:** According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, the typhoon "Xangsane" over South China Sea is crossing the Vietnam coast near Da Nang.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 2-10-2006:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, scattered to fairly widespread in Rakhine, Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions and isolated 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 increase of rain in Eastern and Lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 2-10-2006:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 2-10-2006:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 2-10-2006:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

## Radio Myanmar

Monday, 2 October  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Fame...Models
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -There you'll be... Kelly Allann
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Feel so good... Atomic Kitten
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Can't get you out of my mind
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music: -I'm gonna getcha good - Loverman... Rick Divito - Tell me... Twarrs - Puppy love... S Club Junior
- 9:00pm Spotlight on the star: Duran Duran - The reflex, Ordinary world, Say a prayer, Rio
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Drug/Women Affairs
- 9:35 pm Vocal gems: Love is all we need
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Monday, 2 October  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာဝဂ္ဂဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
  2. To be healthy exercise
  3. Morning news
  4. Nice and sweet song
  5. Song of national races
  6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
  7. Cute little dancers
- 8:20 am
  8. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:25 am
  9. ယာကြီးရေထိန်းတစ်
- 8:30 am
  10. International news
- 8:45 am
  11. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
  3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ခုတ်ယူနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm
  4. Dance variety
- 4:55 pm
  5. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)
- 5:10 pm
  6. "အားဆေး" (မိုးဒီး၊ ဇော်ထက်အောင်၊ ဆောင်းအိမ်ဖြူကွန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဓာတုဗေဒပွိုင်)
- 5:15 pm
  7. Song and dance of national races
- 5:25 pm
  8. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက်

- မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအကအရေးအတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:40 pm
  9. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက အရေးအတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ (အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲဆွေးနွေးခန်း)
- 6:00 pm
  10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာကွယ်ရေးဗဟိုဌာနမှ "တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ရေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၃)
- 6:50 pm
  13. အလှူရှာဖွေ၊ လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:15 pm
  14. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ချမ်းနှင်းအူ" (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 8:00 pm
  15. News
  16. International news
  17. Weather report
  18. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စပိုင်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၉)
  19. The next day's programme

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## Senior citizens in Myanmar held in esteem and taken care of according to culture, customs and social norms and teachings of the Buddha

### International Day of Older Persons 2006 observed



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the International Day of Older Persons 2006. — MNA

YANGON, 1 Oct — Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address at the ceremony to mark the International Day of Older Persons 2006 held at International Business

Centre on Pyay Road, here, this afternoon, and presented gifts, cash assistance and medicines to older persons.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, the

ministers, the departmental heads, chairmen and responsible persons of social organizations, Ambassadors and Charges d'Affaires of foreign missions, resident representatives of UN agencies, chairmen of Home for the Aged Administrative Board and secretaries, guests,

wellwishers, the aged and officials.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address. He said that the United Nations designated 1st October as International Day of Older Persons in 1999. Therefore, Myanmar has been organizing the (See page 9)

**In carrying out development task of the social sector, the Government had laid down the plans to take care of children, disabled persons and the aged. It can be said that the tasks to take care of older persons in Myanmar is the fine tradition of social welfare service in line with the policy of the government.**

## Shan State North Special Region-2 opposes every act by US unjustifiably interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs using UN as a tool

### Accusation that Myanmar is posing a threat to stability of regional countries totally groundless

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Oct — Shan State North Special Region-2 on 26 September issued 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:

**Shan State North Special Region-2  
'Wa' Solidarity Army  
Headquarters, Pankham.**

**The declaration of Shan State North Special Region-2**

26 September 2006

1. It is learnt that 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. Although we are welcoming every decision made by the United Nations that will contribute to peace and stability of the Union of Myanmar, strengthening amity among national brethren and socio-economic development, we are going to oppose every act by the United States unjustifiably interfering in Myanmar's

internal affairs using the UN as a tool designed to undermine stability of the State and unity among national brethren.

3. We support endeavours made by the Government for ensuring perpetuation of sovereignty and national security. Under the leadership of the government, efforts are being made throughout the country for regional stability and development. With the support of the government and international organizations, poppy-free zone was successfully declared in our state on 26-6-2005 and this was acknowledged by the United Nations and neighbouring countries.

4. As development undertakings are being carried out the length and breadth of the nation, the accusation that Myanmar is posing a threat to stability of regional countries is totally groundless.

5. Therefore, we oppose and condemn the interference in Myanmar's internal affairs by the United States using UN as a tool.

Signed

**U Pauk Yo Chan  
Chairman  
Shan/North Special Region-2**

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