

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Secretary-1 inspects arrangements for National Convention



Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects preparation for National Convention at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township.

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The Secretary-1 inspected the preparations made in Pyidaungsu Hall and gave instructions to the officials.

He also looked into the meeting hall of the NCCC at Anawrahta Yeiktha, the dining hall of Bagan hostel and the dining hall for the staff, the office of the invitation and reception subcommittee, hostels of female delegates and male delegates, mess (1), GEC shop, Win Thuzar shop of the Ministry of Industry-1, Maung Chit store and tailoring shop, Sarpay Beikman book shop, Myanmar spectacles shop, the office of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, Padetha restaurant, Daing Khin Khin bookstore, TM store, and the barber shop of the Border Trade Department. Next, he inspected the gymnasium, golf training range, and Nyaunghnapin station hospital. Officials concerned conducted them round the camp.

The NCCC Chairman gave instructions to the officials on fulfillment of the requirements for the convenience of the NC delegates.

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YANGON, 3 Oct—Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein yesterday morning inspected arrangements for the National Convention to be reconvened on 10 October 2006 at Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.

The Secretary-1, together with Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, and member of the NCC Work Committee Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, was welcomed at the camp by officials of the NCC Work Committee and Management Committee and chairmen of respective subcommittees and officials concerned.



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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 4 October, 2006

Work hard with national awareness

Now is the time when the government of Myanmar is using its best endeavours on all fronts for economic, social, education and health development and for higher standard of living. As a result, the entire nation is enjoying the fruits of development.

All the endeavours for successful implementation of the seven-step Road Map are being made for perpetuation of the Union and emergence of a democratic state.

While the government and the people putting their energies into the work of achieving the national goal, the destructive elements are instigating the people and committing sabotage and terrorist acts to destabilize the nation.

Some destructionists with political machinations to grab power are also making trouble to provoke riots and spell poverty and sufferings among the people.

The government is working towards the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation — the national goal the entire people have longed for. The people, on their part, are required to give their full support and cooperation to the government and overcome all the obstacles and dangers posed by saboteurs within and without the nation. It is also necessary for the entire people to work hard with national awareness for further development of the nation and for the emergence of a future state.

PEOPLE'S VOICES

- * 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

USDA Annual General Meeting held in Patheingyi

YANGON, 2 Oct — Ayeyawady Division Union Solidarity and Development Association held its annual general meeting for 2006 at Patheingyi City Hall this morning.

Present on the occasion were Patron of the division USDA Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, CEC member of USDA Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Daw Than Nwe, wife of the Commander Chairperson of Supervisory Committee for Ayeyawady Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association, secretary of Ayeyawady Division USDA U Than Tun and executives, secretaries of district and township USDAs and members, members of social organizations and wellwishers.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung made a speech on the occasion. Minister Col Thein Nyunt also made a speech on the occasion.

Next, the commander and the minister gave prizes to outstanding students who won distinctions in the matriculation examination for 2006 academic year. Afterwards, the minister accepted a total of 6563 membership applications for USDA.

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Construction Minister looks into roads, bridges in Chin State

YANGON, 3 Oct — Accompanied by responsible personnel of Public Works, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspected maintenance of roads and bridges on Kalay-Thaingngin-Hpala-Haka on 29 September and arrived at Thaingngin at mile post 31/0.

At the briefing hall, Chin State Superintending Engineer U Ngwan Hsan Aung briefed the minister on maintenance of the roads, removal of landslide, preparations for drains and conduit pipes and paving the tarred roads.

In response to the reports, the minister gave necessary instructions to engineers and inspected construction tasks of the roads with the use of heavy machinery.

On his way to Haka, the minister also inspected roadwork and bridges along the road. — MNA

Minister Col Thein Nyunt delivers an address at Ayeyawady Division Union Solidarity and Development Association's Annual General Meeting. — MNA



'Myanmar Traditional Food Show and Style'

Dated: 8 October 2006 Venue: Dusit Inya Lake Hotel
Time: 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Yangon

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be blostered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Auditors hold coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — The work coordination meeting of state and division auditors was held at Auditor-General's Office here yesterday with an address by Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung.

It was attended by Deputy Auditor General Daw Thin Thin, Director-General U Myo Myint of Auditor-General's Office, deputy directors-general, directors and auditors.

In his opening address, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung urged officials to observe rules and regulations in examining annual financial accounts of ministries and to do justice to financial examination.

Maj-Gen Lun Maung awarded the outstanding auditors and Deputy Auditor-General Daw Thin Thin awarded children of employees of audit offices who passed the matriculation examination for 2005-06 academic year with distinctions. At the meeting, auditors reported on examination of financial accounts of government departments in 2006 and implementation of the tasks laid down in the previous meeting.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Maj-Gen Lun Maung. — MNA

Advanced Course for English and French Languages to be opened

YANGON, 2 Oct — Advanced Courses for English and French languages will be opened at the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University beginning 2 October.

Those who passed the four basic courses, graduates and editorial staff can take the course. The entrance examination will be held. For more information dial Tel: 650712 or 650716 or 651609. — MNA

Warning of Hightide

YANGON, 3 Oct — The public is hereby informed that exceptional high Spring of from 20.3 feet to 21.5 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon river during the period from 6 October to 11 October 2006. — MNA

Chavez accuses Bush of attempts to oust him

CARACAS, 2 Oct — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday lashed out at US President George W Bush, saying he had been attempting to oust him by using every possible means.

Bush had told his followers, including some assassins, that they could do whatever was effectual to remove him from office, said Chavez at a campaign rally on Sunday.

He added that Bush had

expressed his intention to see him ousted before his term as US President expired.

Chavez vowed to win the 3 December elections and resume his tenure until 2021. He was reelected

in 2000 for a six-year term following his first election in 1998.

On 23 September, Chavez, speaking before the UN General Assembly, called Bush the “devil,” a “liar” and a “tyrant” at the same podium where Bush stood the day before. US-Venezuela tensions have been escalating over the past year, and Chavez has increased his anti-US rhetoric.

MNA/Xinhua

Top 20 polluters gather in Mexico

LONDON, 2 Oct—Ministers from the world’s top 20 polluting nations are gathering in Mexico for talks on climate change.

The delegates will discuss possible ways to meet future energy demand while reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Former World Bank chief economist Sir Nicholas Stern is also expected to present findings from his review into the economic impacts of climate change.

The meeting in Monterrey is the latest round of talks on the G8 Gleneagles Summit’s climate action plan.

As well as ministers from G8 nations, representatives from China, India, Brazil, and South Africa will also attend the event, which is being hosted by the Mexican government.

Organizers hope the meeting will be able to make progress on a number of issues, including:

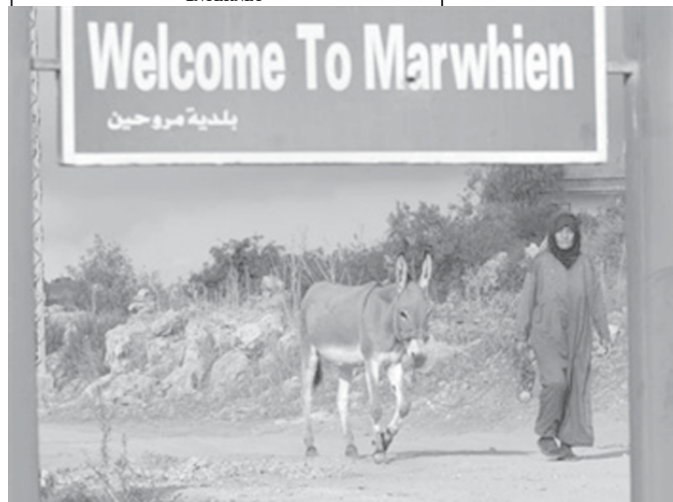
- * economic challenges of tackling climate change
- * alternative low-carbon technologies
- * level of investment from public and private sectors
- * “road map” for a low-carbon future

The Ministerial Dialogue on Climate Change, Clean Energy and Sustainable Development was created by the UK when it held the presidency of the G8 in 2005.

Internet

A Lebanese villager walks in the Marwhien village after Israeli forces withdrew from the village in south Lebanon on 1 Oct, 2006.

INTERNET



The Patrulla Aguila from Spain performs during an aerial exhibition in Parc del Forum at the Patron La Merce Saint Festival party in Barcelona on 1 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET



Miss Czech Republic Tatana Kucharova smiles after she was crowned Miss World 2006 during the 56th Miss World in Warsaw 30 Sept, 2006.—INTERNET

Three US Marines killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Oct — Three US Marines were killed in two incidents on Sunday in the volatile Anbar Province, the US military said on Monday.

Two Marines from a headquarters unit, died of wounds sustained due to “enemy action”, the military said in a statement.

A third Marine, assigned also to the headquarters unit, died of wounds in a non-combat vehicle accident, the statement said.

About 2,710 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai Central Bank Governor agrees to join interim Cabinet

BANGKOK, 3 Oct — Governor of the Bank of Thailand, the central bank, Pridiyathorn Devakul said he agreed to join the interim Cabinet of new Prime Minister General Surayud Chulanont who took office on Sunday, Thai

media reported. Pridiyathorn admitted after meeting Surayud on Monday morning that the new PM has asked him to join his Cabinet, and he had agreed. But “I don’t know what position I will be appointed, it is up to the Prime Minister,” Pridiyathorn was quoted by news network *The Nation* as saying.

Pridiyathorn was once speculated as one of the candidates for the interim PM job before Surayud’s appointment was confirmed by the military ruling council. He was deemed with advantages of clear background, experience on economic and finance issues and “independent” working style in his practice as the Central Bank governor during the past five years.

MNA/Xinhua

Storm death toll in Bangladesh rises to 117

DHAKA, 2 Oct—The death toll in the Bay of Bengal tragedy rose to 117 with one more body recovered Sunday, 12 days after hundreds of fishing-boats were overturned in the bay by storms on the evening of 19 September.

According to Bangladeshi news agency *UNB*, rescuers recovered the decomposed body from south-western Dublachar area of the bay on Sunday.

Missing Navy officer Lieutenant Commander Firoz Kabir is yet to be traced despite hectic search in the last 12 days.

Meanwhile, the fishermen of the coastal areas have started their life anew with fishing as the sea became calm.

Some 25 ships and a helicopter of Navy and Coast Guard are continuing rescue operation.—MNA/Xinhua



Tens of thousands of people rose before the sun on 1 Oct, 2006 to commemorate the 57th anniversary of the dawning of New China at the traditional National Day flag-raising ceremony in Beijing's Tian'anmen Square.—XINHUA



New Thai PM looks for harmony, "people's happiness"

BANGKOK, 3 Oct— Thailand's new Prime Minister started work on Monday with pledges to focus on national reconciliation and "people's happiness" in the wake of last month's military coup against Thaksin Shinawatra. After a blessing

ceremony with a senior monk, retired general and devout Buddhist Surayud Chulanont moved into the Government House offices that have been empty since the 19 September putsch, Thailand's 18th in seven decades of democracy.

In a hint of the troubles that might lie ahead for the respected former Army chief, the stock market slipped amid fears from foreign investors that he will be a puppet of the military, who remain in the fray as a Council for National Security (CNS).

The baht, which fell to

a 6-1/2-week low after billionaire telecoms tycoon Thaksin was deposed, held steady despite comments from Surayud that suggested a focus on healing social divisions before boosting economic growth. "I don't think it will affect the market that badly but it is going to make people think twice before putting money into Thailand because they don't know him, and that is a problem," said Marco Sucharitkul of JP Morgan in Bangkok.

MNA/Reuters

Iran lashes out at new US sanctions bill

TEHRAN, 2 Oct—Iran on Sunday lashed out at a new US bill of sanctions on entities or countries that provide goods or services for Iran's weapons programmes, local *Fars* news agency reported.

Warning Washington against taking "any further steps on its present path," Iranian Parliament Speaker Gholam Ali Haddad Adel said that the US sanctions bill indicated that Washington was still following the same approach towards Teheran and was not inclined towards revising its policies.

He made the remarks at an open session of the Iranian Parliament on Sunday.

The top lawmaker said that the measure proved that US officials "had not yet taken a good lesson from the present conditions dominating the world."

"Such sanctions are more detrimental to the United States than Iran," said Adel, adding that his country was "well familiar with and used to experiencing sanctions."

US President George W Bush on Saturday signed into law a new sanctions bill called Iran Freedom Support Act after the US Senate passed it earlier Saturday.

The Iran Freedom Support Act would sanction any entity that contributes to Iran's capability of acquiring chemical, biological or nuclear weapons.

The legislation formalizes existing economic sanctions against Iran that have been in effect since 1979 and says that the United States shall not reach agreements with governments that are assisting Iran's nuclear programme or transferring weapons or missiles to Iran.

The US sanctions against Iran have remained since the takeover of the US Embassy by Iranian radicals in 1979.

MNA/Xinhua



A young girl poses for photos with the wax figure of Hollywood super star Marilyn Monroe at Madame Tussauds Hong Kong in the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region on 2 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

China's mobile project provides rural maternal and child care

BEIJING, 2 Oct— A project aimed at improving the health of new mothers and their babies in poor rural regions has served hundreds of thousands of women since it was launched three years ago.

The "Healthy Mother Express" project, sponsored by the All-China Women's Federation and National Working Committee on Women and Children, offered training programmes to 255,000 people in 11 provincial regions such as Shaanxi, Guizhou and Tibet.

More than 840,000 people have received health checkups and 76,800 pregnant women and patients have received medical assistance from the project.

MNA/Xinhua

Delhi raises dengue fever alert

LONDON, 2 Oct—Indian health officials have launched a massive drive to contain an outbreak of dengue fever in the capital, Delhi.

Thousands of workers fanned out across the city spraying pesticides as part of a door-to-door campaign on Monday.

The mosquito-borne

disease has claimed 11 lives over the past two weeks and more than 400 people have been affected in and around the capital.

Dengue fever can lead to high fever, with flu-like symptoms, and even to brain haemorrhage.

Delhi's health minister, Yoganand Shastri, has said that if the outbreak is

not contained within the next 24 hours, the authorities will be forced to declare an epidemic.

"We have also started random checks of homes, offices and places where there could be stagnant water," city health official N K Yadav is quoted as saying by the *AFP* news agency.—Internet



A parrot rides a tiny unicycle during a performance at a zoo in Nanjing, east China's Jiangsu Province on 1 Oct, 2006. China is celebrating a week-long National Day holiday, which started on Sunday, a time when millions of Chinese travel to major cities to enjoy cultural attractions or return home to visit relatives and friends.—INTERNET

Los Angeles launches campaign to plant one million trees

LOS ANGELES, 2 Oct—As a campaign is underway to plant one million trees, Los Angeles, the second largest metropolis in the United States, is striving to become the greenest city in the country, authorities said on Sunday.

Known for its freeways and concrete-lined namesake river, Los Angeles, “the dirtiest big city in America, has the opportunity to be the greenest,” Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa said.

Under the slogan of “Live for Today, Plant for Tomorrow,” the campaign will remake Los Angeles in the shade, giving the city more cool, city officials said.

The city has established a special phone line and a website for residents to participate in the campaign.

The campaign will continue over the next several years to capitalize on trees’ air-cleaning, shade-producing benefits.

Organizers, including Board of Public Works Commissioner Paula Daniels, whom Villaraigosa asked to spearhead the project, expect that about half of the trees will be planted on public sites or right-of-ways.

Meanwhile, residents are encouraged to plant trees at their courtyards.—MNA/Xinhua

“Xangsane” claims 12 lives in Vietnam

HANOI, 2 Oct—Typhoon Xangsane, which started to hit Vietnam’s central region early Sunday, has killed 12 local people and injured over 130 others, according to the latest report of the country’s Central Anti-Flood and Storm Committee.

The central localities of Da Nang and Nghe An have suffered the biggest human losses with four deaths each, the committee said, noting that four men in Nghe An were drowned when they were catching fish on rivers and streams, and other victims got killed or

injured mainly when their houses collapsed or trees fell onto them.

The typhoon, the 6th one striking Vietnam

this year, also damaged 5,500 houses, uprooted thousands of trees, and caused widespread blackouts in the four

central coastal localities of Thua Thien Hue, Da Nang, Quang Nam and Quang Ngai.

Now, the typhoon, which has killed 76 people, left 92 missing and injured 81 in the Philippines, is weakening in Vietnam and heading to Laos. However, water levels in all rivers in the central region have been still high, making hundreds of people in some areas be isolated from others, the committee said.

In May, typhoon Chanchu killed or left missing 267 Vietnamese people, according to local media.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman carries wood collected from the beach in Vietnam’s central resort city of Danang on 2 Oct, 2006. Disaster relief officials and residents on Monday cleared fallen trees and debris from the streets of Danang a day after typhoon Xangsane hammered the central coast, killing at least six people.—INTERNET



Sony Picture’s “Open Season” about animals fending off the hunters topped the box office in the US this weekend, raking in about 23 million dollars, figures showed recently.—XINHUA

Seven killed in building collapse in Egypt

CAIRO, 2 Oct—Seven people were killed and nine injured when a four-storey building collapsed in the Nile Delta town of Mansoura on Saturday, Egyptian police said on Sunday.

Rescue workers are lifting the rubble from the site but members of six families who lived in the building have been accounted for, they added.

MNA/Reuters

Gunmen kidnap 26 workers from Baghdad private factory

BAGHDAD, 2 Oct—Unknown gunmen stormed a factory in southwestern Baghdad and kidnapped 26 workers on Sunday, a well-informed police source told Xinhua.

“Unknown armed men in three cars stormed a food factory in al-Amil neighbourhood and kidnapped 26 workers from the factory,” the source said on condition of anonymity.—MNA/Xinhua

Traffic accident kills 30 in S-W China

CHONGQING, 2 Oct—Thirty people have been killed in downtown Chongqing City in southwest China after a city bus ploughed through a bridge guardrail and plunged 30 metres to the river bank below.

The accident occurred in Shapingba District at around 2:00 Sunday afternoon, when a fully loaded commuter bus drove through a guardrail on the Shimen Bridge which connects the areas of Jiangbei and Shapingba, in downtown Chongqing. The bus, which services Route 711, fell on to the dry banks of the Jialing River, a main tributary of the Yangtze River.

MNA/Xinhua

Six hurt in Canada overpass collapse

MONTREAL, 2 Oct—Six people were injured on Saturday after an expressway overpass collapsed in a Montreal suburb, and others could be trapped underneath a tangle of concrete debris, emergency officials said.

Andre Champagne, a spokesman for ambulance service Urgence Sante, told Canada’s LCN television network that three of the victims had serious injuries.

Live video images taken by helicopter and broadcast on LCN showed a large section of the overpass had collapsed, with three vehicles jammed among concrete beams and slabs of asphalt roadbed. A motorcycle also lay atop the massive fallen slab.

Emergency officials could not immediately say whether vehicles were also trapped under the collapsed overpass.

MNA/Reuters

Four more miners rescued from China colliery blast

HARBIN, 2 Oct—Four more miners were pulled out alive Saturday afternoon from a colliery in northeast China where a gas explosion occurred early on Saturday.

The latest rescues bring the total number of miners brought out alive to eight. Rescuers are still searching for 13 other trapped miners.

MNA/Xinhua



A stunt man pulls a car along with steel strip which runs through the skin of his left arm at a temple fair in Hangzhou, on 30 Sept, 2006.—XINHUA



A woman rides past a mural depicting Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez in the town of Sabaneta where Chavez was born, in the western state of Barinas, around 600km (372 miles) from Caracas, on 2 Oct, 2006. Chavez will run for re-election in the December polls.—INTERNET

Mubarak discusses with Jordan's King on Palestinian issue

CAIRO, 2 Oct — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak held a closed-door meeting on Sunday afternoon with visiting Jordanian King Abdullah II on the latest developments on the Palestinian arena, said Egyptian Presidential spokesman Suleiman Awwad.

The Egyptian-Jordanian summit came within the framework of continued consultations between Cairo and Amman on the Arab situation, particularly in the Palestinian territories, Awwad said, quoted by the official news agency MENA.

Mubarak voiced his grave concern over clashes

which erupted earlier in the day in Gaza, underlining that Palestinian infighting was a red line that should not be trespassed, according to the spokesman.

Mubarak, during the summit, stressed Egypt's persistence in continuing its regional and international contacts aiming at pushing forward the stalled Middle East peace process.

Mubarak said it was impossible to "push the international community and big powers to seriously act on relaunching the peace process while the Palestinian infighting is raging," said Awwad.

Mubarak deemed as "decisive" the current moment in the history of

the Palestinian cause, calling for the Palestinians' unity.

It is the only means to tell the international community there was a Palestinian peace partner capable of holding negotiations on the establishment of an independent Palestinian state, Mubarak was quoted by Awwad as saying.

Mubarak and Abdullah II agreed on backing Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, along with offering aid to help in building Palestinian institutions and rendering a success talks on forming a national unity government, said Awwad.

MNA/Xinhua

10 die of dengue in Indian capital

NEW DELHI, 2 Oct — Dengue has claimed 10 lives in Indian capital Delhi this year, where over 400 cases have been recorded, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported Sunday.

The death included an All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) student named Kamal Raj Kiran who died Saturday. He had tested positive for dengue Thursday and was operated on Friday to stem brain haemorrhage but died a day later.

More than 20 people at the hospital, including 14 students and some resident doctors, are afflicted with the disease now. Dengue virus is spread by the bite of the female *Aedes* mosquito, primarily *Aedes Aegypti*, which breeds in stagnant water. — MNA/Xinhua



A Pennsylvania state police helicopter takes off next to the Georgetown school near Lancaster, Pennsylvania, on 2 Oct, 2006. Gunman Charles Carl Roberts opened fire in the school killing three girls and wounding seven others before turning the weapon on himself, police said.—INTERNET

Gas well blowout evacuates 770 people in S-W China

KUNMING, 2 Oct — At least 770 people were evacuated Sunday night after a gas well leakage in southwest China's Yunnan Province, though no casualties were reported, the local government confirmed early on Monday.

The blowout occurred at 7:25 pm at a farm in Luliang County, about 150 kilometers east of the provincial capital Kunming, said a spokesman of the county's publicity department.

A drilling company based in the neighbouring Sichuan Province was digging for a gas well on the Huaqiao Farm, about five kilometres from Luliang's county seat, when natural gas blew out 15 metres high,

the spokesman said. Emergency measures were taken and residents living within one kilometre to the blowout well were immediately evacuated.

MNA/Xinhua

Tanker supplying oil for US forces attacked in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 2 Oct — An oil tanker carrying oil for US forces in Afghanistan was attacked at a Pakistani border crossing, and the driver was injured, Pakistan border security forces said on Sunday.

The tanker caught fire at the Pakistani border town of Chaman in southwestern Baluchistan Province, and no one has claimed responsibility for the attack, local Geo TV reported. The report said Taleban has claimed responsibility for such attacks inside Afghanistan in the past. Taleban had demanded drivers from Pakistan not to deliver oil for US-led coalition forces in Afghanistan.

Oil tankers are loaded at the Pakistani southern port city of Karachi, from where oil is routinely shipped to Kandahar for US-led coalition forces in Afghanistan.

Tankers carrying oil for United States and coalition forces were also targeted in the past. — MNA/Xinhua

Moderate quake jolts southern Peru

WASHINGTON, 2 Oct — A moderate earthquake shook southern Peru on Saturday, the US Geological Survey said.

The magnitude 5.7 quake hit at 11:26 a.m. (1626 GMT) at a depth of 66.8 miles (107.5 kilometres), said the agency's National Earthquake Information Centre in Denver.

The epicentre was located some 360 miles (580 kilometres) southeast of the capital Lima, the centre's website said.

The quake was felt strongest in Peru's second city, Arequipa. A police spokesman told *Reuters* some residents ran out of their homes in surprise but

there was no damage or injuries.

"It was a strong one but brief and the alarm passed quickly," the spokesman said.

The nearby Cerro Verde copper mine, owned by US-based Phelps Dodge, was unaffected by the quake, a mine supervisor said.

Arequipa's last deadly earthquake was in June 2001, when 50 people were killed across southern Peru and the colonial city centre was badly damaged.

MNA/Reuters



An aerial view shows destroyed roofs after a tornado struck the eastern German village of Quirla on 2 Oct, 2006. Three people of the village were slightly injured and the roofs of 22 houses got destroyed when a tornado struck Quirla, some 25 km (16 miles) east of the German city of Jena.—INTERNET

World Teachers' Day and the role of Myanmar teachers

Saw Aung (Education)

In her presentation at the United Nations' conference on children sector held in New York, USA, in May 2002, Canadian student Nikki Sanchez Hood, 15, said that there needed good teachers capable of enabling students to make self-criticism and know what is going on in the world and helping set up an intra-school organization. What they needed were good teachers, she added.

Such UN agencies as UNESCO, ILO, UNDP and UNICEF issued a joint statement, urging to designate the 5th of October as World Teachers' Day with the aim of raising the awareness of the decreasing number of teachers and honouring good teachers who play a key role in helping people to lead a peaceful life in future.

In the Myanmar society, in gratitude, the social status of a teacher is placed on the same level together with the Buddha, the Dhamma (Teachings of the Buddha), Members of the Buddhist Order and the parents. It is because of the attributes of teachers.

The duties of the teacher to the pupils are:

- to train and nurture them in the discipline

- to impart instruction which is esteemed by them
 - to teach them every suitable arts and science
 - to introduce them to their friends and associates, and
 - to provide for their safety in every way.
- A teacher is also a person who does not discriminate in favour or against any pupils and who is equipped with great goodwill, loving-kindness, compassion and sympathetic joy in teaching and nurturing the pupils.

In the Myanmar society, a teacher is regarded as a person, who is accorded adoration, reverence and due respect and who is held in the highest esteem by the pupils, and on whom the pupils place reliance. The motto designated for the year 2004 was "Quality Teacher for quality education".

The word "quality" is defined variously. In the education field, quality education calls for quality teacher, learners, sufficient time, teaching environment,

subjects, teaching methods, teaching and learning aids, management and meaningful achievements. Overall, they are performance indicators. So, a high pass rate is not the only requirement for the quality education.

In the international education field, there is an aphorism that quality education depends much on the quality of teachers. It is because teachers play a vital role in the academic processes. Indeed, a teacher has to serve as an organizer, a leader, a trainer or a guide, an exemplar, and one who implements educational tasks.

In the 21st Century, teachers who are building a modern and developed nation through education should no longer be complacent about their status of being one of the Five Infinite Venerables, and should catch up with the changes to effectively nurture and teach the pupils to become leaders of the nation in future.

Myanmar teachers are exhorted to take a vow to strictly adhere to the guardian system on the fifth World Teachers' Day which falls on 5 October 2006 — to promote teaching quality laid down by the Ministry of Education, to improve curricula and syllabuses, to effectively utilize language labs, multimedia teaching centres, and teaching and learning aids, to enforce school disciplines, to uplift morale and morality of the students, to ensure regular attendance of the students, and to ensure meeting 75 per cent of attendance of the students.

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ESA says record ozone loss over Antarctica this year

PARIS, 3 Oct — A satellite has detected record losses of ozone over Antarctica this year, the European Space Agency (ESA) said on Monday, further damaging the shield that protects the Earth from cancer-causing ultraviolet rays.

In the past decade, the level of ozone in the Earth's atmosphere has fallen by about 0.3 per cent, increasing the risk of skin cancer, cataracts and harm to marine life, ESA added.

The presence of a hole in the ozone layer over the Antarctica was first recognized in 1985. The World Meteorological Organization (WMO) said earlier this month that the hole was nearing its record size of 29 million square kilometres (11.20 million square miles) set in 2000.

The depth of the hole, however, was greater this year than in 2000, bringing the amount of lost ozone to 40 million tons on 2 October, beating 2000's record of 39 million tons, ESA said in a statement.

The ozone loss over Antarctica is calculated by measuring the hole's area and depth.

"Such significant ozone loss requires very low temperatures in the stratosphere combined with sunlight," ESA Atmospheric Engineer Claus Zehner said.

"This year's extreme loss of ozone can be explained by the temperatures above Antarctica reaching the lowest recorded in the area since 1979," Zehner added. — *MNA/Reuters*



Actors prepare for theatrical performances at a temple fair in Hangzhou, on 30 Sept, 2006. — XINHUA



Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects Win Thuzar Shop in Nyaungnnapin Camp. — MNA



Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects bookshop in Nyaungnnapin Camp. — MNA

Commander, CEC member attend AGM, ceremony to open USDA's new office



Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min attend the opening of new building for Bago Division Union Solidarity and Development Association. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — Bago Division Union Solidarity and Development Association opened its new office in conjunction with alms donation ceremony in Toungoo yesterday.

Present on the occasion were Kyarnikan Monastery Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavasaka Pandita Bhaddanta Suriya and members of the Sangha,

Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, CEC member of USDA Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister U Pe Than, Col Thein Tun of Southern Command, secretary of Bago Division USDA U Saw Maw Tun, joint-secretary U Nyi Nyi

Myint and executives, members and outstanding students.

First, CEC member of USDA Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min formally opened the new office while Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko unveiled the signboard of the office.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min made speeches on the

occasion. Afterwards, the commander and the minister gave prizes to organizers, participants who supported in rural development tasks and outstanding students.

Afterwards, they attended a ceremony to present membership applications, extended greetings and accepted membership applications on the occasion. — MNA

Athletes of Ministry of Finance and Revenue honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — Footballers of Myanmar football team that won the Merdeka Cup and outstanding athletes were honoured at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue here on 1 October.

Present were Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win, Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, officials and athletes.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun spoke on the occasion.

The minister, his wife and officials presented gifts to six footballers who took part in the 38th Merdeka Cup and outstanding athletes. Next, Soe Myat Min, the captain of the Myanmar football team, spoke words of thanks and dinner was hosted. — MNA

Coord meeting of Myanmar Insurance held

YANGON, 3 Oct — The second coordination meeting of Myanmar Insurance (Head Office) and States/Divisions/Districts Insurance Offices under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue for 2006-07 was held at the meeting hall of its headoffice this morning, attended by Managing Director U Thein Lwin of Myanmar Insurance and officials.

The managing director made an opening address and officials from States/Divisions/Districts Insurance Offices submitted second-four monthly reports to the meeting. Officials concerned made supplementary reports. The coordination meeting continues tomorrow.

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Deputy Minister for PBANRDA arrives back

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe arrived back here by air on 2 October after attending the second ASEAN Plus Three High-level Workshop on

Poverty Eradication held at Beijing, the People's Republic of China, from 25 to 29 September.

The meeting was attended by representatives of ASEAN Plus Three and Asian Development Bank.

The deputy minister acted as the member of the Panel of

Chairmen at the second session of the meeting and reported on poverty eradication tasks being carried out in Myanmar.

Director U Aye Lwin of Progress of Border Areas and National Races Development Department also arrived back here on the same flight.

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Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe at ASEAN Plus Three High-level Workshop on Poverty Eradication in Beijing. — MNA

Filling station in Pakokku inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected storage and distribution of fuel at the storage and distribution branch of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise in Pakokku on 1 October.

Branch manager reported on storage and distribution of fuel. The minister gave instructions on capacity of fuel tanks and transport system, and inspected fuel tanks and measures undertaken for security and fire prevention.

He also inspected No 0352 filling station in Pakokku. — *MNA*



Energy Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi meeting with officials of Storage & Distribution Branch of Myanmar Petroleum Products Enterprise in Pakokku. — ENERGY

Seven Myanmar students win scholarships of PSB Academy



Engineering Undergraduate Scholarships Award winners seen together with Ambassador of Singapore Mr Robert Chua and Senior Vice-President & Principal of PSB Academy Ms Lee Beng Choo.

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YANGON, 3 Oct — PSB Academy of Singapore and New castle University of Australia presented scholarships award worth S \$ 205,000 to seven Myanmar students at Sedona Hotel here on 25 September.

The ceremony was organized by OEC Educational Services in Yangon.

The scholarships were awarded for four-year electronic engineering course at the PSB Academy in Singapore and it is recognized by engineering societies in Singapore and Australia. Myanmar scholarship award winners are Ma Seinn Mya Aye, Ma Shan Lun Kyein, Maung Wai Moe Kyaw, Maung Khine

Zaw Lwin, Maung Zeyar Lin, Ma Tin Nwe Aye and Maung Nay Myo Han.

Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore Mr Robert Chua and Senior Vice-President and Principal of PSB Academy Ms Lee Beng Choo presented the scholarships to the students.

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Military Attaché of Republic of Korea Col Lee Noe Chan welcomes Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence at National Day and Armed Forces Day reception of Republic of Korea on 3 October. — MNA

Over 120 members of MHMF become USDA members



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw accepts applications for USDA membership from Secretary of Myanmar Hiking and Mountaineering Federation. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — Patron of Mandalay Division Union Solidarity and Development Association Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Secretariat Member of USDA Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw on 30 September accepted membership applications for USDA from Myanmar Hiking and Mountaineering Federation in Mandalay. On behalf of members of the federation, Secretary of

MHMF presented 126 applications to Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw met with members of Mandalay Industrial Zone Committee and attended to the needs for the industrial development of the zone.

On 1 October, the minister went to the construction site of building Yadanabon Myothit in Pyin Oo Lwin Township and inspected construction tasks

of Teleport Building and the site chosen for building Incubation Centre. The minister called for timely completion of work and fulfilled the requirements.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw attended a work coordination meeting for construction of Yadanabon Myothit held at his office today and discussed with officials concerned matters on housing, greening tasks, water and electricity supply and communication work for the new city. — *MNA*

Shwe Naing Ngan Journal Vol 5 No 10 comes out

YANGON, 3 Oct — Shwe Naing Ngan Journal Vol 5 No 10 has been published and distributed to the readers today.

The journal features news on Myanmar known as the Golden Land, puppet experts who opposed colonialists first, biodiesel is in vogue, focus on entertainment and E-book, ski sports, interesting sea beaches, a article written by Myat Khine. The journal carries articles, special news and varieties of news.

News and manuscripts can be sent to Shwe Naing Ngan Journal, Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Street (Ph-382070). — *MNA*

All to march towards the goal enlisting the strength of people

Special Refresher Course No 7 for faculty members opens

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — A ceremony to open Special Refresher Course No 7 for faculty members of universities and colleges was held at the Yadana Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division yesterday morning. On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Kyaw Soe,



Education Minister Dr Chan Nyein delivers an address at opening of Special Refresher Course No 7 for Faculty Members at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar). — MNA

members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, departmental heads, Rector of CICS (Upper Myanmar) U Aung Hsan Win, and the heads of department, course instructors and trainee faculty members.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein

said that it is incumbent upon the education sector to contribute its shares in bringing about national development and putting the national interest on the right track. All round development is to be realized through the strenuous efforts of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Efforts are to be made on the basis of the education sector for

sector of today is immense and extensive. That is why all the faculty members are to make relentless efforts for national development through the education sector.

To bring about national development and strong national economy, to meet the food, clothing and shelter needs of the people and to enhance the education, economic and social standards, the government has laid down political, economic and social objectives and is implementing them. In doing so, it has laid down and is implementing national projects at the respective sectors. As a result, different parts of the nation are seeing remarkable development.

Thanks to

prevalence of peace and stability coupled with national unity and strong national economy, the country is in the process of transition to democracy.

Based on the fine traditions of today's prevailing situation, all are to march towards the goal enlisting the strength of people in the country.

While facing interference in internal affairs and countering the disturbances of other countries and building and defending the country with the strength of people, faculty members and people are also to safeguard and promote the integrity of the nation.

It is the duty of the faculty members to nurture intellectuals and

intelligentsia who can promote and safeguard the country's interests.

In conclusion, the minister urged faculty members to strive for the promotion of education standard as part of an effort for perpetuation of the State as a sovereign nation and to participate in implementing the tasks for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation with Union Spirit and Patriotic Spirit.

After the opening ceremony, the minister cordially greeted the trainees. A total of 874 faculty members of universities and colleges in Upper Myanmar are attending the four-week course. — MNA

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Foreign Affairs Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu (L) being welcomed by Ambassador of Republic of Korea Mr Lee Ju Heum at National Day and Armed Forces Day Reception of Republic of Korea on 3 October.

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development of such sectors as agriculture, farming, industry, production, commerce, transport, management and services to be in line with the advancement of science and technology.

The government has laid down and is systematically implementing the national education promotion plan for uplift of the education standards of the entire nation and for the emergence of a constant learning society. Tasks and duties of the education

Heroin, stimulant tablets worth K 1,877.82 million seized in Tachilek Township

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — An army unit led by an officer of the local battalion that is discharging security duty in Shan State (East) on their way back to Tachilek yesterday bumped into two suspicious-looking persons each riding a

motorcycle near Adee village, and intercepted them.

The two managed to escape crossing a nearby river. However, the authorities who were in hot pursuit of the two found a bag hidden in bushes. Contained in the

bag were 67 blocks of heroin weighing 45 kilos mingled with rice and 520 stimulant tablets bearing "WY" letters. The worth of seized heroin is estimated at K 1,876 million and stimulant tablets at K 1.82 million.

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Group of Nationalities Affairs holds educative talks

YANGON, 3 Oct — An educative talk, organized by Group of Nationalities Affairs of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at the central training school of education and training department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Dagon Myothit (North) yesterday.

Present on the occasion were leader of group of Nationalities Affairs Daw Kyin Khine and responsible personnel of MWAFF Headquarters. A total of 233 nationals attended the talks.

First, leader of group of Nationalities

Affairs Daw Kyin Khine talked on salient points of the federation. Next, Professor of History Department Dr Daw Aye Aye Ngon also discussed salient points of traditional cultures of Chin nationals.

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Leader of Group of Nationalities Affairs Daw Kyin Khine briefs on Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation. — MNA



Floral Arrangement Course concludes



President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Khin Win presents a concluding certificate to a trainee of floral arrangement course No 1/2006. — MNA

YANGON, 3 Oct — Floral Arrangement Course No 1/2006 of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association concluded today at Multi-purpose Building of MMCWA here.

At the concluding ceremony, CEC member of MMCWA Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt delivered an closing address and President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win presented certificates to trainees through a representative. Trainees donated cash to Childhood Development Centre of MMCWA through Secretary of MMCWA Daw Wai Wai Tha. A total of 27 trainees attended the course. After the ceremony, the Chairperson of MMCWA and party viewed floral arrangements of the trainees.

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Workshop on Rural Energy Technologies held

YANGON, 3 Oct — Workshop on Rural Energy Technologies jointly sponsored by the Myanmar Engineering Association and the Energy Planning Department of the Ministry of Energy was held at the MEA building on Hlaing Campus this morning.

Chairman of MEA U Than Myint, Director-General of the Energy and Resource Institute (TERI)

of India Dr RK Pachauri and Director of EPD U Aye Kyaw made speeches on the occasion.

Next, Resource Person Mr Sunil Dhingra of TERI presented paper on Biomass Energy Technology: Potential and Opportunities, Rural Electrification Through Biomass Gasifier, Resource Person U Tun Naing Aung of MEA paper on Biomass Gasifier in Myanmar, Resource

Person Daw Mi Sanda Mon paper on Recent Researches in Biomass Gasifier and Resource Person U Tin Nyein paper on Co Generation By Biogasifier For Biodiesel Processing and replied to queries raised by those present.

It was also attended by Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra, executives of MEA, members of MEA and guests. — MNA

Director-General of Energy and Resource Institute (TERI) of India Dr RK Pachauri delivers an address at Workshop on Rural Energy Technologies. — MNA



Miss Royal gold soap 2006 contest and prize presentation ceremony held



Contestants of Miss Royal gold soap 2006. — MNA

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sons of Excel Co Ltd presented first prize to Ma Zin Zin, second to Ma Aye Myat Zaw Lin and third to Ma Shwe Yi Phyo Ei. Seven special prizes and 10 consolation prizes were also presented. — MNA

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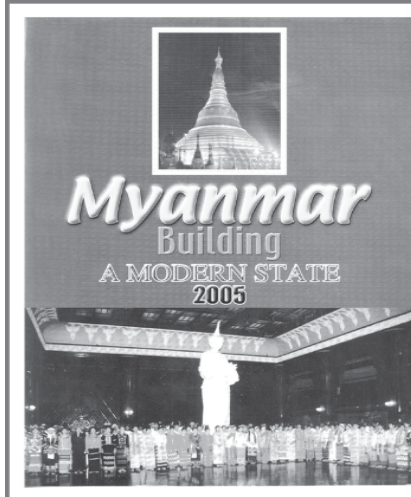
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All Banks will be closed on 6th October (Friday), 2006, being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.
Central Bank of Myanmar

Guangdong's foreign trade reaches \$325b in 1st eight months

GUANGZHOU, 2 Oct—The bustling Guangdong Province in south China reported foreign trade totalling 325 billion US dollars in the first eight months of this year, up 24.8 per cent from the same period of last year.

Figures from the local Customs office show imports were up 20.3 per cent to 140.9 billion US dollars, while the exports rose 28.5 per cent to 184.1 billion US dollars. Its foreign trade reached record high of 48 billion US dollars in the month of August. Hong Kong, the United States, the European Union, Japan and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations were Guangdong's top five trading partners. During the eight months, the province ranks first in foreign trade followed by Jiangsu, Shanghai and Beijing.

During the first eight months, China's foreign trade reached a record of 1,104.6 billion US dollars, up 23.9 from the same period last year. —MNA/Xinhua

Shanghai Zoo bans commercial performances of animals

SHANGHAI, 2 Oct—Shanghai Zoo is banning the exploitation of animals for commercial performances, local media reported on Saturday.

"We should change our thinking from the use of animals for commercial purpose to their real protection," Xiong Chengpei, head of the zoo, was quoted as saying by the *Oriental Morning Post*.

The zoo would hold educational science exhibitions instead of staging recreational "stunt shows" with animals, he said. The sea lion show would continue, but would focus on science education. "The zoo will depend mainly on ticket sales for revenue after the commercial activities cease," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



International amateur actors re-enact a scene from the battle for the fortress near the town of Shumen, some 350 km (217 miles) east from the Bulgarian capital Sofia, on 1 Oct, 2006. Bulgaria celebrates the anniversary of the battle as part of the liberation struggle against the Ottoman Empire 562 years ago.—INTERNET

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A man wearing traditional outfit holds a sign offering "kan xiang," or face-reading, at a street corner in Shanghai on 2 Oct, 2006. Face-reading, said to reveal a person's past and future, is a popular practice in China.—INTERNET

China to increase train speed to 200 km per hour in 2007

BEIJING, 2 Oct—China will launch a nationwide railway speed acceleration in 2007, the 6th in nine years, with train speed reaching 200 kilometres per hour for the first time, said sources with the Ministry of Railways.

Minister Liu Zhijun said China has finished the renovation of the 102-year-old Jiaoji Railway to make it allow trains to run at a speed of 200

kilometres per hour.

The railway, built in 1904, stretches 380 kilometres from Ji'nan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, to the province's coastal city, Qingdao.

On 29 September, it took only one hour and 53 minutes for the first experimental train, made in China, to cover 342 kilometres on that railway, at an average speed of 181.6 kilometres per hour.

"The success of the experimental train on the Jiaoji Railway shows that China has managed the technology to raise train speed to 200 kilometres per hour on existing rails," said the minister.

The nationwide speed raise will boost China's transport capacity, and priority should be to ensure safe operation, said Liu. — MNA/Xinhua

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Two US scientists win Nobel Prize in medicine

STOCKHOLM, 2 Oct — US scientists Andrew Fire and Craig Mello won the Nobel Prize in physiology or medicine Monday for discovering a powerful way to turn off the effect of specific genes, opening potential new paths for disease treatment.



Craig Mello (R) and Andrew Fire

"This year's Nobel laureates have discovered a fundamental mechanism for controlling the flow of genetic information," the jury declared.

Fire and Mello's discoveries offer "exciting possibilities" for use in gene technology, said the

prize-giving body, the Nobel Assembly of Stockholm's Karolinska Institute. Fire, 47, of Stanford University, and Mello, 45, of the University of Massachusetts Medical School, showed through

experiments with nematode worms that a particular form of ribonucleic acid, or RNA, can "silence" or switch off targeted genes in a process known as RNA interference. Their discovery

was published in 1998.

"RNA interference" is already being widely used in basic science as a method to study the function of genes and it is being studied as a treatment for infections such as the AIDS and hepatitis viruses and for other conditions, including heart disease and cancer.

Internet

Four die in mystery radio explosions in S Sudan

JUBA (Sudan), 2 Oct—Four people have been killed in south Sudan when explosives-laden radios and electronic equipment blew up, police said.

Police called for vigilance and said they had launched an investigation.

Three people died in the southern capital Juba on Friday after one person was killed in a similar blast on Thursday in Lainya, west of Juba.

"My brother bought the radio receiver that killed him — here in Juba and left for Lainya.

I was told by phone that on arrival he turned the radio on and was listening to one of his favourite stations when the radio blew up," said Alex Wani.

Police patrols discovered 10 more electronic devices containing explosives in Juba's markets. They said the vendors appeared to be unaware of the explosives.

"We were able to detect some TNT from 10 small radio receivers and tape recorders," Captain Daniel Barnaba, who commanded the patrols, told Reuters.

Police said they did not know the motive for the blasts and did not believe those killed had been targeted individually.

"We were already informed earlier that some of the terrorists had smuggled some explosives here in the south, and we are still tracing them," a senior security officer said, asking not to be named.

MNA/Reuters

3b yuan earmarked to support China's SMEs in 2006

BEIJING, 2 Oct— The central government has earmarked 3 billion yuan (375 million US dollars) this year to help the development of small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), said Vice-Minister of Finance Zhu Zhigang.

The minister told a national SMEs working

conference that between 2006 and 2010, his ministry was considering adopting preferential tax policy toward the SMEs and create favourable conditions for them in raising funds.

He said the ministry would guarantee that the SMEs get certain pro-

portion of government procurement during the country's 11th Five-Year (2006-2010) plan period.

MNA/Xinhua

China reports new bird flu outbreak in Inner Mongolia

BEIJING, 2 Oct — An outbreak of bird flu has been identified in north China's Inner Mongolian Autonomous Region, according to the Ministry of Agriculture (MOA).

The national avian influenza laboratory confirmed that the H5N1 virus was found in samples of the dead poultry in Xincheng Village, Baotou City.

MNA/Xinhua



Computer monitors are seen at Tai Long Wan's beach in Sai Kung, Hong Kong on 1 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

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Two Young goals hand Watford deserved point in thriller

LONDON, 3 Oct—Midfielder Ashley Young laid on the first goal and scored two more, including a late equalizer, to give Watford a 3-3 draw with Fulham in a Premier League thriller at Vicarage Road on Monday. Watford led 2-0 with 20 minutes to go and looked set to notch their first win and climb out of the relegation zone but defender Damien Francis's 87th-minute own goal looked to have won the match for Fulham before Young's last-gasp equalizer.

The home side went in front midway through the first half when Young's perfectly weighted chip into the box was met by striker Marlon King, who ran between two defenders to ram the ball home.

Young raced in at the far post to score his first Premier League goal less than half a minute into the second half from Hameur Bouazza's low cross from the left to make it 2-0.

Substitute Brian McBride pulled one back for Fulham in the 71st minute when former Watford forward Heidar Helguson headed Wayne Routledge's cross into the US striker's path.

Helguson equalized with a close-range header seven minutes from time after substitute Tomasz Radzinski did well to pull a high ball back from the goalline into the six-yard box.

The Iceland forward then looked set to put Fulham ahead in a goalmouth melee only for Francis to stab an attempted clearance into the net and put the visitors ahead.—MNA/Reuters



Greece's Eleni Daniilidou who is seized by a cramp on her left leg, falls on the floor after she beat Japan's Ai Sugiyama at the final match of the Hansol Korea Open Tennis Championships in Seoul on 1 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Serb soccer boss killed in Gangland-style hit

BELGRADE, 3 Oct—A Serbian soccer club owner who was a witness in the 2000 attempted murder of then Serbian opposition leader Vuk Draskovic was killed by a remote-controlled bomb on Monday morning.

Goran Mijatovic, 35, owner of First-Division FK Bezanija, died along with his bodyguard when a bomb exploded in a stolen car that had been parked next to his. The blast rattled windows in the Belgrade suburb of Bezanija, damaging several cars.

Mijatovic was the second witness in a high-profile trial to be killed in Belgrade since June. A top witness in the trial for the March 2003 assassination

of Serbian Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic was found handcuffed, tortured and burned. He was the second witness in the Djindjic trial to be killed.

Djindjic was allegedly killed by a cabal of underworld and secret police hardliners as revenge for arresting toppled former president Slobodan Milosevic and extraditing him to The Hague war crimes tribunal, and in order to prevent democratic reform.



Velez Sarsfield's Mauro Zarate celebrates scoring his team's second goal against Boca Juniors during their Argentine First Division soccer match in Buenos Aires on 1 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

No complaints from Beckham about Real Madrid bench role

MADRID, 3 Oct—Real Madrid midfielder David Beckham said he has no complaints about being consigned to the bench for his side's last four matches.

The former England captain has lost his place in the Real starting lineup since the arrival of Jose Antonio Reyes from Arsenal but has yet to voice his discontent about the situation. "I can't complain because I'm not in the starting lineup," the 31-year-old was quoted as saying in the Spanish media on Monday. "There are a lot of players on the bench who are in the same circumstances.

"I will have to adapt to the new situation and work hard to win Capello's confidence. Reyes is a fantastic player and I can understand why he is playing." —MNA/Reuters



Sturm Graz's Gregorz Szamotulski saves a penalty by Wacker Tirol's Theo Gruener during their 10th round Austrian soccer league match in Innsbruck on 1 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Germany's Asamoah berates racist fans

BERLIN, 3 Oct—Germany striker Gerald Asamoah, who faced racist chants from fans at a German cup match in the eastern city of Rostock last month, said racist supporters had ruined the country's image abroad.

"Many people abroad associate Germany with racism," the 27-year-old Schalke 04 and national player told Kicker soccer magazine. "The World Cup astounded the world that the Germans could be different. Even the people of Ghana were pleased."

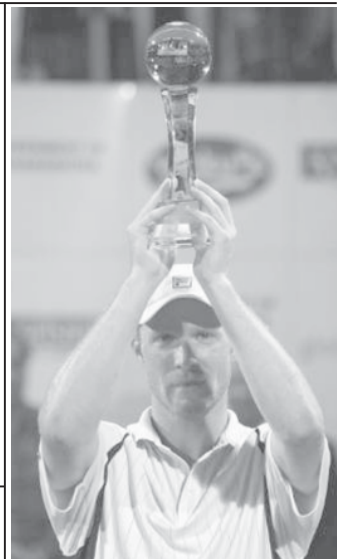
The German football association (DFB) fined Hansa Rostock's regional league side 20,000 euros (25,410 US dollars) last month after their fans chanted racist slogans at Asamoah, a German national who emigrated to Germany as a child.—MNA/Reuters

50 Indonesian athletes to be sent to Cuba for training

JAKARTA, 3 Oct—The Indonesian Government will send 50 young athletes from various sports to Cuba for training as part of bilateral cooperation with the Caribbean country, State Minister of Youth and Sports Affairs Adhyaksa Dault said Monday.

"The athletes are from athletics, boxing, fencing, gymnastics and volleyball. These are sports in which Cuba has world-class achievement," Antara news agency quoted Adhyaksa as saying.

"We will also send officials and coaches to accompany the young athletes." —MNA/Xinhua



Russia's Dmitry Tursunov holds up the trophy after winning against Czech Republic's Tomas Berdych in the final of the Mumbai Open tennis tournament in Mumbai on 2 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Philippines to send 362 to Doha Asian Games

MANILA, 3 Oct—Philippine Asian Games Task Force has submitted the final list of athletes and officials going to the 15th Asian Games held on 1 to 15 December in Doha, Qatar, local media reported on Tuesday.

Of the total of 362 delegates leaving for the quadrennial meet, 240 of them are athletes, according to a report by The Manila Bulletin. "More or less we have 240 athletes going to Doha," said Ritchie Garcia, Philippine Sports Commissioner. —MNA/Xinhua

Knifeman held at Blair's London residence

LONDON, 3 Oct — An intruder armed with a knife was arrested after scaling a wall and getting into a secure area of British Prime Minister Tony Blair's official London residence, police said on Monday.

The man was apprehended after he scaled a fence from a road open to the public at the back of 10 Downing Street into what officials describe as the building's outer secure area.

"As he got to the other side he was immediately challenged by an officer and arrested following a short struggle,"

a London police spokesman said.

Although the man was found to be carrying a knife, described by media reports as a large kitchen knife, police said they did not think the incident had any terrorism link. The man's motive was not yet clear.

"We are satisfied that at no time the Prime Min-

ister was at risk," the spokesman said.

The man was arrested on suspicion of affray and assault on a police officer and was taken to a central London police station for further questioning.

There was no comment from Blair's office. The BBC reported the Prime Minister was at the

property at the time.

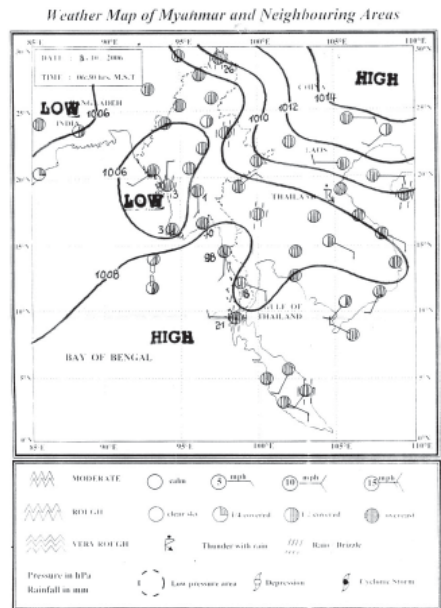
Police said a review into security arrangements would be conducted.

MNA/Reuters

14 kidnapped by gunmen in E Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 3 Oct — Unknown gunmen wearing police commando uniforms kidnapped 14 people from a market in eastern Baghdad on Monday, a well-informed Interior Ministry source told Xinhua. "Gunmen in seven sport utility vehicles, usually used by Iraqi police, stormed several shops selling computer appliances in the Sina'a Street, and seized 14 people," the source said on condition of anonymity.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 3 October, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State and Mandalay Division, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, fairly widespread in Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfall in Kayah State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (3.86) inches, Hpa-an (3.38) inches, Yangon (Central) (3.34) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.75) inches, Gyobingauk (2.64) inches, Bago (3.86) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.24) inches, Hmawby (2.20) inches and Thaton (1.73) inches.

Maximum temperature on 2-10-2006 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 3-10-2006 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 3-10-2006 was (100%). Total sunshine hours on 2-10-2006 was (5.5) hours approx. Rainfalls on 3-10-2006 were (2.24) inches at Mingaladon and (2.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (3.34) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (95.67) inches at Mingaladon and (108.53) inches at Kaba-Aye and (112.40) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (15) mph from West at (22:25) hours MST on 2-10-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 4-10-2006: Weather will be partly cloudy in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 4-10-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 4-10-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 4-10-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Xie Feng (C Front), designer of the label Jefen, extends his thanks after the catwalk show of Jefen at Louvre in Paris, on 1 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET



Wednesday, 4 October
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော် သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တပိဏ္ဍသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက</p> <p>8:25 am</p> <p>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>	<p>8:30 am</p> <p>8. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>9. Let's Go</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. အစေ့သင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သင်္ချာ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (သင်္ချာ)</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. Song of national races</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား</p> <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>6. Classical song</p> <p>5:25 pm</p> <p>7. "ချစ်သောမြေ ချစ်သောရေ" (ရာဇာဓနဝင်း၊ နိုင်နင်းဝေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>8. ရွှေယံစုံလင်အဆီယံအစီအစဉ်</p> <p>5:45 pm</p> <p>9. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ဇော်မောင်စော၊ နေအောင်ကလ)</p>
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Wednesday, 4 October
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:
-Bring me to life

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:
-I count the minutes

8:50 am National news & Slogan

9:00 am Music:
-So magical

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:
-Black coffee

1:30 pm News & Slogan

1:40 pm Lunchtime music
-You sang to me
-May be
-Sail on
-Do I

9:00 pm Variations on a tune
-Will you still love me tomorrow
-Heler Shappino
-Dave Mason,
-Lauran Branigan

9:15 pm Article

9:25 pm Music at your request
-Baby come to me
-If you walk away
-The gift

9:45 pm News & Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

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Shan State (North)'s delegates to NC arrive

YANGON, 3 Oct — Delegates to the National Convention from Shan State (North) arrived here by air today to participate in the National Convention.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Invitation and Accommodation Sub-Committee of National Convention Convening Management Committee Col Htein Linn and members of the sub-committee. The delegates were conveyed to Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township where the National Convention will be reconvened. — MNA



Delegates from Shan State (North) to National Convention being welcomed at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

KNDP condemns and protests against act of US as it is merely interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using UN as a tool

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Oct — *The Karenni National Democratic Party (KNDP), on 30 September, issued declaration on its stance on the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.*

The following is the full text of the declaration:

The declaration of Karenni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Naga Group) on its stance on decision to put Myanmar on UNSC agenda

30 September 2006

1. Due to the submission of the permanent US representative to the UN that Myanmar situation was 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. The Karenni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Naga Group) has returned to the legal fold and has been taking part in regional development drives in Kayah State hand in hand with the government. As a result, such fruitful result of peace as development in the region, community peace and

tranquillity and educational development among youth are being witnessed.

3. Peace prevails throughout the country and there can be seen developments in various regions to some extent like our state. Therefore, there is no reason to believe that Myanmar is posing a threat to regional stability.
4. Moreover, we believe the enduring State Constitution will emerge in the near future as the National Convention is in progress with all strata of life.
5. Therefore, KNDP hereby declares that it condemns and protests against the act of the United State as it is merely interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN as a tool.

Vice-Chairman
KNDP
MNA

INSIDE

Myanmar teachers are exhorted to take a vow to strictly adhere to the guardian system on the fifth World Teachers' Day which falls on 5 October 2006 — to promote teaching quality laid down by the Ministry of Education, to improve curricula and syllabuses, to effectively utilize language labs, multimedia teaching centres, and teaching and learning aids, to enforce school disciplines, to uplift morale and morality of the students, to ensure regular attendance of the students, and to ensure meeting 75 per cent of attendance of the students.

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