

Devotees perform meritorious deeds dedicated to Lord Buddha on Abhidhamma Day

YANGON, 6 Oct — Today is the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Abhidhamma Day) which is one of the significant days of Buddhists.

In the morning, Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees organized a ceremony to donate 'soon' to Buddha images at the Pagoda. Next, a ceremony to share merits gained for offering 'soon' to Buddha images was held at the prayer hall on the platform of the pagoda. It was attended by members of the Sangha, mem-

bers of the pagoda board of trustees and devotees.

A Buddha Pujaniya was held at the pagoda to mark the end of Buddhist lent.

Likewise, the pagoda board of trustees offered flowers, water, lights and fruits to Sule Pagoda.

In the afternoon, members of religious associations recited Parittas and religious verses.

In the evening, members of the Sule Pagoda board of trustees and wellwishers lit 5,000 oil lamps dedicated to the

Lord Buddha, on the platform of the pagoda.

At Botahtaung Kyaikdae-at Pagoda, the pagoda board of trustees offered flowers, water, lights, 'soon' and joss sticks to Maha Muni Buddha Image.

Religious associations offered fruits and lights to the Sule Pagoda.

To mark the Abhidhamma Day, a ceremony to present alms to Ovadaçariya Sayadaws of Tooth Relic Pagoda (Yangon) was held.

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Platform of Shwedagon Pagoda packed with pilgrims on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.

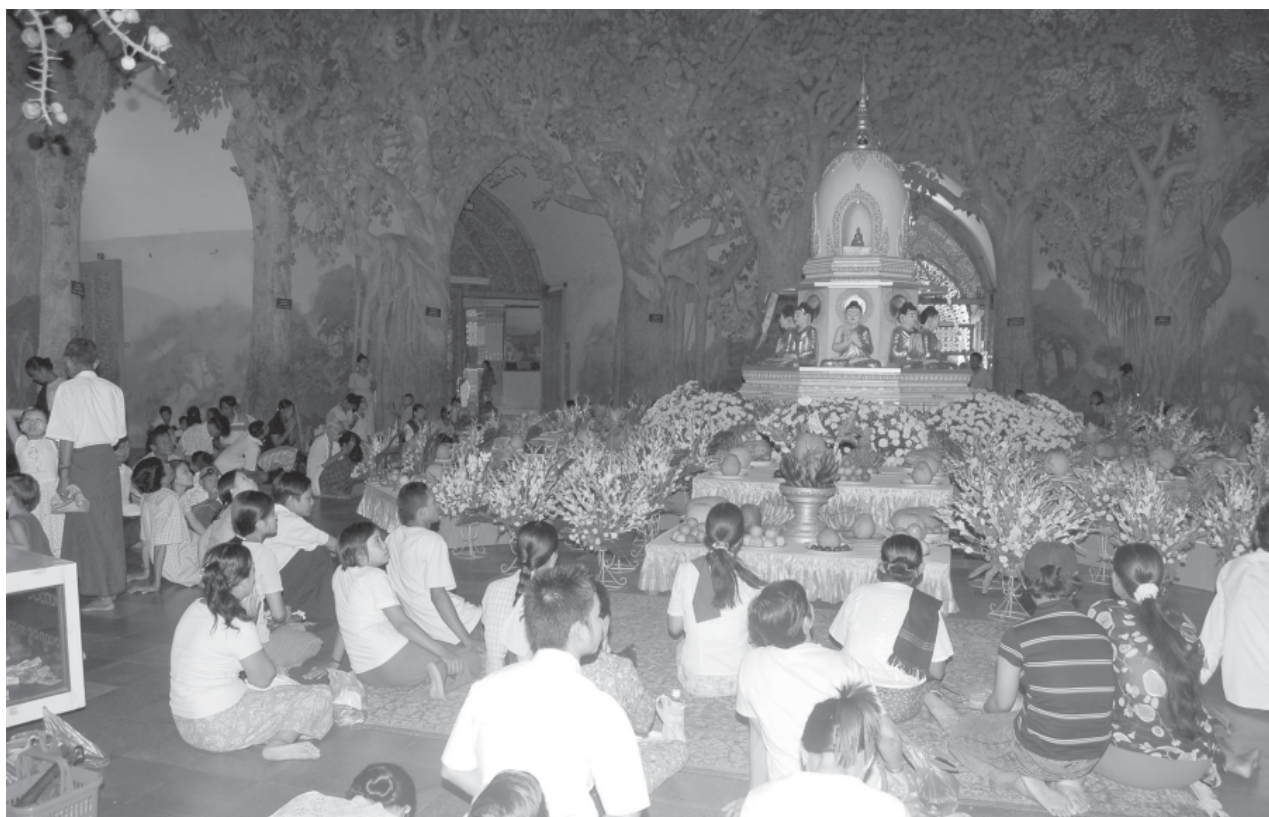
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Pilgrims visit Maha Wizaya Pagoda on Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Abhidhamma Day).— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 7 October, 2006

Build more social and economic infrastructures for national development

Today, the government is putting strenuous endeavours into development projects throughout the Union in the interests of all the national races. As a result, different regions are now enjoying the rewards of the prudent projects.

In particular, the government has attached great importance to the border areas development project and the rural development project in border areas including rural areas where more than 70 per cent of the nation's population live.

So far, it has constructed 73 large bridges, 988 small bridges, 40 suspension bridges and various kinds of roads stretching over 5,000 miles in border areas, thereby improving the transport sector, forging amicable relations between national races, making commodity flow swift and adding momentum to regional development.

In tandem, border areas have seen growing number of primary, middle and high schools that are opened with a view to ensuring the development of human resources. So, the number of basic education students in border areas has reached more than 180,000. Furthermore, the government has established border areas and nationality youth training centres, technical schools and Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges, thus bringing about educated national youth in border areas in the technological field.

At such a time when the government is fulfilling the requirements in the economic, education, health and social sectors with the aim of enhancing border areas development that can make a significant contribution towards national development, those responsible are therefore urged to expedite the border areas development tasks in the drive for constructing social and economic infrastructures to improve the standard of living of the entire national people.

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Peoples' Desire

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

H&T Minister meets with service personnel in Mandalay

NAYPYITAW, 5 Oct — Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing together with Director-General U Htay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism met with service personnel of the department and the enterprise under the ministry at Innwa Hotel in Mandalay on 3 October morning and gave necessary instructions.

In the afternoon, the minister inspected Minn Kyan Sit (3) vessel of Adventure Myanmar Travel Agency at Myanada Jetty and Pantaw (2) vessel of Tawwin Travel Agency and



Road to Mandalay vessel of Myanmar Hotels and Cruiser Co Ltd at Shwekyatyet Jetty. — MNA

Hotels and Tourism Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing inspects Minn Kyan Sit (3) vessel of Adventure Myanmar Travel Agency at Myanada Jetty in Mandalay.

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Medical equipment donated to Jivitadana Hospital



Minister Consular Mr Tetsuro Amano presents documents related to donation of medical equipment to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital. — MNA

YANGON, 5 Oct — Medical equipment donated by Japan was handed over to Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in Bahan Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairmen of the Hospital Administrative Board, the secretary, members of Administrative Board of the hospital, specialists and the Minister Consular of the Japanese Embassy.

First, Vice-Chairman-1 of the Administrative Board U Nyunt extended greetings and Japanese Minister Consular Mr Tetsuro Amano explained the purpose of the donation.

Next, the Minister Consular gave documents on the equipment to the vice-chairman-1 of the Administrative Board. Vice-Chairman-2 U Than Aung of the Administrative Board spoke words of thanks. — MNA

Academic functions at universities and basic education schools inspected

YANGON, 5 Oct — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein gave instructions on school inspection tasks and raising of pass rate in matriculation examination to the township education officer, assistant TEOs and school heads at Basic Education High School No 1 in Pyawbwe on 29 September morning.

At BEHS No 3 in Meiktila, the minister met with educational personnel and gave necessary instructions. At Meiktila University, the minister heard reports on learning of students and conducting of research work presented by Rector U Hla Thein. The minister also inspected BEHSs in Thedaw of Wundwin Township and Hanmyintmo of Kyaukse Township.

On 30 September, the minister met with the TEO and the headmaster at BEHS No 2 in Chanayethazan Township and gave instructions on school inspection tasks and raising of pass rate in matriculation examination. He inspected BEPS No 78 in Amarapura, and BEHS No 1 and No 15 Post-Primary School in Sagaing.

At Sagaing Institute of Education, the minister gave instructions on management matters to officials and viewed the convocation hall. Later, the minister met with educational staff of Mandalay Division in BEHS No 8 in Aungmyethazan Township. — MNA

Putin approves International Convention to combat N-Terror

Moscow, 5 Oct— Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday signed a law ratifying the International Convention for the Suppression of Acts of Nuclear Terrorism.

The convention, which was signed on behalf of Russia in New York on 14 September, 2005, was earlier last month ratified by the State Duma and the Federation Council, a Kremlin release said.

The convention, initiated by Russia, is the first universal UN treaty aimed at preventing terrorist attacks involving weapons of mass destruction.

The convention has been signed by 107 countries and ratified by the parliaments of seven nations, including Russia.

It will enter into force after it is ratified by 22 countries.

MNA/PTI

Biggest mid-autumn moon in nine years to be seen in China

GUANGZHOU, 5 Oct— Chinese people can see the biggest mid-autumn moon in nine years in the night of Friday, the day of traditional Mid-Autumn Festival for Chinese, astronomical experts say.

Experts with the Astro-

nomical Association of south China's Guangdong Province forecast that the fine mid-autumn moon will be seen at 10 pm. Friday (Beijing Time), when the moon is nearest to the Earth.

The last time when the mid-autumn moon was

nearest to the Earth was in 1997 and the next time will happen in 2015, according to the experts.

People in Guangzhou, the provincial capital, will see the moon rise up at 5:34 pm. Friday, while those in north China cities such as Beijing and Tianjin will see it rise at 5:13 pm. But experts say that Chinese cannot see the most orbicular mid-autumn moon that will occur at 11:13 am. Saturday when it is daytime for China.

People in France, Spain, Algeria, Brazil and so on can see the most orbicular mid-autumn moon this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Greenpeace warns of toxic risks to two million in Lebanon

BEIRUT, 5 Oct—Two million residents of Lebanon, about half the population, could face health risks posed by toxic releases from Israeli bombing in the July-August war, Greenpeace warned on Thursday.

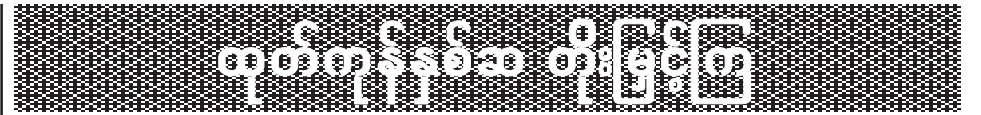
"Chemical traces and dust from buildings that were destroyed have heavily contaminated the air and land," said the environmental pressure group Greenpeace in a report presented in Beirut on its flagship Rainbow Warrior.

"In addition, bombed out factories have caused chemical releases that could potentially affect two million inhabitants in the country," it said, noting 30,000 homes, some 80 bridges and nine industrial facilities were destroyed. Almost 1,200 civilians were killed in Lebanon during the July-August war between Israel and the Shiite militant group Hizbollah.

Greenpeace said Israel's attacks on Jiyeh power plant south of the Lebanese capital had spilled between 10,000 and 15,000 tonnes of fuel into the sea, affecting 150 kilometres (90 miles) of Lebanon's coastline and part of Syria.—Internet



Tribesmen from Asmat district row a traditional boat in a ceremony to welcome guests ahead of the Asmat festival in Indonesia's remote province of Papua on 5 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET



An officer of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) Garrison Troops in Hong Kong presents moon cakes to senior citizens in a rest home in Hong Kong, south China, on 4 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Dream of big cheque helps Canadian 85-year-old win double lotto

OTTAWA, 5 Oct— A dream about a giant cheque prompted an 85-year-old Toronto woman to buy a second winning lottery ticket for the same draw, netting her a total of 16 million Canadian dollars (14 million US dollars).

Mary Wollens had two of the three winning tickets for last weekend's Lotto 6-49 draw, giving her two-thirds of the 24 million Canadian dollars (21 mil-

lion US dollars), Canadian Press reported Tuesday.

Wollens told lottery officials she saw a lotto ticket and a large cheque in a dream a couple of days before the September 30 draw and went out to buy a second ticket, using the same combination of numbers she had received on an earlier quick pick ticket.

With the big prize, Wollens said she plans to take a trip to Las Vegas for some gambling and will also move to a new home.

The former house cleaner has one son and one grandchild. Her daughter died 17 years ago and her husband died seven months after that.

MNA/Xinhua

Prince William takes a gamble on bingo night out

LONDON, 5 Oct— Bingo is more usually associated with pensioners than royalty, but Britain's Prince William decided to try his luck at the game with a group of friends last week,

the Sun newspaper reported on Wednesday.

A royal spokeswoman confirmed that the second-in-line to the British throne visited a bingo club in Reading, near Sandhurst military academy where he is an officer cadet.

"He was there," she said told Reuters, declining to give further details. The tabloid newspaper splashed the Prince's bingo night out on its front page.

William, 24, visited the club last Friday, where he signed up to become a member before paying 5 pounds (9 US dollars) for a book of five tickets, it said. He spent nearly an hour playing the game with 10 friends from Sandhurst but failed to win any of the 20-pound prizes.

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A view of Kuala Lumpur, next to a photo displayed of the capital during a clear day, on 5 Oct, 2006.

South-southwesterly winds have blown smoke from fires in central and south Sumatra to Singapore and Malaysia, obscuring sunlight and reducing temperatures and visibility.—INTERNET



A villager makes moon cakes in Nanyijian Village of Pingyao County, north China's Shanxi Province, on 4 Oct, 2006, as the traditional Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival, which falls on 6 Oct this year, is coming up. The villagers in Pingyao County used to cook and taste handmade moon cakes during the Mid-Autumn Festival, mostly celebrated on the 15th day of August in Chinese lunar calendar, to bring the best wishes to their family members.—XINHUA

Malaysian police smash football betting ring

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Oct— Malaysian police has recently crippled a football betting ring run by two brothers, the biggest one smashed by the city police here this year, local newspaper reported Wednesday.

With bets of up to 10,000 ringgit (2,702 US dollars) on big matches, more than 5.2 million ringgit (1.41 million dollars) was raked each month, said the local English daily, *New Straits Times*. (NST).

When the Kuala Lumpur city police conducted the pre-dawn raid last Wednesday, the two brothers, aged 34 and 39, was caught red-handed. They were busy receiving bets over the telephone, email and their online websites at their house.

The brothers, however, managed to delete some information on their computers before the

police entered the house. Police seized three computers, four speakers, a laptop, a printer, two calculators, two television sets, two digital recorders, handphones and betting slips.

Checks revealed the two people had been operating in a room in the house for the past five years.—MNA/Xinhua

Jakarta police shoot dead African involves in drug trafficking

JAKARTA, 5 Oct— Jakarta narcotics police on Wednesday fatally shot Eric, a national of an African country, who tried to make his escape after being arrested in connection with a drug offense.

“As he did not listen to three warning shots, the fourth shot was aimed at his body.

He died instantly on

the spot from a bullet that penetrated his chest,” *Antara* news agency quoted Jakarta Police spokesman Senior Commissioner I Ketut Untung Yoga Ana as saying.

Earlier, on October 3, police had arrested a certain Rubi at central Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, for possession of 1.5 grammes of heroin. Rubi confessed he got the drug from Eric. Police then arrested Eric in Jakarta also.

In Eric's rented room in Kemanggisan, West Jakarta, police found 47 grammes of heroin.

Eric had also mentioned the names of a few other persons from whom he said he had obtained the drug.

Eric tried to break free as he was guiding police officers to the house of another suspect in Kemayoran, Central Jakarta.—MNA/Xinhua



Eric Riem, director of a pizza school, shows a pizza during a course in Cap d'Ail, southeastern France, on 5 Oct, 2006. INTERNET



Tian'anmen Square left with 40-ton trash per day during holiday week

BEIJING, 5 Oct— As China's week-long National Day vacation started from Sunday this year, Beijing's sanitation workers have been kept even busier to sweep the Tian'anmen Square which received nearly three million visitors over the past two days.

The municipal sanitation department has sent 400 sanitation workers to clean the square around the clock. They have cleared away nearly 80 tons of rubbish left by the tourists during the past two days.

“There were 1.45 million people visiting the

Square respectively on the first and the second day of October,” said Zhang Zhiqiang, an official who is in charge of the sanitation work for the Tian'anmen Square during the National Day holiday.

“On 1 October alone, our sanitation workers swept out 39.8 tons (87,761 pounds) of garbage,” he said, “and they collected and moved away another 39.5 tons (87,100 pounds) of garbage the next day”.

The garbage include plastic bags, newspapers, packages of drinks and food, and camera film boxes. Some of them were left by people who stay overnight on the Square for the national flag raising ceremony.

It has been a tradition for Chinese, both visitors and some local residents, to pay a visit to the Square during the National Day holiday.—MNA/Xinhua



US actors Ashton Kutcher (L) and Kevin Costner (C) pose with director Andrew Davis for photographers as they promote their film “The Guardian” in Madrid on 5 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Baghdad bomb kills 14, wounds 75

BAGHDAD, 5 Oct— At least 14 people were killed and 75 wounded in a car bomb attack in central Baghdad on Wednesday which Interior Ministry sources said targeted the convoy of Iraq's Industry Minister.

Police sources also said the attack targeted Industry Minister Fawzi

al-Hariri and three of his bodyguards were killed.

However, a spokeswoman for Hariri said drivers and body-guards for one of his deputies were taking the cars for fuel when the attack happened. She was unaware of the casualty toll.

“The minister is at the ministry and perfectly

safe,” Dhuha Mohammed told *Reuters*.

The car bomb detonated in the capital's Karrada District in the Christian neighbourhood of Camp Sara as the convoy passed, police said. A subsequent roadside bomb blast also caused casualties.

MNA/Reuters



UN observers patrol the Lebanese-Israeli border near Fatima's gate in Kfar Kila village, south Lebanon, on 5 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

FAO helps Lebanon's agriculture recovery

ROME, 5 Oct—The UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) is currently helping Lebanon speed up the recovery of its agriculture sector, the FAO reported on Tuesday.

The Rome-based FAO made the statement following recent hostilities between Israel and Hizbollah fighters in Lebanon. The 34-day war, which ended with an 14 August UN-brokered ceasefire, has had a devastating impact on the people and economy of Lebanon.

All agricultural components, including fruit

trees, vegetables and tobacco production, irrigation systems, farm machinery, farm structures, agricultural infrastructure, animal production, and forestry were directly or indirectly affected by the war, the FAO statement said, citing a report by the Lebanese Ministry of Agriculture. The FAO added that losses were particularly large because the war had taken place at the peak time for the harvesting of some crops.

The agricultural and fisheries crises were aggravated by the blockade on the airport

and maritime ports, and the cluster bombs in agricultural fields and pastures, the statement said.

The FAO's initiatives in support of Lebanon's recovery strategy include an agricultural sector damage and needs assessment mission that is currently under way through a Technical Cooperation Project.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists ride on a sheepskin raft in the Yellow River at Shapotou Scenery Spot in Zhongwei City of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, on 3 Oct, 2006. —XINHUA

"Xangsane" death tolls rise to 52 in Vietnam

HANOI, 5 Oct — Typhoon Xangsane, which began to strike Vietnam's central region on Sunday, and floods triggered by it have killed 52 local people, left seven missing and injured 534 others as of Wednesday, the country's central Flood and Storm Prevention Committee reported.

Central Da Nang City, the first locality hit by the typhoon, has suffered the biggest human losses with 22 deaths and four missing, the committee said, adding that some other

localities with fatalities include the central provinces of Quang Nam, Quang Tri, Quang Binh, Nghe An, Thua Thien Hue and Ha Tinh.

The typhoon, the 6th one striking Vietnam this year, also damaged nearly 259,100 houses, uprooted thousands of trees and electric poles, and inundated many hectares of subsidiaries crops and aquaculture ponds in the localities, causing total property losses of nearly 10 trillion Vietnamese dong (over 628.9 million US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

Journalist death rate highest ever in 2006

PARIS, 5 Oct—This year is the deadliest on record for journalists and media workers, with 75 deaths to date, the World Association of Newspapers said today.

This was already three more than the 72 journalists killed during the whole of 2004, WAN

said. Journalists continue to be targeted and murdered in Iraq, with 26 dying in the conflict there.

"Journalists in Iraq are not only facing the danger that comes with working in a war zone, they are being hunted down and assassinated simply

because they are suspected of cooperating with western news agencies, because of their religious or political affiliation, or because their murderers believe that killing journalists will advance their aims," said the WAN chief executive, Timothy Balding.

"Journalism today is more dangerous than ever," he said. "More than 500 journalists have been killed in the past decade, often for simply doing their jobs."

"These murders are a direct attack not only on individuals, but also on society as a whole. Yet few of the killers are ever brought to justice."

Eight journalists died in the Philippines, where criminal gangs and corrupt politicians target investigative journalists without fear of prosecution — while six died in Guyana.

Paris-based WAN, the global newspaper industry organisation, began keeping records of journalist murders in 1997 and bases figures on all media workers killed in the line of duty or targeted because of their work.

Internet

Circus lioness shot dead after injuring three spectators in China

HEFEI, 5 Oct—A circus lioness has been shot dead in east China's Anhui Province after it leapt into the audience during a performance and injured three spectators, including an expectant mother who was forced to abort, local police said Wednesday.

The accident took place at about 8 pm Monday in the Pancun Town of Anhui's Ming-guang City,

where a private circus from eastern Jiangsu Province was staging its grand finale of lioness show, attracting more than 200 spectators, police said.

But the lioness seemed to be scared by the loud noises at the scene after it walked out of its cage, and it jumped over two-metre-tall railings on the stage into the audience. The spectators panicked and fled for their life. Three people were injured in the chaos, including a pregnant woman who was later forced to abort due to jostle and fears. Local police and circus staff tried many ways to capture the

lioness but they could not access the animal, which was rented and even did not trust the circus tamer.

As the lioness was wandering in a residential area and no anesthetic guns were available, the police had to shoot the animal dead at 3 am Tuesday to prevent the animal from injuring more local residents.—MNA/Xinhua



A Model performs next to a new generation flat display TV, using SED panel during the CEATEC, IT and Electronics exhibition in Makuhari, Chiba prefecture of Japan, on 3 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Picture taken on 4 Oct, 2006, shows a big palace lantern in Macao Special Administration Region, south of China. Macao is decorated with various colorful lanterns to greet the forthcoming the Mid-Autumn Festival. XINHUA



Vietnam's mobile sales to surge 34% next year

HANOI, 5 Oct— Vietnam will consume nearly 4.7 million mobile phones this year, and roughly 6.3 million units next year, local newspaper *Investment Wednesday* quoted estimation of a market research firm as saying.

Vietnam's mobile phone market is estimated at 877 million US dollars in 2006 and 1,167 million dollars in 2007, according to the estimation of market research company GfK Asia in the country.

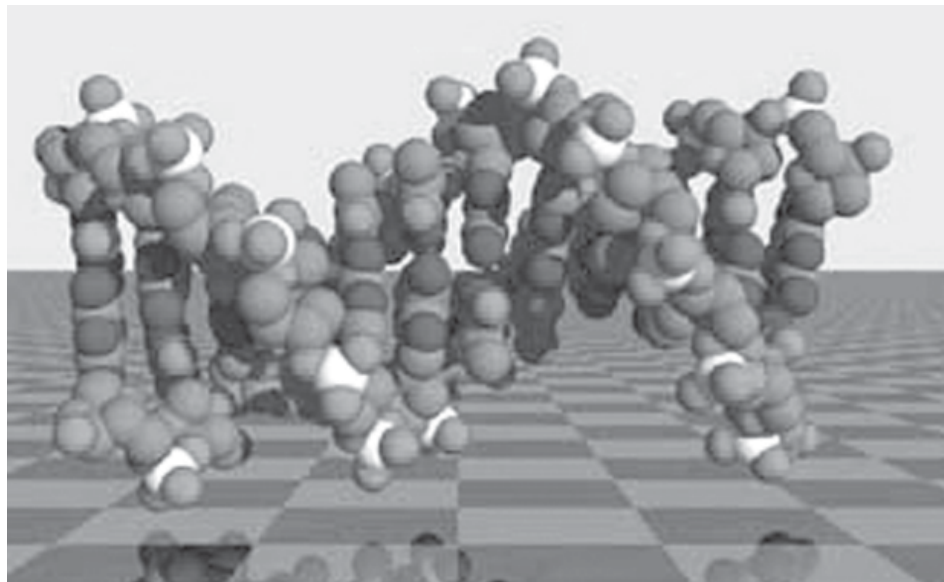
Some 53 per cent of mobile phones to be sold in Vietnam this year will be camera phones, the company predicted, noting that the percentage was 50 per cent last year. Best-selling mobile phones in 2006 are priced 100-200 US dollars, while units with

price tags of 400-500 dollars will account for only 3-4 per cent of the total sales in the year.

Vietnam is expected to have 36 million mobile phone subscribers by 2010, up from some 17 million currently, according to the state-owned Vietnam Posts and Telecommunication Group.

The country with a population of 83.1 million has set targets of having 32-42 fixed and mobile phones, 10 personal

computers, and 8-12 Internet subscribers for every 100 residents by 2010. GfK forecast that Vietnam's information technology, telecommunications and electronics market will surpass 2.3 billion dollars in 2006 and reach three billion dollars in 2007.—MNA/Xinhua



British police are testing a new DNA profiling technique that may help to decipher previously inscrutable samples and resolve many thousands of unsolved crimes.—INTERNET

Cambodia to attract more investors by setting up trade court

PHNOM PENH, 5 Oct — Officials here on Tuesday expressed the Cambodian government's desire to attract more investors and boost the kingdom's take-off economy, by establishing its first trade court to settle commercial disputes and restore a sound environment for international business.

"After we have the court, it will attract more investors to Cambodia and it can protect the benefit of producers and business people," said Mao Thora, Under-

Secretary of State at the Ministry of Commerce, during the inauguration of a four-day seminar on trade mark examination procedures funded by the European Union

(EU).

The verdict of the trade court, which was to be set up in late 2007 in the capital, could close all complaints, so that the concerned parties would

not have to go to other courts and save a lot of time and energy, he said.

Such a court was very important for business people to solve their commercial conflicts and for the kingdom to implement the rules of the World Trade Organization (WTO) to facilitate its business environment, he added.

The Ministry of Commerce is to select about 40 out of 200 judges-to-be at the Royal Cambodian Judge School and train them about commercial law for the upcoming trade court.

MNA/Xinhua



Military experts show the black box of the Gol Boeing 737-800, which crashed in the jungle after clipping an Embraer Legacy 600XL executive jet last Friday, that was recovered on the jungle floor at the Jarina Indian reserve in the Amazon basin, in this Brazilian Air Force handout photograph released on 2 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Airbus "A-380" faces new delay by another year on average

PARIS, 5 Oct — Airbus has decided to postpone deliveries of superjumbo A380 plane by a further year on average, the parent company European Aeronautic Defence and Space Company (EADS) announced on Tuesday.

"Compared to the June 13 plan, the deliveries will be postponed for another year on average," EADS announced after a meeting of its board of directors. On 13 June, EADS announced its delay for

six to seven months.

Airbus has now for the third time in 16 months revised its A380 delivery schedule for the period from 2007 to 2010. According to the new schedule, the first Airbus A380 aircraft will be delivered in the second half of 2007, instead of the end of 2006 as forecasted, to Singapore Airlines.

The delays were expected to cut EADS' core earnings by 2.8

billion euros (3.6 billion US dollars) from 2006 to 2010, the group said.

Meanwhile, Airbus was to cut 2 billion euros (2.54 billion US dollars) in costs annually from 2010 with job cuts and other measures, EADS said.—MNA/Xinhua

Sarawak villagers stop hunting for man-eating crocodile

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 Oct— Residents at a village in East Malaysia's

Sarawak State stopped hunting for a man-eating crocodile after the local authorities issued the order, media here reported on Tuesday.

All the hooks and traps laid out for the reptile nicknamed "Bujang Bako" that swallowed a school boy last month at Bako Village, in the Sarawak River, had been retrieved. Sarawak Forestry, a state government corporation, Monday ordered to stop all hunting and killing of the man-eating crocodile in Bako Village, effective immediately after three crocodiles were killed.

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China's imports of crude oil up 15.3% in first eight months

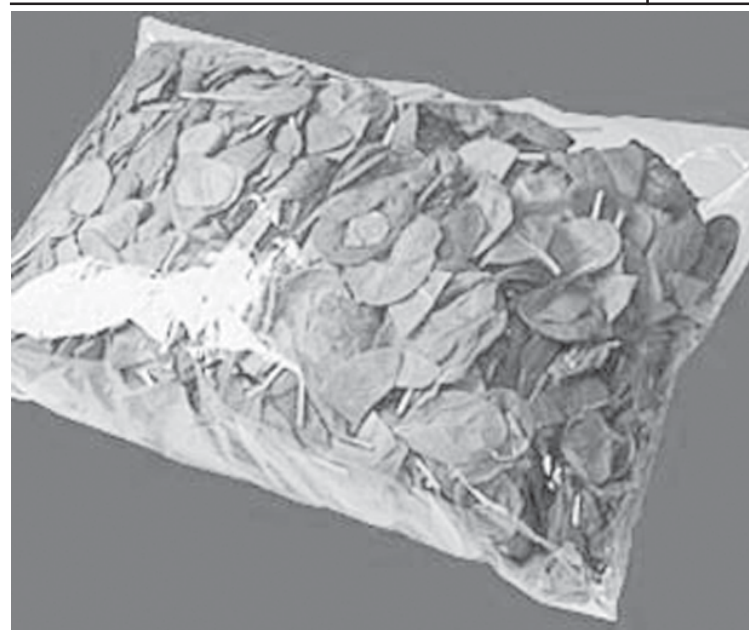
BEIJING, 5 Oct—China imported 95.80 million tons of crude oil in the first eight months, up 15.3 per cent over the same period of last year, according to sources with the State Development and Reform Commission (SDRC).

Data released by the Bureau of Economic Operations of the SDRC show that China produced 122.93 million tons of crude oil in the first eight months with a year-on-year growth of 1.8 per cent.

A total of 199.15 million tons of crude oil were refined in the first eight months, up 5.7 per cent from a year ago. The output of gasoline rose 3.8 per cent and diesel oil, 5.7 per cent.

China produced 1.31 billion tons of coal in the first eight months, up 12.1 per cent from the same period of last year. The export volume of coal dropped by 13.3 per cent to 42.26 million tons.

MNA/Xinhua



Bagged fresh spinach. Health officials linked five more E. coli cases to spinach produced on California farms, a newspaper report said on 4 Oct, 2006. XINHUA

John Bolton subverts the UN Charter

Mike Billington

The following is a reproduction of the article "John Bolton Subverts the UN Charter" by Mike Billington published in volume 33, No 39 of Executive Intelligence Review issued on 29 September, 2006.

Yet another crime against international law was committed by the Bush administration on September 15 at the United Nations, when John Bolton, the US Ambassador to the UN, succeeded in coercing enough members of the Security Council, by one means or another, to pass a motion placing the nation of Myanmar on the Security Council agenda. Bolton acknowledged in his press conference announcing his victory that "the Charter of the UN makes it clear that the jurisdictional threshold for the Security Council to take action is that it must deal with threats to international peace and security, or breaches of international peace and security, or acts of aggression." The idea that Myanmar is a "threat to international peace and security" is so patently absurd that the nine nations which voted with Bolton (the vote was 10-4 with one abstention) should be considered accomplices to the crime.

Not only is Myanmar a poor nation with no capacity to threaten any of its neighbours; the fact is that all of its neighbours have recently strengthened their relations with Myanmar, both economically and strategically. This move by Bolton and Bush/Cheney administration is not aimed at Myanmar { per se }, but at the UN Charter itself. The notion of national sovereignty, based on the principles developed in the Peace of Westphalia of 1648, embedded in the Constitution of the United States, and inscribed in the Charter of the United Nations, is the target of Bolton's manipulations. The powers of the Security Council; established by the UN Charter, were carefully delineated to defend the principle of the sovereign nation-state, and it is this concept which is targeted for destruction by

the financial institutions which control the current regime in Washington, through the process of "globalization" and unilateral "regime change."

Bolton's Myanmar gambit is but a subsumed piece of that broader attack on the world's (actual) peace and security. Although Russia and China, both permanent members of the Security Council with veto power voted "no" on the Bolton motion, there is no veto in procedural votes. Thus, Bolton won his manoeuvre knowing full well that no motion for sanctions against Myanmar could ever be implemented because of fierce opposition from veto-wielding Russia and China in any substantive vote.

China in particular was outraged by the fraud. China's permanent representative to the United Nations demanded an "objective evaluation of the relations between Myanmar's internal situation and international peace and security," noting that "neither Myanmar's neighbours nor the member states of the ASEAN consider Myanmar's situation a threat to peace and security in the region."

Regime Change

It is no secret that the reason for the Bolton's strong-armed tactics is the fact that Myanmar is on the neo-conservative target list for regime change, a list whose purpose is to maintain the division of the world into "us and them". Although Myanmar was not included in Bush's "Axis of Evil" (Iraq, Iran and North Korea), Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice did include Myanmar in her "outpost of tyranny."

The reasons used by Bolton for subverting the UN Charter in the Myanmar case expose the ironies of the imperial outlook of the Bush/Cheney administration. Bolton urges that Myanmar (which he insists on calling by its previous name "Burma" as an insult to the Myanmar government) constitutes a "threat to international peace and security, because of the flow of refugees, illicit narcotics, HIV/AIDS and the human rights situation inside Burma. The refugee problem affects primarily Myanmar's eastern

neighbour Thailand which has not only established close relations with Myanmar, but is grateful for the fact that the Myanmar government has nearly eliminated the rebellions among the many ethnic tribes on the border.

Even more important, the pacification of the ethnic rebellions has allowed the massive reduction in the drug trafficking which sustained those insurgencies, with much more than a "wink and a nod" from the rebels' sponsors in London and New York. Compare Myanmar's largely successful drug control to that of Afghanistan, a nation occupied and controlled by the United States, which now produces 95% of the world's opium mostly by the druglords placed in power under US aegis.

As to the internal political problems, Myanmar's policy to implement a seven-point Road Map toward civilian rule has been in place for several years, and is acknowledged by its neighbours China, India, Bangladesh and Thailand, but has been totally rejected by the US which holds up the convenient banner of the human rights of dissident Aung San Suu Kyi. As to Myanmar's concerns, it is not Aung San Suu Kyi who represents a threat but her Anglo-American controllers who would like to reimpose imperial power with Suu Kyi as their puppet.

The imperial target is geostrategic as Myanmar is the strategic hub between South Asia, East Asia and Southeast Asia. What worries Washington is the growing collaboration between Myanmar and the three powers of the Eurasian continent. China is by far the closest ally of Myanmar, with extensive trade and transportation links along the old Burma Road, and extensive investment throughout the country. But Russia and especially India are also becoming more engaged in developing the huge potential in Myanmar.

On the very day that Bolton was playing the thug at the UN, Myanmar Oil and Gas was signing contracts for exploration and development of the Mottama offshore field with Russia's Itera Oil and Gas and India's Sun Group. India is building a road from Myanmar's northwest border to the old capital of Yangon, which were essentially complete road transport from Vietnam's coast through India to Europe with rail development to follow. India also signed a counter-insurgency agreement with Myanmar to clean up the border region of drug traffickers and the insurgent organization they support.

Thailand is also deeply committed to the development of transitional roads, hydroelectric and oil and gas projects and security cooperation with Myanmar. The recent military coup in Thailand is not likely to disrupt their close relations as Thai Army Chief Sunthi Boonyaratglin visited Myanmar earlier in September.

Russia, China, India and Southeast Asia of course represent nearly half the world's population. The era in which John Bolton's demand that Myanmar or any other nation must accept the demands of the world community when what is meant by that is the dictates of small and shrinking number of supporters of the criminal and degenerate Bush/Cheney cabal, is rapidly coming to an end.

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*The scenic view of
the Botahtaung
Pagoda on the
Fullmoon Day of
Thadingyut.*

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Devotees perform meritorious...

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Similarly, the pagoda board of trustees donated 'soon', flowers and water to Maha Wizaya Pagoda this morning. Five religious associations recited religious verses. In the evening, the pagoda was illuminated.

Similar ceremonies were held at Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, Siri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda, Shwe Phone Pwint Pagoda, Kyaikwaing Pagoda and Meilamu Pagoda.

On the fullmoon day of Thadingyut, Buddhists in townships of Yangon Division observed the Abhidhamma Day in their respective areas. Likewise, members of the Sangha participated in the Pavarana ceremonies. The 'soon' offering ceremony, ceremonies to mark the Abhidhamma Day, Pavarana ceremonies, delivering sermons and offering lights were held at pagodas, stupas and religious buildings in Yangon Division.

In the evening, housing estates, pagodas, monasteries and other religious buildings were illuminated. — MNA

Civil Service Department marks founding anniversary

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — Civil Service Department of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board celebrated its 51th founding anniversary on 4 October here.

Chairman of the board Dr Than Nyun delivered an address at the celebration held at the Civil Service Department here. Also present on the occasion were Member of CSSTB U Nyi Tun, U Kyaw Aung, Director-General of Civil Service Department U Kyaw Zan Hla, deputy directors-general, directors and employees of the department.

Dr Than Nyun and officials presented awards to outstanding employees of the department and viewed the booths displayed at the department to mark the

100th Ovada giving ceremony of Ledi Vipassana Branch held

YANGON, 6 Oct — Under the aegis of Joint-Secretary-1 of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Dwipitaka Dwipikatakovidha Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa, a ceremony to mark the 100th Ovada giving ceremony of Ledi Vipassana Branch was held at the Ledi Vipassana Monastery on Pyay Road in Sangyoung Township this morning.

Devotees and wellwishers took the Nine Precepts from Chairman of Sangyoung Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Nay Nat Tha Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Bhaddanta Janaka. They donated

alms to members of the Sangha.

Vice-Chairman of SSMNC Dawei Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Sayadaw Bhaddanta Arçinnabhivamsa, Joint-Secretary-1 Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagara-

bhivamsa, Sangyoung Hanthawady Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Kammathanaçariya Bhaddanta Javana and Htaukkyant ChaungU Sayadaw Ashin Dhammarakkhita (ChaungU Maung Sanda) gave

Ovadakatha.

Chairman of Ledi Vipassana Propagation Organization (Yangon) U Nan Nwe supplicated on tasks of the organization.

A total of 68 meditation branches under the Ledi Vipassana Propaga-

tion Organization are located in Monywa, Pyinmana and Yangon. The branches opened 341 times of meditation courses, and so far, 51,451 people have practised the meditation in courses.

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The Ovada receiving ceremony of Ledi Vipassana Organization in progress. — H

Fifth Buddhist Synod on DVD-ROM in circulation

YANGON, 6 Oct — A ceremony to mark the successful completion of storing stone inscriptions on Fifth Buddhist Synod on DVD-ROM and circulation, jointly organized by Amarapura Maha Gandayon Monastery Sitagu International Buddhist Academy and Alpha Computer Co, was held at Traders Hotel this afternoon. It was attended by Sitagu Sayadaw Maha Dhamma Kathika Bahujana Hitadhara Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dr Nanissara (D Litt, Ph D) and members of the Sangha, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, departmental heads, officials and guests. Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Nanissara explained on



Presiding Nayaka of Maha Gandayon Monastery Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Ashin Janapati hands over DVDs to Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung. — MNA

holding ceremony and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung congratulated on completion of the work.

Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha

Ganthavacaka Pandita Ashin Janapati of Maha Gandayon Monastery presented the DVDs to the minister, Rector Sayadaw of International Tharavada Buddhist Mission-

ary University and officials.

The ceremony came to an end with concluding remarks by the Sitagu Sayadaw.

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Tat U Monastery Sayadaw back from US

YANGON, 6 Oct — Presiding Nayaka of Mogok Vipassana Branch-77 Missionary Sayadaw Maha Kammathanacariya Bhaddanta Saddhamma Kittisara of Aung San Tawya Tat U Monastery in Insein Township accompanied by layperson U Soe Aung arrived back here by air on 3 October after delivering sermons on vipassana at Queen, New York City, the United Nations Headquarters, ABBA in Brooklyn, the Myanmar Embassy in New York, California, Friesno, Los Angeles, Buddha Pujayniya ceremony at the UN, Ohio, New Jersey, Chicago and Rock Away from 7 July to 30 September. — H

Yangon Div WAO donates medicines, cash to centenarians

YANGON, 6 Oct — Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization donated medicines and provided cash assistance to centenarians here today.

At the donation ceremony held at the office of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai and members of Yangon Division WAO paid respects to the aged and presented medicine worth

K 794,500, cash and gifts to them.

After the ceremony, they observed the providing of health care services to centenarians.

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Patron Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yangon Division WAO presents provisions to an older person. — MNA

Mayor inspects sanitation tasks in Yangon City

YANGON, 5 Oct — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with the officials inspected the tasks of upgrading Yangon City.

The mayor looked into dredging of drains along Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, repaving of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Road and Mindhamma Road near Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township and upgrading of Waizayanta Road in South Okkalapa Township.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin also inspected laying of concrete floor undertaken by YCDC in the compound of Myanmar Convention Centre. — MNA

Cash donated to funds of Traffic Rules Exhibition and Competitions

YANGON, 6 Oct — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the ceremony to donate cash to the funds of the Traffic Rules Exhibition and Competitions held in conjunction with the 118th meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport at the hall of Road Transport Administration Department in South Okkalapa Township yesterday afternoon.

The commander accepted K 17,845,000 from wellwishers.



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win accepts cash donation from a wellwisher. — MNA

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun spoke words of thanks.

At the meeting of the supervisory committee, the commander delivered an address. The deputy commander and officials of subcom-

mittees reported on traffic rules enforcement tasks.

Later, the commander gave necessary instructions to officials.

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Construction Minister inspects road works on Haka-Gangaw Road

YANGON, 6 Oct — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun on 1 October inspected road works carried out on Haka-Gangaw Road and assisted in upgrading tasks for the road.

Haka-Gangaw Road is 77 miles and 3 furlongs long and connects Chin State (North) and main land, and road works are being carried out by Public Works to widen and upgrade it to a tarred one. On completion, the road is expected to withstand 40 tons of load. So far, 13 miles and 6 furlongs have been tarred and 63 miles and 5 furlongs have been gravelled. Conduit pipes and bridges are also now under construction on the road.

During his inspection tour, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun went to the construction site at the mile post No 39 of Haka-Gangaw Road and assisted in upgrading of the road. At the briefing hall, officials reported to him on condition of Haka-Gangaw Road, upgrading tasks for the road and stockpiling of gravel.

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SWD, RRD hold coordination meeting

NAYPYITAW, 6 Oct — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe attended the coordination meeting of the Social Welfare Department and the Relief and Resettlement Department at the ministry on 4 October.

The minister explained progress of political, economic, health, education and social fields of the State, and instructed them to cooperate with the local people in carrying out their tasks and abide by rules and regulations of service personnel.

State and Division heads of SWD reported on accomplishments of social welfare services and future plans.

Also present at the

meeting were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, directors-general of SWD and RRD, the head of office and officials. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe addresses coordination meeting of Social Welfare Department and Relief and Resettlement Department. — MNA



A boy carries a basket of sweet lime at a wholesale fruit market on the outskirts of the southern Indian city of Hyderabad on 4 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Vietnam to post higher rubber export earnings in 2006

HANOI, 6 Oct — Vietnam’s rubber export revenues are expected to exceed the threshold of one billion US dollars this year, up from 787 million dollars last year, according to a local trade agency on Thursday.

The anticipated hike is based on bigger export of the product in the first nine months of this year, the Trade Information Centre under the Trade Ministry said, noting that the country shipped abroad 493,000 tons of rubber worth 946 million dollars in the nine-month period, posting respective year-on-year surges of 32.5 per cent and 97.1 per cent.—MNA/Xinhua

France gives Cambodia \$2.5m for AIDS research

PHNOM PENH, 6 Oct — France’s National Agency of AIDS Research recently funded 2 million euro (about 2.5 million US dollars) for Cambodia to conduct research on AIDS, a government official said here on Thursday.

Mean Chai Vung, adviser to the Ministry of Health and director of the Centre for Combating AIDS and Dermatology, told Xinhua by phone that the budget was devoted to five projects of AIDS research as well as promotion of anti-AIDS education.

With the fund, Cambodia was encouraged to get true data about its AIDS-infected people and learn from the strategies and principles of other countries in combating the disease, he said.

In 2003, Cambodia

had over 120,000 AIDS-infected people, including some 3,000 children.

“Since then, we haven’t had any new data,” said Vung.

MNA/Xinhua



A baby Asian elephant and her mother have their feet treated to prevent bacterial infection from flood waters in Ayutthaya, 80 km (50 miles) north of Bangkok, on 4 Oct, 2006. — INTERNET

“Hubble” finds extrasolar planet candidates far across galaxy

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct — NASA’s *Hubble Space Telescope* has discovered 16 extrasolar planet candidates orbiting a variety of distant stars in the central region of the Milky Way galaxy, NASA announced on Wednesday.

The planet bonanza was uncovered during a *Hubble* survey called the Sagittarius Window Eclipsing Extrasolar Planet Search (SWEEPS).

Hubble looked farther than has ever successfully been searched before for extrasolar planets. *Hubble* peered at 180,000 stars in the crowded central bulge of the galaxy 26,000 light-years away or one-quarter the diameter of the Milky Way’s spiral disk. The results will appear in the October 5 issue of the journal *Nature*.

This tally is consistent with the number of planets expected to be uncovered from such a distant survey, based on previous exoplanet detections made in our

local solar neighbourhood. *Hubble*’s narrow view covered a swath of sky no bigger in angular size than two per cent the area of the full moon.

When extrapolated to the entire galaxy, *Hubble*’s data provides strong evidence for the existence of approximately six billion Jupiter-sized planets in the Milky Way.

Five of the newly discovered planets represent a new extreme type of planet not found in any nearby searches. Dubbed Ultra-Short-Period Planets (USPPs), these worlds whirl around their stars in less than one Earth day.

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American wins Nobel prize in chemistry

STOCKHOLM, 6 Oct — American scientist Roger Kornberg won the 2006 Nobel Prize in chemistry on Wednesday for his work on a key process of life called genetic transcription.

Kornberg was awarded the prize “for his fundamental studies concerning how the information stored in the genes is copied, and then transferred to those parts of the cells that produce proteins”, the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences said in citation.

Kornberg was the first to create pictures of the gene transcription at the molecular level, in eukaryote, which is a single-celled or multi-cellular organism whose cells contain a distinct membrane-bound nucleus. Human beings falls into this category.

“Understanding of how transcription works

also has a fundamental medical importance,” the Royal Swedish Academy said in its citation, “Disturbances in the transcription process are involved in many human illnesses such as cancer, heart disease and various kinds of inflammation.”

“If transcription stops, genetic information is no longer transferred into different parts of the body. Since these are no longer renewed, the organism dies within a few days,” the academy said.

“I was truly shaken by the news... I am still shaken,” Kornberg told a news conference at the academy by telephone.

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Stanford University professor Roger Kornberg (L) is congratulated by his father Arthur after his 2006 Nobel chemistry prize won for work in the field of gene expression, during a news conference at Stanford, California on 4 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

France to ban smoking in public places next year

PARIS, 6 Oct — A French Parliament panel has called on the government to ban smoking in public areas, including cafes and restaurants, no later than 1 September, 2007.

The recommendations, made by the 31-member parliamentary committee on Tuesday, require cafes and restaurants to build fully sealed spaces for smokers.

“The earliest possible date for a ban is the beginning of next year, and it seems to me to be a good one. I think the public mood is ready,” French

Health Minister Xavier Bertrand said.

Although Bertrand said public would understand “it is an inevitability”, the ban is to send a shock through France’s smoker-friendly culture where even the French presidency’s website shows a photo of young President Jacques Chirac with a cigarette in his mouth.

The possible ban in September 2007 would reinforce a 1991 tobacco ban called Evin Law that make it mandatory to create smoking spaces.

MNA/Xinhua

Mexico warns US of referral to UN over border fencing plan

MEXICO CITY, 6 Oct — The Mexican Government on Wednesday warned that it may refer Washington's plan to building fences on the US-Mexico border to the United Nations.

The US plan to build about 1,125 kilometres of new fencing along the US-Mexico border was an "offense", Mexican Foreign Minister Luis Ernesto Derbez told a news briefing here.

When asked if the Mexican Government would refer the issue to the United Nations, he said it was "examining with the foreign relations legal team what options are open at an international level, and we will take them".

He said the fences would hurt the bilateral relations. "Just the idea of a wall, a fence ... is an insult to good neighbours."

The plan has aroused strong opposition from Mexico. The outgoing Mexican President Vicente Fox called the fence plan "shameful", while president-elect Felipe Calderon said the fences were not the solution to illegal immigration.

Fox's spokesman Ruben Aguilar on Wednesday said the fences would not be built as the US Congress was unlikely to provide enough funding to finish the project. "There is no money to build it, so it will not be built," he told reporters. — MNA/Xinhua



Nurses look after the new-born babies in the First People's Hospital in Xiangfan, a city in central China's Hubei Province, on 3 Oct, 2006. As many babies were born around the National Day on 1 Oct, the medical workers of the obstetrical department were all busy at work during the weeklong National Day holiday. — XINHUA

Thai candidate withdraws bid for top UN post

BANGKOK, 6 Oct — Thai Interim Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont said Thursday that Thailand's former deputy prime minister and foreign minister Surakiart Sathirathai has withdrawn his name for consideration as a candidate for the post of UN Secretary-General, the *Thai News Agency* reported.

Surakiart, deputy to former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra who was deposed in a military coup last month, met newly-appointed interim Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont at Government House on Thursday to officially inform the Premier of his decision to leave the race.

On Monday an informal poll was held in New York in which South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon won overwhelming support and thus was assured of being selected as the next UN chief.

Surayud said Surakiart told him it was a tradition for final-round candidates with less support in the race to withdraw their bids. — MNA/Xinhua



A model plane flies at the 6th China Model Exposition in Beijing, capital of China, on 3 Oct, 2006. The 6th China Model Exposition opened on Tuesday at the Beijing Exposition Center. Some 150 enterprises from over 20 countries took part in the exposition. — XINHUA

UN peacekeeping nearing 100,000 around the world

UNITED NATIONS, 6 Oct — UN peacekeeping has surged to 93,000 troops, police and civilian personnel in 18 operations around the world, the most ever in the history of the world body, a UN official said on Wednesday.

But this figure, which includes nearly 70,000 military personnel, could jump to 140,000 within a year, Jean-Marie Guehenno, the Undersecretary-General for peacekeeping, told a news conference.

For example, the UN Interim Force in Lebanon, now at 3,437, is authorized for up to 11,596 personnel and another 1,054 troops and 1,608 civilians are scheduled to go to Timor.

And if the Khartoum Government ever gives its consent, the UN Security Council has authorized 17,300 troops, 5,300 police and 4,860 civilians to help stop atrocities in Sudan's Darfur Region.

The peacekeeping budget until from mid-2006 to mid-2007 has mushroomed to 4.75 billion US dollars

and is estimated to climb to 6 billion US dollars. The largest current operation is in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, with some 21,000 personnel, followed by Ethiopia-Eritrea with 17,000.

But Guehenno said that without efforts toward development and reconciliation, peace can collapse when troops leave or the operation cannot wind down because combatants have few alternatives to war.

"Sometimes I am concerned about the political overstretch," he said. "How can the international community be focused at once to address so many important issues?" — MNA/Reuters

California's oldest resident celebrates 112th birthday

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct — California's oldest living resident celebrated her 112th birthday here on Wednesday, attributing her longevity to her religious faith and clean living.

Born on 6 April, 1894, Gertrude Baines told the local KCA19 television: "I feel good. This arthritis got me. I can't walk, but I sure can talk and eat."

"I have no secrets. I put my trust in the Lord, that's all. I have no secrets," she added.

Baines, who now lives at a local hospital, spends her time attending church and watching television.

She said she was married at a "very young age" but did not specify. She had one child who died of typhoid fever when she was 18.

Baines was taken to hospital at the age of 105. "We feel blessed to have her," hospital administrator Emma Cananag said. "It's been an honour having the oldest living person in California in our facility." — MNA/Xinhua



Yegor, a three-month-old baby baboon holds a nipple in its mouth in the zoo at Russia's Siberian city of Krasnoyarsk on 4 Oct, 2006. Yegor's mother refused to feed it and now the cub is receiving forced feeding with the help of zoo keepers. — INTERNET

Six Filipino children killed by fire

MANILA, 6 Oct — At least six Filipino children were killed by a fire early Friday in the province of Rizal north of Manila, officials said.

The hour-long fire in a residential area of Taytay, Rizal, was caused by an unattended candle, an arson investigator was quoted by the *Inquirer* news network as saying.

Children all under the age of nine lost their lives in the two-storey house on Bonifacio Street in Sitio Tapayan, Sta. Ana Village, that caught fire at about 2:30 am, the official said.

The blaze was put under control at 3:40 am, he said. The fumes must have suffocated the children, according to the report.

The children's parents were allegedly arrested for their negligence, while the arson investigation was still going on, it added.

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UN opens global emergency response network

NAIROBI, 5 Oct — The UN World Food Programme (WFP) on Wednesday launched a new humanitarian response network, with strategic hubs in Africa, Europe, Middle East, Asia and Latin America, to respond to magnitude and growing number of emergencies in recent years.

The network, which was launched in Nairobi at the ongoing Humanitarian Development Summit, is designed to meet the escalating challenges of sudden humanitarian emergencies which can sometimes strike almost simultaneously.

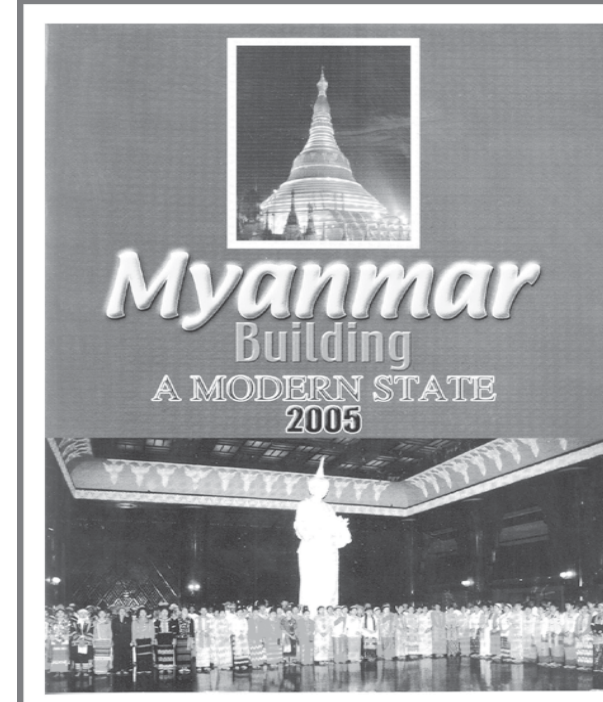
"With the growing number of natural disasters, aid agencies must be better prepared and better equipped to reach affected populations, as quickly as possible," said Ramiro Lopes da Silva, director of WFP's Transport and Procurement Division.

Addressing participants in Nairobi, Giuseppe Saba, coordinator of UN Humanitarian Response Depot (UNHRD), said

"Modelled on the UN Humanitarian Response Depot in Brindisi in southern Italy, each emergency hub will stock strategic supplies of relief goods and equipment, ready for transport within 24-48 hours by air and sea."

The UNHRD is a new network composed of humanitarian response depots in Accra, Dubai, Panama, Malaysia and Brindisi. Established in June 2000 and managed by the WFP, the Brindisi base has provided critical support to UN agencies, governments, and NGOs during crises such as the Indian Ocean tsunami and the recent Lebanon crisis.

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Ahmadinejad gives permission for tourists to visit nuclear sites

TEHRAN, 5 Oct — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has given permission for foreign tourists to visit the country's nuclear facilities, an action aimed at proving the peaceful nature of Iran's nuclear programme, the state media reported Wednesday.

"Foreign tourists can visit Iranian nuclear sites, after an order from President Ahmadinejad," Esfandyar Rahim Mashaii, head of Iran's Tourism and Cultural Heritage Organization, was quoted as saying by the state television.

The President gave this order to prove Iran's

nuclear programme had been peaceful, and it was aimed at generating electricity, not nuclear bomb, said Mashaii.

"We are reviewing the related instructions in this regard," he added.

No immediate details were reported on the definition of a foreign tourist and when it could be legally implemented, but possible nuclear sites

include Iran's first nuclear plant being built in the southern city of Bushehr, the uranium conversion facility near Isfahan and the uranium enrichment plant in Natanz. Before the authorization, only inspectors from the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and some reporters were allowed to enter these mysterious nuclear sites.

The United States has accused the Islamic Republic of using the nuclear energy programme as a cover to develop atomic weapons and pushed UN Security Council for possible sanctions on the country. But Iran has rejected the accusations, insisting that its nuclear programme was totally peaceful.

MNA/Xinhua

Six family members shot dead in northeast Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 Oct — Gunmen shot dead six people from one family Tuesday night in Baquba City on Wednesday, provincial police told Xinhua.

"Unknown gunmen opened fire at a family in the Gatoon area outside Baquba, killing six family members, including a woman and a child," said a source from the Diyala Province police on condition of anonymity.

The family members were leaving their house after receiving sectarian threats when the gunmen attacked them. Violence rages on in Iraq as car bombings, roadside bombs and assassination cause dozens of civilian casualties daily.

MNA/Xinhua

Official website of China-Africa summit in use

BEIJING, 4 Oct — The official website of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) summit to be held in November in Beijing, is now in use.

Operated in Chinese, English and French, the website (www.focacsummit.org) will cover major events, speeches and documents from the upcoming FOCAC summit.

The website will offer background information about the FOCAC and its development, member countries, previous meetings and related documents.

The website is produced by Xinhuanet under the Xinhua news agency.

More than 30 African heads of state or government will attend the FOCAC summit scheduled from 3 to 5 November.

The summit will be the highest-level, largest-scale meeting between China and African leaders since the founding of the People's Republic of China, according to the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

The summit, also the 3rd Ministerial Conference of the FOCAC, will focus on the subjects of "friendship, peace, cooperation and development".

FOCAC is a mechanism for collective dialogue and cooperation jointly established by China and Africa to cope with new challenges and facilitate common development. Since the launch of the FOCAC in 2000, two ministerial conferences have been held in Beijing and Addis Ababa. — MNA/Xinhua

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UN launches programme to reduce impact of natural disasters

GENEVA, 5 Oct — In the wake of more disasters to come, the UN has launched a programme to reduce the impact of natural disasters on populations and their livelihoods, a Press release said on Tuesday.

The programme, named the Global Facility for Disaster Reduction and Recovery, will be managed by the UN's International Strategy for Disaster Reduction (ISDR) together with the World Bank, according to the ISDR Press release.

The two organi-

zations will work at the regional and global level to ensure that disaster risk reduction becomes a priority for development investments in countries at risk, the Press release said. According to the programme, the World Bank will contribute 5 million US dollars to the ISDR Secretariat for a period of three years to promote disaster risk reduction at country levels.

The activities will include building earthquake-proof buildings, setting up tsunami

warning systems, moving people out of flood-prone zones, etc, particularly in vulnerable poor countries.

The ISDR hopes that governments of donor countries will provide a total 35 million US dollars a year to support the new programme. Britain has already pledged 8 million US dollars, according to the agency.

MNA/Xinhua



The western-style building is decorated with Chinese lanterns in Macao Special Administration Region, south of China, on 4 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Frankfurt Book fair opens with India as theme

FRANKFURT, 5 Oct— World's biggest among its kind, the Frankfurt Book Fair was inaugurated Tuesday with India as its Guest of Honour for a rare second time.



A Chinese publisher signs a cooperation contract with his international partner during the 58th Frankfurt International Book Fair in Frankfurt, Germany, on 4 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

The specially-created India National Pavillion at the fair could see a whole constellation of the country's brightest authors that includes the likes of Mahashweta

Devi, Girish Karnad, Namdeo Dhasal and 200 leading publishers. About 70 Indian writers including Amitav Ghosh and Kiran Desai are presenting their work at the five-day event which is expected to draw over 7,000 exhibitors from 113 countries and 280,000 visitors. This year's fair is the biggest in its 58-year history.

Once Upon a Timezone, a romantic comedy by journalist-author Neelesh Misra and *Jamia Milia Islamia: Partners in Freedom* by Mushrul Hassan would be released tomorrow by Human Resource Development Minister Arjun Singh.

Inaugurating the fair, Singh said it was a "great celebration of plurality, of linguistic diversity of mankind and of creativity, knowledge and wisdom". The function was attended among others by German Foreign Minister Frank Walter Steinmeier and Petra Roth, Mayor of Frankfurt city.

Dwelling on the role of books and its contribution in promoting justice, democracy and equality, Singh said if books are allowed to have their fully impact, the whole of earth could become a family.

India is the only nation to be chosen twice as guest of honour in the history of the fair in this German city.

MNA/PTI

Heavy fog closes highways, flights cancelled in N-E China

SHENYANG, 5 Oct— Dozens of flights and sections of highways were affected by a heavy fog that shrouded most of northeast China's Liaoning Province Wednesday morning.

The fog began to roll in around 4 am Wednesday. Visibility in Shenyang, the provincial capital, and Anshan City was down to only 50 metres, according to the provincial meteorological observatory. Four provincial highways were shut down and sections of many others were closed due to the fog, according to the provincial highway administration sources.

according to the Sheyang Taoxian International Airport Authority.

The fog disrupted the plans of people wanting to travel during the week-long National Day holiday that began on 1 October.

By Wednesday noon, the fog had lifted and travel by road and air had returned to normal. Humid air and a lack of wind intensified the fog, meteorologists said.

MNA/Xinhua

More than 20 flights from Shenyang to other cities of China, the Republic of Korea and Japan were delayed or cancelled,

Colombian instrument maker Luis Alberto Paredes plays an electric guitar converted from an AK47 rifle as he sits among classic instruments designed by him in his workshop in Bogota on 2 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA



Kaite Melua sets underwater concert record

LONDON, 5 Oct— Singer Katie Melua swapped the recording studio for a North Sea gas rig in her successful bid to set a first-time record for the deepest underwater concert, the Guinness World Record organization said on Tuesday.

Melua and her five-member band performed two concerts of one hour each on Monday at a verified depth of 303 metres underwater to an audience made up of staff from the Statoil Troll A platform.

"This was definitely the most surreal gig I have ever done... It took nine minutes to go from the main part of the gas platform down to the bottom of the shaft in a lift," she said.

"Every camera had a fire safety officer next to it to monitor the gas level in case the battery sparked an explosion."

The concerts at the bottom of the platform, which is 472 metres high, of which 369 metres are below the sea surface, will be aired later this year on Norwegian television.

Craig Glenday, editor-in-chief of Guinness World Records confirmed the "gig in a rig" — held at the bottom of one of the four massive shafts — had set the record. Georgian-born Melua, 22, said she had undergone tough training before undertaking the descent. "The planning behind the concert has been like a military operation. The band, crew and I were put through rigorous training to ensure our safety including escaping from a submerging cockpit and plunging into the sea in an inflatable life raft," she said in a statement.—MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Sao Paulo win again to stay top in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 Oct — Sao Paulo crushed Vasco da Gama 5-1 to stay top of the Brazilian championship while Fluminense lost 4-1 to Flamengo in their first game under Paulo Cesar Gusmao, their sixth coach of the year.

Sao Paulo raced into a 2-0 lead after 15 minutes at the Morumbi Stadium as Vasco defender Andrade turned Danilo's cross into his own net before Danilo headed the second himself.

Leandro Amaral reduced the arrears for Vasco but Sao Paulo stayed in control as Fabao and Miranda headed home from corners either side of halftime.

Goalkeeper Rogerio Ceni crowned their win by scoring from one of his trademark free kicks, his sixth goal of the championship.

The reigning world club champions lead the table with 53 points from 27 games and stayed five clear of Gremio, who beat Palmeiras 2-1.

Despite suffering from a bout of diarrhoea, midfielder Tcheco scored the winner with a perfectly executed free kick early in the second half. He was substituted shortly afterwards.

Ramon had put Gremio ahead before Paulo Baier won and converted a penalty to equalize for Palmeiras early in the second half.

Fluminense's troubles continued with a heavy defeat in their "Fla-Flu" derby at the Maracana in their first game under Gusmao, who follows Ivo Wortmann, Paulo Campos, Oswaldo Oliveira, Josue Teixeira and Antonio Lopes into the hot seat. — MNA/Reuters



Fu Baorong, left, shot the goal during the game at hockey women's World Cup in Spain, on 4 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

New G14 chairman sees settlement with FIFA

BRUSSELS, 6 Oct — Arsenal vice-chairman David Dein expects an end to the legal disputes between Europe's clubs and soccer's governing bodies during his tenure as the new chairman of the G14 pressure group of clubs, he said on Wednesday.

The G14, which represents 18 of the world's most powerful clubs, is involved in a battle with soccer's world governing body FIFA over a number of issues, notably two court cases related to the release of players for internationals while not being compensated if they get injured.

A Belgian court case taken against FIFA by First Division Charleroi and the G14 over a player injured on international duty has been referred to the European Court of Justice, while a similar case is pending involving Olympique Lyon of France.

"I can see a negotiated settlement between all sides within the next 12 months," Dein told Reuters after being elected as chairman of the G14 at a meeting in Brussels on Wednesday.— MNA/Reuters

Sharp-shooter Casey wards off rivals

KINGSBARN (Scotland), 6 Oct — Britain's Paul Casey was in Ryder Cup ace-making mood as he fired a spectacular eagle-two in Thursday's Dunhill Links Championship first round to keep his European money-list rivals at bay.

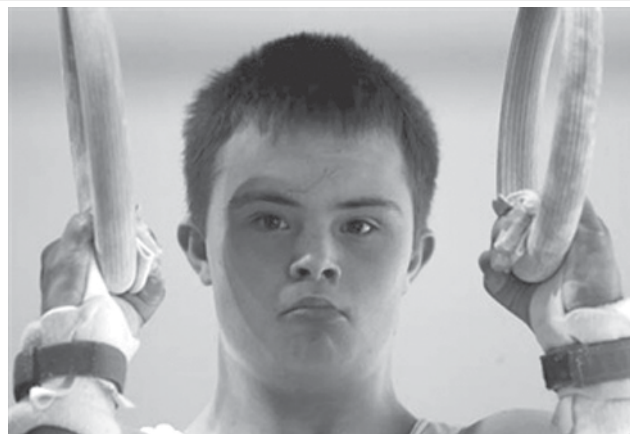
Casey's ball found the cup at the Kingsbarns course sixth, his 15th, on his way to a nine-under-par 63 that earned him a one-stroke lead in the three-course event.

Casey, just 120,000 euros in front of fellow-Englishman David Howell, leads from Sweden's Johan Edfors, who himself still has a slim chance of winning the money-list, and Welshman Bradley Dredge.

Edfors also played Kingsbarns, while Dredge shot a 64 at St. Andrews. Casey's closest money-rival Howell trails him by 12 shots after a costly 75 at Kingsbarns.

After an inauspicious WGC American Express tournament last week, when he lost ground to Howell by finishing tied 56th of the 62-man field, Casey bounced back with a vengeance, achieving something similar to his hole-in-one during the Ryder Cup.

At the par-four sixth, he coaxed his ball over a hill with a wedge from 80 yards out and watched it roll down into the cup. A birdie on his last hole edged him ahead of the field.— MNA/Reuters



An athlete competes during the Special Olympics European Youth Games in Rome on 4 Oct, 2006. The Youth Games involves 1,400 intellectually disabled athletes from all 55 Special Olympics National Programs in the region.—INTERNET

Man City's Barton charged with improper conduct by FA

LONDON, 6 Oct — Manchester City midfielder Joey Barton has been charged with improper conduct and bringing the game into disrepute by the FA after exposing his backside to Everton fans at the end of last Saturday's Premier League game.

Barton lowered his shorts after being barracked by the Everton fans at Goodison Park during the 1-1 draw.

An FA statement said Barton had until Friday to respond to the charge and that a Disciplinary Commission would hear the case next Tuesday.

Earlier in the week Merseyside police decided against taking action against the 24-year-old.— MNA/Reuters



Bolivian President Evo Morales (R) controls the ball against Juan Leon (C), a correspondent from the Italian ANSA agency, while former soccer player Carlos Borja watches, during a friendly match in La Paz on 4 Oct, 2006. The Presidential team defeated the International correspondents 11-1.—INTERNET

Sanchez Vicario to continue as Spain's Davis Cup captain

MADRID, 6 Oct — Emilio Sanchez Vicario is to continue as captain of Spain's Davis Cup team for another year, the Spanish Tennis Federation (RFET) said on their website.

"This year we have managed to keep our team in the top flight of the Davis Cup among the other great sides," RFET president Pedro Munoz said.

"This appointment is a recognition of the good work Emilio has carried out since he took charge last year."

Sanchez Vicario, a former player, is the eldest brother of the women's former world number one Arantxa Sanchez Vicario.— MNA/Reuters

Federer crushes Moodie to reach Tokyo quarters

TOKYO, 6 Oct — World number one Roger Federer ended Wesley Moodie's reign as Japan Open champion with a crushing 6-2, 6-1 win to reach the quarterfinals on Thursday.

Razor-sharp from the opening point, the Swiss top seed needed just 52 minutes to blow away the South African behind a blaze of winners in Tokyo, improving his win-loss record this year to 74-5.

Federer won seven straight games



World number one Roger Federer defeated Serb qualifier Viktor Troicki through two tiebreakers 7-6 and 7-6 to reach the third round of the Japan Open tennis tournament here on 4 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

from 3-2 in the first set with an awesome display of stroke-making that left Moodie shaking his head in disbelief.

One angled backhand return from Federer that drifted away from Moodie and onto the line to give him a break for 2-0 in the second set even brought a wry smile to Federer's face.

The nine-times Grand Slam singles champion had struggled to beat 276th-ranked qualifier Viktor Troicki 7-6, 7-6 in his opening match and the unfortunate Moodie felt the full backlash.

Federer wrapped up the formalities on his first match point with a kicking second serve that brought a wild backhand from his deflated opponent, who looked relieved his ordeal was over.

Federer will play either Germany's Alexander Waske or Japanese wildcard Takao Suzuki in the quarterfinals.

Federer's match with Moodie was played under a closed roof in Tokyo as rain washed out much of Thursday's play.

MNA/Reuters



Elephants from the Ringling Bros and Barnum & Bailey circus parade down Memorial Drive in Cambridge, Massachusetts on 5 Oct, 2006, from their train to the TD Banknorth Garden for ten days of performances.

INTERNET

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Saturday, 7 October View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပုံ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟောပြောပြု၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မစေတီ က၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတာသန္တီပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:00 am 7. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am 8. Musical programme
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am 1. Martial songs
- 11:15 am 2. ဝါကျတော်စားများ
- 11:25 am 3. Games for children
- 11:45 am 4. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:50 pm 5. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆည်းဆာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
- 1:35 pm 6. Dance of national races
- 1:45 pm 9. "တစ်ပါးသိလ" (စော်လင်း၊ ဦးသိုက်စိုး၊ ခင်စိုးဝင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်နှင်းစိုး)
- 2:45 pm 8. International news
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial songs
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for everyday use
- 4:45 pm 4. တေးသရုပ်ဖော် အစီအစဉ်
- 4:50 pm 5. အပေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညှာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm 6. ဝါကျတော်စားများ

People-smuggling ringleader of Europe jailed for 8-1/2 years

LONDON, 6 Oct— A ringleader of one of Europe's largest people-smuggling gangs was jailed at a south London court on Wednesday.

The gang ran rackets estimated by police to be worth millions of pounds and involved thousands of people. Illegal immigrants, predominantly from Turkey and including children, were shipped into London from mainland Europe in cramped containers and lorries in journeys that could have taken months. Ramazan Zorlu, 43, was jailed for eight-and-a-half years at Croydon Crown Court after he pleaded guilty to a role in the network. He was one of 10 to have admitted carrying out the people-smuggling operation, the Crown Prosecution Service said.— MNA/Reuters

35 injured as jackals attack Indian village

RANCHI (India), 6 Oct— A pack of jackals prowling for food attacked villages in the eastern Indian state of Bihar, injuring at least 35 people, officials said on Thursday. The attack took place in Madhubani District, about 120 kilometres (75 miles) north of the state capital, Patna, late on Wednesday. MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas. Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Yangon and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay and Magway Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (3.63) inches, Dawei (3.19) inches, Kalaywa (2.95) inches, Heho (2.60) inches, Kyaukpataung (2.00) inches, Sagaing (1.97) inches, Kanbalu (1.81) inches, Myeik (1.77) inches, Mawlamyine (1.69) inches, Magway (1.65) inches, Pakokku (1.26) inches, Aunglan and Yangon (Central) (1.22) inches each, Kyaukse (1.14) inches, Mandalay (0.63) inch and NyaungU (0.59) inch. Maximum temperature on 5-10-2006 was 85°F. Minimum temperature on 6-10-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 6-10-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 5-10-2006 was (0.5) hour approx. Rainfalls on 6-10-2006 were (0.28) inch at Mingaladon and (0.28) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.22) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (95.95) inches at Mingaladon and (108.90) inches at Kaba-Aye and (113.90) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hours MST on 5-10-2006. Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 7-10-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Chin States and Taninthayi Division, fairly widespread in Shan, Rakhine, Mon and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Yangon Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%. State of the Sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar areas. Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 7-10-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 7-10-2006: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%. Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 7-10-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%. Weather outlook for second weekend of October 2006: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Yangon Division.

Radio Myanmar

- Saturday, 7 October Tune in today
- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Where are you now? ... Tresha Yearwood
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -When you wish upon a star ... Eternal
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -I'll always be in your heart... Tit-n-Tat friends
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Love me ... Collin Raye
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40 pm Music at your request/Lunch time music -Good feeling -Baby it's you -Sweet dreams
- 9:00 pm ASEAN news review -Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Mung Nyunt
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs -Kiss me quick -Memories are made of this
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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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

National Convention delegates from Kachin, Chin States arrive

YANGON, 6 Oct — Delegates of Kachin State and Chin State to the National Convention arrived here by air today.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of National Convention Convening, Invitation and Accommodation Sub-Committee Col Htein Lin and members. Delegates were transported to Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township where the NC will be reconvened. — MNA



Delegates to National Convention from Chin State being welcomed by officials at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Myanmar's internal affairs can be solved within the nation

Using UN as a tool, US-initiated decision designed to impede ongoing National Convention

NAY PYI TAW, 6 Oct — *The Rakhine Peace Organization on 23 September issued the 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 Rakhine Peace Organization on its stance on decision to put Myanmar on UNSC agenda

23 September 2006

1. Due to the submission of the permanent US representative, a decision was made on 15 September 2006 to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC.
2. It was a one-sided accusation of the US that Myanmar is posing a threat to regional stability. Myanmar's internal affairs can be solved within the nation, and it will not harm any foreign country. Indeed, the US is turning a blind eye to development of the nation that Myanmar people enjoy.

3. Using the UN as a tool, the US-initiated decision is designed to
 - (a) impede the ongoing National Convention with the participation of representatives from all walks of life in line with the seven-step Road Map, and
 - (b) undermine prevailing peace and stability, prevalence of law and order, national unity, sector-wise developments and democratization process of the State.
4. As such, Rakhine Peace Organization hereby declares that the US interference in Myanmar's affairs is totally unacceptable, and the organization strongly condemns such acts of the US, using the UN as a tool.

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