

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

Preparations to be made to re-organize Myanmar War Veterans Organization in conformity with forthcoming constitution

Secretary-1 attends regular meeting of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct — The regular meeting of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee was held at its hall, here, this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the MWVO COC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present at the meeting were Vice-Chairmen of the MWVO COC Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, MWVO COC members, the head of MWVO Headquarters and officials.

In his speech, the Secretary-1 said that as the National Convention — one of the programmes for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing modern and developed democratic nation — will be reconvened soon, the Myanmar War Veterans Organization is to join hands with other organizations for taking part in the respective sectors of successfully holding of the National Convention.

Preparations are to be made to re-organize the Myanmar War Veterans Organization in conformity with the forthcoming constitution. He stressed the need to compile the manual of war veterans, establish agricultural, livestock breeding, industries and services at war veterans villages, carry out welfare tasks for families of WVO members, and implement the future tasks laid

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down at the MWVO Conference (2005) and the decisions adopted at the regular meetings of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee.

Secretary of the Central Organizing Committee Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe read out the decisions of the MWVO COC Meeting 6/2005 and its accomplishments. Next, he reported matters submitted to the regular meeting.

Group leaders of five tasks of the COC presented reports on progress of the five tasks. Work group leaders also took part in the discussions.

Vice-Chairman Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) gave a supplementary report on implementation of the five tasks in States and Divisions.

After hearing the reports, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave concluding remarks.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the regular meeting of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Preventive measures against major diseases

The Government has been making efforts for providing full health care services to the people. In this regard, effective curative and preventive measures against the major diseases are taken extensively.

As such emphasis is being laid for ensuring longevity of the people, some diseases are under control and some are totally eliminated. According to the data of WHO, the incidence of three major diseases namely, tuberculosis, malaria and HIV/AIDS is less than that of neighbouring countries.

Regarding the control of HIV/AIDS, the Ministry of Health has formed the Central Committee and policies have been laid down. Preventive measures against HIV/AIDS are taken extensively in the states, divisions, districts and townships. At the same time, UN agencies, 18 local social organizations, 17 international social organizations and the public are actively participating in the campaign against HIV/AIDS with momentum.

The Ministry of Health also opened the specialist hospital in Mingaladon Township of Yangon North District on 1 October 2006 for patients with chronic diseases. All responsible personnel concerned are to strive for providing effective treatment and best health care services.

The correct policy and effective implementation of the Ministry of Health, the ardent humanitarian spirit of the people and active and enthusiastic participation of local and foreign social organizations will surely bring about effective curative and preventive measures against those major diseases including HIV/AIDS.

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People's 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

Cornerstones laid for construction of artificial turf hockey pitch



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win unveils the stone inscription for construction of artificial turf hockey pitch. —MNA

YANGON, 6 Oct — As part of friendly ties between Myanmar and Bangladesh, a ceremony to lay cornerstones for construction of the artificial turf hockey pitch was held at Theinbyu Hockey Pitch, here, this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and members, Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr Khairuzzaman, ambassadors of Pakistan and ASEAN countries, military attachés, officials of the Ministry of Sports, President of Central Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye and members, the president of Myanmar Hockey Federation and executives and wellwishers.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and the Bangladeshi Ambassador gave speeches.

The President and the Vice-President of MHF reported on construction of the artificial turf hockey pitch.

Next, the commander, the minister, the deputy commander, the Bangladeshi ambassador and officials laid cornerstones.

After unveiling the stone plaque, the commander accepted cash donations for construction of the hockey pitch from wellwishers.

The People's Republic of Bangladesh donated an artificial turf worth US\$ 720,000 imported from Polytan Co of Germany to Myanmar. Under the leadership of the Ministry of Sports, MHF and engineers of Polytan Co of Germany will build the hockey pitch.

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Minister for Education tours universities, basic education schools in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 6 Oct — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein met rectors and faculty members of Mandalay University, Mandalay University of Foreign Languages and Mandalay University of Distance Education at the Convocation Hall of Mandalay University on 1 October.

The minister heard reports on training courses, number of students and teachers, implementation of academic plans and research tasks presented by rectors.

The minister gave necessary instructions and inspected the abstracts of research thesis of doctoral students. At Yadanabon University, the minister met with faculty members. The pro-rector handed over e-books of PhD and master's courses to the minister.

On 2 October, the minister inspected Basic Education Primary School in Pincha Village of Singaing Township.

At Kyaukse University, the minister heard reports on management and academic matters and research tasks presented by the pro-rector. The minister inspected educational tasks of basic education schools in Myittha and Pyawbwe Townships.

At Meiktila Institute of Economics, the minister met with faculty members and students of MBA course. — MNA

**Men's and Women's (aged 16-20)
Open Cycling Contest scheduled
on 21-22 October**

YANGON, 7 Oct — Under the supervision of the Ministry of Sports, Myanmar Cycling Federation and Hein Si Trading Co Ltd will jointly organize the Men's and Women's (aged 16-20) Open Cycling Contest at Thuwanna cycling training ground in the compound of Youth Training Centre (Thuwanna) on 21 and 22 October.

Cycling clubs from States and Divisions and individual cyclists may enroll at Secretary General U Zaw Myint of MCF from 15 to 20 October.

Deserving prizes will be presented to the winners. Former and present selected cyclists would not be permitted to take part in the contest.

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Vietnam, Cuba to boost bilateral cooperation

HANOI, 6 Oct — Vietnamese and Cuban officials discussed measures to strengthen trade and economic ties between the two countries, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported Friday.

At the 24th session of the Vietnam-Cuba Inter-Governmental Committee held in Hanoi capital on Thursday, Vietnam suggested a list of goods and services that Cuba can export to Vietnam. Vietnam also hoped to further cooperate with Cuba to promote its trade with countries in Latin America and the Caribbean.

Cuban Deputy Minister of Foreign Investment and Economic Cooperation Ramon Ripoll Diaz said at the meeting that the Cuban party and state are determined to forge cooperation with Vietnam. He said he was satisfied with cooperation between the two countries in the areas of agriculture, fisheries, bio-technology, science, technology

and construction.

He thanked the Vietnamese Government for providing Cuba with rice and asked for additional 400,000 tons of rice this year. Vietnamese Construction Minister Nguyen Hong Quan said the Vietnamese party and state always attach importance to friendship and solidarity with Cuba. He said Vietnam will do all it can to further promote the relationship for the interests of the two peoples, thus contributing to building a world of equality, peace, stability and development.

MNA/Xinhua

WHO blames air pollution for 2m deaths

SYDNEY, 6 Oct—The World Health Organisation (WHO) has warned that air pollution in cities across the globe is causing more than 2 million premature deaths every year. The United Nations health agency says pollution from the burning of fossil fuel is one of the biggest threats to health in developing countries.

The WHO's director of public health, Maria Neira, says improving air quality will have a huge impact on health standards.

"We want to reduce the level of those pollutants that are affecting very much our health," she said.

"The consequences are principally on infectious diseases, heart attacks, lung cancer. "If we reduce the level of those pollutants we are convinced that we can achieve a reduction on the 15 per cent of mortality caused by those pollutants." — *Internet*

Russian FM says US complicating Iran talks

Moscow, 6 Oct — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Thursday that US moves to slap sanctions on foreign companies doing business with Iran are complicating international efforts aimed at Teheran's agreement to halt uranium

enrichment.

A "unilateral" US law to impose sanctions on those companies "impedes the work of the sextet in its collective format", Lavrov said referring to the six nations that have offered Iran an incentives package in exchange for a freeze on its enrichment

work, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

"We had an agreement that we would do everything together, including analyzing the situation and working out means of pressure. What has happened. We'll see what can be done in this situation," Lavrov said.

European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana reported on Wednesday no breakthrough in his talks with Iran over its disputed nuclear programme, while Teheran remained defiant to the United Nations' demand for a suspension of uranium enrichment.

MNA/Xinhua

Health Dept warns of poison in cooking powder

SYDNEY, 6 Oct—The New South Wales Health Department has ordered the recall of a powder used in Asian cooking after tests of the product revealed it contained the poison sodium nitrite.

The product is being sold as 'Goldfish brand Nutree Powder'.

The department identified the substance after tests on five people who were hospitalised after adding the powder to their food. The director of Communicable Diseases Dr Jeremy McNulty says the container is not labelled properly.

"It's a cautionary tale too that unless you know what you're adding to your food people can often buy products that aren't clearly labelled or in unfamiliar languages - such as Asian grocery stores," he said. "Make sure you know what the product is and what's in it ... before you add it to your food." — *Internet*



Protestors dressed as Vice President Dick Cheney, left, and President Bush dance along with hundreds of demonstrators during a protest in downtown Los Angeles on 5 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET



Workers arrange decorations for the upcoming Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Forum summit in Hanoi on 6 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

Four US soldiers killed N-W of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 6 Oct — Four US soldiers were killed when Iraqi guerrillas attacked their patrol by indirect and small arms fire on Thursday, the US military said.

The four soldiers, assigned to Multi-National Division-Baghdad, were killed at about 9:00 am (0600 GMT), the military said in a statement.

The indirect fire usually refers to mortar attack in the US military statements.

About 2,725 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003, according to media tally. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Two girls enjoy a water-surface walk inside a ball in Yichang, central China's Hubei Province on 5 Oct, 2006. It is reported that this water-surface walking ball was originated from Europe and it helps train participants' balancing ability. It is now very popular in Chinese cities.—XINHUA

South African flight turns back after threat to crew

JOHANNESBURG (South Africa), 6 Oct— A passenger plane from Cape Town to Johannesburg, South Africa, turned back Friday because a passenger threatened the crew, a spokeswoman for the airline said.

The Kulula.com flight returned to Cape Town International Airport about 30 minutes after taking off at 11:11 am (0911 GMT) because an "unruly passenger on board made a threat," airline spokeswoman Glenda Zvenyika said.

She said police took the passenger and another person accompanying him into custody.

Zvenyika would not reveal details of the threat. She said the captain was following standard safety procedures by turning back.

None of the 159 passengers or crew on board was hurt and airport operations were not affected.—INTERNET

Dengue spreads to north India

NEW DELHI, 6 Oct— Indian capital recorded another dengue death of a 12-year-old girl Wednesday, pulling the toll to 13 while the disease is spreading in north India, local media reported.

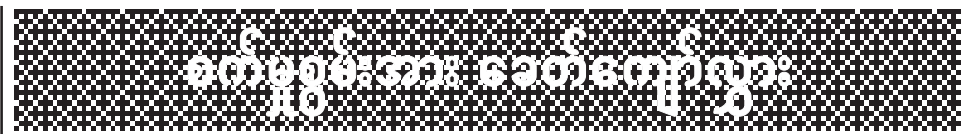
According to local TV channel CNN-IBN, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's two grandsons were also diagnosed with dengue fever at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Wed-

nesday. Seventeen-year-old Rohan and eleven-year-old Madhav were sent to hospital with high fever and other symptoms of the disease. Rohan was admitted last evening.

MNA/Xinhua



Miss Philippines Jamie Liv Castillo is escorted by airport security upon arrival at the Manila International airport on 6 Oct, 2006. INTERNET



Indian Air Force to get new planes, systems in 2007

NEW DELHI, 6 Oct— India will acquire new aircraft, weapon systems and missiles from next year in a bid to boost the capabilities of the world's fourth-largest Air Force, its chief said on Thursday.

Hawk Advanced Trainer Jets would come from Britain's BAE Systems Plc and an Airborne Warning and Control System (AWAC) would be acquired by 2007, Air Chief Marshal SP Tyagi told a news

conference ahead of annual Air Force Day on 8 October. Air Force spokesman later told Reuters around 50 Hawks and three AWACS, built by Israel on Russian platforms, would be delivered next year.

Tyagi also said India was acquiring two types of missiles — medium-long range missiles and quick-reaction missiles.

"On quick-reaction missiles all negotiations are over and we are awaiting final clearance," he said, adding the deal should be signed in a month or two.

Military analysts said India had been negotiating with Israel for the Spyder surface-to-air missiles to target low-flying aircraft, helicopters and unmanned drones. In addition, India is also planning to purchase six new flight-refuelling aircraft and is also awaiting delivery of 80 medium-size helicopters from next year, Tyagi said. —MNA/Reuters



Paintings, sculptures and installations are seen at the 27th Sao Paulo Biennial Art Show in Sao Paulo, Brazil on 6 Oct, 2006. Latin America's premier art show opens this weekend and runs through 17 Dec.—INTERNET

China shuts down 213 factories for heavy pollution

BEIJING, 6 Oct— China has closed 213 factories in its inland provinces and autonomous regions over the past three years to reduce industrial pollution, according to a statement from the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA) here Thursday. Another 873 factories in the provinces of Shanxi and Shaanxi, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region and Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region were shut down pending renovation, according to the administration.

"The total investment in renovation and construction of environmental protection facilities is 1.43 billion yuan (about 181 million US dollars)," the

administration said. The statement said the three-year campaign, intended to reduce industrial pollution in the four provinces and regions, has affected 1,086 factories.

Four hundred and nine

out of the 873 factories ordered to carry out reconstruction work have now resumed production after passing a government examination. The others are still closed down.

MNA/Xinhua



People walk past the 'Sky Mirror' a sculpture by artist Anish Kapoor, on 5 Oct, 2006 in New York's Rockefeller Center.—INTERNET

EU anti-dumping measures lack legal, factual support

BEIJING, 6 Oct — Spokesman for China's Ministry of Commerce Chong Quan said here Thursday that the latest anti-dumping measures taken by the European Union (EU) against Chinese leather shoe makers run short of legal and factual support.

Chong made a statement Thursday in response to the EU decision to impose anti-dumping duties on China-made leather shoes. He said there are many legal limitations in the whole process of EU's decision, which contradict WTO rules and the anti-dumping law of the EU. The EU's decision to adopt anti-dumping measures lacks legal and factual support and harms the justifiable rights of Chinese leather shoe enterprises.

He said the Chinese side has noticed that the EU has in this case reduced the normally five-year anti-dumping term to two-year one, and the definitive tariff rate has been lowered somewhat compared with the provisional rate.

However, Chinese

enterprise and industrial circles are strongly opposed to EU's decision to adopt the measures.

He said the Chinese side will pay close attention to and appraise the development of the issue, and reserve the right to adopt relevant measures.

MNA/Xinhua



A girl shows "mooncakes" made of "Shoushanshi", a kind of rare stone in Beijing, on 5 Oct, 2006. — XINHUA

US border agents arrest 83-year-old on drug charge

PHOENIX, (Arizona), 6 Oct — US police arrested an 83-year-old woman on suspicion of entering California from Mexico with 10 pounds (4.5 kilos) of methamphetamine strapped to her body, officials said on Thursday.

The woman, who is a US citizen, and two Mexican nationals were arrested in San Ysidro, California, on Monday as they drove north from Tijuana, Mexico.

US Customs and Border Protection spokeswoman Angelica De Cima said officers at a US border crossing stopped their car and found the drugs strapped to the body of the retiree and a 40-year-old Mexican woman.

Both women were passengers in the vehicle driven by a 22-year-old Mexican man.

"It's very unusual for us to arrest such an elderly smuggler, but it's not unique," De Cima told Reuters by telephone. "We are catching more drugs at the port and so the Mexican cartels are using more creative techniques to try and get away with it."

MNA/Reuters

Putin urges measures to encourage women to have more babies

Moscow, 6 Oct — President Vladimir Putin on Thursday called for new measures to encourage Russian women to have more babies as the country's population has declining steadily for more than a decade.

"We are to devise and create a radically new form to stimulate births. Women must be provided with maternity benefits after the birth of a second child and after more children are born," Putin told the Council for National

Projects and Demographic Policies, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

The President said the measures must be "effective and as simple as possible, and, most importantly, clear to citizens".

"Priority must be given to measures to strengthen the family and the system for assisting mothers, and additional steps must be made to lower the mortality rate," he said.

Russia's population has been on the decrease since

1993. It shrank by 415,000 people in the first half of this year. Putin called the declining population "the most outstanding problem" for Russia in his State of the Nation address in May.

MNA/Xinhua

France's President Jacques Chirac admires a cow as he attends a livestock summit in Cournon d'Auvergne, central France, on 5 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET



A view of haze-blanketed downtown Kuala Lumpur, on 6 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

More than 12,000 Iraqi police casualties in two years

BAGHDAD, 6 Oct — Thousands of Iraqi police officers have been wounded or killed over the last two years, said the US commander in charge of police training in Iraq on Friday.

Since September 2004, about 4,000 officers have been killed and 8,000 injured, said Maj Gen Joseph Paterson in a teleconference from Baghdad with Pentagon reporters. The police have "paid a great price," he said.

US commanders are focused on reducing

violence in Baghdad to the level where the Iraqi police can take over security. With the Iraqi capital secured, US leaders say the Iraqi government can switch its focus on providing security and basic services to the rest of the country.

That would set the conditions for US troops

to begin withdrawing.

But the Iraqi police have been criticized for their performance and for ties to militias and death squads suspected of hundreds of kidnappings and murders each month in Iraq.

Such suspicions led to the removal of the 8th Brigade from the streets

of Baghdad the other day. The move was in response to the kidnapping Sunday of more than 20 people in the brigade's area of operations. Seven of the people were later found dead.

Just how many police officers are loyal to militias is not known, Peterson said. —Internet

President says Indonesia to modernize Armed Forces

JAKARTA, 6 Oct — Indonesia will improve the capability of the Armed Forces (TNI) and modernize its equipment, in an effort to boost professionalism, President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said here Thursday.

President Susilo cited that the forces will face more challenges in the future, as the science and technology has grown rapidly in the world, which change dramatically the form and characteristic of war today to become more modern and complex.

“In the future the TNI needs to conduct a development and a modernization of strength toward professionalism, more effective and credible,” said Susilo in his speech

at the anniversary of the TNI birthday at the military headquarters here.

“I expect the TNI persistently improve organization, tactic and technical of its battle, so that they can respond on the dynamics and challenges of the modern war,” he said.

The President said that the move will be carried out gradually in accordance with the state financial capability, in a bid to form a minimal-strength needed.

“I am confidence that the TNI, whom we all proud of, will be able to become professional credible and modern, which is equal with troops from other countries,” said Susilo.

The President said with that minimum strength, Army, Navy and Air Force, had to be able to carry out tasks in the field, such as facing a contingency situation and prevention from a possible threat.

MNA/Xinhua



A dragon made of incense sticks is paraded during the Fire Dragon Dance performance through a Hong Kong street on 5 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

FM says Fidel Castro to return to post as Cuban leader

HAVANA, 6 Oct— Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque said that Fidel Castro will return to his post as the leader of the country, daily newspaper Granma reported on Wednesday.

Speaking at an outdoor event to discuss the affects of US trade embargoes against Cuba on Tuesday, Perez Roque said Castro is recovering and “We will again have him leading the

resolution.” The Foreign Minister did not say when Castro will return.

Castro temporarily relinquished his powers to Defence Minister Raul

Castro because of surgery in late July.

Raul Castro, 75, is officially in charge of Cuba until Fidel Castro is well enough to get back to work full time. — MNA/Xinhua



Indonesian policewomen wear masks while directing morning traffic as haze blankets the town of Palembang, in South Sumatra Province, on 5 Oct, 2006. — INTERNET

Indonesia urges airport landing review due to haze

JAKARTA, 6 Oct— Indonesia on Wednesday urged airports in areas shrouded by thick smoke from forest fires to close if conditions made landings hazardous, after a jet with more than 100 on board skidded off a runway in Borneo.

The passenger jet operated by Mandala Airlines skidded off the runway upon landing amid thick haze in Indonesia’s East Kalimantan Province on Tuesday as fires spread choking haze to neighbouring Brunei, Malaysia and Singapore.

“We recommend that authorities determine minimal visibility standards in airports.

If visibility is below the standards, an airport should be closed temporarily,” said Setyo Raharjo, the chairman of

the National Commission for Transport Safety.

The current regulations allowed a pilot to decide whether it was safe enough to land, he tol

Raharjo said haze had contributed to the mishap involving one of Mandala’s Boeing 737-200 aircraft. No one was hurt after the jetliner skidded 50 metres (164 feet) off the runway in Tarakan.

An air traffic controller at Cilik Riwut Airport in Central Kalimantan said there

had been some landing delays on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

World exclusive watch collection unveiled in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 6 Oct— Sincere Watch, Singapore’s famous luxury watches retailer, unveiled here on Thursday a world exclusive watch collection from 13 top global watch brands.

The collection, worth 45 million Singapore dollars (about 28.5 million US dollars), is featuring timepieces of top watchmaking brands mainly coming from Switzerland, including Audemars Piguet, Bovet, Corum, Franck Muller, LUC and so on.

Visitors who enjoy luxury-brand shopping and connoisseurs who appreciate unique and definitive watches will be able to view the collection at the Hilton Shopping Gallery from Friday to next Tuesday.

Such a collection “will enhance Singapore’s stature as a world-class luxury watch hub”, said Chan Tat Hon, assistant chief executive of the Singapore Tourism Board.

According to figures from the Federation of Swiss Watch Industry, Asia

accounts for almost half of all Swiss watch sales in the world. The top three markets for Swiss watches in Asia include Japan, China’s Hong Kong Special Administrative Region and Singapore.

MNA/Xinhua

German hospital checks 130 deaths after nurse’s arrest

BERLIN, 6 Oct— A Berlin hospital said on Thursday it was reviewing more than 130 deaths following the arrest of a nurse suspected of having murdered at least two seriously ill patients.

Investigations showed the 54-year old female nurse gave lethal overdoses of medicine to two patients in intensive care at Berlin’s Charite Hospital in August and October of this year, said Berlin’s state prosecutor’s office in a statement.

MNA/Reuters



A street is flooded in Sena District, Ayutthaya Province, 80 km (50 miles) north of Bangkok, on 6 Oct, 2006. — INTERNET

Health benefits of plain tea

Dr Paing Soe

Introduction

Hundreds of millions of people around the world drink tea for its reputed health benefits. While archeological evidence suggests that human consumption of tea leaves seeped in boiling water dates back to as far as 500,000 years. Botanical evidence indicates that India and China were among the first countries to cultivate tea for human consumption. For thousands of years, green tea has been highly valued by the Chinese as a pleasurable, herbal and medicinal drink.

There was also a legend that drinking green tea diet was accidentally discovered by a Chinese Emperor by the name of Shen Nung, who tasted the first-ever pot of green tea which resulted from the falling of some tea leaves from a nearby tree into the pot of boiling water being prepared for him. One can imagine the aroma and the taste which captured the emperor's heart.

There are three main varieties of tea available for human consumption:

1. green tea
2. black tea and
3. Oolong tea

In Myanmar, varieties of tea available and consumed include:

1. green tea (plain tea)
2. black tea (tea) and
3. fermented tea (la-phet)

Antioxidant effect of plain tea (green tea)

Green tea made from unfermented leaves is reputed to contain the highest concentration of polyphenols which act as powerful antioxidants. Antioxidants are substances that scavenge the free-radicals which has damaging effect on the body by altering the cell membranes, tampering with DNA (genetic material), and even causing cell death. Free radicals occur naturally in the body, but environmental toxins (including ultraviolet light, irradiation, air pollution and cigarette smoke) can also increase the number of these damaging particles. Free radicals are believed to contribute to the aging process as well as the development of a number of health problems including cancer and heart disease. Some researchers have reported that polyphenol inhibits the growth of cancer cells and killing these cancer cells without harming the healthy tissue.

Green tea and health

There are many health benefits associated with regular consumption of green tea. For years, researchers were puzzled by the fact that, despite similar consumption of food rich in fat, the French were found to have a lower incidence of heart disease than the American. The answer was finally found to lie in the drinking of red wine, which contains resveratrol, a polyphenol that reverses the negative effects of both smoking and fatty diet. In 1997, researchers from the University of Kansas found that EGCG is twice as powerful as resveratrol, which may explain why the rate of heart disease among Japanese men is low, in spite of the fact that approximately seventy-five per cent of the Japanese are smokers.

Green tea has been extensively studied in people, animals and laboratory experiments. Results from these studies suggested that green tea may prove beneficial for the following health conditions:

Atherosclerosis

Population-based studies have indicated that the antioxidant and the cholesterol-lowering properties of green tea may help prevent atherosclerosis, particularly coronary artery diseases (CAD), stroke, and peripheral artery diseases (PAD). The antioxidant and lipid lowering activity of polyphenol in green tea can prevent the occurrence of atherosclerosis.

Hypertension

EGCG in green tea has been shown to be effective in lowering the LDL cholesterol level, in inhibiting the abnormal formation of blood clots, and in the prevention of hypertension, heart attacks and stroke.

High cholesterol

Green tea has demonstrated an ability to lower

total cholesterol and raise HDL "good" cholesterol in both animals and people. Results from an animal study suggested that polyphenols in green tea may block the intestinal absorption of cholesterol and also promote its excretion from the body.

Cancer

The cancer-protective effects of green tea have been reported in several population-based studies. Cancer rates tend to be lower in countries such as Japan and China where green tea is regularly consumed. Animal and clinical studies are beginning to suggest that polyphenols in green tea may play an important role in the prevention of cancer by acting as powerful antioxidants. Researchers also believe that polyphenols can help kill cancerous cells and stop its progression.

(i). Gastro intestinal Cancer

- Oral Cancer
- Oesophageal Cancer
- Stomach Cancer
- Colo-rectal Cancer

Some studies have shown a decrease in the inflammation, irritation and prevention of cancer in those who drink the tea. However, further research is needed to clarify this.

Bladder cancer

Only a few studies have examined the relationship between bladder cancer and green tea consumption. One study which compared people with and without bladder cancer showed that women who drink green tea were less likely to develop bladder cancer and a follow-up study by the same group of researchers revealed that bladder cancer patients (particularly men) who drank green tea, had a substantially better five-year survival rate than those who did not.

Prostate cancer

Laboratory studies have shown that green tea extracts prevent the growth of prostate cancer cells in test tubes. However, both green and black tea extracts were also found to stimulate genes that cause cells to be less sensitive to chemotherapy drugs.

Pancreatic cancer

One large-scale study comparing green tea drinkers with non-drinkers, found that those who drank more tea had significantly less development of pancreatic cancer. This was particularly true for women. Men who drank more tea had 37% less likely chance to develop pancreatic cancer.

Breast cancer

Laboratory studies using animals and test tubes suggested that polyphenols in green tea can inhibit the growth of breast cancer cells. It was also found that women with early stages of the disease, who drank at least 5 cups of tea every day before being diagnosed as having cancer, were less likely to suffer the recurrences of the disease after the completion of treatment.

Skin cancer

The main polyphenol in green tea, epigallocatechin gallate (EGCG) and the other green tea polyphenols, were found to possess anti-inflammatory and anti-cancer properties that may help prevent the onset and growth of skin tumors.

Rheumatoid arthritis

Those who drank three cups of green tea per day (240 to 320 mg polyphenols) are less likely to develop arthritis especially in men.

Obesity

The catechin polyphenols present in green tea can delay the reaction of gastric and pancreatic lipases in the body. These enzymes are responsible for converting calories in the body into fats. By depressing these enzymes, green tea can stop fat from being stored and thus, prevent development of obesity in people.

Diabetes mellitus

Animal studies have suggested that green tea may help prevent the development of type I diabetes and also slows the progression and development of complications once it has developed. Green tea may help regulate glucose in the body.

Liver disease

Population-based studies have shown that men who drink more than 10 cups of green tea per day are less likely to develop disorders of the liver. Green tea also appears to protect the liver from the damaging effects of toxic substances such as alcohol. Animal studies have shown that green tea helps protect against the development of liver tumors in mice.

Alzheimer's disease

Polyphenol in green tea can prevent the damage of brain cells in old age.

Dental and gum diseases

Green tea can help prevent tooth decay and it can also kill the bacteria that cause dental plaque. It is also used for bad smell in oral cavity. It also helps remove bad breath.

Consumption of plain tea (green tea)

1. Dry leaf. One cup of green tea contains 50-150mg polyphenol.
2. Green tea leaf extracts
3. Capsules and liquid
4. Decaffeinated green tea contains polyphenol 60% to 50%.

Amount of consumption for health

For adults, three cups of plain tea (green tea) per day (3 g soluble components, or 240 to 320g polyphenols) or 300 to 400 mg per day of standardized green tea extract (extracts should contain 80% total polyphenol and 55% epigallocatechin) is recommended.

For children, pregnant and lactating women, people with heart problems, and kidney disorders, drinking excessive amount of caffeine (including caffeine from green tea) for prolonged periods of time may experience irritability, insomnia, palpitation and dizziness. Caffeine overdose can cause nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, headaches and loss of appetite.

Possible interactions of plain tea (green tea)

If you are currently on any of the following medications, you are liable to experience the following interactions:

Antibiotics, beta-lactam

Plain tea (green tea) may increase the effectiveness of beta-lactam antibiotics by reducing bacterial resistance to treatment.

Sedatives/Benzodiazepines

Caffeine (including caffeine from green tea) has been shown to reduce the sedative effects of benzodiazepines.

Chemotherapy (Breast cancer)

The combination of green tea and chemotherapy medications, specifically doxorubicin and Tomoxifen, increased the effectiveness of these medications in laboratory tests.

Oral contraceptives

Oral contraceptives can prolong the amount of time that keeps caffeine in the body which may increase its stimulating effects.

Conclusion

To get the best out of a cup of tea, proper way of preparing is important. Tea leaves should be steamed only for a short time and then dried. Non-fermented tea is best for health. Although millions of people around the world drink tea for the health benefits, drinking tea alone without consideration of other health factors may not be sufficient. In addition, one should also be aware of the likely adverse effects of tea that are already mentioned above. Therefore, we should all practise healthy life-styles and living conditions such as,

- Avoiding smoking
- Reduced intake of salty and fatty diet
- Eating colourful fruits and vegetables
- Keeping fit through daily exercise for at least 30 minutes and
- Daily taking of plain tea (green tea).

This may prove even superior, safer, and more economical than daily taking of vitamins, minerals and other expensive drugs whose effects have yet to be verified.

*The beautiful scene
of the great
Shwedagon Pagoda
on Fullmoon day of
Thadingyut.*

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9,900 lights, joss sticks offered to pagodas in Pantapwint Hill region



Members of the Sangha and laypersons take part in the ceremony of offering 9,900 lights. — H

YANGON, 7 Oct — Ceremonies to offer 9,900 lights and joss sticks to pagodas, share merits for construction of golden monastery, lay cornerstones for the library and re-ordain Presiding Nayaka of Pantapwint Hill religious region Sayadaw Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Paññasara were held at the religious region in Taikkyi Township yesterday (Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut).

First, Pantapwint Hill Sayadaw and members of the Sangha consecrated

Buddha images at the golden monastery built by U Shwe-Daw Kyin Than and family, spending K 4.5 million.

Afterwards, the Sayadaw laid cornerstones for construction of the library to be spent with K 6.3 million by Col Sein Tun (Retd) and family. Next, the Pantapwint Hill Sayadaw was reordained.

Buddha Pujaniya 9,900 lights group of Insein Township donated alms to the Sayadaw. In the evening, wellwishers offered 9,900 lights and

joss sticks to ancient pagodas and Nagayon Buddha image.

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Alms donated to members of the Sangha

YANGON, 7 Oct— Singu Township held its 32nd alms donation to members of the Sangha on Chauk-NyaungU Road in Singu yesterday.

Chairman of NyaungU District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Teza

and Commander of District Police Force Police Lt-Col Kyi Lin and wellwishers from Chauk, Kyaukpadaung, Ye-nagyoung, Singu, Magway, Lanywa, Bagan, Wazi and NyaungU offered cash, rice and alms worth K 9 million to 327 members

of the Sangha and 14 nuns.

State Vinaya Sayadaw Abbot of Ngwedaung monastery Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Indakasami delivered a sermon to mark the donation, and merits were shared.

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Talks on taxes briefed

YANGON, 7 Oct— Under the patronage of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and the Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, the Internal Revenue Department, the Customs Department and the Myanma Insurance gave talks on tax at the International Business

Centre on Pyay Road here on 5 October.

Chairperson of the MWEA Siri Suddhamma Singi Daw Khin Myint Myint and President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint delivered speeches.

Director-General U

Hsan Tun of the IRD gave talks on taxes, and officials, on commercial taxes and income taxes. They later replied to the queries raised by those present and entrepreneurs.

Adviser Professor (Retd) Daw Yi Yi Myint who founded the MWEA expressed gratitude.

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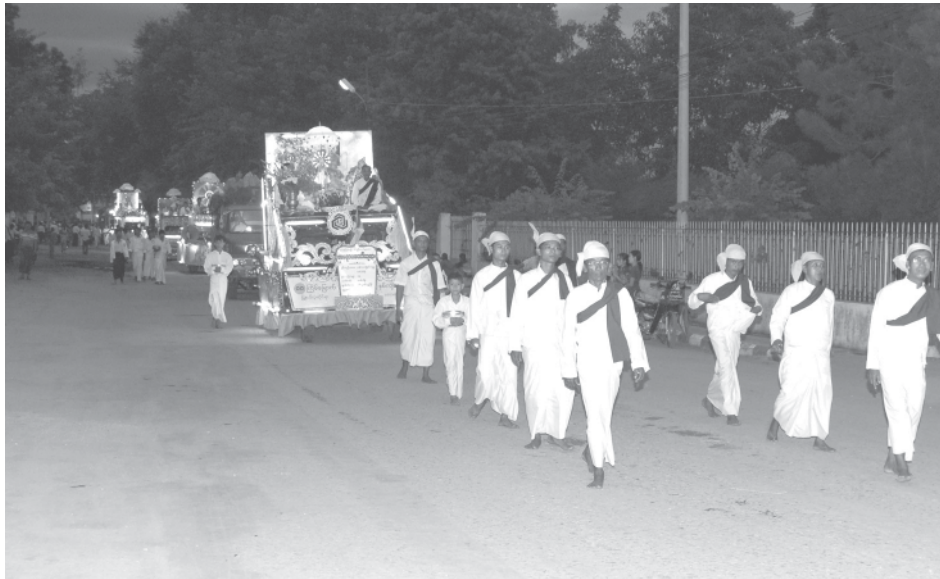


Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association Chairperson Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Myint Myint speaks at the talks on tax. — H

28 Buddha Images Conveying Ceremony of Pyinmana Township commences

NAYPYI TAW, 7 Oct — The 88th 28 Buddha Images Conveying Ceremony of Pyinmana Township was held at Tattwin Dhammayon in Mingala Ward of Pyinmana this evening.

Present on the occasion were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw Swe Swe Oo, senior military officers of the command headquarters, departmental officials and local



The 28 Buddha Images Conveying Ceremony in progress.

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people.

Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of Pyinmana District Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Zaw and Chairman of Tattwin religious

association U Hla Thuang formally opened the ceremony.

The Buddha images were conveyed from Tattwin Dhammayon to Mingala Lake Hall through Bernard Street, Bo Tauk Htein Street, Pyinmana-Mandalay Road, Bogyoke Street, 9th Shwechi Street and 6th Shwechi Street.

Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and party together with local people paid homage to the Buddha images. — MNA

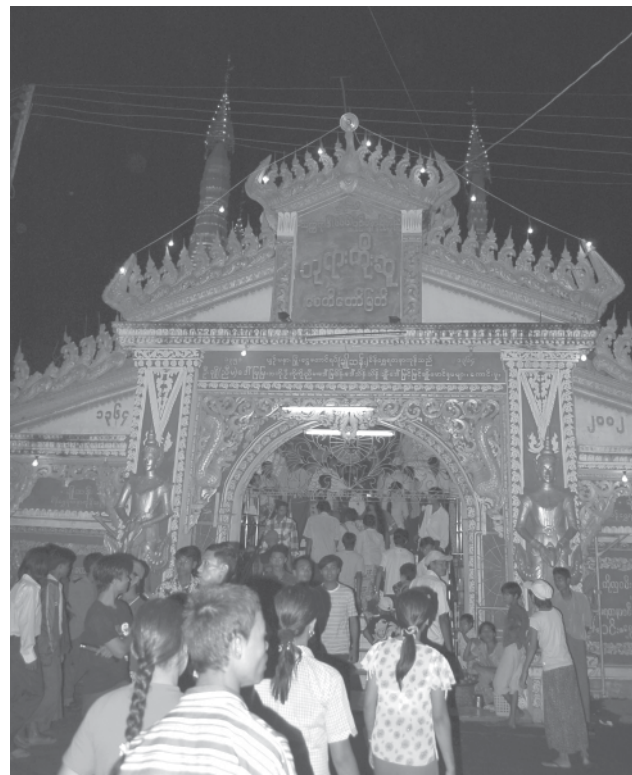
A pagoda in

Pyinmana packed

with pilgrims on the

Fullmoon Day of

Thadingyut. — MNA



National Convention delegates arrive

YANGON, 7 Oct — National Convention delegates from Rakhine State arrived at the Yangon International Airport this morning and afternoon.

Delegates from Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions arrived at Yangon Railway Station this evening.

National Convention delegates from Yangon Division and other states and divisions arrived at the Kyaikasan Grounds today.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Invitation and Accommodation Sub-Committee Col Htain Lin and members and officials and they were transported to Nyaunhnabin Camp in

Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.

National Convention delegates from Yangon Division, Bago Division (East), Ayeyawady Division, Bago Division

(West), Shan State (South), Mon, Kayin and Rakhine States and Mandalay Division arrived at Nyaunhnabin Camp in Hmawby Township. They were

welcomed by officials of Invitation and Accommodation Sub-Committee and were accommodated at the respective hostels.

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Delegates to the National Convention from Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions being welcomed by the officials at Yangon railway station. — MNA

Cornerstones laid for construction of monastic education school in...

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Chairman U Mya Maung, and presented certificates of honour to them.

Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññajota delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and officials drove stakes at the designated places.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe placed the nine-gem casket in the centre of the cornerstone. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and senior military officers put gem bricks at the designated places. Lt-Gen Myint Swe placed the stone plaque on the cornerstones and sprinkled scented water on it.

Later, the cornerstone laying ceremony concluded with three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Çiram Titthatu. — MNA

POEM:

Flowering tree planted by the people

- * 'Tis the flowering tree he planted
Because he wanted it in his garden.
Pretty and graceful as can be
'Tis according to his liking.
He treasured it, and adored it
We liked it when he's happy.
We don't disturb his joy
We won't hurt his feelings
We undertake to help him
We don't forget our friendly duty.
- * We've planted this tree in our garden
Because we like it.
We look forward to enhancing
Our appearance and our culture
We brothers and sisters altogether
Our brethren, our companions
We, with our standing
Our land, our life
Must maintain equilibrium.
- * Our Union and its Cause
We shall discuss, deliberate
For national development
'Tis the National Convention
A ray that rises
Right up till the moon.
We look to the future
With our seven-step Road Map
With our ever-present smiles
To reach right up to our goal
We shall march on.
We've planted this tree in our garden.
Because we like it.
- * Thinking of joy forever
If you don't help, just don't disturb
Because if you disturb and make enemies
Our people, with our strength
Will repulse.

Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trs)
(Hailing the National Convention)

CEO says "A350" programme "essential" to Airbus

PARIS, 7 Oct — Airbus' chief executive officer Christian Streiff said on Thursday that the planned mid-sized airliner A350, which is meant to compete with the Boeing 787,

would be "essential" to Airbus.

"Even if we arrive three or four years behind Boeing 787, this question is capital for the development of Airbus.

Being absent from this market, which represents 40 per cent of its value, is difficult to imagine," the CEO told French daily *Le Monde*. "A350 is essential to us," Streiff said, adding that it is up to the EADS board of directors to decide on it.

Streiff made this remarks while Airbus parent group EADS expressed its reservation on the A350 project.

MNA/Xinhua



Dustin Hoffman poses with the Gold Hugo Award for Lifetime Achievement at the screening of the film "Stranger Than Fiction" at Chicago Theatre for the opening of the 42nd Chicago International Film Festival in Chicago, Illinois, on 5 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET



Czech Republic's Prime Minister Mirek Topolánek (R) and Miss World 2006 Tatana Kucharova wave to photographers as they stand on the balcony of Kramar's Villa, the prime minister's official residence, in Prague on 6 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Junk food during pregnancy increases offspring obesity risk

LONDON, 7 Oct — A research by British scientists indicates that mothers who eat junk food during pregnancy may raise the chance of having obese offspring that are at risk of developing diabetes.

The study by the Royal Veterinary College (RVC), London, the United Kingdom, shows the offspring of mothers

fed on unhealthy food with poor nutritional value during gestation and lactation display poorly developed muscles in comparison with those fed on a more balanced diet, the *New Scientist* reported on Thursday on its website.

The study showed that rats fed doughnuts, muffins, chocolates, crisps, cheese, biscuits and sweets during pregnancy and lactation gave birth to offspring with increased fatness and muscle waste.

The offspring also showed signs of insulin resistance, a condition that precedes the early onset of Type-2 diabetes, as early as 3 weeks of age.

Professor Neil Stickland from the college was quoted as saying "Our research suggests that healthy eating habits should start during the fetal life of an individual, future mothers need to be aware that pregnancy is not the time to over-indulge on sugary-fatty treats. Eating large quantities of junk food when pregnant and breastfeeding could be causing irreversible damage to their unborn children and could send their offspring on the road to obesity and early onset of diabetes".

Researchers from the college are currently investigating the longer term effects of a maternal junk food diet on the offspring's development and health, and also the possible effects of such diets on promoting hyperactive behaviour in offspring.

MNA/Xinhua

Typhoon, flood claim 71 lives in central Vietnam

HANOI, 7 Oct — Death tolls from typhoon Xangsane, which began to hit Vietnam's central region last weekend, and flood triggered by it have risen to 71 as of Friday afternoon, a local official told *Xinhua*.

The typhoon and flooding also left two people missing and injured 524 others, said Nguyen Sy Nuoi, vice-head of the Flood and Storm Prevention Department in charge of the central region under the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development.

Central Da Nang City, the first locality hit by the typhoon, has suffered the biggest human losses with 26 deaths, followed by the central provinces of Quang Nam and Nghe An with 14 and 11 respectively, he noted.

MNA/Xinhua

Two Californian companies suspected of spreading E coli disease

LOS ANGELES, 7 Oct — Two spinach produce companies in California were suspected of being connected with the nationwide E coli outbreak that killed one person and sickened 191 others in 26 states.

Agents from the FBI and the Food and Drug Administration's Office of Criminal Investigations were searching the two companies in a possible criminal case, according to the *Los Angeles Times* on Thursday.

The warrants were served at a Natural Selection Foods LLC plant in San Juan Bautista and at Growers Express in Salinas, both in central California.

The searches were the first sign that authorities were looking at potential criminal charges in last month's outbreak from tainted spinach, said the report.

"We are investigating allegations that certain spinach growers and distributors may not have taken all necessary or appropriate steps to ensure

that their spinach was safe before it was placed into interstate commerce," US Attorney Kevin V Ryan said in a statement.

MNA/Xinhua



Couples cross a road in Shanghai as they participate in a mass wedding event of 70 couples on 5 Oct, 2006. Some 2,000 couples registered their marriage this Monday in Shanghai, according to statistics, and there is an estimated 30,000 couples to hold their weddings during the seven-day holiday period or the 'Golden Week' holiday, Xinhua news agency said.—INTERNET

Fire destroys 5,000 hectares of Paraguay's nature reserve

BUENOS AIRES, 7 Oct — A fire which is burning in Paraguay's Paso Bravo National Park had so far destroyed 5,000 hectares of a natural reserve, said the country's environmental authorities on Thursday, said reports from Asuncion, capital of Paraguay.

The fire, which started two days ago, was caused by a group of illegal hunters, who frequently invade the national reserve, the reports quoted firefighters as saying.

The 93,000-hectare park, located 450 kilometres north of Asuncion, is filled with ancient species. Hundreds of police, firemen and volunteers are still fighting hard in an effort to extinguish the blazes.

MNA/Xinhua



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Cook Islands launches anti-dengue campaign

WELLINGTON, 7 Oct — Cook Islands has launched a campaign to prevent a mosquito-borne dengue fever outbreak, Cook Islands

Television reported on Friday.

The Health Ministry is spearheading a cleanup day throughout Rarotonga on

Friday while the Cook Islands Television is carrying awareness programmes.

It follows reports of ten cases of dengue on Rarotonga and more on Aitutaki to the north.

Cook Islands Television reported that the Health Ministry is meeting island councils and mayors to get community support for its anti-mosquito clean-up campaign. —MNA/Xinhua



A butterfly rests on a flower at the America Museum of Natural History butterfly conservatory in New York, on 4 Oct, 2006. The exhibition of butterflies opens for the winter on 7 Oct, 2006.

INTERNET

Water in Three Gorges reservoir up 9.5 metres

YICHANG, 7 Oct — Water in the Three Gorges reservoir reached the 145-metre mark on Thursday, a rise of 9.5 metres since 20 September when water flowing downstream was reduced.

The water level is currently being raised from 135.5 to 156 metres.

About 4.53 billion cubic metres of water have been added to the Three Gorges reservoir since 20 September. It is now holding 17.1 billion cubic metres of water.

On 20 September, one of the 13 power-producing generators was shut down to reduce water flowing downstream from the dam.

Low water levels have been reported in many hydrological stations in the middle and lower reaches of the river, which led to a slow progress for water storing, said Zhao Yunfa, deputy chief engineer of the Three Gorges Cascaded Dispatch Centre with the China Three Gorges Project Corporation. The slow trend will last in mid-October, Zhao predicted.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam's footwear industry to focus on US, Japan

HANOI, 7 Oct — To deal with the European Union's imposition of 10-per-cent punitive duty on leather-upper shoe imports from Vietnam, the country's footwear industry should centre on the Japanese and US markets, local newspaper *Saigon Liberation* on Friday quoted a local deputy industry minister as saying.

Deputy Industry Minister Bui Xuan Khu stressed that the industry should quickly focus on exporting shoes with their uppers and soles made of rubber or plastic, and different kinds of sandals especially to Japanese market. Vietnamese footwear enterprises also need to boost sales in the domestic market, and intensify investment in renewing production technologies to produce more high-grade products using no leather uppers.

Wider access to export markets and better production technologies will help enterprises gradually

build up their own brands, create their own designs, and manufacture more materials and accessories, he said, noting that such a growth in the local footwear industry will certainly attract foreign material and accessory suppliers and producers.

"The state will assist enterprises in the spheres of investment and trade promotion, market information sharing, and creation of flexible and transparent investment environment to lure more domestic and foreign footwear projects," he said.

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**Assailants against US Embassy
not related to foreign
extremists**

DAMASCUS, 6 Oct — Syria said on Thursday that a group of assailants who tried and failed to blow up the US Embassy in Damascus last month had no relations with extremist organizations outside Syria, the official SANA news agency reported.

The conclusion was announced by an official source of the Interior Ministry after an investigation by anti-terrorism authorities into the September 12 attack on the US Embassy in Damascus, SANA said.

The source confirmed that the attackers were four Syrians from the Damascus countryside as suggested by a preliminary probe, giving their names as Abdul-Rauf Saleh, 31, Bilal Saleh, 25, Samir Abdul-Ghani Saleh, 25, and Ramzi Atef Shalabi, 25.

Three of them were killed by security guards in an exchange of fire and the fourth, Bilal Saleh, was injured and arrested, who later died in a hospital of his wounds.

Investigations showed that Abdul-Rauf Saleh, leader of the group, his brother Bilal and their relative Samir had started preparing for the operation since as early as 2004 in Saudi Arabia, where they worked and attended religious lessons. — MNA/Xinhua

**OPEC cuts 1m barrels in
1st reduction since 2004**

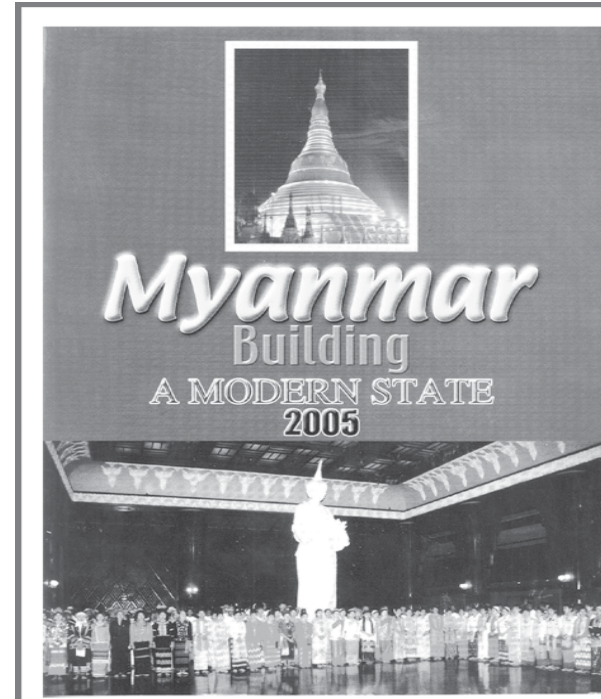
DUBAI, 6 Oct — OPEC will take one million barrels of oil a day off oversupplied world markets as soon as possible with its first output cut in more than two years, a senior OPEC delegate said on Thursday, sending oil prices up nearly 1.50 US dollars.

The world's biggest oil exporter Saudi Arabia will shoulder most of the burden, the delegate said, as OPEC moves to address a 25-per-cent drop in prices since mid-July and oil stocks that are running at a 7-year high in top consumer the United States.

"The goal now is to cut actual oil production by 1 million barrels daily as soon as possible but the exact date is still being worked out," the delegate told Reuters.

All OPEC countries apart from Iraq, exempt from quotas, and Indonesia, a net importer, are to take part in the supply curbs which amount to just over 3 per cent of total OPEC output.

Saudi Arabia will reduce its production by 300,000 BPD from September's 9.1 million BPD, the delegate said. This will be OPEC's first output cut since April 2004.



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**Iran tells West not to miss chance
solve atomic row**

TEHERAN, 6 Oct — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad urged the West on Thursday to solve a nuclear standoff through talks but reiterated that Iran would not give up its atomic plans.

European Union foreign policy chief has tried to coax Iran to meet a UN demand to halt uranium enrichment. Despite four months of intense talks, Solana said on Wednesday Iran had made not commitment to suspend the sensitive atomic work.

Solana said Iran was moving close to triggering sanctions.

"We are in favour of talks. We are in favour of negotiations, peace and reaching an understanding but in the framework of law, regulations and justice," Ahmadinejad told a rally,

broadcast on state television.

"Fortunately, some European countries want talks and we hope they appreciate this opportunity given to them by the Iranian nation to change their behaviour of

the past 27 years.

"I hope that they appreciate this opportunity, but there are some powers that we are not optimistic that they will return to the right path -- those powers that have created bloodshed in Iraq

and Palestine and other parts of the world."

The President was making an apparent reference to the United States and Britain, who he has often accused of being behind the world's problems.—MNA/Reuters

**Peugeot to set up joint venture for
scooters in China**

PARIS, 6 Oct — The French group Peugeot Motorcycles announced on Wednesday that it would set up a joint venture with the Chinese company Qingqi Motorcycle to produce scooters in China.

"Peugeot motorcycles announced today its project to create a joint venture in China with Qingqi," the group said on Wednesday in a statement.

The new plant, located in Jinan, a city in Shandong Province, east of China, will build the updated Speedfight and Vivacity models as well as new models.

Qingqi, one of the three earliest motorcycle manufacturers in China, is controlled by diversified

group CSGC and already has a joint venture with Japanese manufacturer Suzuki. The parent group of Peugeot Motorcycles, PSA Peugeot Citroen, has owned an automobile joint venture — Dongfeng Peugeot Citroen Automobiles.

MNA/Xinhua

**Jobless Germans face giving
up their cars**

BERLIN, 6 Oct — Germans on the dole might be forced to give up anything more than the most modest of cars to help support themselves if a plan by conservative political leaders is approved, German media reported on Wednesday.

A group of Christian Democrats in Parliament wants to introduce legislation that would put a formal limit of 10,000 euros (12,700 US dollars) on one car for each family receiving welfare, Focus magazine online reported.

Until now, Germans on the dole have usually been allowed to keep cars worth up to 14,500 euros.

Stories about welfare recipients driving expensive cars have enraged taxpayers in the past but previous attempts to force the sale of cars before the grant of financial support have been rejected by courts, prompting the parliamentary initiative.—MNA/Reuters

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WHO urges world govts to improve city air quality

GENEVA, 6 Oct — The World Health Organization (WHO) on Thursday urged governments around the world to improve air quality in cities in order to protect people's health.

Air pollution is estimated to cause two million premature deaths worldwide per year, and more than half of this burden is borne by people in developing countries, the UN health agency said as it unveiled its new Air Quality Guidelines.

The new guidelines for the first time address all regions of the world and provide uniform targets for air quality.

These targets are far tougher than the national standards currently applied

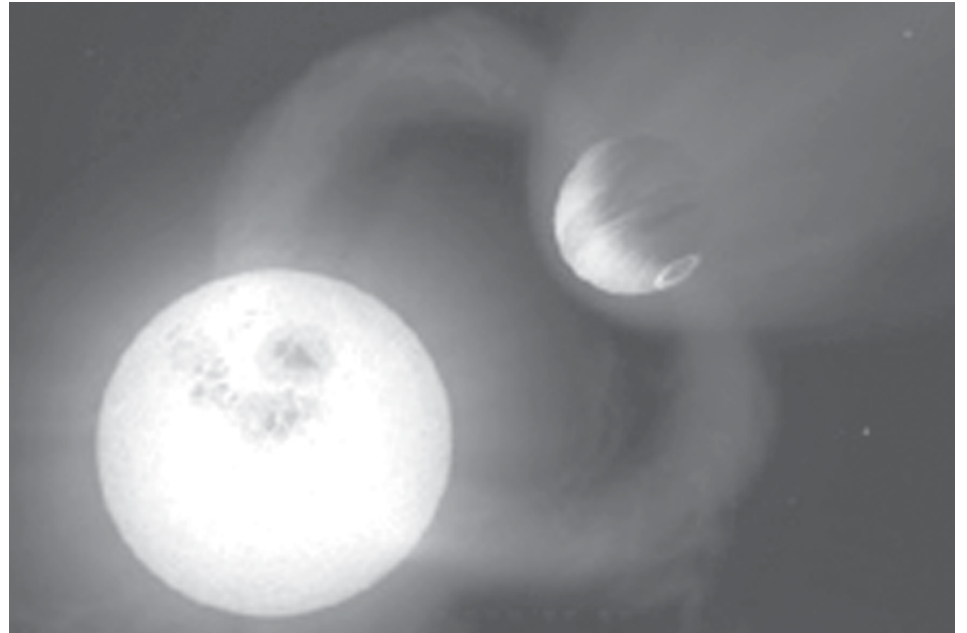
in many parts of the world, and in some cities would mean reducing current pollution levels by more than three quarters, the WHO said.

The WHO said it believes that reducing levels of one particular type of pollutant, known as PM10, could reduce deaths in polluted cities by as much as 15 per cent every year.

In many cities, the average annual levels of PM10, the main source of which is the burning of

fossil and other types of fuels, exceed 70 microgrammes per cubic metre. The new guidelines say that, to prevent ill health, those levels should be lower than 20 microgrammes, the WHO said. The new guidelines also substantially lower the level of recommended permissible limits of ozone and sulphur dioxide.

MNA/Xinhua



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 4 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Chinese consumer sues movie star for misleading advertising

NANCHANG, 6 Oct — While many Chinese catch up on their favourite movies during the weeklong National Day vacation, a woman in south China's Jiangxi Province is waiting for a local court to respond to her request to sue a movie star. "She should pay for cheating customers with false advertising," said furious 43-year-old Lu Ping. She filed a lawsuit against Carina Lau, a Hong Kong star, who appeared in advertising for Japanese cosmetics brand SK-II owned by Procter & Gamble.

Lu saw the advertisement in a fashion magazine in January last year, in which Carina claimed that using the product for four weeks could help "reduce wrinkles by 47 per cent and make you appear 12 years younger". Because she is about the same age as the actress, Lu decided to try out the product. She bought a bottle of skin-tightening, anti-wrinkle facial milk. But 28 days later, her skin had not become silky. Instead, her face became itchy and she felt a burning sensation.

MNA/Xinhua



Two girls in traditional costume of ancient China's Han Dynasty play the game "Touhu" during an activity to celebrate the coming Mid-Autumn Festival at Wuhan Forest Park in Wuhan, capital of south China's Hubei Province, on 5 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

World Hotels Delux Collection has its first ever Cambodian member

PHNOM PENH, 6 Oct — The prestigious World Hotels Deluxe Collection with over 500 members recently had its first ever Cambodian entree, the Angkor Palace Resort, which was situated in the kingdom's sight-seeing destination Siam Reap Province, local media said on Thursday. Owner of the resort Ly Hong told reporters that his property was the first local five-star hotel that became a member of the World Hotels Deluxe Collection.

"It is a positive sign for Cambodian hotel to become a member of the world luxury hotel network. We Cambodians have pride of our nation," Minister of Tourism Lay Prah was quoted by local newspapers as saying. For the entry, Hong did a lot to meet international standards in the fields of staff competency, service quality improvement, tradition and culture arrangement, architecture adjustment and facility upgrade. — MNA/Xinhua

Schwarzenegger celebrates Moon Festival

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger celebrated the Moon Festival on Thursday, pledging to protect traditional Asian foods, including Moon Cakes.

Joined by dozens of Los Angeles Chinatown business and community leaders, Schwarzenegger discussed new legislation directing the state to study ways to preserve moon cakes, delicacies that are traditionally served during the Moon Festival. "The Moon Festival is a fantastic cultural tradition in our Asian-American community. It's a time to honour ancestors, exchange gifts and eat a lot of great food, including Moon Cakes," said Schwarzenegger.

"That's why I was very happy when I signed Assembly Bill 2214 by Assemblyman Van Tran to help communities safely enjoy Asian delicacies at ceremonies and cultural events like this one. In California, we are fortunate to be the home of people from many different cultures and backgrounds and we always want to make sure everyone can celebrate their heritage."

Schwarzenegger recently signed the bill requiring the California Department of Health Services to conduct a study to determine methods that allow certain Asian delicacies to meet existing food safety standards relating to retail sale at traditional Asian ceremonies and cultural events. — MNA/Xinhua



California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger celebrates the traditional Chinese Mid-Autumn Festival with local business and community leaders in China town in Los Angeles, on 5 Oct, 2006. Schwarzenegger discussed new legislation to preserve moon cakes, delicacies that are traditionally served during the Moon Festival. — XINHUA

SPORTS



Scott Gillman (C) of the US for Emirates F1 team waves to the audiences after winning the race of the UIM F1 Powerboat Grand Prix of China in Chongzhou, a city of China's southwestern province of Sichuan on 5 Oct, 2006. Scott Gillman won the champion.—XINHUA

Federer struggles to overcome 1,078th-ranked Suzuki

TOKYO, 7 Oct— World number one Roger Federer survived an almighty scare from 1,078th-ranked Takao Suzuki before battling his way into the semifinals of the Japan Open with a tight three-set victory on Friday.

The top seed came through 4-6, 7-5, 7-6 after being pushed to the limit by an inspired Japanese wildcard, who was playing his first tournament in nine months.

The Swiss finally booked a place in the last four on his second match point, a fierce forehand return that forced Suzuki into a volley error to give Federer the third-set tiebreak 7-3.

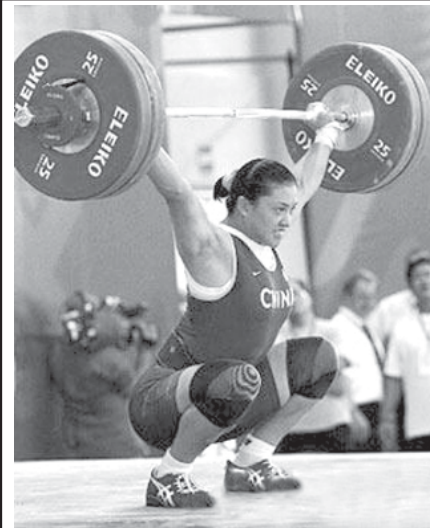
Federer needed just over two hours to beat

Suzuki, who was making his return to the game after suffering a serious shoulder injury in January.

Playing for the first time in Japan, the nine-times Grand Slam champion moves on to a last four encounter against either

Finland's Jarkko Nieminen or German Benjamin Becker on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters



China's rookie Cao Lei lifts 150kg to win the gold medal in the clean and jerk modality of the women's 75kg category at the World Weightlifting Championships in Santo Domingo, Dominican Republic, on 5 Oct, 2006. Cao also won the gold medal in the overall and the silver in the snatch modality.—XINHUA

Golovin reaches Stuttgart semifinals

STUTTGART, 7 Oct— French teenager Tatiana Golovin became the first player to reach the semifinals of the Stuttgart Grand Prix when she defeated Michaella Krajicek of the Netherlands 6-1, 6-2 on Friday.

Golovin, who also reached the semifinals at the Paris Indoor, Miami and Stanford events this year, will next face third seed Elena Dementieva or fifth seed Patty Schnyder, who were playing later on Friday. Making a perfect start, Golovin struck a forehand winner to break for 2-0, held off two break points in the next game and then took a 4-0 lead with a stinging service return winner.

Krajicek, who struggled to match her opponent's aggression or consistency in the rallies, saved another break point to hold the sixth game before Golovin served out the set.— MNA/Reuter

Kuznetsova moves closer to Stuttgart title

STUTTGART, 7 Oct— Svetlana Kuznetsova stepped closer to claiming her third title in four weeks after thrashing Serbia's Jelena Jankovic 6-4, 6-1 in the quarterfinals of the Stuttgart Grand Prix on Friday.

The second seeded Russian, who recently claimed titles in Bali and Beijing, was always in charge against an opponent who was suffering from fatigue.

Jankovic appeared to be still feeling the effects of getting into bed at 3 am. after struggling with leg cramps during a late-night win over Tsvetana Pironkova in the previous round.

Eighth seeded Jankovic began well, hitting flat and moving the ball around. But the strain began to tell once Kuznetsova held off a break point in the fourth game and then broke for 4-3 when Jankovic put a forehand wide.

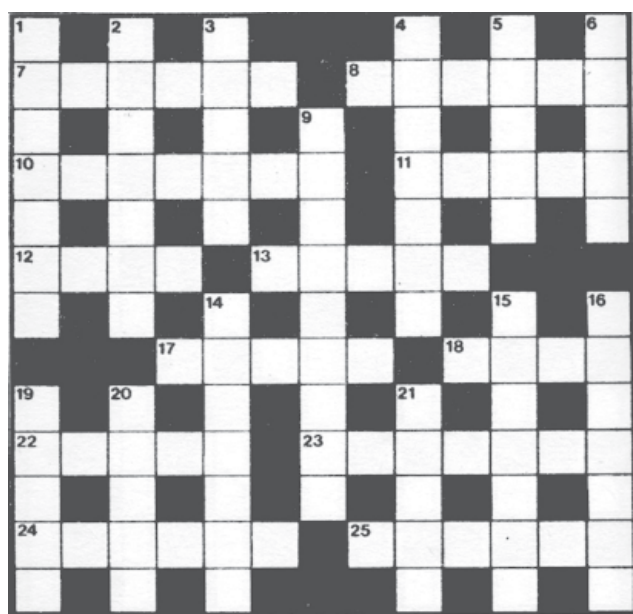
Jankovic fell over several times, drawing sympathetic applause, and nearly ended up in the

courtside boxes after running wide for the ball.

But nothing could help her as Kuznetsova played a solid game to dominate the second set.

MNA/Reuters

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ACROSS

- 7 Harvester
- 8 Croaking
- 10 Let free
- 11 Group of trees
- 12 River
- 13 Small fish
- 17 Large box
- 18 Satellite
- 22 Principality
- 23 Home shoe
- 24 Flagstones
- 25 Small basket

DOWN

- 1 Highland pouch
- 2 Shell fish
- 3 Exclude
- 4 Hide
- 5 Vine fruit
- 6 Postpone
- 9 Tyranny
- 14 Gift
- 15 Firm
- 16 Ungrateful person
- 19 Wild blow
- 20 Spice
- 21 Lacking



China's Na Li celebrates after her match against Germany's Imke Duplitzer in the women's fencing epee team semi-final event at the World Fencing Championship in Turin on 6 Oct, 2006. China won the match. INTERNET

Casey keeps up pursuit of European order of merit

ST ANDREWS (Scotland), 7 Oct— Paul Casey continued his pursuit of the 2006 European order of merit at the Old Course on Friday. Casey reached the turn two strokes behind Dunhill Links Championship second-round early leaders Bradley Dredge and Johan Edfors, who were 12 under par.

Money-list front-runner Casey could build a sizeable lead at the end of this week over his closest rival, fellow Englishman David Howell who was 13 strokes behind him and struggling with a shoulder injury.

MNA/Reuters

McClaren says we must do better

MANCHESTER (England), 7 Oct— Coach Steve McClaren has told his England team he expects a much better performance against Macedonia at Old Trafford on Saturday than in their nervy 1-0 win over them last month in Skopje.

Though McClaren said England had defended well in their Euro 2008 Group E qualifier, the quality of the football was clearly not good enough.

Asked if he expected an improvement on such a laboured win, McClaren told reporters: "Most definitely. It was a great result...and certain aspects, like the defending, were very good. But we need to play better football.

"We've stressed that to the team this week. When we go 1-0 up, we need to push and go for the second goal. We can't just sit back. It's been a criticism of us in the past and rightly so."— MNA/Reuters



England's Crista Cullen (L) falls while battling for the ball with Japan's Tomomi Komori (C) and Miyuki Nakagawa during their Women's World Cup fifth to eighth place playoff match in Madrid on 6 Oct, 2006. Japan won 2-0.—INTERNET

California prisons face overcrowding crisis

LOS ANGELES, 7 Oct — Severe crowding in California prisons has overwhelmed water, sewer and electrical systems and fuelled hundreds of prison riots, melees and smaller disturbances last year, Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger said.

Teeming conditions have created a health risk and “extreme peril” for officers and inmates at 29 of the state’s 33 prisons, the governor said in a statement e-mailed to *Xinhua* on Thursday.

Schwarzenegger said he has declared a state of emergency, an unusual move that will allow for-

cible transfers of inmates as soon as next month to other states without their consent.

Prison officials said the first transfer of 200 male inmates will begin next month, to be followed by the transfer of 100 to 200 weekly.

“Our prisons are now beyond maximum capac-

ity, and we must act immediately and aggressively to resolve this issue,” Schwarzenegger said in a statement.

Without immediate action, officials said they would run out of prison beds next summer. That would leave inmates to pile up in county jails, many of which are already

overcrowded or operate under court-imposed population caps that force them to grant some felons early release.

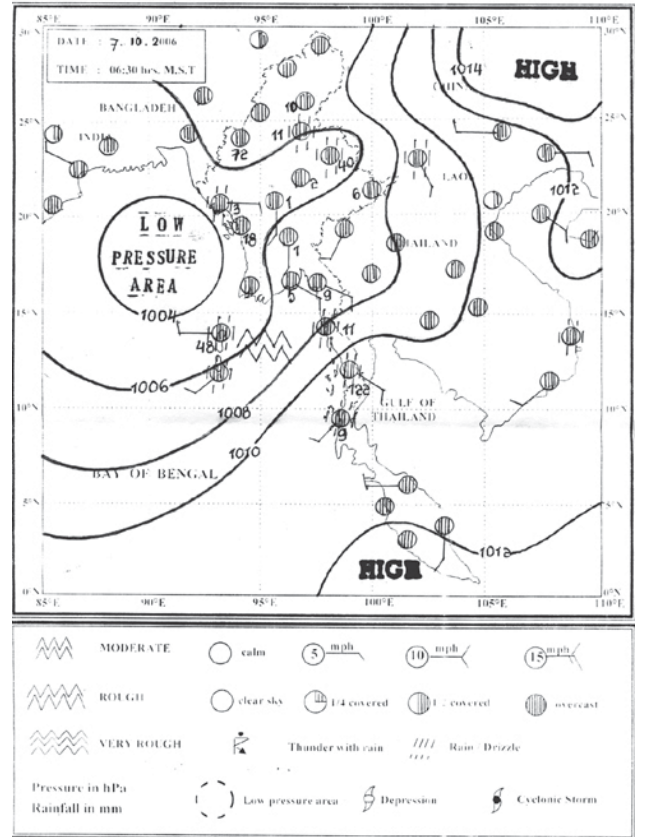
Though overcrowding has long been an issue in the state’s lockups, it has reached crisis levels over the last few years, with most of California’s prisons packed to twice their intended capacity.

Of the 172,000 men and women behind bars, about 17,000 are in areas not designed as living space. Prisoners now sleep in converted gyms, hallways and lounges. Roughly 1,500 sleep in triple-decker bunks.

Prison officials said the state is ready to sign three-to five-year contracts for 2,200 beds at private prisons in Oklahoma, Indiana, Arizona and Tennessee.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 7 October, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Kachin, Kayin States, Ayeyawady Division and fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.12) inch, Myeik (5.87) inches, Moekok (3.54) inches, Kalaywa (2.84) inches, Thipaw (2.64) inches, Coco Island (1.93) inches, Kyauktaw (1.85) inches, Kanbalu (1.57) inches and Myingyan (0.75) inch.

Maximum temperature on 6-10-2006 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 7-10-2006 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 7-10-2006 was (96%). Total sunshine hours on 6-10-2006 was (2.3) hour approx.

Rainfalls on 7-10-2006 were (0.19) inch at Mingaladon and (0.27) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.39) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (96.14) inches at Mingaladon and (109.17) inches at Kaba-Aye and (114.29) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southwest at (10:30) hours MST on 6-10-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed over East Central Bay. 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 8-10-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin State, scattered in Shan, Kayah and Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Mon States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining states and divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the Sea: Seas will be moderate to rough Seas are likely in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain in the Coastal areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 8-10-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 8-10-2006: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 8-10-2006: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.



Katy Hathaway and Adele Jones, two members of Britain’s first female sumo wrestling team, demonstrate the sport after a news conference in London on 5 Oct, 2006. The team of four are going to attend the Osaka World Sumo Wrestling Championships in Japan. — INTERNET



TV Myanmar

Sunday, 8 October
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဏ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</p> <p>7:15 am</p> <p>2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူ အပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>3. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>4. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>5. Nice and sweet song</p>	<p>7:50 am</p> <p>6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာ မင်္ဂလာ</p> <p>8:05 am</p> <p>7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:10 am</p> <p>8. ရင်းငြိမ်ရေထိမ်းတံခါး</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>9. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>10. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>11. Say it in English</p> <p>11:00 am</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>11:10 am</p> <p>2. Musical programme</p> <p>11:25 am</p> <p>3. Yan can cook</p> <p>11:40 am</p> <p>4. Myanmar movie: “အကာက အချစ် အနှစ်က မေတ္တာ”(ကောလိပ်ဂျင်နေဝင်း၊ ကျော်ဟိန်း၊ ဆွေဇင်ထိုက်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဦးသုခ)</p> <p>1:25 pm</p> <p>5. International news</p> <p>2:50 pm</p> <p>1. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၂၂)ကြိမ်မြောက် တပ်မတော်ကာကွယ်ရေးဦးစီးချုပ် ဖလားအသက်(၂၁)နှစ်နှင့်အောက် တပ်မတော် (ကြည်းရေးလေ) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (ပထမအကြိမ်လှည့်)</p>	<p>4:45 pm</p> <p>2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>3. သီးနှံစိုက်ပျိုး အထွက်တိုး (သီးနှံတွင် ပေါက်ရောက်သော ပေါင်းမြက်ကာကွယ်နှိမ်နင်းရေး နည်းလမ်းများ)</p> <p>5:10 pm</p> <p>4. Sing and enjoy</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>5. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>6. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>7. သီရိဇောတိ</p> <p>6:35 pm</p> <p>8. Discovery</p> <p>7:10 pm</p> <p>9. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မာမာနီဆောင်းရဲ၊ နေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၁၄)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>10. News</p> <p>11:00 pm</p> <p>11. International news</p> <p>12:00 pm</p> <p>12. Weather report</p> <p>13:00 pm</p> <p>13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၆)</p> <p>14:00 pm</p> <p>14. The next day’s programme</p>
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Sunday, 8 October
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:
-You’re the one

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:
-Stay on

8:50 am National news & Slogan

9:00 am Music:
-Brick house

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar

9:20 am Music:
-My life

1:30 pm News & Slogan

1:40 pm Children’s delight:
-Story for children
-Songs for children

9:00 pm Weekly news review

9:10 pm Article

9:20 pm Music/latest hits/let’s improve English through songs
-Come together
-The visitors

9:45 pm News & Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

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Cornerstones laid for construction of monastic education school in Hlinethaya Township



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and the guests receive the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at the ceremony to share merits gained for construction of the monastic education school in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA

YANGON, 7 Oct — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony to lay cornerstones for construction of the monastic education school in Ward 11 on Shwepyitha Road in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa administered the Five Precepts.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and officials donated alms to the Sayadaws.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 200,000 donated by Yangon North District Peace and Development Council through Lt-Col Myat Min; K 200,000 by Hlinethaya Township and Ward PDCs; K 1 million by Hlinethaya Industrial Zone Management Committee Chairman U Myat Thin Aung; K 500,000 by Director-General U Aung Win of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development; K 300,000 by Shwelinban Industrial Zone Management Commit-

tee Secretary U Zaw Win; K 500,000 by U Maung Maung and brothers (Great Wall Traditional Medicine and Construction); K 500,000 by U Than Aung-Daw Si Si; K 300,000 each by U San Aung-Daw San Nwe Oo, U Thein Zan-Daw Ohn Mya, and U Thaug Kyin-Daw Cherry Pan; K 200,000 by U Myat Thin Aung-Daw Khin Myint (AA Electronic Family); and K 300,000 by Industrial Zone-5 Management Committee
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Decision to put Myanmar on agenda of UNSC impedes efforts of government and people for national solidarity, non-disintegration of Union and safeguarding of sovereignty of State

NAY PYI TAW, 7 Oct — New Democratic Army (Kachin) (NDAK) of Kachin State Special Region-1 on 26 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 New Democratic Army (Kachin) (NDAK) on its stance on the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC

26 September 2006

1. In the submission of the US permanent representative to the UN, the US using the UNSC as a tool accused Myanmar of posing a threat to regional stability. On 15 September 2006 a decision was made to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC.

2. The decision impeded the efforts of the government of the Union of Myanmar and the people for national solidarity, non-disintegration of the Union and safeguarding of the sovereignty of the State.

3. It also designed to jeopardize the efforts of the government and people to decide the future of the State after holding the National

Convention according to the seven-point Road Map.

4. We in Kachin State Special Region-1 understand that now there is peace and tranquillity the length and breadth of the nation. Progress has been made in various parts of the country due to the endeavours of the government and the people. Therefore, there is no reason for Myanmar to pose a threat to regional peace and stability.
5. We understand that the US attempt was aimed at hindering and destroying the already-achieved stability and peace, prevalence of law and order, national solidarity, development and the process of transition to democracy.
6. Therefore, NDAK hereby declares that the US Administration's interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN as a tool is unacceptable and it condemns and protests such acts of the US.

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