

### 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

## Press conference on matters related to National Convention held

YANGON, 8 Oct — The National Convention Convening Commission this afternoon held the Press Conference on matters related to the National Convention to be reconvened at Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township on 10 October.

The press conference held in the hall of the NCCC in Kyaikkasan Grounds,

was attended by Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Joint-Secretary Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and commission members Attorney-General U Aye Maung and U Thaug Nyunt, members of the

National Convention Convening Work Committee, news and information personnel, Guardian U Sein Win of Kyodo News Agency, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway, President U Sao Kai Hpa, correspondents of Kyodo, Antara, Nihon Keizai Shimbun, Mainichi Shimbun, Xinhua, AFP, TSB, AP,

NHK, Fuji TV, Reuters, NTV, Tokyo Shimbun, Asahi Shimbun, TV Asahi, Sankei Shimbun, Ji Ji, Yomiuri Shimbun and EPA, chief editors and those in charge of local journals and magazines, totalling 55.

Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Chief Justice U Aung Toe explained matters related to the National

Convention to be reconvened on 10 October 2006.

Secretary of the Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarified matters concerning the National Convention.

Next, Vice-Chairman of NCCC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen

Kyaw Hsan replied to the questions raised by local and foreign journalists.

After the press conference, the vice-chairman, the secretary, the joint-secretary and members of the National Convention Convening Commission cordially greeted the journalists. — MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## To produce qualified human resources

Nowadays qualified human resources are being nurtured and produced worldwide for peace and development of the society. Teachers with goodwill and devotion not only teach their pupils but guide them to become the educated with good morality and be able to achieve success in life.

In Myanmar society teachers win love and respect for their goodwill and devotion. Teachers therefore will have to continue to nurture the students to become intellectuals and intelligent-sia and good and able citizens on whom the State relies.

In implementation of the national education promotion programmes, the teachers are to place emphasis on improvement of teaching skills, effective use of teaching aids, motivation of students to observe laws, rules and regulations and flourishing of patriotism and the Union Spirit.

The government has opened more teachership courses, pre-occupational diploma and degree courses and B.Ed courses for improvement of teachership skill and teachership certificate and B.Ed courses and M.Ed, M.Phil and doctorate courses for teachers.

The government is making arrangements for teachers to fully participate in the improvement of teachership skills and the national education promotion programmes.

Therefore, teachers of universities, colleges, institutes and basic education schools are to try hard to become the persons who can produce brilliant and qualified human resources by preserving teachers' attributes and dignity and discharging educational duties in the respective regions in the country.

### သက်ရှိညှိကျန်းမာဖို့ လမ်းညွှန်ကြံစဉ်

ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု နည်းပါးခြင်းကြောင့် အလွန်ရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုးရောဂါ၊ ဆီးချိုရောဂါနှင့် အရိုးအဆစ်များ နာကျင်ရောင်းခြင်းတို့ ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်ပါသည်။

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- ၁။ သွေးတိုး ကျစေသည်။
  - ၂။ စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာစေသည်။
  - ၃။ အရိုးများ ကြံ့ခိုင်သန်စွမ်းစေသည်။
  - ၄။ အဝ မလွန်အောင် ထိန်းသိမ်းနိုင်သည်။
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  - ၇။ သွေးတွင်းမှ သကြားဓာတ်ကျစေသည်။
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- ရောဂါဘယကင်းစင်၍ သက်ရှိညှိကျန်းမာကြံစေရန် မိသားစု တစ်စုလုံး နေ့စဉ်နာရီဝက်ခန့် ပုံမှန်လမ်းညွှန်ကြံပါရန် နှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

**ပြည်ထောင်စုအတွင်း ဝေဖန်ရေး**

- \* 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

## Commander hands over flag to Yangon Division performing arts team

YANGON, 7 Oct — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win this morning handed over the flag to Yangon Division team that will take part in the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, at Saya San Hall of Kyaikkasan Grounds in Tamway Township.



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win presents Championship Trophy to Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein. — MNA

The commander handed over the flag to Secretary of Yangon Division Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Leading Committee Major Hlaing Win. Next, the commander gave a speech. Afterwards, the commander presented the championship trophy to the Yangon East Dis-

trict team in the Yangon Division Performing Arts Competitions through Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein. Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai gave prizes to district teams that stood first each in singing, dancing, song

composing and music contests, and certificates of honour to members of the panel of judges. Chairman of the Leading Committee Lt-Col Kyaw Naing Oo accepted K 200,000 donated by Myanmar Music Asiayon through U Than Naing.

A total of 443 artists of Yangon Division—216 contestants at professional level, 51 at higher education level and 176 at basic education level—will take part in the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. MNA

## Swa Creek Bridge to be closed temporarily

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — Public Works of the Ministry of Construction issued an announcement that arrangements are being made for repairing Swa Creek Bridge on Yangon-Mandalay Road between mile posts No 198/2 and 198/3. The bridge will be temporarily be closed from 1 am to 9 am on 9 October, from 1 am to 6 am on 10 October and from 1 am to 6 am on 11 October. During the repairing period, only light vehicles and 40-ton trucks will be allowed to pass through the bridge from 9 am on 9 October to 1 am on 10 October, and from 6 am on 10 October to 1 am on 11 October. All vehicles and trucks may pass as usual, beginning 6 am on 11 October. — MNA

## Dry day inspection teams check Tatmadaw, departmental vehicles

YANGON, 8 Oct — Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myint Soe and members accompanied by departmental officials supervised the functions of dry day inspection teams today. The dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax bill, wearing of departmental uniforms and breaking of traffic rules at the main points of downtown Yangon from 7 am to 5 pm today. — MNA

## All miners trapped in C China flooded graphite mine rescued

CHANGSHA, 8 Oct — All the miners trapped in a flooded graphite mine in Guiyang County, central China's Hunan Province, were rescued as of Saturday afternoon, the local government source said. With the last trapped miner Ouyang Shaofang rescued at 4:30 pm, all the nine miners were found alive after a 74-hour rescue operation. The flooding accident took place at about 2 pm on Wednesday at the Wangda Graphite Mine in Heye

Township, rescuers said. Nine miners were working underground for an overhaul task and five of them have been pulled out alive and sent to a local hospital for medical observation on Thursday. Nearly 100 people are working to pump water, provide ventilation for the trapped miners underground and monitor the surrounding air quality, rescuers said, providing no further details about the flooding. MNA/Xinhua



# China, Indonesia agree to intensify economic cooperation

**BALI (Indonesia), 7 Oct — China and Indonesia agreed here on Friday to intensify bilateral economic, trade and technical cooperation, especially in investment field.**

The agreement was reached at the 8th meeting of the Joint Commission on Economic, Trade and Technical Cooperation.

The commerce ministers of China and Indonesia expressed their confidence that the two countries could reach the target of 30 billion US dollars of bilateral trade by 2010 if both sides made great efforts to boost the cooperation in various fields, especially in two-

way investment.

Visiting Chinese Minister of Commerce Bo Xilai and his Indonesian counterpart Mari Pangestu presided over the meeting to discuss China-Indonesian economic ties. More than 100 business people and entrepreneurs from the two countries attended the one-day meeting.

The two ministers held that the two economies are highly complimentary with Indonesia having ad-

vantages in raw material, agriculture and services, while China in manufacturing, human resources and market. The win-win cooperation could benefit both sides, they added.

Bo said China-Indonesia two-way trade volume surged to 16.8 billion US dollars in 2005 with an average growth of 20 per cent to 30 per cent in recent years. Now, it is the best stage of bilateral relations between China and Indonesia, especially in economic and trade sectors, he added.

The two ministers also signed several economic and trade cooperation agreements, including memorandum of understanding (MoU) concern-

ing Projects Assistant to Prevent and Cure Bird Flu; MoU concerning the Arrangement of Specific Comprehensive Economic Cooperation; MoU on the Establishment of a Joint Investment Promotion Committee; MoU on the China-Indonesia Economic and Trade Cooperation Website; Exchange of Letter for Training Course and Management of Economic and Trade Cooperation Website.

After the signing ceremony, the two ministers also attended the launching ceremony of the China-Indonesia Economic and Trade Cooperation Website.

MNA/Xinhua

ထုတ်ကုန်နှစ်ဆ တိုးမြှင့်ကြ



The world's largest millimetric telescope is seen on the summit of the Sierra Negra Volcano, which lies between the states of Puebla and Veracruz on 6 Oct, 2006. The telescope, the result of a binational project between Mexico and the US should be operational in the first quarter of 2008. —INTERNET



Actor Malcolm McDowell jokes with Star Wars character R2-D2 during the Jules Verne Adventure Film Festival at the Shrine auditorium in Los Angeles on 6 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

## Bangkok ranked world's 3rd, Asia's first favourite tourist destination

**BANGKOK, 7 Oct —** Bangkok has been ranked the world's third favourite city for tourists this year while retaining its title as Asia's Best City for the fifth consecutive year, honours given by a world leading tourism magazine.

Bangkok Governor Apirak Kosayodhin received "Asia's Best City 2006" award from *Travel and Leisure* magazine of the United States Friday.

The world's leading consumer travel magazine surveyed tourists and readers' opinion on the world's best tourist destinations through its website and questionnaires.

In the latest survey, Italy's Florence and Rome won first and second places.

Two cities from Thailand entered the top five list, with Bangkok in third and Chiang Mai coming fifth. For Asia, Bangkok was voted the best city while Chiang Mai came second. Other cities that made the top ten list of world's best tourism destinations are Australia's Sydney, South Africa's Cape Town, Argentina's Buenos Aires, New York, Lebanese capital Beirut and US city San Francisco. —MNA/Xinhua

## Anti-Bush rallies rage in 200 cities

**WASHINGTON, 7 Oct —** Hundreds of people called the Bush administration's policies a crime and held up yellow police tape in front of the White House amid a nationwide day of protest against the president.

The 500 demonstrators were among many who gathered for similar events on Thursday to protest President George W Bush on issues ranging from global warming to the war in Iraq.

"We are turning the corner in bringing forward a mass movement of resistance to drive out the Bush regime," said organiser Travis Morales with the activist group World Can't Wait. Some dressed in costume, including a hooded prisoner in an orange jumpsuit, a devilish rendition of Bush and two grim reapers. One man wore a red cheerleader outfit with "Radical" emblazoned on the jersey.

The demonstrators held up yellow police tape along a three-block stretch in front of the White House. Thou-

sands of protesters clogged New York City's streets as they marched from the United Nations headquarters. Some people lay down in the middle of the street, while others carried signs saying "Expose 9/11" and "This war should be over." They also handed out fliers reading, "Drive out the Bush regime." Lydia Sugarman,

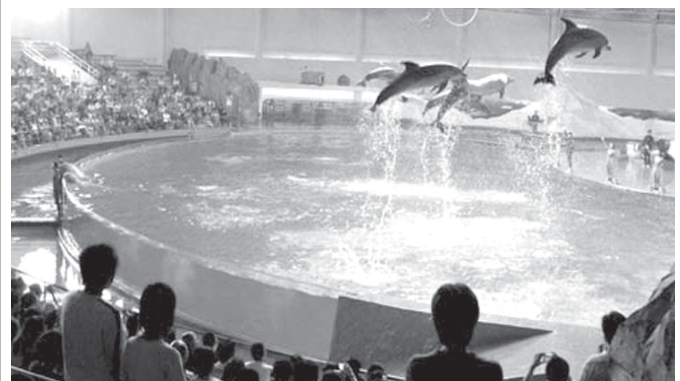
82, of Manhattan, said she believed in the power of demonstrating.

"That's how we got our civil rights," she said. "If we didn't protest we wouldn't be Americans."

World Can't Wait was founded in 2005 and has organized several marches since then, including a nationwide protest coinciding

with Bush's State of the Union address in January, according to the group's Web site. Supporters listed on the site include Edward Asner, Ed Begley Jr and Jane Fonda and activists such as the Rev Jesse Jackson, the Rev Al Sharpton and "Peace Mom" Cindy Sheehan.

Internet



Tourists watch ocean animal performance at Qingdao Polar Region Ocean World in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 6 Oct, 2006. —XINHUA

## Two US Marines killed in western Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 7 Oct —** Two US Marines were killed Wednesday in Iraq's volatile Anbar Province, the US military said on Friday.

Two Marines, assigned Battalion Combat Team 7th, were killed by "enemy action" while operating in Anbar Province on 4 October, the military

said in a statement.

The names of the victims are being withheld pending notification of next of kin, the statement added.

More than 2,725 US soldiers have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thai new Cabinet list submitted for royal approval

BANGKOK, 8 Oct — Thailand's interim Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont has completed the list of his first Cabinet and submitted it for royal endorsement, a spokesman said Sunday.

According to the newspaper *Bangkok Post*, spokesman Yongyuth Maiyalarb said the Prime Minister and aides were waiting for the King to endorse the Cabinet list.

Surayud, who was sworn in as Thailand's 24th Prime Minister on 1 October was expected to announce the lineup

immediately after receiving the King's approval, which "may be on today (Sunday) or tomorrow", Yongyuth was quoted as saying.

Surayud said last week he and the new ministers are to be sworn in on Tuesday after being granted an audience by the King Bhumibol Adulyadej.

The new Cabinet led by the designated Premier will exist for about one year pending the completion of a new Constitution and a general election, which was expected to be held late next year, according to the schedule drafted by the Council for National Security which led the 19 September coup ousting former premier Thaksin Shinawatra's government and annulled the 1997 Constitution.

MNA/Xinhua



Police keep watch as demonstrators on both sides of the US immigration debate chant slogans against each other's beliefs in front of the Mexican consulate in New York on 7 Oct, 2006.

INTERNET



A German rescue worker abseils from the Berlin television tower during a rehearsal at the famous landmark in the German capital on 6 Oct, 2006. On Friday members of Berlin's fire department exercised a rescue action on the 368 metres high tourist attraction.—INTERNET



A girl in traditional costume of ancient China's Han Dynasty attends a ceremony to show worship to the moon in Beijing, capital of China, on 5 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

## Top US war supporter calls for rethinking Iraq

WASHINGTON, 7 Oct—A top military lawmaker and supporter of the US war in Iraq has called for the US to consider a 'change of course' and 'bold decisions' in Iraq if the government in Baghdad can't bring escalating violence under control over the coming 60 to 90 days.

Senator John Warner, who heads the US Armed Services Committee, came back from a visit to Iraq earlier this week saying he was discouraged by the 'steps backward' the country has taken since he last visited. Warner said, however, that he would have 'faith' and give the Iraqi government another two to three months to execute its four-point plan to bring Iraqi militia and tribal groups to a political consensus. The plan was introduced this week.

But if nothing improved

within three months, an increasingly impatient US Congress would assert itself in bringing about a change in strategy, Warner indicated.

Warner, in remarks Thursday, also raised doubts about the four-point plan announced this week by Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri Al Maliki.

'I think it's a res-

possibility of our government internally to determine: Is there a change of course that we should take?' Warner told reporters on Capitol Hill Thursday.

Warner's remarks pointed out growing unease among senior Republicans about the course of the war in Iraq as they face difficult Congressional elections in November, where they

could lose control in either or both houses.

Warner said that if things don't turn around within the next 60 to 90 days, Congress would have to assert its 'own leadership' on the issue as a 'co-equal branch with the executive branch.'

'The next 60- to 90 days are critical,' he repeated.

Internet

## Coach-truck collision kills ten, injures four in Xinjiang

URUMQI, 7 Oct—Ten people, including a child, were killed and four injured after a coach hit the rear of a truck in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, local sources said on Friday.

The accident occurred

around 4:30 am on Thursday in Kuqa County when the coach was travelling from the regional capital, Urumqi, to the city of Aksu in western Xinjiang.

Eight passengers on the coach died at the scene,

witnesses said.

Two seriously injured passengers, including a child, died in hospital and the four others were out of danger, according to the department of publicity of Kuqa County.

MNA/Xinhua

## Dengue outbreak in India kills 38, infects thousands

NEW DELHI, 7 Oct—An outbreak of dengue fever has swept across India's capital and five states, killing 38 people and infected over 2,900 others, Health Minister Ambumani Ramadoss said on Thursday.

The mosquito-borne disease, which began spreading in late August, has seen hundreds of people flocking to hospitals complaining of fever in New Delhi and in the states of Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, West

Bengal and Kerala.

"It is a concern for us, but it is not an epidemic as the numbers and parameters we have are not enough," Ramadoss told a news conference after meeting health ministers from affected

states.

Ramadoss said there had been 15 deaths and around 670 cases in Delhi and its surrounding areas alone, but said the outbreak was not as serious as in previous years.—MNA/Reuters



## Musharraf says peace deal with tribal elders progressing well

ISLAMABAD, 7 Oct — Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf said Friday the peace deal signed with the tribal elders in North Waziristan tribal region is progressing well towards achieving desired objectives of peace and stability in the area.

The government of Pakistani North-West Frontier Province and local tribal elders in North Waziristan tribal region on 5 September reached a peace agreement to end conflicts between security troops and local tribals, which killed many on both sides.

Chairing a high-level meeting in Rawalpindi, Musharraf stressed follow-up actions to ensure speedy development of the region and welfare of the people, the state-run *Associated Press of Pakistan* (APP) reported.

Musharraf reiterated that the agreement with the tribal elders does not in any way, show slackness on the part of the government to root out the menace of terrorism and extremism.

"The peace agreement is in no way a compromise with the militants but rather to marginalize the militants," said the President quoted by APP.

MNA/Xinhua



A staff member feeds a panda a special moon cake made up of bamboo leaves, fruit and so on in the zoo of Jinan, capital of east China's Shandong Province, on 6 Oct, 2006. The staff in the zoo of Jinan made different kinds of moon cakes for varied animals according to their distinct eating habits in order to let them enjoy the Mid-autumn Day.—XINHUA

## US Navy medic admits part in killing of Iraqi man

CAMP PENDLETON (California), 7 Oct — A US Navy medic admitted on Friday taking part in the kidnap of an Iraqi civilian killed by his squad and said the execution-style murder was prompted by his patrol leader's anger at the release of a suspected "terrorist" from Baghdad's Abu Ghraib Prison.

Petty Officer Melson Bacos, 21, and the seven Marines he accompanied on an April patrol were charged with seizing Hashim Ibrahim Awad, 52, from his home, killed him and placing an AK-47 assault rifle, spent bullets and shovel next to his body to suggest he was trying to plant a roadside bomb.

The killing in the town of Hamdania was one in a series of incidents in which the conduct of American troops in Iraq have damaged the country's image worldwide.

Bacos told military judge Colonel Steven Folsom that squad leader Sergeant Lawrence Hutchins III had devised the plan to kill a different Iraqi who was "a known high-value individual whom he had detained who was later released from Abu Ghraib".

"He was just mad that they kept letting him go when he was a known terrorist, sir," Bacos said. "He was detained and released three times, sir."

Yet the squad did not find their intended target and seized instead a man from next door, Bacos said.

Bacos said when he eventually suggested they should let the man go, another soldier told him: "Quit being a pussy."

MNA/Reuters

## Message from the Director-General of the Universal Postal Union International Bureau on World Post Day 2006 9-10-2006

YANGON, 9 Oct—The following is the message from the Director-General of the Universal Postal Union International Bureau on the occasion of the World Post Day which falls today.

As I often like to recall, sending a letter or parcel by post nowadays is a far cry from sending a message in a bottle. New technology has made it possible for the postal sector to track letters, packets and parcels from end to end.

This is an important issue, as quality of service, is now a challenge that the world's postal operators cannot ignore. Today, as we celebrate World Post Day 2006, I invite all postal stakeholders to focus on quality, and to take the necessary action to ensure that the services they offer contribute fully to the social and economic development of their countries and provide action to their private and business customers.

There are many ways of improving quality of service and the Universal Postal Union, the United Nations specialized agency responsible for the postal sector, exists to provide constant support in this task. Indeed, it has made it a priority to do so, working on several fronts to help the three dimensions of the world postal network—physical, electronic and financial—promote the best service of quality possible. Its efforts encompass not only the tracking and tracing of mail, but also performance measurement and security.

In this connection, the UPU Quality of Service Fund represents an original development finance tool, unique within the United Nations system. Over the last five years, the QSF has financed some 280 projects aimed at improving the efficiency of the postal service in the developing and least developed countries. The projects focus on the speed and reliability of the postal service, security, mail inquiry handling, access to services and the implementation of cost control and pricing systems.

Of course, quality goes hand in hand with standardization, and standards facilitate the inter-operability of postal networks, promoting innovation and cost reduction. The many international standards in existence, over a hundred of them developed by the UPU, help to bring harmonization, regularity and quality to the world's postal services. But for standards to be effective, they have to be adopted by as many postal stakeholders as possible; this is particularly true for operators and customer organizations, but it also applies to envelope manufacturers, equipment suppliers and publishers. The globalization of trade has made it essential to standardize mail processing, tracking and transmission in order to ensure a service that customers rate second to none.

Thanks to these standards, countries receive advance notice that mail will shortly be arriving from abroad, barcodes on items from Benin can be read in China or Brazil, and the electronic postmark used by Canada can be recognized by France. Standard messages can also be created for other services, including the fast-developing postal financial services. By 2005, over two million electronic money orders had been sent using standard messages. Standardization is essential for ensuring the safety and reliability of electronic fund transfers, the need for which is a major challenge worldwide, with migrant workers (3% of the world population) needing affordable ways to send part of their savings back home to support their families. These funds are second only to direct investment as a source of financing for developing countries.

Standard EDI message specifications have also been developed and approved for improving postal customs clearance activities. The same applies to international addressing, for which a standard was recently introduced, describing all the elements making up an address that is recognizable worldwide.

Much work still needs to be done, however, and we should not lose sight of our goal; total quality worldwide that will guarantee customer confidence in the postal service. We need this trust in order to continue developing the postal communication market; it is up to us as sector stakeholders to nurture that trust.—MNA

## China mine blast kills 13

BEIJING, 7 Oct — A gas explosion at a Chinese coal mine killed 13 people on Friday, *Xinhua* news agency said, adding to a grim set of statistics from the world's deadliest mining industry.

Thirteen people had been confirmed dead and seven were injured at the

mine in the southwestern province of Sichuan, the agency said.

China is struggling to meet booming demand for coal which fuels about 70 per cent of its energy consumption.

In the rush for profits, safety regulations are often ignored, production

is pushed beyond limits and dangerous mines that have been shut down are reopened illegally.

Last year, 3,300 coal mine blasts, floods and other accidents killed nearly 6,000 people, according to official figures.

MNA/Reuters

## Haze brings misery, health problems in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 7 Oct — Thick smoke from bush and forest fires in Indonesia has forced schools to close and brought misery to residents, officials said on Friday.

In Malaysia, also hit by the smoke, the Environment Minister was quoted as lashing out at Jakarta, saying the problem would persist as long

as the Indonesian Government did not ratify the ASEAN treaty on haze.

Students in Palangkaraya, the capital of Central Kalimantan Province, and other areas on the Indonesian side of Borneo Island have been told to stay at home since Tuesday due to the worsening haze, said Beryn, an official at

the local Education Ministry.

He said he and his family had been forced to use masks even at home and people complained of headaches, nausea and respiratory problems. "I'm telling you honestly, my eyes hurt. We breathe with difficulty and our throats are dry and itchy," he told *Reuters*. MNA/Reuters



People dressed in Belarussian national clothes perform during a harvest festival in Bobruisk, some 150 km (93 miles) southeast of Minsk, on 7 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

## Red Cross asks help for Manila typhoon victims

MANILA, 7 Oct — Red Cross officials asked the international community on Friday to donate food, medicine and relief materials for hundreds of thousands of Filipinos displaced by Typhoon Xangsane.

The storm swept through Manila and northern and central Philippines last week before slamming into the Vietnamese coastline leaving at least 169 dead with 79 others missing.

"This is simply not just another typhoon, the devastation is humongous," said

Richard Gordon, a Philippine senator and head of the local Red Cross, adding about 1.2 million people in rural communities remained vulnerable to diseases.

The Red Cross said it would need more than 4.5 million US dollars to provide food and other basic needs for 126,000 people staying at nearly 200 temporary shelter areas in central and northern Philippines.

The organization put the death toll in the Philippines at 125 people with 41 still missing and presumed dead. Wide areas remained isolated and without power due to floods and landslides.

The government has said 110 people were killed and 72 were still missing after Xangsane left a trail of devastation estimated at 3.5 billion pesos (70 million US dollars). —MNA/Reuters

## Prisoner abuse by US Guantanamo guards described

WASHINGTON, 7 Oct — Guantanamo guards described physically and mentally abusing detainees, including slamming one's head into a cell door and denying them privileges merely to anger them, a US Marine said in a document made public on Friday.

"Examples of this abuse included hitting detainees, denying them water, and removal of privileges for no reason," the Marine Corps Sergeant stated in a sworn affidavit sent to the Pentagon's inspector-general's office for investigation.

The affidavit, signed on Wednesday, was provided by lawyers representing some of the approximately 455 foreign terrorism suspects held at the US naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. It represents the latest in a series of allegations of abuse of Guantanamo detainees by US personnel.

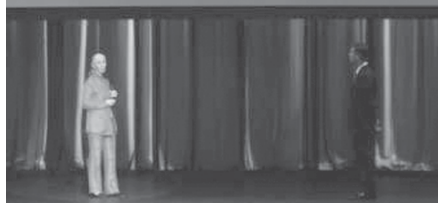
The name of the sergeant, a female paralegal in a detainee criminal case, was blacked out. The sergeant described an hourlong conversation with guards at a bar at the base on September 23, but the affidavit mentioned only the first names of those accused of taking part in the abuse.

US Navy Commander Robert Durand, a

spokesman for the military task force running the Guantanamo facility, said: "The mission of the Joint Task Force is the safe and humane care and custody of detained enemy combatants. Abuse or harassment of detainees in any form is not condoned or tolerated."

"The Joint Task Force will cooperate fully with the inspector general to learn the facts of the matter and will take action where misconduct is discovered," Durand added by e-mail.

MNA/Reuters



Primate expert Jane Goodall (L) speaks on stage after accepting the Jules Verne 2006 award for life achievement during the Jules Verne Adventure Film Festival at the Shrine auditorium in Los Angeles on 6 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

## Vietnam to launch electronic tax services next year

HANOI, 7 Oct — Vietnam will kick off an electronic tax filling system, which enables online tax registration and declaration for some taxpayers, in 2007, Vietnam News newspaper reported Friday.

In the first phase, software systems would be implemented allowing tax procedures to be completed electronically, and legal documents on electronic taxes would be formulated, the newspaper quoted Truong Hai Duong, director of the Information and Statistics Centre under the General Department of Taxation, as saying.

The use of information technology in tax collection was aimed at reducing expenses and administrative complexity for taxpayers as well as improving the quality of government

services and tax administration, he noted.

The second phase, to be carried out between 2009 and 2010, would pave the way for all taxpayers to access the e-tax service system with additional services, including online tax payment and delivery of taxpayer information through mobile phone and email.

The World Bank is assisting the general department to define a tax administration modernization project to be implemented in 2010 which would bring tax procedures up to the level of

international standards and practices.

MNA/Xinhua

## Fire at US plant forces tens of thousands to evacuate

WASHINGTON, 7 Oct — A fire at a hazardous materials treatment plant in Apex, North Carolina, has led authorities to order tens of thousands of residents to evacuate the town since early Friday, news reports said.

As many as 17,000 residents, over half of the town's population of about 28,000, were asked to evacuate and about 18 people were sent to emergency rooms with respiratory problems after the fire broke out late Thursday, in Apex, a suburban town near Raleigh, the state's capital.

It was not immediately clear as to what had caused the fire at EQ Industrial Services Inc,

but town manager Bruce Radford estimated there were between 20 and 30 explosions, the reports said.

Of those hospitalized, eight were law enforcement officers, one was a firefighter and nine were local residents.

The company handles industrial waste such as paints and solvents, and house chemicals such as chlorine, pesticides, herbicides, sulfur and fertilizer.

MNA/Xinhua



A French Gendarmie car is hit by a wave at the port Le Guilvinec in Brittany, western France on 6 Oct, 2006.

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Hailing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions:

## Dramatic Performance of Waythandaya Jataka

*Dr Khin Maung Nyunt*

Waythandaya Jataka is the last in the Ten Penultimate Birth stories of Lord Gotama Buddha. This Jataka has been chosen for drama competition in the 14th Performing Arts competitions 2006 which will take place in Nay Pyi Taw this month. Thanks to Sayadaw U Obhasa who translated this Jataka into Myanmar prose and U Pon Nya who turned it into a play, it is the best known of the Buddha's birth stories. The theme of the story is the perfection of dana [giving].

On Tuesday evening the First waning moon of Kason [May] in the Maha Sakarit [Buddhist Era] 104, at Nijodha Vihara in Kapilavathu, Lord Gotama Buddha narrated this Jataka in one thousand Pali gathas [Verses] to a huge audience led by King Sudhodhana. The synopsis of the story is follows:

"A son named Waythandaya was born to King Theinzi and Queen Hpuhadi of Cetutara kingdom. On the same day of his birth, was born an auspicious white elephant named Pyitsaya. Waythandaya was a great giver of alms. If anyone asked anything of him he gave it. At the age of 16 he was married to a princess called Ma-di, the daughter of King Madarit. They had two children, Gana the son and Zali the daughter. When Waythandaya succeeded to the throne he built six houses of charity where he made daily dana [giving].

In the kingdom of Kalainkarit, there was scarcity of rain and the people were about to suffer starvation. It was the belief of those days that the presence of a white elephant could bring rain. Brahmin

priests were sent to Waythandaya to ask for his white elephant "Pyitsaya". Waythandaya willingly gave it away. His people were angry with him for giving away the most auspicious white elephant. They demanded that Waythandaya be exiled to the Himalayan Forests. His wife and two children joined him in exile. They found hermitages in the Wingaba Forest, created by Sakka deva [Thunder god]. They put on the dress of hermit and lived happily the life of forest recluses. Waythandaya's father sent and stationed the hunter "Ceta" with his hunting dogs at the entrance to the Wingaba Forest for the security of his son and family.

In the neighbouring kingdom there was an old greedy and great glutton Brahmin named Suzaka. His young wife Amitapon who was quite sick of the miserliness of her aging husband told Suzaka to ask from Waythandaya Gana and Zali to serve as slaves without any payment. She expected him to be killed by the hunter at the entrance to the Wingaba Forest. But cunning Suzaka pretended to be a messenger from Waythandaya's father bringing good news to the exiles. In the absence of Ma-di who was gathering fruits in the forest, Suzaka got Gana and Zali whom Waythandaya gave away as dana. After the three had gone away, Waythandaya was stricken with remorse. When Ma-di returned, she fainted on learning what had happened.

Devas (gods) made Suzaka lose his way back to his wife. He was led to Waythandaya's city where he was arrested and taken before king Theinzi who offered Suzaka a palace with all royal honours in exchange for his two grandchildren. Suzaka the greedy

glutton, unused to sumptuous banquets soon choked himself to death with overeating.

News of the return of royal children reached the people whose cherishing memories of Waythandaya and Ma-di deeply moved their hearts. They begged King Theinzi to restore Waythandaya to throne. Amidst great rejoicings Waythandaya and Ma-di were brought back to city. Thus Waythandaya had fulfilled the perfection of dana (giving). Ma-di was universally reclaimed a peerless paragon of noble heroine who stood by her husband and children through thick and thin.

In winding up the narration Lord Buddha expounded that in the next existence, Waythandaya became Gotama Buddha, Ma-di became Yasodhaya, Sakka deva became Ashim Anurudha, King Theinzi became King Sudhodana, Hpuhadi Devi became Queen Maha Maya, Suzaka became Devadatta, Amitapon became Zeinzamana, Isota Hermit of Himalaya Forest became Sariputara, Zali became Rahula, Gana became U palawun and Ceta the hunter became knight Chanda.

Waythandaya Jataka is not only the favorite story in Myanmar dramatic performance it is also the most popular jataka, sung, composed, written and depicted in all Myanmar visual and performing arts media. Sayadaw U Obhasa's translated prose was the prescribed text book for matriculation Examination for many years. Two English High School masters had translated it into English in the colonial days. U Pon Nya's play on Waythandaya is one of his best as it is good for reading an enacting. His characterization of the three major roles, namely Waythandaya, Ma-di and Suzaka was excellently matchless. In the portrayal of Suzaka the villain, U Pon Nya artistically combined villainy with comics making Suzaka the object of hate and contempt as well as the laughing stock of the audience.

Wishing all competing drama troupes every success.

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### Pakistan Army defuses 2 more rockets in Islamabad

ISLAMABAD, 8 Oct — Pakistan Army bomb disposal squad on Saturday defused two more rockets found in the capital Islamabad, the second such recovery in three days, TV channels reported.

The rockets were found near Zero point along the Kashmir Highway, which connects Islamabad with Rawalpindi, the garrison city. Army bomb disposal squad was called after information was received

that rockets were lying in the forest along the main highway.

The police and Army surrounded the forest and blocked roads to the area. The Army searched the jungle for any other such weapon, according to

local private Geo TV report.

On Thursday, two rockets, believed to be pointing toward the President's and Prime Minister's houses, were found near the Parliament.

MNA/Xinhua

*Part-time snake charmer Khum Chaibuddee, 45, kisses a King Cobra at the Ripley's museum in Pattaya, 150 km (93 miles) east of Bangkok, on 7 Oct, 2006. Khum made a new world record by consecutively kissing 19 King Cobras which broke the previous record set by Gordon Cates of the US who kissed 11 venomous snakes in 1999.*

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*Vice-Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Chief Justice U Aung Toe gives clarification on National Convention. (News on page 1) — MNA*

## Information Minister opens Myanmar Motion Picture Day 2006



*Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and audience pay respects to the older persons at the ceremony of Myanmar Motion Picture Day 2006. — MNA*

YANGON, 8 Oct — Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon organized the opening ceremony to mark the Myanmar Motion Picture Day - 2006 in conjunction with

a ceremony to pay respects to the aged at the office of MMPA this morning with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

It was attended by departmental heads and officials, the chairman and members of MMPA, artists, older persons and guests. Firstly, Chairman



*Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents gifts to an older person. — MNA*



*Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Managing Director Col Aung Myo Min and Patron of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon U Myint Soe open Myanmar Motion Picture Day 2006. — MNA*

of MMPA U Kyi Soe Tun extended greetings. Next, the minister, the managing director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and the patron of MMPA formally

opened the ceremony. After the opening ceremony, the minister and those present paid respects and offered gifts to the aged. Later, Minister

Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan opened the second charity fair to mark the Myanmar Motion Picture Day - 2006 and viewed around the fair. MNA



## First Myanmar Traditional Food Show opens

YANGON, 8 Oct — The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism organized the First Myanmar Traditional Food Show at Dusit Inya Lake Hotel, here, this morning. Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing presented certificates of honour to restaurants that participated in the show, and cash reward to the adviser group.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing formally opened the First Myanmar Traditional Food Show and viewed display of foods.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Director-General U Htay Aung of Directorate of Hotels and



**Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing views display of Myanmar traditional food.** — MNA

Tourism, Managing Director U Soe Thein of Myanma Hotels and Tourism Services, representatives of Myanmar

Travels Association, Myanmar Hoteliers Association, Tourism Development Committee and Myanmar Chefs

Association and guests. Foreign-invested hotels and local hotels and restaurants took part in the show. — MNA

## Cooperatives minister addresses workshop on SMEs

YANGON, 8 Oct — A ceremony to open a workshop of the Ministry of Cooperatives was held at Zetbuyit Shwezin hall, Yankin Township this morning, with an address by Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut. Also present on the occasion were responsible personnel of Cottage Industries Department, Cooperative Department and Cooperative Exports and Imports Enterprise.

First, the minister made a speech on the occasion, saying that the businesses of cooperative societies are included in the small- and medium-scale enterprises of the State's economy. The present period is to step up for the emergence of a modern developed nation. Myanmar's cooperative is to strive for the development of scio-economic infrastructure of the country and to preserve and safeguard the image of the cooperative. Measures were to be taken for the participation in the development works of small- and medium-scale enterprises.

Next, chairman of the workshop U Khin Maung Aye made a welcoming speech on the occasion. A total of 67 — 55 delegates and 12 observers are attending the workshop which continues tomorrow. — MNA



## USDA members donate blood to hail USDA AGM 2006

YANGON, 8 Oct — Thakayta Township Union Solidarity and Development Association donated blood to hail the Annual General Meeting 2006 of USDA at Central Women's Hospital (Yangon) this morning.

Executive U Aung Myint of Yangon Division USDA explained the purpose of blood donation and Dr Daw Khin Shwe Mar of the hospital gave educative talks.

Medical Superin-

tendent Dr U Shwe Oh presented certificates of honour and gifts to

donors. Altogether 100 USDA members from 12 wards in the township

donated blood collectively.

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## Peace group from Thandaung North Special Region condemns US for putting Myanmar ...

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class organizations in accord with seven-point Road Map for putting Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC.

3. The peace group from Thandaung North Special Region returned to the legal fold and settled down in accord with the policies laid down by the State. The group has participated in the regional development and security tasks. As a result, we are practically enjoying peace and stability and development now. We believe that there is no reason for Myanmar to pose a threat to the region as there is peace and tranquillity nationwide.

4. Therefore, the group declares that it condemns and protests against the US act of putting Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC with the plot to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.

U Ko Gyi

Chairman,

U Saw La Bwe

Vice-Chairman

The group that has exchanged arms for peace Thandaung North Special Region

**Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut delivers an address at development of small- and medium-scale enterprises of cooperative societies.**

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**Members of Thakayta Township Union Solidarity and Development Association donate blood to hail USDA AGM 2006.**

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## Woman says Pennsylvania's Amish girl asked to shoot first

PHILADELPHIA, 8 Oct — One of the girls who died in Pennsylvania's Amish schoolhouse massacre asked the killer to shoot her first in an apparent bid to save younger girls, a woman who spoke to the victim's family said on Friday.

Rita Rhoads, a nurse-midwife who delivered 13-year-old Marian Fisher as well as another victim, said Fisher appealed to Charles Carl Roberts to shoot her first because she thought it might allow younger girls to survive.

Rhoads said she did not know whether Fisher in fact was shot first. Roberts shot 10 girls aged 6 to 13, killing five of them and then himself in Monday's rampage.

Fisher's 11-year-old sister, Barbie, appealed to Roberts to shoot her next, Rhoads said. Barbie

survived and was in Children's Hospital of Philadelphia recovering from shoulder, hand and leg injuries.

"Barbie has been talking and she said Marian said, 'Shoot me first,'" Rhoads said. "Apparently what she was trying to do was to save the younger girls."

Barbie, who attended her sister's funeral on Thursday before returning to the hospital, gave details of her ordeal to relatives including her grandfather, who told Rhoads, the midwife told *Reuters* in a

telephone interview.

Pennsylvania state police were not immediately available for comment.

Roberts, 32, a local non-Amish milk truck driver, attacked the one-room schoolhouse at Nickel Mines, a farming community in Lancaster County about 60 miles (100 kilometres) west of Philadelphia.

He allowed boys and adults to leave and then tied the legs of the girls before shooting them execution-style, police said. — *MNA/Reuters*



A girl walks along an art installation made up of weathercocks, wishing for peace on the Korean peninsula, at Imjingak, in Paju, about 55 km (34 miles) north of Seoul, on 6 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

## Radioactive emissions probably cause cancer in US

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct — Radioactive emissions from a 1959 nuclear accident at a research lab near Simi Valley, California, could have caused hundreds of cancers in surrounding communities, a study showed.

Chemical contamination from rocket engine testing at the site appears to have been much greater than previously suspected and continues to threaten soil and groundwater in the area around Rocketdyne's Santa Susana Field Laboratory, said the study published by the *Los Angeles Times* on Friday. The nuclear meltdown, which remained virtually unknown to the public until 1979, could have caused between 260 and 1,800 cases of cancer "over a period of many decades", the study concluded.

The five-year study was conducted by an independent team of scientists and health experts. But the advisory panel that oversaw the study said it could not offer more specifics about potential exposure to carcinogens because the Department of Energy and Rocketdyne's owner, Boeing Co, did not provide key information, the paper said.

"This lack of candor — makes characterization of the potential health impacts of past accidents and releases extremely difficult," the panel concluded. Boeing officials vigorously disputed the findings, saying the study was based on miscalculations and

faulty information.

Phil Rutherford, a health, safety and radiation manager for the company, said overall cancer deaths among employees at

the field lab and at surrounding facilities between 1949 and 1999 were lower than in the general population.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Indian Air Force Suryakiran jet trainers perform during the full dress rehearsal for Indian Air Force Day at the Hindon airbase on the outskirts of New Delhi on 6 Oct, 2006. The Indian Air Force will celebrate its 74th anniversary on 8 October.—INTERNET

## Panama recalls medicine after mystery deaths

PANAMA CITY, 8 Oct — Panama on Friday withdrew stocks of a medicine used by thousands to treat high blood pressure after

investigations linked it to a mystery illness that has killed 19 people.

Health Minister Camilo Alleyne said officials were recalling

Lisinopril tablets from pharmacies, hospitals and private clinics across the Central American country as scientists tested the drug for toxic agents that may have poisoned 30 people.

"The cause is still not completely confirmed," Alleyne told a news conference late on Friday. "We decided as a safety precaution to withdraw this medicine from use. Lisinopril is a drug made by several companies that is used to treat hypertension and heart failure."

*MNA/Reuters*

## Small plane crash kills 3 in US

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct — Three people were killed and a fourth was injured when a small plane carrying the four people crashed in the southeastern US state of Georgia on Friday morning, media reports said.

The plane crashed among houses near the Berry Hill Airport when it was taking off at the airport, authorities said.

The aircraft, a single engine *Cessana*, apparently hit some power lines immediately after takeoff, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Kathleen Bergen was quoted as saying. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## UNICEF says Panama must boost quality, equity in education

PANAMA CITY, 8 Oct — Panama needs to improve both the quality and equity of its education system so that the country's citizens could be appropriately prepared for the 21st Century, Fernando Carrera, representative of the United Nations Children's Fund, or UNICEF, in Panama said on Friday.

Carrera also said that the Panamanian Government must invest more in education, and make concrete decisions to improve educational provisions.

He praised Panama for its achievement in universal primary education coverage, but added that to overcome the great challenges of globalization, Panama needed to make secondary schooling and pre-school education universal.

Panama has a population of about three million, and there are around 168,000 illiterate people in the country's rural regions. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A woman looks at a creation by Polish artist Jaroslaw Kozlowski at the 27th Bienal of Sao Paulo on 5 Oct, 2006. The Bienal will be held from 7 October -17 December. The theme is "How to live together". —INTERNET



## Malaysia urges ASEAN to set up fund to fight open burning

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Oct — Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak on Saturday urged ASEAN countries to set up a sizeable fund to tackle the problem of open burning which is seen as the cause of haze in the region.

The haze will persist unless countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) are prepared to provide the fund to enhance the capacity to put out the

fires, Najib told reporters. "The cause is not here but in Indonesia where there is widespread burning and limited means to put out the fires, coupled with the wind direction which blows the haze to our countries," said Najib in Pekan, Pahang State.

"The haze will recur during the dry season. It cannot be resolved by one government alone... They (Indonesia) give a commitment but we

believe that they lack the resources or have limited capacity," Najib was quoted as saying by the *Bernama* news agency.

For example, water bomber planes may be needed to fight forest fires but those equipment are not cheap, said the Deputy Prime Minister.

ASEAN countries have had several discussions on the joint fund but have reached no agreement yet, added Najib.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Elizabeth Jennings (L), the daughter of late broadcast journalist Peter Jennings, accepts on behalf of her father the rank of Member in the Order of Canada presented by Governor General Michaëlle Jean at Rideau Hall in Ottawa on 17 Feb, 2006. The award recognizes outstanding achievement and service in various fields of human endeavour and is the country's highest honour for lifetime achievement.—INTERNET



A couple stand overlooking at the Keppel Harbour in Singapore on 7 Oct, 2006 as it is shrouded by haze. Singapore's air pollution index reached unhealthy levels on Saturday as fires raged in Indonesia, leading the government to issue its first haze-related health warning this year.

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## Singapore forms new racial, religious committee

SINGAPORE, 8 Oct — A new committee has been formed in Singapore to reinforce inter faith awareness and understanding between racial and religious groups, Channel NewsAsia reported on Saturday.

Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong announced the formation of the committee when he opened a Harmony Centre on Saturday, which aims to promote inter-religious dialogue and explain the true teachings of Islam.

The new National Steering Committee on Racial and Religious Harmony will involve leaders of the main

religious groups here and key community leaders, the report said.

Lee said that the gravest threat was a terrorist attack in Singapore, adding that such an attack would put his country's ethnic relations under severe strain, while the religious harmony and social cohesion were what Singapore had worked hard to achieve.

The Singaporean Government has fostered racial harmony through many policies, including integrating the population in Housing Development Board (HDB) estates, as well as ensuring that minority communities

have their places to keep their heritage alive.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Foreign investment up 92% in India in first 4 months

NEW DELHI, 8 Oct — The foreign investment into India reached 2.9 billion US dollars in the first four months of 2006-07 fiscal year, a year-on-year rise of 92 per cent, Indian Commerce Minister Kamal Nath said Friday.

In this fiscal year starting from April 2006, foreign investment in manufacturing sector showed fast growth, Nath said in a statement.

The top 10 investors were Mauritius, the United States, Japan, the Netherlands, Britain, Germany, Singapore, France, South Korea and Switzerland, he said.

The largest investment inflow so far has been from Singapore-based Barclays Bank, which invested 380 million US dollars in the financial service sector, according to the statement.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## NZ scientists confirm small volcanic eruption

WELLINGTON, 8 Oct — New Zealand scientists confirmed Saturday a small eruption which may have sent a water plume about 200 metres into the air above Mt Ruapehu in central North Island.

Geological and Nuclear Sciences (GNS) coordinator of volcanic surveillance Brad Scott said that scientific team spent some time Saturday on the mountain top and "there is confirmation as we expected of a very small scale eruption".

The eruption caused waves about six metres

high in the volcanic lake, but it was a relatively small event which happened reasonably regularly, he said.

Scott said there was no sign of a lahar when volcanic material flows down the mountainside after an eruption.

Mt Ruapehu was an active volcano but there had been no similar small scale events for a long time. In the 1980s and 1990s it happened reasonably regularly.

The eruption happened last Wednesday night in the middle of a bad storm, and the bad weather had hindered to check the eruption.

"It would have been a geyser-type eruption. It would have domed up water in the lake and lifted it maybe a couple of hundred of metres high," said Scott. Ruapehu is now very active and people have been advised not to go to the summit.

*MNA/Xinhua*



An immigrant mother (L) carries her child as France started moving 370 squatters from a sports hall in Cachan near Paris on 7 Oct, 2006. The transfer of the families ends a seven-week standoff that pitted proponents of tough immigration policies against defenders of a humane treatment of immigrants.—INTERNET

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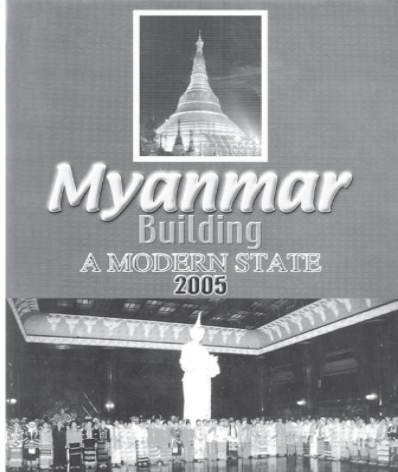
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**Germany denies new allegations on secret prison**

**LONDON, 7 Oct—** Germany denied allegations on Friday that prominent al-Qaeda prisoners, including an accused mastermind of the 11 September attacks, may have been secretly questioned at a US base on its soil.

The allegations were published by Reprivee, a British legal charity representing detainees held by the United States at its Guantanamo Bay prison camp on Cuba.

A team of European Parliament members (MEPs), investigating alleged US abuses in the war on terrorism, reacted cautiously to the new material but called for further investigation.

Reprivee said one Guantanamo detainee, Binyam Mohamed, reported he was told by Moroccan interrogators in 2003 or early 2004 that Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, an alleged central figure in the 11 September plot, had been held for interrogation at a US prison at an Air Force base in Germany.

Another Guantanamo prisoner, Hassan bin Attash, said he was told

by Jordanian interrogators that his brother Waleed Tawfiq bin Attash was also being held at a US base in Germany.

A third man, Shaker Aamer, said he had changed planes at a German base while being transferred by the United States from Afghanistan to Guantanamo in 2002.

German Government spokesman Thomas Steg told reporters: "There is nothing behind these allegations." He said there were not, and had never been, any US secret prisons in Germany.

The online edition of Germany's *Stern* magazine reported on Friday that the federal prosecutors office in Karlsruhe had been investigating for the last two weeks whether the US Army had illegally detained three terror suspects at a base in

Mannheim. Prosecutors in Karlsruhe were not available for comment.

German MEP Wolfgang Kreissl-Doerfler told reporters in London: "In my opinion, the allegations are really very, very weak ... I'm sceptical, but it's necessary to look at it."

*MNA/Reuters*

**Brazilian Co inaugurates world's biggest iron ore complex**

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 7 Oct—** The Brazilian mining company CVRD inaugurated on Thursday the Brucutu Project, the biggest iron ore complex in initial production capacity in the world.

Brucutu is a complex that combines an iron ore mine and plant at the same site. The company has invested 1.1 billion US dollars in the project, with 26,000 staff, including those directly hired by the company and third-party employees.

In the first phase of the project, CVRD expects to

produce 12.2 million tons of iron ore per year. In the second phase starting from 2007, the production capacity will reach 23 million tons per year. In 2008, Brucutu aims to expand and increase its installed annual capacity to 30 million tons.

The mine reserves of iron ore were estimated at 737 million tons, which would take the company about 30 years to exploit, according to project manager Joao Rabelo.

However, the extent of the field was still being

investigated, and more reserves may be available to the mine in five years' time, said Rabelo.

Brucutu is located at Sao Goncalo do Rio Abaixo municipality, a town with 8,500 inhabitants in Minas Gerais state, in the southeastern region of Brazil. The project is expected to create 2,500 permanent jobs and provide 218.9 million reais (101.3 million US dollars) in annual revenues for the regional economy.

*MNA/Xinhua*

**Colombian police find 1.6 tons of cocaine in buried boxes**

**BOGOTA, 7 Oct—** The Colombian police on Thursday found 1.6 tons of cocaine hidden in boxes buried at a farm in the northern state of Cesar.

The cocaine had been intended to be transported to a Caribbean Port and then to be broken up into small packages for smuggling, said Jorge Baron, head of the nation's anti-narcotics police.

The smugglers had

planned to use speedboats to transport the drug to larger ships on the high seas, which would then take it to Europe, he said.

"Traffickers are choosing to not move large shipments of drugs due to the strict controls that are carried by the police, instead they waterproof the shipments very well and then hide them," Bardon said.

*MNA/Xinhua*

**Oceans threatened by sewage, coastal destruction**

**NAIROBI, 7 Oct—** A rising tide of sewage discharges and the destruction of coastal habitats are threatening the health and wealth of far too many of the world's seas and oceans, a new report by the Nairobi-based United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has said.

According to a UNEP news release on Wednesday, the "State of the Marine Environment" report said that in many developing countries between 80 per cent and nearly 90 per cent of sewage entering the coastal zones is estimated to be raw and untreated.

The pollution — linked with rising coastal populations, inadequate treatment infrastructure and waste handling facilities — is putting at risk human health and

wildlife and livelihood from fisheries to tourism.

There is rising concern too over the increasing damage and destruction of essential and economically important coastal ecosystems like mangrove forests, coral reefs and seagrass beds, said the report.

The problems contrast sharply with oil pollution. Globally, levels of oily wastes discharged from industry and cities has, since the mid 1980s been cut by close to 90 per cent.

*MNA/Xinhua*

**COMESA fights HIV/AIDS with rest of world**

**LUSAKA, 7 Oct—** The Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) is joining hands with the rest of the world in the fight against HIV/AIDS in Africa, home to two million of the world's population living with HIV/AIDS, according to a Press release issued here Thursday.

The pandemic has been progressively eroding the region's economic and social structures and blocking development in its key sectors, said the release.

The COMESA loses one per cent of per capita income growth per year

and 2.6 per cent of its gross domestic product (GDP) is grabbed by the devastating grip of the epidemic, according to the release.

The agricultural sector has been the hardest hit by the epidemic resulting in labour losses and a diversion

of resources, it said.

The mobility in agricultural trade, particularly along the region's transport corridors, has accelerated the spread of HIV/AIDS. This has negatively affected cross-border trading activities resulting in major trade

losses, the release said.

The COMESA is holding discussions with an organization on possible cooperation to mitigate the spread of HIV/AIDS in the region particularly along the transport corridors.

*MNA/Xinhua*



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### China's airlines expand seating to provide for overweights

**BELING, 7 Oct — Chinese airlines are being forced to rearrange their seating as the burgeoning number of overweight Chinese complain about the discomfort of ill-fitting seats.**

Passengers have complained that airlines often try to squeeze more seats into a plane in order to make bigger profits.

A source with China Eastern Airlines said the company had imported all its aircraft from the West where people were generally bigger in the past, but now, the company planned to reduce by about 20 the number of seats on the new Airbus 321 to enlarge the seating space. The number of first-class seats would also expand from eight to 20, according to the source.

Xia Hongshan, vice-dean of Nanjing University of Aeronautics and Astronautics, suggested more airlines rearrange seats to provide for the comfort of larger passengers.

"China's civil airlines always have empty seats,

especially in the low season. So, it is reasonable for companies to think about reducing the number of seats, even though it might not be a small investment," Xia said.

Early this year, a China Southern Airlines aircraft delayed takeoff for two hours because two passengers began fighting

in a quarrel over seating space.

Chinese people were becoming more overweight, Wen Weiliang, director of China Health Care Association said.

Without larger seats, more quarrels would certainly happen, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Tourists view an artificial moon in Wanping of Beijing, capital of China, on 6 Oct, 2006. The artificial moon with a diameter of three metres was for the celebration of the Chinese traditional Mid-Autumn Festival on 6 Oct.—XINHUA



Cheesebearers of the Alkmaar cheese market pose with a slab of Gouda cheese weighing 600.5 kg (1,324 lbs) in Alkmaar on 6 Oct, 2006. Organizers say the cheese set a new world record for the world's largest cheese.—INTERNET

### S Korean man flies solo home from China

**CHANGSHA, 7 Oct — A man of South Korea was flying high on a journey home from China on Thursday — when he found he was the only passenger aboard the Airbus A320 aircraft.**

The man named Lee was returning to South Korea to spend the Mid-Autumn Festival, a traditional festival of reunion, with his family.

Mr Lee was told by a stewardess on Flight CZ3065 from Changsha, capital of central China's Hunan Province, to Seoul that he was on a "special flight" when he found himself sitting alone in an empty cabin of the A320, which can carry 150 to 180 passengers.

The plane took off at 11:00 am and arrived at Seoul 2:35 pm as scheduled, according to the department of publicity of the Hunan branch of China Southern Airlines, operator of the international flight.

"Our crew provided the best service for Mr Lee though he asked the stewardesses to rest many times," said Tang Songnian, an official with the airline's publicity department.

MNA/Xinhua

### Baby "Earthquake Khan" gives Pakistani village hope

**PORE, (Pakistan), 7 Oct — A chubby-cheeked boy with big brown eyes and curly hair will have his first birthday on Sunday,**

8 October, and the people of his village have nicknamed him "Zalzala Khan". His mother gave birth

just moments before their home collapsed in the earthquake that ended more than 73,000 lives in Pakistan, and 1,500 in

Indian Kashmir and rendered over three million people destitute.

Mohammad Sajid, the father, described how he and a midwife had carried the mother and child outside, with the roof-falling, walls collapsing and ground shaking.

"We named our son, Shahabuddin, a few days after the quake but the villagers like to call him "Zalzala Khan" as they say his birth on that terrible day was an omen from God that life would go on," Sajid said.

Zalzala means earthquake in Urdu and the healthy baby boy was the couple's first child. Neighbour Mohammed Iqbal said that Shahabuddin was testimony to new life emerging from the ruins of the quake.—MNA/Reuters



Kimani Maruge (front) attends class at Kapkenduuywo Primary School in Langas, Eldoret, 300km west of the Kenyan capital Nairobi, on 6 Oct, 2006. The classmates ten times his junior would be hard-pressed to match the enthusiasm of Maruge, 86, a peasant farmer and veteran of Kenya's 1950s anti-colonial Mau Mau revolt who now has the distinction of being the oldest pupil on the planet according to the Guinness Book of World Records.—INTERNET

### Some bird species in Turkey face threat of extinction

**ANKARA, 7 Oct — Some of Turkey's bird species face an imminent threat of extinction due to the destruction of wetlands and marshes, major habitat of flesh-eating waterfowls, a Turkish official warned on Friday.**

The semi-official Anatolia news agency quoted Nature Association Director-General Guven Eken as saying that one out of every four bird species has become extinct over the last years, adding that the situation was even worse for water birds.

"Population of three out of every four water bird species is severely reduced," said Eken.

He blamed the reduction to the construction of large scale dam projects, the desiccation of marshes and destruction of wetlands. "Over 45 regularly-monitored bird species in Turkey, mostly predators, face imminent threat of extinction while the numbers of many other species are at critical levels," he said.

The official complained about lack of preservation efforts for birds in Turkey, saying that Turkey pushed away the opportunity to be the richest country of Europe in bird species.

MNA/Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Serbia beats Belgium 1-0 in Euro 2008 qualifier

BELGRADE, 8 Oct— Serbia's national football team edged out the visiting Belgium 1-0 on Saturday evening in a Euro 2008 Group A qualifier.

Nikola Zigic's 54th minute goal helped Serbia beat Belgium, sending a low shot into the right side of the net after a perfect pass from Ivica Dragutinovic.

It was Zigic's second goal in qualifying. He also scored in Serbia's 1-0 win over Azerbaijan in their Group A opener. Serbia dominated in the first half but failed to convert on any chances. Marko Pantelic struck the post for Serbia two minutes into the second period before Zigic finally broke the deadlock seven minutes later.—MNA/Xinhua

## Netherlands tie Bulgaria 1-1 at Euro 2008 qualifier

BRUSSELS, 8 Oct— A second-half goal from Robin van Persie gave the Netherlands a 1-1 away draw against Bulgaria in their Euro 2008 Group G qualifier on Saturday, Dutch media reported on Saturday.

Atletico Madrid winger Martin Petrov put the home side in front in the 12th minute with his fourth goal of the campaign -- a low shot from a tight angle that left keeper Edwin van der Sar no chance.

The Dutch suffered another setback four minutes later when Dirk Kuyt went off injured. He was replaced by 19-year-old Ryan Babel.

The visitors had several chances to level the score in the first half. A van Persie drive hit the bar while Arjen Robben drilled a thunderous shot from the edge of the area which went just wide.

MNA/Xinhua



San Marino's goalkeeper Federico Valentini and his team mates Nicola Albani (4) and Matteo Andreini (11) fight for the ball with Czech Republic's Milan Baros (15) during their Euro 2008 Group D qualifying soccer match in Liberec on 7 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

## Brazil slashes Kuwait sporting club 4-0 in friendly

KUWAIT CITY, 8 Oct— Four players goaled respectively for Brazil's 4-0 win over Kuwaiti sporting club here on Saturday.

The match, set for the celebration of the club's 45th anniversary, witnessed the new Brazilian national soccer team's prowess in this Gulf state.

Danga's test line-up exerted all this strength during the match. Rafael Sobis scored the first in the 17th minute and Robinho added another in the 36th.

Daniel Carvalho then made it 3-0 in the 53rd and Kaka finished the scoreline in the 77th.

MNA/Xinhua



England's Gary Neville and Macedonia's Velice Sumulikoski fight for the ball during their Group E Euro 2008 qualifying soccer match at Old Trafford in Manchester on 7 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

## Croatia trounces Andorra 7-0 in Euro 2008 qualifier

BELGRADE, 8 Oct— Croatia's national football team trounced the Andorra's team 7-0 in the qualifying for the Euro 2008 football championship in the Croatian capital Zagreb on Saturday evening.

The score equalled Croatia's largest margin of victory in their history and Mladen Petric's four goals was the most ever by a Croatian player in an international match.

Croatia previously beat Australia by the same result in a friendly match in 1998.

"I was hoping to score at least one goal, but I could never have dreamed of this many," Petric said.

Croatia were dominant against opponents who had conceded nine goals in their two previous UEFA Euro 2008 Group E fixtures, while Croatia's opening game ended with a 0-0 draw in Russia.

Petric scored the first goal in the 14th minute with a header. He added another header in the 39th minute. The FC Basel 1893 forward got his hat trick in the 47th minute before scoring his fourth in a couple of minutes later.

Ivan Klasnic made it 5-0 from close range in the 58th minute.

MNA/Xinhua

## Australia ties Paraguay in soccer friendly

CANBERRA, 8 Oct— Australia was held to a 1-1 draw by visiting Paraguay in a soccer friendly in Brisbane, capital city of

Australia's state of Queensland.

With a record crowd of 47,609 in attendance at Suncorp Stadium, the match looked set to end in a stalemate before Australia's retiring defender Tony Popovic put Australia in front 1-0 in the 88th minute of a game in which the home side dominated throughout.

But Australia's young defender Michael Beauchamp, who had replaced Popovic only one minute earlier, inadvertently headed the ball into his own net in the third minute of stoppage time.

MNA/Xinhua

## Zambia beats Djibouti 10-0 in Olympic qualifying

LUSAKA, 8 Oct— The Zambia Under-23 national soccer team Saturday bombarded their Djibouti counterparts with 10 unanswered goals to qualify for the group stages of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games.

Both Given Singuluma

and Chris Musonda of the host team played hat tricks while their teammate Felix Nsundu scored two to silence the East Africans at Nkoloma Stadium in Lusaka. Musonda scored the hat trick in the 9th, 78th and 79th minute separately

while Singuluma's hat trick came in the 15th, 32nd and 71st minutes. Eugene Shamakamba converted a spotkick in the 76th minute and Mazuba Mkandawire sealed the scoreline for the day after 82 minutes.

Djibouti coach Amin Housein conceded defeat after the match, saying Zambia showed the supremacy through fantastic and skillful kind of football.—MNA/Xinhua



France's Boris Sanson (R) is airborne as he competes against Vladimir Lukashenko of Ukraine in the men's team sabre final at the World Fencing Championship in Turin on 6 Oct, 2006. France won the gold medal. —INTERNET

## Federer blasts Becker to reach Japan Open final

TOKYO, 8 Oct — World number one Roger Federer overpowered Germany's Benjamin Becker 6-3, 6-4 to reach the Japan Open final on Saturday.

The Swiss needed exactly one hour to see off the 14th seed, booking his place in Sunday's final with a supremely confident display. Federer will play either Britain's Tim Henman or South Korea's Lee Hyung-taik, who were playing in Saturday's second semifinal in Tokyo.

Federer had struggled to beat 1,078th-ranked Japanese player Takao Suzuki on Friday when he was briefly in danger of suffering the worst defeat by a world number one in ATP Tour history.—MNA/Reuters

Japan's Aiko Nakamura reacts after missing a shot against China (Taipei)'s Chan Yung-Jan during the semi-finals of the Japan Open tennis championships in Tokyo on 7 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET



## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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# Germany investigates US military prison claims

BERLIN, 8 Oct— Germany's prosecutors confirmed Saturday that they are investigating claims the US Army illegally held terrorist suspects at a military prison in Germany.

The German news agency DPA reported from the western German city of Karlsruhe that prosecutors admitted interrogating witness and a decision on whether to proceed with the case was still pending. The German

magazine Stern reported that a witness had heard a US soldier refer to the detentions at the military facility in Mannheim near Frankfurt. The three Arabic detainees were reportedly physically abused at the prison.

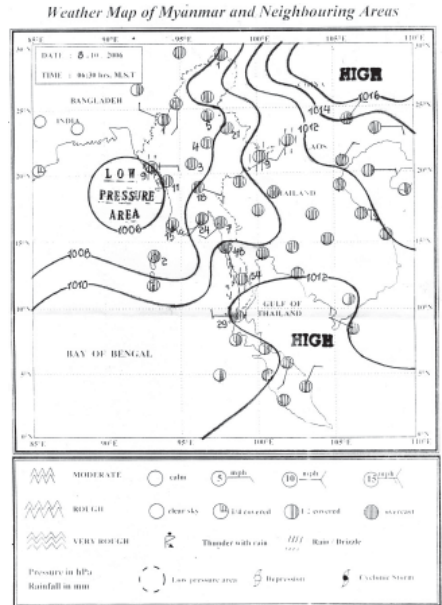
Both the German Government and the US authorities denied there were such prisons in Germany. US President George W Bush acknowledged last month that the US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) operated

secret prisons to detain terrorist suspects since the 11 September, 2001 terrorist attacks on the United States.— MNA/Xinhua

## Earthquake report

(Issued at 10:30 hours MST today)

A moderate earthquake of intensity (5.3) Richter Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar about (460) miles southeast of Kaba-Aye Seismological Observatory, was recorded at (03 hrs (44) min (32) sec MST on 8th October 2006.



Mexican school children release baby turtles into the Pacific ocean in Coyuca, 40km north of Acapulco, on 6 Oct, 2006. Primary school children are invited to release the turtles into the sea as part of a programme to try to raise awareness and dissuade poaching. — INTERNET

## Radio Myanmar

Monday, 9 October

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Teel me tell me baby
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Isn't strange
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Addicted to bass
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Seeya, just like a pill
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music: - H e i g h t ... Blackout International -Sliker than your average... Craig David - H e l l o ... Evanesence -Sunshine... Gabrelin, Sentimental
- 9:00pm Spotlight on the Star: Crystal Gayle -Only love can save me now, A long & lasting love, Our love is on the faultline
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Drug/ Women Affairs
- 9:35pm Vocal gems: -Happy go lucky, Will it ever
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Monday, 9 October  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံလွှာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အစည်းတော် ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဏ္ဍိတ ဝိပဿနာ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဏ္ဍိတ ဝိပဿနာ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဏ္ဍိတ ဝိပဿနာ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဏ္ဍိတ ဝိပဿနာ၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပာဏ္ဍိတ ဝိပဿနာ
- 7:15 am
  2. ဝိပဿနာ၊ ဓမ္မာပာဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သီရိဗန္ဓာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါယ်သဒ္ဓါဝါဒတော်
- 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. Song of national races

- 8:00 am
  7. အစိုးရပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
  8. Cute little dancer
- 8:20 am
  9. အစိုးရပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
  10. International news
- 8:45 am
  11. Grammar Made Easy
- 2:50 pm
  1. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၂၂) ကြိမ်မြောက် တပ်မတော်ကာကွယ်ရေးဦးစီးချုပ် ဖလားအသက်(၂၀)နှစ်နှင့်အောက် တပ်မတော် (ကြည်း)အဖွဲ့အစည်း တော်လှန်ရေးတိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ် လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (ဒုတိယအကြိမ်လှည့်လည်)
  2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
  3. အဆောင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ်(ဝေတုဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ဝေတုဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm
  4. Dance variety
- 5:25 pm
  5. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ တောစေလေ ကျေးလက် စားသံများ
- 5:35 pm
  6. "အနိုင်အနွှံ့" (ပိစီ၊ ကောင်းမြတ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)
- 5:40 am
  7. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက်

- မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာလှည့်ကျနေ့မှ အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေးအတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ် မောင်းဆောင်မှုနှင့်ကာလအပေါ်အား) (ဝါသနာရှင်)(ပထမတန်း အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:50 am
  8. "မောင်မြန်မာလှုပ်စစ်စက်တီး" (ရီလေး၊ ခေတ်နိုင်(ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ ပုလဲဝင်း) ဒါရိုက်တာ-တင်အောင်ဆွ- သုတေသီ
- 6:00 pm
  9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  11. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 6:55 pm
  12. အလှူရှုမယ် လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:15 pm
  13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်မြင်းနှင့်အတူ" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 8:00 pm
  14. News
- 15. International news
- 16. Weather report
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စပိုင်ရှစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)
- 18. The next day's programme

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# Agriculture, livestock breeding tasks in Kayan and Thongwa townships inspected

## Model Village opens in Kayan Township

YANGON, 8 Oct — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspected agricultural and livestock breeding tasks in Kayan and Thongwa townships and attended the ceremony to inaugurate Peinkan Model Village in Kayan Township this morning.

The commander and party inspected breeding of fish and prawn in Thakkeigon Village of Kayan Township.

Chairperson of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai presented snacks and toys to children at the nursery of Kayan Township MCWA.

While in Kayan, the commander and party inspected Kayan Township Hospital and thriving



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win unveils the signboard of Peinkan Model Village in Kayan Township.— MNA

monsoon paddy plantations.

At noon, the commander and wife attended the ceremony to inaugurate Peinkan Model Village and visited the village. The commander met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people and explained tasks to be carried out for regional development. He viewed development facilities in

the village. The Yangon Division MCWSC Chairperson accepted membership applications from the village MCWA. Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Or-

ganization Daw Mar Mar Wai and party held discussions with local women at the Peinkan monastery and explained functions of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

The commander viewed paddy harvesting task in Thaikugan Model Village of Thongwa Township and gave necessary instructions to officials.

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### 37 members resign from Shwedaung Township NLD

#### Lost trust in NLD for its harmful acts to country and nationals

YANGON, 8 Oct — A total of 34 members of Shwedaung Township National League for Democracy of Pyay District, Bago Division (West), — eight members of Kyaukmyint Village-tract including U Myint Oo of Shwehintha Village, one member from Mayaman Village-tract, four from Thasigon Village-tract, one from Yuntan Ward, four from Kwinyayyi Village-tract, two from Kyeethe Village-tract, three from

Kathittaing Village-tract and 10 from Thayet Thonbin Village-tract — resigned from the NLD of their own accord on 10 August.

Likewise, Township Executive U Kyi Myint from Thayettaw Ward, Organizer U Than Tun of Kyarnigan Ward and U Win Naing of Hsinthay Village-tract, totalling three also resigned from the party of their own accord on 15 September.

They sent the let-

ters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities. In their letter sent to Shwedaung Township Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-commission they said the NLD is committing harmful acts to the country and the nationals without serving the interests of the nation and the people. Therefore, they no longer put trust in the NLD. That is why they resigned from the party of their own accord, the said.

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### Peace group from Thandaung North Special Region condemns US for putting Myanmar on agenda of UNSC

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Oct — The group from Thandaung North Special Region on 25 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 the group from Thandaung North Special Region on condemnation of US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN.**

25 September 2006

1. Due to the submission of the US permanent representative to the UN, a decision was made on 15 September to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UN Security Council accusing the country of posing a threat to regional stability.
2. The US is making attempts to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs. The US using the UN as a tool ignored the all-round development, stability and peace, prevalence of law and order and national solidarity for interfering in Myanmar's affairs. It has been plotting to impede Our Three Main National Causes and the National Convention which is being attended by representatives from mass and

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