

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

Strive for regional development, fulfil needs of people

Participate in implementing tasks for emergence of peaceful, modern, developed, discipline-flourishing democratic nation

Prime Minister addresses work coord meeting of development affairs committees of Development Affairs Department

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct — A work coordination meeting of development affairs committees of Development Affairs Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was held at the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, here this afternoon, with an address by Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present were Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, directors-general and managing directors of departments and Sibinthayayay Bank Ltd, officials of state and division development affairs com-

mittees, deputy superintending engineers and engineers in-charge.

In his address, the Prime Minister said the work coordination meeting has been held since 1990. He said emphasis must be placed on the policies of the State in connection with the tasks of the development affairs committees.

He said the government first built national solidarity and national reconsolidation and made efforts for enabling Myanmar to stand tall among the nations of the world as an independent, sovereign nation with dignity and for the emergence of a peaceful modern discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Moreover, he said, the government undertook border areas development tasks with greater momentum and

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Prime Minister General Soe Win delivers an address at the Work Coordination Meeting of Development Affairs Department of Ministry of PBANRDA. — MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 10 October, 2006

National Convention for speedy emergence of the constitution

It is necessary for a nation to have a constitution whatever political system it practises. And it is also essential that the constitution should be durable. The purpose of the National Convention is to lay down the basic principles in drafting a durable constitution for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democracy.

The National Convention, which was adjourned during the cultivation season, resumes today 10 October at the Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division. At the present session of the National Convention, the panel of alternate chairmen will make a brief presentation of proposals put forward by various delegate groups and some delegates at the plenary meeting of the National Convention held from 5 December, 2005 to 31 January, 2006.

In addition, detailed basic principles discussed at the previous session regarding the legislation of various Hluttaws, citizens, their rights and responsibilities and the role of the Tatmadaw will be discussed and approved at the present session. And the Work Committee will explain the detailed basic principles for the remaining chapters.

Nowadays, the government is building firm foundations for a democratic system such as national unity, regional development, economic growth and higher living standard.

We believe that, due to the concerted efforts of the eight delegate groups, the National Convention Convening Commission, the Work Committee and the Management Committee, the constitution will emerge soon.

Japan provides assistance for construction of roads, culverts in Min Gan ward, Sittway

YANGON, 9 Oct — The Government of Japan, under the Japan's Grassroots Grant Assistance Scheme, will provide a grant aid of US\$ 72,186 to "Min Gan Road Construction Committee" for construction of roads and culverts in Min Gan ward in Sittway, Rakhine State.

In consideration of the all-round improvement of the people living in Min Gan ward, construction of all-weather road will be funded under the Grassroots Grant Assistance Programme. The project will be implemented with the technical assistance from Bridge Asia Japan (BAJ), a Japanese NGO which has been operational in Myanmar since 1995. — H

Peoples' Desire

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

Agricultural inputs provided to Khitaye Village, Tatkon Township

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct — Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo and Member of Central Executive Committee of USDA Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, accompanied by departmental personnel and members of USDA, donated offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kusala of Yanaungmyin Monastery in Khitaye village in Tatkon Township, Mandalay Division yesterday.



USDA Secretary-General Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo presents spray cans to farmers of Tatkon Township donated by USDA. — MNA

Next, the two ministers and party met with farmers, members of USDA and heard reports presented by officials con-

cerned, and presented spray cans for agricultural purpose to the peasants. — 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

Heavy rain causes floods in some areas

YANGON, 9 Oct — The heavy rains have caused floods in some parts of the country recently and rivers and lakes were in flood in Sagaing Division.

Due to the flood, railroad between Kawlin and Kyunhla stations in Kantbalu Township, Sagaing Division, were destroyed yesterday and rail services on that road sections were suspended temporarily.

Similarly, villages in Padu Village-tract in Sagaing Township were flooded by the overflow of water from Yemyatkyi Lake and railroad between Sarye and Padu stations in Sagaing was also destroyed by the flood.

The damaged railroad sections are currently under repairs and residents in low-lying areas in Sagaing Division were evacuated by Tatmadaw men, members of social organizations and officials. — MNA

Foreign Minister congratulates Thai counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Nitya Pibulsonggram, who has been appointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand on 8th October, 2006. — MNA

This Victory Land— Nyaunghnapin Haven

At the Victory Land—Nyaunghnapin Haven

Papers are presented and discussed
Getting together and being prepared
With brethren nationals together
Helpfully being discussed

We, all of us, with our thoughts

Holding meetings all together.

No matter whoever is saying what

Our thoughts are correct

Let intruders be removed

Because those who pass remarks
will be afar

For the success of fundamentals

Let the delegates watch onwards.

Tekkatho Tin Kha (Trs)
(Hailing the National Convention)

Mooncakes flown to soldiers at China's roadless frontier

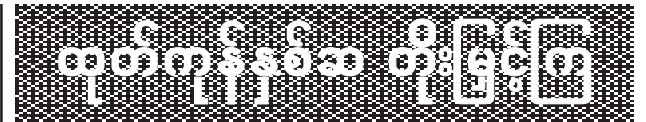
BEIJING, 8 Oct— Mooncakes were flown to China's last roadless county, where soldiers are stationed, to celebrate the Moon Festival Friday.

"There has been snowstorm at the mountain pass, and the helicopter failed ten times to fly over it," officer Cering Tonzhub at the Medog station in Tibet told *Xinhua* over the phone. "I thought we might not be able to eat mooncakes this year."

The Moon Festival, or the Mid-Autumn Festival, is the 15th day of the eighth month of Chinese lunar calendar, which falls on 6 October this year. It is a

time when families get together to eat mooncakes and enjoy the round moon.

200 boxes of mooncakes and other daily necessities were managed to fly to the station at Medog, a county at Tibet's border with India, nestled among snow-capped mountains, the last of the country's 2,100 counties to be connected by highway. According to Cering, 12 soldiers who just finished their patrol were excited to eat the mooncakes. "There are lots of different flavours, lotus, greentea and coconut...just feel like we are home again." — *MNA/Xinhua*



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, left, walks next to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe as they inspect the guard of honour during a welcome ceremony held outside the Great Hall of the People in Beijing, China, on 8 Oct, 2006.

INTERNET



Villager buried in Loei mudslide; many provinces hit

LOEI, 8 Oct—A villager was killed by a flood-induced mudslide in this northeastern province, police said.

Villager Buakhan Sitadi, a resident of Sithan sub-district, was fishing at a pond during heavy rains and was buried under a mudslide from nearby mountainsides.

Downpours in several areas of Loei brought about flash floods as water levels rose up to 70 centimetres, making roads in Wang Saphung municipality inaccessible for small vehicles.

The Public Health Ministry said over 130,000 persons have been injured by floods that have to date affected 20 provinces na-

tionwide, with some 30,000 being treated in Nonthaburi province alone.

In Chiang Mai and the eastern province of Chanthaburi, health officials have distributed bin bags for people to use in lieu of unusable toilet facilities as a measure of disease prevention.

Over 200,000 residents were stranded in Chanthaburi where 4,500 persons were reported with water-borne flood-related illnesses.

Dr Prat Boonyawongvirot, Permanent Secretary for Public Health, said mobile medical units have been sent to service flood victims in all areas.

Internet

Dengue cases rise to 743 in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, 8 Oct — Indian capital has recorded 743 dengue cases so far, the city government said Friday.

Indo-Asian News Service quoted DS Negi, Health Secretary of Delhi government, as saying that 70 more dengue cases have been confirmed since Thursday morning. Indian Health Minister Anbumoni Ramadoss told local media Thursday that the number of dengue cases in the country has reached up to 3,000 and Delhi, the worst hit, has recorded 17 deaths. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Pilgrims leave the sea side Stone Lord chapel during afternoon spring-tide in Gaia in northern Portugal, on 8 Oct, 2006. The greatest spring-tide on the North Atlantic in recent years occurred on Sunday afternoon when the Earth, the Sun, and the full Moon were lined up. — INTERNET

Two Britons arrested for drug trafficking in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 8 Oct— Two Britons appeared in the Verulam Magistrate's Court near Durban, about 600 kilometres south of Johannesburg, on Friday after their arrest in connection with a cocaine haul worth an estimated six million US dollars.

Police spokeswoman Phindile Radebe said the two men — C John Turon, 56, and Tommy Mackinnon, 35, — face drug trafficking charges after they were arrested on Wednesday when police seized a container with 169 kilos of cocaine.

The cocaine was seized in a container located in a warehouse in Tongaat, north of Durban. The "uncut" cocaine was in a container filled with mirrors. It was due to be shipped to Britain.

Radebe said that police did not believe the cocaine came from South Africa, but that the country was merely the trans-shipment point. — *MNA/Xinhua*

NATO soldier killed in Afghan south

KABUL, 8 Oct— Guerrillas attacked a NATO patrol in Afghanistan on Saturday, killing a NATO soldier in a southern district that the alliance said had been cleared of Taliban fighters after a two-week offensive last month.

NATO did not release the nationality of the soldier killed in a bomb and small-arms attack on a patrol in Panjwai District, about 25 kilometres (15 miles) west of the city of Kandahar.

"One of the soldiers was wounded and later died of injuries sustained. One vehicle was also damaged," NATO said in a

statement.

Violence has surged in Afghanistan this year to its most intense since US-led forces ousted the hardline Taliban government in late 2001, weeks

after the 11 September attacks.

Saturday is the fifth anniversary of the beginning of the offensive that swept the Taliban from power. — *MNA/Reuters*

Visitors watch the Haining Tides in Jiaxing, eastern China's Zhejiang Province, on 8 Oct, 2006. The Haining Tides, also called Qianjiang Tide, appears late or before the 18th of the eighth lunar month each year, local media reported. — INTERNET



Thai new Cabinet line-up announced

BANGKOK, 9 Oct — The new Cabinet list submitted by Thailand's interim Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont was announced late Sunday night after it got royal endorsement from the King.

King Bhumibol Adulyadej approved the Cabinet list, earlier submitted by Surayud Chulanont, who was sworn in as Thailand's 24th Prime Minister on 1

October. The line up of the new Cabinet is as follows:

Deputy Prime Minister and Finance Minister: Pridiyathorn Devakula

Deputy Prime Minister and Industry Minister: Kosit Panpiemras

Defence Minister: Boonrawd Somtas

Foreign Minister: Nit Piboonsongkram

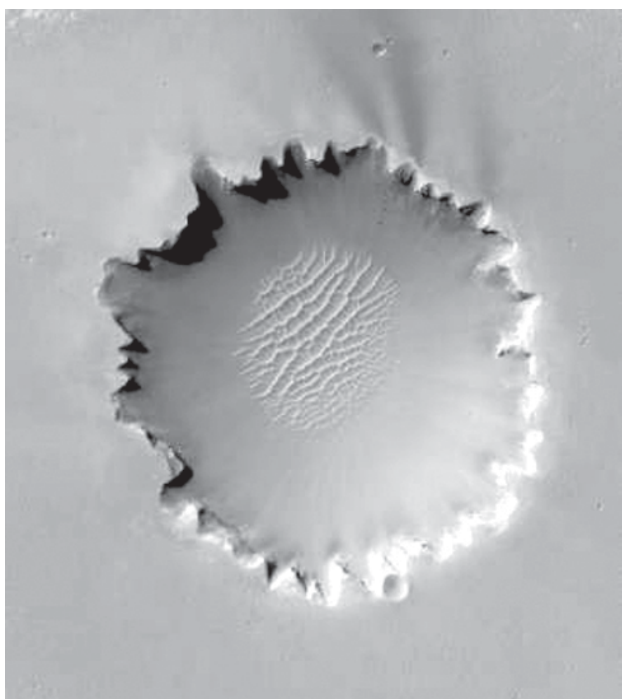
Information and

Communication Technology Minister: Sithichai Pokaiudom

Interior Minister: Aree Wongaraya

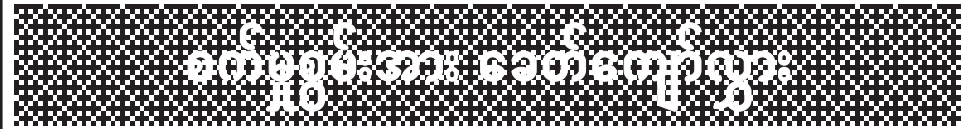
The newly approved Cabinet led by the designated Premier will exist for about one year pending the completion of a new Constitution draft and a general election late next year, according to the schedule drafted by the military council which led the 19 September coup ousting former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra's government.

MNA/Xinhua



Mars' Victoria Crater at Meridiani Planum is seen in this image taken by NASA's High Resolution Imaging Science Experiment (HiRISE) camera in this picture released on 6 Oct, 2006.

INTERNET



The Air Warriors from the Indian Air Force demonstrate their skills during celebrations to mark the 74th anniversary of the Indian Air Force at the Hindon airbase on the outskirts of New Delhi, on 8 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

Bangkok, metro region braces for floods

BANGKOK, 8 Oct—Top officials and government flood control organizations race against time to coordinate among all state agencies concerned with defending the capital against the rising waters of the Chao Phraya River at flood stage combined with seasonal high tides.

Emergency follow-through meetings are

continuing as Bangkok braces for possible flooding and massive anti-flood operations nationwide are taking place throughout the Chao Phraya Basin and other flood-affected areas.

Officials met Saturday in a meeting chaired by Supreme Commander Gen Boonsang Niampradit, who presides over the flood relief committee.

Representatives from the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department, the Royal Irrigation Department (RID) and governors of provinces suffering or threatened by inundation (including Bangkok and the metropolitan region) attended the meeting.

Speaking afterward, Gen Boonsang said the military in conjunction with the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration will bring, on Sunday, emergency relief items for distribution to people in flooded areas.

On preparations to help the northern metropolitan areas, where water levels are predicted to rise on Tuesday and Wednesday, the Royal Irrigation Department has been asked to hold water from various dams in the northern part of Chao Phraya River as far as possible in order to save Bangkok from the looming floods. —Internet

Cyprus airline crash probe blames human error

NICOSIA, 8 Oct—Human error was the main cause of Cyprus' worst airline disaster, in which an aircraft crashed into a hillside north of Athens last year killing all 121

people on board, a Cypriot newspaper reported on Friday.

Errors by ground and aircrew were among eight factors logged by Greek investigators who are expected to hand the result of their official probe into the disaster to Greek and Cypriot authorities next week, the daily *Phileleftheros* said. Cypriot authorities declined to comment on the report.

MNA/Reuters

A car is driven along autumn trees early morning near a village of Zaslavl, about 25 km (15.5 miles) west of the capital Minsk, on 8 Oct, 2006.

INTERNET



A Thai worker sandbags the world heritage temple ruins to protect them from the flood in Ayutthaya Province, 80 km (50 miles) north of Bangkok, on 6 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

Eight killed in suicide car bomb in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 Oct—Eight people were killed and six others wounded, including soldiers, when a suicide car bomb went off at an Iraqi Army checkpoint in the town of Tal Afar, a well-informed police source told *Xinhua*.

"A suicide bomber drove his explosive-packed

car into an Iraqi Army checkpoint in the Hai al-Salam neighbourhood in Tal Afar, and detonated it at about 9:00 am (0600 GMT), the source said on condition of anonymity".

The blast killed eight people, including four soldiers and wounded six people, including four

soldiers, the source added.

Tal Afar, some 420 kilometres north of Baghdad and 80 kilometers west of the Iraqi city of Mosul, has long been a bastion of sectarian violence and insurgency against US and Iraqi Government forces.

MNA/Xinhua

Official says China needs daily pollution fines

BEIJING, 8 Oct—China should slap daily fines on firms that pump untreated waste into lakes and rivers, because current penalty limits make long-term pollution profitable, an official was quoted on Saturday as saying.

Normally, fines for pollution are capped at 200,000 yuan (25,300 US dollars) regardless of how long a factory ignores pollution regulations, the official *China Daily* said.

China's per-capita water resources are less than a third of the global average and falling, and its problems are compounded by chronic pollution, waste and poor management.

Around 300 million people lack access to safe drinking water.

A daily charge would give companies an economic incentive to clean up their waste, the paper quoted Mao Rubai, chairman of the En-

vironmental and Resources Protection Committee of China's Parliament, as saying.

"The punishment should be calculated from the day that a factory is found guilty of pollution discharge until the day its emissions meet environmental protection requirements," Mao said.

His views were backed by a study by China's State

Environmental Protection Agency, which has suggested daily fines of 40,000 yuan up to 100,000 yuan, the report added.

Severe pollution is increasingly sparking unrest and protests in rural areas, where the environmental has all too often been sacrificed for profit — worrying the government and prompting repeated promises of cleanups. —MNA/Reuters



Jockey Josef Bartos (R) rides his horse Decent Fellow from Germany ahead of (L-R) Josef Vana on Juventus and Jiri Kamenicek on Iraklion during the 116th traditional Velka Pardubicka Steeple-Chase in Pardubice, on 8 Oct, 2006. — INTERNET



French fashion designer Jean Paul Gaultier is seen taking part in a magic show for his 30th anniversary of fashion shows, on 7 Oct, 2006 in Paris. —INTERNET

Scientists predict diabetes, HIV vaccine development

SYDNEY, 9 Oct—Scientists say Australians could be vaccinated against diseases like diabetes within a few decades.

The vaccines are one of several medical advances predicted in a new paper produced by 10 of the country's top scientists.

Professor Terry Dwyer led the research team that discovered the link between sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS) and a baby's sleeping position.

Professor Dwyer says allergies and auto-immune disorders are increasingly common.

"We think by studying the way in which the environment interacts with a child's genes we might be able to come up with specific tailored therapies, or even in some cases vaccines to, for example, prevent type 1 diabetes," he said. "These are really promising areas, there's a lot going on with them, but they're not there yet." They are also forecasting a vaccine for HIV. —Internet

Singapore issues health warning as haze worsens

SINGAPORE, 8 Oct—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.

The city-state's air pollution index hit 119 at 9 am (0100 GMT), up from levels of 41 to 80 earlier in the week, Singapore's National

Environment Agency said on its website.

A reading above 100 is rated unhealthy.

"Persons with existing heart or respiratory ailments should reduce physical exertion and outdoor activity," the agency said.

The Straits Times reported Malaysia's capital, Kuala Lumpur, had recorded a reading above 100 on that country's equivalent index and Sri Aman in Sarawak State on Borneo Island had recorded a reading of 221.

The Singapore agency, which has begun updating the pollution index hourly each day as the haze worsens, encouraged people to avoid vigorous outdoor activity.

MNA/Reuters

One in five Californians have no health insurance

LOS ANGELES, 8 Oct—One in five Californians — about 6.5 million residents — do not have health insurance, a study showed on Saturday.

The number of adults who received health insurance through their employers in 2005 was

56.2 per cent, down from 57 per cent in 2001, but up from 55.1 per cent in 2003, said the study by the Centre for Health Policy Research in the University of California in Los Angeles (UCLA).

The study also found that more than half the

state's uninsured children are eligible for public programmes, but are not enrolled.

Researchers credit the state's current tight labour market for the increase, but note that it is unlikely to continue as job-based insurance costs rise

dramatically.

"Job-based insurance is driving the slight gains in coverage that we saw for adults in 2005, but it's still below 2001 levels," said E Richard Brown, director of the UCLA Centre for Health Policy Research and professor in the School of Public Health.

"If we now had the same rate of job-based coverage for adults and children that we had in 2001, an additional 645,000 Californians would be covered."

MNA/Xinhua



An Indonesian soldier sprays water to put out fire in a burning forest at the Penarikan swamp area in Pelalawan, in Indonesia's Riau Province, on 8 Oct, 2006. Forest fires were still raging across Indonesia on Sunday, with visibility cut to as low as 30 metres (100 ft) in parts of Borneo Island, forcing cars to use headlights and throwing air travel into chaos. —INTERNET

US soldier killed near Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 9 Oct—A US soldier was killed in fighting northwest of Baghdad, the US military said on Sunday.

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

MNA/Xinhua



Trackers pull a ship on a stone beach in Yanhe Tujia Autonomous County, southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 8 Oct, 2006. The traditional trackers service will fade with history gradually with the development of new technology, China Daily reported.—INTERNET

One dead, eight missing in ship accident near E Japan

TOKYO, 8 Oct— An Indian crewman died and eight others went missing after a Panama-registered cargo ship with 26 on board ran aground Friday in the Pacific off eastern Japan, local media reported.

The cargo ship *Giant Step*, weighing over 98,000 tons, was found aground in waters several kilometres off Kamisu, Ibaraki Prefecture on Friday afternoon, *Kyodo News* quoted local Marine Safety Station as saying.

All the crew members were Indian except for one. Thirteen were swept out to sea from the bow of the ship when the accident occurred. Among the five people rescued, an Indian man died later in a hospital.— MNA/Xinhua



An Egyptian man works at a fish farm in the town of Rashid in the delta of the Nile River, some 230km (140 miles) north of Cairo, on 8 Oct, 2006. Fish farming and agriculture provide the main sources of income in the Nile Delta area.—INTERNET

Another three-storey building collapses in Lagos

LAGOS, 8 Oct— Just seven weeks after more than 50 people were killed in a building collapse in Ibadan street of the Nigerian commercial capital Lagos, another building collapsed in a neighbourhood on Friday with no casualties reported so far, local newspaper reported on Saturday.

Residents of the area were thrown into panic and confusion as the three-storey building collapsed

and left property worth millions of naira (10,000 US dollars) destroyed. An eyewitness told

reporters that the accident took place at about 3.47 pm local time (1447 GMT). A tenant named Angela Ndiribe told reporters, "the building had actually shown signs of collapse with cracks all over the walls and we even spent our own money on plastering the cracked walls". Lagos State Police spokesman Olubode Ojajuni said the police had cordoned off the site and rescue operations were going on. "For now, we are involved in the rescue of those who are believed trapped, although we don't know their number specifically.

MNA/Xinhua



A UN vehicle with French peacekeepers passes Lebanese Army tanks in Beit Yahoun village in south Lebanon, on 8 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Demand for Chinese shoe designers are soul of the industry

BEIJING, 8 Oct— The Ministry of Labour and Social Security predicted that China will need up to 300,000 shoe designers over the next 10 years. Shoes are one of the country's major export products. The Pearl River Valley and the Yangtze River Valley are the country's major shoe production bases.

Shoe producers are investing heavily to meet overseas demand and qualified shoe designers are in short supply.

As China's living standards improve, domestic demand for better, more stylish shoes is also on the rise, creating greater demand for shoe designers, according to the

ministry.

Shoe designers are on a list of newly-emerging occupations, recently released the ministry.

Shoe designers are required to mainly design

shoes with the help of computer software.

They also analyze fashion trends, introduce new technology and conduct market research.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan's quake areas to get \$50m for housing subsidy

ISLAMABAD, 8 Oct— The Pakistani Government will provide additional three billion rupees (about 50 million US dollars) emergency allocations for early payment of housing subsidy to the earthquake-affected people in the North West Frontier Province (NWFP) and Pakistan-controlled Kashmir.

The decision on subsidy has been made as thousands of affected people are demanding a waiver on the housing and agricultural loans as their houses have been destroyed and farmland turned uncultivable, the local newspaper *Dawn* reported on Saturday.

The fund will be used to set off the loans of the House Building Finance Corporation and Zarai Taraqiati Bank to be paid by the owners of damaged/destroyed houses and small farmers.

Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, while presiding over an Earthquake Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Council meeting, gave approval to the decision.

MNA/Xinhua

Six die in south Nigeria after vandalizing pipelines

LAGOS, 8 Oct— Six persons died on Saturday in the Eleme local council area of Nigerian southern state of Rivers after inhaling too much gas from pipelines they vandalized, according to the official *News Agency of Nigeria*.

An eyewitness, a resident of the Ogale community where the incident took place, was quoted as saying the deceased were among a group of pipeline vandals who cut oil products pipelines that cut across many communities from Eleme to Onyigbo, northeast of the state capital Port Harcourt.

According to the eyewitness who refused to be identified, the vandals operated "in collusion with some policemen in the area".

They died while

scooping petrol from the vandalized pipes as they choked upon excessive inhalation of fuel vapor, he said.

"They became dizzy and unconscious before they eventually drowned in the flood in the area," he added.

MNA/Xinhua

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Royal Australian Navy HMA Ships Darwin and Newcastle dock at Manila's south harbour on 6 Oct, 2006, for a port visit and to participate in a joint maritime training activity. —INTERNET

Bush calls for meeting to discuss school safety after shootings

WASHINGTON, 9 Oct — In the wake of three school shootings in past two weeks that left at least nine people dead, US President George W Bush has called a meeting of parents, teachers, students and law enforcement officials to discuss ways to keep violence out of educational institutions.

"In recent days, we have seen shocking acts of violence in schools across our nation. Laura and I are praying for the victims and their families, and we extend our sympathies to them and to the communities that have been devastated by these attacks," Bush said in his weekly radio address.

His comments came after three shocking school shootings in two weeks. Five Amish children in Pennsylvania were killed early this week by a gunman who later shot himself. Last week in Colorado, a man sexually assaulted several teenaged school girls before killing one of them and shooting himself. In Wisconsin, police on Friday arrested a teenager who gunned down his principal.

"I have asked Secretary of Education (Margaret) Spellings and Attorney General (Alberto) Gonzales to host a conference on school safety this Tuesday. We

will bring together teachers, parents, students, administrators, law enforcement officials, and other experts to discuss the best ways to keep violence out of our schools. Our goal is clear: Children and teachers should never fear for their safety when they enter a classroom," Bush said.

Bush also talked about the No Child Left Behind Act introduced by his administration. "The theory behind this law is straightforward: We expect every school in America to teach every student to read, write, add, and subtract," he said.

MNA/PTI

Corruption still rife in global business

LONDON, 9 Oct — Corruption is rife and rising in business dealings across the world despite changing laws and greater resistance from companies to demands for bribes, a survey said on Monday.

The annual global corruption survey by international consultancy Control Risks and law firm Simmons & Simmons found that nearly half of businesses contacted said they had lost a deal because a competitor had paid a bribe.

The worst affected country was Hong Kong, where 76 per cent of companies said they had lost a deal for that reason in the past five years.

One in three French companies said they had lost out through bribery in the past year alone.

"Our survey shows that corruption continues to be a huge international issue and honest companies are still losing out to dishonest competitors on a large scale," Control Risks consultant John Bray said.

And while laws were changing and companies were beginning to fight back, more of the 350 business leaders in seven countries that took part in the survey said they thought corruption would get worse rather than better for the rest of the decade.

MNA/Reuters

Dominican Republic arrests 108 illegal Haitian immigrants

HAVANA, 9 Oct — The Dominican Army deployed on the border arrested 108 illegal immigrants from neighbouring Haiti on Saturday evening, said reports reaching here on Sunday.

The Haitians were travelling on buses on the Guayubin-Montecristi Road in the northwest of the republic, heading for the northern city of Santiago de los Caballeros. The Army also seized 1.5 kilos of marijuana aboard the buses.

The Dominican Press said the arrest of 100 men, six women and two minors showed that Haitian immigration had

been rising in recent days. The Army said it arrested 223 Haitians this week.

"We are working hard to maintain control over those who are trying to enter the country illegally. We will not tolerate the trafficking of drugs and guns either," said General Cirilo Radhames Escarraman, commander of the Army's 10th battalion.

Regino Martinez, a priest, ascribed immigrant smuggling to poor immigration controls, saying this opened the door for some officials to charge illegal smugglers thousands of pesos to enter Dominica.

MNA/Xinhua

Police say Taliban's key commander killed

KABUL, 9 Oct — A Taliban's key commander and his guard were killed as police ambushed him in Afghanistan's central Ghazni Province on Thursday, a police official said Saturday.

"Acting on a tip-off, a police party carried out an operation against Mullah Sabawon in Gilan District, killing him and his guard on Thursday," police Chief of Gilan District Mir Ahmad told Xinhua.

Sabawon, who served as governor of central Bamyan Province during the Taliban regime, was driving a motorbike along with his guard when police carried on the ambush, the official added.

There were no casualties on the police side, he added. — MNA/Xinhua

Bolivia mining violence quelled, minister replaced

HUANUNI (Bolivia), 9 Oct — A deadly dynamite battle between rival groups of Bolivian miners ended recently in a truce and President Evo Morales fired his mining minister, who was criticized for not anticipating the violence.

The official death toll rose to 16, after state-employed miners and members of independent mining cooperatives fought with dynamite, sticks and stones on Thursday and part of Friday at the Huanuni Mine, one of the world's largest tin mines.

More than 60 people were wounded in the fighting in the impoverished town of

Huanuni in the Andes southeast of La Paz, before hundreds of police arrived and government and church officials stepped in to mediate.

"We have reached a truce, both sides, to return the whole town to calm, so that this doesn't happen again. I've promised the police there will not be any more dynamite explosions," Prudencio Pacheco, leader of the

mining cooperative that fought for more control of the mine, told Reuters.

Pacheco's group and other independent miners stormed the mine on Thursday demanding larger concessions to exploit ore from the mine, in which both state-employed miners and independent cooperatives work. There were deaths on both sides.

The violence left the

leftist Morales, who took office in January, caught between two groups whose political support helped lift him to power.

After opposition lawmakers called for the removal of Minister Walter Villaroel, a former president of the National Federation of Cooperative Miners, Morales replaced him with Guillermo Dalence, who was sworn in on Friday night. — MNA/Reuters



Tourists play with a Beluga Whale at Qingdao Polar Region Ocean World in Qingdao, east China's Shandong Province, on 6 Oct, 2006.

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It is very important for the entire national people including service personnel to forge Union Spirit wherever they reside in the country

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implemented the 24 special region development plan for the development of all parts of the Union. Now achievements have been made, he added.

He said 70 per cent of the population are rural people and the rural development project is being implemented for progress of rural areas in cooperation with the Tatmadaw, the people and the ministries concerned.

He said the government is making endeavours for the development of all sectors such as politics, economy, social affairs and security with lofty aims. It is very important for the entire national people including service personnel to forge Union Spirit wherever they reside in the country. He pointed out that the Union Spirit is the genuine nationalistic spirit that will protect the people forever. Therefore, he urged the personnel from development affairs committees to discharge national duties with patriotism and the Union Spirit.

He said the government laid down the national economic plans and is implementing the 30-year long-term project in agriculture, forestry, mining, health and education sectors through five-year short-term plans. The government provided service personnel working for the national development and realization of the objectives of the plans with deserved salaries.

He spoke of the need for the service personnel to work hard for regional development in response to the noble goodwill of the State whatever roles they are in.

The development tasks not only contribute to fulfilling the basic requirements of a society but also bring about regional development and ensure the emergence of a well-disciplined society.

Therefore, tasks were prescribed in the 1993 development committee laws for the state and division development committees in order that they can fulfill the basic requirements of a society.

In line with the tasks, the staff of the respective development committees are to satisfy the basic requirements of local people with the funds collected from their regions. The fulfillment of the basic requirements of local people to the most possible degree is a noble task and also amounts to contributing the shares in national development.

In an effort to ensure regional development in the regions they are assigned the development committees are to strive not only for the development of urban regions but also development of rural regions. The five rural development tasks laid down by the government are to be mainly implemented by the development committees. This being the case, the development committees are to make relentless efforts for upgrading roads in villages, village-to-village roads and village-



Prime Minister General Soe Win presents first prize for rural development for 2005-2006 fiscal year to Executive Officer of Taunggyi Township Development Affairs Committee.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win presents second prize for rural development for 2005-2006 fiscal year to Executive Officer of Pakokku Township Development Affairs Committee. — MNA

to-town roads with the participation of local people.

The Development Affairs Department built 32,939 miles of rural roads, 19,032 bridges in rural regions, 5,513 miles of urban roads and 11,322 bridges in urban regions in 2005-2006 fiscal year. Hence, it is safe to say that efforts of DAD in building infrastructures are meeting with success.

The Prime Minister stressed the need to maintain roads and bridges already built for durability and to ensure timely completion of district-to-district roads to be constructed by the development committees meeting the set standard.

The Development Affairs Committees managed to supply drinking water to 16,022 out of 23,225 villages, accounting for 69 per cent performance in the

whole country after laying down the 10-year plan during the period from 2000-2001 fiscal year to 2009-2010 fiscal year. The committees first carried out the plan in 7,717 out of 8,072 villages in three divisions in the arid zone from 2000-2001 to 2005-2006, accounting for 96 per cent performance. Drinking water was supplied to 8,305 out of 15,183 villages in the remaining states and divisions, accounting for 55 per cent. The State contributed K 2,000 million, the committees K 4,033 million, the wellwishers K 1,806 million, US\$ 7,6752, FEC 10,012 and euro 770 in implementing the tasks for rural drinking water supply project. To meet the target of the State within four years, continuous efforts would have to be made for supplying drinking water to rural areas in cooperation with the wellwishers.

He added responsible personnel were to make field trips down to the villages and maintain ponds and lakes for their durability in the drive for supplying sufficient clean water. Apart from the main tasks, the DACs initiated rural housing projects in accord with the guidance given by the Head of State in seven states and divisions in 2003-2004.

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Fulfillment of the basic requirements of local people to the most possible degree is a noble task



Prime Minister General Soe Win presents model township award for 2005-2006 fiscal year for rural development to an official. — MNA

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The committees are implementing the rural housing projects for raising the standard of living of the rural people. The responsible personnel have experience and knowledge already and they are to carry out the project for the emergence of rural houses suitable to different areas.

The committees are to fulfill the basic needs of the local people based on taxes and revenues for regional development works in accord with the rules and regulations. The committees are to collect taxes and revenues systematically without causing the burden on the people. The responsible personnel are to spend expenditures efficiently.

Nowadays, the committees are implementing development tasks in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay to keep abreast of the international cities.

It is the duty of the development affairs committees to strive for cleanliness and greening of towns.

With the aim of

promoting the development and cleanliness of towns, since 2004, yearly awards have been given away to towns and townships which achieved success in cleanliness and development.

Officials concerned are to make efforts for the development of respective township as well as public

welfare services.

Employees are to provide the services of the department to the people avoiding abuse of power, misbehaviour and malpractices.

In conclusion, Prime Minister General Soe Win called on officials concerned to strive for meeting the targets of the projects for better transportation and safe drinking water supply in rural areas; to strive for development of respective regions, to fulfil the needs of people and to treat people warmly to earn their trust and to avoid irregularities; and to participate in implementing the tasks step by step for the emergence of the

peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation with Union Spirit.

Next, Prime Minister General Soe Win presented first prize to executive officer of Taunggyi Township DAC U Maung Soe, second to executive officer of Pakokku Township DAC U Kyi Tin and third to executive officer of NyaungU Township DAC U Maung Maung Win for development, for keeping the township pleasant and for serving model for others.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present and viewed documentary photos of the DACs at the meeting.

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Objectives of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts
- To preserve Myanmar national character
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- To prevent influence of alien culture, and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win views documentary photos of outstanding township Development Affairs Committees.

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Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets delegates from peace groups that have exchanged arms for peace.— MNA



Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein shakes hands with delegates from peace groups that have exchanged arms for peace.— MNA

NCCC Chairman meets National Convention...

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Group (Chaungchi Region) and Mon Nai Seik Chan group.

Chairman of the NCCC Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Lt-Gen Myint Swe extended greetings to the National Convention del-

egates.

The Chairman of the NCCC said he was glad to see the delegates from national race organizations who attended the National Convention and put suggestions. He was also proud of their strenuous efforts at the National Convention in connection with the seven-point Road Map.

The Secretary-1 explained about the tasks of the National Convention and the points that the delegates should know. — MNA

Press meet between the National Convention Convening ...

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Yomiuri Shimbun, Nippon Television (NTV), Financial Times, Fuji Television, European Pressphoto Agency (EPA), Tokyo Shimbun, Nishi Nippon, Asahi Shimbun, TV Asahi, Sankei Shimbun, Ji Ji Press, BBC, German Press Agency (GPA), Australia Broadcasting Corporation (ABC) and Cable News International INC (CNN) totaling 32.

Vice-Chairman of the NCCC Chief Justice U Aung Toe introduced

officials of NCCC to foreign journalists. Next, he explained matters on convening of the National Convention, basic principles and detailed basic principles laid down at previous sessions of NC, subjects to be discussed at the ongoing NC and procedures.

Afterwards, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan clarified matters on efforts made by the government for ensuring peace and stability,

prevalence of law and order, development of national economy and human resources in order to bring about democracy aspired by the people and to properly practise it, and attempts perpetrated by opposing groups to impede the National Convention, the first phase for transition to democracy.

Next, Vice-Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and member U Thaug Nyunt replied to queries raised by those from the foreign news agencies.

After the press meet,

the vice-chairman, the secretary, the joint-secretary and members cordially greeted the journalists of foreign news agencies.

After that, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented publications in English version on the National Convention, books on mass rallies hailing the NC, books on Legislative structure and essence of the future State compiled by Soe Mya Kyaw, publications on chronicle of national development in the time of the Tatmadaw Government (from 1988 to 31-12-2005), documentaries on press conferences of the Information Committee (from 1/2006 to 6/2006), documentaries on tour of Bago Division, Mon State and Kayin State made by diplomats and media-men, and publications on attitude of the government and the people towards the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council issued on 18-9-2006.



Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets delegate from a peace group that has exchanged arms for peace.— MNA



Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan briefs on National Convention.— MNA

Peace group from Haungthayaw Special Region...

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developments in all regions, and people are enjoying fruits of development thanks to the efforts of the Government joining hands with national race groups.

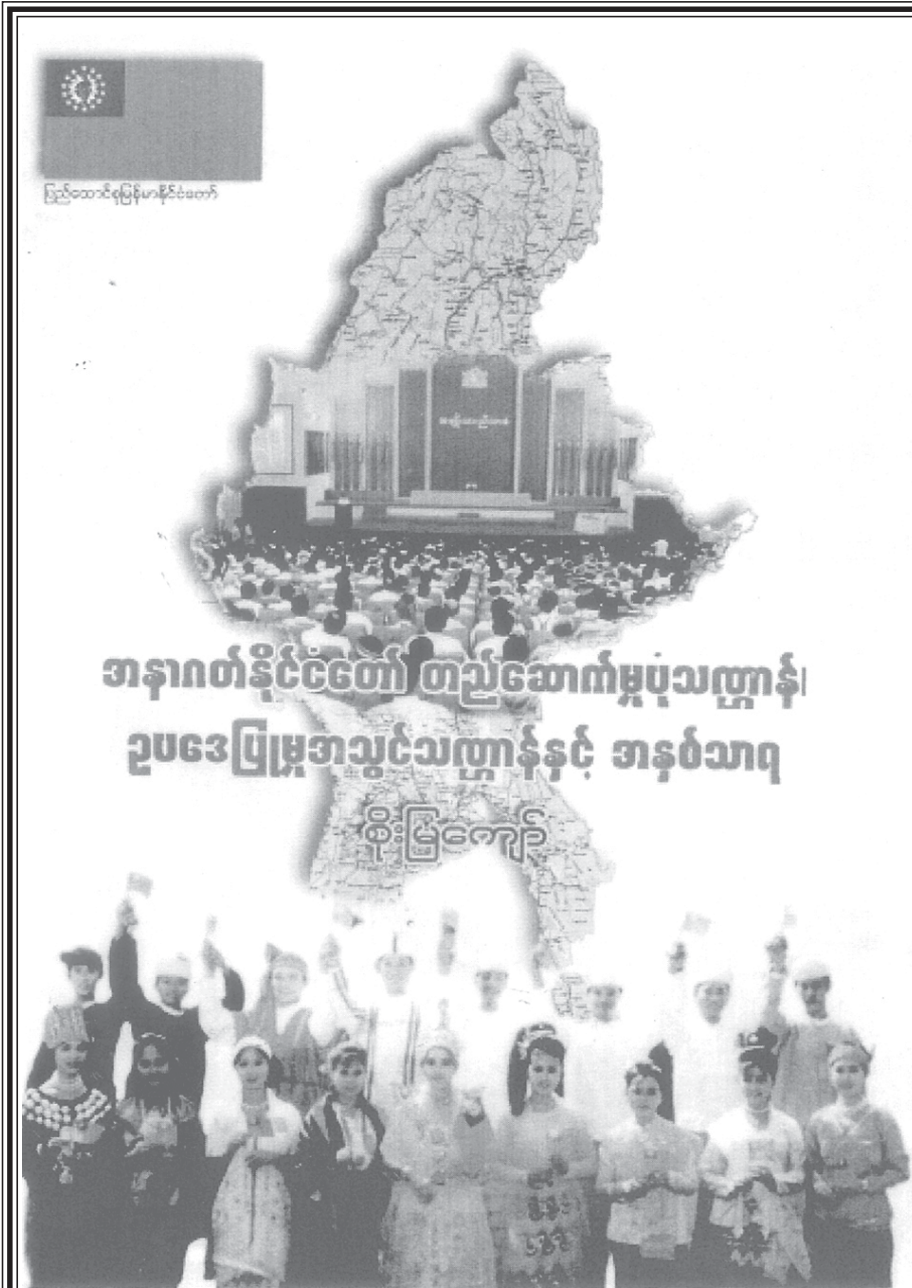
3. The decision is the interference of the US in Myanmar's Affairs using the UN as a tool and the US turns a blind eye to UN Charter Article 24.

4. Therefore, we oppose and condemn the plot of the US to harm the peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order, national unity, development and democratization process and the accusation that Myanmar is posing a threat to regional stability.

**Signed
U Saw Thamu He
Leader**

**The group that has exchanged arms for peace
Haungthayaw Special
Region, Kayin State**

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India asks global community to move towards atomic free world

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Oct — Asking the international community to move towards an atomic weapon free world in a time-bound fashion, India Friday proposed “global, verifiable and non-discriminatory” nuclear disarmament.

In a major initiative on nuclear disarmament presented to a United Nations Committee, its delegate Balasabeb Vikhe Patil demanded “unequivocal commitment” of the nuclear weapon states for complete elimination of their nuclear arsenals.

He said India was for a “global, verifiable and non-discriminatory” nuclear disarmament.

The initiative is based on the Action Plan presented by former prime minister Rajiv Gandhi in the United Nations General Assembly in 1988 which called for complete elimination of nuclear weapons within a specified timeframe.

Among other steps, India asked the nuclear weapons states to negotiate a convention on complete prohibition of the use or

threat of use of nuclear weapons. The initiative was presented in the form of working papers to the committee when Patil addressed it.

It also urges nuclear weapons states to reduce the salience of nuclear weapons in security doctrines; reduce nuclear danger, including the risks of accidental nuclear war, by dealing with of nuclear-weapons to prevent unintentional and accidental use of nuclear weapons.

It asks them to negotiate a universal and legally-binding agreement on non-use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear weapon states; negotiate a nuclear Weapons Convention prohibiting the development, production, stockpiling and use of nuclear weapons and on

their time-bound destruction, leading to the global, non-discriminatory and verifiable elimination of nuclear weapons.

Presenting the working paper, Patil expressed the hope that it would spur dialogue among the member states on both the need and the means to nuclear disarmament.

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The photo taken on 4 Oct, 2006 shows the lanterns decorate the street to greet Mid-Autumn Festival, which falls on 6 Oct this year, in China Town of Singapore. — INTERNET

China poses no threat to global energy supply

BEIJING, 9 Oct — China’s economic growth poses no threat to the global energy supply, Long Yongtu, general secretary of the Bo’ao Asian Forum and China’s former chief negotiator at the World Trade Organization (WTO) has said.

“The notion of a Chinese threat to the

global energy supply reflects fears about China’s rise on the part of some Westerners,” Long said Saturday in Beijing at an international forum on China’s energy strategy.

As chairman of the forum, Long said in his speech that the so-called “China threat” emerged in 2002, when China’s oil

consumption accounted for six per cent of the world total. In contrast, the United States consumes 20 per cent to 30 per cent of the world’s oil, but nobody is saying there is a “US threat”, he said. Likewise, some people claim that China’s rapidly expanding motor vehicle ownership is threatening the global oil supply, but

the fact is that China only has some 30 million motor vehicles, compared to 300 million in the US, he said.

Long accused Westerners of misguiding the world by blaming China for the rise of oil prices in recent years, saying that it is mainly due to the turmoil in the Middle East.

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**China's senior
adviser calls for
better performance
of advisory body**

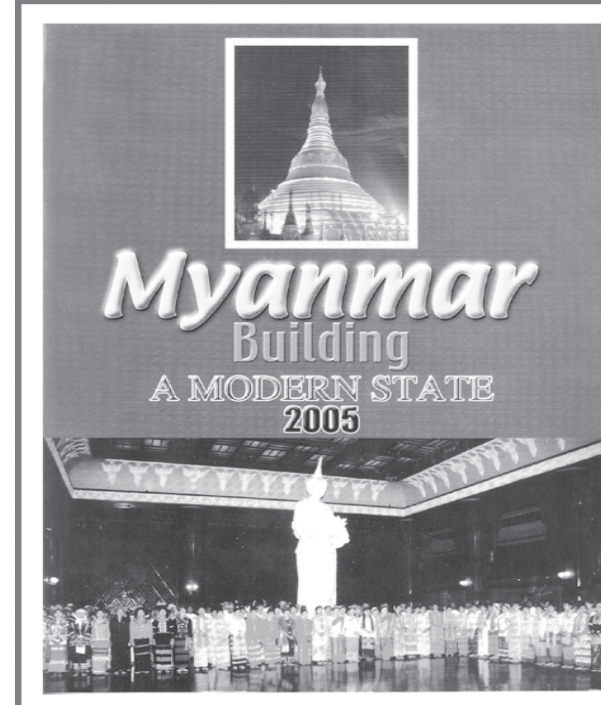
BEIJING, 8 Oct— China's advisory body should explore new areas and forms to carry out its duties to create a sound environment for the development of political consultation in China, a senior adviser said here Saturday.

Wang Zhongyu, vice chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) called for better performance of the CPPCC to promote solidarity and co-operation among non-Communist parties that participate in and discuss state affairs.

Wang made the remarks at the CPPCC's celebration for the Moon Festival, where chairman Jia Qingling, together with more than 300 deputies attended.

Since Hong Kong and Macao returned to the motherland, the Chinese Government has adhered to the principles of "One Country, Two Systems", "Hong Kong people governing Hong Kong", and "Macao people governing Macao", and a high degree of autonomy and effectively maintained and promoted regional prosperity, stability and development, Wang said.

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**Bangladesh saves \$5.55m through
recycling automobile battery**

DHAKA, 9 Oct — Usage of recycled lead as a raw material of the automobile battery helped Bangladesh to save 5.55 million US dollars last year by simply avoiding import of lead, *The Daily Star* reported Sunday.

A total of 626,376 lead-acid batteries were recycled last year out of 726,000 produced batteries across the country with recycle rate

of 74 per cent.

This was revealed by a recent study carried out across the country by the Waste Concern, a local non-government organization and jointly supported by the Environment and Forest Ministry and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

The study also showed that with the growth of per capita GDP (gross domestic product),

use of vehicle batteries is increasing rapidly all over the country.

An H Md Maqsood Sinha and Iftekhar Enayetullah, co-founders of Waste Concern, was quoted as saying by the daily that recycling of battery waste could increase from 70 per cent to 90 per cent which might save nearly 8 million dollars per year.

They also said a

significant government intervention and financial support is needed in place of achieving economically viable, socially desirable and environmentally sound management of lead-acid batteries waste recycling in Bangladesh.

The study recommended for acquiring an overall policy package to ensure high lead recovery rate during recycling.

MNA/Xinhua

**Vietnam earns more from farm
product export in first nine months**

HANOI, 9 Oct— Vietnam exported more than 5.3 billion US dollars' worth of farm and forestry products in the first nine months of this year, a year-on-year rise of over 20.5 per cent, according to a local trade agency.

Between January and September, items recording high export growth included rubber, up 97.1 per cent to 946 million dollars; coffee, up 37.2 per cent to 803 million dollars; pepper, up 35.4 per cent to 159 million dollars; and woodwork, up 23.8 per cent to nearly 1.4 billion dollars, said the Trade Information Centre under the Trade Ministry.

To export more farm and forest products, Vietnam is focusing on building brands, registering product

trademarks, improving quality, exploiting traditional markets such as China, the United States, Japan and the European Union while seeking new ones.

MNA/Xinhua

**Chinese Bloggers hit
17.5 millions**

BEIJING, 9 Oct— The population of web log users or Bloggers in China has reached 17.5 millions by August, according to the latest report from the Internet Society of China.

The figure represents a rise of more than 30 times from the 2002 figure, said the 2006 Chinese Bloggers Investigation Report. Of the total, some 7.7 millions are active Bloggers who update their web logs at least once a month. The figure is likely to exceed 10 millions by the end of the year, it said.— MNA/Xinhua



Baby turtles swim in a pool before being released into the Pacific ocean by Mexican school children in Coyuca, 40km north of Acapulco, on 6 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

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one in 5 British job hunters lie on CVs

LONDON, 8 Oct — If you want to get ahead, be careful just how creative you are with your curriculum vitae.

A study of CVs submitted for jobs in Britain found that as many as a fifth contained "significant lies", consultancy, The Risk Advisory Group (TRAG) said on Monday.

"This year's results have yet again brought to our attention how unscrupulous candidates can be when applying for jobs and highlight their apparent lack of conscience," said TRAG's head of employee screening Sal

Remtulla.

Those significant lies might include failing to mention county court judgements, not declaring directorships as well as providing inaccurate academic qualifications.

TRAG's survey of more than 3,700 CVs submitted by job applicants in 2006 also found more than 50 per cent of them included one or more inaccuracies.

"People are lying more and more," added Remtulla. "That is a

reflection of how competitive the job market is and that encourages people to massage their CVs.

"The serious nature of these discrepancies emphasizes the need for heightened attention during the recruitment process."

MNA/Reuters



Chinese President Hu Jintao (R) meets with Japanese new Prime Minister Shinzo Abe at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 8 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Danger from Papua New Guinea's volcano eruption

CANBERRA, 9 Oct— A volcano which erupted on the Papua New Guinea island of New Britain causing panicked residents to flee homes has returned to near-normal activity and the danger of fresh eruptions has passed, volcanologists said on Sunday.

Mount Tavurvur on the outskirts of the former provincial capital, Rabaul, erupted on Saturday with a blast that shattered windows up to

12 kilometres (7.5 miles) from the volcano.

Around 2,000 people — 90 per cent of the local population — fled the town as ash rained down from an 18-kilometre plume and lava poured off the mountain's southern slopes into the sea.

But a spokesman for the Rabaul Volcanological Observatory said the level of volcanic activity had dropped significantly since late Saturday afternoon.

MNA/Reuters



A model wearing clothes from Ferragamo's Spring 2007 fashion collection poses on the runway during the Rodeo Drive Walk of Style Award event honouring the late Italian footwear designer Salvatore Ferragamo in Beverly Hills, California, on 8 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

"Star Trek" auction boldly goes to \$7m take

NEW YORK, 9 Oct— The first auction of official "Star Trek" memorabilia hit warp speed on Saturday when a determined bidder paid 576,000 US dollars for a model of the legendary science fiction franchise's starship Enterprise, helping drive the total for the three-day sale above seven million US dollars.

All of the 1,000 lots of props, costumes, models and miniatures and other ephemera from the five "Star Trek" television series and 10 feature films on offer at Christie's auction house found buyers.

Virtually all sold for more than their pre-sale estimates. The total taking of 7,107,040, US dollars including commission, was far more than double what had been expected.

The Enterprise top lot set a record for a piece of "Star Trek" memorabilia, and also attained one of the highest prices ever

paid for any piece of Hollywood memorabilia.

The 78-inch-long (198-centimetre) model of the Starship Enterprise-D, used extensively in the "Star Trek: The Next Generation" television series, was bought by an unidentified private American collector bidding via telephone.

The model, which also featured in "Star Trek: Generations", the first movie based on the "Next Generation" show, had been estimated at 15,000 to 25,000 US dollars.

Fans dressed as the characters Captain Jean-Luc Picard and Mr Spock, originally played by Patrick Stewart and Leonard Nimoy, respectively, packed Christie's main salesroom, more traditionally lined with Picassos and Monets, for the marathon auction.

Models and miniatures proved to be the hottest items, with nine achieving prices of over 100,000 US dollars. The top costume price was 144,000 US dollars for Dr. McCoy's space suit from the episode "The Tholian Web" from the original television series, which premiered 40 years ago.

MNA/Reuters



Kashmiri survivors of the October 8, 2005 earthquake carry water on their heads in the village of Dildar, 185km (115 miles) northwest of Srinagar, on 8 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Malaysian national broadcaster to cooperate with China's CCTV

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 Oct— Malaysian national broadcaster, Radio Television Malaysia (RTM), will soon enter into a tie-up with China Central Television (CCTV), a senior official said Sunday.

Through this tie-up, CCTV and RTM will exchange economic, cultural and tourism-related programmes, said Information Minister Zainuddin bin Maidin. However, CCTV is not keen to air political programmes so as to avoid being accused of interfering in Malaysian politics, said Zainuddin.

Meanwhile, China Radio International (CRI) has also expressed interest to work with RTM to strengthen its Malay-language service in China, added Zainuddin.—MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Russia's Nadia Petrova holds up her trophy after she won her final match against France's Tatiana Golovin at the Stuttgart Grand Prix tennis tournament in Stuttgart, on 8 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Higuain scores twice as River sink Boca

BUENOS AIRES, 9 Oct — Teenage striker Gonzalo Higuain scored twice as River Plate beat arch-rivals and leaders Boca Juniors 3-1 on Sunday in the biggest match of the Argentine season.

River also ended Boca's run of 22 domestic games without defeat and moved into second place in the Apertura championship, one point behind their opponents, as the competition reached the halfway mark.

The match pitted two teammates from Argentina's 1978 World Cup winning team against each other on the touchline — River coach Daniel Passarella and his Boca counterpart Ricardo La Volpe.

Passarella captained the team and La Volpe, who coached Mexico at this year's World Cup, was reserve goalkeeper.

Higuain, 18, put River ahead in the 29th minute, firing home after a series of rebounds.

Boca levelled two minutes later when Fernando Gago found Rodrigo Palacio, who outfoxed his marker and fired into the roof of the net.—MNA/Reuters

Federer beats Henman to win Japan Open

TOKYO, 9 Oct — World number one Roger Federer overpowered Britain's Tim Henman 6-3, 6-3 with ruthless efficiency to win the Japan Open on Sunday, his ninth title of the year.

The stylish Swiss needed just 67 minutes to see off close friend Henman, forcing the 10th seed into a wild forehand on his third match point after a devastating performance in Tokyo.

"I beat Tim at Wimbledon and the US Open this year but I thought this might be the most dangerous one," a jubilant Federer told reporters after his sixth straight victory over Henman.

"It's over three sets and the surface is fast. It was fantastic. I had to come up with some great passing shots at the right time."

Henman gifted Federer his first break with three straight double faults in the sixth game and the top seed closed out the first set by slamming his fifth ace past the Briton.

Playing for the first time in Japan, Federer broke again to edge ahead 2-1 in the second set and never let Henman back in the match as the 25-year-old stormed to his 42nd career title.

The nine-times Grand Slam singles champion said Henman's meltdown in the sixth game had all but decided the final.—MNA/Reuters

Kone hat-trick helps Ivory Coast hammer Gabon 5-0

ABIDJAN, 9 Oct — Arouna Kone scored a hat-trick as Ivory Coast handed Gabon a 5-0 drubbing in Sunday's African Nations Cup qualifier and moved into top spot in Group One.

Ivory Coast dominated from the start and Arsenal's Kolo Toure opened the scoring after 11 minutes following a free kick.

Midway through the first half, PSV Eindhoven striker Kone and Chelsea's Didier Drogba made a combined assault, allowing Kone to shoot a long ball from the right hand side past Gabon keeper Didier Ovono Ebang. Racing Lens striker Aruna Dindane took advantage of a defensive fumble, running the ball up the centre and getting the better of a one-on-one with Ovono Ebang to make it 3-0 at the break.

With the match in the

bag, Dindane and Kone treated the home crowd to some exhibition play, Kone snatching a second from the left side of the area after 57 minutes and a third from a Didier Zokora corner in the 69th.

Ivory Coast top Group One on goal difference from Gabon, who also have three points after beating Madagascar 4-0 in their opening match last month. —MNA/Reuters



German goalkeeper Jens Lehmann dives for the ball during a training session of the German national soccer team in Kuehlungsborn, northern Germany, on 8 Oct, 2006. Germany will face Slovakia in a group D qualification soccer match for Euro 2008 on Wednesday in Bratislava.—INTERNET

Nine-man Toluca hang on for draw in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 9 Oct — Toluca held on for a 1-1 draw away to Chiapas in the Mexican championship despite having two players sent off in the first half as both teams stayed top of their respective groups.

Argentine striker Bruno Marioni put Toluca ahead in the 26th minute of Saturday's game in Tuxtla Gutierrez with his 11th goal of the tournament when he pounced on a poor pass out of defence, ran on and scored.

After missing a chance

for a second, Marioni was sent off seven minutes later for punching Ismael Fuentes and his teammate Francisco Gonzalez followed two minutes after that for a second bookable offence.

Alejandro Vela headed home Herly Alcazar's cross on the stroke of halftime to equalize but the team from the southern jungle state could not find a winner.

Chiapas lead Group One with 21 points from 12 games and Toluca top Group Three with 22 points, the best record in the tournament.

The 18 teams play each other once in the qualifying stage but are divided into three groups of six.

Cruz Azul won 2-0 at hapless UANL, where Mario Carrillo was making his debut as coach, to end a seven-match winless run.

Uruguayan and Mexican internationals Richard Nunez and Gerardo Torrado scored second-half goals for the Blue Machine, who opened their campaign with three straight victories but had failed to win since.

Carrillo replaced Jose Luis Trejo, fired last weekend after the popular Monterrey-based team lost 7-0 to Toluca and 5-0 to Pachuca in the space of two weeks.

Cruz Azul (17 points) are third in Group One and UANL (10) are one from bottom of Group Three.

—MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's Ruud van Nistelrooy (2nd L) greets Netherlands' Fatima Moreira de Melo (R) in front of Minke Smabers (L) and coach Marc Lammers after they won the women's field hockey World Cup in Madrid, on 8 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Mokoena goal gives South Africa victory in Zambia

LUSAKA, 9 Oct — Captain Aaron Mokoena scored with a first half header to hand South Africa a morale-boosting 1-0 win away against Zambia in their African Nations Cup qualifier on Sunday.

The defender, restored to the captaincy, rose to head home a free kick from Delron Buckley in the 28th minute.

The result was the first home defeat in Lusaka in more than two decades for the Zambians in Nations Cup qualifiers.

World Cup 2010 hosts South Africa, watched by future coach Carlos Alberto Parreira, revived their chances in the qualifiers for the 2008 finals in Ghana after a surprise draw at home in their first qualifier last month. Mokoena's goal was his first in 58 international appearances and

came as a timely lift for South Africa, whose poor run of recent form has seen them slip dramatically in the FIFA rankings.

The visitors missed several other chances for a more convincing victory but also had goalkeeper Rowen Fernandez to thank for securing the points.

Fernandez made a point blank stop two minutes from the end to deny Zambia's striker Collins Mbesuma. Zambia produced a late flurry in search of an equalizer against their tired opponents on a hot afternoon but failed to breach a tight defence.—MNA/Reuters



British Honda driver Jenson Button is chased by Italy's Giancarlo Fisichella of Renault in the Formula One Japanese Grand Prix at the Suzuka Circuit in Suzuka, central Japan, on 8 Oct, 2006. Button finished fourth and Fisichella was second.—INTERNET

China builds world's largest rural power grid

BEIJING, 9 Oct — China's power grid has been spreading quickly in rural areas, with an extra 161,000 rural households hooked up since March this year, raising the proportion of rural families with access to electricity to a historic 99.4 per cent, said the country's top power operator on Sunday.

Wang Min, spokesman for the State Grid Corporation of China (SGCC), said that since 1998 when construction of the rural grid began, a total of 380 billion yuan (about 48.1 billion US dollars) has been pumped into

the power network extension, more than it was invested over the past 50 years.

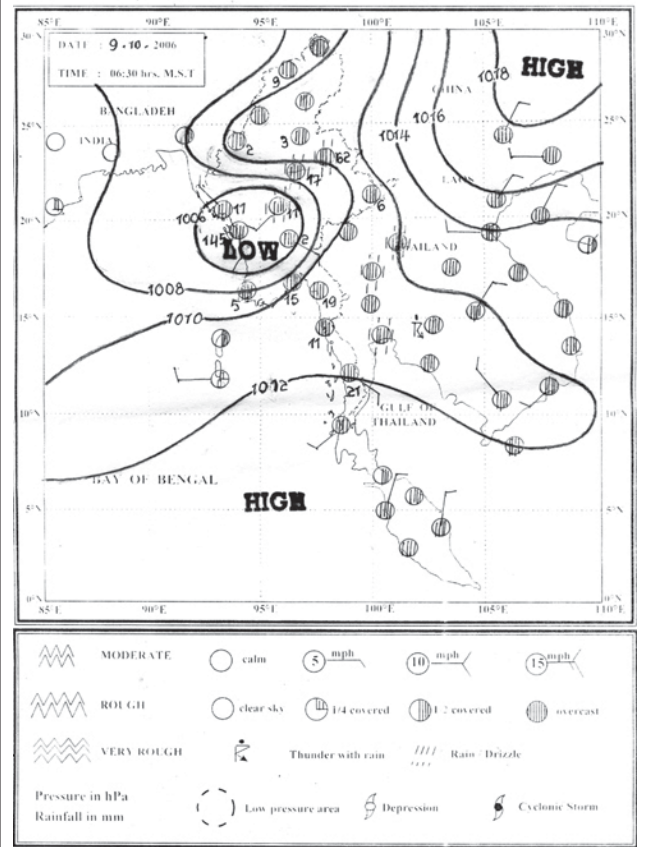
The heavy investment means that 99.9 per cent of townships and 99.8 per cent of villages in China now have electricity, she said.

However, some outlying areas, particularly in western China, are still not connected to the grid, Wang said.

The SGCC launched a project in March, vowing to bring electricity to every rural household during the 11th Five-Year plan (2006-2010) period.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 9 October, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Magway Division, isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.28) inch, Kyaukpyu (5.75) inches, Magway (5.59) inches, Taunggyi (5.55) inches, Namhsan (5.35) inches, Chauk (4.65) inches, Kyauktaw (4.61) inches, Kyaukse (4.57) inches, Loilem and Pakokku (4.02) inches each, Heho (3.46) inches and Myinmu (2.84) inches.

Maximum temperature on 8-10-2006 was 83°F. Minimum temperature on 9-10-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 9-10-2006 was (88%). Total sunshine hours on 8-10-2006 was nil.

Rainfalls on 9-10-2006 were (0.55) inch at Mingaladon and (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (98.07) inches at Mingaladon and (110.71) inches at Kaba-Aye and (115.79) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (11:00) hours MST on 8-10-2006.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, the low pressure area over East Central Bay has crossed Southern Rakhine Coast and weekend. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the North Bay and East Central Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 10-10-2006: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, fairly widespread to widespread in the remaining states and divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Northern Rakhine and Shan States, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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

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

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

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

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

Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 9-10-2006)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokehtawady River at Hsipaw is (543) cm. It may reach its danger level (600) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 9-10-2006)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokehtawady River at Myitnge is (883) cm. It may remain above the danger level (870) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.



Madonna visits the Kondanani Children's village some 20 kilometres from Malawi's commercial capital Blantyre, on 5 Oct, 2006. The 48-year-old entertainer arrived in Malawi this week on a "fact-finding" trip as part of a charitable initiative to assist an estimated 1 million orphaned children in the impoverished southern African nation, her spokeswoman, Liz Rosenberg, said.—INTERNET

New Rainfalls Record

(Issued at (10:30) hours MST on 9th October 2006)

The amounts of rainfall observed at (09:30) hours MST today at the following stations set the new maximum (24) hours rainfall records for the month of October.

No	Station	New Rainfall Record		Previous Record		Date	Record Period (Years)
		(mm)	(inches)	(mm)	(inches)		
1/	Magway	142	5.59	95	3.74	31-10-1993	33
2/	Taunggyi	141	5.55	96	3.78	3-10-1976	57
3/	Namhsan	136	5.35	75	2.95	29-10-2001	12
4/	Chauk	118	4.65	116	4.57	16-10-1992	22



Tuesday, 10 October
View on today

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:15 am

2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မတက္ကသိုလ်၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သိရိန္ဒသာ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

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. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:00 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

8. Song of yesteryears

8:20 am

9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:25 am

10. ပန်းလှိုင်တံတား

8:30 am

11. International news

8:45 am

12. Let's Go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ်(ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)

4:45 pm

4. Dance of national races

4:55 pm

5. "မိုးလျှင်မမောင်းနဲ့၊ မောင်းလျှင် မမူးနဲ့" (လူမင်း၊ သူသူဟံသာ၊ အိမ်အိမ်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- သက်တင်)

5:00 pm

6. ၂၀၀၆ ခုနှစ် (၁၄)ကြိမ်မြောက်

မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေးအတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (ခေတ်ဟောင်းတေးနှင့်ကာလပေါ်တေး) (ဝါသနာရှင်) (ဒုတိယတန်းအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)

5:15 pm

7. Sing and Enjoy

6:00 pm

8. Evening news

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:35 pm

10. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)

6:50 pm

11. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

7:05 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ခြင်းနှင့်အတူ" (အပိုင်း-၈)

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စပိုင်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

17. The next day's programme



Tuesday, 10 October
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:

-All she wrote

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:

-Spirit in the sky

8:50 am National news & Slogan

9:00 am Music:

-Bring me to life

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music

-Give a little love

1:30 pm News & Slogan

1:40pm Lunch time music:

-Woman

-Lady

-Vincent

-It must have been love

9:00pm English Speaking Course Level (I) Unit (29)

9:10pm Article

9:20pm Weekly sport reel

9:30pm Music for your listening pleasure

-You're all that I need.. Angelina

-Like the rose.. Bewitched

-Before the next tear drop falls

-I miss you all over.. OTT

9:45 pm News & Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

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NCCC Chairman meets National Convention delegates of national race organizations



Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets delegates from peace groups that have exchanged arms for peace.— MNA

YANGON, 9 Oct — Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Lt-Gen Myint Swe cordially met National Convention

delegates of national race organizations that had returned to the legal fold at the guest house of Yangon Command this morning.

Also present were delegates from Shan State (North) Special Region-

1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (North) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5, Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Kachin State Special Region-1,

Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) (Naga), Kayinni National Progressive

Party (KNPP) (Hoya), Kayinni National Solidarity Party (Ka-Ma-Sa-Nya), Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA), Haungthayaw Special Region Group, Nyeinchayay Myothis group from Hpa-an, Kayin

State, Burma Communist Party (Rakhine State Group), Arakan Army (AA), Homein Region Development and Welfare Group, Shwepyiaye (MTA), Manpan People's Militia Group, Mon Peace (See page 10)

Press meet between National Convention Convening Commission and journalists of foreign news agencies held

YANGON, 9 Oct—A press meet between the National Convention Convening Commission and journalists of foreign news agencies, who are here to cover news on the National Convention due to resume at Nyaunghnabin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division on 10 October 2006, was held at the office of NCCC in Kyaikkasan Grounds here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of NCCC Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Joint



Vice-Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Chief Justice U Aung Toe clarifies matters on National Convention.— MNA

Secretary Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and mem-

bers Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun

Shin and U Thaung Nyunt, members of the Work Committee,

mediamen, those from Kyodo News, Tokyo Broadcasting System

(TBS), AP, AFP, Mainichi Shimbun, Reuters, (See page 10)

Peace group from Haungthayaw Special Region condemns US for interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Oct — The peace group of Haungthayaw Special Region, Kayin State on 24 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 Haungthayaw Special Region on condemnation of US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN

24 September 2006

1. It is learnt that 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. Peace and tranquillity prevails throughout the country and there can be seen unprecedented (See page 10)