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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

- Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
 Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic
 - system
- ⁵ 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

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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

External, internal destructive elements, lackeys of aliens, instilling wrong thoughts in youth that patriotism and nationalistic spirit are out of date Instigating youth to entertain tendencies of confrontation, violence in their mind If this danger is overlooked, the nationalistic spirit will become extinct, so prevention needed

Secretary-1 delivers speech at opening of 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

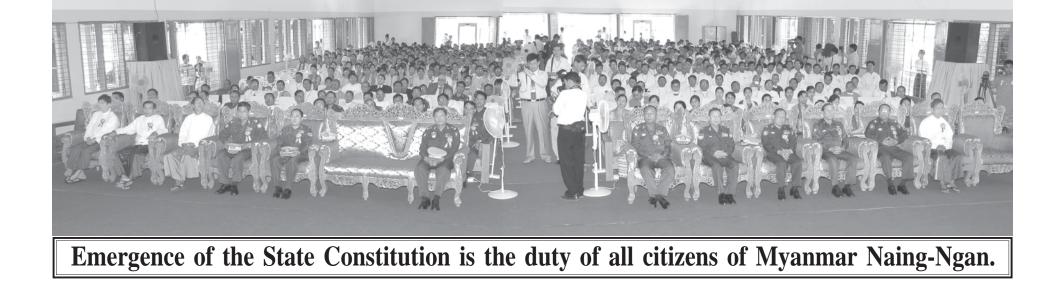
NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct— The following is the translation of the speech delivered by Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein at the opening ceremony of the competitions held at Yezin University of Veterinary Science, here, today.

On this occasion of the opening of 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, I would like to extend my warmest greetings to all those present, including personages of State responsibilities, specially-invited guests, diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies, members of social organizations, maestros and members of judges committees and competing artistes, wishing, "May you all have peace of mind and body" and "May you all be capable of uplifting your national culture and safeguarding and promoting your national prestige and integrity".

At the time of the State Peace and Development Council, all-out efforts are being made on all fronts in accordance with political, economic and social objectives for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. National development calls for (See page 8)

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the opening ceremony of 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA





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Endeavours for producing food surplus

Now the population is increasing day after day. Most of the nations still face food problem. Therefore, arrangements are being made for eradication of starvation and ensuring food sufficiency.

Myanmar has favourable conditions for agriculture, and the government is building agrobased economic life. Myanmar has a population of over 55 million. The livelihood of most of the population is related to agriculture, livestock breeding and forestry sectors. There is food sufficiency in the country as the government has made efforts for boosting production in these three sectors.

Altogether 189 dams and 298 river water pumping stations were built nationwide. Cultivation of paddy and double and mixed cropping were extended and crops production has increased. The increase of irrigated farmland contributes towards greening of the nearby regions.

The government has also undertaken reclamation of highland cultivation in Shan and Chin States and Magway Division. Increase of cultivable lands also benefits regional development, cultivation of substitute crops and conservation of the environment.

Fish and meat sector has also developed thanks to the encouragement and assistance of the government. Fish and prawn breeding has become modernized. There is sufficiency in local consumption as off-shore and inshore fishing and fish market grow wider and surplus can be exported.

Myanmar with rich natural resources has to continue to make efforts for boosting agrobased production. Such endeavours will surely contribute towards the local food sufficiency as well as food supply in the region.

Second endurance equestrian event scheduled on 20-21 Jan

YANGON, 15 Oct — The second endurance equestrain event, to be organized by Myanmar Equestrian Federation, will be held in Bagan Archaeological Region in NyaungU Township on 20 and 21 January 2007. People's Destre

* 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
- ⁴ Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

USDA CEC member inspects development tasks in Kayin State

YANGON, 15 Oct—CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Kayin State In-Charge) Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, accompanied by Kayin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Khin Kyu and officials, on 11 October paid homage to State Ovadacariya Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indariya of Mebaung Monastery in Hpa-an and made cash donations for requisites.

Next, the USDA CEC member offered provisions to over 400 members of the Sangha at the pandal of Saytanamon "Soon" Offering Association of Hpa-an Township USDA. He attended the ceremony to donate one refrigerater, ambulance and cash to Hpa-an Township General Hospital in Hpaan. The donation included K 100,000 by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and K 100,000 by Kayin State USDA.

Afterwards, the minister attended the Annual General Meeting of Kayin State USDA held at the Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an and made a speech on the occasion.

At 1 pm, the minister arrived at Pangon Village where he paid homage to members of the Sangha and donated one computer set, desks and books for postprimary schools.

In meeting with the secretary and CEC members of Kayin State USDA, the minister fulfilled their requirements.

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"Soon" offered, nutritious refreshment provided, school uniforms presented

YANGON, 15 Oct -Under the patronage of Presiding Sayadaw of Pandapwinttaung Tawya Monastery in Taikkyi Township Principal of Monastic High School Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Paññasara, wellwishers U Myint Soe and Daw Mya Mya Soe donated "soon" to members of the Sangha and nuns, provided nutritious refreshment to students of Pandapwinttaung Monastic High School and presented school uniforms to them in the precinct of the monastery this morning.

First, the wellwishers donated "soon" to members of the Sangha and provided nutritious re-



Wellwishers donate provisions to Pandapwinttaung Sayadaw. --- MNA

freshment to the students. The congregation received the Nine Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw of Pandapwinttaung Tawya Monastery

Bhadanta Paññasara. Next, Hmawby Township Education Officer U Mya Thein spoke words of thanks. The wellwishers presented school uniforms worth K 2 million to the nuns and students. Later, the congregation shared merits gained.

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Fifth cash donation for

Contestants will start the 50-mile journey from YKKO Riding Club in Ngalinpok Village of Taungzin Village-tract in NyaungU Township at 4 am and are to finish their competitions at YKKO Riding Club round the Bagan pagodas.

The horse riders must be under 60 years of age, and the horse, over four years of age. K 500,000 will be awarded to the first prize winner, K 300,000 to the second prize winner, K 200,000 to the third, K 100,000 to the fourth and K 50,000 to the fifth.

Those wishing to take part in the contest may enlist at MEF at the corner of Pyidaungsu Road and Pinlon Road in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, and YKKO Riding Club in Ngalinpok Village of NyaungU Township. — H



Wellwishers donate cash to the fund of Vipassana Pagoda being built in Mumbai to a responsible person. — MNA

Vipassana Pagoda

YANGON, 15 Oct — The fifth cash donation ceremony for Vipassana Pagoda being built in Mumbai of India was held at Dhammajoti Vipassana Yeiktha of International Dhammagiri Vipassana Organization on Ngadatgyi Pagoda Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Chairman U Ugga of Dhammajoti Vipassana Yeiktha (Yangon) and members accepted cash donations —FEC 210, US\$ 2,520 and K 42,183,405 from 228 wellwishers.

Adviser to the Ministry of Religious Affairs U Arnt Maung expressed gratitude.

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No quick end to Thai martial law

Thailand's Defence Minister says the state of martial law imposed after the country's recent coup should remain in place for at least another month

BANGKOK, 13 Oct -Bunrod Somtad, who was sworn in with the rest of the new Cabinet on Monday, said the situation was not yet stable.

The news is unlikely to be welcomed by the international community, which has urged Thailand to lift the restrictions as soon as possible.

Martial law curbs Press freedoms and limits political and public gatherings.

When the Thai military took over the country in a bloodless coup, they were broadly welcomed, especially in the capital Bangkok.

Many Thais were tired of months of political instability, and were pleased that their future now seemed clear.

But the international community was less impressed, seeing the coup as a setback to democracy. Since the takeover, the military has been anxious to allay these concerns.-Internet



Pratibha Prahlad, an Indian classical dancer, performs 'Bharatanatyam' during a cultural show in the northern Indian city of Chandigarh on 13 Oct, 2006. Bharatanatyam is a very revered and ancient classical dance form and is the oldest classical dance form taught and practiced in India. —INTERNET

HK Airport wins TTG's Best Airport Award

HONG KONG, 14 Oct-The Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) added another pearl to its crown Thursday by winning Travel Trade Gazette's (TTG) Best Airport award fourth time in a row due to its services and facilities, according to a Press release from the airport.

HKIA's excellent facilities, user-friendliness and efficiency of immigration and baggage claim, well-designed

floor layout and convenient ground accessibility have earned the TTG readers' praises and support during its annual voting.

A performer dances as she beats a giant drum during the opening ceremony of Chongqing 2nd Hot Pot Festival at the Nanbin Road on 13 Oct, 2006 in Chongqing Municipality, China. Over 15,000 customers dined at hot pot restaurants at the Nanbin Road during the opening day. Chongqing is the birth place of the hot pot in

China.—INTERNET

MNA/Xinhua

Norwegian envoy says situation in S Lebanon on right path

Beirut, 14 Oct — Svein Sevje, visiting Norwegian envoy to the Middle East peace expressed process,

Coroner says US troops unlawfully killed British journalist

OxFord (England), 14 Oct — One of Britain's most experienced journalists was unlawfully killed by US soldiers in Iraq, a British inquest into his death ruled on Friday, prompting calls for the perpetrators to be tried for war crimes.

Veteran war correspondent Terry Lloyd, 50, who worked for British television company ITN, was killed in | led invasion.

March 2003 in southern Iraq as he reported from the front line during the first few days of the US-

US airman, Marine killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 15 Oct— A US airman was killed in

"He was fired on by American soldiers as a minibus carried wounded people away," Coroner Andrew Walker said at the conclusion of the inquest, which US soldiers declined to attend.

"I have no doubt it was an unlawful act of fire on the minibus," Walker added.

for what he termed "a very serious war crime".

"It was a despicable, deliberate, vengeful act,' he added.

He said the unlawful killing verdict had been "inescapable" and had come about because "US forces appear to have allowed their soldiers to

Friday his belief that the situation in southern Lebanon was proceeding correctly.

Sevje made the remarks to reporters after meeting with Lebanese Foreign Minister Fawzi Salloukh.

He told the reporters that a number of conflictraising issues that would jeopardize the future of peace in Lebanon had to be sorted out.

Israel should with-

draw from the Lebanese area of Ghajar, where the UN is probing the issue of cluster bombs used during the July-August Israel-Hizbollah fighting in Lebanon, he urged.

The Norwegian envoy, meanwhile, called for Syria's collaboration with UN Security Council Resolution 1701, saying that he would visit Syria and hold talks with Syrian officials on Saturday.

MNA/Xinhua



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action in Baghdad on Saturday and a Marine died from injuries sustained in fighting in western Iraq, the US military said.

The airman was killed while working with the Iraqi police around the capital, it said, giving no further details.

The Marine died on Saturday after being injured fighting guerillas in Anbar Province, a Sunni heartland and one of the most dangerous parts of Iraq for US soldiers.

US military casualties have surged in Iraq in recent weeks, with troops engaging in sweeps to curb sectarian violence in Baghdad while facing unrelenting violence elsewhere.

MNA/Reuters

He said he intended to write to the Attorney General — the government's top lawyer - and the director of Public Prosecutions to try to bring those responsible for Lloyd's death before a British court.

Louis Charalambous, the Lloyd family's lawyer, said those responsible should be brought to trial

behave like trigger-happy cowboys".

Joel Simon, executive director of the New Yorkbased advocacy group the Committee to Protect Journalists, said:

"The coroner's findings are alarming, and should and public accounting by the US military to determine whether legal or disciplinary action is warranted." MNA/Reuters

Researchers are attempting to mass produce manmade spider web silk to help repair damaged tendons and ligaments and for other medical applications.—XINHUA

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Cuba calls for int'l support to end US blockade

HAVANA, 14Oct—The International Relations Commission of Cuba's legislature, the National Assembly of People's Power, on Thursday urged the international community to act against the US blockade on the Caribbean country.

United States has applied systematic, uninterrupted and ferocious sanctions against Cuba," the commission said in a statement, describing it as

"For 47 years, the ted States has applied designed to subject the Cuban people to hunger and desperation".

The statement said that the economic, trade and financial blockade had worsened and strengthened despite nearunanimous opposition from across the world.

The statement added that the blockade had met the UN definition of "an act perpetrated with the intention of partially or wholly destroying a national, ethnic, racial or religious group."

Cuba estimates that the blockade has caused 86 billion US dollars' worth of damage to the island's economy to date.

On 8 November, Cuba will present a report on the blockade to the UN General Assembly, seeking an immediate end to the blockade.

MNA/Xinhua

Murders, robberies up in US cities

WASHINGTON, 14 Oct — Latest evidence has shown that homicides and robberies are continuing to increase in dozens of US cities, less than a month after the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reported that violent crime rates had risen across the nation in 2005.

A review of 55 cities' crime data from the first six months of this year indicated the overall number of homicides had

Archaeologists inspect the paleolithic site at the Hualong cave in Dongzhi County, east China's Anhui Province,on 13 Oct, 2006. Fossils of fragments of two doubtful human craniums and fossil of a doubtful human premolar have been unearthed at the site.—XINHUA

Russian performers

entertain visitors at

the 2006 China

International

Education Exhibition

in Beijing, on 14 Oct,

2006. Some 450

schools from nearly

30 countries and

regions took part in

the exhibition.

XINHUA

risen by 4.2 per cent compared with the same period in 2005, the USA Today reported on Friday, citing the Police Executive Research Forum, a police advocacy group.

Robberies rose by nearly 10 per cent and aggravated assaults were up slightly. Of the 55 cities surveyed by the police group, 19 had double-digit percentage increases in homicides. More than 40 reported jumps in robberies.

While emphasizing the need to prevent terrorism, the US Justice Department has acknowledged that crime is continuing to rise

in some cities this year. But Deputy Attorney General Paul McNulty and other officials said it was too soon to tell whether or not the increases were a significant departure from the historically low crime rates of the past decade, the newspaper reported. *MNA/Xinhua*

China-made counter-terrorist robot showcased in Beijing

BEIJING, 14 Oct — China's new counter-terrorist robot was drawing crowds on Wednesday at the ongoing 2006 International Conference on Intelligent Robots and Systems in Beijing.

Looking like a cross between a tank and a crane, the robot was put through its paces at a mock danger zone at the conference centre.

Suddenly, a detonatorlike object emerges in its sight and the robot immediately locks on target. Rushing toward the danger, it adroitly clamps on to the suspicious object with its silvery white arm, throwing it into an explosive disposal container.

The 56-kilo robot is named RAPTOR-EOD (explosive ordnance disposal) and is a latest product of Beijing Universal Pioneering Technology Co Ltd.

The robot is able to move freely and make tight turns on different surfaces, said Han Guang, production president of the company.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Mexican archaeologists find largest Aztec figure

MEXICO, 14 Oct—Mexican archaeologists unveiled the largest Aztec idol ever discovered and said it could be a door to a hidden chamber at a ruined A A A A

temple under the heart of Mexico City.

The Aztecs, a warlike and deeply religious people who built numerous monumental works, ruled an empire stretching from the Gulf of Mexico to the Pacific Ocean and encompassing much of modern-day central Mexico.

The 12.4 tonne stone slab, 14 metres in surface area, was partially uncovered this month at the main Templo Mayor on the edge of the capital's central Zocalo square. Aztecs used the temple for worship and human sacrifice.

Excavators have beendiastonished by the size ofthe piece and its elaboratecoengraving of the earthmgod Tlaltecuhtli as they15uncovered more of thecoslab in recent days.sigAsked if it was the mostde

important Aztec piece found, anthropologist Alvaro Barrera said: "For its size, yes, for the importance ... we have to wait to see what we discover and its context". When it was discovered, officials said the monolith and an adjacent 15th Century altar comprised the most significant Aztec find in decades. —Internet



Visitors view household appliances during the Hong Kong Electronics Fair (Autumn Edition) at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Hong Kong, on 13 Oct, 2006. The fair, Asia's largest electronics show which was opened on 13 Oct, attracted 2,500 exhibitors from 29 countries and regions.—XINHUA

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China congratulates S Korea's Ban as new UNSG

BELJING, 14 Oct — China congratulated South Korean Ban Ki-moon on being elected the next Secretary General of the United Nations, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao here Saturday.

The United Nations General Assembly on Friday appointed by acclamation Foreign Minister of South Korea Ban Ki-moon as the world

body's next Secretary-General to succeed Kofi Annan when he steps down on 31 December. "It is Asian nations'

common aspiration and

Two girls play with foam after pranksters poured shampoo into the fountain in front of St Petersburg's

Kazan Cathedral causing the pool to froth over, on 13 Oct, 2006. XINHUA

Thailand's central provinces hit by further rising floodwaters

NAKHON SAWAN, 14 Oct-Floods in 10 central Thai provinces along the banks of the Chao Phraya River are expected toworsen due to the high volume of water run-off from the North, Royal **Irrigation Department Director-GeneralSamart** Chokanapitak warned onSaturday.

Mr Samart said the rising water level of the river would cause 10 provinces in the lower North and the central region to be even more severely affectedby flooding, but assured the

Kosayodhin has said an emergency plan for eastern Bangkok will be drawn up to deal with the high tides, expected to reach their peak levels23 to 25 October.

The amount of water in public that water level the Chao Phraya River passing through Nakhon in canals and the Chao Phraya River as it passes Sawan Province at 6am (0600 hours) Saturday was "Those from the party through the capital will not overflow, as large volumes the highest in the past six of water has been pumped decades, measuring5,685 out intocanals and other cubic metres per second, up anxillary waterways during 165 cubic metres per second from Friday,Mr Samart - MNA/Reuters low tides. Kerry. said, adding that he believed To lesson the severity of Workers arrange the floodings, the RID has the water could increase to decorations for the A South Korean girl peakatamaximumof6,000 planned to divert cresting upcoming Asia Pacific cubic metres per second and **Economic Cooperation** floodwaters to a special shows the torch (APEC) Forum summit water retention area of more then begin receding in the ahead of the Doha than one million rai. next few days if there is no in Hanoi on 14 Oct, 2006. —Internet Bangkok Governor Apirak rain.—Internet Asian Games Torch 644 flights operated between China, ASEAN weekly

honour to have an Asian as UN Secretary-General again 35 years later," said Liu. Liu said China believed the United Nations would continue to exert important effects on constructing a harmonious world with lasting peace and common prosperity in Ban's term.

Incoming UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon (R) listens as outgoing Secretary General Kofi Annan speaks in the General Assembly of the UN in New York on 13 Oct, 2006. The UN General Assembly approved South Korea's Foreign Minister on Friday as the next UN Secretary General, a post he will assume on 1 January.—INTERNET

John Kerry charges Iraq war worsens terrorism

MANCHESTER (New Hampshire), 14 Oct— Democratic Senator John Kerry, a potential White House candidate in 2008, said on Friday the Iraq war had worsened terrorism and that the Bush Administration had squandered the nation's moral authority.

"They tell us we're making progress in Iraq and that there is no civil war. That is a lie. There is a civil war and it is costing American and Iraqi lives every single day and we must change course in

China will go on to

support and cooperate

with the UN Secretary-

General, the spokesman

said.— MNA/Xinhua

Iraq," said Kerry, who lost to President George W Bush in the 2004 election. His remarks came in a prepared text for a speech

at a fund-raising dinner for New Hampshire Democrats. The state

holds the first presidential primary and Kerry's scathing criticism of Bush and senior Republicans underlined growing speculation he would take another shot at the White House.

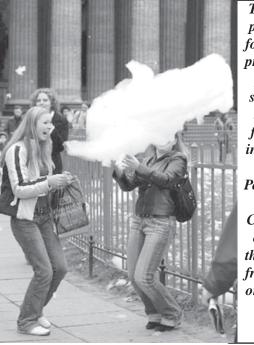


Kerry and other top Democrats are crisscrossing the country to boost Democratic congressional candidates in tight races less than four weeks before the 7 November elections in which Democrats hope to regain control of Congress.

The Massachusetts Senator said Republicans could no longer preach moral values after a Capitol Hill cybersex scandal involving lurid e-mails sent by former Republican lawmaker Mark Foley to teenage congressional assistants.

that preaches moral values that covered this up, have no right to preach moral values any more," said





BEIJING, 14Oct-China's civil aviation authority said here on Friday 644 regular flights were operated weekly between China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) by the end of August this year.

The General Administration of Civil Aviation said the 644 flights, operated by nine Chinese airlines and 16 airlines of ASEAN, including 563 passenger flights and 81 cargo flights.-- MNA/Xinhua

South Korea, on 14 Oct, 2006.

Relay in Busan,

XINHUA



China's trade surplus in first nine months hits \$109.85b

BELJING, 14 Oct — China's trade surplus in the first nine months of this year hit 109.85 billion US dollars, higher than the total of 101.88 billion US dollars for the whole year in 2005.

Statistics released on Thursday by the General Administration of Customs showed that the monthly trade surplus slipped slightly to 15.3 billion US dollars in September from the monthly record of 18.8 billion US dollars in August. Statistics show exports in September rose 30.6 per cent over the same month of last year to 91.64 billion dollars, and imports increased 22 per cent to 76.34 billion dollars.

volume reached 1.27 trillion dollars in the first three quarters of the year. Exports rose 26.5 per cent to 691.2 billion dollars, and imports increased 21.7 per cent to 581.4 billion dollars.

Statistics also show that the European Union, the United States, Japan and the Association of South-East Asian Nations remained the four largest trade partners of China. The large growth in trade surplus has strained relations between China and its major trading partners and exerted greater pressure on the country to appreciate its currency value.

"It is unrealistic to reverse the trend in the short term so China's trade surplus against the United States continues to mount up," said Mei Xinyu, an expert with the Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation affiliated to the Ministry of Commerce.—*MNA/Xinhua*



In this photo released by Thai Spokesman Office, Thailand Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont, 2nd left, is accompanied by his Laotian counterpart Bouphavanh Bouasone, left, to review the honour guard upon his arrival at Vientiane Airport in Vientiane, Laos on 14 Oct, 2006. Surayud paid a oneday visit to Laos after taking up premiership position on 1 Oct, 2006 following the military coup. —INTERNET



WASHINGTON, 14 Oct — A Republican congressman pleaded guilty on Friday in the Jack Abramoff political corruption investigation, becoming the first lawmaker convicted in an election-year scandal that has reached into Congress and the Bush Administration.

Representative Bob Ney of Ohio admitted he had illegally accepted trips, meals, drinks, tickets to concerts and sporting events and other items worth tens of thousands of dollars in return for official acts performed on behalf of the lobbyist Abramoff and his clients.

Ney, who abandoned his reelection race in August as the US Justice Department investigated his links to the convicted Abramoff, said he was ashamed of the way his public service career was ending and will resign from Congress in the next few weeks.

But with the election less than a month away and with Democrats increasingly optimistic about winning control of the US Congress, the White House and House Republican leaders urged Ney to step down immediately.

"What Congressman Ney did was not a reflection of the Republican Party. It was a reflection of Congressman Ney and he ought to step down," White House spokesman Tony Snow said.

MNA/Reuters

Detentions at Guantanamo "unacceptable"

LONDON, 14 Oct — | Beckett said at the launch | suspects in prison.

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1,800-year-old painted coffin discovered in north China

HOHHOT, 14 Oct— Chinese archaeologists have discovered an ancient coffin painted with coloured drawings dating back to the Eastern Han Dynasty (AD 25-220) in the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region.

The funeral objects had already been robbed when the coffin was discovered from a tomb in Siziwang Banner. The coffin, in delicate appearance, was well preserved during excavation of the tomb.

"The colour drawings, painted at inner sides of the coffin, feature daily life and hunting activities," said Wang Dafang, an official with the Inner Mongolia

Autonomous Regional Cultural Relic Bureau. The most valuable painting on the coffin is

an episode on a horse pulling with five carriages. According to cultural experts, it might be one of ancient people's ideal imaginations of a train. The hunting-related drawings consist of animals ranging from goats, deer, dogs as well as the hunters.

Although further research is still needed to identify the specific age about the coffin, archaeologists had concluded that the coffin belongs to the Eastern Han Dynasty. *MNA/Xinhua*



A forest official holds an Indian Star Tortoise after its seizure in Bangalore, India, on 14 Oct, 2006. Indian authorities seized 447 Indian Star Tortoises of different sizes weighing between 10 and 350 grammes at the international airport in Bangalore. INTERNET



Haze blankets Syamsuddin Noor Airport in Banjarmasin, south Kalimantan Province of Indonesia's Borneo on 14 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

British Foreign Secretary of Britain's annual report Margaret Beckett on on human rights around Thursday lashed out at the the world. US regarding its detention "It's widely argued now centre at Guantanamo thattheexistenceofthecamp Bay, saying the prison is as much a radicalizing camp was "unacceptable and discrediting influence in terms of human rights" as it is a safeguard for "The continuing security," she said. The detention without fair report called for the camp to be closed. In response, trial of prisoners is unacceptable in terms of Washington said it looked human rights. But it is forward to the camp's closure but emphasized the also ineffective in terms of counter-terrorism," need to keep terrorist

"We don't want to be the world's jailers. We certainly would look forward to the day when Guantanamo is closed," US State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said at a daily briefing. But he stressed that the military camp in Cuba washousing "very dangerous people, including those who were responsible for the attack on this country which killed 3,000 people". MNA/Xinhua

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Discussions of pensioners-20

After having lunch served by the family of a friend of ours, we came into the sitting room and began our discussions.

"The statement of China's UN representative, a member of the Security Council, made on 15-9-2006 was right. He said the UNSC had to deal with matters on peace and security only. If the council allowed to discuss such issues as human rights, refugees, drugs and AIDS, it would have to put every nation with such situations on the agenda. Myanmar's neighbouring countries and ASEAN nations did not believe that situations in Myanmar pose a threat to international peace and security. It was preposterous because the move was submitted to the council not by a country in the region but by a country from far region. Formal discussion on internal affairs of a country at the UNSC is contrary to Article 24 of the UN Charter."

"It is obvious that China and Myanmar are good and friendly neighbouring countries upholding the five principles of peaceful coexistence. If the UNSC wrongly makes a decision to take action against Myanmar, it is believed that China will continue to stand firmly by Myanmar. The stance of Russia is important as it is a permanent member that has the veto power. It is also a country that views the Myanmar issue correctly. It is assumed that Russia will not accept such unfair pressure on our country."

"Non-Aligned Movement comprising 118 countries sent a letter to the Chairman of the UNSC on 10-7-2006 stating that Myanmar issue should not be put on the council's agenda. Moreover, Non-Aligned Movement Summit held in Havana, Cuba on 17-9-2006 stated that putting Myanmar on the UNSC agenda was beyond the rights of the Council. We learnt that a paragraph was in the Final Document describing that decision by the Security Council to initiate formal or informal discussion on the situation in any member state of the UN or any issue that does not constitute a threat to international peace and security is contrary to Article 24 of the UN Charter."

"It is heartening to note that Non-Aligned Movement comprising 118 countries of 191 UN member countries supported Myanmar."

"According to the study of two economists of Harvard University, developing countries that succeed in winning a seat on the UN Security Council may reap economic benefits from rich countries particularly the US, that are willing to buy their votes."

"Foreign aids receipts to those countries may increase in time of conflicts and political crises around the world because the US would need their votes, the two Harvard economists said."

"On average, a non-permanent member of the Council enjoys a 59 percent increase in total aid from the US and eight percent increase in total development aid from the UN." to reach a decision with the help of the countries it has organized, the nations that often stand firmly on the world issues would use their vetoes to reject that decision. Don't worry about it."

"According to the opinion of Indonesian Ambassador to the UK broadcast on BBC, the reply was wise and remarkable."

"How did he reply?" "He said the move should be submitted to the Council only if the Myanmar issue actually posed international peace and security. The Security Council should not handle all the world issues. He said he feared that the role of the UNSC would fade away."

"Yes, of course. Attempts to create domestic affairs into a regional or international issue could lead the role of the UNSC to be distrustful and looked down upon."

"There are 148 issues to discuss at the UNSC. But Myanmar issue is not included in the top ten. It is obvious that it is not a kind of success that the expatriates, NLD and anti-government terrorist groups would be pleased."

"The people of our country have also learnt much about the stance of the government and the people. They also knew the actual situations after reading the articles and they can judge rightly the statements of internal and external elements."

"The people should be aware of the fact that foreign broadcasting stations are creating the situation like "88" disturbances through connections inside and outside the country."

NLD, so-called "88" generation student leaders and so-called veteran politicians began to take steps to create disturbances, some diplomats of big nations frequently came to NLD headquarters. We think that they would give instructions, hold coordination meeting and arrange contacts with external and internal elements.

"Right. In the "88" disturbances, internal and external destructive elements in collusion with some foreign broadcasting stations were manufacturing fabricated news. Such acts are like fanning up the flame to burn more and more. Such situation should never be forgotten."

"At that time, unless the Tatmadaw stepped in and controlled the situation the people would surely suffer much more than the situation in Iraq."

"Here, we didn't understand why the US harboured a grudge against our country."

"I had already said before. According to the geographical location, our country shares borders with the two most populous and strong nations. It can serve as a link between the South Asia and South-East Asia. From that territorial waters of the country a power can take control of the Strait of Malacca. The country has a long stretch of territorial waters. This point is something that meets the fancy of the powerful nation which longs for overwhelming and controlling the world. A powerful nation would be in a position to have a strategic location if it is able to set up its military base in our country."

"In my school days one thing still in my mind is that the US offered to build the Yangon-Mandalay highway free of charge. Its aim seemed to be the plot to land its aircraft there. It was likely that this was noticed by a big neighbouring nation. That big nation thus offered to grow flowery plants free of charge in the middle of the highway. As such, that project could not be materialized."

"We don't understand why the NLD wants to rely on external elements. It is time the NLD served the interest of the State."

"It is just to grasp power. The NLD has never served any interest of the State since its birth. Far from serving the national interest, it has called for imposing four sanctions on the country in synchronization with expatriates. In consequence, it is known to all that the US imposed economic sanctions on the country."

"The NLD cannot bear to see the prosperity of the State and the people but it wants the State and the people to get into trouble and hardship that could lead to unrest. It constantly intends to grab power through shortcut by creating disturbances and chaos in the nation. Those who rely on external elements would surely come to a sticky end."

"Therefore, the resignation of the NLD members is seen in the newspapers almost every day."

"The NLD is demanding for a dialogue only. It has been sticking to the 1990 election results. Apart from that, it is not engaged in any task for national development."

"The Head of State himself met with Daw Suu Kyi four times and the ministerial level officials 20 times. She was given chances time and again to cooperate with the government in the interest of the State. Relying on external elements and being controlled by dollars provided to her as awards, Daw Suu Kyi has been giving priority to own interest rather than national interest."

"If everything is done with the aim of serving the national interest rather than own interest with goodwill and understanding it will be beneficial to all."

"Looking at the People's Republic of China, one can see to what extent it is developing in the practice of communism, socialist-market economic system and socialist-democracy. Such development is usually followed by democracy and human rights."

"Our nation will see unprecedented progress at such a time when relentless efforts are being made unless sanctions have been imposed on her. Such national development based on strong economy will surely bring about human rights and democracy aspired by the people."

"It is time parties and politicians understood this. They are to call for immediately lifting sanctions to bring about national development instead of selling the nation and being under the influence of external elements in order to grasp power. If they do so, they with common goals with the government will be able to sort out differences between one another, thereby resulting in the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation." After the discussion, I on my way home pondered that a peaceful, modern, developed and disciplineflourishing democratic nation will emerge as soon as possible if every politician puts the national interest in the fore rather than his own interest and the party's interest. And I wish every politician be able to assess himself and amend his attitude and deeds in order that he may serve the national interest.

Hein Myint

"In monetary terms, the study says a developing country serving on the Council expects to receive during its tenure of two years additional 16 million dollars from the US in foreign aid and one million dollars from the UN. The aid may increase in time of crises :45 million dollars from the US and 8 million dollars from the UN."

"Oh, if so, in the case of our country the US might have worked hard employing means including buying votes and putting pressure to secure the nine votes as required"

"Of course. According to foreign broadcasting stations, the US organized the countries to get the necessary votes."

"The fact that Myanmar was on the agenda does not mean the resolution passed on the country. Many issues of the nations were discussed at the Council. If the US tries

"That is why they are making attempts to control our country after establishing a puppet government."

"Did you remember that a large number of NLD party delegates participated in the National Convention when it started. They at that time agreed to 104 basic principles. Under the 104 basic principles, no foreign troops shall be permitted to be stationed in the country. A powerful nation that wants to station its troops in the country seems to have a strong dislike of it. A woman named Albright, an ambassador of the US, rushed to the nation and met Suu Kyi. Immediately after she returned home, members of NLD party walked out of the National Convention under Suu Kyi's orders."

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views performance of artistes at the opening ceremony of 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.— MNA

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(from page 1) robust economy, development of science and technologies, strong national defence and improvement in education, health, social and cultural sectors all in harmony.

For perpetual existence of a nation, its citizens are required to defend their independence, national sovereignty and territorial integrity even at the cost of their lives and blood. In the same way, for the survival of their own race, it is necessary to preserve their lineage, culture and national traits.

The Union of Myanmar is home to various national races. Therefore, for people living in a union like Myanmar, national unity, national spirit and Union Spirit as important as their soul and these mental traits are worth preserving for the perpetual existence of their union.

This being the case, we should always be united and in oneness with one another not only in defending our country but also in preserving and promoting our national culture.

At such a time and in such a situation, Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions are being held with the object of awakening and enlivening the mental unity of the entire people with the use of powerful Myanmar traditional performing arts that can link the mind with the heart.

If we look at the long history of Myanmar, we can see that highly civilized city states were established and impressive cultural edifices built there. Archaeological

findings and historical research have shown that the history and culture of Myanmar are earlier than those chronicled.

And throughout different periods of history, Myanmar has always stood in unity and with dignity among her neighbours that are more powerful and have higher cultural standards. Moreover, Myanmar people have preserved their own culture, arts and traditions for ages. This shows their strong national character and integrity.

Myanmar continues to stand as a nation whose people have fine traditions of preserving and promoting their traditional culture and handing it down as heritage to posterity. The neighbouring countries also recognized the high cultural standard of such ancient city states of Myanmar as Tagaung, Beikthanoe, Hanlin and Srikestra.

dancing Five bronze statutes unearthed near Phayarmar village in ancient Srikestra are the firm evidence of high standard of Myanmar fine arts that have existed since immemorial. time Myanmar cultural heritage has been handed down from generation to generation and preserved since the Bagan period. It can be said that martial songs of the Myinsaing period were the origin of Myanmar music. These songs infused with nation-

alistic fervour depicted Myanmar national prestige and integrity and language and religion. The culture that had originated in the Pyu, Bagan and Myinsaing periods reached its peak in the Innwa period.

It can be said that the luxuriant tree of Myanmar culture was the most flourishing in the Innwa period. In that period, the field of Myanmar culture became wider and deeper and grander. It was due to the innovations of the writers, poets and artistes of that period. Myanmar tradi-

tional cultural performing arts have been flourishing in the respective fields for arts competitions promotes cultural heritage of Myanmar people such as fine traditions, customs, social ethics and way of thinking under the influence of the Buddha's teachings.

Vesantara drama chosen for this year's theatrical contest depicts noble spirit of King Vesantara who strove to attain the various virtues practised by the would-be-Buddha and Queen Madidevi's truthfulness and spirit of helping her better half to attain such virtues; this has influenced Myanmar women until now.

Like ten Jatakas and 550 stories of the Buddha, the drama reflects good

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a long time. Each art is developing independently with its own style, nature and power. In the process of development, complementary role and interaction of these performing arts is significant.

Especially in the

mind and character based on loving-kindness inspiring Myanmar people to become civilized and polite ones.

S a d d h a s u m a n a drama chosen for marionette contest is the one which strengthens the be-

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets diplomats at the opening ceremony of 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.— MNA theatrical field, Myanmar performing arts have reached its heights.

The vocal part of the performing arts which constitute the nucleus of the theatrical art includes verses, Myanmar customs, traditions, thoughts, social ethics and values. Therefore, revitalization of drama presentation by theatrical troupes through Myanmar traditional cultural performing lief of Myanmar people that charity and genuine goodwill bring benefit.

Myanmar people are characterized by good character and good will. Such good character and noble mind have been motivated among the people by literature and performing arts. That is why noble traditions of Myanmar people continue to exist till today. *(See page 10)*

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14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions commence

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct — A ceremony to open the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the hall of University of Veterinary Science, here, this morning, with an address by Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and wife, members of the panel of patrons of the Leading Committee, Chairman of



Opening ceremony of 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in progress.— MNA

the Ambassador of the Philippines, resident representatives of UN agen-



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin briefs on preparations for performing arts competitions.— MNA

the Leading Committee cies, the Director-General Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, ministers and their wives senior military officers, the Attorney-General, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, members of the Leading Committee, chairmen and members of the Work Committee and subcommittees, Ambassadors, Charges d'Affaires ai and Military Attachés led by the Dean of the Diplomatic Corps

of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, rectors of University of Veterinary Science, University of Agriculture and University of Forestry, local and foreign journalists, members of social organizations, members of the central panel of judges, members of the panel of judges of States and Divisions, supervisors and contestants, students of University of Culture and guests.

At 7 am, the first session of the opening ceremony was held in front of the hall of University of Veterinary Science. Members of the Panel of Patrons of the Leading Committees, the chairman of the Leading Committee and members, chairmen and members of the Work Committee and subcommittees, contestants of States and Divisions and guests took the designated places.

Daw Tin Tin Mya and Daw Thida Swe of Myanma Radio and Television acted as MCs.

Chairman of the

Leading Committee for Performing Arts Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin reported on preparations for performing arts competitions.

The commander said the performing arts competitions has been holding since 1993 for preservation of noble traditional cultural heritage. The competitions will be held in Nay Pyi Taw from 15 to 29 October in accord with the seven objectives. There are six categories in the competitions.

Contestants will

take part in Vesantara Drama and Saddhasumana for marionette contests. Altogether 2,212 contestants will participate in various competitions and handsome prizes will be given to them.

Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Chairman of the Work Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint formally opened the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. Next, the Secretary-

1 greeted the Ambassadors, Charges d'Affaires ai, and resident representatives of UN agencies.

The second session of the ceremony followed at the hall. U Hla Win and Daw Thida Swe of Myanma Radio and Television acted as MCs.

First, Patron of the Leading Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an opening address.

(The full text of the speech of the Secretary-1 *is reported separately.)*

Artistes sang the song composed by Gitalulin U Ko Ko hailing the Performing Arts Competitions in chorus.

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These fine traditions are to be enhanced and preserved for development of Myanmar society and modernization of the country.

Own culture replete with such fine traditions is to be constantly and relentlessly safeguarded against deterioration that may occur with the passage of time and due to penetration of alien culture.

In the process of

globalization, some big

nations misusing their

superiority in wealth, technology and domination of the world media for political gains are making attempts to dominate the developing countries like Myanmar politically and culturally while instilling with their ways of thinking, customs and social system or lifestyle in those countries.

In order that national character and culture of the developing countries would become extinct, the big nations are making attempts overtly or covertly to shape the country as they wish using various tricks such as persuasion, pressure and penetration in economic and cultural aspects.

External and internal destructive elements, lackeys of the aliens, are instilling wrong thoughts in youth that patriotism and nationalistic spirit are out of date these days. They are also instigating the youth to entertain the tendencies of confrontation and violence in their mind. In fact, they should organize

the youths to love and cherish own race, traditional culture and to be polite.

If this danger is overlooked, the nationalistic spirit will become extinct. So prevention is needed. It is now time for all the entire people with the sense of duty to remind the present day youths not to be deceived by the tricks and instigation of the destructive elements.

Efforts are to be made for new generation youths to enjoy high standard of national culture, value and national essence. I urge artistes to organize them for revitalization of nationalistic spirit and patriotism through the Myanma traditional cultural performing arts competitions.

All artistes are urged to strive for handing down Myanmar performing arts preserved by the ancient Myanmar people throughout the long history and customs, traditions, gentle and delicate thinking, noble social ethics, dynamic patriotism, better

foundations for nationalistic spirit and the Union Spirit to new generation youths with the help of the strength of the performing arts.

In conclusion, I urge the artistes to make concerted efforts for preservation of traditional culture and national character that can ensure the perpetuation of the nation and its people forever and to be able to stand tall among the nations of the world and for strengthening patriotism and Union Spirit.

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Phya Thai Hospital opens country representative office in Myanmar



Hanthawaddy Palace International Health Care Services, Prasit Patana Public Co Ltd and Phyathai Group of Hospitals exchange

notes. — MNA

YANGON, 15 Oct -Ambhamwang explained to contact it may dial Ph: Hill in Kawthoung supply rice to the Lt-Gen Maung Bo greeted An opening ceremony of facts on the hospital. 01-542290, 01-705581. country representative Next, specialists MNA Township. increasing population. those present. — MNA office of Phya Thai elaborated on special treatment of the hospital Golden Triangle poppy production only 5% of the world Hospital (1,2,3) Phya Thai (Pataya) and Hanthaand CEO U Zaw Myo Naing briefed accounts on waddy Palace Inter-**Press conference on decrease in poppy cultivation and** national Health Care the health care services production of Golden Triangle Region in 2006 held Services in Myanmar was programme. Later, Hanthawady held in conjunction with a talk on special treatment Palace International correspondents production of Golden YANGON, 15Oct of 5 per cent of world poppy Health Care Services and of the hospital given by the The press conference on Myanmar Foreign Triangle Region in 2006 specialists from Thailand Prasit Patana Public Co Ltd Correspondents Club, decrease in poppy has decreased by 29 per at the Karaweik Hall in and Phyathai Group of cultivation and editorial staff of local cent compared with that production Kandawgyi this morning. Hospitals inked magazines and journals production of Golden of 2005 and by 85 per cent Chairman Mr agreement. Triangle Region in 2006 world and guests. compared with that of of Wichai Thongtang of temporary The 1998; that the poppy jointly sponsored by Resident production. Repre-Prasit Patana Public Co Ltd address of the UNODC and the Central sentative of UNODC Mr cultivation in Myanmar, representative office is No and Phyathai Group of Laos and Thailand has Committee for Drug Shariq Bin Raza and Joint Hospitals made an opening (51) G 6, Tawwin Street Secretary of CCDAC Abuse Control decreased from 34,720 address and Chief Medical in Tawwin Pale Housing Police Col Khan Aung hectares in 2005 to 25,160 (CCDAC) was held at the and International Business Complex, near ILBC Sedona Hotel here on 13 made speeches on the hectares in 2006; that (Tamway). Those wishing officer Dr Suropang occasion. And poppy October 2006. poppy was cultivated on It was attended by surveying expert MrXavier 157,900 hectares in 1998 All this needs to be known diplomats of foreign Bouan explained the with its production embassies in Yangon, amount of poppy surveyed. equivalent to 33 per cent cultivation of poppy-Do not be frightened whenever * charge d' affaires, According to his of world poppy intimidated * explanation, he said that Do not be bolstered whenever flattered resident representatives production, and the Do not be softened whenever appeased of UN agencies, member farmers. — MNA the poppy cultivation and current production is only

Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends ceremony to offer...

(from page 16) After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged officials concerned to collect full tax on border crossing, to avoid irregularities and to observe rules and regulations in carrying out tasks of ministries concerned.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and party inspected the jetty of Shwe Wetwun Co Ltd in Aye Yeik Nyein Ward in Kawthoung. Next, Lt-Gen

Maung Bo attended the ceremony to spray folio fertilizer on physic nut plantations on Shwepyitha

At Bayintnaung Hall of the local battalion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met departmental with personnel of Kawthoung District, members of social organizations and local people, and explained regional development tasks.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that Kawthoung District needs to make efforts for ensuring local food sufficiency. At present, over 18 million acres of land can be put under monsoon and summer paddy. Therefore, it is necessary to cultivate more acres of paddy to

He added that Stateowned and private industries are to produce meat and fish for earning foreign exchange. In addition, all the villages and offices are to grow physic nut plants as the national duty. Plots are to be allotted to the citizens who will cultivate physic nut plants on a commercial scale. Furthermore, crude physic nut oil factories and edible physic nut oil factories are to be established. Local authorities are to supervise cultivation of physic nut plants meeting the target of 100,000 acres.

After the meeting,

production; and at present, the poppy of Afghanistan is 95 per cent poppy He stressed the need for the donor nations to continue providing aids in order to maintain the significant decrease of poppy cultivation and production, to be able to engage in extended substitute crops and to support former poppy

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Afghan gunmen seize Italian journalist

KABUL, 15 Oct — Gunmen kidnapped an Italian photojournalist in southern Afghanistan on Saturday, accusing him of spying, an Afghan news agency reported.

The Pajhwok agency named the journalist simply as Gabriele and reported a call to his mobile phone had been answered by someone who said: "We are the Taleban and we have abducted the foreigner on charges of spying."

The Italian online newspaperPeaceReporter, which specializes in reports from conflict

zones, said Torsello had confirmed by phone he had been kidnapped. PeaceReporter said he had spoken briefly on the phone to the head of security at a hospital in Lashkar Gah run by the Italian relief organization Emergency. He said he did not know where he was being held.

According to Peace-Reporter, Torsello said he had been kidnapped on Thursday, while travelling on a public bus.

Pajhwok quoted Gholam Mohammad, who said he had been travelling with the journalist, as saying they had been stopped by five gunmen on the road from the capital of Helmand Province to the capital of neighbouring Kandahar Province.

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Pakistani police recover hand grenades from passenger train

ISLAMABAD, 15 Oct— The police on Saturday recovered five hand grenades from Jaffar Express train at Quetta Railway Station in southwestern Pakistani province of Baluchistan, local media reported.

security inspection | Pakistan reported. before the departure, railway police found a suspicious bag lying beneath a seat in an economic class compartment of the train, and recovered five hand grenades, the state-run

The Jaffar Express train plies between Quetta, the capital of Baluchistan Province, and Rawalpindi, the garrison city of Pakistani capital Islamabad.

MNA/Xinhua

During a routine Associated Press of



Two grenades hit building near UN HQs in Beirut

BEIRUT, 15 Oct— Two rocket-propelled grenades hit a building near the headquarters of the United Nations in Beirut early on Sunday, slightly wounding four people, security sources and witnesses said.

They said the grenades, fired from a small hill in central Beirut, hit a building that houses

anightclub in Riadel-Solh some 30 metres (yards) from the UN offices. There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the predawn attack.

Police and Army soldiers cordoned off the street and began investigations. Downtown Beirut,

offices, a bank branch and rebuilt after the 1975-1990

civil war, also houses the headquarters of the Lebanese Government, commercial banks, shops and restaurants.

A UN peacekeeping force is deployed in south Lebanon to monitor a ceasefire between Israel and Hizbollah guerillas that ended a 34-day war in August.

MNA/Reuters

FLOODED AYUTTHAYA PROVINCE OF THAILAND: Severe flooding in Thailand's central and northern provinces threatens to destroy ancient world heritage-listed temples.—INTERNET

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Experts warn three bln people to suffer water shortage by 2025

XIAMEN, 14 Oct-Three billion people, or 46 per cent of the world's population will suffer water shortages by 2025, experts warned here Thursday.

The prediction was made by Professor Jan C Schippers, a researcher with the UNESCO-IHE Institute for Water Education, and was echoed by other participants at the International Forum for Coastal Cities, opened Thursday in Xiamen, a southeastern city in China.

Currently, about one billion people around the globe are plagued by water shortages and that number continues to climb.

Water shortages, which are especially acute in North China, North Africa and East Asia, have been worsened by drought, pollution, waste and bad management, according to Schippers.-MNA/Xinhua

Ban, 62, is the first Asian leader since Myanmar's U Thant led the United Nations from 1961 to 1971. Asian nations had insisted it was their turn for the job to succeed Kofi Annan, a Ghanaian who has led the world body for the past decade.

The approval of Ban as the eighth Secretary General of the United Nations since 1946 was welcomed by applause from diplomats and hundreds of UN staff.

China, Vietnam to step up cooperation against cross-border crimes

Beijing, 14 Oct — China and Vietnam plan to work more closely to prevent the kidnapping and selling women and children, said Chinese Minister of Public Security Zhou Yongkang. views on the bilateral

Zhou, member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the remarks in his talks Thursday with visiting

The 15-member UN Security Council resecurity and regional commended Ban to the stability," Ban told the General Assembly as the Assembly. next Secretary General after he comfortably beat success for the UN is not six rivals in informal Council polls. The General Assembly formally appointed him for a fivemost," he said. year term. "I will work diligently to materialize our responsibility to protect the most vulnerable members of humanity and for the peaceful resolution of current development of importance to the

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S Korea's Ban Ki-moon appointed new UNSG

UNITED NATIONS, 14 Oct — The UN General Assembly appointed South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Kimoon by acclamation on Friday as the next UN Secretary General, a post he will assume on 1 January.

"The true measure of

how much we promise, but how much we deliver for those who need us

He said he was committed to reforming the United Nations, meeting UN Millennium Development Goals, expanding peace operations and dealing with threats posed by terrorism and weapons of mass destruction, HIV/AIDS and other pandemics, environmental degradation and the imperatives of human rights.

threats to international | right person to lead the United Nations at this decisive moment in its history, particularly as the UN struggles to fulfil the terms of the reform agenda that world leaders agreed to last fall," US Ambassador John Bolton told the Assembly.

Annan described Ban as "a future secretary general who is exceptionally attuned to the sensitivities of countries and constituencies in every continent".

"A man with a truly global mind at the helm of the world's only universal organization," he said, adding that he wished Ban strength and courage as he readied to take over the job and to "have fun along the "We believe he is the | way". — MNA/Reuters

Indonesia to use Russian planes to fight forest fires

JAKARTA, 14 Oct—The | Bambang Yudhoyono Indonesian Government plans to rent two Ilyushin aircraftfromRussiatofight blazes across forests in Sumatra and Kalimantan which have sent thick haze to much of western Indonesia and neighbouring Singapore and Malaysia, a report said Thursday. The two aircraft are able to carry 40 tons of water to extinguish major flames caused by land clearance activities, reported major national newspaper Tempo's website.

announced the plan Wednesday, when he also apologized to neighbours for the negative impacts of the haze.

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Vietnamese Minister of Public Security Le Hong Anh in Beijing.

Zhou also highlighted that the bilateral collaboration in the field should serve the development of the bilateral ties, friendship between the two peoples and stability of borders between the two countries. Zhou, who is also a Chinese state councillor, spoke positively of the

explosion in France's

Lyon, trapping one

PARIS, 14 Oct— A desolate building collapsed after an explosion of unknown reason on Friday in Lyon, east of France, trapping one person working there. According to police, the building was under renovation work when the blast took place.

"One person is missing and three others escaped unharmed," local offical Xavier de Furst told media. None of the habitants were in the building at that time. The cause of the explosion, which took place in the first floor of the building Friday afternoon, is yet to be known.— MNA/Xinhua

President Susilo

Malaysia and Singapore have officially lodged protests to Indonesia for the haze, which has reduced air quality in many parts to dangerous level and caused respiratory problems among local residents.

Indonesia on Friday will host a meeting with ministers from Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia and Brunei to discuss ways to stop the forest fires.

MNA/Xinhua

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Museum exhibition shows birds, bees may be gay

OSLO, 4 Oct — The birds and the bees may be gay, according to the world's first museum exhibition about homosexuality among animals.

of gay or lesbian behaviour among giraffes, penguins, parrots, beetles, whales and dozens of other creatures, the Oslo Natural History Museum concludes human homosexuality cannot be viewed as "unnatural".

"We may have opinions on a lot of things, but one thing is clear homosexuality is found throughout the animal kingdom, it is not against nature," an exhibit statement said.

Geir Soeli, the project leader of the exhibition entitled "Against Nature", told *Reuters*: "Homosexuality has been observed for more than 1,500 animal species, and is well documented for 500 of them."

The museum said the exhibition, opening on Thursday despite condemnation from some Christians, was the first in the world on the subject. Soeli said a Dutch zoo had once organized

With documentation gay or lesbian beviour among giraffes, discussion bemals.

"The sexual urge is strong in all animals.... It's a part of life, it's fun to have sex," Soeli said of the reasons for homosexuality or bisexuality among animals.

One exhibit shows two stuffed female swans on a nest — birds sometimes raise young in homosexual couples, either after a female has forsaken a male mate or donated an egg to a pair of males.

One photograph shows two giant erect penises flailing above the water as two male right whales rub together.

Another shows a male giraffe mounting another for sex, another describes homosexuality among beetles.

MNA/Reuters



Two girls show plasma high definition TV set during the Hong Kong Electronics Fair (Autumn Edition) at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre in Hong Kong, on 13 Oct, 2006. The fair, Asia's largest electronics show which was opened on 13 Oct, attracted 2,500 exhibitors from 29 countries and regions.—XINHUA

Digital system technologies introduced to Nepal for trekking

KATHMANDU, 14 Oct—Digital system technologies have been introduced with a view to reducing difficulties surfaced in course of mountain trekking and mountaineering for the first time in Nepal.

The technology that includes various rescue instruments has been introduced by the United States based Back Country Access Incorporation.

At a function organized here Friday by Nepal Tourism Board (NTB), Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Pradeep Kumar Gyawali distributed these rescue instruments to Mountain Rescue Association and Nepal Tourism Board. Gyawali said such technology will help mitigate risks in mountain trekking.

Stating that massive improvements have been brought about in tourism sector following the initiative taken for lasting peace after the restoration of democracy, he said it is right time to bring additional efforts to keep up the identity of Nepal in mountain trekking and mountaineering.

MNA/Xinhua

EU warns Microsoft over delivery of new operating system

BRUSSELS, 14 Oct— The European Commission (EC) on Friday warned US software giant Microsoft over its planned delivery of the new Windows



A makeup artist puts makeup on a model during the 8th provincial hairdressing competition at the Nanjing international exhibition centre in east China's Jiangsu Province on 13 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Bangladeshi bank, banker awarded 2006 Nobel Peace Prize

DHAKA, 14 Oct — Dr Muhammad Yunus and the Grameen Bank have been awarded the 2006 Nobel Peace Prize for pioneering work against poverty.

Dr Yunus founded the Grameen Bank, which is the pioneer of micro-credit lending schemes for the poor in Bangladesh. The winners will receive a prize of 10 million Swedish kronor (about 1.07 million US dollars).

Nobel Committee Chairman Ole Danbolt Mjoes



A newborn gorilla is cuddled in the arms of its mother Aya at the Rotterdam Blijdorp Zoo in the early hours of 13 Oct, 2006. The gender and name of the baby is not known yet. The baby is the offspring of mother Aya and father Bokito.—INTERNET made the announcement in Oslo Friday. He said Yunus and the Grameen Bank were being honoured "for their work in social and democratic development". "Sustainable peace cannot be given [unless] large numbers of people have been given the opportunity to get out of poverty," he said.

Yunus started his journey of poverty reduction when he was a teacher of Economics in Bangladesh's southeastern Chittagong University from the village Jobra, near the university in the late 70s.

Yunus saw the poor village fighting for the livelihood, which inspired him to manage small credit for these poor villagers, who could run small business and earn some money to better their living standard. *MNA/Xinhua*

operating system, Vista.

The commission said it had been informed of Microsoft's intention to deliver its Vista operating system worldwide, with no delay in Europe.

Microsoft said earlier on Friday that it would release the new system to its volume licence customers around the world in November, and to individual users in January. "The commission has not given a 'green light' to Microsoft to deliver Vista," said executive body of the European Union in a statement.

Microsoft must shoulder its own responsibilities to ensure that Vista is fully compliant with European Union competition rules and in particular with the March 2004 commission anti-trust decision, the statement said. — MNA/Xinhua

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An amputee takes part in a soccer training session of the Laman Az (Voice of the Mountains) team in Grozny on 13 Oct, 2006. The Chechen soccer team was set up in 2002 with the help of humanitarian aid organizations for people who lost limbs due to mines or other injuries.—INTERNET

Real slip to first defeat, **Ronaldo sees red**

MADRID, 15 Oct- Fabio Capello's Real Madrid suffered a double blow on Saturday when they slumped to their first league defeat of the season, 1-0 away to Getafe, and had striker Ronaldo sent off in the dying minutes.

Centre back Alexis gave Bernd Schuster's side a thoroughly deserved victory over the nine-times European champions when he headed in from a corner 15 minutes into the second half.

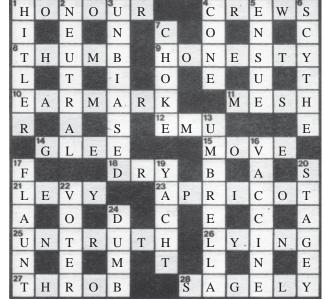
Real, who host arch-rivals Barcelona next Sunday, gave one of their worst performances of the season. They looked shaky at the back, lightweight in midfield and short of ideas in attack.

Real's misery was compounded when Ronaldo was sent off just before the final whistle after he picked up a second yellow card for talking back to the referee. The Brazilian will now miss next week's clash against Barca.

"We played badly and couldn't cope with Getafe's speed and aggression," Capello said. "We deserved to lose and there are no excuses."

The defeat kept Real in fourth place in the table, two points behind leaders Barcelona, but with all their immediate rivals yet to play this weekend they could find themselves slipping further down the standings. MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's **Crossword Puzzle**



No stopping Man United as Liverpool struggle

LONDON, 15 Oct— Premier League leaders Manchester United put the pressure on champions Chelsea by coming from a goal down to trounce Wigan Athletic 3-1 on Saturday.

With Chelsea playing Reading in the day's late kickoff, United set the pace by moving three points clear of both Portsmouth and Jose Mourinho's men with an impressive second half display.

Goals by Serbian defender Nemanja Vidic, French striker Louis Saha and Norwegian forward Ole Gunnar Solskjaer turned the game around after Wigan left back Leighton Baines had opened the scoring with a 25-metre piledriver.

Arsenal captain Thierry Henry scored one and made another as they beat Watford 3-0, while Liverpool were spared defeat against Blackburn Rovers at Anfield by a Craig Bellamy equalizer against his old club in a 1-1 draw.

Aston Villa striker Juan Pablo Angel missed a penalty and scored an own goal in the space of three minutes in their 1-1 draw with 10-man Tottenham Hotspur, Portsmouth beat struggling West Ham United 2-0 and Middlesbrough edged Everton 2-1.

The day's early action at the JJB Stadium was only four minutes old when Baines crashed home his shot from a free kick, giving United keeper Edwin van Der Sar no chance.

Though United took charge of the game, they had



Liverpool striker Peter Crouch (L) vies for the ball with Blackburn Rovers' defender Lucas Neill during their Premiership match at Anfield on 14 Oct, 2006. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

Chelsea's Cudicini, Cech in hospital

LONDON, 15 Oct- Chelsea had goalkeepers Petr Cech and Carlo Cudicini both taken to hospital after appearing to suffer head injuries in the champions' United 2-0.— MNA/Reuters 1-0 win at Reading on Saturday.

Late Kaladze strike salvages draw for Milan

ROME, 15 Oct- AC Milan's stuttering start to the Serie A season continued when they needed a late strike by defender Kakhaber Kaladze to salvage a 1-1 draw against Sampdoria on Saturday.

Behind to a goal by home striker Emiliano Bonazzoli, Milan battled until the 84th minute when the Georgian international broke the offside trap and beat home keeper Luca Castellazzi.

Milan's draw, on the back of scoreless draws with Livorno and Siena, gave them four points from six matches, eight points behind leaders AS Roma, who play Reggina on Sunday.

Milan failed to capitalize on long periods of possession in the early stages of the match at Sampdoria's Ferraris Stadium. —MNA/Reuters

early kickoff. Both United and Chelsea

have 19 points from eight games, three

ahead of Portsmouth who beat West Ham

to wait until the 62nd minute before equalizing through Vidic, heading home a Ryan Giggs corner.

Four minutes later, Alex Ferguson's side were in front with a superb finish by Saha following a cross from Wayne Rooney, who had an excellent game after a difficult start to the season.

MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney (R) races past Wigan's Emmerson Boyce. Alex Ferguson believes Rooney is back to his best after the striker helped inspire Manchester United's 3-1 win at Wigan on 14 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Bayern knock Hertha off top, Werder score 6

BERLIN, 15 Oct-Bayern Munich knocked Hertha Berlin off the top of Bundesliga table with a 4-2 home victory on Saturday while Werder Bremen moved to first with an easy 6-0 win at VfL Bochum.

Germany striker Lukas Podolski scored his first Bundesliga goal for Bayern and Roy Makaay, Claudio Pizarro and Willy Sagnol added scores for the champions, who had struggled with just seven goals and 10 points in their first six matches. Werder now lead on 13 points, ahead of Bayern and Schalke 04, 2-1 winners at Hamburg, on goal difference. Werder are at home to Bayern next Saturday.

They scored five goals in the final half hour after Aaron Hunt put them ahead in the seventh minute. Christian Schulz, who scored on the hour, Jurica Vranjes, Diego, Clemens Fritz and Naldo completed the rout. German goalkeepers had a remarkable day with Eintracht Frankfurt's Markus Proell, Schalke's Frank Rost and Bayer Leverkusen's Joerg Butt all saving penalties. MNA/Reuters

What proved to be an astonishing match at the Madejski Stadium began with Czech keeper Cech colliding with Reading's Stephen Hunt in the first minute and being carried off. Cudicini took over, but collided with Reading's Ibrahima Sonko at the end of the game and needed treatment by paramedics before he too was taken off on a stretcher.

Coach Jose Mourinho told Sky Sports: "Both are in hospital and both were completely knocked out." Chelsea stayed second in the table after league leaders Manchester United came from behind to beat Wigan Athletic 3-1 in the day's



Chelsea's goalkeeper Petr Cech lies on the ground to be treated after a crash with Reading's Stephen Hunt during their English Premiership soccer match at Madejski Stadium in Reading, England, on 14 Oct, 2006. Cech was substituted.—INTERNET

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Thousands protest against cuts in health service in Britain

LONDON,15 Oct — Thousands of people took to the streets on Saturday in southern Britain to protest against cuts in the national health service (NHS) scheme.

The demonstrations in Oxford, Brighton and Haywards Heath followed huge rallies across Britain. Police said about 7,000 protesters were at Haywards Heath in southeast England.

Unions and campaign groups fear that up to 60 main acute hospitals could be closed or downgraded because of financial cuts, reported the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC).

Geoff Martin, head of campaigns at the pressure group Health Emergency, said people who joined the national protest against the government's NHS cuts programme know that "the planned axing of front line services has nothing to do with a rational planning process and everything to do with hacking back the NHS budget."

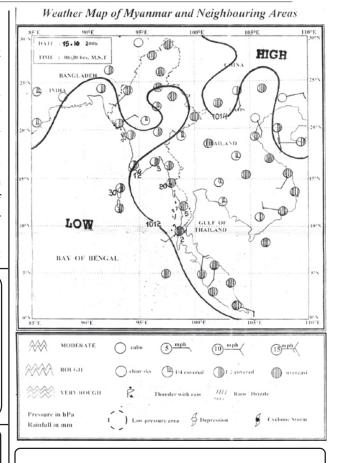
A spokesman from the Department of Health said everyone knows that hospital services are changing.

"The White Paper 'Our Health, Our Care, Our Say', set out plans to shift some into the community to ensure faster, better and more convenient access for patients," he said, adding "this followed the biggest public engagement exercise ever and the plans are based on what the public told us they want from local health services.

But it did not "mean wholesale closures of district general hospitals", and NHS clinicians and managers needed to work with local communities to decide on the best organization of services for patients in their areas, noted the spokesman. *MNA/Xinhua*

Happy Birthday Aung Chan Myae (I-8853)

(Universiti of Petronus, Malaysia) We wish you happiness and prosperity on your 18th birthday, 16-10-2006. May you be a brilliant educated person throughout your life. Many happy returns of the day. Beloved daddy U Aung Myint EO (MP) MOGE, Beloved mummy Daw Khin Swe Oo EIC (CNG Construction) MOGE, Ba Ba, Kyee Kyee, Oo Oo, Aunty, brothers and sisters



WEATHER

Sunday, 15 October, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan State, isolated in Chin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Shan State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Namhsam (3.86) inches, Heho (1.26) inches, Coco Island (1.18) inches, Dawei and Yangon (Central) (0.79) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 14-10-2006 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 15-10-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 15-10-2006 was (78%). Total sunshine hours on 14-10-2006 was (6.4) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 15-10-2006 were (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.78) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (98.39) inches at Mingaladon and (111.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (116.61) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours MST on 14-10-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and generally fair in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 16-10-2006: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Rakhine State and Yangon Division, isolated in Chin, Shan, Kayah, Mon and Kayin States and Ayeyawady Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States



Danish athletes perform in the opening ceremony of the 2006 Gymnastics World Championship in Aarhus, Denmark, on 13 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends ceremony to offer provisions to monasteries in Kawthoung, inspects regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo on 11 October attended a ceremony to offer provisions to monasteries in Kawthoung.

At the ceremony held at Pyitawaye Dhamma Beikman in Kawthoung, the congregation led by Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw of Pyitawaye Monastery Bhaddanta Visuddha Ñanna and donated rice, edible-oil and offertories to the Sayadaws of the monasteries in Kawthoung.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected Bayintnaung Jetty in Kawthoung and urged responsible officials to carry out beautifying tasks for the jetty.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to Myoma Jetty where officials of Taninthayi Division and Kawthoung District Immigration and Population Department reported on matters relating to arrival of tourists crossing the border including issuing of the border pass.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence inspects physic nut plants in Shwepyitha hill, Kawthoung Township. — MNA

Myanmar Tatmadaw shooting team leaves for China

YANGON, 15 Oct— A 10-member Myanmar Tatmadaw shooting team led by Col Soe Lwin left here by air this afternoon to take part in the ASEAN+3 Shooting Championship to be held in Beijing of the People's Republic of China from 16 to 21 October.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and senior military officers saw off the Tatmadaw shooting team at Yangon International Airport.

Before the departure of the team, Lt-Gen Myint Swe met with

members of the shooting team at the lounge of the airport and gave encouragement to them.

Marksmen from the armed forces of ASEAN countries plus China, Japan and Republic of Korea will take part in the ASEAN+3 Shooting Championship.

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Mon Peace Group (Myeik Region) condemns US for putting Myanmar on the agenda of UNSC

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct—Mon Peace Group (Myeik Region) on 28 September issued the declaration on its stance over 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 Mon Peace Group (Myeik Region) on condemnation of US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN. 28 September 2006

1. Owing 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. Today is the time when the government hand in hand with the entire national people is making all-out efforts for prevalence of peace and stability, economic development and flourishing of democracy aspired by the people.

3. The government has laid down the seven-point Road Map and is convening the National Convention based on the already-achieved infrastructures necessary for a future democratic nation. Hence, there is no reason for Myanmar to pose a threat to regional stability.

4. The accusation of the US using the UN is just a plot to impede the efforts for prevalence of peace and stability, economic development and flourishing of democracy. That is way the peace group declares that it condemns the act of the US in the strongest terms.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence sees off Myanmar Tatmadaw shooting team at Yangon International Airport. — MNA Naing Aung Theik Hin Leader Mon Peace Group (Myeik Region)

Vesantara Drama Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 15 Oct — The Vesantara Drama Contest of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held at University of Veterinary Science in Yezin, beginning 16 October. Anyone may watch the competitions free of charge. Maung Nyan Win Cultural Troupe of Yangon Division will take part in the contest on the first day. — MNA