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Prime Minister inspects development in Hsinbo, Dawphonyan in Kachin State



Prime Minister General Soe Win meeting with departmental officials, members of social organization and townselders in Dawphonyan.— MNA



NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct — Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Soe Win inspected development of Myitkyina Township, Hsinbo and Momauk Township and Dawphonyan in Kachin State on 14 October.

The Prime Minister and party arrived in Hsinbo in Myitkyina Township on 14 October and met departmental officials, social associations and townselders.

Township Officer U Soe Soe Thet of Township General Administration Department reported on the area of the township, cultivation of paddy, food sufficiency in the region, cultivation of corn, sesamum, sugarcane and oil crops, new crops and perennial crops and physic nut, livestock breeding and education, health and transport conditions.

Prime Minister General Soe Win views learning of students at BEHS in Dawphonyan. MNA Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint also gave a supplementary report. Officials concerned reported on education, health and regional development.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Health

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Preserve and promote traditional culture

Myanmar culture was of high standard even in the city states established in the early period of Myanmar history. The luxuriant tree of Myanmar culture was the most flourishing in the Innwa period. The field of Myanmar culture became wider and deeper and grander and it was due to the innovations of the writers, poets and artistes of that period.

Myanmar people are better known for their good character and goodwill. Such good character and noble mind have been motivated among the people by literature and performing arts.

The object of holding Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions is to awaken and enliven national culture, national spirit and patriotic spirit of Myanmar people. And it is the duty of artistes to preserve and promote national culture and prevent the penetration of alien culture.

The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions started at Nay Pyi Taw on 15 October and more than 2,000 artistes from states and divisions are taking part in the competitions including theatrical, marionette and drama competitions.

We would like to call on maestros and competing artistes to preserve the national cultural heritage by demonstrating their skills to the best of their abilities.



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- 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

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KOICA donates electrical equipment, vehicle to **Ministry of Electric Power No 2**

YANGON, 15 Oct — The Ministry of Electric Director Dr San Oo of Power No 2 is carrying out the Development Study on the Power System Operation and Protection Scheme in Myanmar with the assistance of KOICA.

A ceremony to donate fault recorders, one set of machine to check the power system operation and protection scheme and one vechicle was held at the meeting hall of Yangon City Electric Power Supply Board on 13 October afternoon.

Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Ju Heum handed over four sets of fault recorders, one set of machine to check power system operation and protection scheme and one automobile to Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Col Khin Maung Soe of YCEPSB, Director-General Dr Thein Tun of Electric Power De-

Dipavali Day on 21 October

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct — The Government of the Union of Myanmar today announced that Dipavali Day, which falls on 21 October 2006 (1st Waxing of Tazaungmon, 1368 ME), is a public holiday under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act. MNA



Ambassador U Tin Latt appointed to Malaysia

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct— The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Latt, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Malaysia.

MNA



Ambassador of Republic of Korea Mr Lee Ju Heum presents document related to electrical equipment and vehicle to Minister for **Eelectric Power No-2** Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint.—MNA

Over 320 participate in International White Cane Day

YANGON, 16 Oct — International White Cane Day was observed yesterday here and a total of 328 blind persons participated in the 15th walking activity.

Wife of Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin

and wife of Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, wives of head of departments under YCDC and officials concerned also participated in the walking activity along with the blind.

After the activity, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin presented prizes to responsible personnel of schools for the blind at

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Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin helps a blind child put on eyeglasses. — MNA

the City Hall.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and their wives donated eyeglasses to blind children. YCDC and wellwishers donated cash to the blind.

Those who participated in the activity took rest at Shukhintha amusement park in Thakayta Township.

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Putin meets Chinese President's envoy

Moscow, 15 Oct— Chinese President Hu Jintao's special envoy, State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan, met Russian President Vladimir Putin on Saturday and delivered him a verbal message from Hu which stressed the need for cooperation between the two countries on the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula.

China and Russia should cooperate to appropriately respond to the nuclear test of North Korea and work together



Deborah Harry of the band "Blondie" performs an acoustic set at the venue CBGB in New York City on 14 Oct, 2006. CBGB is closing on 15 Oct after 33 years as a music venue.—Internet

Study shows giant pandas see in colour

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct— They may be black and white, but new research at the Georgia Institute of Technology and Zoo Atlanta shows that giant pandas can see in colour.

Graduate researcher Angela Kelling tested the ability of two Zoo Atlanta pandas, Yang Yang and Lun Lun, to see colour and found that both g pandas were able to s discriminate between H colours and various in shades of gray. The f research is published in h the psychology journal co *Learning and Behaviour*, 1 according to the official do website of the Georgia s Tech on Friday. c

"My study shows that

giant pandas have some sort of colour vision," said Kelling, graduate student in Georgia Tech's Centre for Conservation Behaviour in the School of Psychology. "Most likely, their vision is dichromatic, since that seems to be the trend for carnivores."

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Russian President Vladimir Putin (3rd R) meets with Chinese State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan (3rd L) in Kremlin, Moscow on 14 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Authorities investigating deaths of four people in Florida

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct— Authorities were investigating on Friday into the deaths of four people, which were found to be shot to death early in the day along a highway in the southeastern state of Florida, US media reported.

to ease the situation, Hu

said in the message to

Putin. At a meeting with Putin in the Kremlin, Tang

said the strategic part-

nership between China

and Russia has been developing rapidly.

issues, Tang said.

Mutual political trust is deepening, the practical cooperation has seen marked results and the two countries have maintained close contact and coordination on major international and regional

MNA/Xinhua

The four, one man, one woman and two children, had been shot, apparently where they were found, local time, Sheriff Ken Mascara of St Lucie County said in a televised news conference.

The woman vainly attempted to protect the children by wrapping them in her arms, he said.

"The female had both children clutched in a defensive mode, in an attempt to protect them," he said. "It gives the appearance they were a family travelling," Mascara added.

All the four appeared to be Hispanic, the man was 29 years old, the woman 25 and the children appeared to be 4 and 6

A researcher displays a mini unpiloted instrument during the Robot Teaching and Research Seminar of Chinese Colleges and Universities in Beijing, on 14 Oct , 2006.—XINHUA

between 1:30 and 3:00 am | years old, police said.

Mascara said nearby residents reported hearing noises that could have been gunshots early in the morning.

The Florida Highway

Patrol received a call in the morning saying bodies were spotted off the southbound shoulder of the highway, the sheriff's office said.

MNA/Xinhua





Local residents and tourists attend the Lan Kwai Fong Carnival in Hong Kong, south China, on 14 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Two NATO soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 15 Oct— Two NATO soldiers were killed in fighting in the southern Afghan province of Kandahar on Saturday, an alliance spokesman said.

The nationality of the victims was not given, but Canadian troops make up the bulk of NATO forces in Kandahar, bordering Pakistan and the birthplace of the Taleban.

This year is the bloodiest since the Islamist Taleban government was toppled by a US-led coalition in 2001. More than 2,500 people, including about 140 foreign soldiers, have been killed across the country. — *MNA/Reuters*

FAO Director-General's Message on the 2006 World Food Day/TeleFood theme "Investing in Agriculture for Food Security"

Today, agriculture has contributed to human civilization by improving nutrition and living standards. It has ensured the production and distribution of agricultural, fishery and forestry products and enough food to feed everyone on this planet.

Despite the progress achieved in agriculture and rural development, more than 850 million people still remain hungry and poor. Our greatest challenge is to reach the World Food Summit and first UN Millennium Development Goal to halve by 2015 hunger and poverty worldwide.

The theme chosen for World Food Day and TeleFood this year is "Investing in agriculture for food security" so that "the whole world will profit". The aim is to highlight the role of investment in agriculture - both public and private. Action should be supported to improve rural livelihood by reversing the decline of public investment in agriculture over the last two decades.

Seventy percent of the world's hungry live in rural areas. That is where it is most critical to provide food and employment. The seed planted by a farmer leads to a flourishing agribusinesses that pay taxes, and help build rural schools and roads. Agricultural development is the first step of a long-term sustainable economic growth. Everyone gains from investment in agriculture.

Since 1964, FAO has been a key player in the UN system in the mobilization of international and domestic financing for agriculture in favour of developing countries and countries in transition. Through its cooperation with financing agencies, FAO has helped 165 member countries to obtain funding for almost 1600 agricultural and rural investment programmes and projects. That represents funding commitments of over US \$ 80 billion.

The challenge of increasing investment in agriculture is especially great in Africa. Governments in that region have recognized the urgency of committing their own resources to agriculture. In the "Maputo Declaration" in 2003, African Heads of State committed their governments to allocating 10 percent of their national budgets to agriculture and rural development within five years, thus doubling the present level of resources.

Recently there has been a significant revival in lending for agriculture. Debt forgiveness programmes, strengthened by the G-8 decision in 2005, have begun to release national resources for investment in the sector. But much still remains to be done and innovative actions are welcome.

Increasing the volume of public investment in agriculture is of absolute necessity and it is crucial to make such assistance more effective. One major mechanism is the Global Donor Platform for Rural Development, a consortium of 26 donor development agencies, which FAO co-chairs with Germany's Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development. The platform seeks to improve donor aid effectiveness and focus action on achieving the Millennium Development Goals.

While increased development assistance, public investment and debt relief are key elements, equal importance should be given to private sector investment. Commercial farmers, traders, input suppliers, agro-processors and transnational agribusinesses all contribute to a global system of investment that can help rural people reap profits from agricultural production, marketing and trade. But, importantly, let us not forget that small farmers themselves are the biggest investors in agriculture.

"Promoting profitable partnerships" is the new model for cooperation between the public and private sectors. This means finding new ways of bringing together producers-small farmers and cooperatives - with agribusiness and governments to create profitable ventures. It places primary responsibility on governments to create stable socio-political conditions, establish legal frameworks for access to land and water, enforce grades and standards, foster a better climate for private investment and provide essential rural infrastructure.

On this World Food Day, let us resolve together to increase the investment in agriculture so that the whole world may profit. -- MNA

Thai PM pledges closer ties, cooperation with Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 15 Oct — Thailand's Prime Minister Surayud Chula-nont on Sunday held talks with his Cambodian counterpart Hun Sen and pledged to strengthen ties as well as cooperating with Cam-bodia in every field.

Yongyuth Mayalarp, spokesman of the Thai government, told journalists that the Prime tion with Phnom Penh on responding tothe chal lenge of avian influenza (bird flu), continue



Thailand's Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont, right, is shown the way by Cambodia's Prime Minister Hun Sen upon his arrival at Phnom Penh international airport on 15 Oct, 2006 on his oneday official visit to Cambodia. —INTERNET

Minister informed Mr Hun Sen about the political situation in Thailand and pledged that his interim government would continue the previous government's policy of economic cooperation with the Phnom Penh government.

Gen Surayud pledged that his government would continue coopera-

Twelveeight-metrehigh fibreglass elephants are seennear the Opera house in Lille, northern France, on 14 Oct, 2006. The Indian elephant statues were created by Bollywood designer Nitin **Chandrakant** Desai to promote the Lille festivities on the trapped in elevators in theme of India. Oahu, authorities said. XINHUA

working together in the A y e y a w a d y - C h a o Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Strategy (ACMECS) and to continue negotiating regarding certain border areaswhich overlap be -

tween the two neighbour countries.

Hun Sen, according to Mr Yongyuth, was willing to allow the Thai government to change working committee members responsible for solving the border problem as he was keen to explore for oil in the disputed area as global oil price kept on rising. Gen Surayud said that in his opinion the problem of overlapping border areas must be solved jointly by the two countries because it would benefit both countries.

He said he had assigned Foreign Minister Nitya Pibulsonggram to act on behalf of the Thai government in meeting with appropriate Cambodian officials to find ways to resolve the issue.

Mr Yongyuth said that the Cambodian Premier proposed a meeting between Thai, Lao and Cambodian government leaders to be held on joint development of the socalled Emerald Triangle Cooperation Framework, designed for developing tourism resources and promote tourism among participating countries.

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Quake knocks out power across Hawaii

A strong earthquake KSSK from Hawaii shook Hawaii early Island that she had no Sunday, causing а landslide that blocked a major highway on Hawaii Island and knocking out power across the state, autho-rities said. The state Civil Defence had unconfirmed reports of injuries, but communication problems prevented more definite reports. People were also

Gov Linda Lingle said

HONOLULU, 15 Oct— in a radio interview with report of any fatalities. She said boulders fell on highways, rock walls collapsed and television had been knocked off stands. "We were rocking and rolling," said Anne LaVasseur, who was on the second floor of a two-story, wood-framed house on the east side of the Big Island when the temblor struck.



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Season's early snow blamed for at least three deaths in US

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct— The Buffalo area in New York was blanketed by a record-setting two feet (0.6 metre) of snow on Friday, and at least three deaths were linked to the rare early October snowstorm, media reports said.

with Canada, saw the heaviest snowfall for a single October day since 1870, when record-keeping began, meteorologists at the National Weather Service were quoted as saying.

Some 75,000 people in the city of Buffalo were left without power, Mayor Byron Brown said in a televised news conference.

Detroit and Chicago also set records, for the earliest measured snow, which caused many trees to fall on power

The Buffalo area, near the border | lines, knocking off electricity for many people.

> New York Governor George Pataki, who declared a state of emergency for several counties, said the snowstorm had knocked off power supply for about 380,000 homes and businesses in the state. Two people died in traffic accidents blamed on the storm and another person died after being hit by a falling tree limb while shovelling snow in the state, the Associated Press reported.

MNA/Xinhua



A woman digs her car out, the day after a sudden winter storm hit Buffalo, New York, on 14 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Two cargo ships collide near Three Gorges, ten rescued

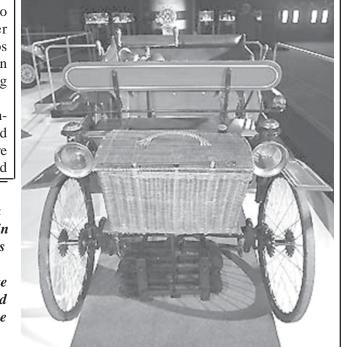
YICHANG, 15 Oct—Two cargo ships collided on Friday night on the upper reach near the Three Gorges Dam and ten sailors were rescued.

Three Gorges navigation administration, the collision took place at 10:35 pm near Quxikou in central China's Hubei Province, or about seven kilometres from the Three Gorges Dam.

One cargo ship capsized on the spot after the collision. The administration deployed two rescue ships, together with other fishing ships on the nearby waters in search of the missing

According to the necessary medical treatment. Yet it remains unknown how many sailors are still missing, said the source, adding that the rescue operation is still going on.

The collision does not affect the normal traffic on the Yangtze River near the Three Gorges, and



Secretary General's message on the International Day for the **Eradication of Poverty** 17 October 206

YANGON, 17 Oct— The following is the message from the Secretary General of the United Nations on the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty which falls today.

The theme for this year's International Day for the Eradication of Poverty— "Working together out of poverty"— highlights the need for a truly global anti-poverty alliance, one in which both developed and developing countries participate actively.

The world has made real but insufficient progress towards the Millennium Development Goals. Thus, while extreme poverty declined significantly between 1990 and 2002— from 28 % to 19% of the developing world's population—progress has been uneven both within and between regions and countries. In much of Asia, economic and social progress has lifted nearly a quarter of a billion people out of perpetual poverty. But poverty rates in Western Asia and Northern Africa have remained stagnant, while the transition economies of Eastern Europe and Central Asia have registered increase. And sub-Saharan Africa lags the most, with the region unlikely to meet the Millennium Development Goal of halving extreme poverty by 2015.

Clearly, more needs to be done to tackle poverty and underdevelopment. The Doha trade negotiations need to produce freer and fairer trade for all. Developed nations need to come through on their Official Development Assistance (ODA) and debt relief commitments. Developing countries, for their part, should prioritize the Millennium Development Goals and, if they have not yet done so, adopt national strategies to achieve them. They should utilize ODA flows to bolster national capacities in a sustainable manner, emphasizing better governance and strengthened rule of law. And countries already on track to achieve the Goals can aim higher still by adopting even more ambitious targets.

Regrettably, the "global partnership for development" remains more phrase than fact. This has to change. All key development actorsgovernments, the private sector, civil society and people living in povertymust undertake a truly collective anti-poverty effort that will lift living standards and alleviating human suffering.

The campaign to make poverty history— a central moral challenge of our age— cannot remain a task for the few, it must become a calling for the many. On this International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, I urge everyone to join this struggle. Together, we can make real and sufficient progress towards the end of poverty. - UNIC

China's coastal sea areas polluted

XIAMEN, 15 Octsea area in China — are About 14 million hectares polluted, according to the State Oceanic Adminiof China's coastal areasfive per cent of the total stration.

> "China's coastal areas The woven, collared power to repel mosquitos are suffering severe shirts typical of this | and other critters, like damage to their ecolandlocked South Amefleas. systems, a decrease in rican nation were oceanic resources and a launched this week by the apparel sold in the United loss of biological diversurfer-inspired Pombero sity," said Li Xiaoming, brand. Citronella oil director of the Department comes from a perfumed of Ocean Environment grass and acts as an insect Protection under the repellent. administration. "This is a product According to Li, 31.7 aimed at people who enjoy billion tons of waste water, being in the fresh air and almost four times the in contact with nature, but average annual waste over who want to maintain a the last century, were poured into the sea in 2005 sophisticated style," said and over 25 million tons company owner Rodrigo of pollutants were Jacks. He added the shirts discharged into the can be washed up to 40 water.—MNA/Xinhua times before losing their

Paraguay shirts repel mosquitos

ASUNCION, 15 Oct-Young entrepreneurs in Paraguay say they have a new weapon against pesky, and potentially dangerous, mosquitos --- cotton shirts soaked in lemon-scented citronella oil.

Insect repellent States is coated in permethrin, a manmade derivative of the chrysanthemum plant. But in Paraguay, the shirts are a novelty. Government scientists are interested in finding out whether they could provide extra protection from ailments like malaria or dengue, an infectious disease transmitted by mosquitos.

investigation into the cause of the accident is underway.-MNA/Xinhua

sailors.

As of Saturday morning, ten sailors were found and rescued, and all were given food, clothing and

Photo taken on 14 Oct, 2006 shows a vintage car produced in 1893 at the 2006 Paris International Auto Show in Paris. Vintage with different ages and brands were put on the show.—XINHUA

MNA/Reuters

MMTEI to produce 1,800 generators, 10,000 meters a year

NAY PYI TAW, 16 ____ Myanma Oct Machine Tool and Electrical Industries under the Ministry of Industry-2, opened two factories which will produce generators and meters in Padaung Township, Pyay District, in Bago Division (West) on 14 October.

Member of the Peace State and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence unveiled the signboard of the factories. The Generator Factory will produce 5 KW, 10 KW single phase generators and 20 KW, 30 KW, 50 KW and 100 KW three phase generators, and the factory is expected to



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence inspects meter factory in Padaung Township. — MNA

produce over 1,800 generators per year.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko

Ko, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Vice-Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Col Sein Myint, departmental heads under the Ministry of Industry-2, officials of **China-National Machinery**

Import and Export Corporation and Angelique International Co Ltd and officials.

Before the opening ceremony of the Generator Factory, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on test run

National Convention Convening Work Committee meets members of **Panel of Chairmen**

YANGON, 16 Oct-A meeting between the National Convention Convening Work Committee and members of the Panel of Chairmen of the National Convention was held at the meeting hall-7 of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

It was attended by

Chairman of NCC Work **Committee Chief Justice** U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thaung Nyunt and the jointsecretaries and members of the Panel of Chairmen of National Convention. Chairman of NCC

Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe presided over the meeting and Director (meeting) of the Work Committee Office U Than Aung acted as master of ceremonies.

In his address, Chairman of NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe said that the Panel of Alternate Chairmen had already presented suggestions

submitted by the delegate groups to lay down detailed basic principles for the functions on legislation of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw and Region or State Hluttaw to be included in the writing of the State Constitution, the chapter on the citizens and fundamental rights and duties of the citizens and the role of the

and production of the factory and called for production of quality machines and equipment.

The Generator Factory was formally opened by the managing director of the Myanma Machine Tool and Electrical Industries, the managing director of the Myanma Industrial Construction Services and the managing director of China National Machinery Import and Export Corporation.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and guests viewed generators produced by the factory, test run generators and of production process of the factory.

The Three Phase Watt Hour Meter Factory

was formally opened by the managing director of the Myanma Machine Tool and Electrical Industries, the managing director of the Myanma Industrial Construction Services and Vice President of Angelique International Co Ltd Mr Pradeep Arya.

The Three Phase Watt Hour Meter Factory launched its test run on 22 September 2005 and could produce 200 three phase watt hour meters a month.

The factory is expected to manufacture 10,000 three phase watt hour meters a year.

Eighty per cent of components for three phase watt hour meters are manufactured at home.

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Coord Meeting for performing arts competitions held



Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers an address at meeting of NCC Work Committee and members of Panel of Chairmen of NC. — MNA

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A & I Minister attends ceremony to mark World Food Day 2006



Agriculture and Irrigation Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo delivers an address at World Food Day 2006.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct— A ceremony to mark 2006 World Food Day was held at the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, here, this morning. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo attended the ceremony and presented prizes to award winners.

Present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies, departmental heads and others.

In his address, the minister said: Myanmar as one of the earliest member of the United Nations and also as a member of FAO, an agency of the UN, has traditionally and annually been celebrating the World Food Day consistently, and it remains a clear indication of Myanmar's commitments to the ideals of the UN and FAO, in their quest for global welfare, prosperity

and peace.

All the same, Myanmar is keenly aware that many more hurdles still remain to be surmounted. Freedom from hunger and the eradication of poverty still remain elusive and additional and concrete efforts for peace and security, and all round development still need to be enhanced. And in such respects, Myanmar has all along been cooperating sincerely with international agencies, regional organizations and its neighbouring countries, in whatever capacity it has been assigned to.

Since FAO's 2006 World Food Day theme "Invest in Agriculture and Food Security" is highly appropriate to the prevailing conditions, it is our fervent hope that FAO and the International Agencies will be able to lay down suitable plans and strategies

MTA (Homein) Region Development and Welfare Group condemns US for putting Myanmar on agenda of UNSC

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—*MTA* (Homein) Region Development and Welfare Group on 30 September issued the declaration on its stance over the decision to put Mynamar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.

The following is the full text of the declaration:

The declaration of MTA (Homein) Region Development and Welfare Group on condemnation of the US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN.

30 September 2006

A variety of national races reside in our country and it is obvious that the government is now making all-out efforts to bring about harmonious development after laying down the development projects across the



Forestry Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung awards to an outstanding person.— MNA

for more investment in agricultural productions.

Myanmar has historically been engaged in the uplift of agriculture and the government has been rendering all-round assistance to agriculture.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has laid down five work programmes. It lays emphasis on good road and communication with rural areas and guidance for the promotion of education, health, agriculture and the socio-economic conditions of rural areas. The programmes also call for the provision of adequate water for agricultural purposes and village water supplies, compatible to health.

The Union of Myanmar, in cognizance of its future growing population, has viewed the inevitable increase from all angles, and has laid down suitable

nation. Moreover, delegates representing national races and delegates representing people from all walks of life are participating in the National Convention in session for the emergence of a new democratic nation. Remarkable progress has been made in the holding of NC.

At a time when relentless efforts are being made in the process of transition to democracy, the US representative to the UN accused the country of posing a threat to regional stability and as a result, a decision was made on 15 September 2006 to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.

Such act is just the US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs with the intention of impeding the nation-building endeavours, Our Three Main National Causes and the seven-point Road Map.

That is why the peace group declares that it condemns and protests against the plot of US to put the country on the agenda of UNSC in the strongest terms.

Maha Jar Chairman MTA (Homein) Region Development and Welfare Group policies and strategies for food sufficiency.

Afterwards, Resident Representative Mr Tang Zhengping of FAO read out the message of the directorgeneral of FAO.

After viewing the video featuring the commemoration of 2006 World Food Day, ministers and guests observed booths displayed and agricultural machinery.

At the prize presentation ceremony, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and officials presented prizes to award winners for excellent performance in agriculture, forestry, livestock and fisheries sectors, essay, painting and poster contests and photo contest. — *MNA*

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Administrative bodies and service personnel are those who...

(from page 1) Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and Deputy Minister for Social welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Aung Kyi reported on upgrading of roads and bridges, telephone and telegraphs, requirements of rural health care units, appointment of teachers and provision of fire engines.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint also reported on the regional conditions and transport matters.

The Prime Minister then gave necessary instructions and presented provisions for Mankin rural health care unit to Hsinbo Township Officer.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented medicines for 16bed hospital to the doctor in-charge, the commander presented clothing and Secretariat member of USDA Brig-Gen Thein Zaw USDA uniforms.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present. The Prime Minister and party inspected the site for construction of 16-bed hospital in Hsinbo. They inspected the extension of classrooms of Hsinbo Basic Education High School and toured the town.

At noon, the Prime Minister and party arrived in Dawphonyan in Momauk Township. They

visited the BEHS and training of students in audio and computer skill room.

The Prime Minister met departmental officials, social associations and townselders. Township Officer UYe Tun Aung of GAD reported on data of the township, rice sufficiency, measures undertaken for better roads, education and health matters and hydel power project.

An engineer of Public Works reported on construction of Konhnaw-Makhwal-Theinlon-Dawphonyan Road. Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe gave a supplementary report.

The commander, the ministers and the deputy ministers reported on efforts for development of Dawphonyan.

The Prime Minister told officials to upgrade 14mile Makhwal-Theinlon road section to all-weather road.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements and said the government is making endeavours for development of administration, education, health and transport after designating Myitkyina and Bhamo regions as development regions.

He said the government is making efforts for equal development of all regions in the Union, narrowing the gap between one region and another and im-

provement of living standard of the people. He said the service personnel are to work hard after realizing the goodwill and programmes of the government.

The service personnel should not perform their duties perfunctorily after enjoying salaries and rations provided by the government. Instead, they should work hard with goodwill and sense of duty.

The regions lagged behind in development and had to suffer a lot of hardships due to the armed insurgency in the past. Now there is peace and stability in the region. Therefore the government is making arrangements for local people to fully enjoy the taste of stability and peace.

He said Myitkyina-Akyai-Hsinbo Road and

Leading Committee Chairman meets officials of Work Committee, **Sub-committees**

Konhnaw-Makhwal-Theinlon-Dawphonyan Road are to be completed. Better transport makes the regions develop. Administrative bodies and service personnel are those who implement the State projects practically. Tasks are to be carried out harmoniously based on mutual understanding

> and respect through coordination and cooperation. By doing so, regional and national development

can be made, he said. Next, the Prime Minister presented funds for 16-bed hospital and school in Dawphonyan to officials.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint also presented medical supplies to the doctor incharge. The commander and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented clothing and uniforms.

The Prime Minister presented cash to women's affairs and maternal

and child welfare association and greeted those present at the meeting.

The Prime Minister and party inspected construction of the hospital and presented offertories to Myothit Kyaung and MyoU Kyaung Sayadaws. They visited domestic science and vocational training school for women and toured Dawphonyan and left for Myitkyina.

MNA

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Home-made bomb explodes in Kyaukdaga

NAY PYI TAW, 16 , clandestinely operating at , building. According to Oct — Exiled terrorists the border of the other the investigation into and insurgents in league country are bent on shrapnels, it was a kind of home-made bomb with internal and external committing acts of destructive elements are terrorism. mostly used by attempting to harm lives On 14 October at insurgents. about 10 pm, a small The local people as and security of the people bomb exploded at a small by committing subversive well as the people from empty wooden building states and divisions are acts such as blasting near Ahthawka-yon bombs and inciting the denouncing such public unrest. Moreover, monastery at the corner destructive acts and of USan Kyaw Street and cooperating with security in collusion with '88' Post Office Street in generation students and personnel in investigating Kyaukdaga in Bago information sources for anti-government groups within the country, those Division. The bomb the explosion.



Prime Minister General Soe Win provides cash assistance to BEHS in Dawphonyan through the headmistress at the school.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct—A coordination meeting between the Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and the Work Committee, the subcommittees and managers of states and divisions took

place at the meeting hall Transit Centre of (Ywahtaw) here yesterday evening.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Competitions Arts Commander of Nav Pvi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin made a speech on the occasion.

Next, Secretary of

the Leading Committee Col Yan Naing Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Command explained matters on the competitions while the sub-committees presented sector-wise works on the competitions.

After hearing the presentations, the commander attended to the requirements. And the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the commander.—MNA

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Programmes of Performing Arts Competitions continue for second day

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct — The second day programmes of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at designated places here today.

Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Leading Committee of the Competitions and Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Secretary of the Leading Committee Col Yan Naing Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Command and committee members, officials and fans enjoyed the competitions.

The Maha Gita contest was held at the

men's singing contest and 8 in higher education level women's Maha Gita singing contest.

Oldies and modern song contests were held at the Lecture Theatre of Yezin University of Agriculture and it was supervised by Chairperson of the Panel of Judges Assistant Director (Music) (Retd) Daw Tin Tin Mya and members.

Altogether 12contestants participated in higher education level modern songs contest and 14 in basic education level (age 10-15) boys' oldies and modern song contest.

The dancing contests were held at Auditorium of University of Veterinary science and Members of the Panel of Judges for Dancing Contest led by Chairman



Contestants participate in Orchestra contest (amateur level) (first class). — MNA

Members of the Panel of for Song

Sein Ka Lar (a) U Aung Wan Tu and members.

Altogether six groups from states and divisions took part in basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' Dobat contest. The contest continued in the afternoon and it was participated by four groups.

Piano contest was held at Forest Research Department. Seven contestants participated in higher education level (men) piano contest and eight contestants took part in basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' piano contest. The piano contests were supervised by Chairman of the Panel of Judges U Yi Nwe and members.

The orchestra contests were held at the convocation hall of the University of Agriculture. Eight troupes participated in Orchestra (amateur level)(first class) contests and six troupes in basic education level (age 10-15) boys' orchestra contests. The contests were supervised by Chairman of the Panel of Judges U Yi Nwe and members.

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.**





A contestant competes in piano contest (basic education level). — MNA

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- Judges Composing Contest led by Chairman of the Panel of Judges U Lay Nyunt supervised the contest.
 - Participants of

University of Agriculture and it was supervised by Secretary of Panel of Judges of the Singing Contest Assistant Director U Kyaw Swe of Fine Arts Department and members supervised the singing contest.

Altogether 13 contestants from states and divisions took part in the basic education level (aged 10-15) Maha Gita

Professor Daw Nu Nu Khin of University of Culture (Mandalay) supervised the dancing contest.

Altogether 14 contestants competed in the higher education level women's dancing contest.

Song composing contest was held at Lecture Hall of Agriculture Research Department.

class) song composing contest practised the songs they had composed.

On 17 October, participants in higher education level song composing contest will practise the songs they had composed.

The Dobat contest was held at Agriculture Research Department and it was supervised by leader of the Panel of Judges U

A contestant of Mon State taking part in the singing contest (higher education level).—MNA MNA

Singing, dancing, song composing and music...

(from page 16) Girls' dancing contest (aged 10-15) and the drama contest will be held.

Similarly, the song composing contest was held at Lecture Hall of Agriculture Research Department. Members of the Panel of Judges for Song Composing Contest led by Chairman of the Panel of Judges U Lay Nyunt supervised the contest.

Ten contestants from States and Divisions

took part in the amateur level (first class) song composing contest; 13 persons in the amateur level (second class) song composing contest, and ten in higher education level song composing contest.

On 16 October, participants of amateur level (second class) song composing contest practised for the songs they had composed.

Solo Orchestra contest was held at the

Convocation hall of University of Agriculture. 13 contestants took part in amateur level (second class) men's solo orchestra contest and 8 in basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' solo orchestra contest.

The contests were supervised by Chairman of the Panel of Judges U Yi Nwe and members.

On 16 October, amateur (first class) men's orchestra contest and ba-



A contestant participating in dancing contest (Women's professional level). (News on page 9). —MNA

Bio-energy to account for 4% of China's renewable energy by 2020

Beijing, 16 Oct -Bio-energy will account for 1 per cent of China's renewable energy consumption by 2010, and four per cent by 2020, said sources with the Ministry of Agriculture (MoA) on Friday.

Bai Jinming, an official with the science, technology and education department of the MoA, said at the start-up

ceremony for the project of strategic development of bio-energy in rural China that bio-energy will help China meet its rising demand for energy.

The project is jointly launched by the Asian Development Bank and the MoA developing bioenergy in rural China will promote the development China's agriculture, along with the rural areas and methane each year,

Chinese farmers, said Bai. Bio-energy has been developing rapidly in China. According to statistics, by the end of 2005, more than 18.07 million peasant households are using methane gas for fuel.

More than 3,550 bioenergy projects are producing nearly seven billion cubic metres of

according to the statistics. According to the MoA, China's installed capacity of bio-energy

electricity will reach 5.5 million kilowatts by 2010, and 30 million kw by 2020. The annual use of methane gas will be 19 billion cubic metres in 2010 and 40 billion in 2020. — MNA/Xinhua

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Singing, dancing, song composing and music contests of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue tomorrow at the designated places.

Maung Nyan Win of Yangon Division will compete in Vesantara Drama contest. — MNA



A contestant participating in modern singing contest (Women's professional level). (News on page 9). — MNA

Deputy of Interior Ministry survives bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 16 Oct — A roadside bomb went off near the convoy of a deputy of the Interior Ministry in eastern Baghdad on Sunday, killing five people and wounding seven others, a well-Informed Interior Ministry source said.

"A female Deputy of Interior Ministry in the financial department, survived unhurt when a roadside bomb hit her convoy at about 8:45 am (0545 GMT) near the al-Mustansrivah gas station in eastern Baghdad," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The blast damaged two cars of the convoy and wounded two of her bodyguards, along with five civilians killed and five others wounded, the source said.

In separate incident, a roadside bomb detonated near a US patrol in the Ghadier District in eastern Baghdad, wounding two civilians, the source said.

MNA/Xinhua



Beijing's tallest skyscraper to install fast-speed elevator

will take elevator passengers just 30 seconds to be flung to the top of new wing of the 73-storey China World Trade Centre, Beijing's tallest building which is due to be completed in 2009. The elevator will lift passengers at 10 metres per second

BEIJING, 16 Oct - It | China, according to a | Centre. The landmark contract signed between the China World Trade Centre Group and Schindler(China)Elevator and Escalator Co. Ltd. here on Thursday. The third phase of the China World Trade Centre will be 330 metres tall, doubling the height of the existing and will be the fastest in | Beijing World Trade | stomachs.—MNA/Xinhua

building is on the north side of the Chang'an Avenue, Beijing's main street just inside the city's third ring road. A manager with Schindler China, said that the elevator's acceleration will be adjustable by computer so people will not get queasy



Two tourists enjoy themselves in snow in southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region on 14 Oct, 2006. The first snowfall this autumn has hit the region.—XINHUA

Expert says Chinese acupuncture can cure 461 diseases

TIANJIN, 15 Oct — Chinese acupuncture can cure 461 diseases, said an expert with Chinese Acupuncture Clinic Research Centre in north China's Tianjin City.

Du Yuanhao, 43-yearold doctor, gave the conclusion after fouryear's study on the acupuncture functions together with his team.

According to Du's findings, most of the diseases to which acupuncture is effective are in the nervous system, the digestive system, the genitourinary system, muscles, bones and skins, such as stroke, diarrhoea, enteritis, dementia and skin rashes.

The points for acupuncture are in flesh, and that is why the treatment can be effective to diseases in muscles and skins, Du said. "Besides, points are rich in nerves. Thus it can also cure diseases in the nervous system and other systems whose functions are directly controlled by nerves."— MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia to fully arm "Sukhoi" jetfighters S Africa ready to seize land from White farmers

EAST LONDON (South Africa), 16 Oct — The South African Government has issued new orders to seize land from a small number of White farmers who were not willing to settle apartheid-era land disputes with dispossessed blacks, the nation's agriculture and land affairs minister said.

Minister Lulu Xingwana has said her department would only

hold price negotiations for six months with whites who own land taken from blacks during White minority rule. If talks failed, officials would take steps to seize the land.

She said wrangling over prices had in the past often taken years, frustrating officials who are under pressure to speed up the transfer of land to blacks in order to correct the skewed land owner-

ship created under White rule.

"I must say, yes, the majority of White farmers have turned around and come to the table and are offering to sell land to support government restitution, but there are hard-nosed ones and we are dealing with that right now," she told reporters on Friday.

Xingwana said that the government was issuing seizure orders to four White farmers in Bela-Bela, located in South Africa's northern Limpopo Province, who had failed to reach settlements within six months of being notified that they must do so.

South Africa has promised to put a third of the commercial farming sector in Black hands by 2014, but 12 years after the fall of apartheid only 4 per cent of the industry belongs to the Black majority.

Restitution is part of this drive, allowing blacks to apply to have their rights to land taken from them restored or to seek financial compensation from the government.—*MNA/Reuters*



JAKARTA, 15 Oct — The Indonesian Air Force plans to fully arm its four Russia-made *Sukhoi* jetfighters, which arrived here in 2004 unarmed, a report said Saturday.

The programme is estimated to cost seven million US dollars, reported the country's leading news website Detikcom, quoting the Air Force chief.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Source of E coli spread remains mystery

Los Angeles, 15 Oct-Federal and state health officials are still investigating the source of E coli spread that killed three people and sickened almost 200 others nationwide. Investigators pinpointed cattle feces as a possible source, but they still do not know how the lethal bacteria spread to the fields and tainted so much food, officials said on Saturday. Experts need to figure out the mechanism of transport to the spinach fields. They said if it is a short distance, wind can transport the bacteria, so can floods and rain. The bacteria can be also transported by people

walking from one side to another.

Federal and state investigators announced on Thursday that they have matched E coli O157:H7 in feces from an unidentified cattle ranch in California to the They raised several questions:

-How did the pathogen move from cows to crops? Large numbers of wild pigs frequent the ranch and might have fed on manure and excreted it in fields or tracked it there; —How did the manure spread to so much spinach? Runoff or spring flooding could have transported feces from the ranch, but the suspect cattle pastures are downhill from spinach fields; and —Are there other sources? There have been eight previous outbreaks that have been traced back to other lettuce in California's Salina Valley and

spinach fields over the last decade.

Kevin Reilly, deputy director of the state Department of Health Services' prevention services division, said 13 people from his agency and the Federal and Drug Administration were taking samples in four fields Friday, focusing on the cattle ranch and trying to find out "precisely how the contamination could have reached the actual spinach on the fields". "We're talking about detective work ... We don't have that definitive evidence yet but we have a number of clues," he said.—MNA/Xinhua

A Thai child fishes in flood waters in his house in Bangkok on 15 Oct, 2006. INTERNET



bacteria found in sick people as well as bagged spinach they ate.

Experts said spinach fields are close to cattle fields are close to cattle franches, leading to fispeculation that cattle franches, leading to fispeculation that cattle franches spinach. But experts still cannot find answers to the many mysteries. Until the safety of the region's fileafy greens cannot be franches assured, experts said.

A US Air Force memorial was dedicated in Arlington, Virginia, just outside the nation's capital, on 14 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

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Singapore, Slovakia sign Investment **Guarantee Agreement**

SINGAPORE, 15 Oct-Singapore and Slovakia on Friday signed an Investment Guarantee Agreement (IGA) during Slovak President Ivan Gasparovic's state visit to Singapore. Demonstrating the growing economic relations between the two countries, the agreement gives investors of both sides greater certainty by clearly setting out investment norms and protection.

According to the Foreign Affairs Ministry, Gasparovic met his Singaporean counterpart SR Nathan on Friday morning. The two leaders agreed that Singapore and Slovakia share many similar traits and issues of mutual concern. — MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN countries agree to fight haze jointly

reached in a meeting in JAKARTA, 15 Oct— Environment ministers of Pekanbaru, capital of five ASEAN countries Indonesia's Riau Proagreed to forge a joint effort vince, on Friday by five to overcome the haze ASEAN environment ministers. "The ministers disaster, which hit the region in the past few agreed to jointly overcome weeks as a result of forest the haze problem as soon as possible," Antara news and bush fires in Indonesia. The agreement was agency on Saturday

quoted Indonesian Environment Minister Witoelar as saying at the closing ceremony. "The haze could not be overcome quickly because Indonesia faced grave difficulties. There-

fore, we agreed to co-

operate. ASEAN coun-

tries appreciated the efforts made by Indonesia to overcome the haze," Witoelar said.

He said that the meeting also agreed to provide operational funds to overcome forest and bush fires in Indonesia.

MNA/Xinhua

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A conference celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Central Institute of Socialism is held in Beijing on 14 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

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HK to roll out vehicle replacement plan by April

HONG KONG, 15 Oct - Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) Government will set out to implement the vehicle replacement plan next April to reduce air pollution in the city, Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works Dr Sarah Liao said here Friday.

The plan includes proposals to provide incentives for the early replacement of diesel vehicles with Euro IV models by next April, aiming to reduce nitrogen oxide and respirable suspended particulate emissions by 18 per cent upon completion of this programme.

Liao said the government will consult the Legislative Council on the issue after listening to the trade's views, adding it will take several months to finalize the plan. Liao said emissions from crossboundary vehicles using China's Mainland's low-quality petrol are major

China marks 50th anniversary of aerospace industry

BEIJING, 15 Oct — Chinese President Hu Jintao sent a congratulatory letter to a conference celebrating the 50th anniversary of the country's aerospace industry on Friday morning.

Hu said that the aerospace industry is a significant symbol of the nation's strength.

We have made great achievements including developing the nuclear bomb, missiles, artificial satellites and manned space flights, and have established an independent and complete system

for the aerospace industry and scientific research. said the President.

As the country's economic and social development progresses, there are bright prospects for China's aerospace industry, he said.

Premier Wen Jiabao, who was present at the meeting, said that the successes of the Shenzhou V and Shenzhou VI manned space flights had realized the dreams of the Chinese people and marked another milestone in the history of China's aerospace cause.

The development of China's aerospace industry has been based on selfreliance and innovation, he said. Wen emphasized that more efforts should be made in scientific research

and innovation for the benefit of the aerospace industry. China should strengthen its basic research ability and the education of trained personnel, he added.

He also called for more international communication and cooperation in the aerospace field. On 15 and 16 October, 2003, China launched and retrieved Shenzhou V. China's first manned spacecraft, becoming the third country in the world to conduct a manned space flight independently.

From 12 to 17 October, 2005, the Shenzhou VI manned spacecraft completed a five-day flight with two astronauts on board carrying out spacebased experiments.

MNA/Xinhua

Study says extrasolar planet half hot, half freezing

Los Angeles, 15 Oct — Using NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope, astronomers have for the first time measured the temperatures on a planet outside our Solar System, and found the planet blisteringly hot on one side, frigid on the other.

The scientists on Thursday reported their findings at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society in Pasadena, California. The study also appeared in the 12 October online advance edition of the iournal Science.

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Andromeda B, is about 75 per cent the mass of Jupiter, orbiting its star every 4.6 days.

Upsilon Andromeda B was discovered in 1996 around its sun Upsilon Andromeda, which is away and visible to the naked eye at night in the The planet, 40 light constellation Andromeda. years (400 trillion The researchers kilometres) from Earth determined that the and named Upsilon temperature variation between the planet's light side and its dark side could reach 1,600 degrees Celsius — its sunlit side could be hot as 1,400 to 1,650 degrees Celsius, while the dark side only minus 20 to 230 degrees Celsius.

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Barca break clear after 3-1 win over Sevilla

MADRID, 16 Oct- Barcelona moved three points clear at the top of the Primera Liga on Sunday after a Ronaldinho double and virtuoso solo goal from Lionel Messi earned a 3-1 home win against high-flying Sevilla.

Ronaldinho had come in for criticism for failing to pull his weight so far this season, but the twice World Player of the Year sparked into life with a coolly taken penalty and a classy free kick to put his side 2-1 up at the end of the first half.

Argentine teenager Messi made sure of the win with a brilliant individual goal 10 minutes from time ahead of a big week for the Catalans in which they play Chelsea in the Champions League and then meet archrivals Real Madrid at the Bernabeu.

Barca, who are the only unbeaten side in the division, lead the table with 16 points from six games, three clear of Valencia and Atletico Madrid.

Valencia slipped to their first defeat of the season when they lost 3-2 at Celta Vigo, while Atletico snatched a 2-1 victory at home to Recreativo Huelva on Saturday when striker Sergio Aguero helped the ball into the net with his hand.

MNA/Reuters

Porto reclaim top spot with win over Maritimo

LISBON, 16 Oct- Striker Helder Postiga scored twice as champions Porto moved back to the top of the Portuguese Premier League with a 3-0 home win over Maritimo on Saturday.

The northern team lead with 15 points from six matches, two points clear of Braga, who won 3-0 at promoted Beira Mar on Friday.

Sporting, who host Estrela Amadora on Sunday, are third, three points behind the leaders.

Postiga opened the scoring after 35 minutes with a well placed low shot following a cross from the right by Argentine striker Lisandro Lopez.

Porto doubled the lead in the 63rd minute through Argentina's Lucho Gonzalez with a penalty after a foul on Postiga.

Brazilian striker Bruno Morais came on as a substitute in the 76th minute, making his first appearance in 18 months after recovering from three operations.

Postiga completed his double in the 84th minute from Brazilian playmaker Anderson's pass.

MNA/Reuters



Diouf double gives Bolton 2-1 win at Newcastle

LONDON, 16 Oct- Striker El-Hadji Diouf scored twice in two minutes as Bolton Wanderers came from behind to win 2-1 away to Newcastle United in the Premier League on Sunday.

Bolton climbed to third in the standings on 17 points from eight games, two points behind leaders Manchester United and champions Chelsea, who both won away on Saturday.

Newcastle, 15th with seven points, went ahead in the 18th minute with a penalty by striker Shola Ameobi, awarded for handball against defender Abdoulaye Faye. The Magpies should have gone two up five minutes before the interval but defender Peter Ramage blasted the ball over the bar when he had the goal at his mercy. -MNA/Reuters



Newcastle's Craig Moore, right, tussles with Bolton's Nicolas Anelka during their English Premier League soccer match at St James' Park, Newcastle, England. on 15 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Stankovic double sends Inter top of Serie A

ROME, 16 Oct-Dejan Stankovic scored a goal in each half to send Inter Milan back to the top of Serie A with a 2-1 win over Catania on Sunday.

The result gave the Italian champions 14 points from six matches, two points ahead of AS Roma, who lacked their usual fluency in a 1-0 defeat at Reggina.

Inter also climbed above Palermo, who lost 3-2 at home to Atalanta.

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Stankovic equalized when he headed a Luis Figo cross into the bottom corner of Cagliari's net after 29 minutes but Inter continued to misfire until Julio Cruz replaced Brazilian striker Adriano on the hour mark.

Seven minutes after coming on Cruz was fouled Cagliari in their last league | by Mauro Minelli to earn a penalty but his spot kick was turned round the post by Armando Pantanelli. The Catania keeper was left flat-footed, though, in the 75th minute, when a punched clearance dropped kindly for Stankovic at the edge of the area and he volleyed home Inter's second goal. The champions were not the only top side struggling to find their rhythm. MNA/Reuters



Hibernian's Merouane Zemmama, left, scores past Heart's goalkeeper Craig Gordon during their Scottish Premier League soccer match at Easter Road, Edinburgh, Scotland, on 15 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

Valencia lose unbeaten record at Celta

MADRID, 16 Oct-Valencia slumped to their first defeat of the season when they lost 3-2 at Celta Vigo in an action-packed Primera Liga match at Balaidos on Sunday.

four minutes before the break, but Celta equalized on the stroke of halftime when striker Fernando Baiano lashed home from the right side of the area.

Celta went two up thanks to quick-fire goals from Iriney and Fabian Canobbio early in the second half and although Fernando Morientes narrowed the lead just past the hour Valencia were unable to preserve their unbeaten record. With Real Madrid suffering their first defeat when they went down 1-0 at Getafe on Osasuna.-MNA/Reuters

The visitors took the lead Saturday, champions Barcelona through defender David Navarro are the only team who had yet to lose in the league.

Barca were certain to be pushed all the way, however, when they met Sevilla later on Sunday. The Andalucians crushed Barca 3-0 when the two teams met in the European Super Cup at the start of the season.

At the other end of the table, Athletic Bilbao and Racing Santander notched up their first wins. Bilbao edged a 3-2 win at Gimnastic Tarragona, while Racing clinched a 1-0 victory at



American young star Vania King beating Thai top seed Tamarine Tanasugran in the WTA tournament Bangkok Open 2006 on Sunday.—XINHUA

France's Laurence Fischer, left, competes with Japan's Ayaka Arai during their women's +60 kg category final match in the World Karate Championships in Tampere, Finland, on 15 Oct, 2006. Fischer won the match to take the gold medal.—INTERNET

match, Inter's players were keen to get their title challenge back on track with a victory over promoted Catania.

However, the visitors proved remarkably resistant at the San Siro, clinging on to possession and taking an unexpected lead when striker Giuseppe Mascara looped a superb shot over goalkeeper Julio Cesar from wide on the left after 16 minutes.

Ajax beat Groningen 3-2 to stay on top

AMSTERDAM, 16 Oct- Leaders Ajax Amsterdam fought back from a goal down to beat previously unbeaten Groningen 3-2 in the Dutch league on Saturday.

Ryan Babel opened the scoring from close range for Ajax five minutes into the second half after Groningen goalkeeper Bas Roorda failed to clear the ball.

Five minutes later Evgeni Levchenko converted a penalty and Luis Suarez punished a blunder from goalkeeper Maarten Stekelenburg to give the visitors the lead.—MNA/Reuters

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Thailand's interim Parliament to hold first session

BANGKOK, 16 Oct — Thailand's newly-appointed National Legislative Assembly (NLA), as the interim Parliament whose prime responsibility is to draft a new Constitution for the country, is scheduled to convene its first session on Friday, Thai media reported on Sunday.

The Royal Decree countersigned by Thai Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont and announced on Saturday evening, called the first meeting of the 242-member new legislative body, eight days after King Bhumibol Adulyadej endorsed its membership, which was selected by the Council for National Security (CNS), the military authority body that led the

19 September coup ousting former prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

The main item on the agenda of NLA's first session will be the selection of NLA's president, a report from Thai News Agency said.

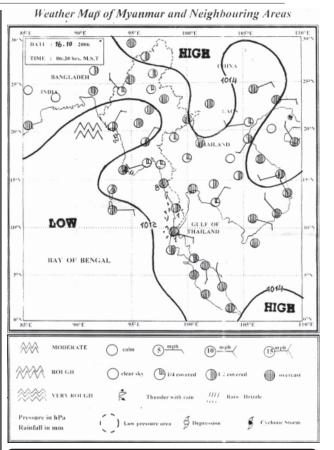
Sonthi Boonyaratkalin, CNS chairman said earlier that the military council will not intervene in the NLA's process of selecting a

chairman for itself, but affirmed that he was confident that the legislative assembly will function well as a Parliament, particularly in amending the Constitution to benefit all classes and sections of Thai society.

Under the interim charter announced by CNS, NLA is mandated to serve as the House of Representatives, the Senate and the Parliament. NLA

members can submit a motion to question Cabinet members, but the ministers have the right to refuse to answer. The legislators cannot pass a vote of confidence or no-confidence.

The 242 members appointed include persons from all walks of life, such as politicians, academics, retired and serving civil servants, representatives from Muslim organizations in the far south, civic group members and media professionals.



MNA/Xinhua



Athletes run at the start during the ANA Beijing International Marathon, also named as the 10th Asian Marathon Championships in Beijing, on 15 Oct, 2006. —XINHUA

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WEATHER

Monday, 16 October, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan State and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Kachin and Chin States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mindat (0.40) inch and Dawei (0.33) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-10-2006 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 16-10-2006 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 16-700/ Tatal a **1**a 2 au

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- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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- ² 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

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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

Singing, dancing, song composing and music contests of Performing Arts Competitions commence at designated places

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct —With the objectives-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 the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions were held on a grand scale for the first time at Auditorium of University of Veterinary Science; Convocation hall, Auditorium and Lecture Theatre of University of Agriculture; Auditorium of Forest Research Department; and Auditorium and Lecture Hall of Agriculture Research Department here yesterday.

Member of the Panel of Patrons of the





Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw Swe Swe Oo views the piano contest. — MNA

Leading Committee of the Competitions and Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw Swe Swe Oo, Secretary of the Leading Committee Col Yan Naing Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Command and committee members, officials and fans enjoyed the competitions.

The singing contest was held at the Auditorium and Lecture Theatre rector (Music) (Retd) Daw Tin Tin Mya of Myanma Radio and Television, Secretary Assistant Director U Kyaw Swe of Fine Arts Department and members supervised the singing contest.

Altogether 7 contestants from States and Divisions took part in the basic education level (aged 15-20) Maha Gita men's singing contest; 13 in amateur level (second class) women's Maha Gita singing contest; 14 in amateur level oldies and modern songs contest; and 15 in basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' oldies and modern song contest.

The dancing contest was held at Auditorium of University of Veterinary Science, and Members of the Panel of Judges for Dancing Contest led by Chairman of the Panel of Judges Professor Daw Nu Nu Khin of University of Culture (Mandalay) supervised the dancing contest.

Seven contestants competed in the amateur level (first class) women's dancing contest and 13 in the amateur level (second class) men's dancing contest.

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A contestant taking part in the amateur level (second class) men's dancing contest. MNA of University of Agriculture and it was supervised by Chairperson of the Panel of Judges for Singing Contest Assistant Di-

Vesantara drama contest

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct — The Vesantara Drama Contest of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at University of Veterinary Science in Yezin and anyone may watch the competitions free of charge.

Maung Moe Min Cultural Troupe representing Yangon Division will take part in the contest tomorrow. — *MNA*



Contestants from states and divisions participate in the song composing contest of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

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