

**People as well as the government are to do their bit in building a new and modern nation for everyone has his own duty**

**Prime Minister General Soe Win attends opening ceremony of main building of Government Technological College (Myitkyina)**



Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments concerned, local authorities, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organiza-

tion, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades, War Veterans Organization, faculty members and students, local people and guests.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung formally opened the main building of the GTC (Myitkyina). Next, the Prime

Minister and party posed for documentary photo with faculty members, students and local people.

Prime Minister General Soe Win planted a star-flower tree.

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**With magnificent buildings, the college needs to become a well-known one in terms of dignity and education standard.**



*Prime Minister General Soe Win delivers an address at opening ceremony of main building of Government Technological College in Myitkyina. MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — A ceremony to inaugurate the main building of Government Technological College (Myitkyina) under the Technical and Vocational Education Department of the Ministry of Science and Technology was held at the main building this morning, attended by Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development Council



*Main building of Government Technological College in Myitkyina. — MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 18 October, 2006

### Progress of agriculture, meat and fish, and forest sectors

Most of 55 million people of Myanmar live in rural areas and work in industries related with agriculture, meat and fish and forestry. Therefore, the government is taking measures to strengthen the national economy by making the best use of favourable conditions of terrestrial and aquatic environment and natural resources.

Myanmar has 18 million hectares of arable land and there are still another seven millions that can be farmed. With implementation of more irrigation facilities for agricultural purpose and increased investment in agriculture, production of the agriculture sector will surely become higher.

So far, a total of 189 dams and 298 river water pumping stations have been built. As a result, out of 12 millions hectares of farmland, over two millions can now be irrigated for cultivation of paddy and double and mixed crops.

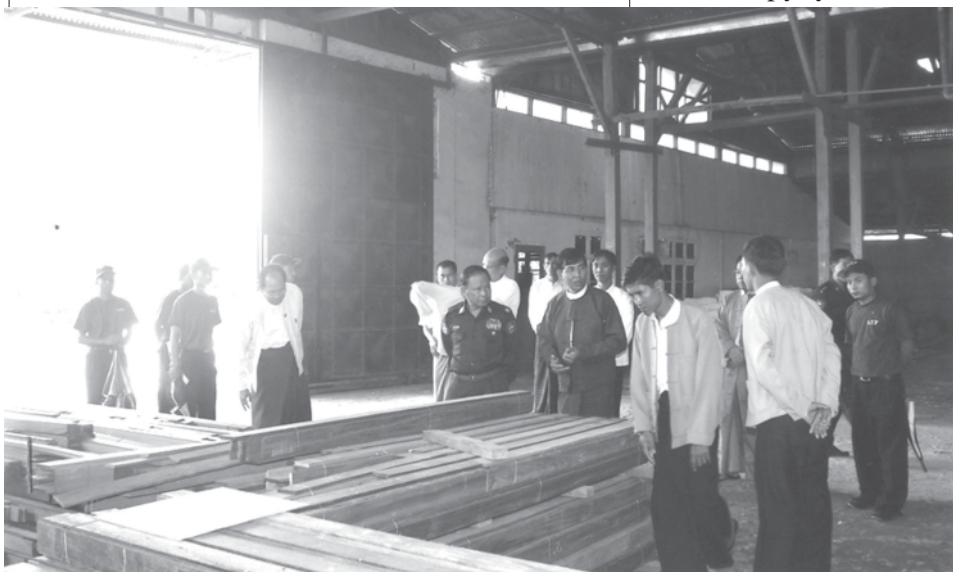
The meat and fish sector and industries related with aquatic resources play a major role in the national economy. Therefore, fish and prawn are farmed on a commercial scale in the coastal regions and in the rivers, creeks and lakes inland and exported.

Over half of the country, 33 million hectares of land to say exactly, is covered by forests. The greening of dry and arid zones, afforestation, conservation and systematic exploitation of forest will contribute a lot to the climate and the environment.

We believe that agricultural production will become high to ensure food sufficiency and export the surplus due to richness in natural resources, the government's support for development of the agriculture, the meat and fish, and the forest sector and the increased investment in these sectors.

*Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects Shwethapyay wood-based Factory.*

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## Peoples' Desire

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

### Bago Division USDA holds Kathina robes offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — Bago Division Union Solidarity and Development Association held its 6th Kathina Robes Offering Ceremony at Pangyongon Parahita Monastery in Bago on 15 October.

CEC Member of USDA Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min attended the ceremony and presented robes to members of the Sangha and contributed cash to the fund of the monastery.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Aung Min went to Sulamuni Pagoda and made cash donation.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than, proceeded to the rail-road construction site to link Sittong (Sathwagon) and Myitkyo and inspected construction of the 76-foot long Wazichaung Bridge on the railroad.

During his tour, the Rail Transportation Minister also went to the construction site of the 320-foot long bridge across Sittong Canal and assisted in construction tasks for the railroad from Sittong (Sathwagon) to DaikU. After hearing the reports, he called for timely completion of the road. — MNA

### PBANRDA offers "soon" to members of the Sangha

YANGON, 16 Oct — Under the patronage of Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and wife Daw Kyin Khine, staff families of the ministry, offered "soon" (a day meal) to members of the Sangha of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) at the university's refectory today.

The minister and the congregation received the Five Precepts from Professor Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanda Sucitta. Deputy Director-General U Kyaw of the Development Affairs Department donated K 327,500 for the day meal to the Sayadaw.

Next, they offered "soon" to members of the Sangha and shared merits gained. — MNA

*Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects construction of a bridge on Sittong (Sathwagon)-Myitkyo railroad.*

RAIL TRANSPORTATION



### Forestry Minister inspects wood based factory

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung together with officials inspected the furniture factory of Shwethapyay Wood-

based Factory here on 14 October morning.

The factory used low-cost wood and produced window frames and furniture for local market and markets. During his tour of inspection, the minister viewed production process of the factory. — MNA

### Outstanding students of war veterans honoured in Hpa-an

YANGON, 17 Oct — Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee honoured children of war veterans who passed the matriculation examination for 2005-06 academic year at Zwegabin Hall of Hpa-an on 13 October morning.

Member of the Central Organizing Committee Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung gave a speech.

The minister and chairmen of Hpa-an and Kawkaik District Peace and Development Council presented prizes to outstanding students.

Six distinction winner Ma Nan Mya Sanda Tun spoke words of thanks.

Next, the cash donation for disabled Tatmadawmen and the ceremony to present membership applications to WVO was held.

Also present on the occasion were Patron of Kayin State WVO Supervisory Committee Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu and officials.

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### Hole-in-one

YANGON, 17 Oct — Mr Bong Kee Shon scored an ace from 191 yards at No 11th hole at Yemon Island Golf Resort today while striking Fantom HI-Soft (1) ball with Srixon wood W-302.

His partners were Mr Lee Byung Cho, Choi Jong Woon and Mr Choi Shin Keun. — MNA

# Thai new PM says visit to Laos satisfactory

BANGKOK, 16 Oct— Thailand's new Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont on Saturday expressed satisfaction with his official visit to Laos, where he affirmed bilateral cooperation to continue future understanding and good ties, reported *Thai News Agency*.

This is Surayud's first trip abroad since taking office early this month



*Thailand Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont, left, listens to Laos' President Saignason Choummali during their meeting at the Presidential palace in Vientiane, Laos on 14 Oct, 2006.— INTERNET*

following the bloodless September 19 coup d'etat that toppled then prime minister Thaksin Shinawatra.

Speaking to journalists after returning from his one-day trip to Thailand's closest neighbour Saturday evening, Surayud said he was greeted with a warm welcome from his Lao counterpart Bouasone Bouphavanh. The Thai Premier said he had explained to the Lao PM the main issues facing Thailand and the interim government's approach to deal with those pressing issues, including political problems, unrest in the country's deep south and severe flooding currently affecting more than 40 provinces.

"The latest political change in Thailand differed from the past as there was not one political refugee, thanks to the friendly approach to handling the problem rather than the use of force," Surayud told his Lao counterpart, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua



*A young man riding a white horse comes to a steakhouse in eastern China's Suzhou to propose to his girlfriend, who works at the restaurant. The restaurant is holding an event aiming to help lovers realize their romantic wishes.*

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## Car bombs kill ten in northern Iraq's Kirkuk

KIRKUK, 16 Oct— Four car bombs exploded in apparently coordinated attacks in the restive northern Iraqi oil city of Kirkuk on Sunday, killing 10 people and emptying the streets as terrified residents stayed indoors.

US and Iraqi troops patrolled the city as helicopters hovered overhead. Most shops were closed, residents said. The bombs exploded in quick succession just before midday, three of them detonated in suicide attacks, police said. In the afternoon two more car bombs exploded, wounding 14 people.

MNA/Reuters

## CSIRO says global warming intensifying drought patterns

KAMPALA, 16 Oct—The CSIRO says the drought can mostly be attributed to Australia's normal weather patterns but says global warming has intensified it.

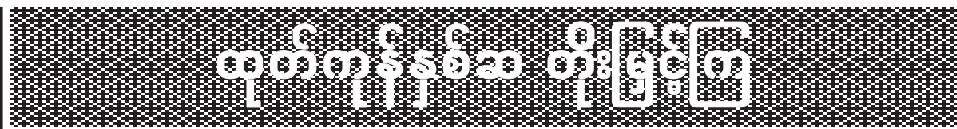
The head of climate change impacts and risk for the CSIRO, Penny Whetton, says for thousands of years droughts have happened every few years in different parts of the country.

She says due to human influence on the climate system, or global warming, there will be higher temperatures and changes in rainfall patterns.

She says conditions will become drier in the southern half of Australia and wet years will become less frequent in the next 50 years or so.

"There will always be the wet years and there will always be the dry years and the dry years are likely because of El Nino," she said.

"However because of the climate change effect, human influence, we'd expect the dry years to become a bit more dry and a little bit more frequent as time goes by."—Internet



*Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao announces in Guangzhou on 15 Oct, 2006 that the 50-year-old Chinese Export Commodities Fair will change its name to the Chinese Import and Export Commodities Fair from next session.—XINHUA*

## Four elected for UNSC membership

UNITED NATIONS, 17 Oct — The UN General Assembly on Monday elected Belgium, Indonesia, Italy and South Africa to serve as non-permanent members of the Security Council for two-year terms with one seat remaining dubious.

A fifth non-permanent seat, to be awarded to a member of the Group of Latin American and Caribbean States, is still in contention.

Since neither Guatemala nor Venezuela obtained the needed two-thirds majority after first three rounds of election, the Assembly has to carry out further unrestricted elections, which means the election is open to all members in the region, Sheikha Haya Al Khalifa, the president of the UN General Assembly,



*Members of the General Assembly vote at United Nations Headquarters in New York, on 16 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET*

announced.

In the seventh round of voting for Latin America and the Caribbean, where 125 votes were needed to win, Guatemala received 96 votes and Venezuela 89. Meanwhile, Mexico and Cuba each received one vote.

Unrestricted balloting will continue until a state from the region achieves the required majority. The winner will replace Argentina, whose term expires on 31 December.

In the first round of

election held Monday morning, Belgium, Italy, South Africa and Indonesia were elected to serve two-year terms starting 1 January, 2007.

The members were elected according to an agreed geographic allocation, which awards two seats to African and Asian countries, two to Western European and Other States, and one to Latin America and the Caribbean during this year's round of elections.

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*A model displays 37.52 carat sugarloaf Myanmar ruby with an estimated price of 7.8 to 12 million HK dollars (about 1 to 1.5 million US dollars) during Christie's Hong Kong Autumn Auction preview in Hong Kong, on 16 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA*



**Chinese President Hu Jintao visits an exhibition marking the 70th anniversary of the Long March, which debuts at the Military Museum of the Chinese People's Revolution on 16 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA**

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**Hanover quarter evacuated to remove three WWII bombs**

BERLIN, 16 Oct—More than 22,000 people were evacuated from a district in the German city of Hanover for seven hours on Sunday as munitions experts defused three large unexploded World War II bombs dropped by British warplanes.

“This was the largest

post-war evacuation in Hanover,” said Alfred Falkenberg, a spokesman for the fire brigade, noting the previous record was 18,000. “I hope the evacuations will end one day, but there are probably several hundred bombs still buried.”

The two live 1,000-pound bombs and one 500-pound bomb were found buried between three and six metres below the surface in a north Hanover quarter after local authorities studied aerial photos made available by Britain and the United States.

One of the larger bombs—believed to have

been dropped in a British attack in October 1943—was buried in a garden just a few metres from a house while the other two were detected and then removed from under open fields.

Hanover, with a population of 520,000 people, is a northern industrial centre and transport hub that was heavily bombed during the war. Falkenberg said more than 10,000 bombs were dropped Hanover in the war and 15 per cent failed to explode.

“We'll find them all sooner or later,” he said.

MNA/Reuters

**Thailand sticks to all previous agreements with Cambodia**



**Thai Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont (R) chats with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen (L) upon his arrival at Phnom Penh's international airport on 16 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET**

Meanwhile, Hun Sen said that despite the event of coup in Thailand, Cambodia will still cooperate warmly with the neighbour like before, “because this event is just the internal affair of the Thai people”.

Chulanont's visit also aims to introduce himself to the ASEAN (the Association of Southeast Asian Nations) countries' leaders right after he came to power on 1 October, he added.

His visit to Laos on Saturday, to Cambodia on Sunday, and to other ASEAN countries in the upcoming days will help beef up regional cooperation, the minister said.

During the meeting, Hun Sen asked the Thai authority to help transport by railways the materials offered by Malaysia to the kingdom.

He also requested Chulanont to attend a top-level meeting among Cambodia, Thailand and Laos to develop tourism in the border areas.

“This project has already been confirmed at a meeting of foreign ministers of the three countries, but it is not decided yet,” said Kanharith.

MNA/Xinhua

PHNOM PENH, 16 Oct—The current Thailand Government promises to continue to carry out all the agreements approved by its former Cabinet with the Cambodian Government in order to strengthen bilateral ties, said government spokesman and Minister of Information Khieu Kanharith here on Sunday.

Thailand's Premier Surayud Chulanont said this to his Cambodian counterpart Hun Sen while they held a one-hour meeting during his one-day official visit to the kingdom, Kanharith told reporters at a Press conference held inside the Council of Ministers.



**Apple's Chief Executive Officer Steve Jobs said on 16 Oct, 2006 that Microsoft's Zune is so slow that in a romantic setting by the time a song plays, “the girl's got up and left!”—XINHUA**

**S Korean wins int'l violin competition in Germany**

BERLIN, 16 Oct — South Korean violinist Suyoen Kim won the first prize in the Sixth Hannover international Violin Competition recently.

The six finalists, including Chinese violinist Wang Zhijiong from Shanghai, were judged by the eleven-member international jury, according to a faxed Press release to Xinhua from the competition organizer.

The jury decided late Friday night that the first prize, 30,000 euro (37,800 US dollars) cash, would go to the 18-year-old Korean violinist Kim from Germany.

The Second Prize went to the Korean Hyun-Su

Shin, who will be awarded 20,000 euros (25,000 US dollars). The 10,000-euro (12,500-US-dollar) Third Prize went to Kana Sugimura from Japan.

MNA/Xinhua

**Indonesia records 53rd bird flu fatality following boy's death**

JAKARTA, 16 Oct—An 11-year-old Indonesian boy who died over the weekend at a Jakarta hospital has tested positive for bird flu, bringing the country's human toll from the H5N1 virus to 53, health officials said on Monday.

The boy, from Ulujami suburb in southern Jakarta, died on Saturday night at Jakarta's Sulianti Saroso Infectious Disease Hospital, which is designated to treat suspected bird flu cases, said Runizar Roesin, an official at the Indonesian Health Ministry's bird flu monitoring centre.

“The boy was admitted to Sulianti Saroso Hospital on Thursday and died at around 9:10 pm on Saturday,” Roesin told Deutsche Presse-Agentur dpa.

Health officials at the Sulianti Saroso hospital believed the boy was infected by dead chickens near his residence, and he was treated for 10 days at another hospital in South Jakarta before moving to Sulianti Saroso.—Internet



**An exhibitor of China's TCL Groups shows a new type of mobile phone to a Swiss at the TCL Groups booth at a special exhibition hall during the 100th session of the Chinese Export Commodities Fair, also known as Canton Fair, in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province on 16 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA**

## Poll shows Britons back Army chief on pulling out of Iraq

LONDON, 16 Oct—Most Britons back the country's Army chief who said British troops should be withdrawn from Iraq soon because their presence was making security worse, a poll showed on Sunday.

Chief of the General Staff Richard Dannatt sparked a media and political storm last week when he criticized post-war planning for the 2003 US-led invasion in a rare interview.

Dannatt told the *Daily Mail* British troops should pull out "sometime soon because our presence exacerbates the security problems" both in Iraq and for

British interests around the globe. In an ICM telephone poll for the *Sunday Express* newspaper, 74 per cent of those questioned agreed with Dannatt.

His remarks were extraordinary from such a senior serving officer and added to Prime Minister Tony Blair's troubles over the Iraq war. The conflict, which divided Britain, has damaged Blair's standing among his party and the public. In later interviews, Dannatt denied any split with Blair.

Blair said on Friday he had read the transcripts of the general's

interviews and he supported the remarks, adding the British strategy was to withdraw when the job was done.

"What he is saying about wanting the British forces out of Iraq is precisely the same as we are all saying," Blair said.

Blair's spokesman said the Prime Minister had full confidence in his general.

MNA/Reuters



Visitors walk past a chocolate wall, which is 12 metres wide and 5 metres high, at the chocolate festival in Perugia, Italy, on 15 Oct, 2006. The chocolate festival runs from 14 to 22 Oct—XINHUA

## FBI searches US representative daughter's home

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct — Federal agents on Monday searched the home of US

Representative Curt Weldon's daughter, an FBI spokeswoman said, amid reports the Pennsylvania Republican used his influence to help his lobbyist daughter win contracts.

If Weldon is part of a federal investigation, it would come as Republicans are battling to retain control of Congress in 7 November elections.

Republican leaders in the US House of Representatives already were reeling from a sex scandal involving ex-representative Mark Foley, a Florida Republican, and charges they failed to protect teenage congressional interns from his advances.

Debbie Weierman, a spokeswoman for the FBI's Washington field

office, said agents also went to the home of a local Republican activist who is close to Weldon.

According to newspaper reports, law enforcement officials are investigating whether Weldon used his influence to help his daughter obtain lobbying contracts of significant value with foreign clients.

Weierman would not provide details on what federal agents were looking for at Karen Weldon's Philadelphia home or the Springfield, Pennsylvania, house of Charles Sexton.

*The Philadelphia Inquirer* and other newspapers reported that federal agents removed several boxes from the homes of Weldon's daughter and Sexton.

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## Six South Africans killed in retirement home fire

JOHANNESBURG, 16 Oct—Six elderly people have been killed in a night fire at an old age home in Krugersdorp, about 35 kilometres west of Johannesburg.

Public safety director Jorrie Jordaan said on Saturday that the fire broke out Friday on the fourth floor of Moria Old Age Home on Friday night. Its cause was not yet known and one person was taken to hospital in a serious condition.

While there was structural damage to part of the fourth floor, the rest of the building was "fine", said Jordaan.

MNA/Xinhua

## Italian boy becomes youngest to swim Messina Strait



Baldassarre Mangano holds his son Giuseppe, 10, who makes victory sign in Cannitello, southern Italy, after setting a new swim world record of 55 minutes and 30 seconds across the Strait of Messina, on 15 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

ROME, 16 Oct—A 10-year-old Italian boy became the youngest person ever to swim across the Strait of Messina when he made the crossing from Sicily to the Italian mainland on Sunday in 55 minutes and 30 seconds.

Giuseppe Mangano, who can see the Strait from his house in Messina, Sicily, completed the 3,700 metre (yards) crossing despite poor weather conditions, high waves and being stung by two jellyfish. "It's a dangerous stretch of sea because of the currents," Giuseppe's trainer, Francesco Cacopardo, told ANSA news agency.

"But Giuseppe was superb, he never got flustered, I knew everything would go well this morning when I saw his eyes sparkling with joy and determination."—MNA/Reuters



A police officer directs traffic at an intersection with darkened traffic lights in Honolulu in this 15 Oct, 2006 video grab. A powerful earthquake and repeated aftershocks rattled Hawaii on Sunday, knocking out power and unnerving residents and vacationers but causing no injuries or extensive structural damage.—XINHUA

## Nepal, China exempt visa requirements each other

KATHMANDU, 16 Oct—Citizens of Nepal and the People's Republic of China who are holding Valid Diplomatic and Service (Official) Passports, including members of diplomatic and consular missions, shall be exempted from visa requirements while entering into or transiting through the territory of each other.

The time span of stay has been limited for a maximum period of 30 days, and if anyone requires to stay longer than that period should go through necessary

application procedures with each others' competent authorities through diplomatic channels.

The provisions also include family members (spouse and underage children) of the above mentioned citizens who accompany them during the visit and hold valid diplomatic or service (official) passports or are included in such passports as dependents. It is stated in a Press release issued by Nepali Ministry of Foreign Affairs Sunday.

MNA/Xinhua

# Destructive act relying on external elements, exploiting the people

*Aung Moe San*

About three days ago, Aba Tin and Aba Maung from Painhnegon Village in Kawhmu Township came to my house. Their village is some 15 miles away from Yangon and Dalla and it is a large village on Yangon-Dalla-Kawhmu-Kongyangon-Dedaye-Pyapon Road. They received middle school education and they are townsenders. They earn their living by gardening. In spite of their old age, they often come to Yangon. They have been intimate with my family for a long time. Aba Tin, real name, is U Maung Tin and Aba Maung, U Maung Maung.

They came to my house not just to see me but they wanted to talk with me.

As soon as they arrived, Aba Maung began his discussion.

"It is said that people have to wear white shirts. BBC and VOA broadcast about it. One NLD member in the village said people were to demonstrate with white expression for national conciliation and for release of Daw Suu Kyi and "88" generation and all politicians. The move was said to have been led by "88" generation students. They said people had to dress in white in support of their demand. It is the act of taking advantage to exploit the people. It is also the negative act to cause instability in the country by those relying on external elements in collusion with those abroad. Such a move has nothing to do with the people. A group of persons are plotting to cause trouble. The National Convention is in session for national solidarity and drafting the detailed basic principles for the emergence of the State Constitution. National race delegates representing the entire national people are attending the National Convention and performing the national duty. The government takes action against those who are guilty and breaks the law. Every government in the world does the same duty, doesn't it? Are "88" generation students really students? They are over 40 or nearly 50 years old now. They can't be students anyway. If those who have studied at university are called students or student leaders, there are many such students. Some are government servants, some are engaged in farming, some join the Tatmadaw, some in the police force, some are businessmen. They are to be called students as well. Therefore, "88" generation students or student leaders branded by western broadcasting

stations are not real students.

They are under the cloak of students. I think they use the term student to trick the people."

At the end of his conversation, Aba Tin continued, "If people support the demand of the so-called students, they are to dress in white. It is a trick. I don't know whether or not they are making tricks after reading the book, *How to win friends and influence people*, translated by ex-Prime Minister U Nu. It is like the words of a foolish that if the people support them, drink water after the meals. The elderly people like us wear white shirts, students and teachers wear white shirts and green longyis. Traffic police, government servants, company staff and the public do the same. If they think everyone who dresses in white is their supporter, it is like the expression that every man is my father. If so and so groups exploit the people to serve their purpose, there may be disturbances in the country and this may endanger cause the freedom of the people. I think the government should not allow them to do so. I have read a piece of news. In a demonstration in Japan, a daughter of a professor was killed after being trampled by the crowd. Demonstrators carrying the body said that she was beaten to death by the government men. As a result, the cabinet resigned. There were politicians who misused the body for their self-interest.

Aba Maung—"Of course. We had been in the time of parliamentary democracy after the independence was regained. At that time the AFPFL was split into two—the stable AFPFL and the clean AFPEL. The ballot box of the stable AFPFL was red colour and the ballot box of the clean AFPFL was yellow colour. Taking political advantages, killing each other was rife in towns as the conflict between the supporters of the two rival parties reigned in favour of the red or the yellow. This is an instance of political exploitation targeting the public. As killing was rife upon the misuse of democracy the country was in chaos. Hence, the Tatmadaw had to step in as a caretaker government. Besides, when the Pa-hta-sa government came to power there had been demands of states for secession from the Union due to the federal principles and the country was on the brink of disintegration. As a result, the Tatmadaw had to

assume the State responsibilities."

"In the "88" disturbance also, turmoil and anarchy reigned and the country was in confusion. As the people had to live in constant fear and the country was on the verge of disintegration the Tatmadaw had to assume the State responsibilities unavoidably. I have come to fully understand why the government is saying about building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation."

I served plain tea and a salad of green tea to Aba Tin and Aba Maung in order that they could take a break. After that, I recited some theories of researchers as regards the practice of democracy like this.

"The practice of democracy is pure and subtle. It is easy to breach the practice rather than to constantly observe it. There are a large number of reactionaries acting under the pretext of democracy. Besides, the people pay least attention to the interrelation between the democratic practice and the election and what the voting could benefit the people or otherwise."

"The world history has shown that most of bogus political leaders prior to coming to power frivolously advocated justice, equality, welfare of the people, etc. After they had come to power they practically exercised such selfishness as my party, my organization, my relatives, my men. Such had happened largely due to lack of knowledge and experiences of the people."

Aba Tin—"That's right. We are in support of the endeavors for building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation after laying down the seven-point Road Map. There are those who are opposed to the endeavours and want to gain power through shortcut holding negative views, relying on external elements. According to the teaching of the Buddha human mind takes delight in evils, human beings are trying to take the easy way, applying shortcut. They are putting self-interest in the fore. Such persons are mistaking themselves for heroes, saviors, pioneers, those who sacrifice everything for democracy. Such wrong view or wrong belief is stated as Vippallasa in the commentary of the Buddha. Here also, disguised as students, they assume themselves as students or leaders of students. They are citing themselves as ones who are striving for national conciliation. Actually, such acts are just destructive acts perpetrated by those who are holding negative views, relying on external elements, exploiting the people. Likewise, the NLD doesn't take into account the interest of the State and the people. But it is attempting to gain power through personality cult and shortcut, relying on external elements. Therefore, it has been unable to set itself free from committing acts harming national cause for self-interest."

I make the public know the discussion between Aba Tin and Aba Maung by writing this article.

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## Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects oil palm plantations, meets service personnel, local people in Taninthayi Divison



*Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence inspects renovation of Chaungkabya bridge. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 16 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Taninthayi Division PDC Chairman Coastal Region Command Commander Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, senior military officers and officials of the SPDC office, on 12 October morning met departmental staff, members of social organizations and townspeople at the office of General Administration Department in Khamaukkyi, Kawthoung District.

The township officer U Aung Moe reported on matters related to regional development, self-sufficiency in food and cultivation of oil palm and physic nut plants.

In response to the report, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said the State is taking measures for Khamaukkyi to develop and possess characteristics of a town. As Kawthoung-Bokpyin road is part of the Union Road, in order for the townships such as Khamaukkyi and Karathuri along the road to possess characteristics of a town, modern offices, schools, hospitals and wards have been opened one after another. So, the local people are to work hard in cooperation with departmental staff for regional development, said Lt-Gen Maung Bo. He also urged the local people to

take part in the building of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Next, he donated K 500,000 for fencing Khamaukkyi Hospital. Commander Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo also donated K 200,000 for the hospital. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo greeted those present.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected condition of Kawthoung-Karathuri-Bokpyin and thriving oil palm plantations by car.

Afterwards, they visited the crude palm oil factory of Yuzana Co. An official reported on production of crude palm oil and welfare tasks for factory workers. In his instructions, Lt-Gen Maung

**The local people are to work hard in cooperation with departmental staff for regional development**

Bo said duties were assigned to entrepreneurs to strive for Taninthayi Division to become the pot of edible oil.

The Head of State himself instructed those companies that could make a great investment to engage in oil palm business. The State as well as

local authorities are giving all necessary assistance. He added Yuzana Co is the largest grower of oil palm in the country with 86,738 cultivation acreage. Oil palm companies are to help reduce the import of edible oil and to try to meet the target of growing 500,000 acres of oil palm. Moreover, the companies are to grow physic nut plants to produce bio-diesel. Next, he cordially greeted those present.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to the oil palm plantation of Po Kaung Co in Karathuri township.

Managing Director U Aye Maung reported on the growing of 10,530 acres of oil palm in Dawei District and welfare tasks for workers. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on repair and maintenance of the roads and bridges in the township. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein and officials reported on assistance to be given. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo visited Chaungkabya bridge on Kawthoung-Bokpyin Union Road and inspected the renovation of the bridge. He then met with departmental staff and social organization members and local people at Karathuri township GDA office.

The commander donated K 200,000 for Karathuri BEHS. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party visited the township hospital and went to Bokpyin.

*MNA*

### Home Affairs Minister inspects Shwe Thahtaytar farming camp in Twantay

YANGON, 17 Oct — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo accompanied by Director-General U Zaw Win of Prisons Department and officials inspected monsoon paddy cultivation and fish breeding

at Shwe Thahtaytar farming camp in Twantay Township, Yangon Division on 16 October and gave necessary instructions. The minister met with the families of service personnel and prisoners.

Later, the minister

attended the second coordination meeting for 2006 held at the office of Prisons Department and gave instructions on cultivation and poultry farming, quarrying and regional development task. — *MNA*

### Myanmar Furniture Exhibition 2006 on 21 October

YANGON, 17 Oct — The Myanmar Furniture Exhibition 2006 will be held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall from 21 to 26 October.

Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association, Sinma Furnishing

CoLtd, Hla Gaba Furniture Mart, Hla Bayin Furniture Mart, Shwe Hmi Furniture Mart, Chammyaethar Furniture Mart, Cupid Furniture Mart, Myanmar Style Furniture Mart, Aung Si Moe Furniture Mart, Pyittaingdaung Furniture

Mart, Htoo Myat Furniture Mart and Wah Lwin Furniture Mart will participate in the exhibition.

Home furniture and teak-substitute furniture will be displayed at the exhibition. — *MNA*

## People as well as the...

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Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers and officials planted star-flower, gumkino, sal and Gangaw (Mesua ferrea) trees.

General Soe Win unveiled the plaque and sprinkled scented water on it.

Director-General Dr Khin Maung Aye of Technical and Vocational Education Department reported on matters related to GTC (Myitkyina).

Second year electrical major student Ma Nan Dwe expressed gratitude.

Next, Prime Minister General Soe Win delivered an address. In his address, he said that today is an auspicious day for



Prime Minister General Soe Win unveils signboard of main building of Government Technological College in Myitkyina. — MNA

utmost in their pursuit of education.

Only then, would the college be in existence as a dignified one. It is a mammoth and serious task for every student, respective states and the nation. And each and everyone

has given guidance that as the entire national people reside in the same land and partake water from the same source they need to have the spirit to serve interest of one another and they are to do their utmost for higher living standard

ies such as Yangon and Mandalay ended, extensive opportunities of pursuing education were brought about region-wise. As the number of universities and colleges has increased from 32 in the past to 156 at present each and everyone

undertaken. As such, the people will have abilities to safeguard fruitful results for ever. Therefore, the country needs natural resources as well as human resources.

He quoted the Head of State as saying that only when the education standard is high will it be possible to serve the interest of the people. Thus, all are to make all-out efforts for the entire national people to be educated.

In line with the guidance of the Head of State, the Government is striving for nurturing human resources and increasing enrolment of school-going age children. In addition, the Government is carrying out the tasks to provide basic social needs to the people in accord with political, economic and social objectives. At present, remarkable progress can be witnessed in the entire nation thanks to concerted efforts of the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people.

While facing political pressure, economic sanctions and various accusations posed by foreign countries, the Government could undertake develop-

ment of States and Divisions on self-reliant basis with patriotism and the Union Spirit.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the faulty members of the GTC (Myitkyina) to nurture outstanding intellectuals for ensuring uplift of the college's prestige and integrity, and called for those present to build a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation with the Union Spirit and nationalism.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party inspected the computer room, the language lab room, the e-library, the laboratory equipment and the drawing room. The Prime Minister cordially greeted those present.

The GTC (Myitkyina) was built by Ever Green Co Ltd. The three-storey main building was constructed of reinforced concrete. The college includes one assembly hall measuring 120 feet by 80 feet, 40 lecture halls measuring 40 feet by 30 feet each and two computer rooms. The main building is 513 feet long and 358 feet wide. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win and party pose for documentary photo together with national races in front of main building of Government Technological College in Myitkyina. — MNA

Myitkyina Technological College complete with all teaching and learning aids was opened.

With magnificent buildings, the college needs to become a well-known one in terms of dignity and education standard. This is to be materialized through the active participation of teachers and students. As the higher learning institution has been fully facilitated with teaching aids and syllabuses teachers are to nurture and train students to be outstanding and educated ones. The students on their part are to try their

must be dutiful in efforts to build own college, own state and own nation.

The people as well as the government are to do their bit in building a new and modern nation for everyone has his own duty.

The government as a leading body is making all-out efforts for the nation to keep abreast of nations of the world. In order to transform a new system strenuous efforts are to be exerted for development of political, economic, education, health and transport sectors.

The Head of State

of the people. In accord with the guidance, efforts are being made to bring about equitable and harmonious development the length and breadth of the nation.

Only when there prevails peace and stability across the nation will the nation fully develop. Hence, to narrow the development gap between one region and another or one race and another. The five rural development tasks and the 24 special development zones have been laid down and are being implemented. At the same time, relentless efforts are being made for development of Kachin State where various national races are residing.

As Myitkyina region and Bhamo region have been designated as development regions they were equipped with universities, colleges and advanced hospitals. As the old education system in which higher education was pursued in major cit-

can pursue higher education within the arm reach.

Kachin State lagged behind in development in the past due to lack of peace and security. Nowadays, the national races in Kachin State are enjoying the fruitful results of peace and development. Only when peace and stability prevails will efforts for development be possible in Kachin State.

It is incumbent upon all national races in Kachin State to make efforts so that they can hand down good legacy to new generations. To be able to do so, the entire national people including students, teachers and service personnel are to do their bit in whatever role they are in.

The Prime Minister said that the majority of the people should have education standard to a certain degree and the country needs outstanding human resources. As a result, development tasks of the nation and the democracy transition process can be



Prime Minister General Soe Win waters a star flower. — MNA

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## Prime Minister General Soe Win tours Kachin State, urges residents to participate in regional development tasks



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects construction of Shweaik Bridge across Nankwe Creek in Myitkyina. — MNA

NAYPYITAW, 17 Oct — Prime Minister General Soe Win on 15 October inspected the 2,000-acre farm in Pammati Village-tract in Myitkyina, Kachin State, and gave instructions on the farming.

Accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, ministers and deputy ministers, Prime Minister General Soe Win went to the farm of Thiri Multi-purpose Cultivation Ltd where teak are mainly cultivated. Rubber, sesame and physic nuts plants are also grown in the farm.

Out of 2,000 acres,

so far 848 acres have been put under timber and crops and it is expected that the farm's cultivation target will reach next year. Moreover, Thiri Multi-purpose Cultivation Ltd



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects 2000-acre farm in Myitkyina. — MNA

has farmed cattle, pigs, ducks and chickens and bred fish.

After his inspection tour of the farm, Prime Minister General Soe Win went to the construction site of Shweaik Bridge across Nankwe Creek in Myitkyina. Upon comple-

tion, the bridge will be 273 feet long and 12 feet wide and it can be withstand 13 tons of load.

Association and local people. At the meeting, Prime Minister General Soe Win gave instructions to officials concerned on regional development

Prime Minister General Soe Win presented medical equipment to Khaunglanphy Township Hospital.

He also handed over two motorbikes, clothes and

provisions to departmental employees and uniforms to members of USDA.

On his tour, Prime Minister General Soe Win inspected developments in Khaunglanphu. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win waters teak plant in 2000-acre farm in Myitkyina. — MNA

During his inspection tour, Prime Minister General Soe Win also went to Myitkyina Air Base where Commander of the air base Brig-Gen Zaw Tun reported on cultivation of 100 acres of physic nut and 31 acres of rubber in the command.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party flew to Putao and inspected renovation of Putao airport and its runway. Next, they went to Khaunglanphu and met with government employees, members of USDA, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare

tasks and called for construction of road to link Khaunglanphu and Magweza.

In his address, he said the Tatmadaw Government is striving for the prevalence of peace and tranquillity in the nation while making efforts for the equitable development in all regions of the country. But, the implementation of development tasks demands a lot of strenuous efforts. Local people and members of social organization are to participate in implementing the regional development tasks joining hands with departmental staff, he said.

After the meeting,

### Accusations will have reverse effect

- \* Through connivance all-round to hit a nation  
The shameless act of the American  
Would like to present one side's clarification.
- \* To interfere in another land  
Would not think once but it's unfair  
Would employ tactics of consuming both flesh and fat  
Without any restraint  
How daring he interferes.
- \* With ill-will he who considers himself big  
Plays reverse and chaos time and again  
What adds up to sheer accusation  
Bringing forth what concoction there be as human rights
- \* What's good for laughing out loud  
Which side to side with and what is distord  
Because it can be denied as not right tenfold  
News of Myanmar spreads throughout world  
With chin up our prowess will be spread  
Let's try and watch.
- \* Os how they try their whims  
Their plight suffers bad fate.

Myint Swe ( Bo Cho Myay ) (Trs.)

## 14th Performing Arts...

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singing contest; 11 in the basic education level (aged 5-10); and 15 in the amateur level (second class) women's modern song singing contest. The dancing contest was held at Auditorium of university of Veterinary Science, Chairperson of the Panel of Judges for Dancing Contest

Professor Daw Nu Nu Khin of university of Culture and members supervised the dancing contest. Altogether 18 contestants competed in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' dancing contest. Similarly, the song composing contest was held at the training school of Yezin Agriculture Research Department. Chairman of the Panel of Judges for Song Composing Contest U Lay Nyunt and members supervised the contest. Contestants who took

part in the contests held on 15 October rehearsed. Ozi and Dobet contest was held at the Auditorium Hall of university of Agriculture. It was supervised by Leader of the Panel of Judges for Solo Orchestra contest U Sein Kalar and members. Altogether five team took part in the amateur level (first class) men' ozi contest and four in basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' ozi contest.

Oboe contest was held at the Auditorium Hall of Yezin Forest Research Department. five persons form States and Divisions took part in the amateur level (first class) men's oboe contest. Altogether eight contestants competed in the basic education level (aged 15-20) men's Xylophone contest. At harp contest, two persons took part in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' contest. The contests were supervised by Chairman of the Panel of Judge U Yi Nwe and members. Solo orchestra contest was held at the Convocation Hall of university of Agriculture. eight contestants took part in the basic education level (aged 15-20) men's solo orchestra contest; seven persons in the amateur level (first class) men's contest and four contestants in the higher education level men's contest. The contests were supervised by Chairman Yi Nwe of the Panel of Judges and members. Singing, dancing, song composing and music contests of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue tomorrow at the designated places. — MNA

## Vesantara drama contest continues



**Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of Ministry of Defence enjoys Vesantara Drama performed by a troupe led by Maung Moe Min representing Yangon Division. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — The Vesantara Drama Contest of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the second day at the hall of University of Veterinary Science, here, this evening.

Moe Min and troupe representing Yangon Division took part in the contest.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Member of the Panel of Patron Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and their wives, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and wife, Secretary of the Leading Committee Col Yan Naing Oo and senior military officers, families of regiments and units in Nay Pyi Taw Command Headquarters, departmental officials and local people. Chairman of the Panel of Judges U Aung Thwin, Secretary U Tin Tun Oo and members supervised the contest.

Pantaya Myo Thu and troupe representing Sagaing Division will participate in the contest tomorrow evening. Transport service will be provided for convenient travelling of the people. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Kyaw Win enjoys Vesantara drama contest



**Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence enjoys Vesantara Drama performed by a troupe led by Maung Nyan Win representing Yangon Division. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — Vesantara drama contest of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts competitions commenced at the hall of Yezin University of Veterinary, here, yesterday evening. The performers at the contest were artistes from Maung Nyan Win drama troupe representing Yangon Division.

Among the audience were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions

Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Members of the Panel of Patrons of Organizing the Competitions maestros, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo and U Win Aung, departmental heads, officials and locals.

Chairman of Panel of Judges of Drama Contest U Aung Thwin and members supervised the competition.

Maung Nyan Win as King Vesantara, Daw Myint Kyi as Madi Devi and performers of the troupe actively took part in the competition.

Tonight, Moe Min troupe representing Yangon Division will show their skill in Vesantara drama contest and everyone may enjoy the competition free of charge. Arrangements are also being made in transportation for the convenience of audiences. — MNA

## Matkyan Regional Development Group strongly protests against the interference of the US and its allies in the country's internal affairs using the UN

### The declaration of Matkyan Regional Development Group

25-9-2006

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. The intentions of the decision made by the US and its allies are to jeopardize the stability of Myanmar as well as:
  - (a) to disrupt the National Convention
  - (b) to break up the Union
  - (c) to harm national consolidation, and
  - (d) to encroach upon sovereignty.
3. Now is the time when the government is convening the National Convention, the first step of

the seven-step Road Map, to lay down 104 basic principles and detailed basic principles for the emergence of a constitution. Besides, we have enjoyed peace and development in our respective regions. Therefore, we believe that there is no reason Myanmar poses a threat to international peace and security.

4. As such, Matkyan Regional Development Group strongly protests against the interference of the US and its allies in the country's internal affairs using the UN.

*Signed*  
**U Lin Hsaing**  
Chairman

Matkyan Regional Development Group  
Namhsam Township, Shan State (South)

## 298 drug-related cases exposed in September

YANGON, 17 Oct — The Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 298 drug-related cases in September 2006.

They seized 647.2772 kilos of opium in 37 cases, 1.1652 kilos of heroin in 133 cases, 2.7838 kilos of opium oil in 11 cases, 1.7839 kilos of inferior opium in 17 cases, 1.23 kilos of marijuana in 17 cases, 478,242 stimulant tablets in 45 cases, 4.37 kilos of stimulant powder, 13.3097 kilos of speciosa in 12 cases, 11 kilos of caffeine, 3,825 liters of chemical liquid, 1,730.985 kilos of chemical powder and five cases in failure to register and 21 other cases.

Action was taken against 445 persons — 364 men and 81 women — in 298 cases in September. — MNA

## Delegate groups of National Convention ...

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The MC declared the start of the group meeting as 29 out of 30 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 96.67 per cent.

Meeting Chairman U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam and U Tun Yin Law of National Unity Party read out the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman concerning separate suggestions to seek the approvals of the delegate groups, and these suggestions were 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 Tatmadaw.

Next, the delegates held discussions to compile a proposal paper. Later, the meeting ended with concluding remarks of the meeting chairman.

### Delegate Group of Representatives-elect

U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party presided over the meeting at the hall No 2 this morning together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Maung Gyi of Union Pa-O National Organization and U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization. Deputy Director U Khin Sein and Assistant Director Daw Mi Mi Shein acted as MCs. All the delegates of the group attended the meeting.

U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party gave a speech.

Next, U Law Hsin Kwam and U San Tha Aung read out the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman concerning separate suggestions to seek the approvals of the delegate groups, and these suggestions were 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 Tatmadaw.

Those present took part in the discussions to compile the proposal paper.

Members of the Panel of Chairmen U Mya Aye of Yangon Division and U Sai Tint Aung of Shan State (North) read out the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman concerning separate suggestions to seek the approvals of the delegate groups, and these suggestions were 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 Tatmadaw.



*Alternate Chairman U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party delivers an address at group meeting of delegates of representatives-elect. — MNA*

The Alternate Meeting Chairman assigned duties to the proposal compilation group formed with 14 delegates from States and Divisions. Later, the Alternate Meeting Chairman gave the concluding remarks.

### Delegate Group of Workers

The delegate group held its meeting at the hall No 5 this morning. The meeting was presided over by U Bo Thein (Taungdwin Bo Thein) of Shan State (East) together with members of the Panel of Chairmen Dr Myo Thant Tin of Yangon Division and U Kyaw Win Tun of Mandalay Division.

A total of 46 delegates out of 47 or 97.87 per cent attended the meeting. First, Alternate Meeting Chairman U Bo Thein (Taungdwin Bo Thein) gave a speech. Next, Dr Myo Thant Tin and U Kyaw Win Tun read out the clarification of the National Con-

Tatmadaw.

The meeting ended at 9.45 am.

### Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia

The delegate group held its meeting at the hall No 6 this morning. Professor Head of Department Surgical Specialist Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha) presided over the meeting with President of Myanmar Academy of Technology Science Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw and Film Director U Khin Zaw.

Altogether 53 delegates out of 56 or 94.64 per cent participated in the meeting.

Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha) gave an opening address, and read out the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman concerning separate suggestions to seek the approvals of the delegate groups, and these



suggestions were 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 Tatmadaw.

Next, the proposal compilation group was set up. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the Alternate Meeting Chairman.

### Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons

The group meeting of the Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons was held at the hall No 8 this morning. Vice-Chairman of Myanmar History Commission U Sai Aung Tun presided over the meeting with Secretary of Myanmar History Commission U Tun Aung Chein, U Paw Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Dr Manan Tu Ja of Kachin State Special Region-2 and U Aung Kham Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-6.

The MC declared the start of the group meeting as 87 out of 89 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 97.75 per cent.

Alternate Meeting Chairman U Sai Aung Tun delivered an opening address. NC delegates Malaria specialist Dr Chan Tha (a) U Nyi Nyi and U Sai Kai Hpa of Shan State (North) Special Region-3 explained the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman concerning separate suggestions to seek the approvals of the delegate groups, and these suggestions were 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 Tatmadaw.

Next, a proposal compilation group was formed. Later, the Alternate Meeting Chairman gave the concluding remarks.

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*Alternate Chairman U Kan Nyunt of Sagaing Division delivers an address at group meeting of delegates of peasants. — MNA*

Later, the Meeting Chairman gave concluding remarks.

### Delegate Group of Peasants

The group meeting took place at the hall No 4 this morning. U Kan Nyunt of Sagaing Division presided over the meeting together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Tin Maung Kyaw of Magway Division and U Kyi Tint of Ayeyawady Division. A total of 92 delegates or 98.92 per cent attended the meeting.

vention Convening Work Committee Chairman concerning separate suggestions to seek the approvals of the delegate groups, and these suggestions were 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

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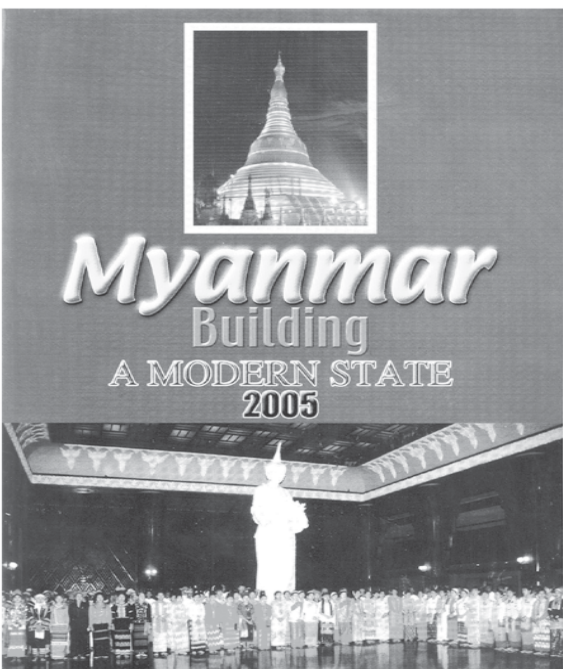
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**Four killed, six injured in traffic accident in Canada**

OTTAWA, 16 Oct—A packed minivan collided with a tractor-trailer Saturday near Canada's Toronto, killing four and injuring six, with most of them coming from South Korea, local media reported Sunday.

Ten people were in the minivan when it collided with the transport on Mississauga Road in the Caledon area just northwest of Toronto, *Canadian Press* reported citing local police.

MNA/Xinhua

**Malaysia's Westmont submits \$5b investment plan in Bangladesh**

DHAKA, 16 Oct— Westmont Group, a Malaysia-based business giant, has submitted a 5-billion-US-dollar investment proposal to set up a huge liquefied natural gas (LNG) processing plant in Bangladesh's southern part, local news agency *UNB* reported Sunday.

This will be the highest amount of investment proposal so far made by foreign company in Bangladesh.

As per the proposal, Westmont will invest the amount under a consortium of a number of high-profile

Chinese giants, including China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) and China Petrochemical Corporation (CINOPEC).

Kazi Tajul Islam Faruque, Chairman of the Westmont Energy (Bangladesh) Limited, a concern of the Westmont Group, said the company has already entered into a joint venture with the Chinese companies to form a consortium.

He said both CNOOC and CINOPEC are public companies listed in the stock exchanges of the United States and Hong Kong. CINOPEC, which will be the leading member of the consortium, is the largest petroleum company in China with assets of 70 billion US dollars.

Energy Minister Advisor Mahmudur Rahman confirmed the Westmont's great interest to invest in the country's energy sector.

Addressing a Meet-the-Press programme organized by the Forum for Energy Reporters, the energy advisor said the Malaysian group wanted to set up the LNG plant to supply the liquefied gas to the power plants located in the country's southern part. —MNA/Xinhua

**Tanzanian bus bursts tyres, hits tree, 11 killed**

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 16 Oct—Eleven people died and 25 others were injured on Sunday when a bus in southern Tanzania burst two tyres, lost control, hit a tree and rolled, a senior regional official said.

The bus was travelling from Lusaka, Zambia to Dar es Salaam when the accident happened near Igawa, a small town, 580 kilometres (360 miles) southwest of Dar-es-Salaam. The accident happened at around 1:45 pm local time (1045 GMT).

"The bus burst its left front tyre while on a steep slope and the driver tried controlling and then burst a right front tyre and lost control, went into valley, hit a tree and overturned," Suleiman Kova, an assistant police commissioner and regional police commander, told

**China, New Zealand ends ninth round of FTA talks**

WELLINGTON, 16 Oct— China and New Zealand have made further progress toward establishing a Free Trade Area (FTA) during the ninth round of negotiations held in Wellington, New Zealand, between 9-14 October .

The two sides carried out extensive consultations and increased their consensus on the trade of products and services, investment, intellectual property rights, resolution of disputes, rules of origins, Customs cooperation, technical barriers and other issues, said a spokesman of the Chinese Ministry of Commerce here on Saturday. According to the Chinese Ministry of Commerce, China is in talks with nearly 30 countries and regions with the aim of establishing nine free trade areas, covering one quarter of China's total trade. Negotiations with New Zealand are the first such talks with a developed country.

Trade between China



Local people on the motorcycle cart are transported to their home villages in Kampot province, some 130 kilometers (80.6 miles) south of the capital Phnom Penh, Cambodia, on 13 Oct, 2006. The motorcycle cart is the most popular transportation of the rural people. —INTERNET

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Monks carry a dagoba of Xuan Zang during a ceremony at the Daci'en Temple in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province, on 15 Oct, 2006. —XINHUA

## China's "Spark Programme" covers over 90% countries

BEIJING, 16 Oct— China's "Spark Programme" which is aimed at popularizing modern technology in rural areas has been spread to more than 90 per cent of the country's counties, the Ministry of Science and Technology (MOST) announced Sunday.

"Since the programme started in 1986, the ministry has carried out more than 150,000 technological programmes nationwide, including nearly 20,000 state-level projects, which have played a key role in advancing technological skills of Chinese farmers," said MOST Minister Xu

Guanhua.

Xu said the plan aims to help Chinese farmers find better jobs in agricultural sector and it was imperative to provide farmers with more opportunities to learn modern technology.

Liu Yanhua, Vice-Minister of the MOST, said the "Spark Programme" has contributed

to improving the capability of young rural people by upgrading grass-roots their technological skills, building a nationwide network for distance education and encouraging rural enterprises to join international competition.

China hopes to fundamentally restructure the rural economy and modernize farming while

at the same time help more farmers find other jobs in cities.

Local governments have altogether invested 14.3 billion yuan (1.79 billion US dollars) while public sponsorships have contributed 363.1 billion yuan (45.4 US billion dollars) into the programme.

MNA/Xinhua

## Health warning over MP3 players

BEIJING, 16 Oct— Ulster music fans are being urged to be aware of the risks to their hearing from using MP3 players and other audio products that attach directly to the ears.

The British Royal National Institute for Deaf and Hard of Hearing People (RNID) has called for more prominent warnings on MP3 player packaging



after new research conducted for the charity's 'Don't Lose the Music' campaign revealed that a shocking 58 percent of 16 to 30-year-olds are completely unaware of any risk to their hearing from using MP3 players and other audio products that attach directly to the ears.

RNID is so concerned that the MP3 generation could be at risk from premature hearing damage that it has called on manufacturers of MP3 players to protect consumers by providing clearer warnings on packaging about the dangers of listening too loudly to their products. Reproduction in whole or in part without permission is prohibited. —Internet

## Beijing strives better English for Olympics

BEIJING, 16 Oct— A drive to standardize the use of English on public signs will force Beijing's hotels, shops and government buildings to clean up their awful English by the end of next year.

Translation standards for public signs at hotels, shopping malls, tourist spots, bus or subway stations, hospitals, museums, and sports venues will be released by the end of this year, the government said.

Businesses and government departments then will be given almost a year to correct language errors on public signs, sources with the foreign affairs office of Beijing municipal government said. Earlier this year, the office established translation standards for road signs.

The drive is to prepare Beijing for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games by creating a better language learning

environment, and more importantly, enhancing the nation's international image, officials involved in the drive said.

Even in the nation's

capital, "Chinglish" or English with Chinese characteristics, is prevalent in public places and has misled many foreigners.

MNA/Xinhua



Toshiba Corp will seek damages from Sony Corp for product image and missed sales opportunities over the recall of Sony-made batteries used in its laptops, the Nihon Keizai business daily reported on Monday. —XINHUA



Judge Walter Hutzler inspects a cat at the 2006 CFA-Iams Cat Championships at Madison Square Garden in New York on 15 Oct, 2006.

XINHUA

## Fifteen to twenty mln tons of grain spoiled each year in China

JINAN, 16 Oct— Eight to 10 per cent of the grain nationwide, or 15 to 20 million tons valuing 18 to 24 billion yuan (2.25 to 3 billion US dollars), are spoiled each year in storage and transportation, according to research released by the State Administration of Grain (SGA) on Sunday, the eve of the World Food Day.

According to the research, 60 per cent of the grain is in the hand of farmers, 240 million households in total, rather than sold to the governments.

"Grain in hand, nothing to panic", the old adage shows the psychology of farmers," said Qiao Gexin, vice-minister of the SGA, "they fear that stored grain is not enough for their own and tend to store more".

In the Dingtao County in east China's Shandong Province, for instance, only 100 million of the harvested 250 million tons of wheat was sold whereas the rest is stored in farmer's barns.

The grain is stored in bags made by matting or gunny, which are prone to

mice or pest spoiling. Lack of knowledge and advanced equipment is also blamed for the ruin.

Grain storage is a major task in the 11th "Five-Year Plan" period, noted Qiao.

Experts are calling for promotion of "Green Storage" of grain, which features compulsory refrigeration of food and pollutant-free pest-prevention system, according to Professor Wang Ruolan with the Henan Industry University.

MNA/Xinhua

# SPORTS



Ukraine's Kuksenkov Mykola competes on the rings for the men's qualifiers at the 39th Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Aarhus, Denmark, on 15 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

## Ten-man RC Lens deny Olympique Marseille

PARIS, 17 Oct— Ten-man RC Lens snatched a 1-1 draw against Olympique Marseille in a heated Ligue 1 match on Sunday.

Lens, who fell behind to a 63rd-minute penalty by Mamadou Niang following a foul by Gregory Vignal, fought back and cancelled the visitors' advantage 10 minutes from time, also from the spot.

Former Liverpool defender Vignal was shown a straight red card after his foul.

Ivory Coast striker Aruna Dindane, the league's top scorer, beat Marseille keeper Cedric Carrasso from the spot for the equalizer after Lorik Cana had brought down Brazilian defender Hilton.

Marseille, who have 20 points from nine matches, trail leaders Olympique Lyon by five points. The five-times French champions beat arch-rivals St. Etienne 2-1 on Saturday. The Provence side will entertain Lyon next weekend at the Stade Velodrome.

Lens, seventh on 14 points, dominated the first half but Marseille, who have conceded only five goals in their nine games, held on and went ahead with Niang's penalty just past the hour.—MNA/Reuters

## Davydenko, Chakvetadze complete Russian sweep

MOSCOW, 17 Oct— Top seed Nikolay Davydenko beat Davis Cup team mate Marat Safin 6-4, 5-7, 6-4 in the all-Russian Kremlin Cup final on Sunday to complete a unique double for the host country.

Earlier, in another all-Russian affair unseeded Anna Chakvetadze upset fifth seed Nadia Petrova 6-4, 6-4 in the women's final to win her second title in a month.

Davydenko broke the former world number one twice at the start of the third set to build a 3-0 lead before completing victory in the first all-Russian men's final in the 16-year history of the Moscow indoor event.

"I was hoping to play Marat in the final," said Davydenko, who a step closer to securing a place in next month's season-ending Masters Cup in

Shanghai.

"Although I lost to Safin twice this year, I beat him in our last meeting in Estoril and with this win I've proved that

I'm playing better than him for the time being," added the world number five, who also won here in 2004.

MNA/Reuters



China's Zhang Ning (L) holds up her trophy and medal with runner-up China's Xie Xingfang after their women's singles final match at the Japan Badminton Open in Tokyo on 15 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

## Chelsea keeper has surgery for fractured skull

LONDON, 17 Oct— Chelsea goalkeeper Peter Cech has had a "successful" operation for a depressed fracture of the skull, the club said in a statement on Sunday.

The 24-year-old Czech Republic international underwent surgery after being transferred to a specialist neuro-surgical unit at the Radcliffe Infirmary in Oxford, Chelsea said.

"The operation was successful but it is too early to give an accurate assessment of his condition," the statement continued.

Cech, and his replacement Carlo Cudicini, were both knocked unconscious during Saturday's 1-0 Premier League win over Reading at the Madejski Stadium.—MNA/Reuters



John Allan paddles his giant pumpkin boat across Lake Pesaquid during the annual Pumpkin Regatta in Windsor, Nova Scotia, on 15 Oct, 2006.

INTERNET

## Israeli referee jailed for three years for match fixing

JERUSALEM, 17 Oct — Israeli referee Yohanan Cibutaru was jailed for three years by a Tel Aviv court on Sunday for match-fixing.

Cibutaru is the third Israeli official to have been jailed following a wide-ranging police investigation into the scandal launched in 2002. Charges were brought against 13 men in 2003. Some trials are still ongoing.

According to the verdict read out at Tel Aviv Magistrates Court, Cibutaru admitted that in four separate matches involving Second and Third-Division clubs between 1997 and 2000 he tried to fix results to suit the desires of illegal betting rings.

Cibutaru originally pleaded not guilty, but af-

ter 25 court sessions, changed his plea to guilty, according to the verdict.

"The accused was a senior soccer official ... and knew and understood fully the seriousness of his actions, but he was undeterred and in so doing showed total disregard for all legal and sporting

norms," judge Dan Mor wrote in his verdict.

The judge said that he would have doubled Cibutaru's sentence had he maintained his not-guilty plea. He also ordered Cibutaru to pay a 30,000-shekel (7,062-US-dollar) fine.

MNA/Reuters



Celta Vigo's Diego Placente (R) and Valencia's Miguel Angulo battle for the ball during their Spanish First Division soccer match at Vigo's Balaidos stadium on 15 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

## Sporting go joint top in Portugal

LISBON, 17 Oct— Sporting went joint top on points at the head of the Portuguese Premier League with a 1-0 win at Estrela Amadora on Sunday.

Sporting, warming up for their Champions League match with Bayern Munich on Wednesday, have 15 points from six games, the same as leaders Porto who have a superior goal difference.

Sporting grabbed the only goal when defender Tonel headed in a corner by midfielder Joao Moutinho on the stroke of halftime. Champions Porto defeated Maritimo 3-0 at home on Saturday with striker Helder Postiga scoring twice. Braga, who won 3-0 at promoted Beira Mar on Friday are third two points behind.

Two first-half goals by Italian forward Fabrizio Miccoli helped Benfica crush promoted Uniao Leiria 4-0 on Saturday. They are in fourth place with 10 points, five behind the leaders but with one match in hand.—MNA/Reuters

## Juventus keep up promotion push with win at Treviso

ROME, 17 Oct— Juventus are just one point away from cancelling out the penalty points handed down to them in the Serie A match-fixing scandal after beating second division rivals Treviso 1-0 on Monday.

The win, thanks to a 31st-minute strike by midfielder Cristiano Zanetti, left Juventus on minus one point after six matches, 16 points behind Serie B leaders Genoa, who have played one game more.

Juventus started this season in Serie B on minus 17 points after being found guilty of conspiring with referees and linesmen to rig games during the 2004-05 season. Zanetti's goal rewarded a dominant first-half performance by the visitors. The former Italian international ran

on to Mauro Camoranesi's cutback before angling a low shot past home keeper Vlada Avramov.

Treviso came out strongly immediately after the interval, with midfielder Blazes Vascak and defender Marcello Cottafava forcing saves from Gianluigi Buffon.

But Juventus steadily regained their grip on the contest and went close to scoring again two minutes from the end when Alessandro Del Piero put a lob just wide of the post. — MNA/Reuters

# Beijing Olympics mascots renamed Fuwa

BEIJING, 17 Oct — Following a public outcry, China has changed the official English name of the five 2008 Beijing Olympic Games mascots from Friendlies to Fuwa.

The English names on the posters for the mascots at the official website of the Beijing Organizing Committee for the Games of the XXIX Olympiad (BOCOG) have already been switched to Fuwa, but Friendlies remain on some of the Olympic souvenirs sold at franchised

stores, Monday's *Beijing Daily* messenger reported.

A handful of cartoon figures named the Five Friendlies were unveiled as mascots for the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games last November.

The mascots — a fish, a panda, a Tibetan antelope, a swallow and

the Olympic flame — relate to the five elements of nature — the sea, forest, fire, earth and sky. Each has a two-syllable name in English, and when the first syllables from each name are put together, it produces "Beijing huanying ni" or Beijing welcomes you.

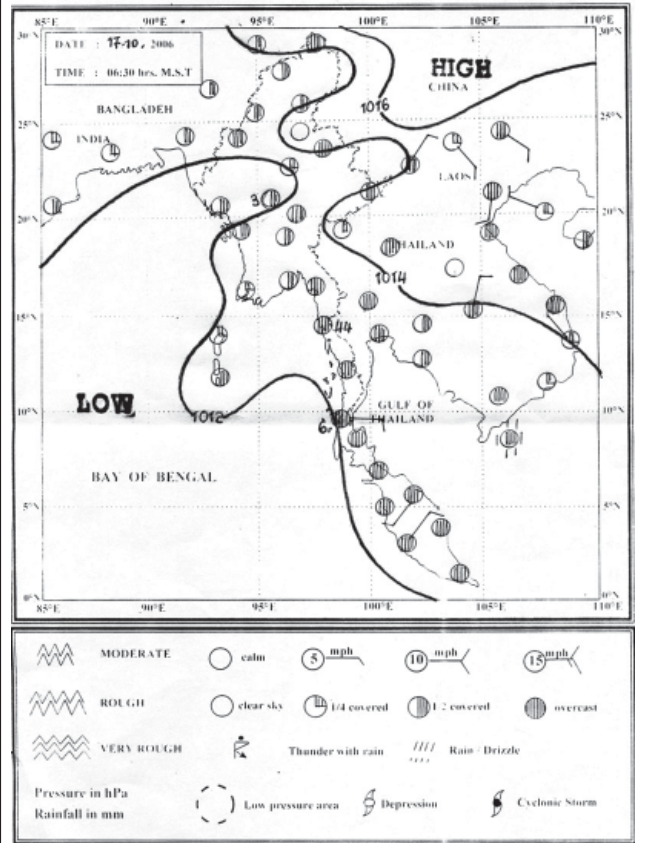
However, the public did not like the English translation "the Five Friendlies". In Chinese, the word fuwa combines characters for children and for blessings.

Some people said "Friendly" is not a good translation because it has two meanings in English, a friendly person or a game played for pleasure or practice.

Others contended that the word "Friendlies" might cause misunderstanding because its pronunciation is similar to the word "Friendless", and can also be broken down into two words, namely "Friend" and "Lies".

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Tuesday, 17 October, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Mon State, isolated in Chin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (1.73) inches, Mogok (0.91) inch, Yamethin (0.20) inch and Meiktila (0.11) inch.

Maximum temperature on 16-10-2006 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 17-10-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 17-10-2006 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 16-10-2006 was 3.4 hours approx.

Rainfalls on 17-10-2006 were 0.07 inch at Mingaladon, nil at Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were 98.46 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 6 mph from Southeast at 10:15 hours MST on 16-10-2006.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South West Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 18-10-2006:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and isolated in Kachin, Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of rain or thundershowers in the extreme Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 18-10-2006:** Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 40%.

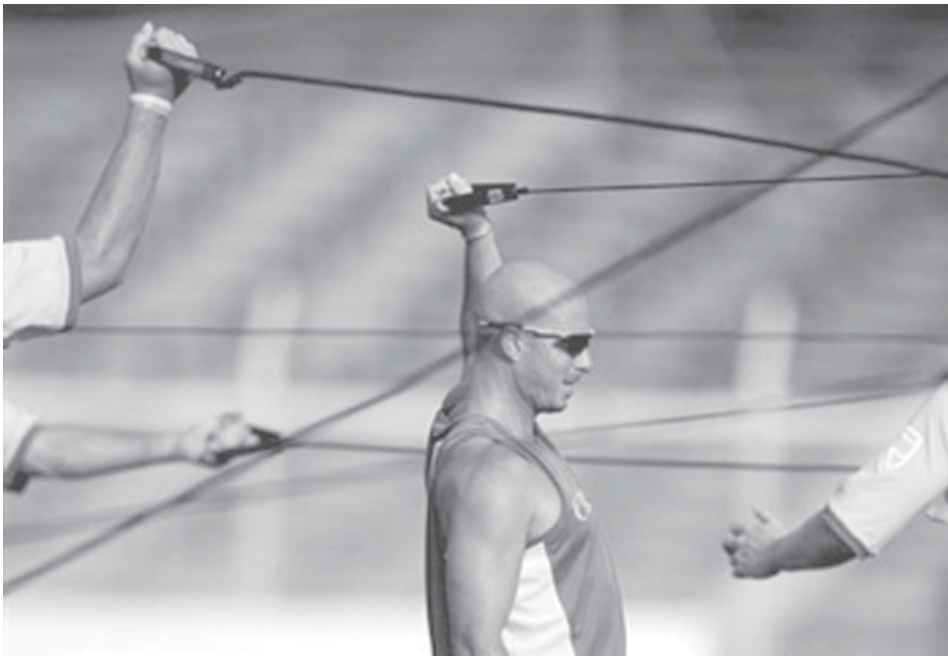
**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 18-10-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 18-10-2006:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

### Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 17-10-2006)

According to the 06:30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Dokehtawady River at Myitnge is 894 cm. It may fall below its danger level 870 cm during the next 24 hours commencing noon today.



South Africa's Herschelle Gibbs performs stretching exercises during a training session in the ICC Champions Trophy cricket tournament in Mumbai on 15 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET



Wednesday, 18 October  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:  
-I believe in you
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music  
-Feel good
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music  
-Show me the meaning of being lonely
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music  
-My love
- 1:30 pm News & Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch Time Music  
-I knew I love you  
-New moon on Monday
- 9:00pm Variations on a tune  
-Hello darling
- 9:15pm Article
- 9:25pm Music at your request  
-Love of a lifetime  
-Heartbroken
- 9:45 pm News & Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 18 October  
View on today

- 7:00 am  
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဌာနမှ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရသဒ္ဒမ္မဇောတီက၊ တီပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am  
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am  
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am  
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am  
6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:10 am  
7. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am  
8. ငါ့သရောက ရေလှောင်တံခံ
- 8:30 am  
9. International news
- 8:45 am  
10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm  
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm  
3. Demonstration Exercises for Correct Pronunciation
- 4:45 pm  
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm  
5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm  
6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတတေး
- 5:20 pm  
7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:35 pm  
8. Classical song
- 5:45 pm  
9. "အဲ့ဒီမှာစတွေ့တာပဲ" (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ နှင်းဝတ်ရည်သောင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ - မင်းအုပ်စိုး)
- 5:50 pm  
10. ရွှေယံစုံလင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm  
11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm  
12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm  
13. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm  
14. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 7:15 pm  
15. "ချစ်လွန်းလို့" (ဖိုးဖြူ၊ ခင်စိုးဝင်း၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ - ကြည်စိုး)
- 7:25 pm  
16. The mirror images of the muscial oldies
- 7:40 pm  
17. ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 8:00 pm  
18. News
- 9. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 22. Myanmar movie: "မုန်ရွှေရည်" (ဝင်းဦး၊ အောင်လွင်၊ ခင်သန်းနု၊ စန္ဒာလင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝင်းဦး)
- 23. The next day's programme

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Delegate groups of National Convention hold meetings

YANGON, 17 Oct — Delegate groups of political parties, representatives-elect, peasants, workers, intellectuals and intelligentsia and other invited persons held group meetings at the designated places of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

Delegate Group of Political Parties

The group meeting of Delegate Group of Political Parties was held at the hall-1 this morning. U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Wa National Development Party presided over the meeting together with member of the Panel of Chairman U Tun Yin Law of National Unity Party.

Deputy Director U Khin Maung Phyu of Work Group-3 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and Assistant Director Daw Htay Htay Win acted as MCs.

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U Saw Philip (a) U Philip Sam of Wa National Development Party delivers an address at group meeting of delegates of political parties. — MNA

14th Performing Arts Competitions continue

YANGON, 17 Oct — The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the third day at the

designated places in Nay Pyi Taw this morning.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin

Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Member of the Panel of Patrons of the 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, Minister for Agriculture & Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of State Peace and Development Council Office, Secretary of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Col Yan Naing Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Command, maestros, officials and fans enjoyed the competitions.

for Singing Contest Assistant Director Daw Tin Tin Mya (Music) (Retd) of Myanmar Radio and Television, Secretary Assistant Director U Kyaw Swe (Production) of Fine Arts Department and

contestants from States and Divisions took part in the amateur level (first class) women's Maha Gita singing contest; 12 in the basic education level (aged 15-20) modern song boys' (See page 10)



Contestants of Ayeyawady Division taking part in amateur level (first class) men's ozi contest. — MNA



A contestant taking part in amateur level (first class) classical song contest. — MNA

Vesantara drama contest

NAY PYI TAW, 17 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.

Pantra Myo Thu Cultural Troupe representing Sagaing Division will take part in the contest tomorrow. — MNA