

**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

## Existing hospitals, dispensaries upgraded, new ones opened in the entire nation to provide better public health care services

### Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects development tasks in townships of Putao District



*Prime Minister General Soe Win delivers an address at the meeting with departmental officials and townsmen in Nagmon. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Soe Win, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council 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 and departmental heads, flew to Nagmon from Khaunglanphu on 15 October af-

ternoon, and inspected the camp of Khakaborazi National Park. They viewed fruits and fossils of animals displayed at the camp. At the City Hall, the Prime Minister met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people, and heard reports on development of the township, progress of education, health and transport sectors presented by Chairman of the Township PDC U Kyaw Kyaw. The Prime

Minister gave instructions on turning out educated youth, extension of paddy cultivation and emphasis to be placed on national unity. Next, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party presented gifts for the township to officials. In Pannandin of Nagmon Township, they met local people at Namtamai Hall. Prime Minister General Soe Win heard reports on education, health, transport, economic, hydel power and TV

transmission matters and attended to the needs. He instructed officials to priority to be given to better transport among Pannandin region, Nagmon and Putao Townships. General Soe Win, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and the ministers

presented gifts for the townships, clothes, medicines and uniforms for members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association to officials. After the meeting, they inspected development of Pannandin, and next, they flew back to Putao.

While in Putao, the Prime Minister and party inspected progress of the hotel construction project of Shwe Lat Co Ltd in Mulashide Village. Manager U Thaug Po of the project reported on matters concerning the construction project. Minister for Hotels and

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**Arrangements are to be made for carrying out cultivation tasks to increase income by utilizing land resources.**

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 19 October, 2006

### Maintain favourable environment of development

The government of Myanmar is working for the development of various regions and the entire Union in the interests of all the national peoples living in it. As political, economic, education, health and transport infrastructures have been built, each region has begun enjoying the fruits of development.

Due to the lack of peace and stability, Kachin State was left behind other regions in various ways. But as peace and stability has been prevailing in the entire state and transport has improved, national races living there now experience peace and development first-hand.

As the government has been building economic and social infrastructures all over the Union by laying down development plans, universities, colleges, technological colleges and hospitals have emerged in Myitkyina, Bhamo and in Mohnyin in Kachin State. The main hall of Government Technological College (Myitkyina) of the Ministry of Science and Technology was inaugurated on 17 October. This will enable the youth in the region to pursue advanced technological education.

Nowadays, the government is building a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy and there has been favourable environment on all fronts. With the purpose of maintaining the favourable conditions, highly-educated youths are being turned out.

To raise the educational standard of the youth, the government is fulfilling all the necessary requirements such as buildings and teaching aids. We believe that, if teachers and students, on their part, try to the best of their abilities, there will emerge good and able citizens who can shape a stable and promising future of the nation.

### Greenery Golden Land, Shwe Naing Ngan Journals appear

YANGON, 18 Oct — Volume 3, No 10 of Greenery Golden Land Journal appeared today.

The journal takes in a wide range of features by the well-known writers, local and foreign news such as current political and social ones, consequences of the development of science and technology and the time when the phrase "Ace in the Hole" was coined.

Those wishing to send manuscripts and news to the journal can dial Ph 382070 of Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Road in Yangon.

Likewise, Volume 5, No 11 of Shwe Naing Ngan Journal came out today. The journal embraces a variety of articles and local news, and every aspect of development across the nation.

Every one can send articles on development of agriculture, livestock breeding, industries, health, education and science and technology in their townships to Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township.—MNA

## People's 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

### Commander inspects power supply facilities in Yaksawk Township

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaug Aye inspected thriving paddy plantations along both sides of Taunggyi-Yaksawk Road on 14 October morning.

In Yaksawk, the commander oversaw functions of Tatgyi Hydel Power Plant. In the afternoon, the commander inspected tasks of No 1 Zawgyi Hydel Power Plant and No 2 Zawgyi Hydel Power Plant.

The commander viewed maintenance and supply of power of the power plants and water facilities of Zawgyi Dam.

No 1 Zawgyi Hydel Power Plant was installed with three 6-megawatt generators and No 2 Zawgyi

### Ceremony to honour Dhamma Gonyaung Sayadaw

YANGON, 18 Oct — A ceremony to honour Kammathanaçaria of Mahasi International Buddha Missionary Ashin Tejinda, Presiding Sayadaw of Dhamma Gonyaung Monastery in Karya Ward, Mingaladon Township, will be held at Aungmyebon Monastery in Pyawbon Village, Ayadaw Township, Sagaing Division, on 12 November.

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Hydel Power Plant, with two 6-megawatt generators.

No 2 Zawgyi Hydel Power Plant is supplying power to Yaksawk Township and Bahtoo Station, and Zawgyi Dam is also irrigating Meiktila and Kyaukse regions for agricultural purpose. — MNA

### SWRR Minister accepts 250 wheel chairs

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — Latter Day Saint Charities (LDSC) and Social Welfare Development Association held a ceremony to donate 250 wheel chairs to the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement at the ministry, here, yesterday.

First, Country Director Mr Kelvyn Cullimore of LDSC explained the purpose of the donation.

After receiving the donations, Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Next, the minister handed over 41 wheel chairs to the Directorate of Resettlements of the Ministry of Defence.

Deputy Director of Resettlements Col Htay Naing accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour.

Afterwards, the minister expressed words of thanks.

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Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepts wheel chairs from Mr Kelvyn Cullimore.

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### Myanmar to host Asian, SEA archery championships

YANGON, 18 Oct — Myanmar will host the Third World Ranking Asian Circuit Archery Championship and the Second South East Asian Archery Championship to be held from 1 to 7 November.

Myanmar, China (Taipei), Hong Kong, Indonesia, Malaysia, Singa-

pore, Thailand, the Philippines and Kazakhstan will participate in the third world ranking competitions.

A total of 96 medals will be awarded to winners in the third world ranking Asian circuit archery championship and 48 medals in the second SEA archery championship. — NLM



Female archers being in intensive training.

NLM

**Donate blood**

# Pakistan greets new UN chief

ISLAMABAD, 17 Oct— Pakistan's President Pervez Musharraf and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz have felicitated Ban Ki-Moon of South Korea on his election as the new Secretary General of the United Nations.

"Our unanimous election is a testament to your leadership, statesmanship and political and diplomatic acumen," Musharraf said in his message.

He expressed his confidence that under his leadership the role of the United Nations in maintaining international peace and security would be strengthened.

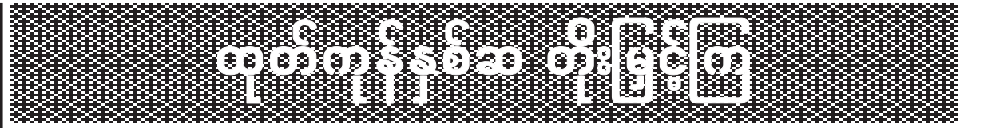
In his message, Aziz said that Ban Ki-Moon election was a clear recognition of his long and rich

experience in multilateral diplomacy, wisdom and vision to lead the United Nations in a time of both profound challenges and opportunities.

"I have every confidence that you would fulfill the exacting demands of this high office with every success," he said.

Aziz said, "I look forward to working with you in advancing the common agenda of UN reform, including in creating greater coherence in the UN system, to help attune this organization to the demands of our times."

He said that internal reform undoubtedly remained crucial to the ability of the United Nations to acquit itself of the trust placed in it by the peoples of the world.—MNA/Xinhua



A man works at a construction site in Beijing on 17 Oct, 2006. China's efforts to curb runaway expansion in some industries are starting to pay off, but fixed-asset investment growth remains too rapid, the country's top economic planning official said in remarks published on Monday. —INTERNET



The Victory Column in the German capital is illuminated with coloured lights in Berlin on 17 Oct, 2006 during the 'Festival of Lights'. Around thirty famous monuments and buildings are illuminated until 29 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

## Strong quake off Papua New Guinea

CANBERRA, 17 Oct— A strong undersea earthquake off the Papua New Guinea island of New Britain on Tuesday sparked a warning of a possible local tsunami, but emergency officials said there had been no reports of damage or casualties.

The 6.5 magnitude earthquake struck at 11:25 am local time (0125 GMT), about 229 kilometres (142 miles) southwest of the island capital Rabaul, said the United States Geological Survey (USGS).

The depth was recorded at 58 kilometres (36 miles) below sea level.

Papua New Guinea emergency authorities said they were still checking with villages along the coast, but there were no immediate reports of a tsunami or quake damage. In July 1998, two undersea quakes measuring 7.0 created three tsunamis that killed at least 2,100 people near the town of Aitape on Papua New Guinea's north coast.—MNA/Reuters

## Gulf war hostages demand inquiry into British spy claims

LONDON, 17 Oct— Airline passengers taken hostage in Kuwait during the 1990 Iraqi invasion demanded an inquiry on Monday into allegations that the British Government let them land in order to smuggle spies into the emirate.

Iraqi soldiers seized the British Airways' Boeing 747 when it landed in Kuwait on 2 August, 1990, the day of the invasion. The plane had been carrying more than 300 people and many of them were held for several months and used as human shields against allied bombing of strategic Iraqi sites.

Member of Parliament Norman Baker said he would

ask Prime Minister Tony Blair to order a public inquiry after freelance journalist Steven Davis said he had new evidence the aircraft was carrying spies that British intelligence wanted to get into the emirate to report on Iraqi troop movements.

"The new evidence ... shows that the government of the day allowed the flight to land knowing that Iraq had invaded Kuwait and therefore knowing the passengers and crew would be endangered," Baker told a news conference, flanked by some passengers and crew members of flight 149. "We're here to say please let's get some truth about what happened," said Paul Dieppe, a professor of medicine who was on the flight.

Jennifer Chappell, 12 years old at the time, said being taken hostage had ended her childhood and left her with 16 years of psychological problems. "I'm getting my life back on track but 16 years is a long time to have nightmares," she said.— MNA/Reuters

## Two metro trains collide in Rome One train rammed into the back of another at the Rome station

LONDON, 17 Oct— One person was killed and 110 injured, five of them seriously, when two metro trains collided during the morning rush hour in the Italian capital, Rome.

The crash, on metro line A, took place at Piazza Vittorio Emanuele II station. Passengers said the incident occurred when one train arriving at the station smashed into the back of another.

There have been reports that the moving train had passed a red light. Its driver, who was injured, has told police he has no memory of the event.

The crash is the first fatal accident ever to hit the Italian metro system.

The crash happened at 0937 (0737 GMT), one stop away from the mainline train terminus in

Rome.

One train was stopped at the station platform to let passengers get off when the second train crashed into it from the back, leaving its front carriage concertinaed, passengers said. "I saw the train in front and it seemed as though it was getting closer and closer to us and nothing was happening," Fabiano De Santis, a lawyer, told Italian television.

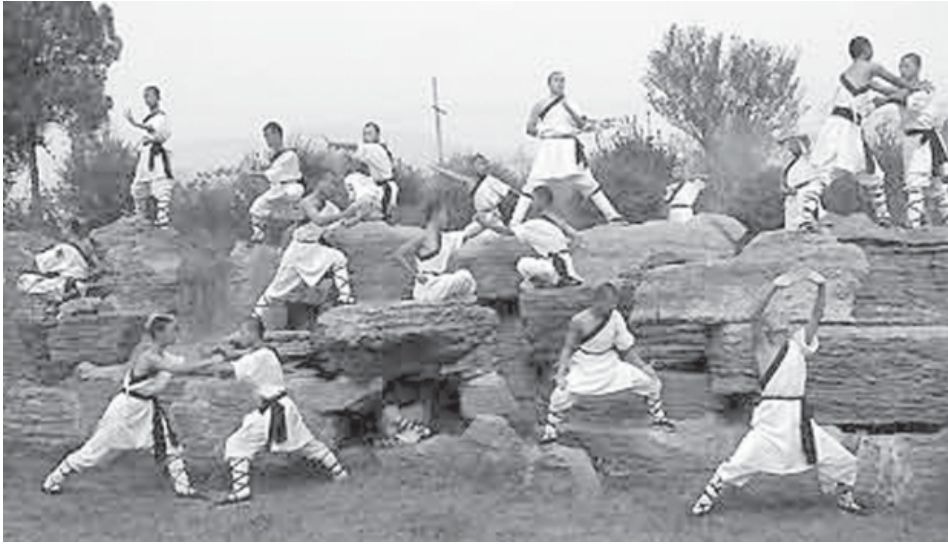
"I realized there was going to be an impact and so I managed to move forward in the carriage and I saw the train came towards me. It was a very strong impact."

The passenger who died was a 30-year-old woman, officials said. Five of the injured people are in intensive care in hospital.

Internet



A model walks the runway in the Arthur Mendonca show, part of Toronto Fashion Week in Toronto on 17 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET



Shaolin martial arts practitioners perform during a grand ceremony to greet guests from home and abroad to the second World Traditional Wushu (martial arts) Championships (WTWUC) near the Shaolin Temple in Dengfeng City, central China's Henan Province on 17 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

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## Andrzej Lepper reappointed as Polish Deputy PM

WARSAW, 17 Oct— Poland's President Lech Kaczynski has reappointed Chairman of the Self-defence Party Andrzej Lepper as Deputy PM and Minister of Agriculture, the Presidential Chancellery announced on Monday.

The President hoped the appointment would put

an end to the political crisis spanning the past few weeks and lead to a harmonious governing coalition, State Secretary of the Presidential Chancellery Maciej Lopinski told reporters.

The Polish right-wing governing party, Laws and Justice (PiS), formed the majority coalition government with Self-defence and the League of Polish Families (LPR) in May. In September, the Self-defence Party headed by Lepper had a severe disagreement with the PiS over the draft budget for 2007 and the deployment of Polish soldiers in Afghanistan. The row

prompted President Kaczynski to dismiss Lepper from the position of Deputy PM and Minister of Agriculture on 22 September.

After Lepper's dismissal, the Polish Cabinet stepped again into a minority government, and subsequent negotiations over a coalition between PiS and Polish Peasant Party failed to make progress. Currently, PiS, Self-defence and LPR between them occupy 230 seats of the total 460 in the Lower House of Parliament, just one short of the requirement for a majority government.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cross-strait agricultural cooperation forum opens

BOAO, 17 Oct— The Chinese Mainland and China (Taipei) opened a forum Tuesday to boost agricultural cooperation and promote peace and development across the Taiwan Straits.

The forum, held in Boao in the southernmost island province of Hainan, will present a "bright outlook" for cross-strait agricultural development and common prosperity, said Chen Yunlin, director of the China (Taipei) Work Office of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee.



Chen Yunlin (R), director of the China (Taipei) Work Office of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, shakes hands with Lin Fong-cheng, vice president of Chinese Kuomintang (KMT).—INTERNET

"The Mainland and China (Taipei) have made concerted efforts over the past two decades to keep expanding cooperation in the agricultural sector," Chen told the forum that opened at 9:00 am Tuesday.

He said such cooperation has started to benefit both sides of the straits but still has immense potentials for further expansion.

MNA/Xinhua

## US soldiers killed in bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 17 Oct— An American soldier was killed when his vehicle hit a roadside bomb in Baghdad, the military said in a statement on Monday.

"A Multi-National Division - Baghdad Soldier was killed at approximately 10:45 pm (1945 GMT) on Sunday when the vehicle he was riding in was struck by an improvised-explosive device north of Baghdad," the statement said.

Earlier, two US Marines were killed Sunday due to "enemy action" while operating in al-Anbar Province, according to the US military.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese-aided Cambodian miliary clinic opens

PHNOM PENH, 17 Oct— The visiting Chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Liang Guanglie, attended an inauguration ceremony of a clinic building for the Cambodian Army's General Hospital here on Monday.

Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Co-Minister of Defence Tea Banh also attended the ceremony.

"China and Cambodia are friendly neighbours. We enjoy mutual support and understanding, treat each other at an equal footing, and have carried out much cooperation in the political, economic and military fields.

MNA/Xinhua



An antibomb robot detects a simulated explosive during a demonstration in Beijing, on 14 Oct, 2006. The Robot Teaching and Research Seminar of Chinese Colleges and Universities was held on Saturday to discuss the present situation and future of teaching and research on robot techniques.—XINHUA

## Biologist wins Australia's top science prize

CANBERRA, 17 Oct— A scientist who spent 23 years studying bees and helped develop automated space craft for use on Mars has won Australia's top science prize.

Mandyam Srinivasan, a professor of biological science at the Australian National University, has spent his career examining how insects and bees move, combining his interests in biology and engineering.

His discoveries on how bees use visual clues to regulate flight speed and control landings has led to new robotic technology and the development of automatic systems for helicopters and micro robotic aircraft for use in space exploration.

"Designs for robots are often expensive and complex. A bee can take off, find targets, fly through tunnels, navigate home, and land without

any of that complexity," Prime Minister John Howard said, announcing Srinivasan's award on Monday.

As winner of the Prime Minister's Science Prize, Srinivasan receives a gold medal and 300,000 Australian dollars (225,000 US dollars). He said he now planned a series of experiments to find out if bees could feel emotions, as well as further aviation research.—MNA/Reuters



Construction works go on Etisalat new tower on 17 Oct, 2006 in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

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## Hun Sen assures Chinese official of strengthened cooperation

PHNOM PENH, 17 Oct—Prime Minister Hun Sen here on Monday expressed his appreciation to China for the generous help and aid it has extended to the kingdom for its economic construction and social development in the past years, while meeting Liang Guanglie, visiting Chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army.

As Cambodia and China enjoy close and friendly ties, both leaders exchange visits frequently and cooperation in various fields is carried out well, he said.

Cambodia will strengthen its cooperation with China in the future, he said. Meanwhile, Cambodia sticks to the One China policy and opposes any activity that advocates Taiwan

independence, he added.

Liang said that the current Chinese-Cambodian ties develop well and that the two sides have maintained frequent top-level contacts. The cooperation and exchange in various fields keep on expanding and the economic and trade cooperation bears fruits, he said.

In addition, the military ties as an important part of the bilateral ties have also grown smoothly in recent years, he added. Liang also extended thanks to the Cambodian Government for its adherence to the One China policy, opposes Taiwan independence clearly and consistently supports the peaceful unification of China.

MNA/Xinhua



Mexican fuel tanker *Quetzalcoatl* (R) is seen after the blast at Pemex's Pajarito terminal in the city of Coatzacoalcas, Mexico on 17 Oct, 2006.

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## Floods claim more than 70 lives

BANGKOK, 17 Oct—The official flood death toll across the country stood at 73 as of Tuesday, according to the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department, as more deaths are being reported in many provinces.

In Phitsanulok, the death toll from flooding reached nine on Tuesday when a man was found dead in the water early morning. Floodwaters in three Prachin Buri districts including the provincial seat have risen.

A three-year-old boy who drowned on Tuesday brought the provincial death toll from flood in the province to 13.

In Sing Buri, flood situations in six districts

are still in crisis. Local residents in the provincial town have moved into temporary shelters while farmlands have been inundated.

In the northeastern province of Nakhon Ratchasima, about 100,000 persons in 23 districts have been affected by the floods. Initial damages were estimated at more than Bt200 million.

However, rainfall from tropical storm Xangsane earlier this month helped increase the water level in Korat's reservoirs. Despite the abundance of water now, a severe drought is expected here next year.

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Residents with their pet dog go through a flooded street in Suphanburi Province, north of Bangkok, on 17 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET



Ashley Priess of the US competes on the balance beam during the women's team qualifications at the Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Aarhus, Denmark on 16 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

## WWF discovers 30 new rainforest orchids in PNG

GENEVA, 17 Oct—Thirty new species of orchid previously unknown to the world have been discovered by WWF scientists in Papua New Guinea (PNG), the

Switzerland-based conservation group said on Monday. The exciting new discoveries are located at the Kikori Region surrounding Lake Kutubu, internationally recognized for its biological importance, the World Wildlife Fund said.

"Around 70 species of orchid that used to exist in the forests of neighbouring Indonesia have become extinct because of illegal logging," said WWF forest ecologist Olo Gebia. "So these recent discoveries are especially good news."

The findings mark the culmination of a long-term WWF study of the species within the Kikori Region.

MNA/Xinhua

## Russian company to build first Indonesian nuclear power plant

JAKARTA, 17 Oct—Russian electricity company Raoues is slated to build Indonesia's first nuclear power plant, a local newspaper reported on Monday.

The facility will be located in Gorontalo Province, Sulawesi Island, in order to meet long-term demand for electricity there and in nearby provinces, reported *The Jakarta Post*.

Gorontalo Governor Fadel Muhamad has stated that the new plant is expected to start operating by the end of 2007. He also claimed Gorontalo will be registered as the first province in Indonesia to enjoy nuclear electricity.

The nuclear plant would be designed to have a generating capacity of 90 megawatts, which would be sold to state-owned electricity company PT Perusahaan Listrik Negara (PLN) at a price one-third lower than that of conventional electricity.

A cooperation agreement will reportedly be signed by Fadel and Raoues representatives in Russia. "The Russian side has prepared everything. It is now waiting for Gorontalo Province's response," Farino Sariowan, a Raoues project developer in Indonesia, was quoted as saying.—MNA/Xinhua



Sylvester Stallone looks on as Bruce Willis receives a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in Los Angeles on 16 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

# “Is that so Maung Ka Lu?” “It is more than that.”

## Maung Ka Lu

**Grandpa:** Come on Maung Ka Lu. I was expecting you.

**Maung Ka Lu:** I would also like to see you, grandpa.

**Grandpa:** What’s the matter?

**Lu:** The US tabled the move to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UN Security Council so that expatriates, axe-handles, internal destructive elements would be pleased. I read in the newspaper that the US employed various methods such as offering monetary and economic assistance or pulling pressure to get the ‘yes’ votes and I would like to ask you and listen to your comments.

**Grandpa:** It is only a hegemonic tactics of the US that wants to establish political, economic and military influence after interfering in international affairs. Two permanent members of the UNSC who have the veto power and Qatar did not support the move. They said the move was the violation of Article 24 of the UN Charter. They also criticized and blamed the US for its act saying that Myanmar does not pose a threat to security of any neighbouring countries or those in the region. Myanmar is one of the 148 issues accepted by the UNSC. Putting on the agenda does not mean taking action against Myanmar. The US itself repeatedly violated the UN Charter and invaded numerous countries. It was found that as a plaintiff the US organized the UN to take action against the country. The US did not pay much regard to the UN but it used the UN if she wanted.

**Lu:** Wasn’t action taken against the US for violating the UN Charter and committing acts of aggression?

**Grandpa:** Whenever the UN tried to take action against the US or its allies or its cohort country, it rejected the move using the veto. The US president now in office is a Republican. In the media the Republican Party is known as the extremist rightist or neo-conservative (Neo-con) or dogmatists. When a Republican president took office, the US invaded two or three nations of the world without giving any sound reason. When a moderate president of the Democratic Party took office, he invaded at least one nation.

**Lu:** When Hitler (Germany), Mussolini (Italy) and Tojo (Japan), the three fascist nations, occupied countries colonized by the imperialists during the Second World War, the US led the anti-fascist movement. In the post-war period, the US opposed socialist countries led by the Soviet Union, shouting for the establishment of free world. In the Soviet Union, socialism was practised and only one party took power. Regarding this, the US said it was against democracy. The US said that socialism (Communism) made the people poor. Later, Democratic President Jimmy Carter used the term human rights to attack the Soviet Union, wasn’t it?

**Grandpa:** Yes, of course. After the collapse of the Soviet Union and eight socialist countries in

eastern Europe, the US changed its target to oil-rich Islamic nations, especially Arab countries, shouting anti-terrorism. It is the US that targeted those nations branding them extremists, Islamic fundamentalists and Muslim militants.

**Lu:** Yes, Grandpa. They talked loud.

**Grandpa:** If they are under the influence of evil words, deeds and thought, without observing political ethics they will say whatever they wish. We, the Buddhists, have no such practices.

**Lu:** Our country is not a Communist, nor an Islamic fundamentalist country. She does not accept fascism and launched anti-fascist movement in the 1940s. We are building a peaceful nation depending on natural resources and geographical conditions, practising independent and active foreign policy in international relations. Why does the US provoke our country where Buddhism has been flourishing?

**Grandpa:** You must understand it as you have already read articles and news in the newspapers. Under neo-colonialism, the US policy, which is putting self-interest in the fore, exercising hegemony to dominate the world, the US has already given trouble to fascist bloc, communist-socialist bloc and Islamic countries. It has now set its target at non-aligned nations and developing countries which are striving for development. Altogether 118 countries that are exercising a policy of non-alignment have become consolidated. Ten ASEAN nations that were targeted to be organized under SEATO have become united. The US would not like to accept it.

**Lu:** In developing countries including Myanmar there are nations that practise socialism such as Cuba, Yugoslav, those that practise nationalism, Christian nations, Islamic nations and Buddhist nations, aren’t there grandpa?

**Grandpa:** Of course. The US has put non-aligned socialist nations into the cold war along with the Soviet Union. It attacked Islamic nations accusing them of harbouring terrorists led by Osmar bin Ladin and attacked Buddhist nations accusing them of lacking democracy, human rights and freedom of religion. In Myanmar, there are churches thousands of, there are tens of thousands of mosques and there are over a thousand of Hindu temples. The people profess religions of their choice. Although they are different in religions, they are living together peacefully under the teachings of their religions. There is no room for those like the West bloc which want to create political, racial and religious conflicts.

**Lu:** As the word “human rights” is constantly being used by the US and colonialist group it has become a cliché. According to publications in their countries and responses of the international community there is no country worse than the US and European nations in breaching human rights. As apartheid and racial discrimination have been widespread in those nations the UN has to launch a campaign for warding off racial discrimination there.

**Grandpa:** Right. In the time of US President Jimmy

Carter, socialist-communist nations practised single party, single policy system and there was no alternative. Citing the system the breaching of human rights the US widely used the term “human rights” in the cold war with the Soviet Union. Nowadays, the US and its allies are attacking other countries accusing them of infringing human rights. At every meeting on the UN human rights, the majority of countries condemned and documented that the countries which constantly infringed the human rights declaration adopted by the UN were none other than the US and Britain. At present, the US is accusing its targeted countries of breaching human rights.

**Lu:** Preserving fine tradition, culture, national prestige and integrity, Myanmar people are dealing with one another on friendly terms according to the religious teachings. They are making integrated efforts sharing common views and outlook. It is likely that human rights and democratic practice have been deeply rooted in Myanmar society.

**Grandpa:** Maung Kalu, you have understood it well. Very well. In Myanmar, people are dealing with one another out of loving-kindness and compassion. There is no racial discrimination and apartheid. The people are making well-coordinated efforts in every social matter. The practice of Myanmar democracy is old as the State and the people. It is a national character that Myanmar people are serving common interest based on common wishes. But we are yet to term the practice as democracy.

**Lu:** There are different types of democracy in the world. They are capitalist democracy, socialist democracy, guided democracy, direct democracy, representative democracy, parliamentary democracy, new democracy, Westminster democracy, democracy based on double standards of the US, etc.

**Grandpa:** The word ‘democracy’ comes from Greek. Democracy has come into being from Greek word “demokratos”. Demo means public while kratos means affairs. In ancient time there were people who had been subject to enslavement under feudalism. In Rome city state, Athens city state and Sparta city state, the people gathered and decided for fair and equal treatment of enslaved people. Later, the English adopted the word “demokratos” as democracy. At that time, direct democracy was most suitable for people as people were able to decide their affairs based on common wishes. But, owing to different social standards and with the passage of time direct democracy had been on the wane and finally disappeared.

**Lu:** And then?

**Grandpa:** As capitalist industry developed in Europe, bourgeois grabbed power of feudalist kings as the former were oppressed by the latter. In England Cromwell’s parliament rose against King Charles I. The king gave in eventually and  
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## Government making arrangements for ensuring better transport in land-locked Bokpyin region



*Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects medical store of 50-bed Hospital in Bokpyin. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 17 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments presented offertories to Chairman of Bokpyin Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka Bhaddanta Indacakka of Dhammawizaya Pariyatti Sarthintaik on 13 October.

The congregations received the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw.

The commander, the deputy minister and officials presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo donated K 300,000 for Yazamuni Pagoda to Chairman of Pagoda Board of Trustees U In Paw. The commander presented K

200,000, Chairman of Kawthaung District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Tin Soe K 100,000 and U Saw Jet and Daw Khin Soe K 200,000 to the Chairman of Pagoda Board of Trustees.

The Chairman Sayadaw of Bokpyin Township Sangha Nayaka Committee delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party met schoolheads and teachers at Basic Education High School in Bokpyin. Township Education Officer Daw Hla Than reported on academic matters. Lt-Gen Maung Bo said the government made arrangements for ensuring better transport in land-locked Bokpyin region. He urged the teachers to nurture the students to become qualified ones.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented K 600,000 to TEO Daw Hla Than to buy desks for primary schools. Fisheries entrepreneur U Saw Jet and Daw Khin Soe donated K 500,000 for construction of new building of Bokpyin BEHS to Headmaster U Myint Swe.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party met officials concerned and discussed regional development.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Thein Win reported on agricultural data of the township, cultivation of crops and efforts for regional development.

In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said the government is making endeavours to achieve equitable development of the regions. Priority must be given to the cultivation of paddy as there is insufficiency of rice. Cultivation acreage has to be extended, he added.

He called for implementation of development tasks hand in hand with local authorities and local people.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party visited People's Hospital (50-bed) and had a chat with patients undergoing treatment at the hospital. Lt-Gen Maung Bo also met Tatmadawmen and their families at Bokpyin Station Hall.

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### “Is that so Maung Ka Lu?...”

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had to form two parliaments. To rule the country members of the House of Lords were appointed by the king and members of the House of Commons were appointed through the voting of the people. Most of the members of the House of Commons were capitalists. That was why the capitalists-dominated parliamentary democracy. Capitalists became more and more affluent as they invaded global countries by using military power and exploited the latter's resources. Thus, capitalist parliamentary democracy paved the way for occupying and enslaving the global nations.

**Lu:** Oh, here again, capitalists (colonialists) are meddling in the internal affairs of other countries under the pretext of democracy.

**Grandpa:** Yes, they colonized three quarters of the earth and hegemonized those countries by suppressing their rights of freedom, democracy and human rights. Today they are shouting for democracy again. Almost all of the 200 coups that took place in the world were orchestrated by the US. And governments were toppled whenever they were disapproved by the US. But its method of toppling governments no longer works. For example, there are some

countries including ours that they cannot materialize. Once our nation was about to disintegrate due to instigation of the colonialists, and the Tatmadaw had to assume State duties with a sense of national duty. So, they are hostile to us for not accepting the influence of the West.

**Lu:** At a time when fake democracy, the trap of the colonialists, is being imported into the world nations in order to put them under the influence of the US, our country has to be trying to ensure peace and stability and development while also trying to ensure non-disintegration of the Union. As a result, internal peace has been achieved in 16 years and the State has been witnessing significant progress.

**Grandpa:** That is why the seven-step Road Map of the State is being implemented to shape a genuine and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The ongoing National Convention with the participation of over 1000 delegates from all over the country has made much headway in laying down basic principles and detailed basic principles for the emergence of a constitution. A new constitution will be drawn in accord with those basic principles and detailed basic principles. The constitution will be approved by holding a referendum. Elections will take place, Hluttaws and a new government with the Head of State will be formed. In this way the ultimate goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic

nation will be achieved. Is there anything else?

**Lu:** No, that's enough for Myanmar people. But for the US that wants to influence our country economically, politically and militarily, it wishes to disrupt the National Convention, get rid of our national forces and install a puppet government made up of their lackeys and national traitors. Therefore, it is always finding fault with our country and even the UN has decided that it is time for Myanmar affairs to put under discussion.

**Grandpa:** Um, destructionists will be destructionists. We hold constructive attitude and will continue to carry out nation-building tasks in order to ensure peace and stability and development of the State. Being aware of the fact that there are neo-colonialists behind the expatriate axe-handles, the people will never give them a chance to commit their brazen acts. Myanmar people are therefore thumbing their nose at the US and its allies for using expatriates, fugitives and national traitors.

**Lu:** The colonialists who are meddling in the affairs of other countries to create clouds of war and a whirl of trouble in the world will come to a bad end soon.

**Grandpa:** Is that so Maung Kalu?

**Lu:** It is more than that.

**(Translation: NY+TS+ST)**

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## Existing hospitals, dispensaries ...

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Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing gave a supplementary report.

Next, the Prime Minister and party looked into construction of bungalows and the main lodge of the hotel.

On 16 October morning, the Prime Minister and party attended the ceremony to open the new patient ward of Putao District Hospital (100-bed). Head of the District Health Department Dr Thin Lwin reported that the hospital (25-bed) was upgraded to a 50-bed facility in 1981. Due to the increase of population, the hospital was upgraded again to the 100-bed hospital in 1998.

Prime Minister formally unveiled the signboard.

The commander handed over K 8 million donated by Kachin State PDC and Northern Command for Putao District Hospital, K 3 million for Mulashide Station Hospital, K 2 million for Machanbaw Township Hospital, K 2 million for Sumprabum Township Hospital, K 1.5 million for Nagmon Township Hospital, K 1.5 million for Khaunglanphu Township Hospital, K 1.5 million for Pannandin Hospital, K 1 million for Htarandam Station Hospital of Machanbaw Township, totalling K 20.5 million to Head of the District Health

ernment have laid down plans and is placing emphasis on enhancement of the whole socio-economic life of the people including the health care services. These tasks will not stop in the future for serving the interest of the people. Likewise, the people are to strive for uplift of their living standard. Under the leadership of the Government, the people are to make efforts in harmony for development of the nation with the Union Spirit.

Next, the Prime Minister and party viewed the new patient ward and other units of the hospital.

At Phonkanrazi Hall



**Prime Minister General Soe Win views sample of fruits and plants grown in Putao region. — MNA**

teachers reported on appointment of vacant teacher posts in Putao and Machanbaw Townships.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the

of the roads according to schedule. He stressed the need to harmoniously undertake management, food sufficiency, transport,

ways to utilize land and water resources of Putao Plain.

The Prime Minister presented agricultural equipment to the Chairman of Putao Township Peace and Development Council.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and the commander gave medicines and clothes to officials.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt gave gifts and USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, USDA uniforms to officials.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister and party inspected fruits, seeds and oil of Tung tree, Teinkaw, grapefruit and other fruits and other domestic materials.

At Theravada Buddha Central Missionary, they paid homage and offered alms to Maha Saddhamma (See page 9)



**Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects hotel construction project at Mulashide Village. — MNA**

At present, the district hospital has been equipped with advanced facilities. The newly-opened ward is a reinforced concrete building measuring 162 feet by 40 feet.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo formally opened the new patient ward, and the

Department Dr Thin Lwin.

In his address, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that the Government is upgrading old hospitals in the entire nation similar to Putao District Hospital and opening new hospitals with a view to ensuring uplift of providing better health care services to the people. The Gov-

in Putao, the Prime Minister and party met with local authorities, departmental personnel and local people.

The Prime Minister heard reports on progress of the district, education, health, agriculture, hydel power and water supply tasks presented by local authorities. Basic education

commander, the ministers and the deputy ministers gave supplementary reports.

After fulfilling the requirements, the Prime Minister said that vehicles and heavy machinery will be provided to construction of the roads for better transport in the region. Therefore, it is necessary to carry out construction

power supply and water supply tasks. Especially, arrangements are to be made for carrying out cultivation tasks to increase income by utilizing land resources. Service personnel are to try hard their tasks in their respective sectors with goodwill. In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged those present to seek various



**Prime Minister General Soe Win gives presents to an official in Nagmon. — MNA**



**Prime Minister General Soe Win gives presents to an official in Sumprabum. — MNA**



**Existing hospitals, dispensaries ...**

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Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Tiloka and members of the Sangha.

They viewed thriving paddy plantations at Matpan field of Myanma Agriculture Service.

On arrival at Sumprabum, the General and party inspected construction of buildings at Sumprabum Basic Education High School. Next, they went to Sumprabum Township Hospital and inspected the X-ray room, the operation theatre, the medicine store and wards.

At Banru Hall, the Prime Minister met with departmental personnel and local people, and heard reports on development of the township presented by Chairman U Soe Myint Thein of the Township PDC.

After attending to the needs, the General



**Prime Minister General Soe Win unveils signboard of the ward of Putao District Hospital 100-bed. — MNA**

explained the aim of the field trip of their team to fur-flung areas of Kachin State including Sumprabum Township for fulfilling the requirements in line with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, endeavours of the government, and cooperation in carrying out regional development

tasks with patriotism and the Union Spirit.

Next, they presented gifts to local people and USDA members.

In the afternoon, they arrived at M'Jangyang by helicopter. Chairman of Township PDC U Saw Nyi Nyi Htwe briefed the Prime Minister on progress of the township. Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the

commander, the minister and officials presented reports on construction of the roads in the region.

The General stressed the need for service personnel to cooperate with local national races for regional development. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party gave away gifts to officials.

Afterwards, they

inspected progress in construction of the combined office, the two-storey building of BEHS (Branch) and the Township Hospital.

On 16 October morning, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with Tatmadawmen and family members of regiments and units of Putao Station at Bandoolla Hall.

On 15 October evening, USDA Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, CEC members Minister Col Thein Nyunt and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe met with secretaries, executives and members of District and Township USDAs at Putao District USDA Office. — MNA



**Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe. — MNA**



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

**All are to strive for the success of...**

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Afterwards, Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan reported on arrangements for putting on record the undertakings of NCCC, NCCWC, and National Convention Convening Management Committee, matters related to compiling the biographies of delegates, tasks for documenting the historical records of the National Convention and management for the NC.

Next, Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe reported on tasks carried out by the work committee. Afterwards, members of the NCCC submitted suggestions. After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended to the needs and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by Lt-Gen Thein Sein. — MNA

**Delegate group of State Service Personnel holds meeting**

YANGON, 18 Oct — The group meeting of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel was held at the meeting hall-7 in Nyaunhnabin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning. U Tin Kha (Takkatho Tin Kha) of the Ministry of Information presided over the meeting together with U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin of the Ministry of Health.

Deputy Director U Htay Win of Work Group-9 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and Assistant Director U Htein Min acted as MCs.

The MC declared the start of the group meeting as 108 out of 109 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 99.08 per cent.

Later, Alternate Chairman U Tin Kha (Takkatho Tin Kha) of the Ministry of Information made an opening speech.

Alternate Chairman U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce read out the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman to seek approvals of the delegate groups, and suggestions submitted by the delegate groups to lay down detailed

basic principles for the functions on legislation of Pyiduangu Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw, and Region or State Hluttaw to be included in writing the State Constitution, the chapter on the citizens and fundamental rights and duties of the citizens and the role of Tatmadaw.

National Convention delegates U Than Tun of the Attorney-General's office and U Maung Maung of

the Supreme Court read out the suggestions of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel on the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman.

The meeting chairman approved the suggestions of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and gave concluding remarks.

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**Alternate Chairman U Tin Kha of Ministry of Information delivers an address at group meeting of delegates of State Service Personnel. — MNA**

## Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects display of jade lots at MCC

YANGON, 18 Oct — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected the display of jade lots for Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2006 at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township, here, this afternoon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe was welcomed at the centre by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Patron of the Central Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Commander Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun, central committee members and the officials.

The officials conducted Lt-Gen Myint Swe around the display



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence inspects pearl lots being displayed at Myanmar Gems Mart.—MNA*

of jade lots to be sold through tender and competitive bidding systems. Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions to the officials.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe also went to Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road where pearl and gem lots are on display and inspected the pearl and gem lots.

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## DAD Director-General inspects development task in Hpa-an

YANGON, 18 Oct — Director-General U Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs accompanied by officials inspected beautifying and water supply tasks in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State on 16 October.

At the office of Township Development Affairs Committee, the director-general heard reports presented by officials and fulfilled the requirements. The director-general also inspected four water tanks that can hold 420,000 gallons of water, Bermei water pumping station, tarmacking of roads and dredging of ditches. The director-general met with service personnel and gave necessary instructions.

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## Minister receives guests

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received Mr Madan Mohan Bhatnagar of International Narcotics Control Board-INCIB at the ministry, here, today.

Also present at the call were Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Head of Office U Khin Maung Thein, Head of Department Police Col Khan Aung of CCDAC and Deputy Head of Department Police Col Tin Maung Maung. —MNA



*Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin enjoys Vesantara Drama Contest.*

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## To new generations

- \* Silvery mist, taking blue hue  
At time of cold season  
Myanmar music, Myanmar fest  
To be made clear, significant and lofty  
With that in mind, showing what is correct  
Not to deteriorate, song, dance, composing and play  
Grand competition is held  
And while doing so the years  
Have passed ten and four.
- \* Initially, it all began in Pyu Era  
Musical festivity, glorious as it's been  
Bronze statuettes that bore  
Distinct witness about advent in this land  
Great prowess of culture  
Of this we can very well be proud.
- \* Culture which does honour to nation  
Arts in various forms  
To sprout anew without breaking tradition  
Let us continue to safeguard them.

Chan Nyein Aung (Trs)

(Hailing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions)

## Vesantara Drama Contest goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — The Vesantara Drama Contest of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the third day at the hall of University of Veterinary Science, here, this evening.

Pantaya Myo Thu and troupe representing Sagaing Division participated in the contest.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, deputy ministers, the secretary and members of the Leading Committee, members of the work committee and subcommittees, officials and guests were present at the contest. — MNA



## 14th Performing Arts Competitions...

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their songs. Moreover, six contestants took part in the basic education level boys' (aged 15-20) dobat contest and eight persons in the amateur level (second class) dobat contest.

At Yezin Forest Research Department, four contestants participated in the basic education level boys' (aged 15-20) mandolin contest, two girls in the basic education level (aged 15-20) mandolin contest, nine students in the basic education level boys' (aged 10-15) mandolin contest and six in the basic education level girls' (aged 10-15) mandolin contest.

At the Convocation Hall of University of Agriculture, three troupes participated in the higher education level (men's) orchestra contest and five troupes in the basic education level boys' (aged 5-10) orchestra contest.

Contestants from States and Divisions cordially exchanged their views on durability of performing arts while taking a rest under the shade of trees in the Yezin universities' campus. — MNA



*A contestant taking part in basic education level boys' (aged 15-20) mandolin contest. MNA*



*A contestant participates in basic education level girls' (aged 5-10) dancing contest.—MNA*

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects development of Padaung Township



*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meeting with military officers, other ranks and their families of local battalions in Padaung Station. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Vice-Chairman of Bago Division PDC Col Sein Myint, inspected maintenance of Nawade Bridge and flow of water in Ayeyawady River on 14 October morning.

In Padaung, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met

with departmental personnel and local people and explained regional development. After hearing the reports on progress of the township, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attended to the needs and gave necessary instructions.

While in Padaung, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko attended the ceremonies to open the Generator Factory (Sinde) and the Meter Factory (Sinde) of Myanma Machine Tool and Electrical Industries.

Next, they met Tatmadawmen and family members at the hall of local battalion in Padaung Station. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than explained participation in rural development tasks, growing of physic nut plants and carrying out of welfare tasks for the family members.

At Nyaunggaing Dam, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on salient points of the dam, and supply of water to summer and monsoon paddy plantations presented by Deputy Director U Soe Myint of Irrigation Department.

Col Sein Myint and officials gave supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than viewed storage of water, the control tower, maintenance of the dam and the spillway.

Nyaunggaing Dam was built with the aims of supplying water to 3,000 acres of farmland and ensuring contribution to development of Padaung Township.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than arrived back Yangon in the evening.

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### NRDRG condemns and protests against the US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN as a tool

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — *Narai Region Development and Rehabilitation Group on 25 September issued the declaration on its stance over the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.*

*The following is the full text of the declaration.*

**The declaration of Narai Region Development and Rehabilitation Group on condemnation of US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN**

25 September 2006

It is learnt that a decision was made on 15 September to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UN Security Council accusing the country of posing a threat to regional stability.

National races have lived in Myanmar unitedly since time immemorial and Myanmar has preserved its traditional culture. It is Myanmar that observes basic principles of the Charter of the UN,

International Law and International conventions and has never interfered in internal affairs of other countries and never invaded other countries. As community peace and tranquillity prevails in Myanmar, the country does not pose threat to regional stability.

The act of the US is contrary to basic principles of the UN Charter and also undermines the integrity of Myanmar and peace and unity of the national races.

Hence, Narai Region Development and Rehabilitation Group condemns and protests against the US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN as a tool.

*Signed*

**U Le Chan**

Chairman

Narai Region Development and Rehabilitation Group

### Five members of YeU Township NLD resign due to loss of trust in party leaders

YANGON, 18 Oct — Five members of YeU Township National League for Democracy including Vice-Chairman U Than Nyunt Win of Township Organizing Committee, U Nyunt Thaug and U Sein Hla of Tat Thit village, U Htay Aung and U Mann Tin of Si Hson village resigned from the NLD on 30 June of their own accord. They sent the letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In their letters sent to Sagaing Division Multiparty Democracy General Election Sub-Commission, they said the NLD, without serving in the interests of the people, has committed acts detrimental to the State and the people. Due to distrust of the leaders of the party, they quit the NLD. — MNA

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**Indonesian woman dies of bird flu**

JAKARTA, 17 Oct — A 67-year-old Indonesian woman died of bird flu after being treated at a hospital for more than a week, marking the country's 54th death from the virus, an official at the Health Ministry said on Monday.

"The virus in her was highly pathogenic, very vicious. She is the 54th casualty out of 71 cases," said Runizar Ruesin, the head of the Health Ministry's bird flu information centre. The woman from the West Java city of Bandung died on Sunday night, the official said.

Hadi Yusuf, the doctor who treated her, told Reuters the disease also affected the woman's kidneys. Tests last week found she had the H5N1 virus. —MNA/Reuters

KUWAIT CITY, 17 Oct— General Motors (GM) has sold 100,000 cars in the Middle East region during the first nine months of 2006, marking a 21-per-cent increase over the same period last year, Kuwait News Agency (KUNA) reported on Sunday.

Visiting GM General Manager Terry Johnson revealed the figures at a Press conference on Saturday in Kuwait, said KUNA. Johnson was quoted as attributing the growth to the Chevrolet series' success in the region, citing the doubled sales of Chevrolet's Sports Utility Vehicles (SUV), Tahoe and Suburban.

According to the general manager, GM's luxury line-up, Cadillac, Hummer and Saab have also seen a increase of 58 per cent over last year's

figure. The Cadillac Escalade saw a 35-per-cent increase in regional sales by September over the number in 2005.

Concerning the counties, the Saudi market is the largest in the Middle

East, making up 58 per cent of the sales in the region. Sales in Iraq increased threefold in 2006 compared to last year. About 6,339 cars had been sold in Iraq in the January-September

period.

Meanwhile, 4,320 cars have been sold in Jordan, Lebanon and Syria, making a 28-per-cent growth in spite of the recent Israel-Hizbollah conflict.

MNA/Xinhua

**Malaysian cardiologist elected WMA President**

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 Oct—Malaysian cardiologist N Arumugam has been elected as president of the World Medical Association (WMA), local Press reported on Monday.

Arumugam, ex-president of the Malaysian Medical Association (MMA), was elected to the post at the WMA's general assembly in South Africa recently.

He was the first Malaysian to hold the post. New MMA president Teoh Siang Chin described the installation as a glowing international accolade for the Malaysian health service and due recognition for all its doctors.

Arumugam has pledged to work towards better health of all citizens, including doctors, stressing doctors themselves must be healthy first to keep the population healthy.

The WMA is an international organization representing physicians. It was founded in September 1947 in Paris. The organization was created to ensure the independence of physicians, and to work for the highest possible standards of ethical behaviour and care by physicians.

Currently, it embraces about 80 national medical associations of its members. —MNA/Xinhua

**Malaysian Co to establish detergent JV in China**

KUALA LUMPUR, 17 Oct—Malaysia's Golden Hope Overseas Capital (GHOC) has signed a joint-venture agreement with two Chinese companies to establish Guangzhou Keylink Chemical Co Ltd in southern China, the company said Monday.

GHOC, an investment subsidiary wholly owned by Golden Hope Plantations Berhad, signed the agreement with Cognis Oleochemicals (Hong Kong) Ltd and

Lonkey Industrial Co Ltd, the company said in a statement released here.

The new company based in Guangdong Province will manufacture, distribute and sell methyl ester sulphonates (MES), an oleochemical derivative used in the production of detergent.

The collaboration will further strengthen Golden Hope's biodiesel business by capitalizing on the potential of MES as a replacement for linear

alkybenzene sulphonate in the detergent industry, said GHOC.

Under the agreement, Lonkey will hold 49 per cent of equity in the joint venture company with 36 per cent under Golden Hope and the remaining 15 per cent under Cognis.

Golden Hope said, Guangzhou Keylink will be responsible for building, developing and operating a plant to be built in Guangzhou to manufacture MES.

MNA/Xinhua



A labourer hangs silk bean curds, a kind of food made from soybeans, at a foodstuff factory in Changzhi, northern China's Shanxi Province on 14 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

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**Canton fair gets new name**

GUANGZHOU, 17 Oct — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao announced here Sunday that the 50-year-old Chinese Export Commodities Fair will change its name to the Chinese Import and Export Commodities Fair from next session.

The fair, also known as Canton Fair, has been a biannual event held in spring and autumn since 1957. Wen said it will take the new name in the 101 session.

The move aims to expand China's import and pushes for the balanced development of China's foreign trade, said Wen. He said China will resolutely implement the opening-up policy and encourage Chinese companies to invest abroad and also welcome foreign companies to invest in China.

China will perfect its economic rules and laws concerning foreign business, continue to improve the intellectual property rights protection, and create a fair environment for all the companies, he said. —MNA/Xinhua

**US, Russian scientists discover element 118**

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct — Scientists from the US Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, in collaboration with researchers from Dubna, the Joint Institute for Nuclear Research (JINR) in Russia, have discovered the newest superheavy element, element 118.

According to a statement released by the national laboratory Monday, in experiments conducted at the JINR U400 cyclotron between February and June 2005, the researchers observed atomic decay patterns, or chains, that establish the existence of element 118. In these decay chains, previously observed element 116 is produced

via the alpha decay of element 118.

The results are published in the October 2006 edition of the journal *Physical Review C*.

The experiment produced three atoms of element 118 when cal-

cium ions bombarded a californium target.

The team then observed the alpha decay from element 118 to element 116 and then to element 114. The Livermore-Dubna team had created the same isotope of

element 116 in earlier experiments.

This discovery brings the total to five new elements for the Livermore-Dubna collaboration (113, 114, 115, 116 and 118).

"The decay properties of all the isotopes that we have made so far paint the picture of a large, sort of flat 'Island of Stability' and indicate that we may have luck if we try to go even heavier," said Ken Moody, Livermore's team leader.

MNA/Xinhua

**Hong Kong air traffic grows in September**

HONG KONG, 17 Oct — Passenger traffic, cargo throughput and aircraft movements at the Hong Kong International Airport all experienced healthy growth in September, the Airport Authority Hong Kong (AAHK) said on Sunday.

Driven by the strong growth in the transfer passenger sector, total passenger throughput in September reached 3.5 million, up 6.8 per cent from the same period last year, according to figures released by AAHK.

Boosted by the busy

air traffic, aircraft movements grew 3 per cent to 23,300 over the same month in 2005.

MNA/Xinhua



General view of The Whale Room at the American Museum of Natural History, scene of the Conde Nast Traveler Readers' Choice Awards in New York on 16 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET



India's President A P J Abdul Kalam wears a traditional Mysore Peta (turban) during his 75th birthday celebrations in Bangalore on 15 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET



South Korean soldiers look at a pattern drawn by the South Korean Black Eagle military aerobatic team at its air show during Air Power Day at the US airbase in Osan, south of Seoul, on 14 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

**Seven killed in train collision in central Egypt**

CAIRO, 17 Oct — A train ploughed into a passenger minibus in central Egypt on Monday, killing seven people and injuring eight others, the official news agency MENA reported.

The accident occurred in Osim, a small village some 10 kilometres south of Cairo, when the train was heading from the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria to al-Tibeen, also south of Cairo.

MNA/Xinhua

**Hair reveals eating disorders**

BEIJING, 18 Oct — A new research report published on Monday indicated that hair reveals evidence of a person's diet and can help doctors diagnose eating disorders, according to media reports.

Researchers from Utah's Brigham Young University found that examining carbon and nitrogen in the proteins of hair could reveal information about a person's day-to-day nutrition.

Lead author Kent Hatch from the university's Department of Integrative Biology said clinicians

could use this as a tool to help diagnose such disorders as anorexia or bulimia because many sufferers lied or did not recognize their problems.

Current methods used to diagnose and monitor patients suffering from eating disorders relied heavily on questionnaires and interviews.

"Their self-evaluation is very impaired," said Jennifer Tolman, clinical director at Avalon Hills, a treatment facility in Cache County, Utah of the United States.

"We had a girl who was five feet and 10 inches tall and weighed 98 pounds and she wasn't even sure she had an eating disorder, although she could recognize it in others," Tolman said.

Hair grows by adding new proteins to the base of the strand, and pushing the strand up out of the hair follicle. The make-up of these proteins will be influenced by the nutritional state of the person at that moment. This nutritional state is in turn subtly affected by eating patterns associated with eating disorders. Because hair grows all the time, each strand consequently becomes a chemical diary, recording an individual's day-by-day nutrition, the researchers said. —Internet



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# SPORTS

## Russia's Abramovich denies divorce report

MOSCOW, 17 Oct— Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich said on Monday no one in his family was planning to file for divorce, Russia's Ekho Moskvyy radio station reported.

Britain's *News of the World* newspaper reported on Sunday the wife of Chelsea soccer club owner Abramovich had hired two divorce lawyers.

"No member of Roman Abramovich's family ... , including him, has gone to the courts or intends to go to the courts in connection with a family break-up," the station said. — *MNA/Reuters*



*Arsenal's Kolo Toure (L) challenges CSKA's Vagner Love during their Champions League Group G soccer match at Lokomotiv Stadium in Moscow on 17 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET*

## KFF calls crisis meeting to avert FIFA ban

NAIROBI, 17 Oct — Kenya's soccer chiefs have called a crisis meeting to on Tuesday in a bid to avert a looming world soccer governing body FIFA's ban on the East African nation.

Kenya Football Federation (KFF) Chairman Alfred Sambu said Tuesday's meeting would review conditions raised by the Zurich-based world soccer body ahead of the committee's meeting set to take place on the 18th of October.

One of the key recommendations by FIFA is that KFF de-register KFF-PL and make the name available for clubs to use.

The Kenyan football has been torn apart by the political infighting which has seen the emergence of two factions fighting for control of the Premier League.

Bickering is also tearing apart the KFF and the national side, Harambee Stars, which used to be a symbol of unity, over the running of the team.

Despite a warning from FIFA President Sepp Blatter for Kenya to sort out the mess by October 18 or face sanctions, both the KFF and the Kenya Premier League Limited (KPL) are charting their own courses.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*Real Madrid's David Beckham (R) fights for the ball with Steaua Bucharest's Petre Marin during their Champions League Group E soccer match at 'Ghencea' stadium in Bucharest on 17 Oct, 2006. It was Beckham's 100th appearance in the Champions League.—INTERNET*

## Bulgaria captain back, if Stoitchkov quits

SOFIA, 17 Oct—Bulgaria captain Stilian Petrov hinted he might come back to the team only if coach Hristo Stoitchkov is not in charge, *Sofia News Agency* reported on Monday.

A few days after announcing his decision to leave Bulgarian national soccer team over an apparent rift with Stoichkov, Aston Villa's newest acquisition said he might rethink his move, because "I have always loved playing for Bulgaria".—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Benelux to bid for 2018 World Cup finals

BRUSSELS, 17 Oct— Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg will formally apply in January to host the 2018 World Cup finals, the man in charge of the bid told *Reuters* on Monday.

Alain Courtois, a member of the Belgian Parliament and the man in charge of delivering the project, has received approval from all three associations, the governments and local authorities.

"At the moment, we are just awaiting the outcome of the elections in the Netherlands next month, but after that we should be in a position go ahead in the new year," he said.

Courtois was tournament director when Belgium and the Netherlands jointly hosted the 2000 European Championship in 2000, the first European finals to make a profit.— *MNA/Reuters*

## Serie A strugglers Chievo sack coach, recall Del Neri

ROME, 17 Oct— Serie A side Chievo Verona have sacked their coach Giuseppe Pillon and recalled Luigi Del Neri to take his place.

The decision to sack Pillon came after Chievo lost 1-0 to Torino on Sunday — their fifth defeat in six league matches so far this season.

"I'm sorry to leave but I understand their decision," Pillon was quoted as saying on La Gazzetta dello Sport's website on Monday.

"Del Neri is an excellent choice. He already knows the club and is probably the right person to get the best out of the players." Del Neri coached Chievo between 2000 and 2004, winning promotion to Serie A in his first year in charge then guiding the club to a fifth-place finish in their first-ever season in the top flight before leaving at the end of that campaign.

*MNA/Reuters*



*The Chinese team celebrate with their gold medals on the podium after winning the men's team final at the Gymnastics World Championships at the NRGi Arena in Aarhus, Denmark, on 17 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET*

## Jensen scores on return as Fulham beat Charlton 2-1

LONDON, 17 Oct— Charlton Athletic remained rooted to the bottom of the Premier League on Monday as Claus Jensen made a scoring comeback after a year's absence to help Fulham to a 2-1 home win. Charlton had by far the best of the first half, with Dennis Rommedahl running riot, but failed to turn a series of half-chances into goals.

They paid a heavy price when Fulham suddenly cut loose in an explosive three minute spell midway through the second period.

They broke the deadlock in the 65th minute when Brian McBride shot from edge of box and scored with the aid of a

slight deflection.

His strike partner Tomasz Radzinski lashed another 20 metre swerving shot just over the bar a minute later and moments after that Jensen made it 2-0 nine minutes after coming on as a substitute.

The Danish international marked his first Premiership appearance for a year by breaking onto a long ball to stretch and poke home the second against his former club. Darren Bent pulled on back in the 77th minute when he reacted sharply to a loose ball to score from just inside the box but Charlton could not force an equalizer and so stay bottom with three points from eight games.— *MNA/Reuters*

## Polish soccer powerhouse join fight against drug

WARSAW, 17 Oct— Polish Premier League powerhouse Wisla Krakow joined a fight against drug abuse with the local city authorities ahead their league soccer match, the *PAP* news agency reported on Monday.

Local police with police dogs inspected the stadium before the team's October 14 game against Odra Wodzislaw. Adam Mlot, Assistant Mayor of Krakow in charge of safety affairs of the match, said on a Press conference held Monday that, they found that 34 persons had contact with drugs before the match, 5 persons with drugs and 2 of them were suspected of drug vention.—*MNA/Xinhua*



*Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball to Chile's Nicolas Massu during their tennis match at the Madrid Masters Series tennis tournament in Madrid on 17 October, 2006.—INTERNET*

# Expert says glaciers help curb global warming

JIANGZI (Tibet), 18 Oct — With the world facing an increasing threat from global warming, a Chinese scientist said here Monday that the world's 20 million square kilometres of glacier will help curb a rapid rise in global temperatures.

Zhang Wenjing, a leading Chinese expert on glaciology, said glaciers, which are commonly regarded as an important source of freshwater on earth, are also "monitors" and "adjusters" of global

temperatures.

Zhang is on a month-long scientific expedition to the northern and southern slopes of the Himalayas with scientists from China, India, Nepal and Bhutan.

Their tasks include researching the impact of global warming on the Himalayan glaciers, which are the world's second largest glacier cluster following the Arctic Pole. Zhang, who

has been studying glacier for decades, tried to view the dwindling of glaciers in an "optimistic" way.

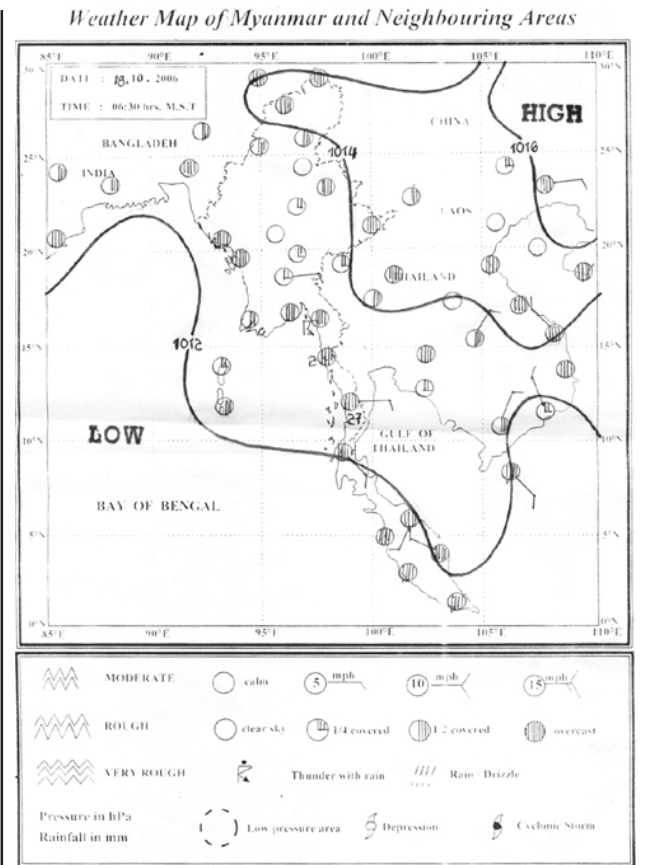
"To 'some extent', the heat absorbed during the glacier's melting can counteract global warming," he said.

"In other words, the world's 20 million square kilometres of glacier and vast areas of ocean will not allow the global temperature to increase too fast," said Zhang, a research fellow with the Institute of Mountain Hazards and Environment with the Chinese Academy of Science.

MNA/Xinhua



Customers look at a Buick FirstLand GL8 at a sales office in Beijing on Wednesday, 18 Oct, 2006. General Motors Corp and its joint ventures in China saw sales jump 36.7 per cent in the first three quarters of this year, helped by strong demand for newly introduced models such as the Buick LaCrosse and Chevrolet Lova, the company said. —INTERNET



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 18 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, fairly widespread in Chin State, isolated in Mandalay Division, Kachin, Shan, Kayah and Mon States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.16) inch, Myeik (1.07) inches and Ye (0.78) inch.

Maximum temperature on 17-10-2006 was 98°F. Minimum temperature on 18-10-2006 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 18-10-2006 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 17-10-2006 was 6.5 hours approx.

Rainfalls on 18-10-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, 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 7 mph from West at 15:30 hours MST on 17-10-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 19-10-2006:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Taninthayi Division, scattered in Mon, Kayah, Chin and Rakhine States, Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Kachin State and Mandalay Division and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 19-10-2006:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 19-10-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 19-10-2006:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

## Radio Myanmar

Thursday, 19 October  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
- If we are only friends
- If... Breed
- If ever you need me
- If you were there
- 9:00pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Pouri
- 9:30pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- You're everything... Diana Ross + Marvin Gorge
- Whenever there is love... Donna Summer+ Bruce Robert
- Fixing a broken heart... Indecent Obsession
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 19 October  
View on today

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ 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. Dance of national races

8:05 am

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. Dance variety

8:25 am

8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

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. English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

4:55 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

5:10 pm

6. Cute little dancers

5:20 pm

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:30 pm

8. "သုဇယံချင်းမရှိတဲ့ ဥပဒေ"

(မင်းဝေ၊ ခင်စာခြည်ကျော်၊  
ကေရီကျော်ကျော်)

(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ယဉ်ကျော်)

5:35 pm

9. Musical programme

5:45 pm

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

11. Evening news

6:30 pm

12. Weather report

6:35 pm

13. သိရိဂေဟာ

7:05 pm

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်နတ်သမီး" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေညှစ်လေး ပထမချစ်ပုံပြင်"

(အပိုင်း-၉)

20. The next day's programme

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# All are to strive for success of National Convention in accordance with adopted procedures

## Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses Meeting No 11/2006 of NCCC

YANGON, 18 Oct — Meeting No 11/2006 of the National Convention Convening Commission was held at Nyaunhnapin Camp in Hmawby Township yesterday evening with an address by Chairman of NCCC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

It was also attended by Vice-Chairmen of NCCC Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and members.

Joint Secretary-2 of NCCC Director-General of Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein acted as master of ceremonies.

In his address, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said the National Convention resumed on 10 October, and now the convention is on the road to success. At the plenary session of the National Con-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at Meeting No 11/2006 of National Convention Convening Commission. — MNA

vention, the Panel of 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 Tatmadaw.

The National Convention Convening Work

Committee held discussions with members of the Panel of Chairmen of the National Convention to seek approvals of the delegate groups concerning the separate suggestions included in the presentations. He continued to say that the discussions are

now taking place among the delegate groups to be able to submit their desires for the separate suggestions.

We all are to strive for achieving the success of the National Convention in accordance with the adopted procedures, he

said. He also called for sub-committees and officials to take measures to ensure smooth management including accommodation, transportation, health care services and welfare of the National Convention delegates.

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# 14th Performing Arts Competitions continue for fourth day

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the fourth day at the design-

ated places, here, this morning.

Present at the designated venues were Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minis-

ter for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Religious

Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Nyi Tun, Secretary of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Col Yan Naing Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Command, officials and local people.

At the lecture hall of

University of Veterinary Science, 14 contestants from States and Divisions took part in the amateur level (first class) men's modern song contest and 13 students in the basic education level girls' (aged 15-20) modern song contest.

At University of Agriculture, nine contestants participated in the amateur level (first class) men's classical song contest and 14 students in the

basic education level girls' (aged 10-15) classical song contest.

At University of Veterinary Science, 22 participants competed in the basic education level girls' (aged 5-10) dancing contest.

The song composing contest was held at the training school of Yezin Agricultural Research Department. The contestants practised composing (See page 10)



Contestants of performing arts competitions exchange views on traditional cultural performing arts. — MNA

## Vesantara drama contest goes on

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — The Vesantara Drama Contest of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was in progress at University of Veterinary Science in Yezin this evening and anyone may enjoy the contest free of charge.

U Wai Yan Oo and Troupe representing Mandalay Division will take part in the contest tomorrow. — MNA