

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

Chief duty of service personnel to provide necessary assistance for raising living standard of people
Local administrative bodies comprising service personnel have to perform the duties of the State in security, administration, economic and social sectors through coordination and cooperation
Prime Minister meets Kachin State, District and Township officials

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — Prime Minister General Soe Win met with local authorities at the city hall in Myitkyina on 18 October.

Also present at the meeting were 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, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and the Prime Minister's Office, departmental heads, local authorities, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations, entrepreneurs and local people.

Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint reported on rainfall in Kachin State, land utilization, cultivation of monsoon and sum-

mer paddy, edible oil crops and 10 major crops, surplus of food and edible oil, growing of teak, cultivation of physic nut, rubber, sugarcane and other perennial crops, GDP of the state, power supply and construction of roads and bridges.

Departmental officials also presented reports on education, health, power supply and progress of roads and bridges.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win meets officials of Kachin State, district and township at the city hall in Myitkyina. —MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 21 October, 2006

Greater efforts for border area development

In an effort to enhance the living standard of the entire national people the government is making all-out efforts to bring about equitable and harmonious development the length and breadth of the nation.

Regarding this, a large number of infrastructures for economic, education, health and transport sectors are being built. As a result, trade and closer contacts among national races have contributed largely to regional development.

Khaunglanphu, Pannandin, Nagmon, Dawphonyan and Hsinbo in Kachin State and Nanyun, Pansawng, Tanai and Shinbweyan in Sagaing Division are border towns. Priority is being given to better transport of those towns in order that regional development can be brought about. This has resulted in remarkable progress in the regional development task.

If motor roads leading to Pansawng region are serviceable all the year round trade and commerce with the countries across the border will improve.

As Tanai is blessed with favourable weather and geographical conditions national entrepreneurs have come to the region and are engaged in integrated farming works. At present, sugarcane, cassava and crops that suit the region are being grown on the reclaimed virgin and fallow land along the Myitkyina-Tanai motor road.

At a time when the government is fulfilling the requirements of all sectors in different regions for regional and national development the entrepreneurs enlisting the strength of local people are to lend themselves to the integrated farming works. Only then, will border regions develop fully.

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

Mothers gain knowledge about nutrition



Dr Daw Lay Khaing of Subworking Group of Health of Yangon Division WAO gives talks on nutritious foods for mothers. — MNA

YANGON, 20 Oct — In order to raise awareness of importance of eating nutritious food for mothers, Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization organized educative talks on nutrition here yesterday.

First, Dr Daw Lay Khaing of Subworking Group for Health under Yangon Division WAO gave talks on awareness of nutrition and members of Yangon Division WAO, mothers, and invited guests attended the educative talks held at Myanmar Medical Association here.

After the talks, Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai inspected samples of nutritious food displayed at the hall of MMA.

MNA

Deputy Minister inspects Kyangin-Okshitpin railroad section



Deputy Minister U Pe Than inspects construction of Kyangin-Okshitpin railroad section. — MR

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than together with officials inspected construction of Kyangin-Okshitpin railroad section on 13 October.

At the briefing hall, the deputy minister heard reports on progress of the construction and collection of materials. He later inspected work being done and called for timely completion of the tasks.

Next, the deputy minister also inspected reconstruction of Phatashin Bridge and called upon the officials to expedite work for the completion of tasks being carried out.

MNA

DAD D-G inspects development of townships in Mon State

YANGON, 20 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 departmental officials inspected beautifying and greening tasks of townships in Mon State on 17 October.

The director-general looked into the development of Paung Township. He proceeded to Thaton and inspected building of roads and water supply tasks in it. On arrival at Bilin Township, he inspected building of Naung Yo-Kyaukyaytwin village laterite road.

In Kyaikto, the director-general inspected construction of water tank and water supply tasks. He also met with staff of Township Development Affairs Committee and then inspected construction of Moppalin-Sutpanu village gravel road. — MNA

သက်ရှည်ကျန်းမာဖို့ လမ်းလျှောက်ကြစို့

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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Putin urges resumption of Mideast peace talks

Moscow, 19 Oct — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday called on the parties involved in the Middle East peace process to be moderate and exercise restraint, Russian news agencies reported.

“The situation in the Middle East demands the highest responsibility and restraint from all parties concerned,” the President said at a Press conference after talks with visiting Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert. “The only way to overcome the circle of violence is to stop accusations from both sides, to release hostages and to resume peace talks,” Putin

said. “Only a just and universal settlement accepted by all nations will be secure and enduring.”

Russia, as part of the Quartet of Middle East mediators, will keep on contributing to the swiftest stabilization of the situation and the resumption of talks, Putin said.

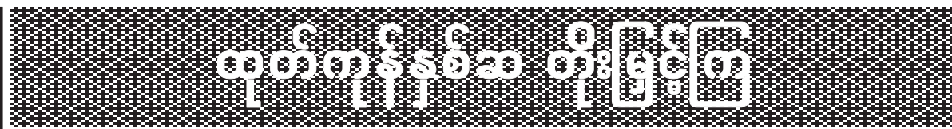
“The strengthening of Russian-Israeli relations not only is in the long-term

interests of the two states, but also contributes to regional and international stability,” Putin said.

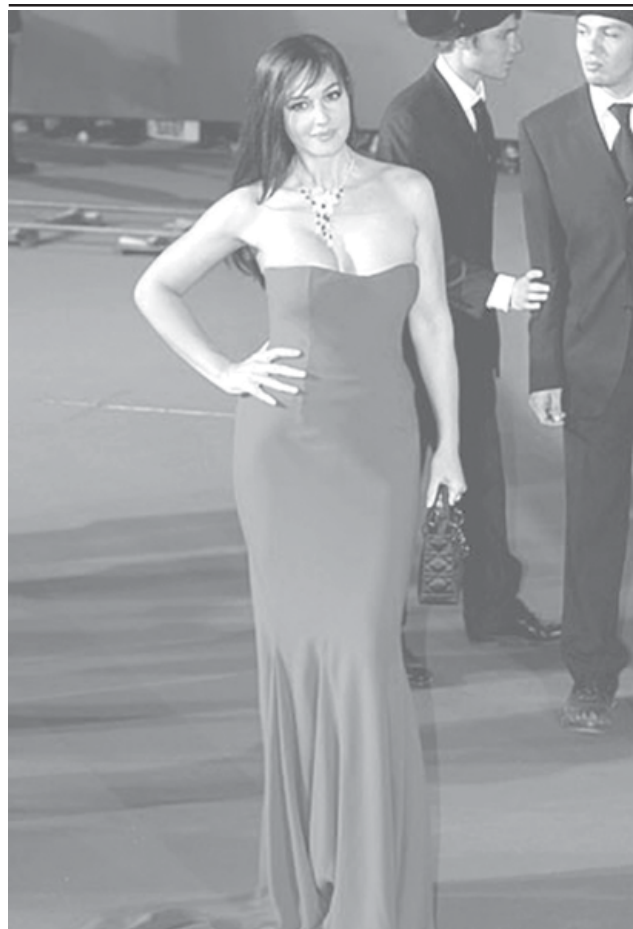
“An aspiration to jointly counter challenges and threats of the 21st century, such as terrorism, extremism, ethnic hatred and local conflicts, unites our two countries,” he said.

Olmert said the talks convinced him yet again of Putin’s friendly attitude to Israel and his adherence to Israeli security.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese Vice Premier Wu Yi (C), together with Chinese Kuomintang (KMT) Honorary Chairman Lien Chan (L) and his wife, attends a banquet in Xiamen, southeast China’s Fujian Province, on 18 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA



Italian actress Monica Bellucci poses as she arrives for the premiere of her new movie “Me and Napoleon” during the first Rome International Film Festival at the Auditorium in Rome on 14 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Australia hit by 4,000 lightning bolts

SYDNEY, 19 Oct — Thunderstorms sparked 4,000 bolts of lightning across southeastern Australia on Wednesday, Australia’s Bureau of Meteorology said.

Senior forecaster Neale Fraser said the lightning strikes in the southeast corner of New South Wales State heralded the start of Australia’s summer storm season.

“From now on, right through the summer, is the severe storm season. Certainly from October

onwards until March or April next year is potentially severe thunderstorm time,” said Fraser.

MNA/Reuters

18 road accident deaths in Malaysia in single day

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 Oct — Eighteen people were killed in road accidents on the first day Malaysia launched a road safety campaign nationwide during the festival period, police said Wednesday.

In the 16 fatal road accidents reported Tuesday, nine of the dead were motorcyclists and two were pillion riders, said Federal Traffic Police Chief Nooryah Md Anvar.

Others include a car driver, a lorry driver and two passengers, a driver of another vehicle and two pedestrians, Nooryah said in a statement released here.

Altogether, 1,042 accidents were reported and 8,508 summonses were issued Tuesday throughout the country, she added.

MNA/Xinhua

US military trials ordered in Iraq murder cases

WASHINGTON, 19 Oct — US service members will face military trials in three separate cases for the murders of Iraqi civilians, including the gang rape and murder of a teenage girl and the killing of her family in their home in Mahmudiya, the military said on Wednesday.

An Army General ordered the court-martial of four soldiers in the Mahmudiya case and said two of the four could face death if found guilty. One of the accused will testify against the others, according to his Washington Attorney, David Sheldon.

Army Major-General Thomas Turner also ordered military trials for

four other soldiers accused of murdering three Iraqi detainees during a raid on a suspected guerilla camp near Thar Thar Lake, southwest of Tikrit.

In the third case, three US Marines will be tried on murder charges in the death of an Iraqi grandfather kidnapped from his house in Hamdania in the middle of the night,

the US Marine Corps said.

Those cases, particularly the alleged Mahmudiya gang rape, as well as the killing of 24 people in Haditha, have sparked outrage among Iraqis. Mahmudiya led Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki to call for a review of foreign troops’ immunity from Iraqi prosecution.

Haditha is still being investigated and no Marines have been charged.

“I think what today’s events show is the United States military is committed to investigating any allegations of this nature thoroughly and determining the facts of the matter,” said Lieutenant-Colonel Mark Ballesteros, a Pentagon spokesman.

“Clearly the allegations aren’t representative of our department as a whole and they’re not representative of the professional conduct of the vast majority of service members serving in Iraq,” he said.

According to US military prosecutors, former private Steven Green, who faces charges in a US civilian court, shot dead 14-year-old Abeer Qasim Hamza al-Janabi’s father, mother and six-year-old sister in Mahmudiya, near Baghdad, in March.

Green then raped the teenager and killed her, and tried to burn the bodies and house to conceal evidence of the crime.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korean students participate in a military drill during the ground forces festival held by the Defence Ministry at the headquarters of the armed forces in Taejon, about 200 km (125 miles) south of Seoul on 18 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Japan hopes to build strategic mutual beneficial ties with China

TOKYO, 19 Oct— Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said on Tuesday he hoped that Japan can build strategic mutual beneficial relations with China on the basis of Japan-China friendship.

Abe made the remarks when meeting with Yotaro Kobayashi, chairman of New Japan-China Friendship Committee for the 21st Century on the Japanese side. Kobayashi is scheduled to attend a

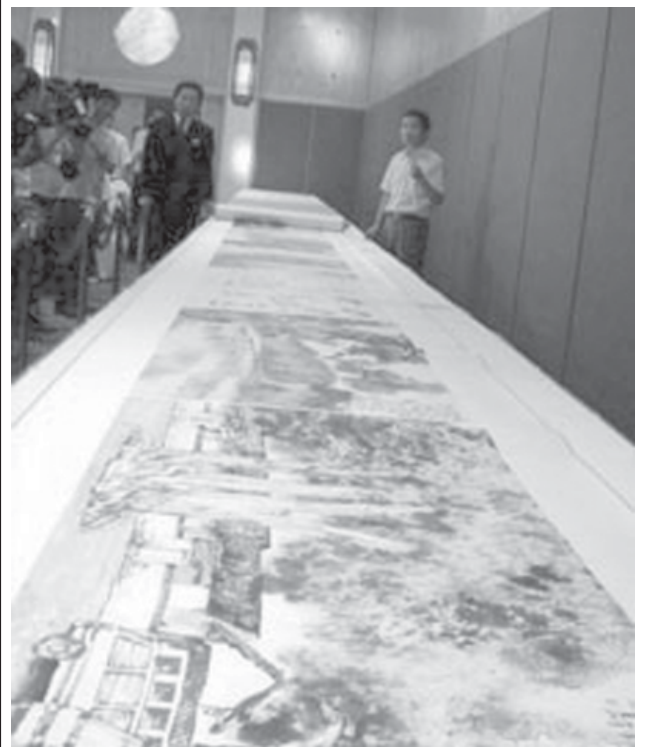
committee meeting in Qingdao, in east China's Shandong Province on Thursday.

The Premier also said to Kobayashi that he hoped both sides of the committee can actively

discuss issues related to long-term cooperation and make some breakthroughs.

New Japan-China Friendship Committee for the 21st Century was established under the agreement between leaders of both countries with a goal that intellectuals of both sides will study the relations from a broad perspective including politics, economy, culture, science and technology, and will make a proposal and report to the governments of both countries. The committee has held four meetings since its birth in July 2003.—MNA/Xinhua

စက်မှုပွဲများအား ခေတ်တော်ပွဲများ



A 32-metre long painting jointly created by 18 famous Chinese calligraphers and painters, was auctioned for 55 million yuan, on 18 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET



A man is seen inside a hot-air balloon during an exhibition at the King's Cup regatta of balloons in Son Servera on the Spanish Island of Mallorca on 18 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Uzbekistan plane crash kills 15

TASHKENT, 19 Oct—At least 15 people, most of them soldiers, have been killed when an aircraft crashed in Uzbekistan.

The single-engined Antonov An-2 plane crashed as it was trying to land at an airport near the capital, Tashkent.

The Uzbek emer-

gencies ministry said the plane "lost control and carried out an emergency landing outside the grounds of the airport".

Thirteen soldiers and two crewmen died, the ministry said. Bad weather was suspected to have caused the crash.

The Antonov is

reported to have been a civilian aircraft hired by the military for a training flight.

The ministry had appointed a government commission to investigate the cause of the incident, the AFP news agency reported.—Internet

Warming will cost trillions, says report

LONDON, 19 Oct—Failure to take action to combat climate change will cause environmental catastrophe and cost the global economy \$20 trillion (£10.8 trillion) a year by the end of the century, the pressure group Friends of the Earth says today.



A storm approaches West Palm Beach, Florida, on 6 Sept, 2004. Failing to fight global warming now will cost trillions of dollars by the end of the century, a study said on Friday. —INTERNET

In a report based on research from more than 100 scientific and economic papers, the group says allowing global warming to continue unchecked will mean a temperature rise of 4C by 2100, causing economic damage worth up to 8% of global GDP. The study coincides with research from the oil

group Shell yesterday, which said the need to find solutions to climate change could create a £30bn market for British business over the coming decade.

Shell's chairman, James Smith, said: "We do have to tackle climate change and that's a matter for government, companies and individuals as

well, because the costs in the coming years from rising sea levels, from floods and extremes of climate will be too high.

"The cost-benefit equation of action to tackle climate change is favourable.

That's true not just for the UK but internationally as well," he said on the BBC Radio 4 Today programme.

Internet

A worker cleans up the remains of the historical Hawi Mill after it was destroyed by an earthquake in Hawi, Hawaii, on 16 Oct, 2006.

INTERNET

Hawaii quake caused more than \$40m damage

HONOLULU, 19 Oct— Last Sunday's 6.7 magnitude Hawaiian earthquake, the most powerful in the Pacific Archipelago in two decades, caused more than 40 million US dollars in damage, according to preliminary estimates.

Hawaiian officials said they expected the figure to rise as Red Cross, federal emergency teams and engineers scour the islands to assess damages to roads, bridges, schools and other buildings.

No deaths or serious injuries were reported in the quake but repeated

aftershocks have jolted Hawaiians as they struggle to return to normal. The biggest — a 4.0 magnitude temblor — hit the islanders early on Tuesday morning.

Vindell Hsu, a geophysicist with the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre in Honolulu, said the aftershocks were not strong enough to generate a tsunami.

Hawaii's Big Island, a major tourist attraction, bore the brunt of the damage. Seven schools were badly hit and the port of Kawaihae was closed.

MNA/Reuters



Pakistan, India to resume peace talks in mid-Nov

ISLAMABAD, 18 Oct—Pakistan and India will resume in mid-November peace talks that have been stalled since bomb blasts in the Indian city of Mumbai in July, Pakistan's Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

The talks between foreign secretaries — the top foreign affairs

officials—of the nuclear-armed neighbours will be held on 14 and 15 November in New Delhi, the ministry said.

Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf and Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh agreed to resume the peace process, launched in early 2004, during a meeting in

Cuba last month.

Foreign secretary talks were due in July, but India cancelled them after investigators said they suspected Pakistan-based militants were behind the 11 July blasts on trains in Mumbai that killed 186 people and wounded hundreds.

MNA/Reuters



Clowns parade in the street of Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 18 Oct, 2006. Over 700 clowns attending the 11th Clown Congress take part in a carnival on Wednesday. —XINHUA

China, Vietnam to further military relationship

BEIJING, 18 Oct—Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan on Tuesday said China will join hands with Vietnam to promote the comprehensive development of the relations between the two nations and between the two military forces.

Cao made the remarks in a meeting with visiting Le Van Dung, director of the general political department of the Vietnam People's Army.

Cao, also vice chairman of the Central Military Commission and State

Councillor, said as good neighbours, China and Vietnam have increased mutual political trust and enhanced military exchanges in recent years.

The frequent exchanges of high-level visits and their consensus on developing friendly ties have played an important role in helping bilateral relations maintain a health and steady development, he said.

He said that he is satisfied with the great progress that the two

military forces have made and that China hopes the two sides cherish closer military exchanges and greater mutual trust through cooperation in more areas.

MNA/Xinhua

“RSS” to disseminate hourly news bulletin

KATHMANDU, 18 Oct—The Nepali National News Agency (RSS) is all set to disseminate hourly news bulletin from Wednesday morning.

According to a release from the RSS on Tuesday, the bulletin service that is to start on a trial basis will

be provided to its subscribers in every one hour daily effective from 18 October through computerized system, according to the new provision.

The first bulletin in Nepali will be published at 6:30 am (0045 GMT),

while the final one will be disseminated at 10:30 pm (1645 GMT) at night.

The bulletin, which used to be released for five times a day, will be now distributed for 17 times a day, according to the provision.

Similarly, English news bulletins will also be released in every hour from morning beginning at 7 am to 11 pm (0115 GMT to 1715 GMT).

Likewise, the international news translation service will begin from 1 pm (0715 GMT) every day to 9 pm (1515 GMT) at night with a provision to release bulletin in an interval of every two hours for five times a day.

The RSS will also be disseminating flash news of every important events of the day.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors lean on a ledge while the landmark Seri Wawasan bridge is seen through thick haze in Putrajaya, Malaysia on 18 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

Suzuki APV export from Indonesia hits 10,000

JAKARTA, 18 Oct—Japanese carmaker Suzuki Motor Corp has reported the export of minivan APV from its Indonesian factory already hit 10,000 units in the first nine months of the year to surpass full year sales of 9,318 units last year.

Suzuki's local partner PT Indomobil Niaga International claimed sales of 10,357 units in nine months to September, leading economic daily *Bisnis Indonesia* reported Tuesday.

Indomobil spokesman Priyo Kurnianto said increasing export sales are expected to offset the slump in domestic sales hurt by fuel price rises.—MNA/Xinhua

The Xiezhang Bridge, in Yunyang county of Chongqing, is blown apart by demolition experts paving the way for the third water storage phase of the Three Gorges Project, in southwest China's Chongqing Municipality on 17 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET



Botswana supports newly-appointed UN chief

GABORONE, 18 Oct—Botswana's President Festus Mogae said on Monday that he was glad that the next UN Secretary-General came from Asia.

In an interview with *Xinhua*, Mogae said his government welcomed South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon in his succession of Kofi Annan as the new UN chief.

“Asians support us, and we will give him our support,” the President said, adding that he hoped Ban would be able to be independent in his new role.

Ban, 62, a veteran career diplomat, will become the eighth

Secretary-General in the world body's 60-year history. He was one of seven candidates vying for the UN chief's position and topped all four informal polls in the UN

Security Council.

Mogae also said that Botswana supported the UN reform, adding that Africa must be represented in the UN Security Council.—MNA/Xinhua

All 14 sailors saved from sinking cargo ship in Bohai Sea

BEIJING, 19 Oct—The whole crew of 14 sailors was saved from a sinking cargo ship in the Bohai Sea on Tuesday morning, an official from the Ministry of Communications announced.

The cargo ship, 86-metre long and 13.2-metre wide, had 14 sailors and 3,420 tons of goods on board. It began to sink on Tuesday morning after being smashed by high winds 50 nautical miles northwest of Dongying City, in eastern China's Shandong Province, said Zhu Baozhu, a rescue official.

Two salvage ships, a fixed-wing plane and a helicopter were sent to the rescue. The helicopter made two flights in strong winds to save all 14 endangered sailors, Zhu said.

MNA/Xinhua

Second Myanmar Furniture Fair, a contributing factor for national development

Win Hlaing Kyaw

Myanmar Timber, Our Treasure



**MYANMAR FURNITURE FAIR-
2006**

**October 21-25, 2006
Tatamadaw Hall**

As Myanmar has favourable weather conditions, it is rich in natural resources. Of these natural resources, the forestry sector is of utmost importance. Since the time of successive Myanmar kings, the importance of forests in national economy has been noticed. Systematic measures were taken for preservation of forests, timber extraction and collecting of tax on forests and forest products.

With favourable weather conditions, Myanmar is blessed with flora and fauna. There are a variety of timber in Myanmar forests. Of them, 85 kinds of timber have been produced and are being sold. Out of 85 kinds of timber, teak is most popular among the world nations. Dr Bran Disk, a pioneer in the preservation of forests used to say that among minerals diamond is peerless and among woods teak is unrivaled. This being so, Myanmar teak is ranked top in the international forests and forest products market. Myanmar is known for its high quality teak. Myanmar is the greatest exporter of teak among four nations where teak grows naturally. Teak and Myanmar are inseparable.

Therefore, in the international market only when teak is attached to the word "Myanmar" will it be famous and sell well. Teak is being marketed under the name of Myanmar teak. Some countries sell teak produced from plantations they established. Such teak is not much sought-after for it is not as old as that of Myanmar. However, with an increase in yearly teak demand such teak also finds its own market. Although teak has been in high demand its production is under constraint. Myanmar hardwood including teak is extracted under the Annual Allowable Cut.

As demand has been greater than supply the need of teak is on the increase yearly, resulting in the rise of teak price. To get more benefits valued added products have been introduced rather than selling teak logs. Hence, wood based industries have been set up in both State-run and private sectors.

In its efforts for preserving forest resources

in the nation, the Ministry of Forestry has been taking systematic steps in logging and timber extraction. In addition to logging, transport and grading of teak and sale of forest products, the ministry is supplying raw materials to State-run and private wood-based industries in order that the latter can earn more foreign exchange by exporting finished wood products. In this regard, efforts have been made for equitable development of State-run and private sectors.

With changes and developments in the forest sector, future work programmes have already been laid down. The Annual Allowable Cut (AAC) is about 300,000 tons of teak plus over 1.3 million tons of hardwood. However, teak and hardwood extracted at present is 250,000 tons and 1.1 million tons respectively. As part of forest conservation measures, the production of teak is not allowed beyond the limits fixed under AAC. But hardwood can still be produced more the amount fixed in AAC. To prevent depletion of teak, the Lesser Used Species (LUS) are to be introduced to meet the demand of timber.

In addition to teak and other hardwood, there are various kinds of cane and bamboo in Myanmar forests. In the past, cane and bamboo were regarded as poor men's timber. And now, they are popular among foreign markets. Out of different kinds of bamboo, 16 can be produced in commercial scale. Bamboos are used in such ways as making personal goods, medicine, furniture, mat, floor etc. Likewise, of 35 kinds of cane in Myanmar, 18 can be produced and exported.

The Ministry of Forestry is taking systematic measures for preservation of forests, timber extraction and export of forest products. And it is striving for the State-run and private wood-based industries to penetrate foreign markets. In the process, it planned to hold the Myanmar Furniture Fair annually. And the first MFF was successfully held from 22 to 26 October 2004.

Now, arrangements are being made to hold the Second Myanmar Furniture Fair-2006 in cooperation with Myanmar Timber Enterprise and Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Entrepreneurs Association under the leadership of the Ministry of Forestry.

MFF will be held from 21 to 25 October at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Yangon. As it is an international fair, various kinds of furniture, finished wood-based products, rattan and bamboo wares, machinery and parts used in wood-based industry will be displayed and sale contracts can be made at the fair. From 21 to 23 October, the fair will be opened for entrepreneurs only and the remaining two days will be for the public.

Myanmar Timber Enterprise and 41 private companies will stage 165 booths at MFF-2006. The significance point is that the second fair has a greater number of booths and a wider variety of products than the first. Besides, more imported machinery and parts for wood-based industry will be shown at the fair this year. All the organizers of the booths are Myanmar nationals who are cooperating with Myanmar Timber Enterprise, a State-owned enterprise, for the development of wood-based industry. Holding

Myanmar Furniture Fairs annually will enable the country to be proud of being a special region in the world where valuable teak, timber and other forest products are abundant, to develop wood-based industry and earn more foreign exchange, to create job opportunities, to extend the market, to improve technology and to make the people be aware of conservation of forest resources.

With an extensive market plus high demand, priority will be given to more production resulting in the increase in the requirement of raw materials. As a result, forest resources are likely to be on the wane. Regarding this, the Ministry of Forestry has taken steps to conserve Myanmar forest resources. It will give priority to establishment of more forest plantations in the country. The projects for establishment of forest plantations can be undertaken by private entrepreneurs although they were undertaken by the State alone in the past. Permission will be granted to those entrepreneurs to set up forest plantations, whether or not they have established their wood-based industries. Those engaging in wood-based industry will have to establish their own plantations for raw materials. Although they were given permission to establish hardwood plantations in the past they are now permitted to set up teak plantations as well. Research has shown that growing teak is more beneficial than growing other crops. The establishment of an acre of teak plantation costs only K 150,000. Growers can start earning money as soon as teak trees are five years old. Moreover, other annual crops can be grown among the teak trees. Growing teak can generate many benefits.

The project for the development of wood-based industry plays an important role in strengthening national economy, conserving invaluable forest resources, providing basic needs of the people and developing rural regions. To achieve these prospects it is necessary to collect market data at home as well as internationally. It is important to know the buyer's choice and preferences. Such information can be gathered from Myanmar Furniture Fair where buyers and sellers assemble. All in all, we hail Myanmar Furniture Fair as an august celebration for the development of State economy.

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Myanmar Timber Enterprise and 41 private companies will stage 165 booths at MFF-2006. The significance point is that the second fair has a greater number of booths and a wider variety of products than the first. Besides, more imported machinery and parts for wood-based industry will be shown at the fair this year.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends ceremony to honour outstanding teachers, students in Taninthayi Division



Lt-Gen Maung Bo addresses ceremony to honour the outstanding teachers and students in Taninthayi Division. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — A ceremony to honour the outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination in 2006 with flying colours and outstanding teachers was held at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik on 15 October with an address by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Deputy Minister of Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hong Ngaing, senior military officers, departmental officials, social organizations and others.

The ceremony was opened by the students singing the song “Myanma School”.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech saying that the State, joining hands with the people including teachers, has made efforts to achieve success in every aspect of political, economic and social developments across the nation to keep abreast of the world nations.

All embracing the existing good opportunities for developments are to exert their efforts for the development of the nation. The peaceful modern developed nation can be built only with the strengths of higher education standard of the people, development of science and technology and true Union Spirit.

At present, tasks of education sectors have been implemented through 30-year national education promotion plan. Moreover, it is important that the tasks of five-year short term plan can be practically implemented. The State has built post-primary schools, affiliated schools and branch ones so that students in rural areas can easily pursue their education and education standard in rural areas can be raised.

Therefore, teachers are to nurture students to become the ones who are endowed with intelligence and thoughtfulness.

Taninthayi division stood third with the 28.96 per cent pass rate in the matriculation examination in 2006. The officials concerned, teachers and students are commended for their successful work.

In conclusion, he called upon them to make

efforts for producing outstanding students more than this year. Later, Commander Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo delivered an address.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented prizes to Township Education Officer Daw Shwe Mi of Launglon Township, headmaster U Tin Maung Swe of No 1 Basic Education High School and Maung Wai Yan Ko Ko who will attend the 18th Get-together of Youths in Asia-Pacific Region to be held in Fukuoka, Japan.

Commander Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo awarded prizes to the students who got distinctions in matriculation examination in 2006.

Deputy Director-General U Tun Kyi of No 1 Basic Education Department under the Ministry of Education and Police Col Myint Soe presented prizes to 50 outstanding students in the division.

Division Education Officer U Win Swe awarded prizes to rector U Thein Aung of Myeik University, pro-rector U Kyaw Kyaw Htay of Dawei University and teachers of Myeik, Dawei, Palaw and Launglon Townships.

Afterwards, five-distinction winners Ma Ekari Tun of No 1 BEHS in Myeik expressed thanks.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and party posed for a documentary photo together with the outstanding students.—MNA

MTA (Shwepyi Aye) condemns US for its interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using UN as a tool

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — MTA (Shwepyi Aye) on 24 September issued the declaration on its stance over the decision to place Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.

The following is the full text of the declaration:

The declaration of MTA (Shwepyi Aye) on condemnation of US interference in Myanmar's international affairs using the UN 24 September 2006

1. Owing to the submission of the US permanent representative to the UN, a decision was made on 15 September to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UN Security Council accusing the country of posing a threat to regional stability.

2. It is clear that the US has plotted to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN as a tool.

3. We believe that Myanmar's internal affairs can be settled through cooperative efforts of national races. There is no reason for Myanmar to pose a threat to international peace and security. Our organization understands that it is unfair and unjust

to put the blame on Myanmar alone.

4. We believe that Myanmar has achieved fruitful results in settling internal affairs through peaceful means and cooperative efforts of the people. The Government laid down the Seven-Point Road Map and has reconvened the National Convention with the participation of delegates representing the people from all strata of life to draft the constitution.

5. We desire ensuring community peace and tranquillity, unity of national races, development of economy and improvement of social standards in building a democratic nation step by step.

6. Therefore, MTA (Shwepyi Aye) hereby declares that it condemns and protests against the act of United States as it is mere interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN as a tool, and there is no reason for Myanmar to pose a threat to regional stability.

U Sai Khun Mein
Chairman
Central Executive Committee
MTA (Shwepyi Aye)

When the devil possesses you

- * East or West
Home is the best
All countries in the world considered
Wherever you may seek a home,
worldwide
Your land, your water, your relations
Only your own environment is the best.
- * Therefore, man
When not possessed, or is not crazy
Only the original thought is in him.
- * But when he's possessed and mind goes crazy
Unable to gauge right from wrong
Is incapable of reasoning
Even brazenly curses out own kin
As if doing that in public is to take pride.
All that is but natural.

Po Wa (Trs)

Chief duty of service...

(from page 1)

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw explained services of post offices and telegraph offices in Kachin State, arrangements for installation of mobile telephones in Myitkyina and other telephone services for remote areas of Kachin State.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt also explained assistance being provided for development of all regions in Kachin State including border areas.

Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung made clarification on construction of Government Technological College in Myitkyina to enable the national races to pursue advanced technologies and turning out of human resources at GTC and GCC.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun explained arrangements being made by the ministry for entrepreneurs to be able to carry out export and import tasks. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo also explained public health care services of the ministry and participation of the people and social organizations in health care services.

Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min made clarification on basic education for students.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Soe Win delivered an address. He said that Kachin State is rich in land and water resources. Utilizing land and water resources, better transport and prevailing peace and

structure will reflect development of the state.

He said that Myitkyina and Bhamo regions were designated as special development regions to emphasize matters related to education, health and human resources. Moreover, human resources development centres were opened in densely populated Mohnyin region. In reviewing situations in global countries, the countries with development of human resources stand tall in all fields. Hence, the country needs adequate number of human resources that have capabilities to develop the nation and safeguard the democratic nation for ever.

He went on to say that development of the State and the region depends upon improvement in the human resources. The nation or the region cannot be built without participation of intellectuals and intelligentsia. Hence, arrangements have been made to enable local students to pursue higher education in Myitkyina, Bhamo and Mohnyin regions, and educated persons are being nurtured. The democratic nation just in name cannot develop the country. Likewise, if there is no person who has abilities to build and safeguard the nation, sovereignty of the

The country needs adequate number of human resources that have capabilities to develop the nation and safeguard the democratic nation for ever.



Prime Minister General Soe Win presents medicines to the head of Health Department of Kachin State. — MNA

State is put under paddy yearly.

He said extended cultivation of paddy and rubber is to be undertaken as there are many cultivable lands. Sugarcane and physic nut from which bio-diesel can be produced are to be grown on a commercial scale, he said. He said the chief duty of service personnel is to provide necessary assistance for raising the living standard of the people and they are to help the people earn their living without anxiety.



Prime Minister General Soe Win hears reports on extension of the runway of Myitkyina Airport. — MNA

stability will contribute much towards sector-wise development of Kachin State with momentum. Therefore, the Government is upgrading Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad and constructing strategic roads of Kachin State such as Shwebo-Myitkyina motor road on west bank of Ayeyawady River and Tagaung-Shwegu-Bhamo motor road on the east bank. Furthermore, Myitkyina Airport, Bhamo Airport and Putao Airport have been upgraded. These transport

democratic nation cannot be safeguarded for perpetual existence. Thus, educated human resources need to build and safeguard the democratic nation.

The Prime Minister added that at present, an average of 10 per cent in the economic sector increases in Kachin State yearly. People in Kachin State has K 180,000 per capita income last year. Kachin State has been standing as a region with food sufficiency since 1998-99. Now, over 500,000 acres of land in the

He said local administrative bodies comprising service personnel have to perform the duties of the State in security, administration, economic and social sectors through coordination and cooperation.

He pointed out that administrative bodies should not suppress or bully the people or deal with the people without proper respect or raise funds. Such acts would adversely affect the respective bodies and even sincere goodwill and the objectives of the government.

Now reforms of some civil organizations are being made. Duties are assigned to ward/village, township, district, state and division peace and development councils after being reformed.

The main purpose of the reforms is to serve the interest of the people effectively and to practise administrative order in accord with the forthcoming State Constitution. In other words, administrative efficiency is being upgraded, he said.

It is important for the people to participate in the tasks for reforms of the administrative machinery. Thus, effective administrative machinery would emerge through mutual cooperation between the people and the service personnel, he added.

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USDA Secretariat Member Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw meets secretaries, executives and members of state, district and township USDAs. — MNA

Chief duty of service personnel...

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Kachin State is no longer an unstable one with insurgents. Respective national race peace groups are implementing the regional development tasks in cooperation with the government. The people in Kachin State are now enjoying the taste of peace and development and realize the correct path to development.

He said it is needed for officials, service personnel, the Tatmadawmen and local people to work hard maintaining peace and stability and progress.

National solidarity is the most basic for political progress and national races must be united. With the development of various regions, the Union will develop and become strong. Efforts are to be made

for stronger economy in the region with the exploitation of land and marine resources, he added.

Next, hoteliers association, construction entrepreneurs association and national development Co group Ltd presented K 7.5 million each for supply of electric power in rural regions in Kachin State to the commander.

Chairman of Greenlight Co U Yone Mu and Managing Director of Eya Pyaephyo Gem Co U Mann Shwe presented cash for construction of Kachin State USDA office to Secretary of Kachin State USDA U Rawon Jones.

The Prime Minister presented medicine to head of Kachin State Health Department. Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented gifts and USDA uniforms.



Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint accepts cash donation from the wellwishers.—MNA

The Prime Minister and party cordially greeted those present.

They then went to Myitkyina Airport where Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe reported on measures undertaken for development of the airport. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Director-General of Department of Civil Aviation U Tun Hlaing reported on extension of the runways of Myitkyina and Bhamo airports.

The Prime Minister inspected extension of the runway of Myitkyina Airport. They arrived back here in the afternoon.

On 18 October, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met Tatmadaw members and their families of Myitkyina Station. Secretariat member of USDA Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and CEC member Maj-Gen Thein Swe met secretaries and members of district and township USDAs on 17 October.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing discussed matters on hotels and tourism services in meeting with hoteliers and tour operators on the same day. — MNA



Alternate Chairman U Maung Gyi of Union Pa-O National Organization speaks at the meeting of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect.—MNA



Two National Convention...

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Work Group-7 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and Assistant Director U Aung Win acted as MCs.

First, the MC declared the start of the group meeting as 46 out of 47 delegates were in attendance, accounting for 97.87 per cent.

Alternate Chairman of the Meeting Dr Myo Thant Tin delivered a speech.

Next, NC delegates U Thein Aung of Magway Division and U La Kon of Chin State read out the proposal paper of the Delegate Group of workers on the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman on separate suggestions to seek the approval of the delegate groups. 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 citizenship and fundamental rights and duties of the citizens and the role of the Tatmadaw.

Next, the alternate Chairman sought the approval of the delegates for the proposal paper of the Delegate Group of Workers and approved it. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the alternate chairman. — MNA

Meeting on organizing 86th Anniversary National Day held

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — Chairman of Central Committee for Organizing the 86th Anniversary National Day Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered an address at the coordination meeting of the central committee at the ministry, here, this morning.

Members of the central committee deputy ministers, departmental heads, guests and officials attended the meeting and took part in the discussions. Director-General U Aye Lwin of No 2 Basic Education Department and Director-General U Bo Win of Education Planning and Training Department submitted reports on holding of the previous National Day and the plan for organizing the 86th Anniversary National Day.

Later, Minister Dr Chan Nyein gave the concluding remarks. — MNA



TV play titled Tha-gaung-mi-khin to be broadcast

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct—Hailing the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day, the TV Play titled Tha-gaung-mi-khin will be rescreened by Myawady TV on 23, 24, 25 and 26 October dividing four sections after the 6 pm news programmes.

The director of the play is Academy Bagyi Soe Moe and the joint director Academy Nyein Min. The casts are Academy Lwin Moe, Academy Zin Waing, Nay Toe, Sai Sai Hkam Hlaing, Tun Tun, Academy Soe Myat Thuza, Academy May Thinza Oo, Academy Pan Phyu, Thet Mon Myint, Pale Win and child actor Heavy Phyo.

MNA

Alternate Chairman
Dr Myo Thant Tin
of Yangon Division
addresses the
meeting of Delegate
Group of
Workers.

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Vesantara Drama Contest in progress

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — The Vesantara Drama Contest of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the fifth day here today.

U Kyaw Soe Min and troupe representing Magway Division participated in the contest.

Among the audience were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and wife, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife, Deputy Minister for Construction



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of Ministry of Defence enjoys Vesantara Drama Contest.—MNA

U Tint Swe, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, officials concerned and local people.

Zeya Thiri Marionette Troup representing Sagaing Division will take part in the contest tomorrow. — MNA

Commander inspects monsoon paddy plantations, power supply facilities in Naungtayar

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Taung Aye together with officials concerned inspected thriving monsoon paddy plantations on both sides of Taunggyi-Pinlaung Road and 50-acre monsoon paddy model farm in Naungtayar Township. The commander met with departmental officials of the township and gave necessary instructions.

In Moebye Dam, the commander oversaw power supply facilities of the dam and heard reports on storage of water and water supply task presented by officials. The dam facilitates water supply to the 19,942-acre farm for the regional development. Later, the commander met with local Tatmadaw members and their families, and fulfilled the requirements.

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POEM

Happy occasion for family

Elder sister sings, elder brother dances
 Younger sister composes, younger brother plays
 Occasion when your eyes never tire
 Taking place in the park
 No discrimination among blood relations
 Happy little occasion for family

Yan Naing Oo (Trs)

14th Myanmar Traditional ...

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Altogether 14 contestants took part in the higher education level men's dancing contest. It was supervised by the chairperson of the Panel of the Judges for dancing contest and members.

At dobat contest, six groups competed in the amateur level (first class) men's and six in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' dobat contests. They were supervised by the leader of the Panel of the Judges for dobat contest.

At piano contest, four contestants took part in the higher education



Minister Dr Chan Nyein greets contestants from States and Divisions.—MNA

level women's and four in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' piano contests.

At solo orchestra contest, nine groups participated in the amateur

level (second class) men's and five in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' solo orchestra contests. They were supervised by the chairman of the Panel of

the Judges for music contest.

The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue tomorrow. — MNA



One can witness that it is the happy little occasion for a national race family rehearsing for 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.—MNA

MWAF holds donation ceremony in Hmawby



YANGON, 20 Oct — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held a ceremony to donate desks, stationery and clothing to eight Basic Education Primary schools in Hmawby Township at Bentbwagon Village BEPS this morning.

Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay of MWAF, Head of Administration Department Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe and members, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai and members, Deputy Director-General U Ye Lwin Aung and officials of NO 3 Basic Education Department, teachers and students attended the ceremony.

MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay presented 100 desks for the BEPSs in the township to respective headmasters and headmistresses. Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe also presented clothing worth K 920,950 donated by Pale Family to respective headmasters and headmistresses. Next, Daw Khin Thet Htay, Daw Mar Mar Wai and Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe held roundtable discussions with students at No 1 Basic Education High School in the township. The vice-president presented exercise books and stationery donated by Myat Lay Yon family to the headmistress. Later, the vice-president accepted WAO membership applications from basic education schools in the township. — MNA

Myanmar to launch mass measles campaign

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — Coordination meeting for Mass Measles Campaign was held here today and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said in his opening address that morbidity and measles mortality rates have decreased in Myanmar thanks to measles immunization activities.

A nationwide Mass Measles Campaign was implemented over three years from 2002 to 2004 in Myanmar and all 9 months to under 5 years old children were immunized across the country.

In his address, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said that Myanmar has achieved 50% reduction of measles morbidity in 2006 in comparison with that in 1995.

At the meeting, resident representatives of WHO and UNICEF and officials concerned discussed matters related to Mass Measles Campaign for children aged from one and half months to two years to be implemented in Myanmar. The meeting was also attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, directors-general of the departments under the ministry of health and officials concerned. — MNA

MWAF Information Department donates cash and books

YANGON, 20 Oct — A ceremony to donate books made by the Information Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at Alinyaung self-

reliant library in Nyaungdon Township in Maubin District, Ayeyawaddy Division this morning, attended by members of the department, officials and townelders.

Firstly, Writer Ma Sanda explained

purposes of donation. Next, responsible persons accepted various kinds of books and K 210,000 donated by wellwishers.

After the ceremony, members of the department viewed round the library.

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Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Mar Mar Wai gives talks on women's affairs to the schoolgirls.

YCDC

A responsible person from Kyein Pinse village of Hsin Hton village-tract in Nyaungdon Township speaks words of thanks in a book donation ceremony.

MNA



Emergency aid provided to flood victims

YANGON, 20 Oct — Swollen rivers caused by the incessant rains inundated some parts in Shan State, Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions. The flood victims were evacuated from the flood-affected areas, and local authorities, Tatmadawmen, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, and social organizations rushed into the areas and provided relief supplies to the flood victims.

Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo, CEC members U Maung Maung Thein, U Thein Aung, Minister for Social Welfare

Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Kyaukse District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Sein Ya comforted the flood victims and provided K 4.32 million and 367 million baskets of rice donated by the Command, USDA, WAO, MCWA and local wellwishers to them on 13 October.

On 15 October, USDA Secretariat Member U Thaug went on field trip to the flooded areas and provided necessary assistance.

Due to the heavy rains, Zawgyi, Kinda Dams in Shan State (North) and Ngapyauung Dam in Kyaukse District overflowed their embankments and so did Kyatmauktaung and Thaphanseik Dams. Likewise, water level of some lakes rose but the lakes did not broke. Due to the flooding, more hydroelectric power can be produced and water stored for irrigated farmlands.

Around 60,000 farmlands were swamped by the flood but the flood waters are receding now. It is estimated that the flooding has destroyed over 8,000 paddy acres and 3,000 crop acres. Arrangements for restoring damaged farmlands have been made by local authorities and members of USDA in cooperation with local farmers. Over 16.8 million paddy acres have been cultivated this year and 3.34 million summer paddy will be grown. Rice production of the State cannot be harmed due to the damages of paddy fields. Health care and social welfare services have been provided to the flood-affected areas by local authorities, social organizations and local people.—MNA



A contestant from Sagaing Division taking part in basic education level (aged 15-20) classical song contest. (News on page 16) — MNA

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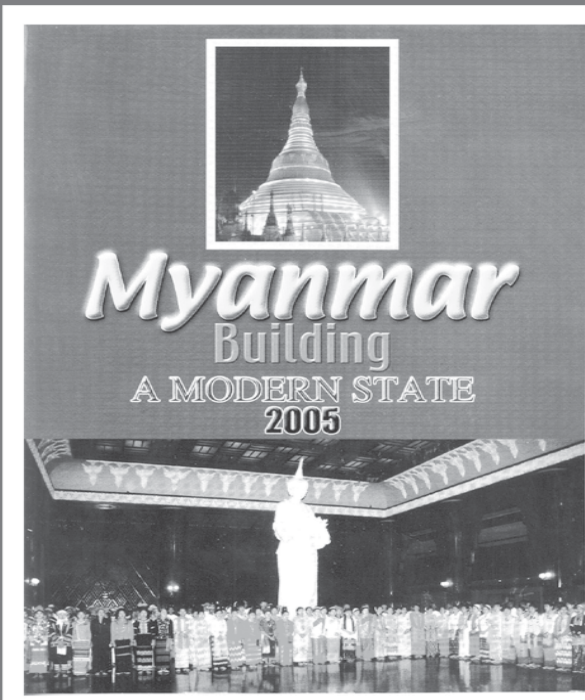
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“RIA” to promote media exchanges with China

BEIJING, 19 Oct— A delegation of the Russian Information Agency (RIA), Russia's state news agency, paid a visit to China to step up media exchanges and co-operation, the Chinese Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday. The head of the delegation, RIA Vice-president Andrei Iliashenko, said relations between the RIA and the Chinese media have

developed rapidly in recent years. In a meeting with the delegation, Chinese Assistant Foreign Minister Li Hui briefed them on the current “Russia Year” in China, China's peaceful development policy and the China-Russia co-operation in environmental protection. Li expressed his appreciation for the RIA's efforts in reporting on China and China-Russia relations. He hoped RIA could provide objective reports about China to the Russian people to deepen bilateral understanding and friendship. Iliashenko said the RIA will work with the Chinese media to report on the “China Year” in Russia in 2007. MNA/Xinhua

Study shows Britain must cut flights or miss CO2 targets

LONDON, 19 Oct— The British Government must curb the huge expansion in air travel or risk overshooting its self-imposed target of cutting carbon dioxide emissions by 60 per cent by 2050, a study said on Tuesday. CO2 emissions from aviation in Britain are set to surge by between four and ten times 1990 levels by the middle of the century, accounting on their own for two-thirds of the government's emission target for that year, it said. Yet far from doing anything about the problem, government policy is actively promoting airport expansion which could see passenger numbers more than double to 470 million

a year, from 200 million, by 2030, it said. “The government has to confront the contradictions in its policies,” said Brenda Boardman from Oxford University's Environment Change Institute which conducted the study for the government-funded UK Energy Research Centre. “Unless the rate of growth in flights is curbed, the British cannot fulfil its commitments on climate change. It has to undertake demand management. Relying on technological fixes alone is totally unrealistic,” she said. The report “Predict and Decide” was published by the All Party Parliamentary Sustainable Aviation Group. MNA/Reuters

Forest haze paralyzes airport in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 19 Oct— The Sultan Thaha Airport in Indonesia's Jambi Province has been paralyzed for the last few days by the choking haze coming from forest fires in Kalimantan and the southern parts of Sumatra, local Press reported Wednesday. No planes have been able to land or take off at the airport due to poor visibility, estimated at around 50 metres to 100 metres, The Jakarta Post newspaper reported. Nearly all activities at the airport on Sumatra Island have been ground to a halt, although a small number of workers are present and travel agencies and ticket sales counters are open. Airport management officials said most flights to Jambi have been rerouted to Sultan Mahmud Badaruddin

Airport in Palembang, South Sumatra, from where passengers could continue their journeys overland, said the report. Due to the disruption, a number of high-ranking Jambi officials, including Governor Zulkifli Nuridin

and provincial administration secretary Calik Saleh, who intended to return home to the province from Jakarta on Sunday, were left stranded at Soekarno-Hatta International Airport in Jakarta.— MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia to install instrument landing system at 50 airports

JAKARTA, 19 Oct— The Indonesian Government is set to install instrument landing systems (ILS) at 50 national airports to enable airplanes to land and take off safely in case of haze, a Transportation Ministry official said. “Our programme in two to three years' time will be installing ILS at 50 national airports for the sake of flight safety,” Antara news agency quoted Director-General of Air Transportation Mlksan Tatang as saying on Tuesday. To date, only 18 of 178 airports in the country have had an adequate navigational system while the rest had no ILS, he said. The instrument was badly needed particularly for night flights or in case of bad weather, he said. The government is installing ILS at a number of airports, including Cilik Riwut Airport in Palangkaraya, Central Kalimantan, and Sultan Thaha Airport in Jambi, and the installation of the instruments will be completed only in December 2006, he said.— MNA/Xinhua



Twelve people were killed and 25 others injured when a suicide bomber drove his booby-trapped fuel truck into a police station and detonated it in Mosul on 19 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

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People ride segways in front of the installation "House Attack" by Austrian artist Erwin Wurm on the facade of the Museum of Modern Arts in Vienna on 18 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

US study urges to eat more fish despite toxin risk

WASHINGTON, 19 Oct — Most people should eat more fish because of its health benefits, the US Institute of Medicine reported on Tuesday, but added that consumers must also consider the risks of chemically contaminated seafood.

The report was hailed by the US fisheries industry and criticized by environmental and science watchdog groups, which said the study used old data and failed to adequately address the environmental impacts of fishing and fish-farming.

"The average person can consume more fish than they do; I think average consumption is not up to the levels that we have allowed," said Susan Krebs-Smith of the National Cancer Institute, who served on a committee that wrote the report.

The report offered guidelines that suggest a limited intake of fish -- two 3-ounce (85-grammes) servings a week -- for women of child-bearing age and children aged 12 and under, but even these two groups can safely eat 12 ounces (340 grammes) a week. For healthy adolescent and adult males and for women who will not become pregnant, and for adults at risk for coronary heart disease, the guidelines list no upper limit.

However, Krebs-Smith and others on the panel noted confusing information about the benefits and risks of eating fish made it difficult for consumers to strike a healthy balance, and said no one solution was right for all people.

Fish has long been seen as a healthy food, high in protein and omega-3 fatty acids, which may be

associated with lower risk for heart disease and better fetal and brain development. However, contamination with mercury, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and other chemicals can offset some of the benefits, the report found.

MNA/Reuters



A report from the US Institute of Medicine on Tuesday recommended people should incorporate a variety of seafood in their diet, because health benefits outweigh the risks from exposure to environmental contaminants.

XINHUA

Report says Britons must drink recycled sewage

LONDON, 19 Oct — Britain needs to use more recycled effluent as drinking water if it is to deal with a long-term shortage crisis, a report said on Tuesday.

The Institution of Civil Engineers (ICE) said using treated sewage was one radical suggestion that needed to be pursued if the country was deal with the growing problem.

It also called for a rise in spending on infrastructure along with price rises of up to 20 per cent to fund the replacement of old, leaky pipes, particularly in London.

Many British water companies were forced to impose tough restrictions on water usage this summer, banning the use of hosepipes and sprinklers, because of low reservoir levels.

The Environment Agency said southeast England had endured its worst drought for a century.

MNA/Reuters

China to set up Confucius institutes in Russia

BEIJING, 19 Oct— Chinese Education Minister Zhou Ji said on Tuesday that China will set up several Confucius Institutes in Russia next year to cope with the growing demand from Russian people to learn Chinese.

The Confucius Institute is a non-profit school specializing in Chinese-language education and cultural communication.

Zhou said the Russian Government also attaches great importance to Chinese-language education and the two governments have signed an agreement specializing in supporting language teaching in both countries. According to Zhou, there are about 10,000 people in Russia learning Chinese, up 40 per cent on last year. — MNA/Xinhua

Archaeologists unearth 4,500-year-old Chinese characters

BEIJING, 19 Oct— Chinese archaeologists have discovered pottery bearing inscriptions dating back 4,500 years, which could prove to be China's earliest written language.

These pottery fragments, found in the ruins of an ancient city in Huaiyang county, central Henan Province, are believed to be parts of a spinning wheel, according to a report released by the Huaiyang government.

The inscriptions are similar in shape to those found in the Ba Gua, an octagonal diagram which is a fundamental philosophical concept of ancient China, the report said, quoting renowned Chinese archaeologist Li Xueqin of Tsinghua University.

Before this discovery, the earliest Chinese characters discovered by archaeologists were inscriptions on bones and tortoise shells — known as the Oracle Bones — buried in the royal tombs of the Shang Dynasty 3,000 years ago. They were used to tell the oracles from the gods. — MNA/Xinhua

Bullet in skull deepens Australia WWII ship mystery

SYDNEY, 19 Oct — A bullet found inside a skull buried on a remote Indian Ocean island has added further intrigue to Australia's greatest naval tragedy, the mysterious World War II sinking of a warship with the loss of all 645 hands. The light cruiser HMAS Sydney II sank somewhere off Western Australia's northwest in November 1941 after it came under fire from a German raider, thought to be the Kormoran disguised as a Dutch merchant ship.

The Sydney has never been found after it sailed ablaze over the horizon at the end of a fierce 30-minute battle. Australian defence officials said a Navy team had this month exhumed the remains of an unknown sailor buried in an unmarked grave on Christmas Island, remains long thought to be those of a Sydney crewman.

MNA/Reuters



A panda cub yawns at the Wolong Giant Panda Protection Centre in Wolong, southwest China's Sichuan Province on 18 Sept, 2006. A new study by American researchers reveals giant pandas are capable of distinguishing colours from shades of gray. Colour vision could be useful to pandas in the wild by helping them recognize healthy bamboo patches from brown and dying ones. —XINHUA

SPORTS

Harrington's order of merit hopes hit by 77 in Mallorca

MALLORCA (Spain), 20 Oct — Pdraig Harrington's bid to steal a march on his European money-list rival Paul Casey went awry when the Irishman slumped to a seven-over-par 77 in the opening round of the Mallorca Classic on Thursday. Harrington finished 11 strokes behind early leaders Niclas Fasth of Sweden, South African Andrew McLardy and Ireland's Gary Murphy, giving him scant chance of making a dent in the 218,185 euros he trails Casey at the top of the money-list.

Casey is not playing at the Pula course this week, but Harrington could conceivably now have only one chance left to catch the Briton — at next week's Volvo Masters.

Harrington's playing partner Jose Maria Olazabal also had a dismal day, firing a 78. The Spaniard believes he now needs "a miracle" to stay in the tournament.

MNA/Reuters

Van Nistelrooy wants to play at 2008 Olympics

AMSTERDAM, 20 Oct — Real Madrid striker Ruud van Nistelrooy has expressed an interest in representing the Dutch Under-23 side in Beijing if they qualify for the 2008 Olympics.

"Ruud (van Nistelrooy) told me he really wants to go to the Olympics with the Under-23 team," Charles van Commenee, technical director of the Dutch Olympic Committee, told reporters.

"Playing at the Olympic Games has always been Ruud's dream."

Van Nistelrooy, 30, was dropped from the Dutch senior squad after the World Cup finals in Germany and the disaffected striker declined a call-up when asked to replace the injured Klaas-Jan Huntelaar earlier this month.—MNA/Reuters

Fabregas signs new 8-year deal at Arsenal

LONDON, 20 Oct — Spain's teenage midfielder Cesc Fabregas has signed a new eight-year contract at Arsenal, the Premier League club announced on Thursday.

The 19-year-old, who played at the World Cup, put pen to paper on an extension last summer that was agreed when he negotiated his initial contract with the north London club.

However, he was expected to sign a new longer-term deal after emerging as one of Europe's most promising players since joining the Premier League club from Barcelona three years ago.

Fabregas became Arsenal's youngest player and scorer in his first season and is setting his sights on major honours after committing his future to the north London club.—MNA/Reuters



Chinese women's team followed men's step to pull off their first ever world championships title in Aarhus of Denmark on 18 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

FA will not take action over Cech injury

LONDON, 20 Oct — The FA will not take any formal disciplinary action over the injuries sustained by Peter Cech and his fellow Chelsea goalkeeper Carlo Cudicini in last Saturday's Premier League match at Reading.

The FA said on its website on Thursday that it had reviewed the circumstances and had contacted referee Mike Riley, who confirmed that the match officials saw both incidents at the time. "There will therefore be no further action," it said. Czech Republic goalkeeper Cech, who has had an operation on a fractured skull, is likely to be out for several months after he was caught on the head by a sliding Stephen Hunt.

Hunt has apologized and denied the challenge was deliberate, a view supported by his club and the players' association.

Chelsea had asked the FA to investigate the challenge after manager Jose Mourinho said Cech was lucky to be alive.

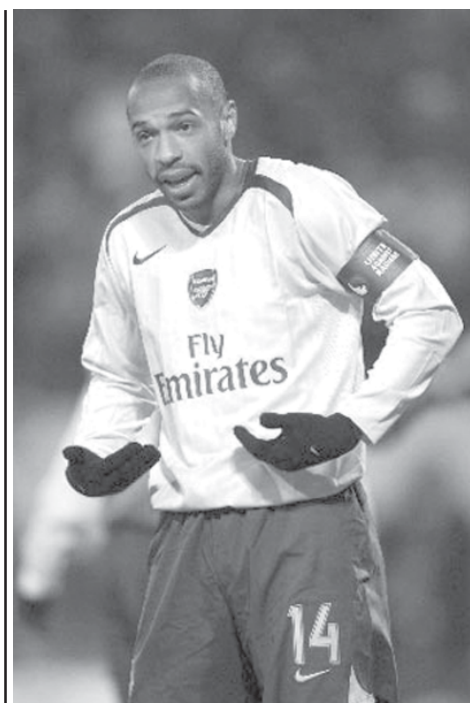
The club's outspoken Portu-

guese manager also complained that it took 30 minutes for an ambulance to collect the stricken keeper and take him to hospital.

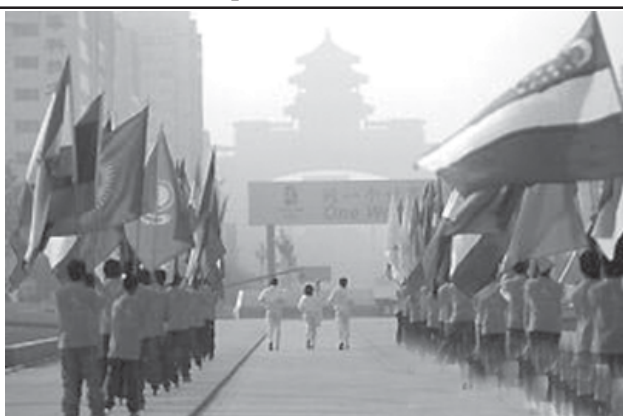
Reading said Mourinho's remarks contained "very serious factual inaccuracies" and issued a timeline of events.

The Cech incident was followed by substitute goalkeeper Cudicini also being carried off unconscious after a mid-air goalmouth collision with Ibrahima Sonko. He was discharged from hospital on Saturday night and should be fit to play next week.

Third-choice keeper Hilario filled in against European champions Barcelona in the Champions League on Wednesday and the Portuguese debutant kept a clean sheet in a 1-0 win. — MNA/Reuters



Arsenal's Thierry Henry tells the assistant referee that the ball was controlled with his stomach and not his hand after having his goal disallowed during their Champions League Group G soccer match against CSKA at the Lokomotiv Stadium in Moscow on 17 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA



China's athletes (C) hold the torch after the flame lighting ceremony for the torch relay for the 6th Asian Winter Games in Beijing, capital of China, on 19 Oct, 2006. The game will be held in Changchun, capital of northeast China's Jilin Province, from 28 Jan to 4 Feb, 2007. —XINHUA

Goal-shy Shevchenko gets Mourinho's backing

LONDON, 20 Oct — Chelsea have raced five points clear in their Champions League group and share the lead in the Premier League despite a goal drought from their top close-season signing Andriy Shevchenko.

Manager Jose Mourinho has no plans to drop the 29 million pounds (54.04 million US dollars) Ukrainian striker, however, and has praised his contribution to the team.

It was Shevchenko's strike partner Didier Drogba whose stunning 47th-minute goal earned the English champions a 1-0 win over holders Barcelona in the Champions League on Wednesday.

Added to his first hat-trick for Chelsea in their comfortable 3-1 win at Levski Sofia last month, the goal made Drogba the leading marksman in the competition so far.

Shevchenko, the top active scorer in UEFA competition with 56 goals for Dynamo Kiev and AC Milan, has yet to get off the mark in the Champions League for his new club.

He has not scored in nine games since Chelsea's only defeat in the Premier League so far, by Middlesbrough on 23 August.

But Mourinho is sticking by his acquisition and is sure he will come good. — MNA/Reuters

Roddick, Robredo topped in Madrid

MADRID, 20 Oct — Sixth seed Andy Roddick and world number eight Tommy Robredo suffered straight sets defeats in the third round of the Madrid Masters on Thursday.

Czech Tomas Berdych toppled Roddick 7-6, 6-3 with the American ending the match complaining of pain in his left ankle, while the unseeded Robby Ginepri beat Spain's Robredo 6-3, 7-6.

There was nothing to separate Berdych and Roddick in the first set as they held firm on their serves and it was no surprise when the set went to a tiebreak. But Roddick was the first to crack and the 21-year-old Czech edged the tiebreak 9-7.

The American received treatment on his left ankle at 3-2 down in the second set and Berdych produced a sensational running pass to break serve in the next game before easing his way to victory in the first meeting between the pair.

Berdych will now play the winner of the match between defending champion Rafael Nadal and 13th-seeded German Tommy Haas in the quarterfinals.

MNA/Reuters

Uruguay trounce Venezuela 4-0 in friendly

MONTEVIDEO, 20 Oct — Uruguay trounced Venezuela 4-0 in a friendly international in which both teams fielded experimental sides.

Mexican-based forward Vicente Sanchez and defender Diego Godin gave Uruguay an excellent start by scoring in the first 15 minutes of Wednesday night's game.

Sebastian Abreu, another Mexican-based forward, added the third six minutes after halftime when he picked up a bad back pass, rounded goalkeeper Manuel Sanhouse and scored into an empty net.

Sergio Blanco fired the fourth in the 88th minute and Venezuela had midfielder Miguel Mea Vitali sent off for a second bookable offence in the last minute.

Venezuela, next year's Copa America hosts, won the previous meeting between the sides in September, Uruguay's only defeat in five outings under coach Oscar Washington Tabarez. — MNA/Reuters



Director and Economic Incharge of Wa Import and Export Co Ltd U Kyan Kyu (a) Mr K and wife Daw Yi Yi Lwin donate K 2 million to the missionary works of State Theravada Buddhist Missionary Centre through Sayadaw Bhaddanta Narinda recently. — H

Raiders steal 2m pounds in cash depot heist

LONDON, 20 Oct — Raiders have stolen nearly two million pounds in cash after ramming a lorry into a bank depot on an industrial estate in Staffordshire, police said on Thursday.

Up to five men escaped with the money from the NatWest depot in Tamworth.

The thieves wore masks or crash helmets and high visibility jackets as they drove a skip lorry into the building, smashing through a wall late on Wednesday night. No weapons were used and no one was hurt.

“The raid was over very quickly. Thankfully no one was injured,” Detective Inspector Bob

Titley said in a statement. The area has been sealed off for forensic examination and detectives

are appealing for help in finding a car and motorcycle used as getaway vehicles. — MNA/Reuters

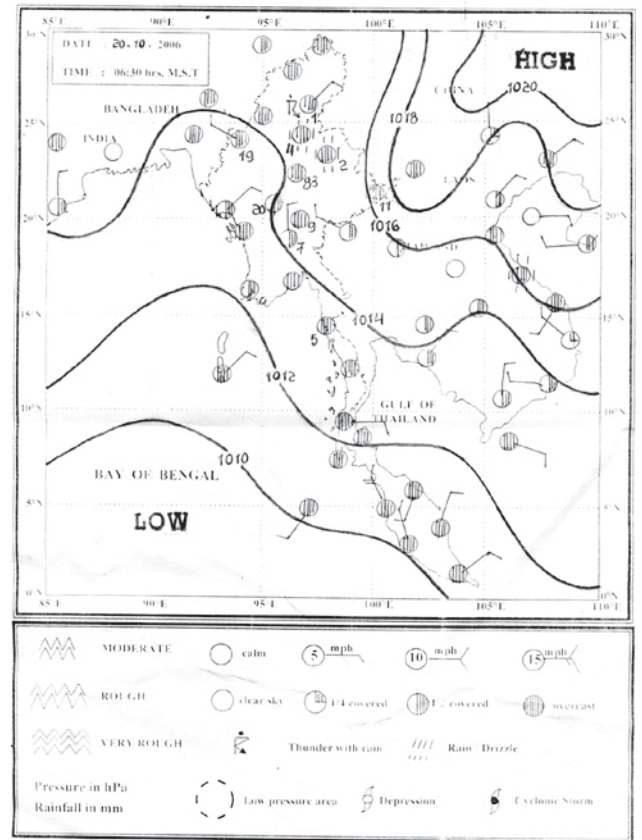
M6.5 quake rocks seas west of Peru

HONG KONG, 20 Oct — An earthquake measuring 6.5 on the Richter Scale shook the seas West of central Peru at about 7:09 pm (1109 GMT) Friday, according to a bulletin released by the Hong Kong Observatory.

The epicenter was determined to be located at 13.4 degrees south latitude and 76.6 degrees west longitude, about 160 km south-southeast of Lima, Peru.

There has been no immediate casualty report by the Press time. — MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 20 October, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Kayah States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine State, Magway and Bago Divisions, scattered in Kayah State, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Division, Kachin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mandalay (3.27) inches, Pyawbwe (2.13) inches, Sagaing (2.01) inches, Monywa (1.53) inches, Ye (1.38) inches, Namhsam (1.22) inches, Yamethin (0.82) inch and Meiktila (0.79) inch.

Maximum temperature on 19-10-2006 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 20-10-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 20-10-2006 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 19-10-2006 was 3.0 hours approx.

Rainfalls on 20-10-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were 98.46 inches at Mingaladon and 116.61 inches at Kaba Aye and 116.61 inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 8 mph from Northwest at 14:30 hours MST on 19-10-2006.

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 21-10-2006: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in upper Sagaing Division, Kachin and Chin States, scattered in Taninthayi Division, northern Shan, Kayah and Mon States and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 21-10-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 21-10-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 21-10-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Weather outlook for last weekend of October 2006: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 21 October
View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာရာဇဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မာမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသ၏ 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. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
 6. Musical programme
- 8:20 am
 7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
 8. International news
- 8:45 am
 9. Grammar Made Easy
- 11:00 am
 1. Martial songs
- 11:15 am
 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am
 3. News

- 11:40 am
 4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
 5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 1:00 pm
 6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဆည်းဆာ” (အပိုင်း-၂၁) (ဇာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း)
- 1:45 pm
 7. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 1:50 pm
 8. “ပန်းပွင့်ပုံပြင်” (ညီထွက်နိုင်၊ မင်းညီ၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ အိအိသန့်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)
- 2:25 pm
 9. Dance of national races
- 2:40 pm
 10. “မမြင်ကွယ်ရာ” (မောင်မောင်မျိုးသန့်၊ မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မတူး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-စိုးဟိန်း-မန်းတက္ကသိုလ်)
- 2:45 pm
 11. International news
- 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. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 4:50 pm
 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)

- 5:05 pm
 6. Musical programme
- 5:15 pm
 7. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 5:25 pm
 8. မြင်းခြံနုလွင် ဆိုင်းအဖွဲ့ ဖျော်ဖြေခန်း
- 5:40 pm
 9. “ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကွာ အနုပညာကမ္ဘာ” (လွင်မိုး၊ မင်းမော်ကွန်း၊ ဇာနည်၊ ကင်းကောင်း၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ၊ လှအူလီတင့်၊ ကြည်လဲ့လဲ့ဦး၊ ဝမ်းမုံ)
- 5:50 pm
 10. Musical programme
- 6:00 pm
 11. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
 12. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
 13. အလှူရှာမယ် လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 7:00 pm
 14. Discovery
- 7:10 pm
 15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဟောမန်ဆောင်းရဲ့ နေ့ရက်များ” (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
- 8:00 pm
 17. International news
- 8:00 pm
 18. Weather report
- 8:00 pm
 19. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 pm
 20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်” (အပိုင်း-၂၉)
- 8:00 pm
 21. The next day's programme



Saturday, 21 October

Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -Here & now... Steps
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -Losing grip... Avril Lavigne
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -That is when you know... Gareth Gates
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -When you're looking like that
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40pm Music at your request / lunch time music: -Unchanged melody -Show me your love
- 9:00pm ASEAN news review -Exchange news from ASEAN member countries
- 9:10pm Article
- 9:20pm Myanma culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs: -Remind me... Dorris Day -Kissing cousin... Elvis Presley
- 9:45 pm News / Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Two National Convention delegate groups hold meetings

YANGON, 20 Oct — Delegate groups of representatives-elect and workers held group meetings at the designated places of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township today.

Delegate Group of Representatives-elect

The group meeting of Delegates of Representatives-elect was held at meeting hall-2 this morning. U Maung Gyi of Union Pa-O National Organization presided over the meeting together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Law Hsin Kwan of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and U Mann Tin Maung (a) U Mann Myo Nyunt of Union Kayin League. Deputy Director U Khin Sein of Work Group-4 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and Assistant Director Daw Mi Mi Shein acted as MCs.

First, the MC declared the start of the group meeting as 11 out of 12 delegates were present, accounting for 91.67 per cent.

Alternate Chairman of the Meeting U Maung Gyi delivered a speech.

Next, independent delegate U Aung Thein (Ywangan Constituency) read out the proposal paper of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect concerning the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman on separate suggestions to seek the approval of the delegate groups. 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 alternate Chairman sought the approval of the delegates for the proposal paper of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect and approved it. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the alternate chairman.

Delegate Group of Workers

Delegate Group of Workers held its group meeting at meeting hall-5 this morning. Dr Myo Thant Tin of Yangon Division presided over the meeting together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Bo Thein (Taungdwin Bo Thein) and U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division. Deputy Director U Zaw Win of (See page 9)

14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the sixth day today at Auditorium Hall, Lecture Theatre and Convocation Hall of University of Agriculture, University of Veterinary Science and Auditorium of Agriculture Research Department in here.

Present were Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the 14th Myanmar Traditional

Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, deputy ministers heads of department, the Secretary of the Leading Committee and officials, service personnel and guests.

Altogether 12 contestants from States and Divisions participated in the amateur level (second class) Maha Gita men's singing contest, 10 in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' Maha Gita singing contest, 14 in the higher education level men's modern song contest and 15 in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' modern song contest. It was supervised by chairperson, secretary and members of the Panel of the Judges for singing contests.

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A contestant from Mon State taking part in higher education level boys' dancing contest. — MNA

Saddhasumana drama for marionette contest

NAY PYI TAW, 20 Oct — The Saddhasumana Drama for marionette contest of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at University of Veterinary Science in Yezin and anyone may enjoy the competitions free of charge.

Zeya Thiri Marionette Troupe representing Sagaing Division will take part in the contest tomorrow. — MNA

2,835 local and foreign gem merchants arrive



YANGON, 20 Oct—Altogether 2,835 gem merchants—1,702 from 440 foreign companies of 12 countries and 1,133 from 442 local companies—have arrived here to attend the Myanmar Mid-Year Gems Emporium for 2006 sponsored by Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee.

Those merchants at home and abroad observed enthusiastically pearl lots and gem lots on display at the Gem Mart of the Myanmar Mid-Year Gems Emporium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road

Gem merchants observe jade lots displayed at Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2006. — MNA

and jade lots at the Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road, Mayangon Township from 9 am to 5 pm today.

According to the agenda of the Myanmar Mid-Year Gems Emporium, the foreign gem merchants today put their proposals for pearl lots into the respective tender boxes, and sale of pearl lots through tender system and competitive bidding will be held on 21 October.

On 22 October, sale of gem lots through tender system and competitive bidding will follow.

Jade lots will be sold through tender system and competitive bidding at the Myanmar Convention Centre from 23 to 29 October.—MNA