

Entrepreneurs to export and import goods within framework of law

Respect and protect the State's policy and rules and regulations; refrain from bribing corrupt service personnel

Prime Minister General Soe Win meets UMFCCI officials, exporters and importers



Prime Minister General Soe Win meets officials of UMFCCI and entrepreneurs.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Prime Minister General Soe Win met officials of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, entrepreneurs who engaged in border trade and exporters and importers at the Ministry of Commerce, here, this morning.

He discussed development of economic life in the country following correct way.

Also present were the ministers, the deputy ministers, directors-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office and Prime Minister's Office, officials, President of UMFCCI, entrepreneurs and guests.

In his address the Prime Minister said development of market-oriented economic system, progress of private sector, social objectives such as security of social life of the people, modernization of the whole country and perpetuation of the country are objectives for present people and for prosperity. He said these are national objectives not for a single man or any group of people or a small minority of the people. Therefore, the government and the people including the entrepreneurs are to make efforts for realization of the objectives, he said.

He said the meeting with the entrepreneurs means meeting of colleagues for development of economic life in the country through following way.

He said that participation of private sector in economic life of the country is wide. As national

economic conditions have improved, the economy of private sector has also developed. The volume of GDP in 1988-89 was over K 76 billion and in 2005-2006 it increased up to K 12,162 billion. Per capita income was K 1940 in 1988-89 and it increased to

K 220,000 in 2005-2006.

The participation ratio of private sector in the GDP was over 71 per cent in 1988-89 and now it is over 90 per cent.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win views consumer goods.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 22 October, 2006

Towards stronger economy of Kachin State

Peace and stability plays an important role in bringing development to a region. Only when there prevails peace and stability in all parts of the nation will it be possible to extensively engage in development tasks.

Kachin State is rich in natural resources. With the prevalence of peace and stability in the region the national peace groups hand in hand with local people are exerting concerted efforts for economic development.

The government is building new roads and bridges in Kachin State while it is upgrading the Mandalay-Myitkyina railroad. The Shwebo-Myitkyina motor road on western bank of Ayeyawady River and the Tagaung-Shwegu-Bhamo motor road on eastern bank of Ayeyawady River are vital for development of economic and communication sectors in the region. Likewise, the upgrading of the Myitkyina Airport, Bhamo Airport and Putao Airport has contributed a lot to regional development.

As over 500,000 acres were put under paddy in Kachin State, it has now seen not only self-sufficiency in rice but also the surplus. According to geographical condition, extended cultivation of monsoon paddy, summer paddy, rubber, sugarcane, pepper, djenkol and avocado pear as well as physic nut is to be carried out in Kachin State.

Constant efforts are to be made to bring about development. Making better use of natural resources in the region and maintaining peace and stability so far achieved the people in the region will definitely enjoy the strong economy and higher living standard of the people.

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Peoples' Desire

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

PPE holds Kathina robes offering ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw



The congregation shares merits gained at Kathina robes offering ceremony of Printing and Publishing Enterprise.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Under the patronage of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, staff families of Printing and Publishing Enterprise led by Managing Director U Aung Nyein and wife Daw San San Lwin held Kathina robes offering ceremony at Gainghtauk monastery in Pynmana this morning.

It was attended by member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Hsutaungpyay Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Tejaniya, Gainghtauk Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Uttama and members of the Sangha, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Gen-

eral Manager Lt-Col Zaw Min Oo of PPE, directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, officials, families members and guests.

Firstly, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi.

Next, the managing director offered Kathina robes and provisions to the Township Chairman Sayadaw. Later, those present also donated robes and offertories to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

After the ceremony, the congregation offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha.

MNA

Centenary ceremony of SLRD held

YANGON, 21 Oct — A ceremony to mark the centenary of Settlement and Land Records Department under the Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation took place at the Auditorium of the ministry in Yankin Township this morning.

Director-General U Win Kyi of SLRD extended greetings and handed over a bronze plaque to Officiating Principal U Tun Myaing of Central Land Record

Development Training School at the ceremony.

Next, a talk and paper reading session to mark the ceremony fol-

lowed. Directors-General (Retd) U Than Swe and U Tha Nyein gave talks on transformation of land system and work experi-

ences. Later, resources persons read out their papers and the ceremony came to an end.

MNA



Director-General U Win Kyi of Settlement and Land Records Department extends greetings at a ceremony to mark the centenary of the department. — MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Vietnam, Laos, Cambodia to strengthen anti-drug cooperation

HANOI, 20 Oct — Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia will beef up their cooperation on drug control, contributing to efforts for an ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations) without narcotics by 2015, local media reported Thursday.

At the 6th Ministerial Meeting between Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia on Drug Control in Vietnam's central Quang Nam Province on Wednesday,

the three sides sought measures to prevent transnational drug crimes in the region, newspaper *Youth* said.

Specifically, the three countries' anti-drug

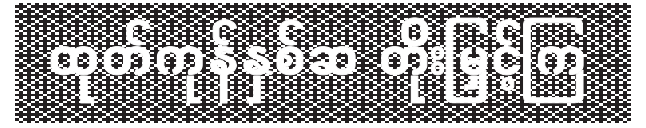
standing agencies will establish contacting points, share information on crimes relating to drug, and directly coordinate in fighting, investigating and arresting escaped

criminals.

Vietnam will consider helping Laos and Cambodia in the field of training for anti-drug task forces, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Public Security Le The Tiem said, noting that it is also ready to share information and experiences in decreasing drug demand and supply, and eliminating trees with narcotics contains.

Cambodia will host the next tripartite meeting, which will be rotated biennially, in 2008.

MNA/Xinhua



Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd engineer Masahiro Yui demonstrates the company's disaster assistance robot 'MHI MARS-G' at an unveiling in Tokyo, on 20 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET



People watch firecrackers light the sky on the eve of Diwali festival, on Marine Drive in Mumbai, India, on 20 Oct, 2006. Diwali, the festival of lights that falls on 21 Oct, is popularly celebrated by lighting up homes with earthen lamps and bursting firecrackers. INTERNET

Servicemen urged to donate winter warmers to disaster victims

BEIJING, 20 Oct — Members of the Chinese People's Liberation Army (PLA) and the Chinese People's Armed Police (PAP) have been asked to donate money or warm clothing to people living in areas that have been badly affected by natural disasters this year.

The PLA General Political Department issued this decree Wednesday and urged service people to play a leading role in the current nationwide donation campaign.

The donated money and clothing will be distributed via the Ministry of Civil Affairs. — MNA/Xinhua

Serbian munitions depot blows up, 20 hurt

PARACIN (Serbia), 20 Oct — A military depot full of explosives blew up in Serbia on Thursday, injuring 20 people and causing major damage in the area, officials said.

A series of explosions at the depot, on a hill above Paracin 150 kilometres (100 miles) south of Belgrade, blew out doors and windows in the town, causing light injuries from broken glass. Clouds of thick smoke billowed from the site.

No one was injured at the depot, which was used to store munitions and other military materials.

Defence Minister

Zoran Stankovic said the cause of the explosion was not known and investigators would not be able to approach the site for 72 hours. — MNA/Reuters

A mock-up of a plane crash is displayed as part of a Halloween display in the garden of a home in Los Angeles, on 20 Oct, 2006. Los Angeles police visited the scene after thinking the crash was real. The homeowner is an aircraft mechanic in training and the parts are from a real Gulfstream jet. INTERNET



Farmers look to rotten bananas for fuel

SYDNEY, 20 Oct — Queensland farmers are looking at using banana fuel to run their tractors.

The state's peak horticultural body is setting up a pilot facility at a banana plantation in far north Queensland to trial a clean methane gas made from banana waste.

Graeme Bush, who farms 400 acres of bananas in Tully in far north Queensland, is one of the

directors of the Bush Holdings plantation, which is hosting the pilot plant.

He says the main reason for getting involved in the project is high petrol prices, after University of Queensland researchers last year discovered bananas could be broken down to

form methane gas.

"All banana farmers, I'd say, have been looking at trying to do something with their by-product because in a normal year, we'd probably have 30 per cent waste," he said.

"So if on average every farmer has 30 per cent waste, that's a lot of waste out there you've got to try and do something with.

"We spend a lot of time and energy getting it to the shed, then all of a sudden it goes into a chopper and you're putting it back into a paddock for nothing.

"So at least this way, we will be getting hopefully something out of our waste."

Mr Bush says it is not surprising gas can be produced from fruit.

"You tip the waste into a pile and it smells like something shocking, so you would think it would be able to be turned into a gas or a liquid of some sort to be turned into fuel," he said.

Growcom, Queensland's peak horticultural body, is building the plant that Bush Holdings will operate for 12 months.

Internet

Four dead in French plane crash

PARIS, 20 Oct — Four people, including two doctors who were on the way to perform an organ transplant operation, were killed in a plane crash early Thursday in the southeast of France, *AFP* reported on Thursday.

The two-engine aircraft, which struck some treetops shortly after takeoff, crashed in a marshy area, several hundred metres off the end of the runway at the Besancon-La Veze Airport. All those on board, the pilot, co-pilot and the two surgeons, were killed instantly. — MNA/Xinhua

China, Russia highlight local cooperation

BEIJING, 20 Oct— The cooperation between China and Russia at the local level constitutes an important part of the overall bilateral strategic partnership of coordination, Chinese Vice

Foreign Minister Li Jinzhang said here on Thursday.

Li said the provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions of China and the regions, districts, republics and

border territories of Russia have conducted cooperation in various fields, adding that such cooperation is developing rapidly and has become a new shining point in bilateral relations.

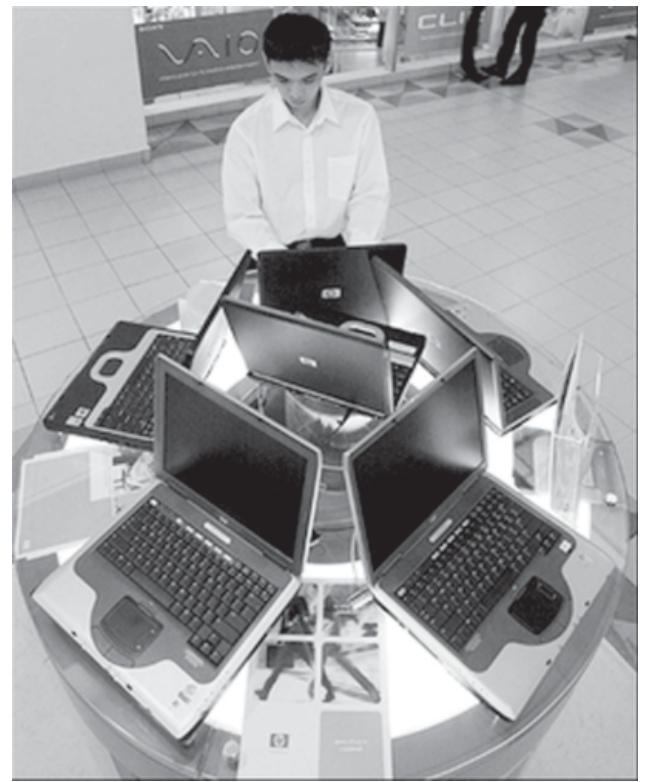
China's strategy to develop its western region and revitalize the economy of its northeastern region, and Russia's plan to develop its Far East and East Siberian regions will jointly create favorable conditions for the two

countries to cooperate at local level, Li noted.

According to Li, China and Russia have so far established 68 pairs of sister-cities, provinces and regions. The border areas of the two countries have organized regular trade seminars, science shows and business workshops. In 2005, the border trade totalled 5.5 billion US dollars, accounting for 19 per cent of the overall bilateral trade volume.

MNA/Xinhua

A man checks out laptop computers displayed at a mall in Singapore recently. Personal computer sales in the Asia Pacific region excluding Japan have increased an annual 15 percent to 12.6 million units during the third quarter, boosted by demand for notebooks, an industry report said in preliminary estimates.—INTERNET



Shakira holds up her award for song of the year for "Hips don't lie" at the MTV Latin America awards in Mexico City, on 19 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

British Fraud Office raids sites in BAE Systems probe

LONDON, 20 Oct— Britain's Serious Fraud Office (SFO) has raided four premises as part of its probe into alleged corruption linked to British defence firm BAE Systems.

The SFO has been investigating Europe's largest arms maker since 2004 and has so far focused on British arms deals involving Saudi

Arabia and more recently, Romania.

"We can confirm that both the SFO and the Ministry of Defence police did on the morning of 17 October visit four premises...two in Berkshire and two in London," an SFO spokesman told Reuters on Thursday.

"The visits form part of an ongoing investigation into the awarding of defence contracts where BAE Systems is the prime contractor. No arrests were made."

The premises included the home of Zimbabwean businessman John Bredenkamp and local offices of his

main company Breco.

"We have no comments to make (regarding) the newspaper reports of this morning other than to acknowledge that on Tuesday the SFO visited a group office in Berkshire and the home of Mr Bredenkamp in London," Breco said in an e-mail.

In addition to wide-ranging interests in mining, agriculture, sports and property, Breco says on its website that Bredenkamp is a passive

investor in a company which represents European and North American aircraft manufacturers in southern Africa.

The SFO opened a probe of suspected accounting irregularities related to BAE in 2004 which has focussed on the relationship between BAE and two small travel firms which made arrangements for Saudi Arabian officials on behalf of BAE.

MNA/Reuters

Elephants attack Bangladesh village, five killed

CHITTAGONG (Bangladesh), 20 Oct— A herd of wild elephants rampaged through a village in southern Bangladesh on Thursday, killing five members of a family, police and witnesses said.

Two children were among those trampled to death by the herd of about 10 elephants in Jangalgunagari Village, 350 kilometres (220 miles) southeast of the capital Dhaka, a witness said.

destroyed five bamboo huts and damaged crops before they were chased away by police firing blank shots. Villagers also torched bushes and lit firecrackers to scare the animals away.

At least 15 people are killed by elephants in

Bangladesh on average every year as forests shrink due to encroachment by growing population, officials say.

Bangladesh, one of the world's most densely populated nations, has a forest cover of 17.5 per cent. —MNA/Reuters

Oil price falls to 2006 low

SYDNEY, 21 Oct— Oil on Friday fell more than 2 per cent to a 2006 low of less than \$US57 per barrel, on speculation that OPEC members would not follow through on plans to make deep production cuts to stem a three-month price slide.

US crude for November delivery settled \$US1.68 lower at \$US56.82 a barrel, the lowest this year after trading as low as \$US56.55 in intraday activity.

US oil prices have dropped from July records of \$US78.40 a barrel on healthy inventories.

London Brent crude fell

\$US1.19 to \$US59.68 a barrel.

OPEC ministers agreed early on Friday to reduce output by 1.2 million barrels per day (bpd), 200,000 bpd more than expected, but some analysts expressed doubts about whether the cartel will reach the targeted reductions.

"This cut should result in about a half million barrels per day of production actually getting taken out of the market," said Jim Ritterbusch, president at Ritterbusch and Associates in Galena, Illinois.

Some OPEC ministers said a further cut of

500,000 bpd could follow when the cartel next meets in Nigeria in December.

They said they were concerned about high fuel stocks in consumer countries, particularly in the United States, and a projected drop in demand for OPEC oil in 2007 as competitors bring more supplies online.—Internet



US writer Paul Auster poses before a conference on literature at the Campus del Milán library, University of Oviedo, northern Spain, on 19 Oct, 2006. Auster is the winner of the 2006 'Principe de Asturias' Award for Letters.—INTERNET



British actor James McAvoy with his partner British actress Anne-Marie Duff arrives for the European premiere of his latest film "The Last King of Scotland" at the 50th London Film Festival on London's Leicester Square, Britain, on 18 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

China has educational exchanges with over 50 African countries

BEIJING, 19 Oct—China has established educational exchanges and cooperative relations with more than 50 African countries, the Ministry of Education (MOE) said here Wednesday. Cen Jianjun, deputy director of the ministry's international cooperation office, said at a news briefing on the upcoming China-Africa Cooperation Forum that efforts put into Sino-African educational exchanges and cooperation

in recent years had paid off.

China committed to running training programmes for 1,000 African Government officials, school heads and teachers over a period of three years according to the Beijing Declaration signed at the Sino-African Education Minister Forum held here last November.

"We have met our commitments to date," Cen said.

China provides about

1,200 government scholarships to African students every year. Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhili earlier promised to double the number in five years. By the end of 2005, a total of 18,919 scholarships had been granted to students from 50 African countries, MOE figures show.

China has also set up six non-profit Confucius Institutes in six African countries to teach Chinese language and culture.

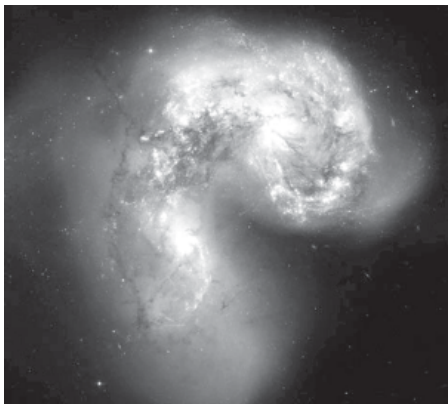
So far, through nearly 60 assistance programmes, China has helped 25 African countries to develop neglected disciplines and train science and technological talents.

China has also dispatched 530 professional teachers to 35 African countries to assist them in developing higher and middle school education, according to Cen.

MNA/Xinhua

New image gives insight into colliding galaxies

WASHINGTON, 19 Oct—A seemingly violent collision of two galaxies is in fact a fertile marriage that has birthed billions of new stars, and an image released on Tuesday gives astronomers



This Hubble image of the Antennae galaxies is the sharpest yet of this merging pair of galaxies. As the two galaxies smash together, billions of stars are born, mostly in groups and clusters of stars. —INTERNET

their best view yet.

The new image of the Antennae galaxies allows astronomers working with the orbiting *Hubble Space Telescope* to distinguish between new stars and the star clusters that form them.

Most of these clusters, created in the collision of the two galaxies, will disperse within 10 million years but about 100 of the largest will grow into "globular clusters" -- large groups of stars found in many galaxies, including our own Milky Way.

The Antennae galaxies, 68 million light years from Earth, began to fuse 500 million years ago. A light year is the distance light waves travel in one year -- about 6 trillion miles (10 trillion kilometres). The image serves as a preview for the Milky Way's likely collision with the nearby Andromeda Galaxy, about 6 billion years from now.

MNA/Reuters

Hit-and-run deaths in US rise 20% since 2000

WASHINGTON, 19 Oct—The number of pedestrians killed by hit-and-run drivers in the United States has jumped 20 percent since 2000 and is at its highest level in a decade, a news report said Tuesday.

Of the 4,4881 pedestrians killed last year, 974 died in hit-and-runs, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration records showed, according to the *USA Today* report.

The total number of pedestrians killed nationwide increased by 2 per cent since 2000, but hit-and-run deaths rose at almost 10 times that pace,

the report said. The increase compounded the problems of investigating hit-and-run cases, which investigators said were among the most difficult crimes to solve because they often happened at night with no witnesses, it said.

The last time the country had so many hit-and-run deaths was in 1996, when there were 982, out of 5,400 pedestrians killed that year. Likely factors for the increase included more cars sharing the road with more pedestrians, and increasingly distracted and aggressive

drivers, according to Peter Kissinger, chief executive officer of the American Automobile Association Traffic Safety Foundation.

There were no national tally showing how many hit-and-run cases were solved. In many investigations in which drivers were later found, they told police that they fled out of fear or because they had been drinking and wanted to avoid legal trouble, the report quoted Doug Dodson, a spokesman for the Florida Highway Patrol, as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Thais rush to move crocs amid rising flood waters

UTHAI THANI (Thailand), 19 Oct—Workers at a flood-threatened crocodile farm in central Thailand rushed on Wednesday to move hundreds of the reptiles to higher ground to stop them from swimming away.

Authorities in the central province of Uthai Thani, 220 kilometres (140 miles) north of Bangkok, ordered the evacuation of some 4,000 crocodiles on Sunday, most of them kept in pens alongside a river swollen from monsoon rains.

"I am confident that

these crocodiles will not swim away from my farm, but I have to move them to other farms for the sake of public safety," said farm

owner Amorn Jitapinitmas, who has raised crocodiles for meat and skin for 35 years.

MNA/Reuters



Workers carry an alligator to a truck during an evacuation of reptiles to higher ground to prevent them from escaping from a farm threatened by floodwaters in Uthai Thani Province, about 219 km (136 miles) north of Bangkok, on 18 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Hyundai, Ford recall 151,397 cars in China

BEIJING, 19 Oct—The China joint ventures of Hyundai Motor and Ford Motor have recalled 151,397 locally made cars due to mechanical faults, according to company and government sources.

According to Beijing Hyundai Motor Company Ltd, it will recall 98,559 cars that have ignition problems. The cars belong to the Elantra and Sonata series and were manufactured between 1 October, 2004, and 22 March, 2005.

Beijing Hyundai said it will contact the car owners and it has also set up two hotlines -- 800-810-1100 and 010-89488100.

The ChanganFord Auto-mobile Co Ltd, located in Chongqing, has recalled 52,838 Focus sedans, said the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine. The cars



Customers look at Hyundai cars at a sales yard in Beijing, on 18 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

were made between 17 June, 2005, and 30 July, 2006 and are said to have potential problems with the wires on the fuel pumps.

It added that in serious cases the defect could lead to engine failure. ChanganFord said it had not yet received any reports on damages caused by the defect.—MNA/Xinhua



A man checks his mobile phone outside an office building in Beijing, on 20 Oct, 2006. China Mobile Ltd, the world's top wireless carrier, is set to post a 27 percent rise in quarterly earnings as it consolidates its lead over rival China Unicom Ltd ahead of the arrival of 3G services.—INTERNET

UNICEF to distribute over 2mln mosquito nets in Ghana

NAIROBI, 20 Oct — The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) in collaboration with Creative Storm, a media organization, will distribute over two million treated mosquito nets in Ghana to children under two years on 1-5 November.

The exercise is part of an extended programme for the National Immunization Day and a campaign against malaria in Ghana held annually to sensitize the population, especially mothers, about the importance of immunization, *Ghana News Agency* reported Wednesday.

The week-long programme is also meant to boost the chances of child survival for millions of children across Ghana. Victor Ankrah, Project Officer at the Child Health Department of UNICEF, who announced the programme at a two day workshop for media practitioners nation wide,

said there would be about 9,050 immunization points around the country where the treated nets would also be distributed. He said an estimated 5.4 million children would receive the long-lasting bed nets and there would be people to ensure that all children were reached

MNA/Xinhua

Gun crime falls but rowdiness fears rise in England

LONDON, 20 Oct — The number of gun crimes has fallen over the past year, but fear of drunken anti-social behaviour is rising, crime figures released on Thursday show.

Despite high profile shootings such as the death of a 15-year-old boy in a Manchester park last month, 900 fewer gun-related incidents were recorded in the year to June.

Home Office figures for England and Wales show crimes involving firearms fell to 10,267 — a drop of 8 per cent.

The number of shooting deaths fell from 64 to 51, a reduction of 20 per cent. The government is currently pushing through Parliament the Violent Crime Reduction Bill which aims to tackle gun crime.

It contains measures to ensure that police and local communities have the powers they need to address the problem, with an emphasis on trying to crack down on imitation firearms and misuse of air guns. Imitations accounted for nearly a third of firearm crimes last year.

The government is also trying to limit the impact of anti-social behaviour such as drunken rowdiness and neighbours persistently making too much noise.

But despite its efforts, figures from the British Crime Survey (BCS),

based on interviews with the public, revealed that these offences increasingly prey on people's fears.

Those worried about teenagers hanging around on the streets rose from 31 to 33 percent, while concern about drunks and rowdy people jumped by 2 percent to 25 per cent of those questioned.

Noisy neighbours or loud parties increased from 9 to 10 percent. Robbery is also on the rise, increasing by 5 per cent on the year, according to police quarterly figures for the period between April and June.— *MNA/Reuters*

This is an outside view of the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra building in Berlin, Germany on 19 Oct, 2006. Pamela Rosenberg, newly installed as managing director of the 124-year-old Berlin Philharmonic, wants to live the atmosphere at the Philharmonic's landmark building near Berlin's Potsdamer Platz, which Rosenberg sees as a home for innovative new programmes to bring a wider audience to classical music.—INTERNET



NATO troops among dead in Afghan suicide raid

LASHKAR GAH, (Afghanistan), 20 Oct— Several Afghans and two NATO soldiers were killed when a suicide bomber threw himself at the troops in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, witnesses and an Army officer said.

A NATO vehicle was set alight in the attack in the main bazaar of Lashkar Gah, capital of Helmand Province, they said. "The bomber was on foot and hurled himself at the convoy of NATO," said Shamsuddin an Afghan Army officer near the scene. "Two NATO soldiers died and two others have been wounded."

British troops were among the wounded, a Defence Ministry spokeswoman said in London. "We can confirm that a small number of British soldiers have been injured in an explosion in Laskar Gah... We have no reports of British fatalities," she said. She did not give information about Afghan casualties.

Several bodies of civilians were scattered on the ground, some with limbs blown off, witnesses said.

MNA/Reuters



Men stand outside a building damaged after a raid by the US forces in Baghdad, on 20 Oct, 2006. US forces raided the building in the Risala district in southern Baghdad, killing one person and detaining two, police and witnesses said.—INTERNET

Radiation overdose girl dies

LONDON, 20 Oct — A cancer patient schoolgirl who was given a massive overdose of radiation has died. Lisa Norris, 16, died at her home in Ayrshire, Scotland, on Wednesday, surrounded by her family.

In January, she was given 17 overdoses of radiation therapy during treatment for a brain tumour which left her with severe burns to the back of her neck and head.

She had recently undergone treatment to remove fluid from her brain.

"She was our inspiration. She kept us going in many ways." Human error has been blamed for the overdoses during treatment at Beatson Oncology Centre in Glasgow but an investigation is continuing.

Lisa died after her brain tumour returned, but her father said he was convinced it was the overdoses that "did this, not the cancer", the Daily Record reported.

MNA/Reuters

Famous Kanbawza Thamanekyaw (Samaneras)

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

Fame is the result of goodness. Goodness includes wisdom and diligence. Good persons gain fame on account of such qualities.

Poet Ashinmaha Silavamsa (815-880 ME) of Innwa period wrote Yazawinkyaw, the most famous treatise, in 864 ME. His childhood name was Maung Okka and he was named Shin Ottama when he became a monk (815-904 ME). He was brilliant and diligent. Later, *Kyaw* was added to his name. So he was known as Shin Ottamakyaw.

In the time of the Buddha, a large number of brilliant Samaneras (novices) emerged. There were four Thamanekyaws— Shinsankissa, Shinsopaka, Shinpandita and Shin Revata. They were Arahat Samaneras when they were seven years old. Moreover, there were four-year old Arahat Shin Ekadipiya and five-year old Shin Paduma, Shin Sandana Maliya and Shinpancasila Samadaniya. They were famous and the youngest Arahats.

In the history of Pariyatti Sasana also, there were Samaneras who were brilliant when they were young. Later, they became famous as lecturer Sayadaws or Nayaka Sayadaws throughout their life.

Venerable Sayadaws are making efforts to turn out brilliant Samaneras while the government and the people present provisions to the members of the Sangha.

Pariyatti Sasanahita Association in Mandalay organized the Thamanekyaw (brilliant Samaneras) Selection Examination in 1311 Myanmar Era with the aim of promoting education and turning out new generation brilliant Samaneras for propagation of Pariyatti Sasana. As a result, a large number of Thamanekyaws emerged in Mandalay, Yangon and Bago. Now there are Thamanekyaws in Shan State.

Well-known Sayadaws in Shan State (South) led by Taunggyi Theindaung State Ovadacariya Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Chandadika, Nyaungshwe Sasana Waiponla Shwegu Sayadaw, State Ovadacariya Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Vilasabhivamsa, Innlay Ywama Shwebontha Sayadaw State Sangha Maha Nayaka Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Veponlabhivamsa, Pinlon Mingalamwaytaw Sayadaw State Sangha Maha Nayaka Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sobhita with the close supervision of late Shwegyin Sangharaja Nyaungshwe Kangyi Sayadaw have made efforts to turn out Thamanekyaws for more than 10 years organizing Thamanekyaw Selection Examination.

Taunggyi Aungmyethasi Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Dhamma Nanda, Nyaungshwe Hlaingkyu Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Mahinda, Taunggyi Soonlungu Sayadaw member of Central Working Committee of the Sangha Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Agga Dhammabhivamsa, Hsihseng Javanarama Sayadaw member of Central Working Committee of the

Sangha, Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Kovida, Taunggyi MyoU Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Indaka, Abbot Training School Sayadaw of Ayethayamyo member of Central Working Committee of the Sangha Agga Maha Gandhavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kosiya, Loilem Sasana Waiponla Dattaw Sayadaw member of Central Working Committee of the Sangha Agga Maha Gandhavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Pañananda, Taunggyi TatU Ottarayon Sayadaw Chairman of Shan State Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Gandhavacaka Pandita Bhadda Pañasiri totalling 18 provided necessary assistance.

Likewise, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command, departmental heads, entrepreneurs, wellwishers, Kanbawza Thamanekyaw Selection Examination Board Chairman U Sun Kyaing, Vice-Chairmen U Tint Swe, U Sein Tint and U Than Nyunt, Secretary U Tun Aye Lay, Joint-Secretaries U Pe Win and U Maung Maung Myint are contributing to providing requisites for Thamanekyaws.

The First Kanbawza Thamanekyaw Selection Examination was held on 6-11-1999. The seventh was held last year. For the past seven years, the number of Samaneras from Pariyatti Sarthintaiks in Shan State, Sagaing Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division, Ayeyawady Division and Mon State who have passed the exam has increased year by year. All in all, it is heartening to note that according to data, there are now 578 Samaneras who passed the first grade, 156 Samaneras who passed the second grade, and 28 Samaneras who passed the third grade.

To evaluate intelligent quotient, efforts and diligence of young Samaneras, the treatises for the examination are prescribed as follows:

1. Five treatises of Vinaya in five Pali volumes (2,200 pages)
2. Eleven treatises of Inguttara in three Pali volumes (1651 pages)
3. Two Dhammapadha Athakatha volumes (930 pages)

There are altogether 4,781 pages for the candidates to study.

To be able to do well in the exam, the candidates are to be well-versed in the respective treatises in both Myanmar and Pali. As the volume of prescribed treatises is enormous, the candidates are to sit for the examination in three phases—the first phase in the first year, the second phase in the second year and the third phase in the third year. Only when a

young Samanera passed all the three phases of the exam will he be entitled to be conferred Thamanekyaw “Alankara title”.

When he has become the recipient of Thamanekyaw title, he is entitled to add the title to the original name given by his preceptor Sayadaw. For example, if his original name is Ñana his title will become Ñanalankara or if his original name is Neminda his title will become Nemindalankara. To receive Thamanekyaw “Alankara title” a young Samanera must be 20 years and under. If he is over 20 years old he is not eligible to receive the title.

Therefore, a young Samanera is to be well nurtured and trained in his younger days in order that he can become a learned and proficient lecturer or a skilled and competent Dhamma preacher capable of handing over the Sasana duties to the new generation.

During the seven-year period, 28 Alankara title recipient young Samaneras have emerged, and many more will emerge in the very near future.

A ceremony to open the eighth Kanbawza Thamanekyaw Selection Examination was held at the Dhammayon of Atulamarazein Hsutaungpyi Pagoda in Taunggyi, Shan State (South) on 13 October 2006.

The ceremony was attended by members of the Sangha led by Ovadacariya Sayadaws and Nayaka Sayadaws, examiner Sayadaws, candidate Samaneras, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaug Aye and wife Daw Thinn Myo Myo Aung, senior military officers, heads of department, officials concerned, religious associations and guests.

Commander of Eastern Command Brig-Gen Thaug Aye supplicated on religious affairs on the occasion and Chairman of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Sun Kyaing supplicated on the examination.

The examination lasted one week—three days for written, two days for oral, one day for announcement of exam results and one day for convocation. At the convocation, more “Alankara title” recipient young Samaneras would surely emerge.

With their counterparts in Mandalay, Yangon and Bago, the Kanbawza Thamanekyaws will be able to do their bit in promotion, propagation and perpetuation of Sasana as the most brilliant young monks.

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Poet Ashinmaha Silavamsa (815-880 ME) of Innwa period wrote Yazawinkyaw, the most famous treatise, in 864 ME. His childhood name was Maung Okka and he was named Shin Ottama when he became a monk (815-904 ME). He was brilliant and diligent. Later, *Kyaw* was added to his name. So he was known as Shin Ottamakyaw.

Entrepreneurs to export and import goods...

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He said generally, private sector participation is high in the GDP, production and trade sectors. Before 1988, there are few entrepreneurs who could make investment and had experiences. Now various kinds of entrepreneurs are engaged in economic enterprises such as farming, industries, trade and hotels due to the benefits of the government's economic policy, he added.

He said it is heartening to note that the entrepreneurs can stand in dignity depending on individual endeavours and risks as there are private economic opportunities.

He urged private efficient entrepreneurs to make investments in production for long-term development of the national economy.

There are many fields such as agriculture, fish and meat, industry and forest which have potential investment according to the natural resources. Private entrepreneurs should make investment in those fields. Only when raw materials, value-added finished products and new export items can be produced, will the trade be wide and develop. With the development of the trade production sector will expand. Production sector and trade sector are inter-related, he said.

Therefore, he said, the government is giving priority to the production and is creating better opportunities for development of trade.

He said some nations have become rich although they have no resources. So they place emphasis on trade and services. According to the geo-

graphical conditions, our country can undertake production, services and trade. The country is between ASEAN and BIMSTEC nations according to the geopolitical location and it is also located between the most populous nations with large markets.

He said national entrepreneurs have good opportunities to choose their business and the ministries concerned would provide necessary assistance to them.

He said the government allowed the private entrepreneurs to freely buy and sell agricultural produce and crops such as paddy, cotton and sugarcane. Similarly, it also allowed them to export rubber, corn, sesame and onion.

Arrangements are being made to set up one stop service in connection with export and import. Moreover, normal trade can be undertaken through not only Yangon seaport but border gates.

Border trade system should be practised only for trading on manageable scale with the countries that share the borders with own country. But to practise more extensive system, it is necessary to adopt internationally-practised normal trade system. Only then will the trade system of the country improve. So, the State is providing necessary assistance for exporters and importers to be familiar with border trade system only to practise normal trade system. In particular, those entrepreneurs are to carry out their export and import activities within the framework of prescribed trade rules and regulations. They are not to violate the rules and



Prime Minister General Soe Win cordially greets officials of UMFCCI and entrepreneurs.— MNA

regulations and not to get involved in smuggling. Those who follow and respect the rules and regulations will be protected by the State, said the Prime Minister. With the speedy export and import activities, the trade volume of the State has been on the increase since 2002-2003.

In the past, foreign trade volume was hardly any worth one billion US dollars and the volume of importation always exceeded that of exportation. But now trade volume has totalled more than five billion dollars. And it is estimated to reach about seven billion in 2006-2007. Trade Policy Council is holding its meetings regularly to enable entrepreneurs to make right investments, to export their items at fair prices and to export more new items and to expand market. The State is taking all necessary measures to enable entrepreneurs to make profits without any loss.

The Prime Minister noted that most of the businessmen still have weaknesses that they take more interest in trading rather than in production. Trad-

ing business involves individuals concentrating on making profits while lacking skills and with limited scope of business. So, it is not systematic. He said merchants engaged in producing specific goods need to understand and able to keep the market under control. They are also required to try to stabilize the domestic market and penetrate the foreign market. Measures need to be taken for exporting more goods without affecting domestic food security. They need to avoid malpractices in view of gaining profits and they are to do their businesses honestly. There were those who had been prosecuted for their irregularities in doing businesses and for breaking rules and regulations. For instance, there emerged an irregularity in the market of beans and pulses in 2005 and action was taken against some government employees at Yangon Port and Muse Border Trade Camp for their malpractices.

Therefore, the entrepreneurs are to respect the State's policy and rules and regulations while refraining from bribing corrupt service personnel. Those entrepreneurs are needed to do their businesses with farsightedness for their long-term interest. They also need to do their businesses not only in their own interest but also in the State's interest.

The Prime Minis-

ter continued that the State on its part is introducing reforms in the government machinery to ensure it is an active and respectable one, free from misconduct, irregularities and corrupt practices. Likewise, measures are being taken to improve the efficiency of regional administrative bodies. So, private entrepreneurs are to avoid malpractices in doing businesses and to carry out their work understanding and accepting the significance of reforms being introduced and act accordingly individually as well as association-wise. They are to avoid making profits by speculating on the markets of rice, beans and pulse and sesame during the harvest season. They are to make cooperative efforts to stabilize the domestic trade and commodity prices.

It is required to avoid malpractices in applying for export and import licence and in exporting and importing of goods.

To cultivate the good habits such as taking collective leadership and individual responsibility, efforts are to be made for the associations formed to be strong and for companies and individuals to follow the instructions and supervision of the associations.

In doing business, one of the four economic objectives — the initiative to shape the national

economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples — must be upheld.

In the process of transition to democracy, entrepreneurs and educated persons are to take a leading role. Such being the case, the entrepreneurs are to be upright in order to win the respect of others while trying to be skilled and far-sighted.

All the entrepreneurs are to do their bit with national outlook in the process of transition to democracy. All the people are to work together with the government for better political conditions, for bringing about economic development and human resources development.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the entrepreneurs to try to be able to do their business in accord with law, rules and regulations, to become ones who cherish the State and the people and to have understanding, sympathy and patience so that their associations can make progress. Later, the Prime Minister greeted those present on the occasion.

Before the meeting, the Prime Minister viewed goods displayed at the meeting hall such as vegetables and fruits, consumer goods, rice, edible oil, sugar, coffee, pickled tea, snacks and documentaries on local and foreign trade activities on TV. — MNA

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Prime Minister General Soe Win converses with the audience at the performing arts competitions. (News on page 16) — MNA

Objectives of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts
- To preserve Myanmar national character
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- To prevent influence of alien culture, and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

Prime Minister and wife enjoy Saddhasumana Drama for Marionette Contest



Prime Minister General Soe Win and wife enjoy Saddhasumana Drama for marionette contest.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Prime Minister General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Nwe enjoyed the Saddhasumana Drama for Marionette Contest at the hall of University of Veterinary Science here this evening.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw

Swe Swe Oo, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-General of SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, departmental heads, Secretary of the Leading Com-

mittee Col Yan Naing Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Command, officials, family members of regiments and units, cultural troupes of national races from States and Divisions and local people.

Chairman of the Panel of Judges for Marionette Contest U Chit San Win, Secretary U Shwe Kyi and party supervised the contest.

Zeyar Thiri Marionette Troupe representing Sagaing Division took part in the contest.

Htet Arkar Marionette Troupe representing Yangon Division will participate in the contest tomorrow.—MNA

Foreign gem merchants purchase 135 pearl lots at Mid-Year Gems Emporium

YANGON, 21 Oct — Altogether 291 pearl lots are on sale through tender system at the Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2006 since 19 October at Myanmar Gem Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here. A total of 135 pearl lots were purchased by the foreign merchants today.

A total of 468 gem lots will be sold through tender system at the Mart tomorrow. Foreign and local gem merchants observed 4,237 jade lots being displayed at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township and then will put their proposals into the tender

boxes from 23 October to 29 October.

So far, altogether 3,004 gem merchants—1,784 from 460 foreign companies of 12 countries and 1,220 from 492 local companies—have arrived here to attend the Mid-Year Gems Emporium and more merchants will attend the emporium.—MNA



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

The whole Taninthayi...

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Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivered an address. He said that nowadays, the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw are joining hands in a drive to ensure prevalence of law and order, economic growth and flourishing of democracy that the people long for. Therefore, all are to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation by applying advanced science and technology and a wide range of knowledge with the Union Spirit. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, rural development tasks are being undertaken for uplift of the living standard of the rural people. While implementing the 30-year long-term national education promotion programme, self-reliant village libraries are opened in rural areas for enabling



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence speaks at ceremony to donate cash and books to the self-reliant libraries in Taninthayi Division.—MNA

the local people to pursue formal education and the literates to be able to read various kinds of books at the libraries. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged those present to provide necessary assistance and maintain the self-reliant village libraries.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo accepted K 500,000 donated by Commander Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and wife Daw

Khin Than Htay and family; K 300,000 by Taninthayi Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee; and K 300,000 by Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization.

The commander also accepted 20 TV sets, 20 cassettes and 20 radios, 1,600 books and periodicals and K 1.6 million donated by Myeik District; 20 TV

sets and 20 radios by Dawei District; 15 TV sets and 10 radio cassettes, 70 copies of magazines and journals and K 950,000 by Kawthoung District; K 100,000 by Myeik University; K 1.5 million by Taninthayi Division Fisheries Department; K 1.5 million by Taninthayi Division Internal Revenue Department; K 500,000 each by Pyi Phyoo Tun International Co, Annawa Soe

Co, U Maung Htwe Wai of OK Rice Trading and Thida Co; K 300,000 each by Htoo Htoo Toe Co and Ayeya Nadi Co; K 200,000 each by U Aung Win (Dawei) and Looking Forward Co; four wellwishers who donated K 100,000 each; and K 50,000 by local departmental personnel.

Next, the commander handed over the donations to Assistant Director U Kyi of

Taninthayi Division Information and Public Relations Department.

Today's donations were: 55 TVs, 30 cassettes, 20 radios and 2,300 books worth K 7.35 million and cash K 6.1 million totalling K 13.45 million.

So far, well-wishers have donated K 72.98 million for the self-reliant village libraries in Taninthayi Division.

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14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held for the seventh day at the designated places in University of Agriculture and Research Department this morning. Among the audiences were Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, the deputy ministers, the member of CSSTB, the secretary of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions and officials, responsible persons of national races cultural troupes, families members of local battalion and guests.

Altogether 13 contestants took part in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' dancing contest. It was supervised by the chairperson and members of the Panel of Judges for dancing contest. Altogether 13 persons who participated in the amateur level (second class) song composing contest on 15 and 16 October

rehearsed. It was supervised by the leader of the Panel of Judges for song composing contest.

Altogether five contestants competed in the amateur level (first class) women's, four in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' and six in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' solo orchestra contests. They were supervised by the chairman of the Panel of Judges for music contest.

At mandolin contest, 12 contestants took part in the amateur level (second class) men's, three in the amateur level (second class) women's, three in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' and four in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' mandolin contests. At xylophone contest, seven in the amateur level (first class) men's, nine in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' and six in the higher education level boys' xylophone contests. At harp contest, seven in the

basic education level (aged 10-15) boys', four in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' and three in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' harp contests. They were supervised by the chairman of the Panel of Judges for music contest and members.

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

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Teachers, students to take part in school environment sanitation activities

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct—In implementing the education promotion programmes in the basic education sector, the Ministry of Education has laid down and is implementing education development tasks at all the basic education schools academic year-wise.

In the academic year of 2006-2007, it has designated 28 October (Saturday) as the School Environment Sanitation Day. This being so, the authorities concerned today announced that all teachers and students of basic education schools across the nation are to participate in the five school environment sanitation tasks under the leadership of the respective school heads on that day.—MNA



A contestant from Yangon Division participates in basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' mandolin contest.—MNA

Event which reflects pride of lineage

- * Own culture
Own arts
Own religion, traits
Subtle trends with tradition.
- * Pride...timbre... appearance
And Myanmar standard, action and trend
Will be treasured and safeguarded
That's to protect lineage.
- * On no foreign nation.
Will depend or ape
As seen from comparison
No matter who invents
Who can be prettier by match
Don't think highly of them by mistake
Not to be carried away, look into pride of lineage.
- * Love the race...
Love the nation...
For furtherance of culture that is treasure
So as Maha Gita not to be tainted
Let's heighten the event.

Cheint Naing (Trs)

(Hailing the 14th Performing Arts Competitions in Progress)

Myanmar Furniture Fair 2006 opens



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence unveils the dais of Myanmar Furniture Fair 2006. — MNA

YANGON, 21 Oct — A ceremony to open the Myanmar Furniture Fair 2006 was held at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road in Dagon Township this morning, attended by

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence. Director-General U Than Swe of Planning and Statistics Department of the Ministry of Forestry, Managing Director U Win Tun of

Myanma Timber Enterprise and Chairman of Myanma Timber Entrepreneurs Association U Aung Lwin formally opened the fair. At the opening

ceremony, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivered an address. Lt-Gen Myint Swe unveiled the dais of the fair. Afterwards, Lt-

Gen Myint Swe and party viewed round cornice and furnishings, teak-substitute furniture, wicker works and products of local companies displayed by 47 companies at 162

booths. The fair is open on special from 10 am to 5 pm daily from 21 to 23 October for entrepreneurs, foreigners and companies, and on 24 and 25 October for the public. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence observes a Korean-made colourful tile displayed at Myanmar Furniture Fair 2006.

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Director-General U Than Swe of PSD, Managing Director U Win Tun of MTE and Chairman U Aung Lwin of MTEA formally open Myanmar Furniture Fair 2006. — MNA

US attempting to install puppet government made up of axe-handles who would dance to its tune

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — *Manpan People's Militia Group of Shan State (North) issued a declaration officially expressing its stance on the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UN Security Council.*

The following is the full text of the declaration:

The declaration of Manpan People's Militia Group of Shan State (North)

27 September 2006

1. The US is constantly plotting to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs, using national traitors, expatriates, fugitives and terrorists. The attempt of the US is particularly designed to remove the existing national forces that are serving the national interest. Moreover, it is attempting to install a puppet government made up of axe-handles who would dance to its tune.

2. The Government is now in the process of transition to discipline-flourishing democracy and is paving the way for the market-oriented economic system aspired by the people. In doing so, the Government has adopted Our Three Main National Causes and laid down the 12 State Objectives and the Seven-Step Road Map as the future plans. As a result, the country is enjoying the fruits of unprecedented peace and stability, prevalence of law and order, all-round developments and progress in transition to democracy.

3. The US is trying to use the UN, as its plot to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs has met with failure. At present, peace and stability prevails in all parts of the nation, and all-round development has been achieved to some extent. And, there is no reason for the nation to pose a threat to regional stability.

4. The act of US to impose pressures and sanctions on the nation as well as to interfere in its internal affairs is aimed at harming stability of the State and the efforts to satisfy food, clothing and shelter needs of the people. The act also amounts to ignoring the desires of the majority and abetting a handful of destructive elements. As the act is in breach of the Article 24 of the UN Charter, the Manpan People's Militia Group declares that it protests and condemns such act of the US.

Signed
U Sai Mon
Chairman
Manpan People's Militia Group
Shan State (North)

Thai PM meets Chinese Army Chief

BANGKOK, 20 Oct — Thai Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont and Thai Armed Forces Supreme Commander Boonsang Niempradit on Thursday met here separately with Liang Guanglie, visiting Chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, who stopped by Bangkok on the way of his goodwill trips to Laos, Cambodia and Myanmar.

Liang made the stop-by visit at the invitation of Boonsang after completing an official visit to neighbouring Laos on Wednesday.

Liang said Thailand and China are close neighbours, and the past 31 years since the establishment of Sino-Thai diplomatic relations has seen frequent exchanges and fruitful cooperation between the two countries' military forces on different levels and areas. The Chinese Government is satisfied with the development of the bilateral relations over the long time.

Surayud said Thai Government will stick firmly to the policy of promoting strategic cooperation with China, and continue to implement the "One China" policy. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Norwegian Army aims for more women volunteers

OSLO, 20 Oct — It's voluntary and one of the few professions where it's policy to pay women more than men.

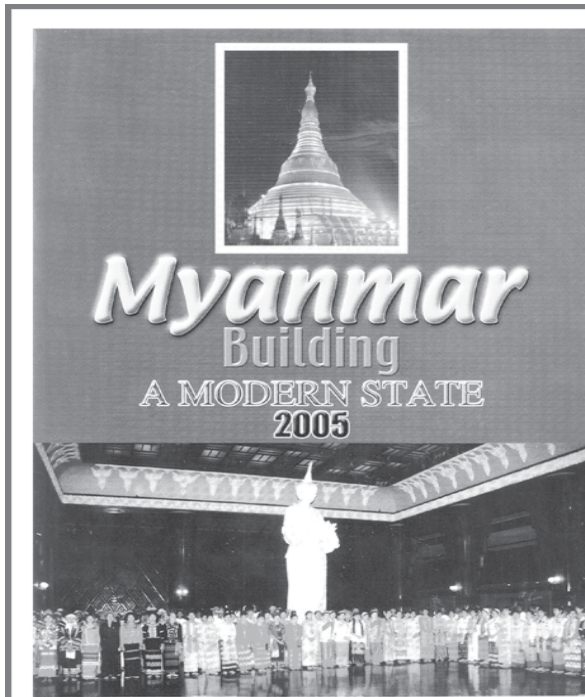
As part of efforts to boost its female contingent, Norway will soon start inviting 18-year-old women to voluntary medicals to discover if they are fit for military service, the Army said.

Norwegian men must sign up for conscription once they reach the age of 18, but military service is voluntary for women. The invitations will go out to women starting on 1 January.

Women account for slightly less than 7 per cent of Norway's Armed Forces and Lieutenant-Colonel Per-Ivar Norman of the Norwegian Armed Forces said two separate surveys have shown that half of all women would take the fitness exam if invited.

"We have an ambition of 15 per cent women by 2008, that is a political goal," Norman told *Reuters*.

Women who choose to do military service in the Norwegian Army will be treated the same as men in every way except one. — *MNA/Reuters*



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British soldier killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 20 Oct — A British soldier was killed in a suicide attack in the southern Afghan province of Helmand, British Ministry of Defence (MoD) said on Thursday.

A Royal Marine from 45 Commando was killed following an explosion in Lashkar Gah, capital of Helmand Province when a military convoy was exiting the Afghan National Police Station, the MoD said in a statement.

"The Royal Marine was severely injured in the initial incident and airlifted to hospital but sadly later died of his wounds despite being receiving the best possible medical attention," the MoD said, adding another Royal Marine was injured in the attack.

The death has raised the number of British troops killed in Afghanistan to 41

since the US-led coalition invaded the country in 2001.

On Tuesday, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said at his monthly Press conference that British troops will not "walk away" from Iraq or Afghanistan until their job is complete.

"If we walk away before the job is done from either of those two countries, we will leave a situation in which the very people we are fighting everywhere, including extremism in our own country, are heartened and emboldened and we can't afford that to happen." said Blair.

Currently, Britain has

deployed about 4,500 soldiers in the southern Afghan province of Helmand. And the British troops, who serve as part of the multinational

NATO force, are in Afghanistan to help with rebuilding and to tackle terrorism and heroin cultivation.

MNA/Xinhua

Milwaukee gets information on US stadium threat

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — Agents are interviewing an individual who has provided information about a threat to football stadiums in several US cities, but that threat remains "non-credible", an FBI official said on Thursday.

"An individual has come forward and provided information about the posting of the threat against the NFL stadiums. The US Government still believes this threat is non-credible," said Milwaukee FBI special agent Richard Ruminski. On Wednesday, the Department of Homeland Security warned National Football League officials in seven US cities about a dirty-bomb threat against stadiums. The threat was posted Monday on an Internet site. — *MNA/Reuters*



British soldiers with the NATO force try to secure the site of a suicide attack in Afghanistan's southern Helmand Province on 19 Oct, 2006. Several Afghans and two NATO soldiers were killed when a suicide bomber threw himself at the troops in southern Afghanistan on Thursday, witnesses and an Army officer said.

INTERNET

French police worried by soaring cocaine use

PARIS, 20 Oct — Cocaine consumption is soaring in France, driven by falling prices and increased availability as drug dealers switch from cannabis in search of higher profits, senior police officials said on Wednesday.

French police seized 5,185 kilos (11,400 pounds) of the Class A drug in 2005, a 16-per cent jump on the previous year's haul which was itself a record, the head of the Octris anti-drugs squad told a news conference.

Overall drug seizures dipped 2.19 per cent last year due to a fall in "street deals", which were severely disrupted by an increased police presence in certain neighbourhoods during three weeks of suburban riots late last year.

"There is a deeper penetration of French society (by cocaine) than before," Octris chief Bernard Petit said.

"The local networks have now reached the 'entrance halls' (of housing blocks) and have dropped the price," added Gilles Leclair, a senior officer in the national detective service.

Drug barons have turned their attention towards the European Union because of the saturation of the American

market, which receives 60-90 percent of the 1,000 tons of the drug believed to be produced annually, police say.

"In the euro zone, the price — 26,000-28,000 euros a kilo — is attractive," said Petit.

Since 2005, medium-sized gangs that head up local networks — initially set up to distribute cannabis — have started switching to cocaine, which is no longer confined to the jet-set.

MNA/Reuters

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Chinese soldiers practice making arrests during a drill at the Chinese border town of Dandong, on 20 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Wife of late Chinese president dies at age of 85

BEIJING, 20 Oct — Wang Guangmei, wife of late Chinese President Liu Shaoqi, died in Beijing on 13 October at the age of 85.

Wang was born in Beijing in 1921 and became a member of the Communist Party of China (CPC) in 1948.

She graduated from the Beijing's Catholic University as a post-graduate majoring in physics and began her career as an English interpreter at the Beijing Headquarters in Military Mediation for the CPC in

1946. She later went to Yan'an, the revolutionary cradle of the CPC in central Shaanxi Province, to work as interpreter for diplomatic occasions.

She was appointed director of the foreign affairs department of the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in 1979.

In 1995, the "Project of happiness — Help Impoverished Mothers" was officially launched under her guidance. Thanks to her efforts, the project has raised 310

million yuan (39.9 million US dollars) to relieve 154,000 rural mothers and households from poverty, benefitting 695,000 people.

The 2nd China Poverty Eradication Award honoured Wang, along with other nine individuals and organizations, for their outstanding contribution to the fight against poverty on Tuesday at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing.

MNA/Xinhua

UN says number of ocean "dead zones" rising fast

NAIROBI, 20 Oct — The number of "dead zones" in the world's oceans may have increased by a third in just two years, threatening fish stocks and the people who depend on them, the UN Environment Programme said on Thursday.

Fertilizers, sewage, fossil fuel burning and other pollutants have led to a doubling in the number of oxygen-deficient coastal areas every decade since the 1960s. Now experts estimate there are 200 so-called ocean dead zones, compared with 150 two years ago.

"Some successes are being scored but in other areas — like sewage, nutrients from fertilizer run off, animal wastes and atmospheric pollution; sediment mobilization and marine litter — the problems are intensifying," UNEP Executive Director

Achim Steiner said in a statement.

The first "dead zones" — where pollution-fed algae remove oxygen from the water — were found in northern latitudes like the Chesapeake Bay on the US East Coast and the Scandinavian fjords.

Today, the best known is in the Gulf of Mexico, where fertilizers and other algae-multiplying nutrients are dumped by the Mississippi River. Others have been appearing off South America, Ghana, China, Japan, Australia, New Zealand, Portugal and Britain.— MNA/Reuters



Automobiles are parked at a DaimlerChrysler AG automobile dealership in Denver, Colorado, on 20 Oct, 2006. DaimlerChrysler Ag's Chrysler Group has tapped executives from its German parent's Mercedes division to work on a restructuring plan, including cutting \$1,000 from the cost of each vehicle it makes, the company said on Friday.—INTERNET

Polish Coast Guard fires on German ship in Baltic

GDANSK (Poland), 20 Oct — Poland's Coast Guard have fired warning shots at a German ship as it fled Polish waters after undercover Customs inspectors tried to question the captain on his journey, Polish officials said on Thursday.

No one was hurt in the incident and the German passenger ship, Adler Dania, returned safely to port in Heringsdorf, Germany. But the incident has inflamed already strained German-Polish relations.

The German captain, Heinz Arendt, said he turned his ship around after "what were

apparently Polish Customs officials" took him by surprise when they came on board after the ship docked in the Polish port of Swinoujscie on Tuesday.

The German ship headed out to sea with the Polish Customs officials still on board.

German media quoted crew members as saying they believed Polish Coast Guard had then fired at them with machine guns and rifles. Arendt said three or four shots were fired at the ship. But Polish Customs officials said the Coast Guard had merely fired blanks.

MNA/Reuters



A foreign handicraft woman makes pottery during an exchanging activity in Jingdezhen, east China's Jiangxi Province, on 19 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

S'pore launches new accreditation scheme for food safety

SINGAPORE, 20 Oct — Singapore has launched a new accreditation scheme for food safety, which is expected to boost customers confidence and enhance access to global markets for local food companies' products.

Singapore is the first country in Southeast Asia to launch the Accreditation Scheme for the ISO 22000 Food Safety Management System Certification, according to Channel NewsAsia reports on Thursday.

ISO 22000 is an international standard, which offers a unique

solution for good food safety practice on a worldwide basis while a company certified under the standard must have the ability to control food safety hazards and deliver consistently safe end products.

The accreditation scheme is open to all local organizations, which

certify food companies, said the reports.

Food companies, which are certified to implement ISO 22000, will be able to improve food safety and gain worldwide recognition, as well as enhance competitiveness to export their products.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Super Aguri F1 driver Takuma Sato, from Japan, drives during a free test at the Interlagos race track in Sao Paulo, Brazil, on 20 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Bochum claim derby point against disappointing Dortmund

BERLIN, 21 Oct—Borussia Dortmund missed a chance to climb top of the Bundesliga on Friday when they were held to a 1-1 derby draw at home to bottom club Bochum.

Bochum, with just four points from seven games going into the match, were much the better side early on and took a deserved lead when Theofanis Gekas won the ball just inside Dortmund half, rounded the keeper and slid home a shot.

The goal briefly roused the home side, who equalized five minutes later when Poland forward Ebi

Smolarek took Alexander Frei's pass and lifted the ball over the keeper for his third league goal of the season.

Bochum started the sec-

ond half well but had few clear chances and they had to withstand some late pressure to come away with a point.

The result leaves Dort-

mund in fifth place on 12 points, one behind co-leaders Werder Bremen, Bayern Munich and Schalke 04.

MNA/Reuters

Nalbandian clinches rare win over Safin to make semis

MADRID, 21 Oct—David Nalbandian claimed only his second victory in eight matches against Marat Safin with a rollercoaster 6-4, 6-7, 7-6 victory over the Russian to secure a place in the semifinals of the Madrid Masters on Friday.

The world number four, who lost to Safin in the Madrid final in 2004, will meet either world number one Roger Federer or unseeded American Robby Ginepri in the last four.

The Argentine, who edged a tight three sets victory over Tim Henman in the third round, took advantage of a succession of unforced errors to put Safin under early pressure and take the first set.

Safin's serve and forehand let him down at the start of the second and Nalbandian used his two-handed backhand to help him manufacture a break in the first game.

Safin, ranked a lowly 49 in the world this year, rallied to break back in the fourth after Nalbandian had lost a challenge on the "hawkeye" replay equipment only to lose his serve again to trail 4-3.

MNA/Reuters

Sharapova, Srebotnik reach Zurich semis

ZURICH, 21 Oct—Maria Sharapova will play unseeded Slovenian Katarina Srebotnik in the semifinals of the Zurich Open after both secured straight-set victories on Friday.

Second-seeded Sharapova had little difficulty against Swiss wild card Timea Bacsinszky, winning 6-4, 6-3, and Srebotnik defeated Russia's Maria Kirilenko 6-3, 6-2.

The second semifinal will be between unseeded Slovak Daniela Hantuchova and either

third seed Svetlana Kuznetsova or fifth seed Martina Hingis, who were playing later on Friday.

Hantuchova reached the semifinals with a walkover after top seed Amelie Mauresmo withdrew on Thursday with a shoulder injury.

Sharapova was rarely troubled by Bacsinszky, who nevertheless served well and occasionally caught the Russian unprepared with some well-struck short balls.

A break in the opening game was enough to decide the first set, although

Sharapova also held a break point for 3-0 and three set points on her opponent's serve at 5-3.

MNA/Reuters



Switzerland's Martina Hingis serves a ball to Russia's Svetlana Kuznetsova during their quarter final match at the Zurich Open WTA tennis tournament in the Hallenstadion in Zurich, Switzerland, on 20 Oct, 2006. Kuznetsova won 1-6, 6-1, 3-6.—INTERNET

West Ham negotiating Olympic stadium move

LONDON, 21 Oct—West Ham United are involved in serious negotiations about moving into the Olympic stadium after the 2012 London Games, the government's Sports Minister Richard Caborn said on Friday.

The Premier League club have been linked with a potential move to the stadium in nearby Stratford, east London which would end their association with Upton Park, their home for more than a century.

"There is a very serious negotiation going on between West Ham and the Olympic authorities about the stadium," Caborn was quoted as saying by the BBC. "Talks are going on about whether they could do a similar thing to Manchester City when they took over the Commonwealth Games stadium in 2002."

Earlier this week Tottenham Hotspur ruled themselves out of a possible move to the Olympic stadium, a spokesman saying that the continued presence of a running track made the move non-viable.

Olympic officials have said that the stadium would continue as an athletics venue after the Games but with its capacity of 80,000 reduced to around 25,000 after the removal of temporary seating.—MNA/Reuters

Rose shoots 60 in magical day at Disney Classic

MIAMI, 21 Oct—Briton Justin Rose carded a course record 12-under-par 60 to grab the first-round lead at the Walt Disney Classic on Thursday. Playing on the Lake Buena Vista Palms course, one of two layouts being used for the 4.6-million-dollar event, Rose's round included a remarkable run of 10 birdies over his first 12 holes, including six straight from the seventh.

The previous course record of 61 was shared by Mark Lyle and Carl Pettersson.

"That is by far my lowest round, I was in uncharted territory today," Rose told reporters.

Rose got his day off to a sizzling start with birdies on his opening three holes and after a par-birdie-par stutter at four,

five and six stepped up his assault with three more birdies to complete the front nine in seven-under 29.—MNA/Reuters

Warren moves into Mallorca Classic contention

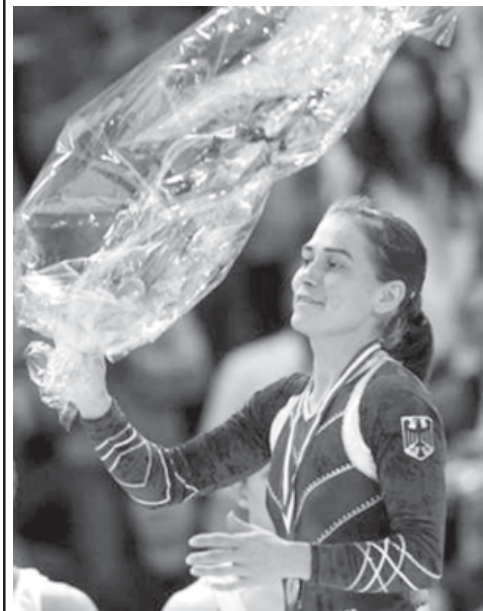
MALLORCA (Spain), 21 Oct—Briton Marc Warren revelled in the windy conditions to take the clubhouse lead after a second round 68 at the Mallorca Classic on Friday.

Warren, a strong contender to be named European rookie of the year, is on two-under 138, one shot ahead of Diego Borrego of Spain.

Tournament favourite Sergio Garcia is a further stroke back after a round of 70. Warren, last year's Challenge Tour money-list winner, achieved his maiden victory in the Dutch Open in August.

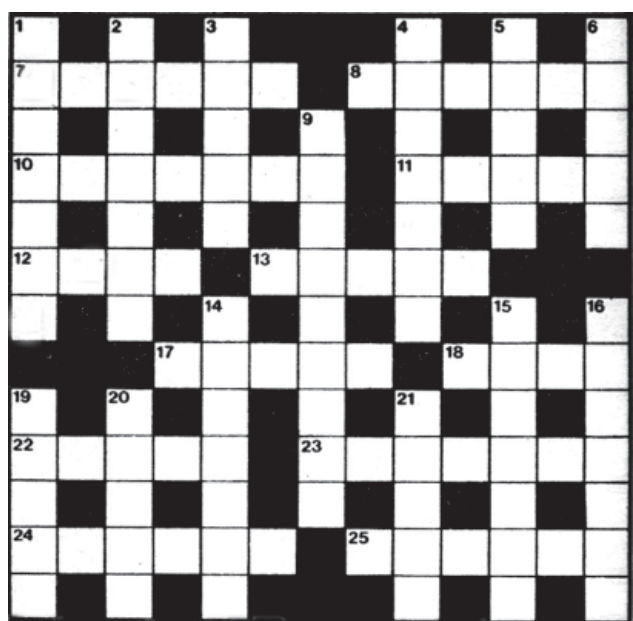
He was at his best on Friday when the wind reached its highest, collecting three back-nine birdies with no more dropped shots following an opening bogey.

MNA/Reuters



Germany's Oksana Chusovitina waves after receiving the bronze medal for the vault event at the 39th Artistic Gymnastics World Championships in Aarhus, Denmark, on 20 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

CROSSWORD PUZZLE

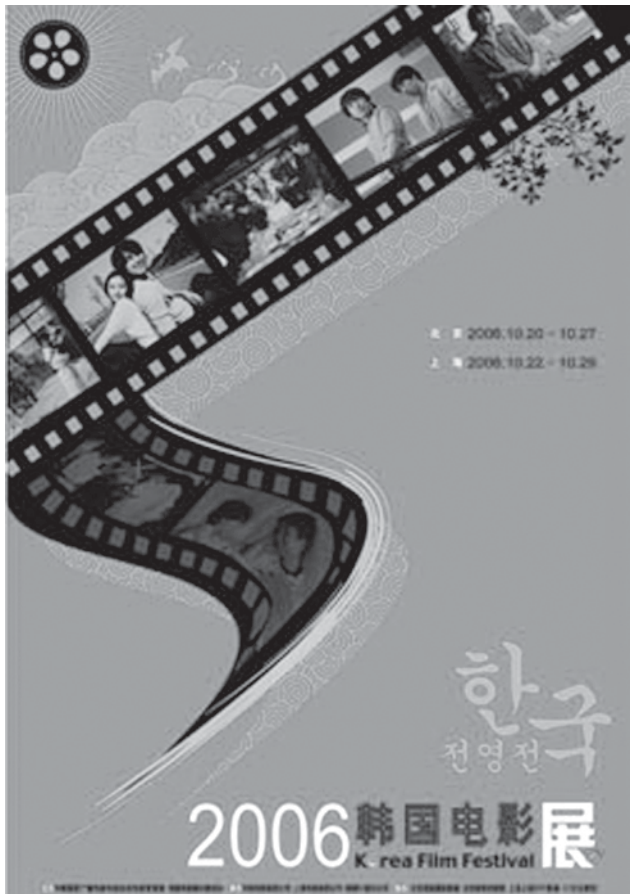


ACROSS

- 7 Stature
- 8 Motive
- 10 Large dog
- 11 Wide-awake
- 12 Press
- 13 Lubricated
- 17 Exclude
- 18 Moslem judge
- 22 Welsh dog
- 23 Disgusting
- 24 Crib
- 25 Fondle

DOWN

- 1 Goatlike antelope
- 2 Errand
- 3 Seat
- 4 Traduced
- 5 Remains
- 6 Join
- 9 Cape Dutch
- 14 Treated with scorn
- 15 Nobleman
- 16 Different
- 19 Rascal
- 20 Trade-mark
- 21 Competitor



The 2006 South Korea Film Festival will come to Beijing for the first time ever from 20th October to 27th with the aim of raising interests of Chinese audience on Korean films. The festival will screen ten Korean hits, including "The Warriors", "The Classic", "Memories of Murder" etc.—XINHUA

Anti-war ex-minister quits Labour Party

LONDON, 21 Oct — Former minister Clare Short, a vocal critic of Britain's decision to join the invasion of Iraq, quit the Labour Party parliamentary group on Friday, accusing Tony Blair of running an "arrogant error-prone government".

The outspoken left-wing parliamentarian said she would remain a member of the party but had resigned its "whip", meaning she would no longer be a part of its faction in Parliament.

"I just want to be free to say what I think to be true in my remaining years in the House of Commons," she told BBC television.

In a strongly worded letter to party official Jacqui Smith, she said Blair had "engaged in a series of half-truths and deceit to get us to war in Iraq".

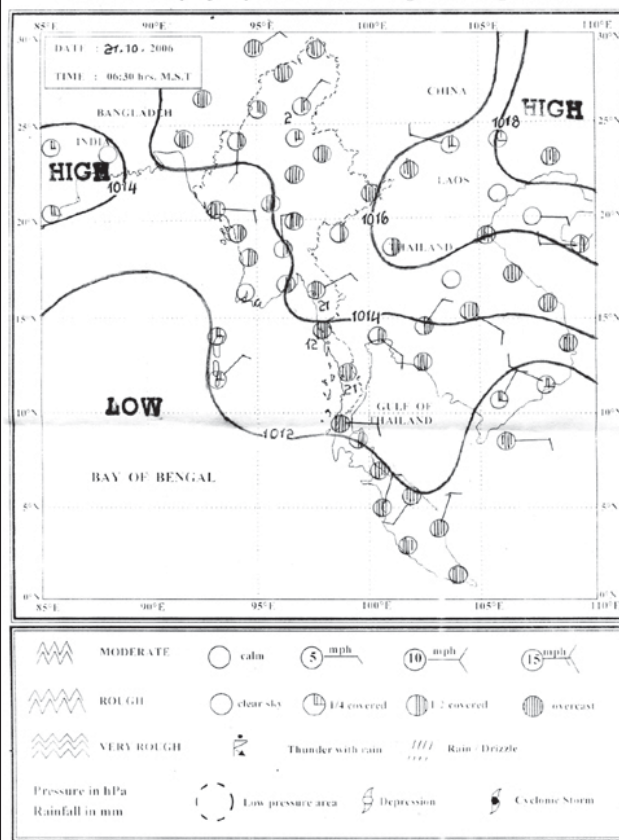
She said the Labour Party's large parliamentary majorities in recent elections had led to "an abject Parliament and a concentration of power" in Blair's office "that has produced arrogant, error-prone government".

Short, who was international development secretary, initially voted in favour of the 2003 invasion of Iraq but then resigned from the government saying she had been misled into supporting the war.

She has emerged as one of the most outspoken figures of the left wing of Blair's party.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 21 October, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kachin, Shan and Chin States, Mandalay Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were PyinOoLwin (1.14) inches, Myeik and Mawlamyine (0.82) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 20-10-2006 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 21-10-2006 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 21-10-2006 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 20-10-2006 was 7.5 hours approx.

Rainfalls on 21-10-2006 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 4 mph from North-west at 08:30 hours MST on 21-10-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22-10-2006: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 22-10-2006: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 22-10-2006: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 22-10-2006: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

TV Myanmar

Sunday, 22 October
View on today

7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

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. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဇာတ် မင်္ဂလာ

8:10 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am
7. မင်းလှရေလှောင်တစ်

8:25 am
8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am
9. International news

8:45 am
10. Say it in English

11:00 am
1. Martial songs

11:10 am
2. Musical programme

11:25 am
3. Round up of the week's international news

11:35 am
4. Yan Can Cook

11:50 am
5. Myanmar movie: "မြေဖဝါးတော်နုနု" (စော်လွင်၊ စမ်းစမ်းအေး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ဝဏ္ဏ)

1:45 pm
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:00 pm
7. ရွှေလိတ်တား

2:15 pm
8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:30 pm
10. "မနိုင်သော အရုံး" (ဟက်ကက်၊ ဇင်ရဲထက်၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မောင်လှမျိုး)

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. သာယာချိုအေး (၃၈) ဇာတ် မင်္ဂလာတေး

4:55 pm
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ပထမနှစ် (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ အထူးပြု) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:10 pm
6. Songs of national races

5:20 pm
7. သီးနှံစိုက်ပျိုး အထွက်တိုး (မြို့စည်းရိုးကြက်ဆူ တစ်ကေ ဖျော်မှန်းအထွက်နှုန်း ရရှိစေရန် ဆောင်ရွက်ရမည့် နည်းလမ်းများ)

5:30 pm
8. Sing and Enjoy

6:00 pm
9. Evening news

6:30 pm
10. Weather report

6:35 pm
11. သိရှိဂေဟာ

7:05 pm
12. Discovery

7:15 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဟေမာန်ဆောင်းရဲ့ နေ့ရက်များ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

8:00 pm
14. News

8:00 pm
15. International news

8:00 pm
16. Weather report

8:00 pm
17. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 pm
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာပန်းတိုင်" (အပိုင်း-၃၀)

8:00 pm
19. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Sunday, 22 October
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music: -HeyMrDJ...BSB

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music: -I don't want your love... Duran Duran

8:50 am National news/Slogan

9:00 am Music: -I feel it... EYC

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar: -Myanmar ladies wearing scarf, shawl and towel

9:20 am Music: Around the world... ATC

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40pm Children's delight -Story for children -Songs for children

9:00pm Weekly news review

9:10pm Article

9:20pm Music/Latest hits/Let's improve English through songs -Don't forget to remember -Forever young, until the time is through

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Prime Minister General Soe Win enjoys contests of 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions



Prime Minister General Soe Win enjoys the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' harp contest.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Prime Minister General Soe Win accompanied by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and officials of

the State Peace and Development Council Office enjoyed the amateur level song composing contest held at Convocation Hall of University of Agriculture, amateur level women's solo orchestra contest held at Auditorium of Agriculture Research Department, basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' harp contest held at Lecture Hall of University of Agriculture, basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' xylophone contest

and amateur level (second class) mandolin contest held at Agriculture Research Department here this afternoon.

The Prime Minister and party cordially greeted contestants, maestros, members of the Panel of Judges and representatives of national races cultural troupes from States and Divisions.

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The whole Taninthayi Division equipped with self-reliant village libraries

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence delivered an address at the ceremony to mark the completion of opening self-reliant village libraries in the whole of Taninthayi Division held at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik on 16 October.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Min-

ister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and senior military officers.

First, Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC

Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo gave a speech.

(See page 10)

Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence accepts K 300,000 donated by Taninthayi Division WAO for the self-reliant libraries in the division.

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Saddhasumana drama for marionette contest

NAY PYI TAW, 21 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.

Htet Arkar Marionette Troupe representing Yangon Division will take part in the contest tomorrow. — MNA