

Senior General Than Shwe receives PLA Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie and party

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie and party of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here this afternoon.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Guan Mu, Military Attache Senior Colonel Fan Lian Feng and embassy staff. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe cordially greets Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie of People's Liberation Army of PRC, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

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PERSPECTIVES

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Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium, source of high quality precious stones

Boosting production and exploitation of natural resources play a vital role in developing the national economy.

Out of the resources, precious stones such as gold, silver, jade, sapphire and ruby are being explored and extracted with the use of modern techniques. The government undertakes gem extraction and trading in cooperation with private gem companies. High quality gems and jade can now be mined.

The 2006 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium organized by Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee is in progress at Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yangon and Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township.

At the emporium, 291 pearl lots, 468 gem lots and 4,237 jade lots are on sale through tender system and competitive bidding. High quality pearl, gem and jade lots of companies that do business with Myanmar Gems Enterprise and Myanmar Pearl Enterprise are on display.

Altogether 3,004 gem merchants— 1,784 from 460 foreign companies of 12 countries and 1,220 from 492 local companies have —arrived.

Now gem trading has developed widely. The sale of high quality pearl, gem and jade lots at the emporium will contribute toward the emergence of a sound gem market.

Wellwishers invited to donate cash to sinking tubewells

YANGON, 22 Oct — Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are carrying out tasks to supply sufficient drinking water to rural regions of States and Divisions where water is scarce.

As tubewells are being sunk in the rural regions, wellwishers may contribute cash towards sinking tubewells — K 250,000 for a 2-inch-diameter and 200-foot-deep tubewell, K 500,000 for a 2-inch-diameter and 400-foot-deep tubewell, and K 500,000 for a 4-inch-diameter and 200-foot-deep tubewell.

Those wishing to donate cash to sinking tubewells may contact the Director-General, Tel: 067-409026; the Deputy Director-General, Tel: 067-409362; the Deputy Director-General (Engineer), Tel: 01-291967; the Director (Finance), Tel: 067-409407; the Director (Sagaing Division DAC), Tel: 071-22760; the Director (Magway Division DAC), Tel: 063-23164; and the Director (Mandalay Division DAC), Tel: 02-54657. — MNA

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

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects progress of education, health, construction of Myeik Myothit



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence inspects construction project of Government Technological College (Myeik). — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, met with departmental personnel of Myeik District at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik on 15 October.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and departmental officials.

Headmaster U Tin Maung Swe of Myeik Basic Education High School No 1 and Deputy Director-General U Tun Kyi of No 1 Basic Education Department reported on academic matters of Myeik District.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions.

At Myeik General Hospital, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected installation of modern surgical equipments and treatments given to the patients.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to the site of Kyweku-Kyaukpya Bridge construction project

and met with members of the leading committee and work committee for reclamation of Myeik Myothit.

Officials reported on land reclamation and allotment, construction of buildings at the port area and water supply tasks. The commander gave a supplementary report.

In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that duties were assigned to the leading committee and 14 work committees for implementation of the Myeik Myothit Project. Buildings of businesses such as jetties for fishery, meat and fish warehouses and others are to be moved to the new places. Respective committees are to carry out their tasks dutifully, he added.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected progress in construction of Government Technological College (Myeik) near Kabin Village of Myeik Myothit. Managing Director U Ohn Myint of Civil Tech Co Ltd reported on construction matters and the commander on arrangements for supply of water. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks meeting set standard. — MNA

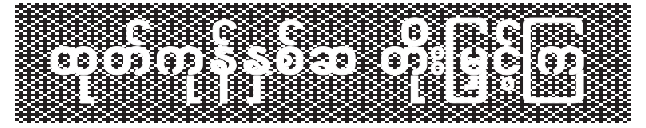


Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence views a booth at Myanmar Furniture Fair-2006 on Saturday. (News Reported) — UMFCCI

Old students to pay respects to teachers on 12 Nov

YANGON, 22 Oct— Old students who have got BE Electrical Power degree from Yangon Institute of Technology in 1994 will pay respects to their teachers from 10 am to twelve noon on 12 November at Function Room of MiCasa hotel at No 17 on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township. — H

China builds world's largest Chinese bone marrow bank



BEIJING, 21 Oct — China has built the world's largest Chinese bone marrow databank covering 500,000 donors.

"Our target is to collect data on one million donors by the end of 2010 so as to help more patients find compatible marrow data," an official with the China Marrow Donor Programme (CMDP) said.

The programme, launched in 2001 by the Red Cross Society of China, aims to help millions of Chinese with blood diseases.

Five hundred of the listed donors have volunteered to give hematopoietic stem cells to the CMDP for transplant after human leucocyte antigens (HLA) matching, the CMDP said.

The establishment of the CMDP is also helping overseas Chinese. In 2005, the databank helped two patients in the United States, one in Singapore

and one in Hong Kong find compatible hematopoietic stem cells.

Stem cell transplants have proved effective in treating blood diseases like sickle-cell anemia, leukemia and other disorders. Matching of donor and recipient for human leucocyte antigens is pivotal for the success of blood stem cell transplants.

Different races and

nationalities differ in HLA. Experts believe that as China has 56 nationalities and a population of 1.3 billion, the CMDP is of great value not only to China, but also to Asia and the world.

So far, the CMDP has set up 30 provincial branch marrow banks, collecting data on the wide basis of locality, race and nationality.

Experts said matching bone marrow is very difficult among people with no blood relationship so the more data the marrow bank has, the more lives it can save.

"With 500,000 donor data, the CMDP could basically meet the clinical demands of stem cells transplants in China," the CMDP said.

MNA/Xinhua



The Soyuz-2 rocket with the European Metop-A meteorological satellite on board stands on the launch pad in Baikonur, on 19 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA



Cargo ships wait to cross the Miraflores locks in Panama City, on 21 Oct, 2006. Panama's canal will receive the biggest facelift in its 92-year history if Panamanians approve a plan to widen and deepen the waterway at a referendum on Sunday. —INTERNET

Bush says rising Iraq violence aimed at swaying US elections

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct — A little more than two weeks before the US congressional elections, President George W Bush

said on Friday the escalating violence in Iraq was partly aimed at influencing the midterm elections.

At a speech to a National Republican Senatorial Committee reception, the President gave two reasons as to why violence was rising in the war-ravaged Iraq.

One reason, he said, was that US forces were focused on operations to bring security in Baghdad. The another reason, according to the President, was that "the terrorists are trying to influence public opinion around the world and right here in the United States".

Bush insisted that the

administration's goal in Iraq was "unchanging" — "a country that can sustain itself ... can govern itself ... can defend itself, and a country which will be an ally in the war against these extremists."

The tactics, however, were "constantly changing" he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Themed taxis cow would-be bandits

CHILE, 21 Oct — A Chilean taxi driver has come up with a new way to fight assaults: make your vehicle so conspicuous that nobody would dare try to rob you. After being robbed several times, Juan Geraldo upholstered and covered every square inch of his car's interior with black and white spotted cowhides, including the steering wheel and ceiling.

He then decorated the interior with stuffed toy cows, and added a horn that moos.

The visual effect is even more impressive at night, when the black and white taxi interior is set off from floor to ceiling by a flood of neon light.

"The effect was immediate. They haven't robbed me since," Mr Geraldo said.

He says the special effects also bring in more clientele and have allowed him to expand his cab fleet from one car to nine.—Internet

Egyptian FM warns of civil war in Iraq

CAIRO, 21 Oct — Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Gheit on Thursday warned that violence in Iraq could lead to an all-out civil war, the official news agency MENA reported.

Abul Gheit said Egypt was following up the latest developments in Iraq and

was greatly concerned over the deterioration in the Arab country.

He urged Iraq's Sunni and Shiite leaders, who were convening in Saudi city of Mecca, to overcome difference, hoping that the meeting in Mecca would help to restore peace and stability

in Iraq.

Abul Gheit also called for coordination of Arab, Islamic, regional as well as international efforts to end violence in Iraq.

"An Iraq free from violence and sectarianism is the objective of all efforts," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Hotel guests and tourists release recently about 300 tiny Olive Ridley (Golfina) turtle hatchlings under the supervision of biologists near the Presidente Intercontinental Hotel in San Jose Del Cabo, BCS, Mexico, near the nests staff members dug months ago and filled with captured unhatched turtle eggs. —XINHUA

Martial law can't be lifted yet, PM tells Indonesian leader

JAKARTA, 21 Oct—Thai Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont told Indonesian President Saturday that his country's Martial Law will be lifted as soon as a greater degree of stability returns to Thailand .

This issue emerged in talks during the one-day official visit to Jakarta of Gen Surayud during which he called on Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono. Gen Surayud was accompanied by several Thai Cabinet ministers including Energy Minister Piya-savasti Amranand, Commerce Minister Krirkkrai Jirapaet and Foreign Minister Nitya Pibulsonggram.

Speaking to reporters

after the meeting, Gen Surayud said he briefed the Indonesian president on how the Thai government is working towards national unity and reconciliation, as well as efforts to end violence in the southern border region.

Gen Surayud praised Indonesia's efforts to restore peace in Aceh, saying that Thailand is learning from Indonesia's peace-making efforts.

During a plenary session between the

visiting Thai and Indonesian ministers, both sides agreed to focus cooperation on energy and technical assistance in the areas of energy, agriculture and fisheries.

Gen Surayud said he told the Indonesian leader that the martial law which has been in place in Thailand for over a month will be lifted upon assurance that the situation in regions outside Bangkok is stabilised, and the sooner that happens, the better.—Internet



People release a paper balloon in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata, on 21 Oct, 2006.

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Three US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 Oct — Three US soldiers killed in separate incidents in Iraq during the past 48 hours, the US military said in statements on Friday.

A soldier assigned to 1st Brigade, 1st Armoured Division, died Wednesday of wounds sustained due to "enemy action" while operating in the western Anbar Province, the military said in a statement, a copy of which was obtained by Xinhua.

Also on Wednesday, another soldier, assigned to 16th Military Brigade, was killed when his vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device in Balad, a city north of Baghdad, the

military said in a separate statement.

In addition, a Marine, assigned to Regimental Combat Team 7, died Thursday from "enemy action" while operating in Anbar Province, the military said.

MNA/Xinhua



A person holds some pieces of fruits under a "chocolate fall" during the second Chocolate Fair of Barcelona, on 20 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Vietnam detects marijuana garden near Hanoi

HANOI, 21 Oct — Vietnam has uncovered a 800-square-metre marijuana garden in the country's northern Hung

Yen Province, 60 kilometres east of Hanoi capital city, local newspaper *Young People* reported on Friday.

Local police detected the garden when they were investigating a marijuana trafficking case, in which two local men named Nguyen Van Duong and Nguyen Van Tho were arrested, and 1.7 kilos of marijuana were seized.

The garden is owned by Tho's parent-in-law, said the report.

Many bordering provinces in Vietnam's northern and central regions are illegally growing more opium

poppies for profit, according to the High Command of Border Guard. Nearly 27 hectares of poppies have been illegally grown in the four provinces of Dien Bien, Son La, Thanh Hoa and Nghe An so far this year, trebling the acreage in the localities in the same period last year.

The number of drug addicts in Vietnam surged 56.8 per cent to 158,428 in 2005 from 101,036 in 2000, a recent national conference was told. It has targeted to become a drug-free country by 2015.

MNA/Xinhua



French actress Ariane Ascaride smiles as she shows the prize she was awarded with as best actress for her movie 'Voyage en Armenie' on the closing day of Rome's first film festival, on 21 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

The massive book-shaped "House of Free Creativity" stands in the Turkmen capital, Ashgabat, on 19 Oct, 2006. Turkmenistan's government dedicated the building to media workers.—INTERNET



Belgium to add bio-diesel to traditional diesel

BRUSSELS, 21 Oct— Diesel fuel sold in Belgium will contain a small fraction of bio-diesel as from next month, said VRT news on Friday.

The Belgian federal government has given four businesses permission to produce this form of environment-friendly fuel, it said.

The bio fuels marketed in Belgium are a mix of fossil fuels and organic products. Rape seed is the organic ingredient added to bio-fuel in Belgium.

For the first three months of the introduction, ordinary diesel fuel will contain just over 3 per cent of bio-diesel. After that the bio-diesel content will be increased to 5 per cent, the maximum level.

Under European Union (EU) rules, bio-fuel usage becomes obligatory in

Belgium starting 1 January, 2007.

Belgian Finance Minister Didier Reynders says that the changes should not impact on the price. However, at the moment producing bio-diesel costs a little more than making ordinary diesel fuel.

MNA/Xinhua



Local residents practice Tai Chi, a form of Chinese martial arts, at a park in Beijing, on 22 Oct, 2006. Several thousand people took part in the event organized by the Beijing Sports Bureau to promote public health.—INTERNET

China-Russia Women's Culture Week kicks off in Beijing

BEIJING, 21 Oct— The third China-Russia Women's Culture Week, one of the main activities celebrating the Year of Russia in China, kicked off in Beijing on Friday.

Women have been playing an important role in the exchanges between the Chinese and Russian peoples. Enhancing communication and cooperation between Chinese and Russian women will help boost understanding and friendship between the two countries, said Gu Xiulian, vice-chairwoman of the Standing Committee of

the National People's Congress (NPC) of China.

The culture week was a milestone in the history of exchanges between Chinese and Russian women, said Gu, also chairwoman of the All-China Women's Federation, at the opening ceremony.

Svetlana Orlova, vice-chairwoman of the Federation Council of Russia, said her delegation would discuss political, economic and social issues with Chinese counterparts during the culture week.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korea's humanoid robot EveR2-Muse (R) sings a song by lip synchronization at Robot World 2006 in Seoul, ROK, on 18 Oct, 2006. The robot, which weighs 60kg and is 165cm tall, will make its performance as a pop singer on 21 October, KITECH, the company which invented the robot said. The robot was designed to represent the average Korean woman in her 20's.—XINHUA

Fifteen killed in Uzbek plane crash

NEW YORK, 21 Oct— A small plane being used for flight training crashed in the Central Asian state of Uzbekistan on Thursday, killing 15 people on board, Reuters quoted Uzbek television report as saying.

The single-engine An-2 aircraft crashed as it tried to land at an airport near the capital Tashkent, the report said. — MNA/Xinhua

Moderate quake jolts Papua, Indonesia

JAKARTA, 21 Oct— An earthquake measuring 5.3 on the Richter Scale jolted Indonesia's Papua Provincial capital of Jayapura and its surroundings Friday afternoon, but there were no reports of damage or casualties by the earthquake.

Many inhabitants of Jayapura were panic stricken and rushed out of their homes, office buildings and shops when the earthquake hit the city at 2:39 pm, Antara news agency reported. — MNA/Xinhua

Tropical storm 'Paul' heads for Mexico's Baja Coast

MEXICO CITY, 22 Oct— Tropical Storm Paul formed off Mexico's Pacific Coast on Saturday and looked set to turn into a hurricane as it headed toward luxury resorts on the Baja California Peninsula, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

Charts showed Paul passing near the tip of the desert peninsula popular with US tourists next week, before heading for the Mexican mainland across the narrow Sea of Cortez.

Hurricanes that enter the Sea of Cortez, surrounded on three sides by land, tend to fizzle out after running aground, posing no risk to the United States.—MNA/Reuters

Blast kills six, injures 40 in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 21 Oct— At least six people were killed and some 40 others injured when a locally made bomb exploded in a bazaar in northwestern Pakistani city of Peshawar on Friday, police said.

The blast outside Jinnah Park in the city also injured 40 other people, some of whom in critical condition, Inspector General Police Syed Rifat Pasha said. — MNA/Xinhua

Soldiers walk past burnt cars in Amara, 365 km (230 miles) southeast of Baghdad, on 21 Oct, 2006. Fifteen people were killed and 91 wounded when Shi'ite militias attacked police stations in the southern city of Amara on Thursday and Friday. The Iraqi Army deployed two companies (around 230 troops) to help defend the police station and British forces provided air surveillance.
INTERNET



Over 750,000 Iraqis internally displaced since US invasion

GENEVA, 21 Oct— Some 754,000 Iraqis have been internally displaced since the US-led invasion of their country in March 2003, the UN Refugee

Agency said on Friday.

Of that number, some 365,000 were displaced in the past eight months because of the sharp rise in sectarian violence

sparked by the bombing in February of a holy Shiite shrine in Samarra, north of Baghdad, the agency's spokesman Ron Redmond told reporters in Geneva.

Redmond added that tens of thousands of Iraqis were also fleeing abroad every month because of the escalating violence in their country. "We remain extremely concerned about the rapidly deteriorating situation in Iraq and the ongoing displacement this is creating both inside and outside Iraq," he said. According to the spokesman, most of those who had fled their homes since the start of the war in 2003 came from central areas of the country around Baghdad.—MNA/Xinhua



Haze surrounds cable cars connecting Sentosa Island to Singapore's mainland, on 20 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

Vietnam to export 1 mn tons of rice

HANOI, 21 Oct — Vietnam is expected to ship abroad over one million tons of rice in the first quarter of 2007, compared with more than 1.1 million tons in the same period of 2006, according to sources from the country's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development on Friday.

Under contracts signed between Vietnamese rice firms and their foreign partners, the country will sell 210,000-250,000 tons of the commodity to Indonesia and 800,000-900,000 tons to the Philippines in the first three months of 2007.

The world's rice prices would increase early next year due to thin supplies

of some major rice exporters caused by natural disasters and the world greater demand for the commodity, said the sources.

Vietnam sold overseas more than 4.1 million tons of rice valued at over 1.1 billion US dollars in the first nine months of this year, posting respective year-on-year decreases of

8.4 per cent and 7.2 per cent, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

The country, which shipped abroad more than 5.2 million tons of rice worth nearly 1.4 billion dollars in 2005, has set targets of producing 38-39 million tons of paddy rice in 2006.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia's manufacturing sales value up 12% for Aug

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 Oct — The sales value of Malaysia's manufacturing sector in August expanded by 12 per cent to 44.9 billion ringgit (12.13 billion US dollars) on a year-on-year basis, the Department of Statistics said Friday. The increase in sales value was generated by the growth in sales value of 76 industries out of 107 industries covered by the survey, the department said in a statement.

Five major industries which experienced significant growths in their sales value during the comparative period were manufacture of insulated wires and cables, manufacture of television and radio transmitters and apparatus for line telephony and line telegraphy, manufacture of electric motors, generators and transformers, manufacture of veneer sheets and plywood and manufacture

of other basic precious and non-ferrous metals.

Compared with the previous month, the sales value for August, however, registered a decrease of 2.9 per cent. On a year-on-year basis, the number of employees engaged in the manufacturing sector in August rose by 9 per cent to 1,083,170 persons while the total salaries and wages paid increased by 10.2 per cent to 1,882 million ringgit (508.65 million US dollars).

For the first eight months of this year, the manufacturing sector recorded an increase of 10.9 per cent in sales value, a growth of 8.9 per cent in salaries and wages paid and an expansion of 9 per cent in the number of employees engaged compared to the corresponding period of 2005.

MNA/Xinhua



German comedian Otto Waalkes (R) and his partner German actress Eva Hassmann pose as they arrive for a television show celebrating the 50th anniversary of Germany's youth magazine Bravo in Hamburg, on 21 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

Italian car design industry woos investment from China

SHANGHAI, 21 Oct — Greater exposure to the international market of China's home-brand cars has attracted strong interest from Italian automobile design companies.

Invest in Turin and Piedmont, an Italian investment promotion organization, staged its first ever event in China on Thursday with an intro-

duction to the Italian car design industry for Chinese car producers.

Gianmarco Giorda, marketing manager of the organization said that Italian companies have an edge in auto-making technology, design and industry management. They are seeking a partnership with Chinese car makers, whose advantages in production cost have become a major driving force behind China's auto export surge.

The country's home-brand cars had secured 23.74 per cent of the domestic market share by the end of 2005, up 10.59 per cent on the 2002 figure. Meanwhile, China exported 173,000 complete cars in the first seven months of this year, on a par with last year's total, according to figures released by the Ministry

of Commerce.

MNA/Xinhua

Magnitude 6.5 quake hits off Peru coast

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct — A 6.5-magnitude earthquake hit near the coast of central Peru on Friday, the US Geological Survey said.

The strong quake struck at 5:49 am (1049 GMT) about 95 miles (155 kilometres) south-southeast of Lima, the USGS said.

There was no immediate threat of a tsunami, the Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre reported on its website.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesian Navy to buy submarines from Russia

JAKARTA, 21 Oct — The Indonesian Navy has decided to buy submarines from Russia after a survey tour that also includes Germany and France, the Chief of Staff said on Thursday.

"We selected Russia because it offers affordable price and well-proven technology," Admiral Slamet Soebijanto was quoted by the national Antara news agency as saying. He made the remarks during a visit to the naval base in the East Java capital of Surabaya. He also said the decision is based on the country's "political decision" not to depend largely on Western countries in arms procurement.

The Navy will buy six submarines of different classes from Russia, he said. "The submarines will be fully armed and equipped with censor equipment at cheaper price." On the same occasion, Military Chief Air Marshal Djoko Suyanto said the military is making a list of weapons to be bought from Russia, who has agreed to provide export credit of one billion US dollars to the Indonesian Government. — MNA/Xinhua



Normann Stadler of Germany celebrates winning the 2006 Ironman Triathlon World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, on 21 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET



Delegates to National Convention visit Shwedagon Pagoda.— MNA

NC delegates visit Shwedagon Pagoda, National Museum, St George Church

YANGON, 22 Oct — Under the arrangements of the Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee, delegates to the National Convention paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda and visited the National Museum yesterday.

Accompanied by Major Myint Tun and officials of the Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee, the delegates arrived at Shwedagon Pagoda at 7

am. Member of the Pagoda Board of Trustees U Min Htut extended greetings and Secretary U Win Kyaing explained the brief history of the pagoda and renovation tasks.

The NC delegates donated K 225,460 to the funds of the pagoda through officials. Next, they paid homage to Padamyá Myetshin Buddha Image.

At 9 am, they proceeded to the National Museum where they were welcomed by Director Daw

Nu Mra Zan of Department of Cultural Institute, Curator Daw Mi Mi Thet Nwe and officials.

Next, Director Daw Nu Mra Zan, Curator Daw Mi Mi Thet Nwe, Assistant Curators Daw Htay Htay Swe and Daw Thin Thin Aye conducted the delegates round the museum. A group of NC delegates visited Saint George Anglican Church in Mingaladon Township this morning.

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Adorable Myanmar

San Wai Aye

Out of tourists who visit Myanmar annually, the French are the greatest in number.

The number of tourists visiting Myanmar issued by the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism under the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism stands witness to this fact.

Airways flight which was bound for France on Sunday after one-night stay on Saturday in Myanmar. According to the message of some French tourists who have been to Myanmar urging others not to forget to visit Bagan Archaeological Region when the latter are in Myanmar, French

French to get delighted and thrilled. The scenery was so enticing that they had to utter “incredible” exchanging glances among themselves.

The aircraft landed at Bagan-Nyaung U Airport. Soon after they arrived at Bagan Archaeological Region, the visitors were taken by bus to

religious edifices in Bagan Archaeological Region their tiredness disappeared. Their strong desire to go sightseeing could not be repressed.

They tirelessly took photographs of pagodas, stupas and religious structures under the scorching Sun. During their visit to Bagan, the time was so priceless for them that they could not even have their lunch. They could not lose their time by having lunch as they had such a short time that they got only a one-night stay.

One thing in their mind was that the one-night stay trip to Bagan Archaeological Region was an unforgettable one which was full of thrill and excitement. It is safe to say that the French truly value cultural heritage of Myanmar.

Dr Alain Mahuzier, a French archaeologist, had been to Myanmar for ten times. He is the one who values Myanmar culture.

He used to disclose his view on Myanmar that Myanmar was a unique nation blessed with tourism resources; that with a variety of ancient cultural heritage that has

been in existence for years and natural beauties, Myanmar enjoyed peace and stability; that coupled with helpful and hospitable atmospheres of national races the nation has been able to draw the attraction of tourists and Myanmar culture was a unique culture totally free from the influence of foreign cultural traits and character.

His main purpose was to shoot significant scenes that can draw the attention of tourists and to publish Myanmar pamphlets featuring tourism and scenes and inform the people in France and French-speaking countries. He believed that the nations of the world would know Myanmar through the pamphlets named “The Golden Land of Asia” and the videos.

He also believed that the number of French tourists who would like to visit Myanmar would increase more than before.

The fact shows that his intention serves one of the major objectives of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism — to make Myanmar known to the world and promote activities that draw the

attention of foreigners.

Therefore, at the beginning of 2004 the archaeologist called on Deputy Minister of Hotels and Tourism and they discussed the implementation of his purpose. The deputy minister gave necessary instructions.

The archaeologist launched a similar activity in Chile in South America and it was a great success. The number of French tourist arrivals in Chile significantly increased. It is sure that more French tourists will visit Myanmar.

His attempt contributes towards the development of Myanmar tourism industry. In February 2006, 23 French tourists led by him paid 14-day visit to Myanmar.

Let’s make efforts to promote Myanmar tourism industry while preserving own culture, good morals and the cultural heritage highly valued by tourists and natural beauty of environment as a national task.

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Sr	country	2002	2003	2004
West Europe				
1.	Austria	3616	4756	4168
2.	Belgium	2364	2159	2340
3.	France	14108	13125	13372
4.	Germany	12952	13341	14112
5.	Italy	7908	6129	7924
6.	Switzerland	4695	4258	3974
7.	England	8620	7848	7720
8.	Spain	3856	2171	4134
9.	Others	5281	4374	5157
East Europe				
1.	Russia	556	551	760
2.	Others	1521	1652	1750

French are known for cherishing cultural heritage. This being the case, more French have visited Myanmar than any other visitors.

The trip of five French visitors to Bagan Archaeological Region was brief and they had to make it in a rush as they had to take the Thai

tourists usually visit the region while in Myanmar. They would like to recount their experiences on the trip to Bagan when they arrived back.

The panoramic view of the scenery of Bagan Archaeological Region complete with religious edifices such as pagodas and stupas drove the

Thiripyitsaya Hotel where they took a rest for about thirty minutes. All the five tourists said that “We start our sightseeing right now”.

The tourists would be tired after having taken an hour long air trip to the region.

But after they had enjoyed the scenery of pagodas, stupas and

Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence enjoys 14th Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions were in progress at the designated places, here, today.

Present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife Daw Tin Tin Latt, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Win Aung, Secretary of the Leading Committee Col Yan Naing Oo of Nay Pyi Taw Command, officials and local people.

A total of 17 contestants took part in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' dancing contest at the hall of University of Veterinary Science.

At the Yezin Agricultural Research Department, 10 persons participated in the higher education level (men's and women's) song composing contests.

Likewise, four students competed in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' Myanmar guitar contest, two girls in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' Myanmar guitar contest, three persons in the higher education level (men's) Myanmar guitar contest, one in the higher education level (women's) Myanmar



Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence enjoys the amateur level (second class) women's troupe orchestra contest. — MNA

guitar contest and three contestants in the amateur level (first class) men's Myanmar guitar contest at the hall of University of Agriculture.

Furthermore, one contestant took part in the amateur level (first class) women's Myanmar guitar contest and another one in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' Myanmar guitar contest.

The donmin contest was held at University of Agriculture. Nine persons competed in the amateur level (second class) men's donmin contest and three contestants in the amateur level (second class) women's donmin contest. Three students participated

in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' donmin contest and two in the (aged 15-20) girls' donmin contest.

At the hall of Yezin Forest Research Unit, nine persons competed in the amateur level (second class) men's oboe contest and four in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' oboe contest.

The commander cordially greeted the chairman of the panel of judges (central) and party.

At the Convocation Hall of University of Agriculture, four contestants took par in the amateur level (second class) women's troupe orchestra contest, six in the higher education level (women's) troupe orchestra contest and three in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' troupe orchestra contest.

The 14th Performing Arts Competitions continue tomorrow.— MNA

Victorious Myanma Tatmadaw shooting team returns



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence welcomes back members of victorious Myanma Tatmadaw Shooting Team.— MNA

YANGON, 22 Oct— The victorious Myanma Tatmadaw shooting team arrived back here this afternoon after participating in the ASEAN+3 Shooting Championship held in Beijing of the People's Republic of China from 16 to 21 October.

The 10-member team led by Col Soe Lwin was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and senior military officers. At the lounge of the airport, Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions to the members of the victorious shooting team. The Myanma Tatmadaw shooting team stood second in the 25-metre fast-speed pistol event. Corporal Zaw Tun and Captain Zin Min stood fourth and seventh respectively in individual events.

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

Saddhasumana drama for marionette contest

NAY PYI TAW, 22 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.

Aung Sitaw Marionette Troupe representing Yangon Division will take part in the contest tomorrow. — MNA




**Vice-Senior General
 Maung Aye and
 Chief of General
 Staff General Liang
 Guanglie of
 People's Liberation
 Army of PRC,
 inspect the Guard of
 Honour.**
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Saddhasumana Drama Contest in progress

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—The Saddhasumana Drama Contest of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at the University of Veterinary Science in Yezin this evening. Htet Arkar Marionette troupe representing Yangon Division took part in the contest.

Among the audience were member of the Panel of Patrons for Organizing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Com-



Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin enjoys Saddhasumana Drama for marionette contest. — MNA

mander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Way Lwin, ministers, heads of department,

representatives of national race cultural troupes from states and divisions, enthusiasts

from Pyinmana and Yamethin townships and others.

Rector

University of Culture (Yangon) U Tin Soe, Head of Department (Admin) U Tun Wai and Associate

Professor Daw Thein Thein Khin supervised marionette contest.

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Mone Paw People's Militia Group in Shan State (North) condemns US for putting Myanmar on the agenda of UNSC

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct—*Mone Paw People's Militia Group in Muse District, Shan State (North) on 29 September issued the declaration on its stance over the decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of the United Nations Security Council.*

The following is the full text of the declaration:

The declaration of Mone Paw People's Militia Group in Shan State (North) on condemnation of US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN.

29 September 2006

1. The Mone Paw People's Militia Group is participating in the drive for regional development, for drugs elimination and for bringing about peace and stability in the region and for prevalence of law

and order under the leadership of the government. Nowadays, with regional development, progress has been made in building a future democratic nation.

2. Owing to the submission of the US permanent representative to the UN a decision was made on 15 September 2006 to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC accusing the country of posing a threat to international peace and stability, ignoring peace and stability and development so far achieved in the nation.

3. In view of the decision, it is obvious that the US did so with the intention of interfering in Myanmar's internal affairs and of harming the process of the seven-point Road Map and sovereignty, using the UN.

4. In striving for national development, we had to confront a series of hardships and difficulties. At such

a time, the US imposed various sanctions on the nation rather than providing necessary assistance.

5. However, progress has been made in all spheres thanks to concerted efforts of the government, the Tatmadaw and the people, and the National Convention is being convened for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

6. As such act of the US is impeding the stability of the State, prevalence of law and order and the process of transition to democracy, the people's militia group declared that it protests and condemns the perpetration of the US.

**U Kein Mai
 Group Leader
 Mone Paw People's Militia Group**

Lt-Gen Maung Bo on inspection tour of regional development tasks in Taninthayi Division

NAY PYI TAW, 21 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence during his recent tour of Myeik, Taninthayi Division, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hone Ngaing, senior military officers, responsible personnel of the SPDC Office and departmental heads visited Amaravati Sasana Beikman on Sandawadi Hill in Myeik on 16 October and donated alms and provisions to members of the Sangha.

During the ceremony, State Ovadacariya Myeik Sankyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Panavamsa delivered a sermon and members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo donated rice, edible oil and provisions to the Sankyaung Sayadaw and Commander Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein, senior military officers and departmental heads also did the same.

Afterwards, member of the Central Working Committee of the Sangha Myeik Kantha Kyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vimala delivered a sermon and Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and those present shared merits gained. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party paid homage to Maha Theikhizaya pagoda on Sandawut Hill. Afterwards,

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on maintenance of the religious buildings.

At a meeting with departmental personnel at division, district and township levels at Yantaingaug Hall in Myeik, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech on the occasion. Next, member of Taninthayi Division PDC Police Col Myint Soe briefed Lt-Gen Maung Bo on regional rice sufficiency, cultivation of 500,000 acres of oil palm, 200,000 acres of rubber, 36,041 acres of pepper and 500,000 acres of physic nut plants, production of aquatic items and measures for education and health. Next, members of Taninthayi Division Agriculture Supervisory Committee briefed Lt-Gen Maung Bo on progress in cultivation of 412,856 out of 450,000 acres of monsoon paddy, arrangements to be made for cultivation of monsoon paddy at the end of this year, growing of oil palm, rubber, pepper and physic nut plants and reclamation of farmlands to be extended.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech on the occasion, saying that arrangements are being made for cultivation of 500,000 acres of monsoon paddy and 50,000 acres of summer paddy for regional rice sufficiency in the Taninthayi Division. The respective agriculture supervisory committees were needed to join hands with district and township PDCs to hold educative talks on increased cultivation of paddy for regional rice sufficiency. The division was expected to grow 500,000 acres of physic nut plants. It is necessary to organize entrepreneurs to grow

physic nut plants on a commercial scale. The division is to grow 500,000 acres of oil palm and international marketable rubber to hit the cultivation target. Concerted efforts will have to be made for uplift of regional development, education and health.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and party went to Kyunsu by water craft, and Taninthayi Naval Region Command Headquarters Commander Capt Thura Thet Swe and the chairman of Kyunsu Township PDC briefed them on regional development tasks. Afterwards, Commander Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo gave supplementary reports.

In meeting with officers, other ranks and their families, Lt-Gen Maung Bo made a speech on the occasion. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Commander Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo presented K 1 million for the command headquarters through Capt Thura Thet Swe. Upon arrival at Kyunsu People's Hospital, Lt-Gen Maung Bo comforted the patients undergoing treatment and viewed an operation theatre and medicines stores.

At the meeting hall of the hospital, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with health staff and gave instructions on striving for enhancement of health care services. Next, Commander Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo presented K 800,000 for the hospital through medical superintendent Dr Maung Maung. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived back Myeik by water craft in the evening.

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Gem merchants purchase 40 gem lots at Mid-Year Gems Emporium



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and gem merchants observe jade lots displayed at Mid-Year Gems Emporium 2006.— MNA

YANGON, 22 Oct — Patron of Central Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint observed jade and gems lots at Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2006 being held at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road and

Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township this morning and gave necessary instructions to the officials. A total of 40 gem lots were purchased by the foreign and local merchants today. Jade lots will be sold through tender and competitive bidding system at

Myanmar Convention Centre from 23 to 29 October. Altogether 3,112 gem merchants — 1,825 from 477 foreign companies of 12 countries and 1,287 from 498 local companies — have arrived here to attend the Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2006.

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Zi Za Wah Health Care introduces dental chair

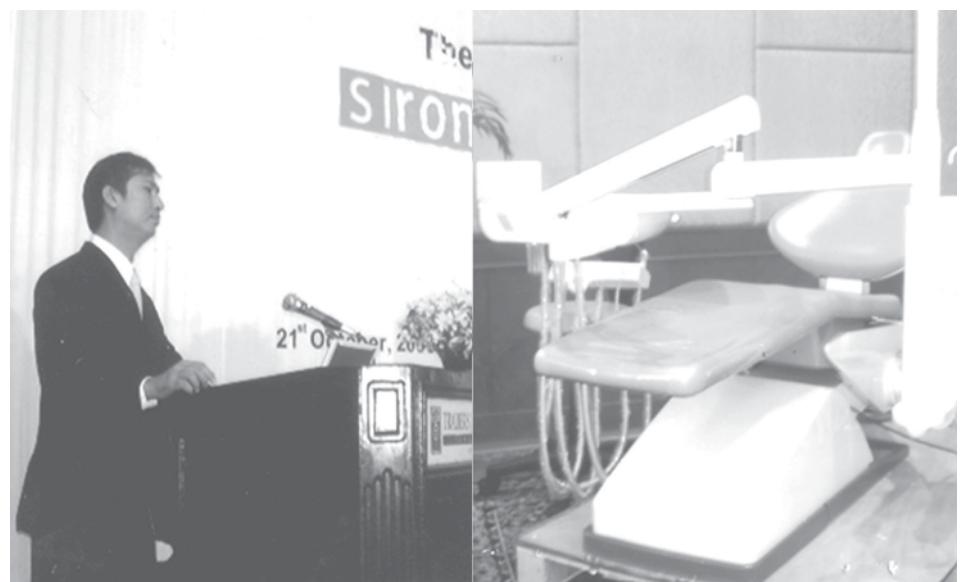
YANGON, 22 Oct — A brief demonstration on the Sirona Foshan brand dental chair being distributed by Zi Za Wah Health Care took place at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road yesterday evening. It is made in China under the technology authorized

by Germany.

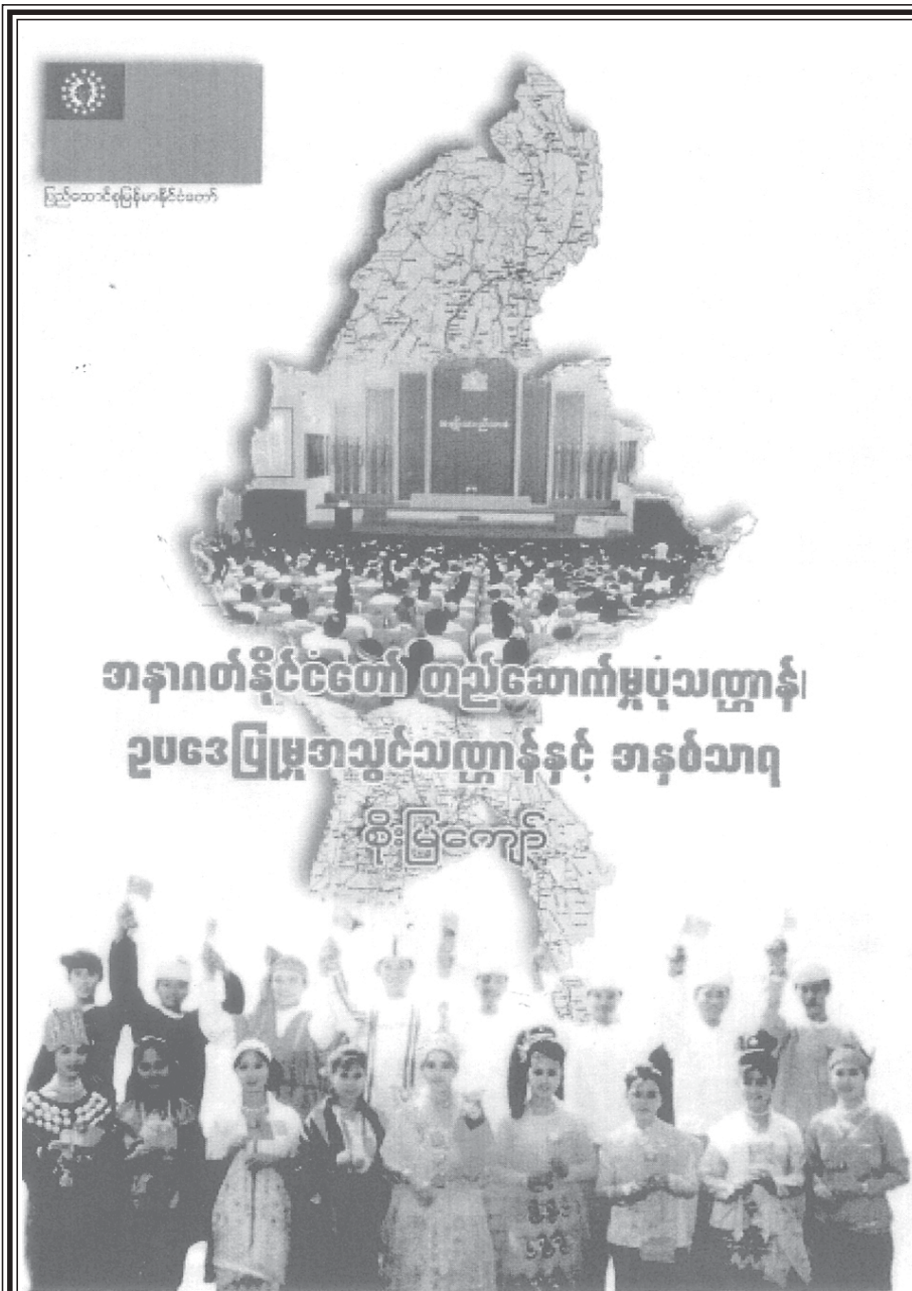
At the ceremony, Chairman of Myanmar Dental Association Dr Ba Myint extended greetings. Director Dr Saw Mara Aung of Zi Za Wah Health Care explained facts about the dental chair and Managing Director U Win Thein spoke words

of thanks.

The address of the Zi Za Wah Health Care is No 218, Bo Gyoke Aung San Street in Botahtaung Township and it imports and distributes medical equipments in connection with cardiac and others in States and Divisions. — MNA



Dr Saw Mara Aung of Zi Za Wah Health Care explains facts about dental chair. — MNA



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China holds grand ceremony to mark 70th anniversary of Long March

BEIJING, 22 Oct — Chinese President Hu Jintao and other top leaders attended a grand ceremony on Sunday in Beijing in memory of the 70th anniversary of the victory of the Long March. Hu Jintao, Jiang Zemin, Wu Bangguo, Wen Jiabao, Zeng Qinghong, Huang Ju, Wu Guanzheng, Li Changchun and Luo Gan attended the official

memorial service. Wu Bangguo, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress, presided over the ceremony. The Long March was a famous military manoeuvre carried out by the Workers'

and Peasants' Red Army from 1934 to 1936 led by the CPC to combat the Kuomintang Regime. Though many soldiers died on the way, the Red Army finally arrived at Yan'an in western Shaanxi Province after the 25,000-li (12,500-kilometre) trek, where the new headquarters of CPC was later established. MNA/Xinhua



Singers perform chorus at a stage performance named "Ode to the Long March" marking the 70th anniversary of the "Long March", in Beijing, China, on 18 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

Surayud to visit Philippines on Monday

MANILA, 22 Oct — Thailand's new Prime Minister Surayud Chulanont will visit the Philippines on Monday, Press Secretary of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo said here on Saturday. Surayud was expected to arrive here at around 4 pm Monday from Indonesia. He also visited Laos, Cambodia, Malaysia for the traditional

familiarization tour of new heads of states and governments of Association of South-East Asian Nations. The Thai Government said the purpose of Surayud's visit was to improve understanding on his government's role and function during his one-year term and strengthen ties with the neighbouring countries. MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian Govt promotes use of coal briquettes

JAKARTA, 22 Oct — The Indonesian Government is currently actively promoting the use of coal briquettes as an alternative energy source in small-scale industries and households, a spokesperson said.

"Coal briquettes are well-suited for use by small-scale industries and households as it is more efficient, safer and cheaper than kerosene and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG)," Winarsih, the Women's Empowerment Ministry's public relations officer, said here Friday. The ministry had been doing its promotion work in the regions ever since President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono assigned it as overseer of

the National Action Programme to Use Coal Briquettes in Households, she was quoted by Antara news agency as saying. Fossil energy consumption in Indonesia was recorded at 54.4 per cent until 2003 while the need for energy increased by 8.5 per cent every year from 1970 to 2003. The Indonesian Government launched its programme on the use of coal briquettes in small-scale industries in some

areas on Java Island in 1993. People, however, preferred using kerosene to coal briquettes as the government was still subsidizing the fuel oil price at the time. Winarsih said the government was hoping that 1.3 million coal briquettes and other solid coal-based fuels will eventually be capable of replacing the 96,000 kilolitres of kerosene being consumed by the populace every year.—MNA/Xinhua

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EU urges Iceland not to resume whale hunts

BRUSSELS, 21 Oct — The European Union
condemned on Friday Iceland's plan to resume
commercial whale hunts, urging the country to
reconsider the decision.

"Whales are a fragile component in the biological
equilibrium of marine fauna, already threatened by
the unwarranted resumption of whaling, and by
other human activity, mainly pollution," the 25-
country bloc's executive Commission said in a
statement.

"If it was simply a matter for the EU to decide, all
commercial whaling would be abandoned once and
for all," it added.

Iceland decided this week to resume commercial
whaling for the first time in two decades, ignoring an
international moratorium.

MNA/Reuters

10% of paddy in Vietnam's
rice basket mined by pests

HANOI, 21 Oct — More than 10 per cent of paddy rice in Vietnam's
southern region, the country's rice hub, are being either infected with leaf
diseases or mined by pests, resulting in some fields being destroyed, local
newspaper Youth reported on Friday.

Over 65,000 hectares
of paddy rice in the region,
mainly in the Mekong
Delta which holds more
than half of Vietnam's rice
output and up to 90 per
cent of the country's rice
export volume, are
currently infected with the
diseases and mined by
pests, the paper quoted
sources from the Ministry
of Agriculture and Rural
Development as saying.

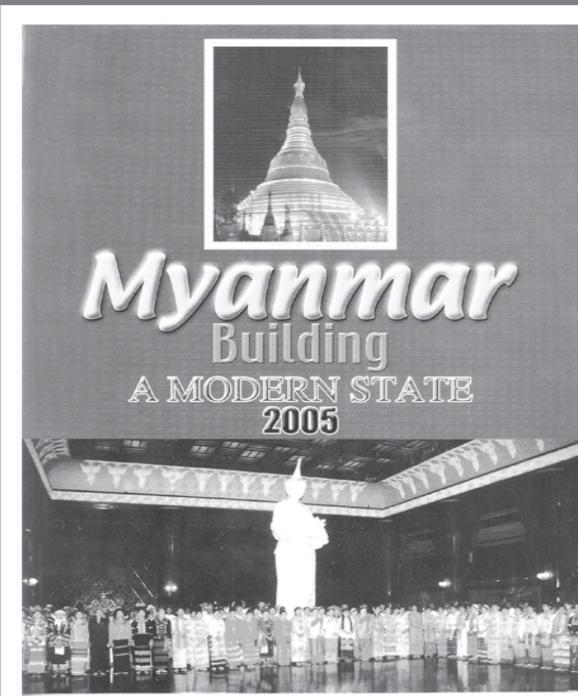
The Vietnamese
Government has asked
relevant sectors and
localities to closely
monitor the disease
situation, destroy infected
paddy rice fields under the
ministry's direction, and
help farmers seek paddy
rice strains with better
resistance to diseases.

Vietnam has targeted
to annually ship abroad
four million tons of rice in
the next five years,
according to the ministry.

To this end, Vietnam,
under its strategy for rice
production until 2010,
will develop several areas

designated for growing
rice for export, including
one million hectares in the
Mekong Delta, and
300,000 hectares in the
northern Red River Delta,
aiming to produce 36
million tons of paddy rice
each year. Vietnam is
expected to harvest 38-39
million tons of paddy rice
in 2006, up from nearly 33
million tons in 2005.
However, it has recently
decided to export five
million tons of rice at most
this year, down from over
5.2 million tons last year, in
a move to ensure its food
security.—MNA/Xinhua

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Merkel seeks legal security in Russia energy market

LAHTI (Finland), 21 Oct — German Chancellor Angela Merkel demanded on Friday that Russia
respect contracts and open up access to its energy market in return for secure supply contracts with
European countries.

Speaking on arrival at
a European Union summit
in Finland with Russian
President Vladimir Putin,
Merkel said the EU's
strategic relations with
Moscow were strong but
there was need for a fair
trade-off on energy.

"What we will
naturally make clear is that
we offer security in
contracts and we expect
the same from Russia,
namely also legal security
in contracts and access to
the Russian market," she
told reporters.

Merkel said the EU
wanted Russia to ratify an

Energy Charter Treaty to
provide a clear legal basis
for energy contracts.
Moscow has refused to
ratify the document, which
would force it to open its
pipeline network to third
parties.

"I think we will also
make clear that the

contents of the Energy
Charter are right and
indispensable," she said.

Germany is the
biggest customer for
Russian gas exports.
European governments
have been dismayed by
recent Kremlin moves to
call into question

contracts signed in the
1990s by companies
including Royal Dutch
Shell and Total.

They were also upset
by a Russian decision to
shut foreign capital out of
development of the giant
Shtokman gas field.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesia to build fertilizer factory in Iran

JAKARTA, 21 Oct —
Indonesia plans to build a
fertilizer factory in Iran
which offers cheaper gas
supplies needed in the
industry, an envoy said on
Thursday.

A delegation of
government officials and
executives from state-run
fertilizer producer PT Pusri
has visited Iran twice to
finalize agreement on the
construction of the 700-

million-US-dollar factory,
said Alwi Shihab, a special
envoy of President Susilo
Bambang Yudhoyono for
Middle East affairs.

"A team from Iran will
come here in the near future
to prepare a memorandum
of understanding for us to
sign," he was quoted by
the country's leading news
website Detikcom as
saying.

The project will be

financed with loans from
the Islamic Development
Bank (IDB).

Building a fertilizer
factory in Iran is more
economical than in
Indonesia, where gas
supplies are running low
due to earlier export
commitments, he said.

Besides Iran, Indonesia
also plans to build a fertilizer
factory in Nigeria, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



Labourers work to demolish a house near a bridge on the Yangtze River in
Enshi, Enshi Tujia Autonomous Prefecture, central China's Hubei Province,
on 20 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

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First Malaysian receives “Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award”

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 Oct— The president of the Malaysian Medical Relief Society, better known as Mercy Malaysia, has become the first person in this country to receive the “Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award,” local media reported Friday.

Mercy Malaysia President Jemilah Mahmood on Thursday received the award from the Martin Luther King Jr International Chapel of Morehouse College, the United States. As she was attending a United Nations training programme in Sweden, her husband Ashar Abdullah accepted the award on her behalf from the institute’s dean, Dr Lawrence E Carter.

“We are proud to link Dr Jemilah’s name with our highest honour as she is an exemplary human

being who has caught our attention with her undying efforts in providing medical and humanitarian aid through Mercy Malaysia to those suffering, regardless of race, colour and creed,” Carter was quoted as saying in a statement reaching here Friday.

The “Gandhi, King, Ikeda Award” symbolizes the tradition of peace-work based on non-violence that Mahatma Gandhi, Dr Martin Luther King Jr and Dr Daisaku Ikeda shared.

MNA/Xinhua

Eating lots of bread may increase kidney cancer risk

BEIJING, 21 Oct— An Italian study that compared the food intake of kidney cancer patients to those without the disease reports that a diet high in bread may increase the risk of contracting the deadly ailment.

Researchers say people who consume the highest amounts of bread double the risk for kidney malignancy, compared to those eating the smallest amounts.

But an American expert warned the findings are not based on enough information and more studies should be undertaken.

“These findings need to be replicated and found consistent before any recommendation can be made,” Marji McCullough, a registered dietitian and spokeswoman for the American Cancer Society, said in a prepared statement.

The study’s lead author, Francesca Bravi, a researcher at the Mario Negri Institute for Pharmacological Research in Milan, agreed. Her team published the findings in the 20 October online of the *International Journal of Cancer*.

“Further studies are needed to confirm the link between bread and renal cell [kidney] carcinoma,” she said.

Bravi’s team compared 767 men and women, aged 24 to 79, with kidney cancer to 1,534 men and women in the same age range who did not have the disease.

They asked about diet, lifestyle, personal and family medical history and obtained the participants’ height and weight so they could compute their body-mass index (BMI). The participants also answered questions on average weekly intakes of 78 food items over the past two years.—*Internet*



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Brad Pitt shoots in west Indian city

NEW DELHI, 21 Oct — Hollywood superstar Brad Pitt, dressed as an Afghan, shot for a film at a 175-year-old fort in west Indian state Rajasthan Friday, *Indo-Asian News Service* reported.

Pitt has been in Jaipur, Rajasthan’s capital, along with Angelina Jolie since Wednesday. “We are not sure if he shot for an ad film or for a Hollywood movie,” said Ranveer Singh, the owner of Bichun Fort, about 50 kilometres from Jaipur.

The shooting lasted over two hours in one of the courtyards of the fort. The crew set up a market and Pitt walked past it wearing an Afghani dress. Neither Angelina nor his kids came for the shoot.

MNA/Xinhua

Local residents take a close look at a giant boa at a wild animal rescue centre in Jinghong, southwest China’s Yunnan Province, on 21 Oct, 2006. The boa was found lying exhausted in a rice field by local villagers a week ago, and was taken to the centre for treatment. The four-metre-long boa, weighing 40 kilograms, was believed to have been a victim of mountain floods.—INTERNET



A model presents an electric bicycle at the 24th Trade Fair for Bicycle, Electric Bicycle & Bicycle Components at the Nanjing International Exhibition Centre in Nanjing, capital of east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 21 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Actress Lollobrigida to marry man 34 yrs younger

NEW YORK, 21 Oct — Italian actress Gina Lollobrigida, once dubbed “the world’s most beautiful woman” for her role in a 1950s movie of the same name, plans to marry a man 34 years her junior.

Lollobrigida, 79, told Spain’s *Hola* magazine that she is marrying Spanish entrepreneur Javier Rigau, 45, whom she met at a party in Monte Carlo in 1984. She said they had secretly been seeing each other since then. “I have always

had a weakness (for) younger men because they are generous and they don’t have complexes,” she told the magazine. “Javier, like all Spaniards, is passionate, and I really love that.”

The actress, known in her native country as La Lolla, divorced her first husband, Yugoslavian doctor Milko Skofic, after 22 years in 1971. They had one son together.

She said she would get married this time in a church but would not wear white.

Her fiance said he was looking forward to the wedding. “I don’t know what my life would be today if I didn’t have Gina,” he told the magazine, which interviewed the couple in a mansion outside Rome.

Lollobrigida appeared in a list of films in the 1950s and 1960s including “La Donna Piu Bella del Mondo” (“The World’s Most Beautiful Woman”), rivalling another Italian beauty, Sophia Loren.

MNA/Reuters

Pre-historical arms, tools discovered in N Romania

BUCHAREST, 21 Oct— Bronze arms and tools, dating back to the 3rd Millennium BC, were discovered in Pir, Satu Mare County, in northern Romania, the national *Rompres* news agency reported on Thursday.

Archaeologist Liviu Marta said it was the biggest collection of pre-historical objects discovered in Satu Mare County in the past 30 years. They include two spearheads, 17 battleaxes and three scythes. Eight axes were discovered in the same place a few years ago.— *MNA/Xinhua*

SPORTS



Eneko Llanos of Spain (front C), Faris Al-Sultan of Germany (L), Marino Vanhoenacker of Belgium (R) and Cameron Brown of New Zealand (rear center) head to the run transition during the 2006 Ironman Triathlon World Championship in Kailua-Kona, Hawaii, on 21 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Werder overcome Bayern in Germany's big game

BERLIN, 22 Oct— Leaders Werder Bremen beat champions Bayern Munich 3-1 in a gripping clash between Germany's big two on Saturday.

Werder went 2-0 up in a frantic first half with goals from Diego and Pierre Wome before Bayern responded with a hooked finish from Roy Makaay in the 37th minute. Bayern were pushing hard for an equalizer when Brazilian centre-back Lucio deflected a cross into his own net to restore Werder's two-goal lead in the 62nd minute.

The home victory keeps Werder top of the Bundesliga standings with 16 points from eight matches.

Schalke 04 are second, behind Werder on goal difference, following their 2-1 win at home to Hanover 96. Hertha Berlin move up to third after winning 2-1 at home to Borussia Moenchengladbach.

Bayern, who have won the double in each of the last two seasons, slip down to fourth place on 13 points, behind Hertha on goal difference.

Werder went into the game buoyed by excellent victories in the Bundesliga and Champions League — 6-0 away to Bochum last weekend and 2-0 at home to Levski Sofia on Wednesday. They enjoyed most of the possession early on and almost took the lead in the fifth minute when a free kick rebounded back for Frings to smash over the bar.—MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Shevchenko on target as Chelsea beat Pompey 2-1

LONDON, 22 Oct— Ukraine striker Andriy Shevchenko ended his Chelsea goal drought with the opener in a 2-1 victory over Portsmouth that moved the champions to the top of the Premier League on Saturday.

Shevchenko's first goal in 10 games ended Portsmouth's resistance after 55 minutes. Midfielder Michael Ballack headed the second two minutes later before Zimbabwean forward Benjamin Mwaruwari scrambled one back for Portsmouth in the 69th minute.

Victory sent Jose Mourinho's side three points clear at the top — at least until Manchester United play Liverpool in the weekend's showcase match at Old Trafford on Sunday.

In Saturday's other games, Everton beat 10-man Sheffield United 2-0, Wigan Athletic

notched their biggest ever win in the Premier League by thrashing Manchester City 4-0 and the match between the two bottom clubs, Charlton Athletic and Watford, ended in a goalless draw.

Aston Villa were playing Fulham in the late kickoff (1615 GMT).

Shevchenko's goal, albeit deflected off Portsmouth defender Sol Campbell, will be a huge relief to the Ukraine captain, who cost Chelsea 30 million pounds (56.45 million US dollars) with his move from AC Milan in May. He was booked for his goal celebrations.—MNA/Reuters



Watford's Alan Mahon beats Charlton Athletic's Amady Faye during their English Premier League soccer match at The Valley, London, on 21 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

Depor climb to second with win over Atletico

MADRID, 22 Oct— Angel Arizmendi's header put Deportivo Coruna second in the Primera Liga on Saturday as they edged out Atletico Madrid 1-0 in a tight game at the Riazor.

Depor have 14 points from seven games and are two adrift of leaders Barcelona, who face arch-rivals Real Madrid in the Bernabeu on Sunday.

Valencia, who play Osasuna at home, are third with 13 points, the same as Real Zaragoza after their 2-1 home win over Real Betis. Atletico slip to fifth on goal difference.

Argentine striker Diego Milito took his tally for the season to seven with two goals for Zaragoza, against a Betis side without a point from four away games.

Zaragoza took the lead early on when Milito pounced as Betis failed to clear their lines from a

free kick. He bagged his second on the half hour, stabbing home after a fine jinking run into the area from compatriot Pablo Aimar.

Betis looked out of it when their Brazilian striker Edu was sent off for elbowing Juanfran just before the break.

However, seven minutes after the restart Betis' Brazilian striker Robert charged past three defenders and pulled a goal back, and they went on to produce a much-improved performance.

Depor started their game in confident mood with three home wins from three, but were penned back by Atletico.

MNA/Reuters



WBO mini-flyweight champion Ivan Calderon, right, of Puerto Rico, trades blows with challenger Jose Luis Varela of Venezuela, during their bout at the Elias Chewil coliseum in Barranquilla, Colombia, on 21 Oct, 2006. Calderon won the fight by unanimous decision.—INTERNET

Juve win again, Genoa stay top in Serie B

MILAN, 22 Oct— Juventus picked up their sixth straight win in Italy's Serie B on Saturday with a 1-0 victory at Triestina but Genoa remain at the top of the table after a 4-3 win at home to Cesena.

Juventus, demoted to Serie B and given a 17-point penalty by a sports tribunal which was investigating match-fixing allegations, are now on plus two points after Cristiano Zanetti got the winner in Trieste.

MNA/Reuters



Boston Celtics forward Leon Powe drives past New York Knicks forward Renaldo Balkman during the second half of their NBA preseason basketball game at the Mohegan Sun arena in Uncasville, Conn, on 21 Oct, 2006. The Celtics won 113-89.—INTERNET

Nancy extend surprise run by beating Nantes

PARIS, 22 Oct— Surprise package Nancy extended their strong start to the season with a 1-0 home win over bottom club Nantes on Saturday to hold on to third place in Ligue 1. Easterners Nancy, who have no big name in their squad and limited means, took the lead on 53 minutes courtesy of midfielder Mickael Chretien and defended it despite having Senegal defender Pape Malikou Diakite sent off for a second booking in the 75th minute. Nancy won their first silverware in 28 years when they beat Nice in the French League Cup final in April.

The club where all-time great Michel Platini started his playing career are on 19 points from 10 games. Champions Olympique Lyon top the standings on 25 points from nine matches before their visit to second-placed Olympique Marseille on Sunday.—MNA/Reuters

OAS tells US not to interfere in Nicaragua vote

MANAGUA (Nicaragua), 22 Oct — Election monitors from the Organization of American States told Washington on Saturday not to meddle in Nicaragua's presidential election, which polls show Sandinista leader Daniel Ortega could win.

The OAS said remarks this week by US Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez and Ambassador Paul Trivelli on their concerns about an Ortega win ran counter to its plea in September for

foreign governments not to intervene in the November 5 vote.

"Given the separate declarations by Carlos Gutierrez and Paul Trivelli about the Nicaraguan electoral contest, the OAS

Mission feels obliged to reiterate the spirit and the text of the aforementioned declaration," the OAS said.

Two opinion polls this week gave Ortega — whose Sandinista govern-

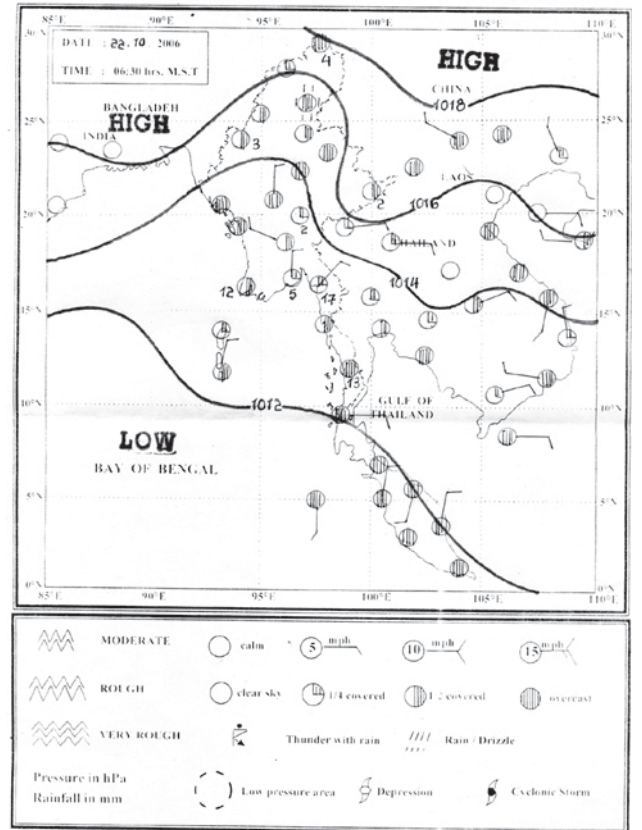
ment fought a bruising civil war through the 1980s against US-backed Contra rebels — a strong enough lead to win the election in one round.

Ortega's lead is largely due to a split in the ruling Liberal Party, with US-educated Eduardo Montealegre and former vice-president Jose Rizo competing for the conservative vote. The Liberal Party has been in power for 16 years.

While Ortega, 61, says he has left his Marxist days behind and now wants free, but fair, markets, the United States is rattled by his friendship with US-bashing Venezuelan leader Hugo Chavez and Cuba's Fidel Castro.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 22 October, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State. Upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Bago Division, Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, isolated in Rakhine and Mon States, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Tharrawady (0.70) inch, Mawlamyine (0.67) inch and Loikaw (0.65) inch.

Maximum temperature on 21-10-2006 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 22-10-2006 was 75°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 22-10-2006 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 21-10-2006 was 7.1 hours approx.

Rainfalls on 22-10-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, 0.19 inch at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were 98.46 inches at Mingaladon and 111.61 inches at Kaba-Aye and 116.61 inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 7 mph from North at 23:15 hours MST on 21-10-2006.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 23-10-2006: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Kayin and Rakhine States, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 60%.

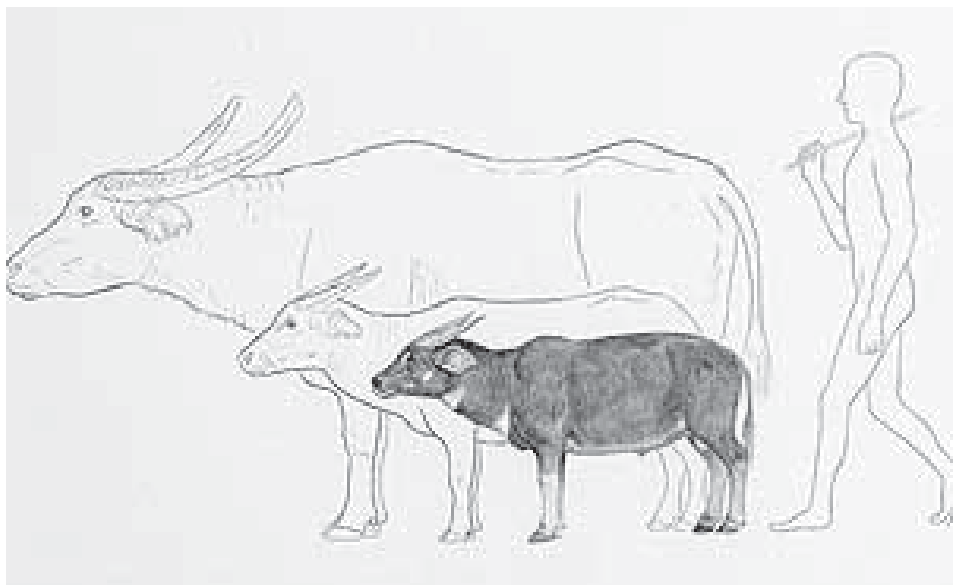
State of the Sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

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

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 23-10-2006: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 40%.


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 23-10-2006: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 23-10-2006: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 40%.




A fossil found 50 years ago on the Philippine island of Cebu has been identified as the bones of an extinct dwarf species of buffalo. The finding, detailed in the October issue of the Journal of Mammalogy, is the first well-supported example of "island dwarfing" among cattle or their relatives and could have implications for the current debate about Homo floresiensis, a hominid discovered three years ago on the Indonesian island of Flores that some scientists say is a new dwarf species, not a new human species.

INTERNET



Monday, 23 October
View on today

<p>7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am 3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am 5. Song of national races</p> <p>8:05 am 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:15 am 7. Cute little of dancers</p> <p>8:25 am 8. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p>	<p>8:30 am 9. International news</p> <p>8:45 am 10. Grammar made easy</p> <p>4:00 pm 1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm 3. Practice in reading</p> <p>4:45 pm 4. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)</p> <p>5:00 pm 5. Dance variety</p> <p>5:15 pm 6. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ တောဓလေ့ကျေးလက်တေးသံများ</p> <p>5:25 pm 7. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား</p> <p>5:40 pm 8. "အရေးကြီးလို့ပါ" (ခင်လှိုင်၊ ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မူ)</p> <p>5:45 pm 9. Music programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music</p>	<p>Troupe)</p> <p>6:00 pm 10. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm 11. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm 12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)</p> <p>6:50 pm 13. အလှူရှာမယ် လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်</p> <p>7:10 pm 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ခြင်းနှင့်အတူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)</p> <p>8:00 pm 16. News</p> <p>16. International news</p> <p>17. Weather report</p> <p>18. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စပိုင်ချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)</p> <p>20. The next day's programme</p>
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Monday, 23 October
Tune in today

<p>8:30 am Brief news</p> <p>8:35 am Music: -The day & The Time</p> <p>8:40 am Perspectives</p> <p>8:45 am Music: -You can't say ...Jillie</p> <p>8:50 am National news/Slogan</p> <p>9:00 am Music: -Super natural... Solitude</p> <p>9:05 am International news</p> <p>9:10 am Music: -The boy is mine</p> <p>1:30 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>1:40pm Lunchtime music -I'm all about you -Never ment to be -Stronger -The power of love</p> <p>9:00pm Spotlight on the star; Sugabases -Same old story, over touch, promises, just let it go</p> <p>9:10pm Article</p> <p>9:20pm Drug! women affairs</p> <p>9:35pm Vocal gems -I need love</p> <p>9:45 pm News / Slogan</p> <p>10:00 pm PEL</p>

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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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes PLA Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie and party



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie of People's Liberation Army of PRC at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — At the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army)

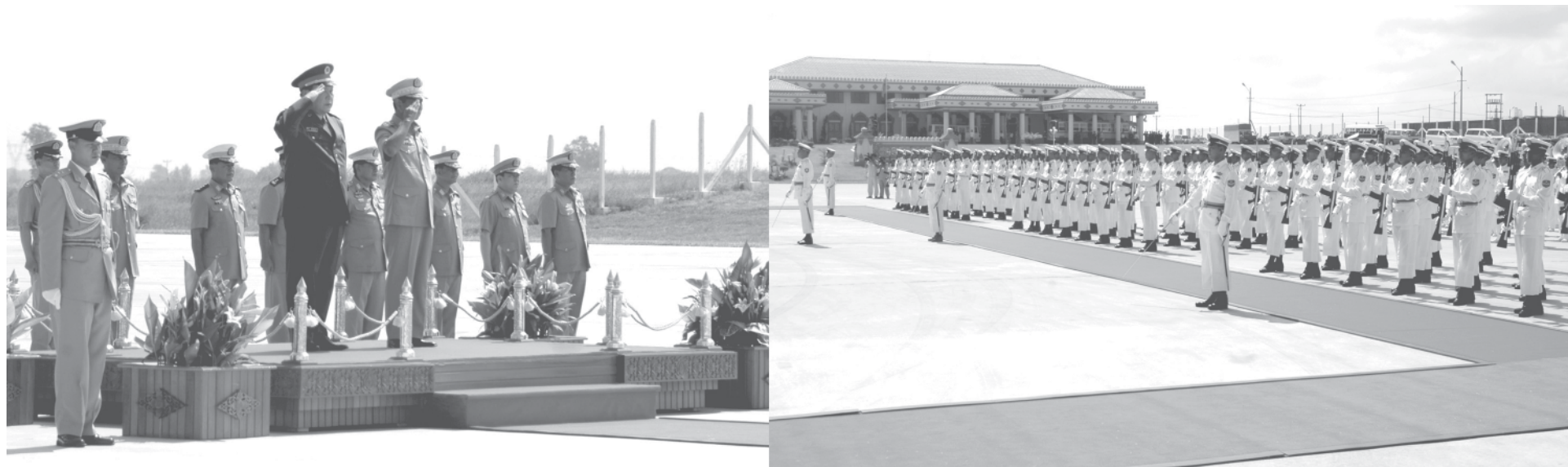
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, a Chinese goodwill delegation led by Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie from the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China arrived here by air

this morning. They were welcomed at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Maj-Gen Mya Win of the Ministry of Defence and senior military officers.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie took the salute of the Guard of Honour, and they inspected the Guard of Honour. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted members of the Chinese delegation. Similarly, the Chinese General together with Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greeted the welcoming party.

Later, the Chinese delegation left for the Hotel Zone here.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie take the salute of the Guard of Honour at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.— MNA