

**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

**Senior General Than Shwe  
accepts credentials of  
Ambassador of the  
Arab Republic of Egypt**

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct— Mr Youssef Kamal Boutros Hanna, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Bayintnaung

Yeiktha, here, at 10 am today. Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department. — MNA

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*Senior General Than Shwe receives Mr Youssef Kamal Boutros Hanna, Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*

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



## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 24 October, 2006

### Strive for healthy economic growth

Nowadays, the national economy is improving and so is that of the private sector. This is due to the concerted efforts made in accordance with 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.

As Myanmar is rich in natural resources, it mainly invests in the agriculture, meat and fish, forestry and industrial sectors. Trade will develop more if national entrepreneurs engage more in these sectors, produce finished goods and export new varieties of products.

Now, trade routes have been opened up not only by sea but also through border regions. Moreover, national entrepreneurs can freely trade in rice, cotton and sugarcane and export rubber, corn, sesamum and onion. Therefore, national entrepreneurs will be able to do import and export business in accordance with rules and regulations.

Myanmar is situated among ASEAN and BIMSTEC nations and has common borders with most populous nations. Therefore, it can serve as a link between big markets. And there are good prospects for most items to penetrate overseas markets.

Myanmar has now political stability, healthy economic growth and skilled human resources. Moreover, the government is making necessary reforms to make the administrative machinery smooth and effective.

In such a favourable environment, both the national and private economy will equally develop if national entrepreneurs engage, with new thoughts and outlook, in the sectors that can yield long-term benefits.

### Phone numbers to be changed in Monywa

YANGON, 23 Oct — Myanma Posts and Telecommunications is using GSM mobile phones with numbers 09-533xxxx in Monywa, Sagaing Division.

Myanma Posts and Telecommunications will replace numbers 09-533xxxx with 09-213xxxx starting 25 October. For the convenience of the users, the receiving call will shift from old number to new one automatically for one month. MPT has announced GSM mobile users to change old SIM cards with new ones at the office of Assistant General Manager of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications in Monywa within one month.

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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

### Paddy cultivation of Palaw Township, maintenance of Palaw-Dawei Road inspected



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence meeting with Tatmadawmen in Palaw Station.— MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, attended the ceremony to sort out the best strain of monsoon paddy in Magyigon Village of Palaw Township on 17 October.

Chairman of Palaw Township PDC U Than Tun reported on cultivation of monsoon paddy, land reclamation and arrangements for growing summer paddy.

The commander explained cultivation of monsoon paddy for meeting 500,000 acres.

In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that Taninthayi Division is to cultivate 500,000 acres of monsoon paddy, 50,000 acres of summer paddy,

500,000 acres of oil palm, 200,000 acres of rubber, 500,000 acres of physic nut and 36,041 acres of pepper for development of the agricultural sector. For ensuring local food sufficiency, it is necessary to boost per-acre yield as well as to extend cultivable lands. Machinery is to be used in ploughing, harvesting and threshing tasks. All the people and companies are to take part in growing physic nut plants as the national duty.

At Palaw Station hall, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with Tatmadawmen and gave necessary instructions.

On their tour, they viewed thriving monsoon paddy and rubber plantations. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected maintenance of Palaw-Dawei Road and gave instructions to the Deputy Minister for Construction and officials.

After that, they proceeded to Dawei.

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### Commander provides assistance for regional development tasks

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing viewed thriving monsoon paddy fields and other crops along Kengtung-Tachilek-Monghsat Road on 9 October.

The commander also viewed rubber plantations in Wamhon region of Monghsat Township.

Monghsat Township has grown 300,000 rubber plants and is nurturing over 1.2 million rubber saplings.

On 10 October, the commander met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people at the office of Pungpahkyem Township General Administration Department, and he urged them to take part in the tasks to ensure food sufficiency.

The commander presented K 600,000 to be used in water supply tasks to an official.

Afterwards, the commander met with members of Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization and gave necessary instructions. Next, he inspected construction of the Township Hospital.

On 11 October, the commander met

Tatmadawmen and family members of the local battalion, and presented refreshments, school uniforms and medicines to them. Dr Yu Wai of Mongton Township reported on matters related to Nataungmu Village Health Care Branch.

Patron of Shan State (East) WAO Chairperson of Shan State (East) MCWSC Daw Kyu Kyu Hla presented K 100,000 for the health care branch.

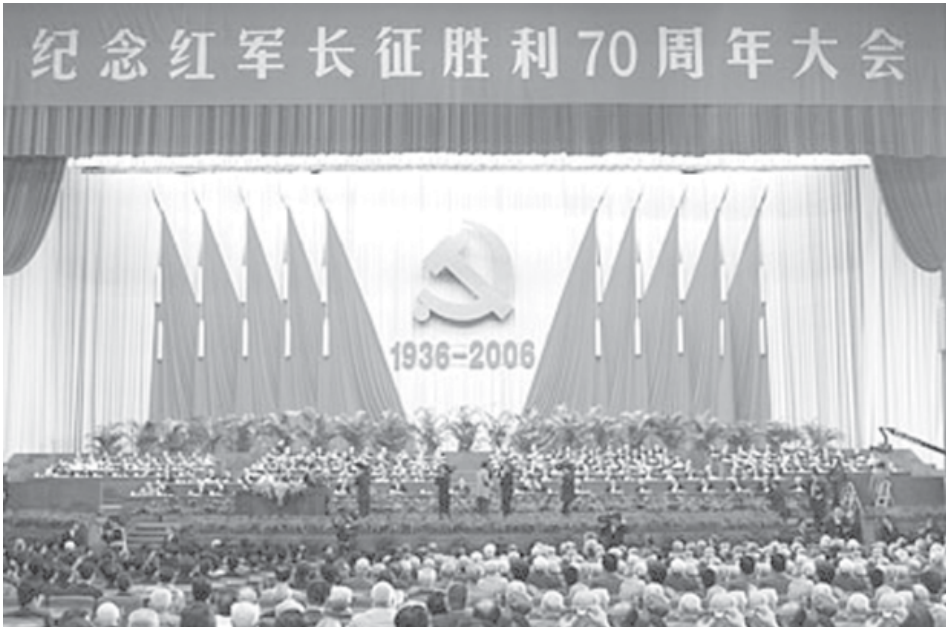
Chairman of the Village PDC U Hla Maung and Dr Yu Wai formally opened the health care branch. The commander handed over medicines for the health care branch to the Village PDC Chairman. — MNA

### Saddhasumana drama for marionette contest

NAY PYI TAW, 23 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.

Yadanabon Marionette Troupe representing Mandalay Division will take part in the contest tomorrow. — MNA





The grand ceremony in memory of the 70th anniversary of the victory of the Long March is held in Beijing, on 22 Oct, 2006. The Long March was a famous military manoeuvre carried out by the Workers' and Peasants' Red Army from 1934 to 1936 led by the Communist Party of China to combat the Kuomintang Regime.—XINHUA

## Diplomat cites US 'stupidity' in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 Oct—A senior US diplomat said the United States had shown "arrogance" and "stupidity" in Iraq but was now ready to talk with any group except Al-Qaida in Iraq to facilitate national reconciliation.

In an interview with Al-Jazeera television aired late Saturday, Alberto Fernandez, director of public diplomacy in the Bureau of Near Eastern Affairs at the State Department offered an unusually candid assessment of America's war in Iraq.

"We tried to do our best but I think there is much room for criticism because, undoubtedly, there was arrogance and

there was stupidity from the United States in Iraq," he said.

"We are open to dialogue because we all know that, at the end of the day, the solution to the hell and the killings in Iraq is linked to an effective Iraqi national reconciliation," he said, speaking in Arabic from Washington. "The Iraqi government is convinced of this."

The question of

negotiations between the United States and insurgency factions has repeatedly surfaced over the past two years, but details have been sketchy. One issue that was often raised in connection with such negotiations was the extent of amnesty the United States and its Iraqi allies were willing to offer to the insurgents if they disarmed and joined the political process.

Internet

## Iceland breaks 21-year-old whale hunting ban

OSLO, 22 Oct — Icelandic whalers broke a 21-year-old international ban on whaling on Saturday when they harpooned the first fin whale since the moratorium was imposed in 1985, a whalers' spokesman said.

Fin whales are rated an endangered species on

a "Red List" compiled by the World Conservation Union but Iceland says they are plentiful in the north Atlantic.

Reykjavik decided on Tuesday to catch nine fin whales and 30 minke whales in the year to 31 August, 2007 despite the 1985 moratorium imposed by the Inter-

national Whaling Commission.

"One fin whale was caught today and will be landed tomorrow," said Rune Froevik, spokesman of the Norway-based High North Alliance which represents the interests of Arctic hunting and fishing communities.

MNA/Reuters



A fin whale that was harpooned is gutted at a whale station in Hvalfjordur, Iceland on 22 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

## HK considers bus reduction to ease pollution

HONG KONG, 22 Oct — Hong Kong Government is considering reducing 100 buses in the city to ease air pollution and traffic congestion while the public doubt if any agreement can be reached on the reduction, said Hong Kong newspapers Saturday.

South China Morning Post, an English newspaper in the city, said the government plans to reduce the number of buses by 2 per cent to ease traffic jams and the idea will be under district consultation early next year.

Green groups support the reconstruction plan, citing the bus emissions is one of the major factors of air pollution and reducing number of buses will be a progress toward clean air.

Oriental Daily News, a local Chinese newspaper, said Wong Chi-kong, the Commissioner for Transport, believed the reconstruction of bus routes will not affect the benefits of bus drivers because when some routes being

restructured, new routes will be created at the same time.

However, the idea of reducing buses runs into opposition of passengers, especially residents living in remote districts, who depend on buses for daily transportation.

They believe using green fuel will be a better idea to reduce emission comparing with reducing bus numbers.

Wong Chi-kong admitted the efforts may not succeed if a triple-win agreement between the government, bus companies and the district councils cannot be reached.

According to figures from the Transport Department, there are totally 5,900 buses in the city run by 10,000 bus drivers.

MNA/Xinhua

## US soldier killed in bomb attack in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 Oct — A US soldier has been killed when a roadside bomb struck his vehicle in Baghdad, the US military said on Saturday.

"A Multi-National Division-Baghdad soldier died at approximately 2:37 am Friday when the vehicle he was riding in was struck by an improvised-explosive device in southwest

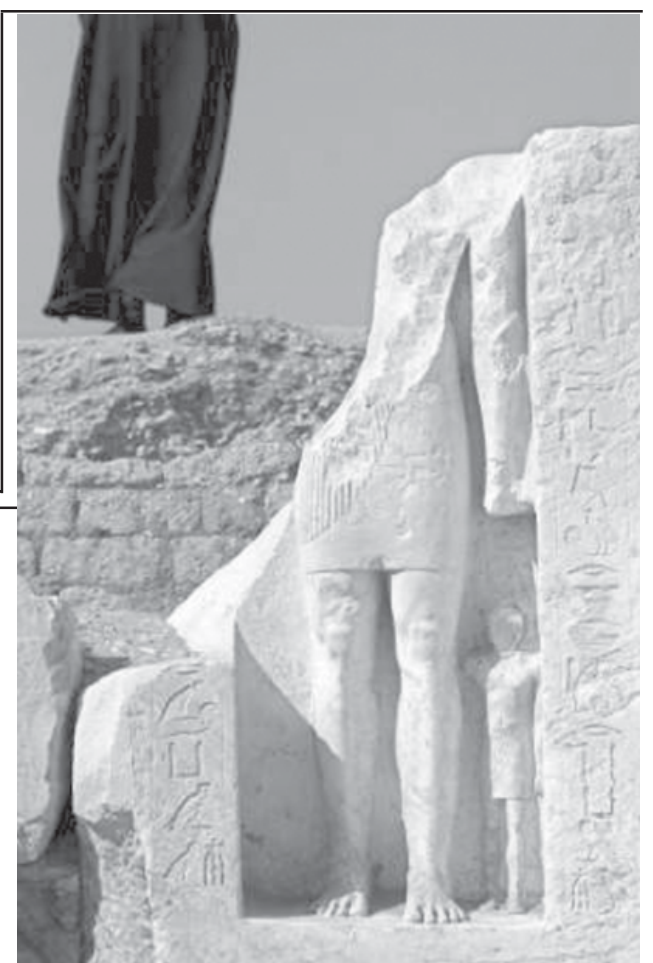
Baghdad," the military said in a statement obtained by Xinhua.

The latest death, part of a surge in US fatalities in October, brought to more than 2,780 the number of US soldiers who has been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

A security guard stands near a statue at the newly opened tombs of three dentists, one of whom served the nobility in the 5th Dynasty, at Saqqara pyramids in Cairo, on 22 Oct, 2006.

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## Mozambique, China to enhance cooperation in science, technology

LUANDA, 22 Oct—Mozambique and China have established basic principles to allow staff in the area of science and technology from both countries to exchange experiences and knowledge, Mozambique news agency AIM reported on Saturday.

Mozambique's Mini-

ster of Science and Technology, Venancio Massingue, made this announcement on Friday at Maputo International Airport on his return from China where he had been seeking partnerships for the areas covered by his ministry.

Massingue said that the first delegation of

Chinese technicians is to arrive in Mozambique in November to assess the state of this sector in the country in order to facilitate the setting up of cooperation programmes according to local conditions.

The idea is to set up science research laboratories and apply technologies to make use of wind and solar power in the rural areas.

"We want to allow the creation of advanced science parks to ensure that scientific and technological knowledge enhances economic growth", said Massingue.

He added that during his visit to China, he made presentations on the transfer of technologies and on Information Technologies, which paved the way to establish this exchange programme between the two countries.—MNA/Xinhua

**Anti-US protesters shout slogans in Seoul on 22 Oct, 2006, the slogan on the right reads, 'Pro-US=war, anti-US=peace'. —INTERNET**



## High tides to challenge Bangkok

BANGKOK, 22 Oct — Bangkok and its neighbouring provinces of Pathum Thani and Nonthaburi are expected to encounter high tides from Monday through Wednesday, Thailand's irrigation chief said Sunday.

Samart Chokkhana-

pitak, director-general of the Royal Irrigation Department (RID), the main agency dealing with water control through the kingdom, said that the water level in the Chao Phraya river as measured at Bangkok's Memorial Bridge would rise to

between 2.20-2.30 metres above sea level during the high tide periods from 23-25 October.

Authorities dealing with the threat have been instructed to remain on alert while residents of riverside areas have been urged to move their valuables to

higher ground, he said.

The RID chief said that water level in the area would remain high until mid-November.

Floods which are persisting on the eastern approaches to Bangkok and outside the capital's flood walls may be diverted into the Nakhon Nayok and Bang Pakong rivers after the water levels in the two rivers recedes, he said. The Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) officials also plan to open water gates at two canals when a lack of rainfall in the capital permits releasing flood waters into the Chao Phraya river.

Floods in the central province of Ayutthaya remains high as officials have refused to open water gates to release water on fears that it could destroy crops.—Internet



**An Indonesian man drives a bulldozer to grind thousands of alcohol bottles in Jakarta on 20 Oct, 2006. —XINHUA**

## ဝက်မုရွင်းဘား ခေတ်တော်လွှား



**People mill around Leicester city centre, closed to traffic, for the celebration the popular Hindu festival Diwali, "festival of lights." Revellers of various faiths braved the rain to trudge to Belgrave Road in the central English city of Leicester—the heart of the biggest Diwali celebrations outside India.—XINHUA**

## Interpol impounds 23 cars in Zambia

LUSAKA, 22 Oct—International Police (Interpol) has this week impounded 23 suspected stolen vehicles in Zambia, Times of Zambia reported Saturday.

Of the 23 vehicles, 15 were impounded in Kitwe while eight were impounded in Ndola, both in Copperbelt Province.

Copperbelt police

chief Antoneil Mutentwa confirmed the development in an interview Friday. He said the exercise which started on Thursday will go on until all the reportedly suspected stolen vehicles are

recovered.

No arrests have been made but that investigations have been launched to establish now the owners of the car acquired them.

MNA/Xinhua



**PlayStation 3 will cost gamers a hefty 600 US dollars when it goes on sale on 17 Nov, but Sony executives at Thursday afternoon Gamers' Day were quick to point out that almost everything else associated with the game is free.—XINHUA**

## US mily announces deaths of three Marines in Iraq's Anbar

BAGHDAD, 22 Oct—The US military announced here Saturday three deaths of its Marines in Iraq's restive western province of Anbar. The three US Marines were killed during "enemy action" in Iraq's Anbar Province on Saturday, said the military, without giving further details for the incident.

The death toll is part of a major upsurge in US casualties in Iraq in October, in which nearly 80 US servicemen have died so far.—MNA/Xinhua



## Merkel calls nuclear phase-out in Germany a mistake

WIESBADEN (Germany), 22 Oct— German Chancellor Angela Merkel said on Saturday it is a mistake for the country to turn off its nuclear power plants over the next 14 years even though her coalition government is committed to the plan.

In a speech to a party rally in Wiesbaden, Merkel went further than before to criticize her junior coalition partners, the Social Democrats, for their refusal to reconsider laws requiring German producers to shut down nuclear plants by 2020.

“I consider it to be wrong that we’re turning off our nuclear plants only because that is what was agreed,” Merkel said. “The bad news is, however, the Social Democrats consider that to be important,” she added.

Merkel said the conservatives could still push for a review of the phase-out.

“No one can prevent us from discussing the topic of energy anymore. We’re facing challenges and need to develop strategies to ensure our energy

supplies over the years ahead,” she said.

Nuclear power currently supplies a third of German electricity. Opinion polls regularly show the vast majority of the public opposed to any further extension of nuclear power.

The previous SPD and Greens government had passed laws gradually decommissioning nuclear power stations by 2020. Merkel’s Christian Democrats narrowly beat the SPD in a 2005 election but were forced into a grand coalition with the SPD.

The SPD said the nuclear phase-out was not negotiable.

Merkel had agreed to that last year even though other conservatives, especially Economy Minister Michael Glos, had called for the phase-out to be scrapped due to rising oil prices.

MNA/Reuters



Firemen extinguish a fire from a chemical storage container at a container depot in Mumbai on 22 Oct, 2006. There were no reported casualties.

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## Bird flu infected provinces in Indonesia drop to 14

JAKARTA, 22 Oct — The number of bird-flu infected provinces in Indonesia dropped by 14 from 30, a official said here Saturday.

These 14 provinces have declared free from avian influenza (AI) virus in the past six months, *Antara* news agency quoted Bayu Kris-namurthi, executive officer of the National Commission of the Bird Flu Control and AI Pandemic Alertness, as saying.

The AIfree prov-

inces included South Kalimantan, West Kalimantan, Nanggroe Aceh Darussalam, West Sumatra, West Nusa Tenggara, and West Sulawesi.

Bird flu cases were also not found in South Sumatra, Bangka Belitung, Riau, Jambi, East Kalimantan, Riau Islands and West Irian Jaya.

Health Minister Siti

Fadilah Supari said that such development was encouraging in an effort to prevent the AI virus from affecting people.

“The problem is poultry. If we can control AI infection on poultry, the virus will not infect human beings,” the minister said.

MNA/Xinhua

## United Nations Secretary General’s Message on United Nations Day

24 October 2006

YANGON, 24 Oct— The following is the message from the Secretary General of the United Nations on the United Nations Day which falls today.

For the tenth and last time as secretary-general, I offer friends and colleagues around the world my best wishes on United Nations Day. I have spent almost my whole professional life working for the United Nations— so this day, and the values that it stands for, will always be special for me.

Over the past ten years, we have made some big steps forward in our common struggle for development, security and human rights.

- Aid and debt relief have increased, making the world economy somewhat fairer.
- At last, the world is scaling up its response to HIV/AIDS.
- There are fewer wars between States than there used to be; and many civil wars have ended.
- More Governments are elected by and accountable to, the people whom they govern.
- And all States have acknowledged, at least in words, their responsibility to protect people from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity.

But there is so much that still needs doing:

- The gap between rich and poor continues to grow.
- Very few countries are on track to reach all eight of the Millennium Development Goals by 2015.
- Many people still face atrocities, repression, and brutal conflicts.
- The nuclear non-proliferation regime requires urgent attention.
- Terrorism, and the reaction to it, are spreading fear and suspicion

It seems we don’t even agree which threats are most important. Those who live in small islands may see global warming as the biggest danger. Those who live in a city that has suffered terrorist attacks— like New York, or Mumbai, or Istanbul— may feel that confronting terrorism is more urgent. Others again may cite poverty, disease, or genocide.

The truth is, these are all *global* threats. *All* of us should be concerned about *all* of them. Otherwise, we may not succeed in dealing with any of them.

At this time of all times, we cannot afford to be divided. I know that you, the peoples of the world, understand this. Thank you for all the support and encouragement you have given me, throughout these ten difficult but exciting years.

Please urge your leaders to work with my successor, and make the United Nations ever stronger and more effective.

Long live our planet, and its people. Long live the United Nations. — UNIC



Children play on top of a tank in the Open Air Museum in the Corvin Passage in downtown Budapest on 22 Oct, 2006.

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## MWAF donates cash, books to primary school

YANGON, 23 Oct — Information Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation donated exercise books, stationery and cash to a primary school in Hlinethaya Township today.

At the donation ceremony held at No 44 Basic Education Primary

School, Head of the Information Department Daw Kyi Kyi Win briefed on the purpose of the donation and donated K 100,000 to the school through the head of the school.

Afterwards, Daw Kyi Kyi Win and Organizer of Kachin State Daw Wai Wai

presented cash awards to six outstanding students of the school and exercise books and stationery to students.

Members of Hlinethaya Township Union Solidarity and Development Association and Women's Affairs Organization also attended the ceremony. — MNA



Daw Kyi Kyi Win of MWAF presents K 100,000 to headmistress of No 44 BEPS in Hlinethaya.—MNA

# The bliss of meritorious donation that excels all others

Zeya Myo Htet

It was raining lightly. I took a look at the scenery through the train's window. Every scenery was complete with lush and green paddy fields. I felt peaceful and fresh at the sight of the scenic beauty.

My journey was an auspicious one as it was related to donation. I was pleased, thinking that I would have to attend the cash presentation ceremony for supply of clean water to rural regions together with my family members.

The 12th cash presentation ceremony of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs for clean water supply to rural regions was held at the Development Affairs Department at Thanhletsun, Botahtaung Township, Yangon on 4 September 2006, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the Commander of Yangon Command and ministers, heads of department, social organizations, well-wishers

and guests.

On the occasion, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt clarified measures taken for supply of clean water to rural regions.

Under the project for supply of clean water to rural regions, the ministry has supplied clean water to 7,776 villages out of 8,042 in three divisions in the dry zone where water is scarce, accounting for 97 per cent. In the same way, it has been able to supply clean water to 8,490 villages out of 15,183 villages in the remaining states and divisions, accounting for 56 per cent. It is learnt that clean water supply tasks have been implemented in 16,266 villages out of 23,225 in all the states and divisions.

The contributions of 1,649 well-wishers from the first to 11th donations were K 1306.1 million, US\$ 76,752, Euro 770 and FEC 10,012. And the 12th cash donation totalled K 96.685 million.

Altogether 2,166 tube-wells—1655 in three arid

divisions and 461 in other states and divisions—were sunk with the contributions made by the well-wishers.

At present, altogether 30 townships—seven townships namely ChaungU, Myinmu, Myaung, KhinU, Katha, Kawlin and Tamu in Sagaing Division, 12 townships namely Taungdwingyi, Minbu, Aunglan, Pwintbyu, Kanma, Mindon, Saw, Pakokku, Myaing, Yesagyoy, Pauk and Seikphyu in Magway Division and 11 townships namely Myittha, Kyaukse, Myingyan, Meiktila, Singaing, TadaU, Madaya, Lewe, Wundwin, Thazi and Amarapura in Mandalay Division are enjoying the fruits of water supply tasks. The people in the villages facilitated with water supply are now pleased and joyful.

At the 12th cash presentation ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and ministers and officials accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the well-wishers. And a well-wisher, on behalf of all the well-wishers, expressed his pleasure of making donations.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe made a speech as to the water supply project, saying that although the amount of donations could be described in figure the faith and generosity of the well-wishers could not be expressed in words; that he on behalf of the State thanked the people who contributed their shares in national development tasks.

The well-wishers who made donations towards the project for supply of clean water to rural regions will not only gain merits of donating water without asking for them but also enjoy the bliss that excels all others.

Translation: TS

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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye hosts dinner in honour of Chinese goodwill delegation led by Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie of PLA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct — 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 hosted dinner in honour of Chinese goodwill delegation led by Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, yesterday evening.

Also present at the dinner were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Senior Military Officers, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Guan Mu, Military Attaché Senior Colonel Fan Lian Feng and officials. Before and during the dinner, vocalists of Myanma Radio and Television entertained the guests with songs. —MNA



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye hosts dinner in honour of Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie of People's Liberation Army of PRC at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA*

## All need to guard nation against neo-colonialist perpetration

### Basic Journalism Course No 7 opens

YANGON, 23 Oct — The basic journalism course No 7 organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association was opened at the USDA Headquarters in Bahan Township this morning, with an address by CEC member of USDA U Aung Min.

Also present were USDA CEC members U Ohn Myint, U Khin Maung Myint, U Aung Thein Lin, U Maung Pa, responsible personnel of USDA Headquarters, course instructors, trainees and guests.

First, USDA CEC member U Aung Min made an opening speech. He said that USDA turned 13 years on 15 September. The association served the national political duty with its aims of non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, perpetuation of sovereignty, keeping patriotism alive and dynamic towards the uplift of national prestige and integrity and building a peaceful modern developed nation. There are now more than 23 million USDA members due to its lofty aims.

He said this basic journalism course is significant. Outstanding trainees of public relations and knowledge management courses were chosen and allowed to do the course. The association is nurturing the trainees to possess good qualities such as knowledge and thought with the objectives of building a peaceful modern developed nation and safeguarding it. The journalism course was conducted

with the aim of applying news and information in propaganda work effectively and widely in practical field with the combination of print and electronic media after establishing information pillar of the USDA, he said.

He said the trainees are to study leadership, developments of the State, international affairs and brief history of the newspapers and learn various kinds of skills regarding the journalism.

He said the basic journalism course would turn out good reporters, skilled journalists, editors, photo journalists and TV cameramen. They would also help counter the media attacks of some foreign news agencies. The present world is the age of information technology and the world has become a global village. In the globalization process, some big nations with superiority in IT development are interfering in the internal affairs of sovereign nations through the media.

In connection with foreign media interfering in the internal affairs of other countries, USDA Patron Head of State Senior General Than Shwe sent a message on the occasion of 85th Anniversary National Day, saying that "in this age of advancing science and technology, the neo-colonialists instead of using much-obvious colonization and coercion resorting to force, are trying to encroach on and dominate others through the media, with social, economic, human rights and narcotic drug

excuses. In this regard, we all need to guard the nation against their perpetration with national awareness that originated in patriotism and Union Spirit".

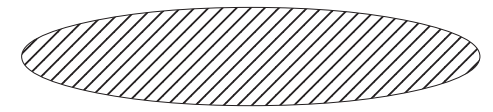
The CEC member continued that the information ministers meeting of the 96th Non-Aligned Movement was held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia recently. The meeting passed a resolution to establish NNN: Nam News Network. He said all the members of NAM are criticizing Western media for their fabricated news ignoring the objective conditions of developing countries. Thus, the member countries unanimously approved Kuala Lumpur declaration to constitute NWICO: New World Information and Communication Order. So, all the trainees need to know the importance of countering such foreign media.

The CEC member urged the trainees to uphold Our Three Main National Causes, to actively participate in the successful implementation of seven-step Road Map to shape a peaceful modern developed democratic nation, to try their utmost during the course in order to perform their duties efficiently in the media field and to try to become efficient information staff.

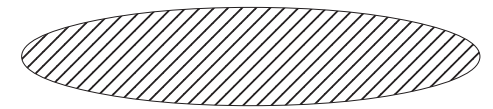
After the ceremony, the CEC member cordially greeted the trainees. A total of 53 USDA members from the states and divisions are attending the ten-week course.

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*Senior General Than Shwe  
accepts credentials of Ambassador  
of the Russian Federation,  
Mr Mikhail M Mgeladze.  
(News on page 16)—MNA*



## **Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Chinese goodwill delegation led by Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie of PLA**

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct — 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 received Chinese goodwill delegation led by Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 5.30 pm yesterday.

Also present at the call together with Vice-Senior General Maung Aye were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen

Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, Military Affairs Security Chief Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win. The guests were accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and Military Attaché Senior Colonel Fan Lian Feng. — MNA

*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greets Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie of People's Liberation Army of PRC at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.— MNA*



*Vice-Senior General  
Maung Aye receives  
Chief of General  
Staff General Liang  
Guanglie of People's  
Liberation Army of  
PRC at Bayintnaung  
Yeiktha in  
Nay Pyi Taw.*

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**Senior General Than Shwe receives Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr P A D Samarasekera at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.**  
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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off PLA Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie and party at Nay Pyi Taw Airport

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct— The Chinese goodwill delegation led by Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie of the People's Liberation

Army of the People's Republic of China, on a goodwill visit at the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development

Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, left

here by special aircraft to visit Pyin Oo Lwin and Mandalay this morning.

First, the visiting Chinese goodwill delegation left Hotel Zone of Nay Pyi Taw by car for Nay Pyi Taw Airport. On arrival at the airport they were welcomed by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, SPDC member Lt-Gen



**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents a photo album to Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie of People's Liberation Army of PRC.— MNA**

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

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 and senior military officers.

At the airport lounge, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented a documentary album on the goodwill visit to Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie.

Before departure for Pyi Oo Lwin at the airport, the Chinese goodwill delegation was seen off by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party.

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



## Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein enjoys Saddhasumana Drama for Marionette Contest

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct — Patron of Leading Committee for Organizing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Lt-Gen Thein Sein enjoyed the Saddhasumana Drama for Marionette Contest performed by Aung Sitaw Marionette Troupe representing Yangon Division at the hall of University of Veterinary Science here this evening.

Among the audience were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, member of the Panel of Patrons of the Leading Committee



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein enjoys Saddhasumana Drama for marionette contest. — MNA

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Education Dr Chan

Nyein, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung,

Deputy Ministers for Education U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, officials, family members of regiments and units under the Nay Pyi Taw Command, members of culture troupes and

locals.

Artistes took part in the contest to the accompaniment of Sein Hla Myaing Myanmar Orchestra.

Saddhasumana Drama for Marionette Contest was staged with

the aim of strengthening the belief that charity and genuine goodwill bring benefit.

Yadanabon Marionette Troupe representing Mandalay Division will participate in the contest tomorrow.—MNA

## 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue for the ninth day

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct — Programmes of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the ninth day at designated places here today.

Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Leading Committee of the Competitions and Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Electric Power

No-1 Col Zaw Min, members of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Kyaw Aung and U Soe Oo, Secretary of the Leading Committee Col Yan Naing Oo, officials and locals enjoyed the competitions.

Altogether 21 contestants took part in basic education level (aged 10-15) dancing contest taken place at Auditorium of University of Veterinary and supervised by the Panel of Judges led by Professor Daw Nu Nu Khin.

Song composing

contest was held at Yezin Agriculture Research Department and it was supervised by leader of the Panel of Judges U Lay Nyunt and members. Ten contestants took part in amateur level (first class) (men's and women's) song composing contest.

Xylophone contests held at Auditorium of Yezin University of Agriculture were supervised by U Khin Hla and members. Altogether 12 contestants took part in basic education level (aged 5-10) boys xylophone contests and five in amateur level (first class) women's xylophone contest.

Harp contests were held at Lecture Hall of Yezin University of Agriculture. The contests were supervised by U Aung Kein and members. Seven from the states and divisions took part in amateur level (second class) men's harp contest, seven in amateur level (second class) women's harp contest, three in basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' harp contest and seven in basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' harp contest.



A contestant participates in amateur level (second class) women's violin contest. — MNA

## MMCWA conducts reproductive course No 2/2006

YANGON, 23 Oct — Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association today opened the No 2/2006 reproductive course to raise awareness of reproduction at MMCWA in South Okkalapa Township today.

A total of 30 trainees from six townships are attending the five-day course.

President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win and Director-General of Health Department Dr Tin Win Maung delivered addresses.

Next, Resident Representative of UNFPA Mr Daniel B Baker briefed on the purpose of the course.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-President of MMCWA Daw Aye Aye and executives of MMCWA, chairperson



President Daw Khin Khin Win of MMCWA presents K 1,518,000 to conduct township's level courses in Rakhine. — MNA

of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Mar Mar Wai and others.

President Daw Khin Khin Win presented K 9,108,000 to responsible persons of state and divi-

sion MCWSC to conduct the course in Natmauk and Myothit townships in Magwe Division, Maungtaung and Buthidaung townships in Rakhine State and Haka and Falam townships in Chin State.—MNA

Piano contests held at auditorium of Yezin Forest Research were supervised by U Yi Nwe and members. Four contestants from states and divisions took part in amateur level (first class) women's piano contest and eight in basic education level (aged 5-10)

boys' piano contest.

Violin contests were held at the convocation hall of University of Agriculture and supervised by U Yi Nwe and members. Altogether eight contestants took part in amateur level (second class) men's violin contest, two in amateur level

(second class) women's violin contest, five in higher education level men's violin contest and three in higher education level women's violin contest. The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue tomorrow. —MNA



# Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects progress of education and health sectors in Dawei District

NAY PYI TAW, 22 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo and Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, inspected Yalaing Sluice Gate built on Yalaing Creek near Yalaing Village-tract in Yebyu Township on 18 October morning.



*Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence inspects Yalaing Sluice Gate in Yebyu Township. — MNA*

Departmental officials reported on water facilities of the sluice gate for agricultural purpose.

The commander urged local farmers to extend cultivation of summer paddy.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions to those present.

At the site of Dawei University

Construction Project, Pro-Rector U Kyaw Kyaw Htay presented reports on academic and management matters, and progress of construction tasks.

Engineers also reported on construction of the four-storey main building. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo

urged faculty members to produce more outstanding human resources.

At the office of Dawei District PDC, they met with local authorities and members of the District Agricultural Supervisory Committee. Chairman of Dawei District PDC Lt-Col Khin Maung Nyo reported on cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy,

reclamation of farmlands and growing of 10 major crops and physic nut plants. Departmental officials also submitted reports on their respective sectors. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo stressed the need to strive for ensuring food sufficiency in the division. Dawei District

is to extend more acres of farmland for cultivation of paddy. It is necessary to grow rubber and oil palm to meet the target. Departmental officials are to organize local people to cultivate physic nut plants.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with education officers and school heads and the medical superintendent of

Dawei General Hospital and staff at Dawei Basic Education High School No 1, and heard reports on educational and health tasks presented by officials.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo instructed them to nurture outstanding students and to provide health care services to the people including those from rural areas. — MNA

## Cultural vow

- \* In Nay Pyi Taw or abode of success  
Unitedly gathered together  
Beauty of art, noble music  
As Performing Arts Competitions  
Myanmar will proudly make it resounding  
Brothers, friends, let's do our best.
- \* Blood brother born of the Union  
For grandeur of Myanmar  
Will beautify this land  
With music and dances  
Let's join hands for glory of this land.
- \* Competitions held for four and ten years  
For Myanmar race not to be tarnished  
With, national awareness and dutifulness  
With strength heightened by alertness  
We own this land of Myanmar  
We shall march on to the regal  
Nay Pyi Taw.  
With hands peacefully joined  
Let's march on together.
- \* O,  
Kachin and Kayah be consolidated  
Blood brother Kayins keep hands held  
As we march on to the land of peace  
From hills and plains Chins join hands  
Strength of Bamars and Mons added  
Stretching hands out to Rakhines and Shans  
All in our Royal Land, peaceful golden land  
Joined together, the ornamented hands  
Let's make a vow with music.

Shwe Lay ( Myoma Haka ) ( Trs )  
(Hailing the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural  
Performing Arts Competitions in progress)

## New Mon State (Breakaway) Party condemns US for putting Myanmar on the agenda of UNSC

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct—*The New Mon State (Breakaway) Group on 13 October 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 New Mon State (Breakaway) Party on condemnation of US interference in Myanmar's internal affairs using the UN**

13 October 2006

1. It is learnt that owing to the submission of the US permanent representative to the UN, a decision was made to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UNSC accusing the country of posing a threat to regional stability.

2. It can be assumed that using the UN as a tool the decision was made with the intention of

- (a) harming Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national

solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

(b) impeding the National Convention being convened under the seven-step Road Map with the participation of representatives from all walks of life.

(c) harming peace and stability of the State so far achieved, prevalence of law and order and process of transition to democracy as well as the efforts for building of a modern and developed nation.

3. As such interference was just a plot to destabilize the internal affairs, to jeopardize endeavours to satisfy food, clothing and shelter needs of the people and to harm the sovereignty of a nation, the peace group declared that it protests and condemns the indirect perpetration of the US.

**Naing Seik Chan**  
Chairman

**New Mon State (Breakaway) Party**



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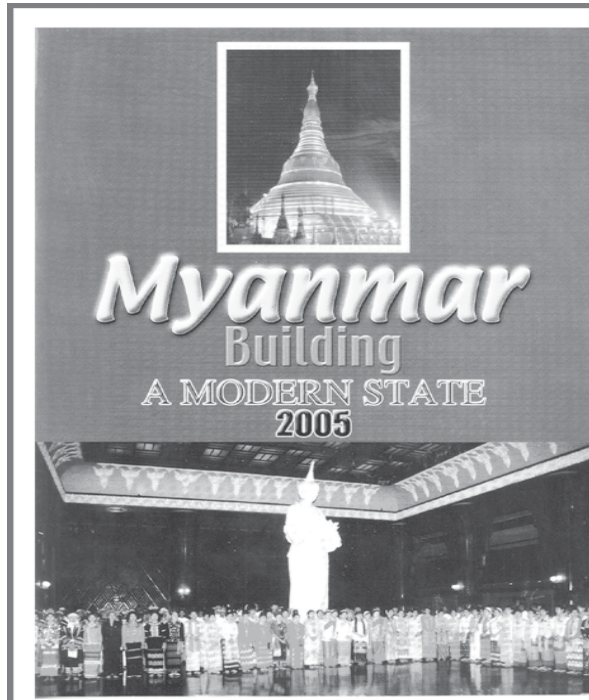
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**German inmate refuses to leave jail**

BERLIN, 22 Oct—A 59-year-old German man who has spent the last 34 years in jail has turned down offers to be let out, an official said on Saturday.  
"He rejected an offer to leave in 1992," Thomas Melzer, a spokesman for the Brandenburg State Justice Ministry, told *Bild* newspaper. "We can't do anything if someone sentenced to life in prison doesn't want to leave."  
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**US scientists forecast extreme weather in future**

LOS ANGELES, 22 Oct— Much of the world will see more deadly heat waves, intense rainstorms and prolonged dry spells before the end of this century, US scientists predicted in a latest study.  
The new study "Going to the Extremes", conducted by the researchers at US National Centre for Atmospheric Research, will appear in the December issue of the journal *Climatic Change*.  
Previous climate studies have looked at how

average temperature or rainfall might change in the next century as greenhouse gases increase, but the new work looks more specifically at how weather extremes could change, the researchers said.  
"It's the extremes, not the averages, that cause the most damage to society and to many ecosystems," said Claudia Tebaldi, lead author of the report at the National Centre for Atmospheric Research.  
"We now have the first

model-based consensus on how the risk of dangerous heat waves, intense rains, and other kinds of extreme weather will change in the next century."  
The researchers based their work on simulations from nine different climate models for the periods 1980-1999 and 2080-2099. The simulations were created on supercomputers at research centres in France, Japan, Russia and the United States.

Each model simulated the 2080-2099 interval three times, varying the extent to which greenhouse gases increase. These three scenarios were used to account for uncertainty over how fast society may act to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases over coming decades.  
From the model output, the scientists computed 10 different indices of climate extremes, with five related to temperature and five to moisture.—MNA/Xinhua

**Brazil arrests 40 bank fraud suspects**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Oct— Brazil's federal police on Friday arrested 40 alleged members of a gang, on charges of banking frauds such as card cloning.  
The suspects come from Brazil's six north-eastern states as well as from Para state in the North and Minas Gerais state in the southeast, police said.  
A total of 250 federal agents participated in the raid code named Operation Cyclone, and were ordered to arrest 9 people involved in the scheme.  
Police investigations showed that the gang cloned cards at cashing points in one town, and drew money from the

victims' bank accounts at other cashing points in neighbouring towns.  
The criminals also created fake companies in order to obtain banking credits.  
Federal police said that the criminal gang was organized into several smaller groups. One of them was developing a new type of remote-controlled gadget that would enable its members to draw unlimited amounts of money from a distance, but the scheme was foiled before they could use the equipment. Others worked on illegal money remittances through the Internet, falsification of public documents and frauds in public bidding

processes, in collaboration with certain public servants.  
The investigation started in 2005 in the Brazilian capital of Brasilia, and was coordinated with another operation carried out by the federal police in March 2006 in the Ceara state.  
MNA/Xinhua

**Bad weather, poor judgment for helicopter crash in E Nepal**

KATHMANDU, 22 Oct— It was the bad weather coupled with the pilot's poor judgment that were responsible for the fatal helicopter crash at Ghunsa area in Taplejung in eastern Nepal last month, according to a preliminary report issued here on Saturday.  
As many as 24 passengers — State Minister for Forest Gopal

Rai and 23 other conservation experts — lost their lives in the tragic helicopter crash.  
The report prepared by the probe commission formed by the Nepali Government to investigate the accident stated that the Ghunsa area was cloudy on 23 September when the pilot decided to enter the cloud even though the

helicopter was "not certified" for Instrumental Flight Rule (IFR).  
According to aviation norms, it is not appropriate to fly when there is poor visibility.  
The report pointed out that pilot Kim Klim was flying in that region for the first time.  
"The technical side of the helicopter was good and there were no health-related problems on the part of pilots," the report said.  
"The chopper hit the hill 2 minutes and 58 seconds after it took off from Ghunsa," it said.  
The final report of the commission will be completed after two months.  
MNA/Xinhua

**Malaysia to host int'l agricultural show**

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Oct— Malaysia will host Agriculture, Horticulture and Agrotourism Show (MAHA) 2006 to promote investment participation in the agricultural sector next month, an official said Saturday.  
The MAHA, slated for

21-26 November, will be held at the Malaysia Agro-Exposition Park in Serdang, Selangor State, said Agriculture and Agro-based Industry Ministry parliamentary secretary Rohani Abdul Karim.  
"It aims to provide a

platform of meeting for the seller and buyer, technology inventor and the agricultural sector service supplier locally and internationally," Rohani told reporters in Sarawak State in eastern Malaysia.  
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### Van Gogh's Sheaves of Wheat at Dallas Museum of Art

DALLAS (Texas), 23 Oct —The Dallas Museum of Art will present Van Gogh's Sheaves of Wheat, an in-depth study of a theme that both delighted and obsessed this great artist and influenced countless contemporaries and future artists. Organized by the Dallas Museum of Art and featuring Vincent van Gogh's masterwork Sheaves of Wheat (1890) from the Museum's own collection, this exhibition explores the artist's fascination with the motif in his paintings, drawings, and personal letters, as well as the iconographic significance of wheat and agricultural labor in the work of other late 19th-century artists, including Paul Gauguin, Jean-François Millet, and Camille Pissarro, among others. The exhibition will have the largest collection of Van Gogh works ever displayed in the Southwest.

One of Van Gogh's final works, Sheaves of Wheat was completed weeks before the artist's death in July 1890. With animistic intensity, van Gogh depicts a field of golden wheat, gathered together in freshly stacked sheaves. Other works by Van Gogh, such as Wheat Field with a Reaper (5 -6 September 1889) and Corn Harvest in Provence (17-23 June 1888) help to elucidate the artist's vision and the aesthetic evolution of the theme.

"Van Gogh's Sheaves of Wheat illuminates a common motif that has universal significance as a symbol of biblical and mythical abundance," said

Dorothy Kosinski, Senior Curator of Painting and Sculpture and the Barbara Thomas Lemmon Curator of European Art at the DMA. "This exhibition examines Van Gogh's personal obsession with the theme, which became a metaphor for the creative process and the cycle of life in the artist's work, and contextualizes Van Gogh's interpretations with those of other artists of the time." —Internet



Vincent van Gogh, *Corn Harvest in Provence (JH 1481/F 558), June 1888. Oil on canvas, 19 3/4 x 23 5/8 in. Israel Museum, Jerusalem. Gift of Yad Hanadiv, Jerusalem, from the collection of Miriam Alexandrine Rothschild, daughter of the late Baron Edmond de.*—INTERNET

### Home Internet users grow sharply in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 Oct — The number of Brazilians with residential Internet access has reached 21 million in September, 2006, up 113 per cent from the 9.8 million in September, 2000, showed a study released on Friday by the research institute IBOPE//NetRatings.

Over the past six years, the number of active Internet users in Brazil has increased by an even higher rate of 168 per cent. In 2006, 13.6 million Brazilians are surfing the web regularly, compared to the 5.1 million in 2000.

In September, 2006, the average time spent by an Internet user at home was 20 hours 27 minutes, up 27 minutes from that in August, 2006.

It also ranks the first on the list of the 10 countries where the same research methodology was carried out, with Japan coming second with 18 hours 22 minutes, France third with 17 hours 43 minutes and the United States fourth with 17 hours 8 minutes.

Women users also grew significantly from 42 per cent in 2000 to 49 per cent in 2006.

The significant presence of women in the Brazilian Internet follows a tendency that was already observed in the US market, where the women are a majority. That reinforces Internet as a channel for big advertisers, said IBOPE's analysis coordinator Alexandre Sanches Magalhaes. — MNA/Xinhua

### Chirac's City Hall wine collection makes a million

PARIS, 22 Oct — Wine enthusiasts paid just over one million dollars to buy some of the best wines collected by French President Jacques Chirac while he was mayor of Paris.

Once Chirac's collection of wines used to dazzle prominent guests during his almost two-decade reign as mayor of the City of Light. Now the sale of about 5,000 bottles prized from the city hall's grand wine cellar has bested expert estimates.



A man views bottles of vintage wine from the grand cellar of Paris City Hall before an auction at the Credit Municipal in Paris, on 20 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

The sale earned 961,030 euros (1.21 million US dollars) against expectations of up to 700,000 euros, a spokeswoman for the Credit Municipal auction house said on Saturday.

"It all sold very well," the spokeswoman said.

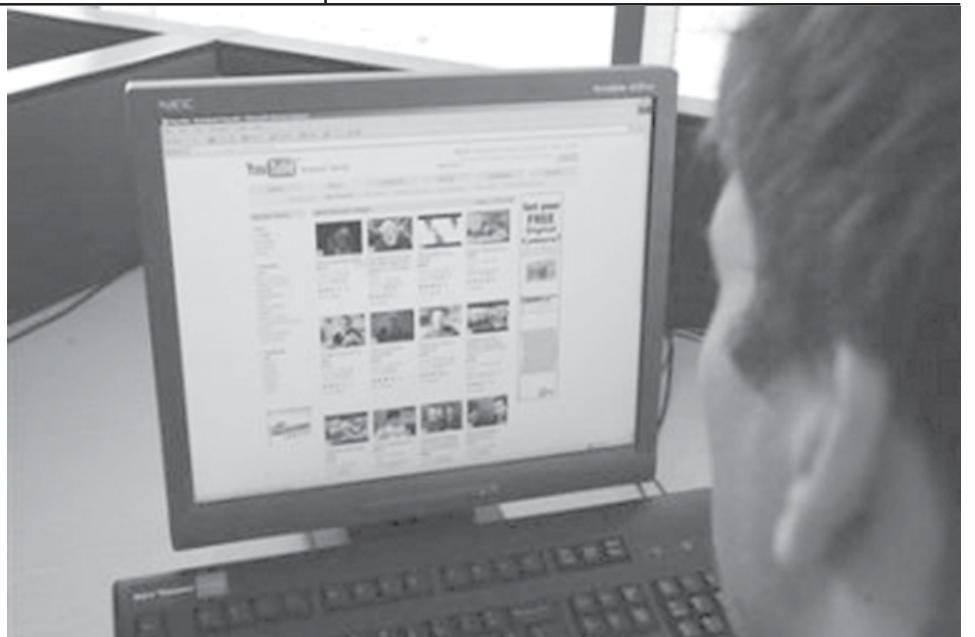
The most expensive lot was two bottles of 1986 Romanee Conti, sold to Britain's Antique Wine Company for 5,000 euros each — plus 15-per cent commission.

"I know that Chirac was heavily criticized for his flamboyant purchases. After this sale one could perhaps conclude it was a good investment," Antique Wine Company chairman Stephen Williams told *Le Parisien* newspaper.

The sale, which took place over two days, was ordered by Socialist Mayor Bertrand Delanoë after an audit revealed the value of the collection had risen sharply.

The bottles date back to the days when Chirac used to host lavish receptions in the gilded city hall building, earning himself a bon vivant image that proved popular with some voters but also prompted accusations of excess.

MNA/Reuters



A man views YouTube.com in an undated file photo. Google Inc's YouTube.com removed 29,549 video files from its popular Web site after receiving a demand from a group of Japanese media companies over copyright infringement, an industry group said on 20 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

### YouTube removes 30,000 files amid Japanese copyright concerns

WASHINGTON, 22 Oct — The popular US-based video-sharing website YouTube has deleted nearly 30,000 files over copyright concerns after being asked by a group representing Japan's entertainment industry, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Saturday.

The report said that the Japan Society for Rights of Authors, Composers and Publishers, has found

29,549 files such as video clips from TV programmes, music videos and movies posted on YouTube's site without permission.

Acting on behalf of 23 Japanese TV stations and movie and music companies, the group asked YouTube to remove the copyrighted materials, said Fumiyuki Asakura, an official from the organization.

YouTube, based in San Bruno, California quickly removed all the files requested. Since YouTube started in February 2005, the company has blossomed, now showing more than 100 million video clips per day. YouTube's world-wide audience was 72.1 million by August, up 2.8 million from a year earlier, according to comScore Media Metrix.

MNA/Xinhua



# SPORTS

## Arsenal beat Reading 4-0

LONDON, 23 Oct— Arsenal climbed to fourth in the Premiership after earned an impressive 4-0 win at Reading on Sunday.

The Gunners talisman Thierry Henry needed only 58 seconds to score Arsenal's first goal at the Madejski Stadium by stroking home Cesc Fabregas' precise pull-back.

Alexander Hleb doubled the lead after exchanging passes with Tomas Rosicky and Robin van Persie finished another fast-flowing move after half-time.

Thierry Henry converted a penalty after Marcus Hahnemann's foul on Fabregas as Arsenal completely outclassed Reading.

With title rivals Manchester United and Chelsea both wrapping up victories before Arsenal had kicked off, the Gunners were under pressure to secure the three points to keep them in touch.

They wasted little time in stamping their authority on the game, the first league meeting between the two sides.

Fabregas received the ball on the right, nonchalantly brushed aside James Harper's challenge and cut the ball back for Henry to score his 168th Premiership goal. The sublime goal set the tone for a sumptuous attacking display from the Gunners.

Henry and Fabregas combined again after five minutes but Reading keeper Ivar Ingimarsson was alert to the danger and smothered the teenager's shot.

MNA/Xinhua



Arsenal goalkeeper Jens Lehmann claims the ball ahead of Reading's Stephen Hunt during the English Premiership soccer match at the Madejski Stadium, Reading, England on 22 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

## Pacesetters Inter, Roma both held

MILAN, 23 Oct— Serie A leaders Inter Milan were held to a 0-0 draw at Udinese on Sunday but second-placed AS Roma failed to make up ground as they drew 1-1 at home to Chievo Verona.

Inter lead on 15 points with Roma on 13 and Udinese, Atalanta, Livorno and Palermo are all on 12 points.

Roma needed an equalizer from Francesco Totti to avoid an embarrassing defeat at home to Chievo who had taken the lead through Sergio Pellissier.

Atalanta produced a great comeback from two goals down to beat Sampdoria 3-2 — Cristiano Doni scoring twice from the penalty spot for the Bergamo club before Riccardo Zampagna's 89th-minute winner.

AC Milan were facing Palermo at the San Siro Stadium later on Sunday.

Inter, defending champions after they were handed last season's title by a sports

tribunal investigating match-fixing allegations, were unable to find a way through at Udinese. Inter coach Roberto Mancini left out Brazilian striker Adriano who has been given time off by the club to help recover his form.

Despite the impressive performances of Alvaro Recoba and Julio Ricardo Cruz in the midweek Champions League win over Spartak Moscow, Mancini handed Zlatan Ibrahimovic and Hernan Crespo the starting roles in attack.

After a low-key first-half, Inter had the better of the game with Ibrahimovic twice forcing good saves out of Udinese keeper Morgan De Sanctis.

MNA/Reuters

## United stake title claim by beating Liverpool

LONDON, 23 Oct— Manchester United stormed back to the top of the Premier League on Sunday after Paul Scholes marked his 500th game for the club with the opening goal in a comfortable 2-0 win over Liverpool.

Scholes prodded the ball home six minutes before halftime and England defender Rio Ferdinand added only the fourth goal of his four-year United career in the 66th minute, expertly rifling into the top corner.

Victory put United top on 22 points, just ahead of champions Chelsea on goal difference.

The weekend's showcase game was at Old Trafford, where United ran out convincing winners over a Liverpool side who are now 11 points off the pace, their title hopes pretty well in ruins.

Scholes, who became only the ninth player to reach the 500-game mark with United, opened the scoring after being left completely unmarked on the edge of the six-yard box.

His first effort from Ryan Giggs' cross was parried by Spanish keeper Jose Reina but the 31-year-old midfielder made sure by bundling the ball home as Liverpool defender Sami Hyypia tried to hook it clear.



Manchester United's Paul Scholes, center, and Liverpool goalkeeper Jose Reina, left, watch the ball drop during the build up to Scholes goal against Liverpool during their English Premier League soccer match at Old Trafford Stadium, Manchester, England, on 22 Oct, 2006. United won the match 2-0. —INTERNET

Ferdinand arrowed in the second in the 66th minute after deftly bringing the ball down with his right foot and firing home with his left after Jamie Carragher's botched clearance.

MNA/Reuters

## Ruthless Federer powers to 10th title of year

MADRID, 23 Oct— World number one Roger Federer racked up his 10th title of the season with a ruthless 7-5, 6-1, 6-0 win over Chile's Fernando Gonzalez in the final of the two-million-euro Madrid Masters on Sunday.

The 25-year-old Swiss weathered an early storm from the 10th seed but found his rhythm in the second set and then powered his way to victory as Gonzalez folded under the pressure.

It was Federer's fourth Masters title of the year and the 12th of his career, taking him one clear of Pete Sampras into second place behind Andre Agassi who heads the all-time list with 17.

The victory, Federer's

first in Madrid, extended his winning streak to 19 matches and took his tally of victories for the year to 82. He is the first player since Ivan Lendl in 1982 to win 80 matches two years in a row. The Swiss had won all seven of his previous encounters with Gonzalez but he looked a little rusty at the start of the opening set and made some uncharacteristic unforced errors. —MNA/Reuters

## Blackburn lose to Bolton 1-0

LONDON, 23 Oct— Bolton goalkeeper Jussi Jaaskelainen saved two penalties in three minutes as his 10-man team beat host Blackburn 1-0 to earn their third Premiership away win on Sunday.

Bolton had gone ahead through Ivan Campo's close-range 63rd minute header before the home side missed those two penalties in the last five minutes.

Jason Roberts won both penalties but Jaaskelainen saved Benni McCarthy's shot and again guessed correctly to stop the former Wigan striker's effort. Kevin Nolan was then sent off after he picked up a

second yellow card.

Quinton Fortune gave away the first penalty for a clumsy tackle on Roberts before the Blackburn substitute was fouled by both Nicky Hunt and Gary Speed. —MNA/Xinhua



International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge was awarded an Honorary Doctorate at the Beijing Sports University on 22 Oct, 2006. —XINHUA

## Middlesbrough beat Newcastle 1-0



Newcastle's captain Scott Parker, left, battles with Middlesbrough's Fabio Rochemback right during their English Premier League soccer match at Middlesbrough's Riverside Stadium, on 22 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

LONDON, 23 Oct— Middlesbrough won their first back-to-back Premier League wins of the season on Sunday after Yakubu's late winner gave them a 1-0 win over Newcastle United in the Tyne-Tees derby.

The Nigerian powered in a header from Stewart Downing's well-flighted corner with five minutes left to inflict a third successive Premiership defeat on Newcastle.

Obafemi Martins almost put Newcastle ahead when his chip over Boro keeper Mark Schwarzer struck the bar. Damien Duff's late miss epitomized Newcastle's costly poor finishing.

Robert Huth was the odd man out as Boro boss Gareth Southgate paired two out of his three international central defenders.

Jonathan Woodgate lined up alongside Austrian Emmanuel Pogatzetz and, unsurprisingly, the former Newcastle defender was roundly booed by travelling Magpies fans.

MNA/Xinhua



# India's TVS Motor to produce motorcycles in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 22 Oct — The Indian third largest motorcycle producer, TVS Motor Company is building a factory in Indonesia's West Java Province, which will go into production next year, a local media reported here on Saturday.

The company's products will be marketed mainly in Java and Sumatra islands, the *Jakarta Post* daily quoted the company's sales and marketing director for Indonesia K Vijayakumar as saying.

He said the company will invest up to 45 million US dollars for the construction of the factory in Karawang of the

province. The factory will have a production capacity of 300,000 motorcycles per year and a workforce of around 300.

Vijayakumar said the company will focus on the production of bebek (small engine capacity) and sports motorcycles at the new factory.

TVS president director BLP Simha said the company was considering to increase investment in Indonesia, and make the country its production base for Southeast Asia.

MNA/Xinhua

# Death toll rises to 16 in mortar attacks at Baghdad market

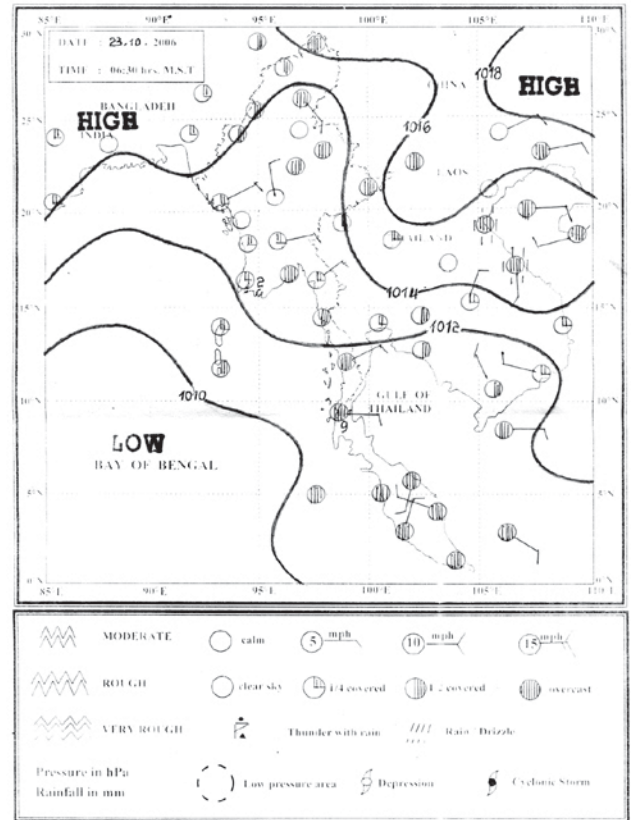
BAGHDAD, 22 Oct — The death toll from mortar attacks in a market south of Baghdad on Saturday rose to at least 16, a well-informed Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

A total of 60 others were wounded in the blasts, the anonymous source said. Earlier, the source said ten people were killed and 53 others were wounded when a popular outdoor market was shelled by mortar rounds south of the capital.

At least a dozen of mortar rounds hit the market in the city of Mahmoudiyah, some 48 kilometres south of the capital, at sunset shortly before iftar, the time for breaking the daily fast during the holy Islamic month of Ramadan, the source added.

MNA/Xinhua

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Monday, 23 October, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan State, isolated in Chin State, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.40) inch, Kawthoung (0.36) inch, Pynmana (0.19) inch, Taunggyi and Bago (0.16) inch and Magway (0.08) inch.

Maximum temperature on 22-10-2006 was 97°F. Minimum temperature on 23-10-2006 was 77°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 23-10-2006 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 22-10-2006 was 7.3 hours approx.

Rainfalls on 23-10-2006 were (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were 98.46 inches at Mingaladon and 111.61 inches at Kaba-Aye and 116.61 inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Southwest at 10:35 hours MST on 23-10-2006.

**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 24-10-2006:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Shan State, isolated in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi 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:** Decrease of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 24-10-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 60%.


**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 24-10-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 24-10-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 60%.



The giant panda Mei Xiang (R) is ready to enter a room with its cub Tai Shan at the new Giant Panda Habitat at the National Zoo of Washington, capital of the United States of America, on 21 Oct, 2006.

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**Tuesday, 24 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. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

**8:05 am**  
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:10 am**  
7. Song of yesteryear

**8:20 am**

**8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ**  
**8:30 am**  
9. International news

**8:45 am**  
10. Let's go

**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**  
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**  
3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (ဓာတုဗေဒ အထူးပြု) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)

**4:45 pm**  
4. Dance of national races

**5:00 pm**  
5. ခံစားနားဆင် တေးဇာတ်ဝင်

**5:10 pm**  
6. “ရောင်ပြန်ဟပ်ခြင်း” (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ကုသိုလ်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်နွဲ့နွဲ့မိုး)

**5:15 pm**  
7. ကမ္ဘာ့ကုလသမဂ္ဂနေ့တေးများ

**5:30 pm**  
8. Sing and enjoy

**6:00 pm**  
9. Evening news

**6:30 pm**  
10. Weather report

**6:35 pm**  
11. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “တောတွင်းသားငယ်လေး” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

**6:50 pm**  
12. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ ရင်ခုန်သံ

**7:05 pm**  
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်ခြင်းနှင့်အတူ” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

**8:00 pm**  
14. News


15. International news

16. Weather report

17. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “စပိုင်ချစ်သူ” (အပိုင်း-၁၆)

19. The next day's programme



**Tuesday, 24 October**  
Tune in today

**8:30 am** Brief news  
**8:35 am** Music: -Forever your girl

**8:40 am** Perspectives  
**8:45 am** Music: -Only you

**8:50 am** National news/Slogan  
**9:00 am** Music: -To the music

**9:05 am** International news  
**9:10 am** Music: -I'll be waiting there for you

**1:30 pm** News / Slogan  
**1:40pm** Lunchtime music -If I were you -I'm no angel -How happy -Forever

**9:00pm** English speaking course level ( ) unit ( )

**9:10pm** Article  
**9:20pm** Weekly sport reel  
**9:30pm** Music for your listening pleasure -Love shot -My baby you -I wana love you forever

**9:45 pm** News / Slogan  
**10:00 pm** PEL



## Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct— Mr P.A.D Samarasekera, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha,

here, at 10.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department. — MNA



*Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka*

*Mr P A D Samarasekera.— MNA*

## Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of Russian Federation

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct— Mr Mikhail M Mgeladze, newly-accredited Ambassador of the Russian Federation to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and

Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 11 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council

Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Ministers U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department.

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*Senior General Than Shwe receives Ambassador of the Russian Federation Mr Mikhail M Mgeladze at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.— MNA*