

## Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of Republic of Kazakhstan

**NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—** Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe has sent a message of felicitations to Mr Nursultan A Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which falls on 25 October 2006.—MNA

**It is evident that the United Nations needs change and reform at all times in order to respond to and reflect new realities.**

## No reform of UN will be complete without reform of Security Council

### Security Council should be forum where voices of weaker partners are heard and duly respected



*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein views award-winning posters and paintings of United Nations Information Centre. — MNA*

**NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—** A ceremony to mark the 61st anniversary United Nations Day 2006 was held at the hall of Government Office, here, this morning with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were the ministers, the deputy ministers and their wives, the directors-general of SPDC Office and the Prime Minister's Office, departmental heads, Ambassadors led by Dean of the Diplomatic Corps the Ambassador of

the Philippines, charges' resident coordinators and resident representatives of UN agencies, winners of basic education high school level essay competitions, middle school level poster competitions, primary school level painting competitions and guests.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said: It gives me great pleasure to be here with you to celebrate the Sixty-first anniversary of the United Nations.

First and foremost, I would like to take this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to and sup-

port for the United Nations as the premier organizations and system addressing the maintenance of international peace and security and the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all people.

In the Millennium Declaration of 2000, world leaders committed themselves to spare no effort to free our fellow men, women and children from abject and dehumanizing conditions of poverty. This political motivation as well as the economic growth in some (See page 8)



*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets a diplomat at the ceremony to mark 61st Anniversary of United Nations Day. — MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Strive for development of wood-based industries

Myanmar is a country where valuable hardwood such as teak and pyingadoe grow in abundance. The teak of Myanmar is the most popular in the world. In the past, only such hardwood are used in building houses and making furniture.

Efforts are now being made for national economic growth through the development of the forest sector and measures are being taken to export not only logs but also value-added finished wood products.

Saw mills and furniture factories of Myanma Timber Enterprise and private entrepreneurs in the Wataya wood-based industrial zone produce sawn timber, furniture and door and window frames made of colourful hardwood.

Myanmar Furniture Fair 2006, jointly organized by Myanma Timber Enterprise and Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association, was opened at the Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Yangon on 21 October. There are 162 booths of 47 companies at the fair and various kinds of household and consumer goods and furniture made of wood, rattan, bamboo, metal, plastic and sea shells and machines used in making furniture are on display.

Forest resources are very important to conservation of the natural environment. Therefore, if wood-based industries use timber together with other raw materials in producing finished goods, it will contribute a lot to the conservation of the natural environment.

Myanma forest resources have remarkable qualities due to the favourable terrestrial, aquatic and climatic conditions. It is only necessary to export finished wood products in good demand in the international market by systematically exploiting such hardwood as teak, rattan and bamboo. We would like to urge Myanmar timber entrepreneurs to contribute to the national economy by trying to develop wood-based industries, get a steady market share and produce furniture to the satisfaction of customers.

### Japan provides cash assistance to school construction project

YANGON, 24 Oct— The Government of Japan will provide a grant aid of US\$ 65,531 to Wailuwun Monastic School Construction Committee for construction of Wailuwun Monastic School in Kyone Pyaw Township in Patheingyi District, Ayeyawady Division, under the scheme of Japan's Grassroots Grant Assistance.

The support will contribute to the improvement of schoolchildren's access to quality education as well as the community development in the area and will also strengthen friendship between the people of Japan and Myanmar.

The Grant Contract to this effect was signed on 20 October at the Embassy of Japan in Yangon, between Mr Tetsuro Amano, Minister, Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan to the Union of Myanmar, and U Hla Myint, Chairman of Wailuwun Monastic School Construction Committee.—H

## 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

### Home Affairs Minister receives Resident Representative of ICRC

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct— Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received Resident Representative Mr Pierre Andre Conod of the International Committee of the Red Cross at the ministry here today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Director-General U Myat Ko of General Administration Department, Director-General U Zaw Win of Prisons Department, Deputy Director-General Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win of Myanmar Police Force, President of Myanmar Red Cross So-

ciety U Hla Myint and Head of Office U Khin Maung Thein.

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Home Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo receives Resident Representative of ICRC Mr Pierre Andre Conod. — MNA

### Home Affairs Minister meets WVO, Red Cross members in Lewe

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct— Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo met members of Township War Veterans Organization in Lewe, Pyin Oaung District, yesterday. He urged the war veterans to form the organization to be a consolidated one and abide by the rules and regulations. The minister also met members of Red Cross Society and gave necessary instructions.—MNA

### Hotels and Tourism Minister receives Egyptian Ambassador

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct— Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing received Ambassador of the Arab Republic of Egypt Mr Youssef Kamal Boutros Hanna at the ministry, here, this afternoon.

Also present at the call were the directors-general of departments under the ministry and officials.—MNA

### Airbus A 310-200 aircraft arrives

YANGON, 23 Oct— The XY-AGD aircraft, one of the two Airbus A 310-200 planes bought by Air Bagan Ltd, arrived at Yangon International Airport from Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, this morning.

Air Bagan Ltd is using one Fokker 100, three ATR 42s and two ATR 72s totalling 6 in domestic flight services. The passenger plane which arrived today will fly on the Yangon-Bangkok-Yangon route and the Yangon-Singapore-

Yangon route daily and on the Yangon-Mandalay-Kunming-Mandalay-Yangon route three

times a week.

Airbus A310-200 and another Fokker 100 bought by the company

will soon arrive here and will be added to domestic and international flight services.—MNA



Airbus A 310-200 of Air Bagan Ltd. — MNA

## Chavez says Venezuela achieves objective against US in UN



Chavez said on 22 Oct, 2006 that Venezuela had achieved its objective within the United Nations by preventing Washington's preferred candidate from winning a seat on the UN Security Council.—INTERNET

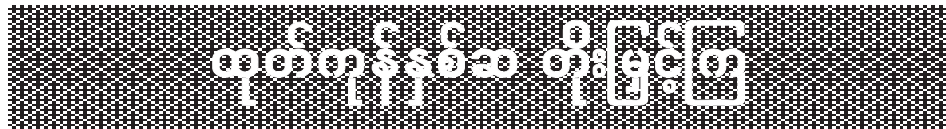
CARACAS, 23 Oct—Venezuela has achieved its objective within the United

Nations despite trailing Guatemala, a US-backed candidate, in previous rounds of voting for a UN Security Council seat, President Hugo Chavez said on Sunday.

The UN General Assembly remained deadlocked last Thursday after a third day of voting to choose a nonpermanent member of the Security Council designated to Latin American and Caribbean states.

After 13 rounds of voting, which takes the total number of rounds so far to 35, neither Guatemala nor Venezuela had yet obtained a two-thirds majority. Balloting is scheduled to resume on Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua



Jia Qinglin (front, R), Chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), talks with the president of 48 Group Club Stephen Perry in London, Britain, on 23 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

## UK 'tops energy wasters league'

LONDON, 23 Oct—Britons are the worst energy wasters in Europe with bad habits which could cost £11bn by 2010, a survey of Europe's five most populous nations suggests.

Leaving mobile phone chargers plugged in, appliances on standby and lights on are among their most common failings.

If the levels of wastage continue, an extra 43m tonnes of carbon dioxide will be pumped into the atmosphere by then, the Energy Saving Trust said.

It interviewed 5,000 people in the UK, France, Germany, Spain and Italy.

Figures in the Habits of a Lifetime report, commissioned to mark the start of Energy Saving Week,

said 71% of UK consumers admit to leaving standby buttons on once a week.

Meanwhile, 65% of UK consumers leave chargers on once a week and 63% forget to switch the lights off when leaving the room.

The comparison with German consumers, who top the energy efficiency league, reveals major differences.

Britons leave chargers on three times as much as Germans, they leave standby buttons on twice as much and forget to switch off lights four times as much.

Almost half (48%) of Britons admit to using the car for short journeys rather than public transport, walking or cycling.

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## Bush faces political nightmare if Democrats win

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct—If Democrats win control of the US Congress in the 7 November election, it would turn the Capitol upside down and create a political nightmare for the already embattled President George W Bush.

If his Republicans lose the majority, Bush would hear newly empowered calls to withdraw US troops from Iraq and would suddenly face promised Democratic-led congressional investigations with subpoena power into the unpopular war.

Bush, whose public approval ratings are below 40 per cent, would also face Democratic demands he offer "mainstream" rather than "right-wing" judicial nominees if he wants them confirmed.

Bush's fellow

Republicans applied a rubber stamp to much of his conservative agenda the past six years, including tax cuts that went largely to the rich.

Polls show Democrats running ahead less than three weeks before the congressional election. If they win control of Congress from Bush's fellow Republicans, they

would challenge Bush on fronts ranging from his warrantless domestic spying programme to his energy and health-care policies.

"In some ways it would be a nightmare for Bush, but in other ways it could be an opportunity," said Norman Ornstein, a congressional scholar at the American Enterprise Institute.

Ornstein said Bush, who denounces Democrats as soft on terrorism, could move toward the political centre and reach out to Democrats in his final two

years in office to overhaul US immigration laws and the Social Security retirement programme, two goals he has failed to accomplish.

But Ornstein said that was unlikely. "I've talked to a lot of people who know him well and are really close to him. I have yet to find one who thinks he will change his modus operandi dramatically," he said.

Democrats deny Republican claims they would try to impeach Bush and remove him from office.—MNA/Reuters

## Three US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 Oct—Three more American soldiers have been killed in Iraq, the US military said on Sunday, bringing the death toll of American troops in Iraq this month to 81. A US soldier died on Sunday when his vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb in western Baghdad, the US military said.

A Marine assigned to Regiment Combat Team 5 died on Saturday from wounds sustained in combat in Iraq's volatile western province of al-Anbar, according to a separate statement. In Salahuddin Province, another US soldier assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division's 3rd Brigade Combat Team under Task Force Lightning was killed and three others were wounded on Saturday in fighting, the military said.—MNA/Xinhua



China's Zhang Ning holds the trophy in the awarding ceremony for the final match of women's singles competition during the China Open Badminton Championships 2006 in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, on 22 Oct, 2006. Zhang won the match 2-0 and claimed the title.—XINHUA



Haze blankets Sultan Mahmud Badaruddin airport in Palembang in Indonesia's South Sumatra Province on 23 Oct, 2006. Airports on Indonesia's Sumatra island were shut or operating reduced service on Monday after rains failed to clear smoke from forest fires that cut visibility to just 200 (656 feet) metres, officials said.—INTERNET

# Nepal striving to make air transportation safe

KATHMANDU, 22 Oct— The Nepal Air Traffic Controller's Association has been striving to make air transportation safe, regular and reliable in Nepal since its establishment in 1991, the national news agency RSS reported Saturday.

Addressing a programme organized to mark the International Air Traffic Controller's Day here Friday, participants stressed the need to implement the capacity and skill of the existing technical, physical and human resource in the air travel service in order to make it further reliable and safe. Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Pradeep Gyawali stressed the need to make the air travel management further efficient due to the country's geographical and climatic diversity.

He also issued instruc-

tions to make no consideration when it comes about the technical aspect of the air travel.

Gyawali was quoted by the RSS as saying that the government was fully committed for promotion and development of the air service adding that the

government is to introduce a new regulation for reforms of the civil aviation.

The International Air Traffic Controller's Association was formed by the initiatives to 12 countries on 20 October, 1961.

MNA/Xinhua



*For the second consecutive year Secunia claims it has found a flaw on Microsoft's Internet Explorer browser, and this year's flaw is the same as last year. The flaw discovered in 2005 on Explorer 6 and now on Explorer 7, enables attackers to steal user information that's being entered on a separate website, just as long as the user is visiting a site exploiting the flaw in another window.—XINHUA*



*Members of the Mexican group MANA shows the MTV Latin America 2006 music awards they won in Mexico City, capital of Mexico, on 19 Oct, 2006. —XINHUA*

## FBI probes Boeing scientist on classified information

LOS ANGELES, 22 Oct — Federal authorities are investigating the handling of classified information by a Los Angeles scientist who works for the aerospace giant Boeing, it was reported Friday.

The FBI would not comment on the probe, but spokeswoman Laura Eimiller confirmed that agents served three search warrants in the last two months at the Valley Village home of Abraham Lesnik, according to the *Los Angeles Times and Daily News*. Lesnik's attorney, Marc Harris, declined to talk about the case but dismissed any suggestion that his client engaged in corporate espionage or turned over information about a US Government project to a foreign power, the newspapers reported.

Lesnik's role at Boeing was not immediately known. Earlier this year, Lesnik sued Boeing after a supervisor seized his laptop computer because he was accessing the Internet Website Mapquest during an office meeting.

He challenged the confiscation of his laptop on grounds that it contained personal information on his wife and four children and argued that Boeing's policies permitted use of the computer. The computer was later turned over to the FBI. Lesnik is listed as an employee at Boeing's Space Based Radar group in El Segundo, California. An expert in high-energy physics, Lesnik developed anti-missile systems for Boeing and has a high-level security clearance, according to court papers made public. —MNA/Xinhua

## Floods death toll rises to 104 in Thailand

BANGKOK, 22 Oct— A total of 104 people have drowned since Thailand was hit by massive floods since 27 August, the Disaster Prevention and Mitigation Department announced Friday, Anucha Mokawet, the director-general of the department, said most of those who drowned in flood waters were children.

Among the inundated areas, Phichit and Ayutthaya provinces saw the highest death tolls of 11 each.

The two provinces were followed by Sukhothai and Nakhon Sawan with 10 deaths each, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Four killed in suicide attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 22 Oct— Four people were killed and 15 others wounded when a suicide bomber blew himself up inside a minivan in downtown Baghdad on Saturday, a well-informed Interior Ministry source told *Xinhua*.

"A suicide bomber wearing an explosive-belt blew himself up at about

9:30 am (0630 GMT) inside a minivan near the Sarrafiyah Bridge in Baghdad's Karkh area, on the west bank of the Tigris River," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

MNA/Xinhua

## Britain to consider using prison ships

LONDON, 22 Oct— Britain is to consider using prison ships as a way of tackling the growing crisis of overcrowding in jails, according to media reports on Saturday.

Home Secretary John Reid has advertised for contractors to provide ships that could house up to 800 prisoners in England and Wales as the prison population neared its capacity of around 80,000 inmates.

"What he's (Reid) determined to do is to ensure we've got sufficient prison places, and obviously, he's looking at a number of

ways of doing that and a prison ship is one possibility," Home Office Minister Vernon Coaker told the BBC.

Britain's only prison ship *HMP Weare*, which could house 400 low-risk prisoners in Portland Harbour in Dorset, closed in 2005.

The ship, which had opened in 1997 as a three-year temporary measure, was condemned by the Chief Inspector of Prisons Anne Owers who called it an unsatisfactory, expensive "container" located in the wrong place.

The announcement comes as media reports

said 47 prisoners were now being held in police cells to deal with the shortage after police forces made 240 places available.

The crisis comes because longer sentences and high reconviction levels have pushed prison numbers to a record high. There are now less than 100 places left in the system.

Other plans being considered by the Home Office include moving some prisoners to open jails and deporting some foreign inmates more quickly.

MNA/Reuters

*A police van is parked outside Belmarsh prison in London. The Home Office is looking at using ships as prisons because land-based jails are saturated.*

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Winners pose with their awards at Rome's first international film festival on 21 Oct, 2006. —XINHUA

## Asian Chinese Entrepreneurs Summit held in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 23 Oct— The Asian Chinese Entrepreneurs Summit was held here on Sunday with 1,200 Chinese businessmen from Asia and beyond gathering to discuss how to contend with globalization.

The summit, themed “Towards Global Connectivity”, was organized by the Singapore Chinese Chamber of Commerce and Industry (SCCCI),

which also celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Statistics showed that the value of the top 500 Chinese enterprises in 2006 is worth nearly 900 billion US dollars, with the majority of the companies originating from Asia.

“We welcome businessmen from every part of the world to invest in Singapore, set up companies here and even get a listing on the Singapore Exchange,” Wong Kan Seng, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs, said at the summit. Currently, more than 700 companies are listed on the Singapore

Exchange, among them, over 250 companies are of foreign origin. And within this group are 110 enterprises from China.

“The value of these China plays has already reached 28 billion Singapore dollars (about 17.7 billion US dollars), and account for 5.5 per cent of the Singapore market,” said Wong. He also encouraged local companies to work with their counterparts in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and other regions in Asia to enter into joint investment projects in China and India.

MNA/Xinhua

## Iraq death rate estimates defended by researchers

LOS ANGELES, 23 Oct— A controversial estimate by public health experts that hundreds of thousands of Iraqis have died because of the March 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq is likely an accurate assessment, researchers said on Saturday.

“Over the last 25 years, this sort of methodology has been used more and more often, especially by relief agencies in times of emergency,” said Dr David Rush, a professor and epidemiologist at Tufts University in Boston.

The study, published earlier this month by the *Lancet* medical journal, employed a method known as “cluster sampling” in which data are collected through interviews with randomly selected households.

Critics, including President George W Bush, have said the results are not credible, but Rush said traditional methods for determining death rates, such as counting bodies, are highly inaccurate for

civilian populations in times of war.

Researchers from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and Al Mustansiriya University in Baghdad estimated with 95 per cent certainty that the war and its aftermath have resulted in the deaths of between 426,000 and 794,000 Iraqis. Other estimates have calculated the number of extra Iraqi deaths to be much lower. The Iraq Body Count Database calculates that

between 43,850 and 48,693 extracivilians have died since the invasion.

Rush, speaking at a meeting in Los Angeles on the medical consequences of the Iraq war, said that the relatively small size of the sample — 1,849 households — does not change the findings, although it does widen the “confidence limits”, hence the large range of the estimated additional deaths.

MNA/Reuters



A student accompanied by her mother checks school information with a foreign university official at the 2006 China Education Expo on 21 Oct, 2006. —INTERNET

## Govt says HIV-AIDS rates spiking

QUEENSLAND, 23 Oct— The Queensland Government says HIV-AIDS infection rates are rising in the state.

Health Minister Stephen Robertson has released a progress report on the first year of a six-year strategy to deal with HIV, Hepatitis C and sexually-transmissible infections. Mr Robertson says there are more than 100 Government-funded activities and initiatives to deal with the problem. But he says complacency about the safe-sex message and better reporting could be leading to a spike in the statistics.

“The report shows some very concerning statistics, showing Queensland is following a national trend of rising infection rates of HIV, gonorrhoea and chlamydia,” he said. —Internet

## Woman gives birth to quintuplets in northern Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Oct— A woman on Sunday gave birth to quintuplets in Kedah State in northern Malaysia.

The mother delivered two boys and three girls through caesarean section Sunday afternoon in Alor Star Hospital in the state capital city, said hospital director Che Pah Saad.

Each of the babies weighed about 550 grammes, he said, declining to disclose the mother's name.

The mother and her babies, who are unwell, have been placed at the intensive care unit, Che said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Prisoners wed after peephole courtship

ABIDJAN (Ivory Coast), 23 Oct — Two prisoners in an Ivory Coast jail who courted and fell in love through a peephole in an iron door have been released for a few hours to get married, one of their jailers said Friday.

Roland Guy Bouabre, serving a 3-year sentence for stealing a bicycle, courted Emilie Yobouet, who was given a one-year sentence for kidnapping a child, while he was delivering groceries for her to cook.

He would take the groceries to the iron door and then a guard would deliver them.

“You can find love in all kinds of places — even prison,” Daloa prison guard Norbert Bah told *Reuters* by telephone.

Yobouet completed her sentence two days after the wedding but brings food to the jail each day to supplement her husband's meager prison diet. —Internet



El Salvador's first lady Ana Ligia Mixco de Saca (L) and Japan's first lady Akie Abe (2nd R), wife of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, visit a nursery in Tokyo on 23 Oct, 2006. El Salvador's President Tony Saca and the first lady are currently on an official visit to Japan. —INTERNET

## Tokyo International Film Festival opens

**TOKYO, 23 Oct** — The 19th Tokyo International Film Festival started Saturday with “Flags of Our Fathers” as the opening movie in Roppongi Hills. Around 300 actors, directors and others attended the opening ceremony.

A total of 15 films from around the world have been entered in the competition for the Tokyo Sakura Grand Prix and other awards, including three Chinese movies “The Exam”, “Dog Bite Dog” and “Thirteen Princess Trees”.

The winners of the awards will be selected by an international jury

headed by French director Jean-Pierre Jeunet, and the results will be announced on the last day.

Some 300 films will be shown during the festival through October 29 at cinemas such as those in Bunkamura in Shibuya and other locations in the Japanese capital, according to the organizers of the event.

A popular part of the

festival is Winds of Asia, which features over 30 movies from Asian countries including China, South Korea, Singapore, Indonesia, Thailand, and others, among which Chinese films “Crazy Stone”, “The Postmodern Life of My Aunt”, “Young & Clueless” and others will be shown.

MNA/Xinhua



Police band from China’s Hong Kong perform beside the Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong, south China, on 22 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

## “Newsweek” poll puts Democrats far ahead in Congress

**WASHINGTON, 23 Oct** — More than half of Americans, 55 per cent, would like to see Democrats take control of Congress, according to a poll by Newsweek magazine released on Saturday. The poll of 1,000 likely voters found that 55 per cent would choose a Democrat to represent their district if the vote were held now,

and 37 per cent said they would vote Republican.

This includes 31 percent of White evangelical Christians, an increase of 6 points among that strongly Republican group over the 2004 elections.

“Similarly, Democrats now lead among White Catholics, a group that went for President George W Bush in the 2004 presidential election,”

Newsweek said in a statement.

The poll, which had a margin of error of 4 percentage points, found that 44 per cent of White Catholics planned to vote Democrat and 42 per cent planned to vote Republican.—MNA/Reuters

## US lawmakers urge Bush to revise Iraq policy

**WASHINGTON, 24 Oct** — Senior members of the US Congress urged President George W Bush on Sunday to revise the administration’s Iraq policy, two weeks before the midterm congressional elections that could

bring a change of control over the legislature.

While Democrats continued their calls for a new strategy in Iraq, some Republican lawmakers joined their Democratic colleagues in calling the Administration for a

change in its Iraq policy.

Senator Joseph Biden, the ranking Democratic member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, said there was a need for “radical change” in the Bush Administration’s policy on Iraq. “The truth of the matter is there’s a need for radical change in policy,” he told the Fox News television. Biden said there was a need for a political solution in Iraq and a bipartisan solution in Washington. “Without those two things happening, there is no possibility, in my view, we succeed in Iraq,” he said.

Democratic Senator John Kerry, the party’s presidential candidate in 2004, told ABC television’s “This Week” that a political rather than military solution was needed for Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua



John Chambers, chief executive of Cisco Systems, speaks during a news conference in the southern Indian city of Bangalore in this file photo from 21 Oct, 2005. Cisco on Sunday unveiled a high-definition, video conferencing system.—XINHUA

## Killer drug “Xinfu” destroyed in east China

**HEFEI, 23 Oct** — The drug watchdog in east China’s Anhui Province on Monday began destroying more than 2.75 million recalled bottles of “Xinfu”, a faulty antibiotic drug that killed six people this summer.

The industrial licence of the drug’s producer, the Anhui Huayuan World-Best Biology Pharmacy Co, was revoked and its top management dismissed. The Anhui Provincial Food and Drug Bureau is supervising the destruction by videotaping the process.

The State Food and Drug Administration discovered that the problematic injection, produced in June and July, was not properly sterilized, with both sterilization temperature and time being below the state-required safety levels. — MNA/Xinhua



Actresses perform for sales promotion 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.—XINHUA

## Bird flu-hit Indonesia to bar city backyard poultry

**JAKARTA, 23 Oct** — Indonesia, which has the world’s highest number of bird flu deaths, intends to bar city residents from keeping chickens and other poultry in their backyards, ministers said on Friday.

Indonesia has become a frontline in the battle against the virus that has killed 55 people in the country, where millions of chickens roam freely in urban residential areas.

Despite the rising human death toll, the government has resisted mass culling of birds, citing the expense and impracticality in the

developing country of 220 million people, where the bird flu threat is not seen as a high priority by many.

“There are laws banning poultry in cities in Thailand and Hong Kong. We will also carry that out soon,” Indonesian Health Minister Siti Fadilah Supari told reporters without giving a timeline.

“Principally, I think

human beings and poultry need to be separated,” she added. The move is likely to face opposition from small poultry farmers who keep chickens in their backyards to earn money.

Agriculture Minister Anton Apriyantono said a set of legal guidelines was being worked out. “We need law enforcement.

MNA/Reuters

# Diplomatic ploy “Beda” is not diplomatic ethics

*Chingya (Maubin)*

Since their youth, Myanmar people have been familiar with a Myanmar saying “discouraging children not to point at someone with a weapon made of iron even if it was a pin”. Originally it meant that a diplomat was to enjoy immunity that he should not be threatened with a weapon even if it was a pin. That is in support of the inscription embodied on Mangla Ceti Stone Inscription of the Bagan Period that says “Kings shall not impose any restrictions on foreign diplomats”. The saying discouraging children not to point at someone with a weapon made of iron even if it was a pin means there should be no intention to point a pin at a diplomat, leave alone harming, arresting, or attacking that diplomat. It indicates that Myanmar society deeply upholds the principle “activities of a diplomat are absolutely privileged”.

In AD 801-802, a Pyu king of Myanmar sent an envoy to China. In the time of Sung Dynasty, King Kyansittha of Bagan sent a team of diplomats to China. China gave a warm welcome and provided them with due accommodations. Myanmar also sent diplomats to renovate religious edifices in Bodhi Gaya. Myanmar encouraged its nationals to pay a visit to Sri Lanka on pilgrimage or on business.

Ketu (the art of diplomacy) is one of the 18 manly skills prescribed in Myanmar in olden days. So, Myanmar is familiar with diplomacy. King Anawrahta, King Bayintnaung and King Alaungphaya managed to unify Myanmar. At those times, Myanmar had diplomatic relations with Sri Lanka, Assam, Manipura, Bangladesh, India, China, Linzin (Laos), Chiangmai, Ayodhya (Thailand), Arnam and Champa (Vietnam), Yun (Cambodia), and Malaysia.

In the time of King Bayintnaung, a group of Myanmar diplomats was sent to Sri Lanka, and Goa under Portugal on various matters including Buddha’s Tooth Relic and emerald alms bowl, and on business. Myanmar also sent a diplomatic mission to King Akbar, Moghul Emperor of India, who then presented gifts and documents to Myanmar. In the time of King Anaukphetlun, a Myanmar diplomatic team was sent to Portuguese Governor in Goa, after eliminating the dangers posed by Portuguese de Brito who had taken a stronghold in Thanlyin of Myanmar by King Anaukphetlun.

In the times of King Bayintnaung, King Dabinshwehti, and King Anaukphetlun, foreign merchants, missionary groups and adventurers from West countries visited increasingly coastal regions such as Thanlyin, Bago, Mottama, Thaton, Myeik, Dawei, Patheingyi and Rakhine. Portuguese Rear

Admiral Don Al Fonce got along with the king of Bago commencing from 1511. Portuguese were given permission to open trading office in Mottama in 1516. From that time on, Myanmar’s dealing with Dutch, France and English was on the rise in various ways. Myanmar’s diplomatic and political relation with foreign countries reached its peak in Konbaung Dynasty established by King Alaungphaya. Therefore, Myanmar had to face and brave the hardest adversities in the political and diplomatic fields to ensure perpetuation of Myanmar throne, and not to lose sovereignty and independence.

In the times of Myanmar kings, one who was assigned diplomatic duties was called Taman Amat or envoy. Diplomat, one of the 14 kinds of court officials, was divided into five categories or levels.

The treatises prescribed as references regarding Myanmar diplomats in the time of Myanmar kings were (a) Arammatuteya Myanmar Diplomats Treatise by Venerable Monk Dhamma Siri revered by King Narapati Sithu, (b) verse of five kinds of diplomats supplicated by Minister Saturinga to King Mohnyin, (c) home affairs and five kinds of diplomats articulated in Monywa Treatise by Monywa Sayadaw, (d) lyric poem on five kinds of diplomats written by Sale Sayagy U Ponnya to King Bagan, (e) lyric poem on five kinds of diplomats stipulated in the palm-leaf inscription of Pitakat Taik (library) written by Minister Kinwun, and (f) five kinds of diplomats enumerated in Kawi Lekkhana Dipani Treatise by Minister Maha Siri Zeyathu.

There were many Myanmar ministers, counsellors, attaches and envoys in Konbaung Period who were knowledgeable about rules and regulations and procedures on diplomatic practices of foreign countries as they gained such kind of knowledge during their visits to those countries. Under the order of the then king, paper “Diplomatic practices of European countries” featuring the difference between the diplomatic practice in Western countries and that in Myanmar was submitted to the king.

Myanmar senior diplomats who were assigned duties to submit the report to the then king were (1) Foreign Affairs Minister Mingyi Maha Min Hla Kyaw Htin, (2) official for foreign affairs Mingyi Maha Min Kyaw Raja, (3) Mingyi Maha Siri Zeyathu, (4) Mingyi Siri Maha Nanda Kyaw Htin, (5) Kalasuwunsu affairs officials Mingyi Maha Minkhaung Raja, (6) Mingyi Min Hla Maha Zeya Thingyan, (7) Mingyi Min Hla Maha Sithu Kyaw, (8) Mingyi Min Htin Maha Sithu, (9) Maha Min Hla Thinkhaya, (10) Maha Min Hla Raja, (11) Ne Myo Min Htin Thurein, and (12) Ne Myo Min Hla Raja.

The paper “Diplomatic practices of European countries” stated equality of and difference between four kinds of diplomats of Western countries and five kinds of diplomats of Myanmar.

Despite sound evidence of Myanmar’s diplomatic practice, leader of an English diplomats group that visited Myanmar Capt Cox made a harsh comment on Myanmar, saying that Myanmar people would never experience any kinds of diplomatic practice; and that Myanmar people did not deal with foreigners politely. Indeed, Myanmar people were not weak in diplomatic affairs and were intelligent enough to distinguish friendly diplomats and hostile ones.

In Myanmar, there emerged exemplar diplomats such as Shin Disapamokkha, Minister Kinwun, Counsellor U Cheint, Sagyo Thu Myat and Maha Pyinnya Kyaw. English counsellor Baker sent by the East India Company of the British was granted audience by King Alaungphaya in 1755. And he read out the diplomatic note sent by the company that meant the East India Company would render assistance to Myanmar, and establish diplomatic ties with Myanmar. In that regard, King Alaungphaya accepted the proposal to establish diplomatic ties, but refused to accept its assistance. After being granted audience by King Alaungphaya, English officer Lester was given permission in 1775 to open a branch of the East India Company in Patheingyi. After having permission to establish base stations in Haingyi Island and Patheingyi, the British committed acts in violation of diplomatic ethics such as driving a wedge among national races to undermine national unity, and set up Union Jack on Shinmabyu Island of Myanmar.

These days, diplomats and staff of the US and British embassies are conducting courses with the use of their information departments with the intention of misleading the people into misunderstanding Myanmar’s internal affairs. Besides, they are frequenting the headquarters and state and division branches of a certain political party and maintaining clandestine relations with it.

Article 41 of Vienna Convention promulgated in 1961 says that diplomats are under a duty to abide by the law and rules of the host nation. They are also responsible for avoiding interference in the internal affairs of the host nation, it says.

Regarding diplomatic practices, there are four kinds of diplomatic ploys — Thama, Dana, Beda, and Danta. Of them, a treatise compiled by minister Sanakya and Raja Dhamma Sangaha treatise by Yawmingyi U Bo Hlaing defined diplomatic ploy “Beda” undermining unity of an organization. In the post-Cold War period, diplomats of certain Western countries abusing the diplomatic privilege and immunity are resorting to various means to break up unity of the people of the host nation concerned.

In consequence, diplomatic practice is now connected with pernicious means. There is a saying that diplomatic relations is the first line of defence in the defence sector of a nation. Therefore, only when people are convinced well that diplomatic ploy “Beda” is not diplomatic ethics or code of conduct, will diplomatic practice gain due attention in the international community.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at ceremony to mark 61st Anniversary United Nations Day. — MNA

## No reform of UN will be complete without...

(from page 1)  
parts of Asia has contributed to our shared goal of fighting the poverty. As a result, many of our citizens have been released from the grip of extreme poverty. At the consequent gatherings, we have identified added partnership and adequate financing as key components to development. It is our hope that with new ingredients, we will be able to accelerate our devel-

opment efforts to a desired pace.

For her part, the Union of Myanmar has been implementing the National Development Plan to speed up economic growth to achieve equitable and balanced development and to reduce socio-economic development gap between rural and urban areas in the country. Notwithstanding the fact that we are implementing it solely on our

own resources progress has been achieved in basic infrastructure, education and health care for the people in remote areas. In this regard, we are thankful to the United Nations agencies concerned for the invaluable assistance and cooperation we received from them.

On the environmental front, world leaders decided, at the 2005 Summit on a number of measures aimed at protecting our common environment, including a call for a more coherent institutional framework to address the environment challenges of today. Myanmar is a state party to Kyoto Protocol and considers its entry into force as a timely response to climate change. Yet, a wider United Nations framework is needed to tackle the issue effectively.

The growth of international terrorism is a new reality. We are encouraged by the response of the United Nations to this new reality.

Myanmar condemns terrorism in all its forms and manifestations, committed by whomever, wherever and for whatever purposes. We are convinced that no cause can excuse terrorism. It is neither our nature nor culture to resort to violence, and Myanmar will join others in realizing the global counter-terrorism strategy to enhance operational measures to counter-terrorism.

On this occasion, I would like to acknowledge the leading role the United Nations System has taken in the global fight against HIV/AIDS as well as in facing the new challenge of Avian Influenza. Myanmar regards HIV/AIDS as a disease of national concern and making every effort to effectively address the issue. As a result, we have been able to level the HIV/AIDS infection rate and even to reduce it.

It is evident that the United Nations needs change and reform at all times in

tude to the Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan for his wisdom and perseverance through which he has guided the work of the Organization for the past ten years.

During its sixty one years of history, the United Nations has proved to be capable of change and innovation and the United Nations today is much different from that created in 1945. With the cooperation of its membership, it has been able to take an even more responsibilities in various fields. It is incumbent on Member States to continue to cooperate with the United Nations to enable it to effectively carry out the mandate entrusted to it. On this solemn occasion, I wish to reiterate that Myanmar will continue to cooperate with the United Nations in its endeavours for a peaceful, stable and prosperous world.

Next, Minister for Foreign Affairs read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and Resident Coordinator Mr Charles James Petrie message of UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan.

Afterwards, Minister U Nyan Win presented first, second and third prizes for high school level essay competitions to Maung Tin Phyto Aung of Sittway BEHS-2, Ma Su Su Win of Lamadaw BEHS-2 and Ma Khin Phu Maw of Bago BEHS-1; Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein presented first, second and third prizes for middle school level poster competitions to Maung Aung Thura of Aungmyethazan Township BEHS-1, Ma May Htoo Myat Mon of Kyauktan Township Myoma BEMS, Maung Aung Paing Soe of Bago BEHS-3; and Mr Charles James Petrie presented first, second and third prizes for primary school level painting competitions to Ma Phu Thinzar Naing of the Practising School of Institute of Education in Kamayut Township, Maung Aung Pyi of Maha Aungmye Township BEPS-18 and Maung Kyaw Soe Han of Bago BEHS-3 respectively.

After the ceremony the Secretary-1 greeted guests and viewed the award winning essays, posters, paintings and posters of the United Nations Information Committee.

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Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win reads out message of Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe on United Nations Day. — MNA

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## SSNA (Breakaway Group) condemns decision to put Myanmar on the agenda of UNSC

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct—SSNA (Breakaway Group) on 23 October issued a 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 Shan State National Army

1. It is learnt that owing to the submission of the US permanent representative to the UN, a decision was made on 15 September to put Myanmar on the agenda of the UN Security Council.

2. SSNA (Breakaway Group) opposes and protests against the decision as it is aimed at jeopardizing Our Three Main National Causes, disrupting the National Convention and harming peace and security already achieved, rule of law, national consolidation and democratization process in Myanmar.

Signed

Chairman

Sai Kyaw Naing

(SSNA) Mongkai, Mongyun region

order to respond to and reflect new realities. No reform of the World Body will be complete without the reform of the Security Council and the Council should be more representative, more efficient and transparent in its working methods. Being a United Nations organ with a powerful mandate to maintain international peace and security it is vitally important that the Security Council acts in conformity with the Charter Provisions. In addition, it should also be the forum where the voices of weaker partners are heard and duly respected.

Before concluding, I would like to take this opportunity to express our profound appreciation and grati-



Coordinator of UN Mr Charles James Petrie presents awards to a winner of primary level painting contest. — MNA



# Saddhasumana Drama for Marionette Contest continues



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Maung Bo enjoy Saddhasumana Drama for Marionette Contest. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct — Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Maung Bo enjoyed the Saddhasumana Drama for Marionette Contest

performed by Yadanabon Marionette Troupe representing Mandalay Division at the hall of University of Veterinary Science here this evening. Among the audience were Chairman of the

Leading Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, member of the Panel of Patrons of the Leading Committee Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen

Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-

Gen Win Sein, Secretary of the Leading Committee Col Yan Naing Oo, officials, members of cultural troupe and locals. Artistes took part in the contest to the accompaniment of Pyit

Taing Htaung Myanmar Orchestra. Ayeyar Hline Marionette Troupe representing Ayeyawady Division will participate in the contest tomorrow. *MNA*

## 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing ...

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Myanmar Guitar contest, four in basic education level (aged 15-20) men's Myanmar Guitar contest and one in basic education level (aged 15-20) women's Myanmar Guitar contest.

Donmin contest was held at the lecture hall of University of Agriculture and panel of judges of music contest supervised the competitions. Five contestants took part in amateur level (first class) men's Donmin contest, two in amateur level (first class) women's Donmin contest, two in higher education level men's



*A contestant participates in amateur level (second class) men's piano contest. — MNA*



*Member of panel of judges U Thein Han Gyi teaches playing harp to two children. — MNA*

Donmin contest and one in higher education level women's Donmin contest.

Piano contest was held at the Yezin Forest Research Department and Chairman U Yi Nwe of panel of judges of music contest and members supervised the competitions. Eight contestants took part in amateur level (second class) men's piano contest and two in basic education level (aged 15-20) women's piano contest.

Myanmar Saing (orchestra) contest took place at the convocation hall of the University of Agriculture and supervised by Chairman U Yi Nwe of panel of judges of music contest and members. Seven contestants took part in amateur level (second class) women's solo Saing contest, three in higher education level women's solo Saing contest and six in basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' solo Saing contest.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Leading Committee of the Competitions Minister for

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**Yan Naing Oo (Trs)**

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

Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, the ministers and deputy ministers greets maestros who supervised the competitions. The 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue tomorrow at designated places. — *MNA*

## Saddhasumana Drama for marionette contest

NAY PYI TAW, 24 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.

Ayeyar Hline Marionette Troupe representing Ayeyawady Division will take part in the contest tomorrow. — *MNA*

# Lt-Gen Maung Bo tours Taninthayi Division

NAY PYI TAW, 23 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and Departmental Officials inspected damage of road sections on Dawei-Yebu-Kaleinaung Road on 19 October.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo met departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsenders at



*Lt-Gen Maung Bo meeting with departmental officials and townsenders at Kaleinaung.*

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Kaleinaung General Administration Department.

Township Officer U Soe Lwin reported on data of the region, measures undertaken on development and rice sufficiency.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo discussed education and

health matters and development of the township with officials concerned. He also gave instructions on cultivation of paddy, rubber and physic nut.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party left Kaleinaung for Kanbauk Station Hospital.

They inspected wards and operation theatres. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on storage of medicines for common diseases and providing kind treatment to patients.

They went to regional station in Heinze and visited cultivation of physic nut. Lt-Gen Maung Bo planted a physic nut plant.

The commander and party also planted physic nut plants at the

respective places.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo observed the cultivation of physic nut and pepper. He met Station Commander Brig-Gen Maung Oo Lwin and Tatmadaw members.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected cultivation of oil palm along the road.

They arrived in Dawei in the evening. On 20 October, they paid obeisance to Sayadaws of Zeyawady Pariyatti

Sarthintaik in Dawei. Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented offertories to the members of the Sangha.

Aung Chantha Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamajoticadhaja Issariya delivered a sermon.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo also met Tatmadaw members of Dawei Station.

They arrived back in Yangon in the evening.

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## Hockey pitch begins to take shape



*Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint accepts document related to assistance for Hockey pitch. — MHF*

YANGON, 23 Oct — Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and officials of Myanmar Hockey Federation held a meeting today to discuss matters on construction of Hockey pitch with artificial turf.

At the coordination meeting held at MHF here, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint accepted documents related to material assistance for construction of the Hockey pitch from Bangladesh.

Cargo of the construction materials arrived here yesterday.

As part of an effort to strengthen the friendship between Myanmar and Bangladesh, the Catter provided material assistance for the construction of the ground.

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## Furniture Fair sees upward spiral sales



*Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung visits Myanmar Furniture Fair-2006. UMFCCI*

YANGON, 24 Oct — Myanmar Furniture Fair-2006 continued as the fourth day at Tatmadaw Convention Hall in Dagon Township and earned over US\$ 50,000 and K 68 million within

four days.

Orders worth over US\$ 1.75 million were placed at the fair which is scheduled to keep open until tomorrow.

Organized by

Myanmar Timber Enterprise under the Ministry of Forestry and Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs's Association, the fair was opened on 21 October.

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## PRC goodwill delegation visits...

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During the tour of PyinOoLwin, the delegation visited Defence Services Academy (DSA), Defence Services Technology Academy (DSTA) and National Kandawgyi Garden.

At DSA, General

Liang Guanglie signed in the visitors' book and exchanged souvenirs with Commandant of the academy Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe.

At the DSTA, Commandant of the academy Brig-Gen Win Myint extended greetings

and Head of the Engineering Department of the academy Lt-Col Zaw Win briefed the delegation on the academy's background history and academic matters.

Afterwards, General Liang Guanglie signed in



Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win welcomes Chief of General Staff of People's Republic of China General Liang Guanglie. — MNA



Chinese goodwill delegation visits Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium — MNA

the visitors' book and exchanged souvenirs with Commandant of DSTA Brig-Gen Win Myint.

The goodwill delegation also visited Myanansankyaw Golden Palace and Mandalay Hill on the tour of Mandalay.

Chairman of

Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw hosted a dinner in honour of the delegation at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel.

The delegation left Mandalay for Yangon

this morning by special flight and they were seen off at Mandalay International Airport by Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Mayor of Mandalay Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and senior military officers.

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### Fire breaks out in Thingangyun Township

YANGON, 24 Oct — A fire broke out at Lin Htet garment owned by U Lin Zaw Win on No 6-A Kyosetyon Street, Ward B in Thingangyun Township early this morning.

The fire began at the boiler room began to explode while starting the 3 KVA generator. Diesel barrels near by caught fire.

Altogether 300 firemen and 102 auxiliary firemen led by Principal U Thoug Zin of Central Fire Service Training School and officials of Fire Services Department put out the fire. The factory, textiles and 13 huts were lost and 78 persons from 18 households were rendered homeless due to the fire. The loss of property was about K 2,363.48 million.

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### Kyimyindine No 1 BEHS to pay respects to elder teachers

YANGON, 23 Oct — No 1 Basic Education High School in Kyimyindine Township will hold a respects paying ceremony to elder teachers on 26 November (Sunday) at the school.

Those wishing to donate cash to the fund for the ceremony may contact ph: 220362, 223325, 512667, 534747 and 721704. — MNA

### Yangon-Mandalay Market Boat arrives back

YANGON, 24 Oct — Mya Ayeya Yangon-Mandalay Market Boat of Inland Water Transport of the Ministry of Transport left Mandalay on 3 October and arrived back here on 22 October.

The market boat will unload 955 tons of general cargoes at Botahtaung Bridge No 6 starting 23 October. — MNA

### Singaporean specialists, Myanmar specialists successfully perform medical treatment

YANGON, 24 Oct — The Singapore-Myanmar team led by Professor U Thein Saw (Professor and Head of Department of Gastroenterology) and Professor Ho Khek Yu conducted the ERCP

Workshop at Yangon General Hospital here on 20 October.

Afterwards, the team successfully performed medical treatment on seven patients with

gallbladder, common bile duct and pancreatic diseases.

The team on 21 October held a scientific symposium at Parkroyal Hotel where Professor Ho Khek Yu made a

presentation on Therapeutic Endoscopy and Professor Lim Seng Gee gave talks on Advanced Techniques in Management of Hepatocellular Carcinoma. Ms Rani Kaur discussed services rendered by National Health Care Group of Singapore and NGH Myanmar Information Centre of Mascots Health Care Co Ltd.

In early November, a team comprising two urologists from Tan Tock Seng Hospital of National Health Care Group will arrive here and do similar co-operative activities together with their Myanmar counterparts.

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Singapore-Myanmar medical team provides medical treatment to a patient at Yangon General Hospital. — MNA

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**Mitsubishi Heavy  
develops robot  
for disaster relief**

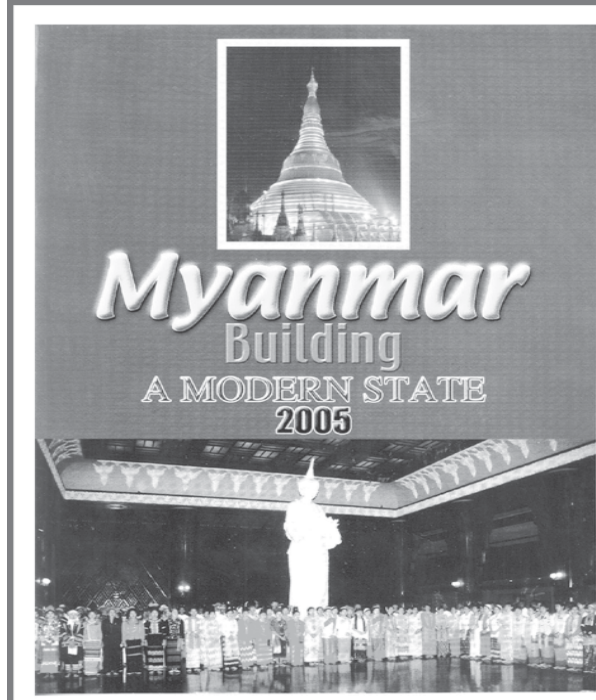
TOKYO, 23 Oct—Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd on Friday unveiled a robot that can find victims under crumbled buildings and carry devices to detect poisonous gas, as the country seeks ways to better manage earthquakes and terrorism attacks.

Mitsubishi Heavy, Japan's largest machinery maker, expects fire, police and defence agencies to buy the robot, which resembles a small tank without a gun on top and will sell for about 20 million yen (169,000 US dollars).

A Mitsubishi Heavy executive told a news conference that the robot could be used to help limit the kind of human suffering seen in the 1995 sarin nerve gas attack on Tokyo subway trains by the Aum Shinrikyo cult, which killed 12 and made thousands sick.

"The market is growing because people are recently paying more attention to risk management of terrorism attacks," said Naohisa Sato, a manager at Mitsubishi's Nuclear Energy Systems Department and himself a victim of the sarin gas attack. Mitsubishi Heavy started developing a version of the robot in around 2000.

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**Iraqi guerillas ambush police  
recruits, killing 13**

BAGHDAD (Iraq), 23 Oct—A bomb blast and an ambush by gunmen on a convoy of buses near the town of Baquba killed 13 police recruits on Sunday and several more recruits were kidnapped, a local official said.

Another 25 police recruits were wounded, the official said, in an attack that highlights the problems the Iraqi Government faces in building a strong and independent police force capable of bringing security to Iraq. The official said the buses were taking the police recruits to Baghdad from a base which was attacked by guerillas using mortars and rifle fire on Saturday. The attack on Saturday left many dead and 80 casualties, the official said.

Baquba, 65 kilometres (40 miles) north of

Baghdad, is in an area with a mixed population of Shiites and Sunni Arabs and it has seen relentless sectarian bloodshed in recent months.  
MNA/Reuters

**China, Belgium team up to  
protect Terracotta warriors**

Xi'an, 23 Oct—Chinese and Belgian scientists have renewed a joint project to preserve China's 2,000-year-old Terracotta Army in China's ancient capital Xi'an. According to a deal struck between the Museum of Terracotta Warriors and Belgium's Janssen Pharmaceutical Co earlier this week, the latter will provide 1.42 million US dollars of funds, equipment and training programmes to help the museum better preserve the heritage until 2010. The two sides have agreed to set up China's first foundation for heritage protection and three more research laboratories.

The Terracotta warriors and horses have

been eroded by mould since they were opened to tourists in 1979, a result of higher temperatures and humidity. And millions of tourists flocking to the site have caused the mould to spread faster.

The statues of soldiers and horses were buried with Emperor Qin Shihuang. Qin is credited with creating the first Chinese empire in 221 BC and ruled until 210 BC His tomb near Xi'an has never been opened but the life-size figures of soldiers and horses unearthed from surrounding pits in the 1970s are a major tourist attraction. The pits hold some 8,000 figures of soldiers and horses and the site is ranked "the eighth wonder of the world".

MNA/Xinhua



A vendor sells vegetables at the Sunday Farmers' Market in Hollywood, California on 22 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

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Children hold baguettes with salo (pig's fat) forming a 43 metres-long (141 feet) sandwich during a salo festival in Lutsk some 400 km (249 miles) northwest of Kiev on 22 Oct, 2006.— INTERNET

Russian film wins Rome's first film festival

ROME, 23 Oct — A modern-day Russian film, based on Shakespeare's Hamlet, won top prize at Rome's first international film festival as the nine-day marathon wrapped up on Saturday.

"Playing the Victim" by Kirill Serebrennikov, a critically acclaimed theatre director in his native Russia, was named best film among the 16 movies in competition. They were mostly art-house titles by new directors.

Serebrennikov's film is a family drama centred on a young student who

uncovered the mystery surrounding his father's death. The jury also gave a special prize to "This is England", British director Shane Meadows' story of a 12-year-old boy befriending a group of skinheads in the early 1980s. Italy's Giorgio Colangeli was named best male actor for his role as

a convicted murderer in "L'aria Salata", while the best actress award went to France's Ariane Ascaride, for her interpretation in "Armenia" by director Robert Guediguian.

MNA/Reuters

US deaths in Iraq expose challenge of urban war

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct — Mounting US deaths in Iraq expose the difficulties the American military faces in fighting urban enemies who look like civilians and can attack from anywhere, soldiers and analysts say.

Despite high-tech tools, additional boots on the ground and local forces working alongside Americans, fighting in Iraq's capital remains daunting and the violence unrelenting.

"There's not much we can do," said one US defence official about the spiralling violence in Baghdad, which has helped push US deaths so far in October to at least 73, one of the highest tolls in recent months.

"The strategy here is to get the bad guys under control then bring in the local police to work with the population," the official said.— MNA/Reuters

Chinese scientists refute Himalayas to continue to grow

LHASA, 23 Oct — Will the Himalaya Mountains, home to the world's highest peaks, continue to push up into the sky in future? Some Chinese scientists say no.

The Himalayas may have reached their highest altitude and in the centuries to come even shrink a little, said Bian Qiantao, a researcher with the Institute of Geology and Geophysics of the Chinese Academy of Science.

Bian is taking part in a month-long scientific expedition to the Himalayas. Located on the southern rim of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau, the Himalaya Mountains form an arc protruding southward. The main part of the range lies in China. "Himalaya" means "abode of snow" in Tibetan. The average height of these mountains is more than 6,000 metres.

Scientists believe that 65 million years ago, the Indian Plate moving north collided with the Eurasian Plate, and the upheaval saw the emergence of the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau as well as the Himalayas.

"Friction between the tectonic plates continues to this day, gradually pushing the Himalayas upward," said Bian. "But at the same time, a horizontal pulling power inside the lower continental crust and

mantle of the earth counteracts this upward movement," said Bian.

According to measurements made by scientists in 2005, the altitude of Mount Qomolangma, or Everest, is 8844.43 metres, 3.70 metres lower than the figure obtained in 1975.

The result suggests that the Himalayas and the Qinghai-Tibet Plateau will not continue to move up indefinitely.

MNA/Xinhua



Shaolin Temple presents a grand welcome ceremony to guests from all over the world during The Second Traditional Wushu Championships last week. About 50,000 wushu practitioners performed along the way from Shaolin Square to Shaolin Temple gate which covers 1.5 kilometres.—INTERNET

Gang attacks Russian modern art gallery

Moscow, 23 Oct—A group of young men ransacked one of

Moscow's best known modern art galleries on Saturday, ripping paintings from walls and damaging equipment, its staff said.

The attack was launched on the Marat Gelman Gallery a day after photograph montages it had displayed caricaturing the Russian and US presidents were seized by Russian Customs at a Moscow airport. "A group of tough-looking young men in black jackets and hats came into the gallery. They clearly knew the layout," gallery manager Sergei Serebrennikov said. "They split up into groups and set about smashing all paintings on the wall, attacked our offices, smashed equipment and telephones and took mobile phones away from

our staff."

Paintings were trampled on the floor of the gallery, one of Moscow's best known in operation since the early 1990s, and papers, books and office supplies were strewn about.

MNA/Reuters



A shopper listens to a representative explaining features of a mobile phone at a shop in Tokyo, on Tuesday morning, 24 Oct, 2006.—INTERNET

88,000 tons of copper surplus worldwide

LUSAKA, 23 Oct — A surplus of 88,000 tons of copper was recorded worldwide in the first eight months this year, *The Saturday Post* reported.

The Zambian newspaper quoted the World Bureau of Metal Statistics (WBMS) as reporting that the stock increased by 30,000 tons during the period.

"No allowance is made in the consumption calculation for unreported stock changes," WBMS said. Copper mine production is 2,000 tons higher than the same period in 2005 at 9.79 million tons.

Supply problems in Mexico and Indonesia dampened global output and counteracted in the effect of increases in Africa and Kazakhstan, said WBMS.

MNA/Xinhua

# SPORTS

## Rangers leave it late for 3-2 win at St Mirren

GLASGOW, 24 Oct— Rangers rescued their flickering Scottish title hopes with a late winner from substitute Nacho Novo to claim a 3-2 victory at St Mirren on Sunday.

After stumbling to victory and third place they trail champions Celtic by 10 points after 11 matches.

Manager Paul Le Guen played down suggestions the win would be a turning point in a difficult start to the season, but praised Spanish striker Novo.

Striker John Sutton headed St. Mirren in front after six minutes but Rangers midfielder Charlie Adam, who spent last season on loan at Saints, lashed in a 20-metre free kick for the equalizer after 18 minutes.

Belgian Thomas Buffel made a diagonal run into the right of the box to drill a low shot into the left side of the net to put Rangers 2-1 up after 26 minutes.

MNA/Reuters



Palermo's Carvalho de Oliveira Amauri (L) celebrates with his teammate Roberto Guana after scoring against AC Milan during their Italian Serie A soccer match at the San Siro stadium in Milan on 22 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

## Blanco sets America on way to derby win

MEXICO CITY, 24 Oct— Volatile forward Cuauhtemoc Blanco set America on their way to a 2-0 win over local rivals UNAM in the Mexican championship on Sunday.

The outspoken Blanco, controversially left out of Mexico's World Cup squad this year, opened the scoring with a long-range left-foot shot in the 33rd minute at the Azteca stadium. Paraguay striker Salvador Cabanas added the second two minutes later, chesting the ball down to score from close range.

America, Mexico's richest team, climbed to second place in Group Three of the Apertura championship with 24 points from 14 games, two behind leaders Toluca.

The 18 teams play each other once in the qualifying stage but are divided into three groups of six.

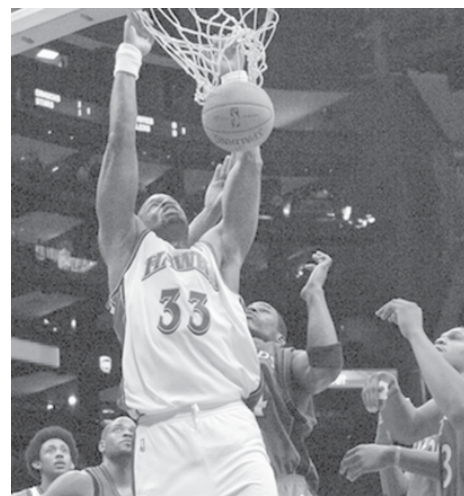
Toluca, whose Argentine coach

Americo Gallega is one of the favourites to replace Ricardo La Volpe in charge of the Mexican national team, needed an 84th-minute goal from Josue Castillejos to beat lowly Santos Laguna 1-0.

Santos remained bottom of Group Three and winless after 14 games.

Atlas (23 points) went top of Group One on goal difference from Cruz Azul as they came from behind to beat nine-man Monterrey 2-1. The visitors had Jose Gonzalez sent off for elbowing in the first half but still took a 66th-minute lead through Pierre Ibarra.

MNA/Reuters



Atlanta Hawks forward Shelden Williams (33) goes to the net against the Washington Wizards during the fourth quarter of a preseason NBA basketball game, on 23 Oct, 2006, at Philips Arena in Atlanta. The Wizards won 110-105.

INTERNET

## China sweeps 4 of 5 golds in China Open Badminton

GUANGZHOU (China), 24 Oct— China swept four out of five gold medals at the China Open Badminton Tournament here on Sunday. Defending champion Chen Hong nipped fellow Chinese Bao Chunlai 21-17, 21-19 to win the men's singles final while veteran Chinese Zhang Ning, 32, lifted the women's singles top honor with a 21-14, 21-5 victory over Yao Jie from the Netherlands.

The women's doubles final was an all-Chinese affair as Yang Wei/Zhang Jiewen triumphed 21-17, 21-7 over Wei Yili and Zhang Yawen.

The mixed doubles clash was also between the Chinese as Xie Zhongbo/Zhang Yawen clinched a 21-19, 21-5 victory over uninspired Xu Chen and Zhao Tingting.—MNA/Xinhua

## Rogge awarded Honorary Doctorate of Beijing Sports University

BEIJING, 24 Oct— International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge was awarded an Honorary Doctorate at the Beijing Sports University on Sunday.

Rogge, who is currently in Beijing on the occasion of the 5th World Forum on Sport, Education and Culture, was accompanied to the ceremony by China's IOC members Yu Zaiqing and He Zhenliang, and Liu Peng, President of the Chinese Olympic Committee.

Rogge spoke of his delight at receiving this honour on behalf of the entire Olympic Family.

"I am very pleased and honoured to receive the Honorary Doctorate from the Beijing Sports University, one of the most prestigious university of physi-

cal education and sports in China and in the world," he said.

Born on May 2, 1942 in Belgium, Rogge is an orthopaedic surgeon by profession. In the course of his sports career, he competed in the yachting competitions at the Mexico Games in 1968, Munich in 1972 and Montreal in 1976. He was also a member of the Belgian national rugby team.

Rogge became President of the European Olympic Committees in 1989, IOC member in 1991 and Executive Board member in 1998. He became the eighth IOC President, elected in July, 2001, at the 112th IOC Session in Moscow.—MNA/Xinhua



Real Madrid's Ruud van Nistelrooy celebrates after scoring a goal against Barcelona during their Spanish first division soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 22 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

## Chelsea write to FAPL over goalkeeper injuries

LONDON, 24 Oct— Chelsea have written to the Premier League (FAPL) and FA regarding their concerns about the medical procedures following injuries to goalkeepers Petr Cech and Carlo Cudicini in a match at Reading earlier this month. Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho complained at a news conference last week that it took 30 minutes for an ambulance to take Cech to hospital after his collision with Reading forward Stephen Hunt in the Premier League game on 14 October.

Reading said Mourinho's remarks contained "very serious factual inaccuracies" and issued a timeline of events. After writing to the FAPL and the FA about

their concerns Chelsea issued a statement on Monday, which said:

"Chelsea FC want to stress that we have not prejudged the outcome of these issues. But we do believe

they warrant further investigation, not just in terms of what happened at Reading,

but also to prevent the same questions being raised if similar incidents occur in the future.—MNA/Reuters

## Collymore appeal against Real Oviedo debt thrown out

LONDON, 24 Oct— Former England striker Stan Collymore has failed in his attempt to avoid paying a 260,000-pound (486,800-US-dollar) debt with Spanish side Real Oviedo, court sources said on Monday.

They said an appeal heard on Monday had been thrown out by the judge as "baseless" and that Collymore was also liable for 8,500 pounds of Real Oviedo's 13,000-pound costs incurred in seeking enforcement of the debt in Britain.

The 35-year-old Collymore, who is looking to make a footballing comeback in England and did not appear in court on Monday, walked out on the Spanish club five years ago after only a few months and said he was retiring at the age of 30.—MNA/Reuters

## Bayern defender Lucio facing 3 weeks out

BERLIN, 24 Oct— Bayern Munich defender Lucio will be out for around three weeks because of an ankle problem, the German champions said on Sunday.

Lucio suffered the injury in Saturday's 3-1 defeat away to Werder Bremen. Werder's clinching third goal in that game was an own-goal from the unfortunate Brazilian centre back.

Bayern are short of cover in the centre of defence after Frenchman Valerien Ismael was ruled out for six months with a broken shin bone back in August.

MNA/Reuters



Ferrari Formula One driver Michael Schumacher of Germany sits for a photo with the rest of the team, after the running of the Brazilian Grand Prix, the last race of Schumacher's F1 career, at the Interlagos track in Sao Paulo, on 22 Oct, 2006.—XINHUA

# Democrats say Bush must show Iraq plan before elections

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct — Key Senate Democrats urged the White House on Sunday not to wait until after the US congressional elections in two weeks to give the Iraqi Government a timetable to assume a larger role in securing the country.

The top Democrat on the Armed Services Committee, Senator Carl Levin, said the Iraq strategy blueprint reportedly being drafted for President George W Bush specifying ways to reduce sectarian violence should also include a schedule for pulling out US forces.

"We shouldn't wait

'til the end of the year to come up with milestones. We ought to be doing that now. We should have done it long ago," Levin of Michigan said on "Fox News Sunday".

Voter discontent with the Iraq war is one of the main reasons Bush's Republicans are said to be increasingly at risk of losing

control of both the House of Representatives and the Senate in the 7 November elections.

The expectation of US troop withdrawal must be the linchpin of any plan, Levin added. "Because without that pressure of our troops leaving Iraq a few months down the road, the Iraqis are not

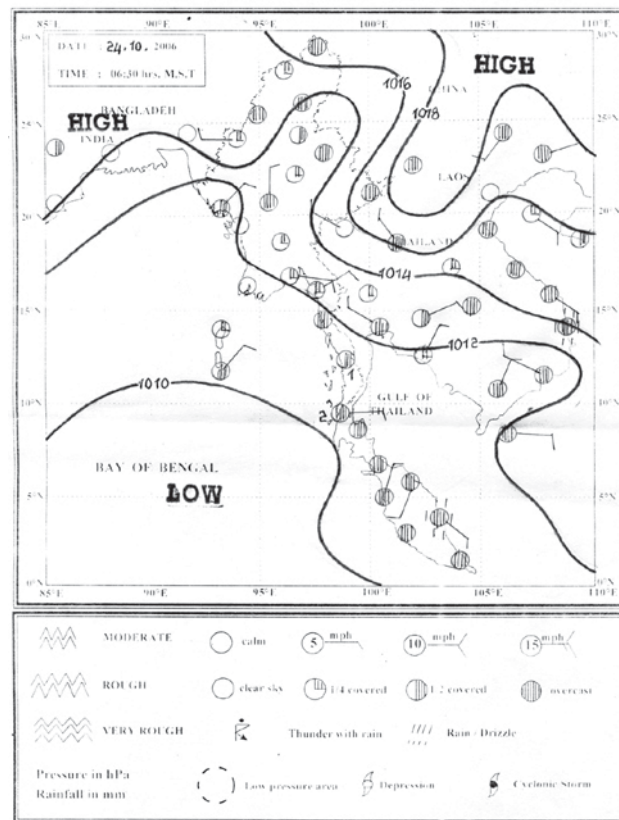
going to do what only they can do, which is to work out those political differences," he said.

Campaigning ahead of the elections, Democrats and many Republicans have called for Bush to overhaul his Iraq strategy because of intensifying violence from guerrillas and rival sects that threatens to tip the country into open civil war.

The *New York Times* said the White House plan was being formulated by General George Casey and Ambassador Zalmay Khalilzad, the top US military and civilian officials in Iraq, along with Pentagon officials.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Tuesday, 24 October, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were PyinOoLwin (0.99) inch, Hakha and Gwa (0.63) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 23-10-2006 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 24-10-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 24-10-2006 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 23-10-2006 was 7.6 hours approx.

Rainfalls on 24-10-2006 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 Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 9 mph from East at 14:15 hours MST on 23-10-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 25-10-2006:** Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Chin, Shan, Mon and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 25-10-2006:** Partly cloudy to cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 25-10-2006:** Possibility of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 40%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 25-10-2006:** Partly cloudy.

### Earthquake report

(Issued at 07:30 hours MST today)

A strong earthquake of intensity (6.8) Richter Scale with its epicentre outside Myanmar about (3,100) miles Northeast of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory, was recorded at (03) hrs (47) min (00) sec MST on 24th October 2006.



Visitors observe floor tiles at the booth of Maruart Korean Laminated floors at Myanmar Furniture Fair-2006 on 24-10-2006. — H



Wednesday, 25 October  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:  
-Love'll find away
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:  
-With you...Lila McCann
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:  
-What it's like to be me...Britney Spears
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunchtime music  
-If I let you go  
-That is the way it is  
-Can't we try
- 9:00pm Variations on a tune  
-Love is all around
- 9:15pm Article
- 9:25pm Music at your request  
-Don't wanna love you  
a m a z i n g ...  
Madonna  
-All in a day...  
The Corrs
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Wednesday, 25 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
- 7:50 am  
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am  
6. မြူးမြူးကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:15 am  
7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am  
8. ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်အရှေ့ပိုင်းနမ့်မေ့တံတား
- 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. Practice in Reading
- 4:40 pm  
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သရုပ်အထူးပြု) (သရုပ်)
- 4:55 pm  
5. Song of national races
- 5:05 pm  
6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတတေး
- 5:10 pm  
7. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:20 pm  
8. "သတိတစ်ချက်တစ်သက်အမှား" (ကျော်မင်းနောင်၊ ကြည်လှလှဦး၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်)
- 5:30 pm  
9. Classical song
- 5:40 pm  
10. "ဒီဆိုတီအက်စ်" (ဇိုးဖြူကျော်ထူး၊ ခိုင်သင်းကြည်)
- ကြူကြူသင်း၊ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်)
- 5:50 pm  
11. ရွှေယံစုံလင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 6:00 pm  
12. Evening news
- 6:30 pm  
13. Weather report
- 6:35 pm  
14. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညောင်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm  
15. ကြားမြင်သူ တပြည့် ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ
- 7:15 pm  
16. ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်း၊ လမ်းစည်းကမ်း၊ ဉာဏ်စမ်းပေးပွဲပြိုင်ပွဲ (အခြေခံမူလတန်းအဆင့်)
- 8:00 pm  
17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. ၂၀၀၆ခုနှစ် (၁၄) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 21. Myanmar movie: "ပန်းပန်လျက်ပါ" (ကောလိပ်ကျင်နေဝင်း၊ မြတ်လေး၊ ကြည်ကြည်ဌေး၊ ဘောတီနွဲ့၊ (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ချစ်ခင်)
- 22. The next day's programme

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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

**14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue for the tenth day**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct— Programmes of the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the tenth day at designated places here today.

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Leading Committee of the Competitions Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minis-

ter for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, Secretary of the Leading Committee Col Yan Naing Oo, officials and locals enjoyed the competitions.

Altogether 13 contestants took part in basic education level (aged 15-20) men's dancing contest

taken place at Auditorium of University of Veterinary Science and supervised by the Panel of Judges led by Professor Daw Nu Nu Khin. Myanmar musical playing contest was held at auditorium of the University of Agriculture and panel of judges of music contest supervised the competitions. Nine contestants from states and divisions took part in amateur level (second class) men's Myanmar musical playing contest, two in amateur level (second class) women's (See page 9)



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

**General Soe Win sends felicitations to Republic of Kazakhstan**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct— Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win has sent a message of felicitations to Mr Daniyal Akhmetov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which falls on 25 October 2006.—MNA

**1,754 jade lots sold at Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium**



Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint looks into a big jade at Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium. — MNA

YANGON, 24 Oct— The sale of jade lots by tender system continued for the second day at the Myanma Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Town-

ship here this morning.

Patron of Myanma Gems Emporium Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint looked into jewelry shops at the hall of Myanma Convention Centre, quality jade lots displayed at the reception hall on the ground floor and uncut jade displayed in the compound of the centre, and greeted local and foreign gem merchants.

Altogether 342 jade lots were sold through tender system from 4 pm to 7.45 pm yesterday and a total of 911 jade lots were sold yesterday alone.

Under the Myanma

Gems Emporium programme, the sale of jade lots continued this morning and altogether 843 jade lots were sold through tender system from 8 am to 4 pm.

A total of 3,194 gem merchants at home and abroad are attending the emporium.

As the number of local and foreign gem merchants attending the emporium is more than expected, pearl, gems lots and jade lots were sold more than that of the previous emporiums.

The remaining jade lots will be sold through tender system tomorrow.

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**PRC goodwill delegation visits Yangon, PyinOoLwin, Mandalay**

NAY PYI TAW, 24 Oct — A goodwill delegation led by Chief of General Staff General Liang Guanglie of the People's Liberation Army of the People's Republic of China today visited Myanma Gems Mart and Mid-Year Gems Emporium for 2006 in Yangon.

They arrived at Yangon International Airport this morning and were welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and senior military officers.

The goodwill delegation, accompanied by Ambassador of the PRC to Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and Military Attaché Senior Col Fan Lian Feng and officials, also visited PyinOoLwin and Mandalay yesterday.

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