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State Peace and Development Council Chairman sends message of felicitations to Nigeria

YANGON, 1 Oct — On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which falls on 1 October 2003, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Chief Olusegun Obasanjo, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. — MNA

Whatever system the nation is practicing, a firm constitution, that serves the interest of all the national races, is required

Mass rally held in Taunggyi in Shan State (South) in support of Prime Minister's clarification on seven-point roadmap

YANGON, 30 Sept — A mass rally, organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association, was held in support of the Prime Minister's clarification on seven stages of policies and programmes of the State (roadmap) in the sports ground in Taunggyi, Shan State (South) yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Central Executive Committee members of USDA, members of Shan State (South) USDA, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Working Committee for Women's Affairs, War Veterans Organization, Red Cross Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, Writers and

Journalists Associations, departmental staff, local people of 20 wards in Taunggyi, representatives of peace groups, intellectuals and intelligentsia, industrialists, students and staff of private banks totalling over 8500. Rector of Taunggyi University Prof Dr Maung Kyaw presided over the mass rally together with Shan national entrepreneur U Sai Aung Min, Danu national entrepreneur U Aung Pway, Pa-o national entrepreneur U Khun Thein Pe and Hsihseng Township USDA Secretary U Khun Than Htoo as members. Taunggyi District USDA executive Daw Khin Thanda Oo acted as master of

ceremonies and executive Daw Khin Htwe Aung as co-master of ceremonies. First, the master of ceremonies announced the commencement of the mass rally. Rector Prof Dr Maung Kyaw made a speech. He said: We, the national races of southern Shan State, are gathering at this place to heartily welcome the seven work programmes of the nation-building tasks stated by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt in his address on 30 August 2003. The Prime Minister divided his speech into three parts in explaining the national affairs. The first part was about the all-round national development; the second part, the political developments; and the third part, the different stages of the future political programme (the roadmap).

The Prime Minister made an assessment of the 13 sectors including the agricultural sector, meat and fish sector, forestry sector, industrial sector and border areas development sector in explaining the progress the nation has achieved since 1988 to this date. And he explained the objective political developments of the nation. The stages of the future political programme based on the objective conditions are:

- (1)- Reconvening of the National Convention that has been adjourned since 1996.
- (2) - After the successful holding of the National Convention, step by step implementation of the process necessary for the emergence of a genuine and discipline-flourishing democratic system.
- (3)- Drafting of a new constitution in accordance with basic principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention.

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Rector Dr Maung Kyaw chairs the mass rally together with U Sai Aung Min, U Aung Pway, U Khun Thein Pe and U Khun Than Htoo. — MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Look after the elderly in accord with fine traditions

The Union of Myanmar is a nation with high cultural standard and it is one of the places in the world where the elderly fully enjoy respect and love of their offspring. Looking after their elders is attractive, adorable, age-old customs and traditions of Myanmar people. And the older people take pride in taking care of social and business affairs of their families.

The Union of Myanmar has annually observed the International Day of Older Persons since the United Nations designated the first of October as the day of older persons in 1999.

In the world today, the number of old people has been on the increase. According to the United Nations, the average life span of mankind was 46 years in 1950 and now it has increased up to 66 and the ratio of the old to the young has increased from 1:10 to 1:5.

The population of the aged in developing countries is rapidly increasing. In the year 2000, the population of the people aged 60 and above in southeast Asian nations was seven per cent of the total population and it is expected to increase by 13 per cent in 2005. In Myanmar, the number of people aged 60 and above was 6.8 per cent of the total population in 2000, 8.1 per cent in 2003 and it is estimated to increase up to 12.1 per cent in 2005.

In the 21st century, the total population of the world stands at 6.3 billion and the life span of mankind has become longer. Therefore, people of the world should pay greater care for the older persons. The motto for observing this year's International Day of Older Persons is "Towards a Society for All Ages" and the day should be marked with full essence.

The yearly observance of the International Day of Older Persons in Myanmar is to promote the welfare of and care for the elderly. Looking after the old is in accord with Mangala Sutta.

On an auspicious day like this, we would like to urge all the people and social organizations in the Union of Myanmar to uphold their fine traditions and to always look after the welfare of their elders.

BIMST-EC Energy Sector, Fourth Meeting of Committee of Experts/Officials

YANGON, 30 Sept — The Fourth Meeting of the BIMST-EC Committee of the Experts/Officials of Energy Sector continued for the second day at the Grand Plaza Park Royal Hotel on Ahlanpya Pagoda Road in Dagon Township at 11.00 am today.

The meeting discussed the further implementation of the identified projects and specific plans

and direction for further formulation and implementation of projects.

The meeting came to a close in the afternoon. U Soe Myint, Director General of Energy Planning Department attended the meeting and gave a speech. On behalf of all delegates, Deputy Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Energy of Thailand Mr Pramote Lamsiri spoke words of thanks. — MNA

Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to the PRC

YANGON, 1 Oct — On the occasion of the fifty-fourth anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1 October 2003, General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China. — MNA



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win being welcomed by Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun at the reception to mark the 54th anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China on 1-10-2003. — MNA

Third Myanmar-Thailand Border Area Health Exhibition opens

YANGON, 30 Sept — The Third Myanmar-Thailand Border Area Health Exhibition and Health Activities Week were held in Kengtung on 27 September morning.

The delegation led by Minister of Public Health of Thailand Mrs Sudarat Keyuraphan arrived at Maesai Bridge at Myanmar-Thailand Border at 9.30 am on 27 September where the delegation led by Minister for Health of Myanmar Dr Kyaw Myint, local authorities and health staff welcomed them.

The two ministers and parties arrived at Kengtung in the afternoon. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint hosted a luncheon in honour of the visiting minister and party at Kengtung Hotel. Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace

and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw was also present on the occasion.

The commander, the two health ministers and members arrived at the Kengtung City Hall where they were welcomed by state and district level officials, members of NGOs, students and local people.

The commander and the two ministers formally opened the archway of the exhibition. At the City Hall, the two ministers made speeches. The commander, the two ministers and party viewed the booths of the departments under the Ministry of Health of Myanmar, tasks for control of malaria, TB, AIDS and drugs, and indigenous medicines of pri-

vate entrepreneurs. The commander and the two ministers fed Vitamin A pills to the babies and presented bed nets treated with insecticides to local people for prevention of malaria.

The two ministers and members left there for Chaingrai via Tachilek.

In the evening, the Thai Health Minister hosted a dinner in honour of Myanmar delegation at Dusit Island Hotel in Chaingrai. On 28 September morning, the Health Activities Exhibition of Thailand was opened at Sintanee Complex in the town. The two ministers made speeches and formally opened the exhibition.

Afterwards, they looked around the booths of the departments under the Ministry of Health of Thailand,

indigenous medicine booths and booths of private entrepreneurs.

At 11 am, the opening of the Third Myanmar-Thailand Border Area Health Seminar was held at Dusit Island Hotel, with the speeches by the two ministers. Respective officials discussed matters on tasks for prevention and control of malaria, TB and AIDS at the border of the two countries and future tasks for cooperation on food and medicines and traditional medicines.

Resolutions of the seminar were approved yesterday morning. The seminar ended later in the morning and the Myanmar delegation led by Minister Dr Kyaw Myint arrived back here in the evening via Tachilek.

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Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Thai Health Minister Mrs Sudarat Keyuraphan formally open the Third Myanmar-Thailand Border Area Health Exhibition. — HEALTH

Course on entrepreneurship opened

YANGON, 30 Sept — A course on entrepreneurship development for women in Myanmar was opened at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this morning. It was attended by patrons of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, President U Win Myint, vice-presidents, General Secretary U Sein Win

Hlaing, CEC members and executives, course instructors and trainees. President U Win Myint, Dr B P Dhungana, founder of MWEA Prof Dr Daw Yi Yi Myint (Retd), First Secretary of Japanese Embassy Mr Yasushi I Wata, Deputy Director-General of Directorate of Trade U Kyi Maung and Project Director of GMS-BG Daw San Yu Yu Ohn made

speeches. Altogether 42 trainees are attending the five-day course. The course was jointly organized by UMFCI, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) and Greater Mekong Subregion Business Forum (GMS-BF).

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An official makes an address at Entrepreneurship Development for Women in Myanmar course. — MNA

Credibility of UN suffers tremendously when it was unable to prevent war against Iraq

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The following are excerpts from the address of Farouk Al-Shara', Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic delivered at the United Nations General Assembly on 29 September:

The grave situation in Iraq has become a source of grave concern for our peoples ... This situation is also a major cause for concern for the international community due to the threat it poses to international peace and security.

complishment by the inspectors of the tasks entrusted to them. This situation not withstanding, Council members were able to stay the course, upholding international legitimacy and the United Na-

peace will be more devastating than the precarious situation prevailing in Iraq at the time.

This said, Syria does not build its foreign policy on resentment nor do we gloat

Our country is directly concerned with what goes on in Iraq given our historical and geographic ties, and our common national loyalties with the Iraqi people

tions Charter. The war was ultimately waged outside the framework of international

over the misfortunes of others. We do not redefine our policy in response to threats either. The real challenge therefore is how to extricate Iraq from this predicament and mobilize all efforts to win the battle for peace in post war Iraq? Our country is directly concerned with what goes on in Iraq given our historical and geographic ties, and our common national loyalties with the Iraqi people. Syria affirms that finding the way out of this predicament does not lie in focusing on addressing the lack of security, therefore increasing the number of troops, using force to bring about security or leveling accusations at neighboring countries. The way out lies in an international commitment to the unity and sovereignty of the territories of Iraq, to setting a clear timetable for the withdrawal of the occupying forces from Iraq as soon as possible, ... and the establishment of a government that is representative of the Iraqi people provided that the UN plays a pivotal role in Iraq in the various political, security and economic fields.—Internet



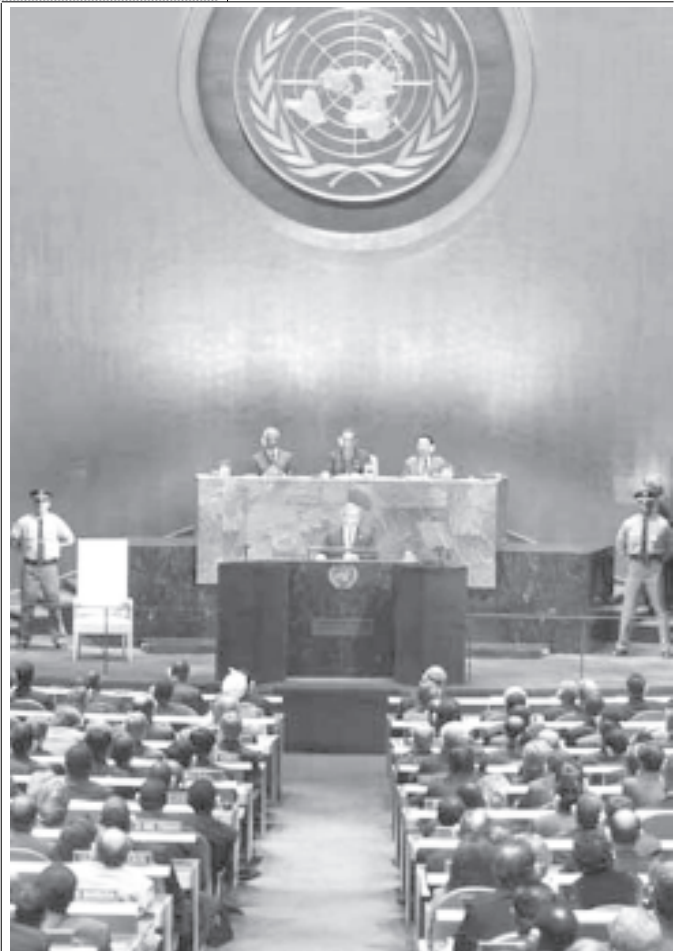
Mr Farouk Al-Shara', Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Syrian Arab Republic

The credibility of our organization has suffered tremendously when it was unable to prevent the war against Iraq, a war waged outside the context of international legitimacy.

For weeks and months, the Security Council was drawn into a bitter strife debating the war resolution prior to the war. We had the marathon of the Inspectors' report that preceded the ac-

legitimacy. They chose not to linger under its burden.

Along with other neighboring countries, Syria remained committed to the principles of international legitimacy and the UN charter. In an unprecedented demarche, our countries unanimously stressed their collective concerns that should this war break out, its repercussions on regional, "Security and international



Dragan Covic, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, addressing the General Assembly on 29 September 2003.

Mr Ahmed Maher El Sayed, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt

The situation in Iraq is a cause for grave concern. We reaffirm anew the need for respect for the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Iraq. **There is also the need to create the conditions conducive to the earliest possible withdrawal of the occupying forces and the discharge by the UN of a central role in assisting the Iraqis in the political and economic reconstruction of their state.** Egypt affirms its readiness to contribute to the reconstruction process in accordance with the wishes and needs of the Iraqi people and in cooperation with the rest of the international community under the aegis of the UN. We look forward to the day of the realization of the aspirations of the Iraqi people and our hopes for it to become an effective and free partner working with its Arab brothers for a better future.—Internet



Mr Ahmed Maher El Sayed Minister of Foreign Affairs of Egypt

Mr Natsagiin Bagabandi, President of Mongolia

At the Millennium Summit held at the turn of a new century the world leaders reaffirmed their commitment to the purposes and principles of the United Nations Charter and proclaimed their firm resolve to work together toward a more efficient and revitalized United Nations. However, the emergence of a complex international situation and its subsequent developments cast into doubt the ability of the United Nations to develop a fast and adequate response to international crises, to maintain international peace and security, to prevent armed conflicts, to resolve pressing issues in war-torn countries and effectively assist them in building national reconciliation and reconstruction. And even more so, the relevance of the United Nations itself has been put into question.

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support the proposal of the Secretary-General to establish a High-Level Panel of eminent personali-

Mongolia reiterates its support for a just and equitable enlargement of the Security Council by increasing the number of permanent and non-permanent seats and ensuring representation of both developing and developed countries.

both developing and developed countries, reviewing the veto power, democratizing working methods of the Security Council through enhancing the openness and transparency of its work. We

ties entrusted with a mandate of conducting a comprehensive analysis of evolving challenges and ways of strengthening the United Nations.

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HRH Prince Saud Al-Faisal, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Saudi Arabia

Iraq today is more than ever in need of an effective role for the United Nations, one that would guarantee the preservation of its territorial and national integrity and restoration of its independence and sovereignty.

The main problems that Iraq currently faces are, the lack of clarity in vision of its future and fate, that it does not yet have control over its resources, and that it is endangered by an extremely complicated and sensitive domestic situation



Prince Saud Al-Faisal and geographical location. Therefore, it is of the utmost necessity to set a clear time-

table that would assure the Iraqis that they are close to restoring their sovereignty and independence through an accelerated political approach linked with specific commitments, whether with regard to consolidating the power of the Transitional Iraqi Government, or drafting a new Iraqi constitution that would pave the way for the formation of a legitimate national Iraqi government whereby citizens enjoy equal rights and duties.

Internet

US troops under heavy attack west of Baghdad, as casualties mount

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept—US forces used tanks, helicopters and a fighter jet to battle their way out of a heavy ambush in Iraq as troop and civilian casualties continued to mount in what is becoming a security quagmire.

And while an Iraqi politician narrowly escaped an assassination attempt, the European Union urged a transfer of sovereignty within a "realistic schedule" as Washington prepared to submit a new resolution to the United Nations.

In farmland near the central town of Khaldiya, US soldiers and Iraqi fighters waged pitched battles for more than four hours Monday after a convoy came under rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) and bomb attack.

"Four jeeps and a tank were heading for Ramadi at 9:00 am (0500 GMT) when a bomb exploded under one tank, then two jeeps were hit by rocket-propelled grenades," said Mohammad Mahmud, an 18-year-old Iraqi student.

Witnesses said the Americans took heavy casualties, and AFP correspondents saw two Black Hawk helicopters land in Khaldiya, one of which left with four wounded. Two US ambulances rushed to the site while several helicopters and a US warplane roared overhead.

According to villagers, the US air and tank fire left a trail of destruction. Houses, a chicken farm and power lines were damaged, farmers said.

The army said it arrested 14 Iraqis.

In another incident, a US military spokeswoman con-

firmed that one soldier died and another was wounded in a bomb attack on a convoy around the nearby town of Habbaniyah, where a large US base is located.

That death brought to 85 the number of American soldiers killed in Iraq since May 1, when Washington declared major combat over. The attacks were the latest in the Sunni Muslim region west of Baghdad where anti-US sentiment runs high and attacks on American forces have been frequent since Saddam Hussein was removed from power in April.

Meanwhile, the Iraqi civilian death toll continued to rise as US forces west of the northern city of Kirkuk killed a 10-year-old child and wounded a 25-year-old man when they opened fire on hundreds of demonstrators who pelted them with stones, hospital director Abdullah Jiburi said.

The US army did not provide confirmation of the report.

An AFP correspondent on the scene said the casualties occurred when around 500 protestors carrying portraits of Saddam took to the streets of Hawija and began pelting US soldiers with stones.

It came as the US military confirmed that six US soldiers were wounded Sunday in a bomb attack on a convoy in Fallujah, 50 kilometres (30 miles) west of Baghdad.—*Internet*

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A US Navy helicopter circles a boat during a patrol off the south coast of Iraq near its border with Iran on 28 September, 2003.—*INTERNET*



Members of the US Army's 720th Military Police Battalion guard a man, question him on 29 September, 2003 during an early morning raid in Tikrit.—*INTERNET*

France says Iraq resolution needs to transfer powers

PARIS, 30 Sept—France said on Sunday the United States might be able to get a new resolution on Iraq through the UN Security Council, but stressed that it needs to transfer sovereignty to Iraqis to improve conditions in the country.

Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin told French radio Europe 1 in an interview that France wanted the United States to transfer sovereignty to Iraqis within a short period of between six to nine months. "If this resolution is just the umpteenth one, which does not change the reality on the ground, it will be passed but it will not improve (things)," he said.

"What we want to see is a resolution that will enable the international community to rebuild Iraq," he added.

France, a Security Council permanent member, has ruled out using its veto to kill the resolution, which US Secretary of State Colin Powell is expected to table within two days. Villepin

declined to say if France will support the resolution or abstain from voting.

"We shall have to see the draft. We shall have to see if the draft takes into account France's aspirations, as well as those of a great many countries," he added.

Powell, in a gesture to critics such as France, on Friday sketched a timeline for returning Iraq to self-rule, saying he would like Iraqis to produce a Constitution within six months. But he did not specify when the countdown would begin and said no firm deadline would appear in the UN resolution.

France, which opposed the US-led war on Iraq, wants a deadline for the transfer of power to Iraqis.

"This is the reason for our

proposals. And what are these proposals? Firstly, a swift transfer of sovereignty within a very short period of time. As far as we are concerned, the starting point is a sovereign Iraq," Villepin said.

"I believe that there should in effect be a time limit. If we wish to have credibility among the Iraqis, if we wish to encourage them to run their own affairs, we must rally them, we must give them responsibility."

The Foreign Minister said the question of France sending troops into Iraq did not arise at the moment as security was first needed to be restored to create the conditions for reconstruction and participation of the international community.

MNA/Reuters

US soldier killed in Iraq, 81st to die since May

JAZEERA, 30 Sept—A US soldier was killed in Iraq Monday, the 81st to die in action since the start of May, as American forces backed by helicopters fought guerillas for hours in a restive area west of Baghdad.

In the capital, officials said the trial of accused oil smugglers from a Panamanian-flagged tanker with a Ukrainian crew was intended to send a clear message to traffickers draining Iraq of precious fuel.

US-led authorities said Iraq's current oil exports were around 1.2 million barrels per day (bpd) from production of nearly two million bpd—well below peak exports of 2.8 million bpd before the war in March that toppled Saddam Hussein.

But the country's oil export potential is being closely watched on global markets, with oil cartel OPEC saying it was cutting production to accommodate a slow but steady rise in Iraq's exports and in the meantime pushing up oil prices.

Washington sees oil as a crucial source of funds for reconstruction in Iraq.

The latest American death came in a bomb explosion as a US military convoy travelled along a road near Habbaniya, about 70 km (40 miles) from Baghdad, a US

military spokesman said. Another soldier was wounded. Soldiers carried a wounded woman in civilian clothes from a grassy area near a dirt road to their sand coloured Humvee before taking her for treatment. Local people said at least five Iraqis had been wounded. "One woman was going to a farm and she got shot," said local resident Ali Salih, accusing the Americans of over-reacting. "This is not right. They are shooting at houses and civilians for no reason."—*Internet*

Iran willing to cooperate with IAEA

TEHERAN, 30 Sept—Iran on Sunday expressed its willingness to cooperate with the UN nuclear watchdog, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), reports reaching here from Washington said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi made the pledge in an interview with the ABC Television in the United States amid mounting international pressure over Teheran's atomic programme.

"We are trying and we are determined to cooperate" with the International Atomic Energy Agency, Kharazi was quoted as saying.

But "the problem is that United States Administration asked us to stop enrichment activities in Iran. While it is legal... and nothing is wrong as long as it is under the auspices of the IAEA and the inspection regime," he added.

Iran was ready to sign a new protocol with the IAEA, Kharazi said, adding "we want to make sure that we can continue with enrichment facilities to produce fuel needed for our power plants."

Highly enriched uranium can be used to make nuclear weapons, which Washington accuses Teheran of planning to do.

Earlier on Sunday, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi told a weekly news conference that the country insisted on its right to conduct nuclear programme, including uranium enrichment.

MNA/Xinhua

Indiana police find five family members shot dead

CHICAGO, 30 Sept—Police on Saturday found five members of a Gary, Indiana family dead of gunshot wounds in a possible murder-suicide.

Detective Corporal William Fazekas said the mother of the family was dead along with two sons, a daughter and 2-year-old nephew. He did not identify them but said an 82-year-old grandmother, Elizabeth Walton, survived the shooting. She had been taken to a hospital with bullet wounds.

"It appears that they were shot while they were sleeping," Fazekas said.

MNA/Reuters

US UNDER INTENSIFIED IRAQ RESISTANCE



British soldiers are watched by Iraqis as they carry out a building inspection during a patrol in Basra, in southern Iraq on 29 September, 2003.—INTERNET



A US soldier was killed and another was wounded on 29 September, 2003 when guerillas attacked a military convoy in a restive area west of Baghdad, a US military spokesman said. — INTERNET



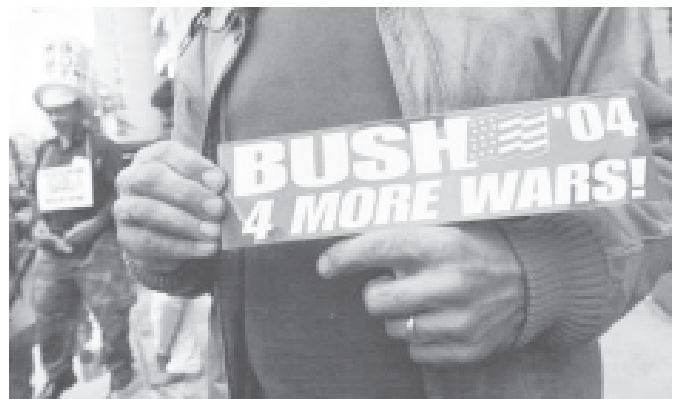
Members of the US Army's 720th Military Police Battalion search a house while a boy sleeps, on 29 September, 2003 during an early morning raid in Tikrit. Iraqi security forces, backed up by US military police, carried out their largest-ever joint raid Monday in an effort to arrest those responsible for a spate of deadly attacks against American forces and to break the resistance movement in Saddam Hussein's turbulent hometown. — INTERNET



US Army troops maintain a cordon holding back a television cameraman and the husband of a slain woman, following a firefight in the Iraqi town of Khaldiayah on 29 September, 2003. — INTERNET



Demonstrators gather on Hollywood Boulevard in protest against United States' policy in Iraq, Palestine and Afghanistan on 28 September, 2003, in the Hollywood section of Los Angeles. Approximately 3,000 people participated in the event. INTERNET



A man holds a sticker mocking United States President George W Bush during an organized protest in New York on Sunday. The White House has denied that President George W Bush's top political adviser, Karl Rove, was behind a leak of secret information apparently aimed at discrediting a vocal critic of pre-war intelligence on Iraq. — INTERNET

More attacks on US troops in Iraq as furore spreads over intelligence

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept—US soldiers faced more attacks in Iraq amid growing indications that Washington was ill-prepared to manage the occupation of the country in the wake of its military victory over Saddam Hussein.

As the United States and Britain continued to protest that their invasion of Iraq was fully justified, more US troops were called for duty there, despite mounting public opposition to their continued presence against the security turmoil in the war-ravaged country.

A day after four US soldiers were wounded in homemade bomb attacks, another American convoy was targeted in Fallujah, 50 kilometres (30 miles) west of Baghdad, Iraqi police and US officials said.

Police officer Ismail Ibrahim said the convoy of three or four vehicles was attacked about 10:00 am (0600 GMT) Monday in the town, where anti-US sentiment runs high, and "the Americans opened fire blindly."

Witnesses said they saw several US soldiers wounded, some seriously, but there was no official confirmation. An *AFP* journalist at the site saw one Humvee military vehicle damaged.

Though a US soldier at the scene confirmed the attack, without mentioning any wounded, a military spokesman in Baghdad

said they had no report of the incident.

Witnesses in Khaldiyyah, 80 kilometres (50 miles) west of Baghdad, meanwhile said US troops took heavy casualties in a firefight Monday after their convoy came under attack from bombs and rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs).

The witnesses said several US soldiers were killed but there was no official confirmation of any deaths.

On Sunday, the US military said it had found four caches of weapons, including missiles, near Saddam's hometown of Tikrit, 175 kilometres (110 miles) north of Baghdad.

The largest, found on the outskirts of Tikrit, included 23 Russian-made surface-to-air missiles, C-4 explosives, RPGs, hand grenades, smoke pots, blasting caps and rocket motors.

The rocket grenades are often stripped down by forces still loyal to Saddam and used to make homemade bombs, such as those that wounded four US soldiers earlier in the day in two separate attacks, north and south of the capital. —*Internet*



A military convoy of the Hungarian Army's Transportation Battalion deployed in Iraq leaves al-Hillah, Iraq, on 28 September, 2003 to bring humanitarian aid from Kuwait. —*INTERNET*

Powell says India will not send troops to Iraq

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept—The United States, struggling to get more countries to send troops to help to stabilize Iraq, said on Sunday it had given up hope that India might contribute soldiers.

"The Indians ... have indicated they would not be in a position to provide troops and I don't expect that position to change," US Secretary of State Colin Powell said in an interview on CNN.

Powell said he was disappointed, "but, you know, each nation has to make its own judgment".

"We can't order troops in by dictate. We have to persuade them that it is in the interest of international order." It already has 130,000 troops stationed in Iraq. There are also 22,000 troops from 31 other countries helping provide security, Powell said.

The Bush Administration still hopes to win a new UN resolution that would provide other countries the

political cover they need to provide troops.

"The Turks are looking at it, Bangladesh is looking at it, Pakistan is looking at it, other nations are looking at the possibility of contributing troops. But none has made a firm commitment," Powell said. Indian Foreign Minister Yashwant Sinha told CNN that India would look at any new UN resolution within the context of its own national security concerns.

"Our troops are for duty in India, for the protection and security of India. So we'll have to look at our security concerns and see whether, at that point of time, we have enough troops to spare," Sinha said. —*MNA/Reuters*

Gorilla flees zoo, roams Boston suburb

BOSTON, 30 Sept — A gorilla escaped from Boston's Franklin Park Zoo on Sunday and injured at least one person before being subdued with tranquilizer darts, police and witnesses said.

A Boston police spokeswoman said a "juvenile" was taken to hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening. It was not clear how the injuries were inflicted.

Local residents said police officers could be seen fleeing with guns drawn when the gorilla emerged from the zoo and roamed streets in Boston's Roxbury neighbourhood. Police brought in reinforcements equipped with automatic weapons, nets and night-vision goggles. Officers fired four tranquilizer darts at the animal to subdue it. —*MNA/Reuters*

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Few UN foreign employees left in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 30 Sept—More than 30 foreign employees of the United Nations left Iraq over the weekend after Secretary-General Kofi Annan sent them home because of security concerns, leaving just 50 non-Iraqi workers behind, a UN spokesman said Monday.

The number of foreign workers will continue to fluctuate, spokesman Fred Eckhard said at a news briefing.

The United Nations had 300 foreign employees in Baghdad and another 300 elsewhere in Iraq before an August 19 car bomb killed 22 people at the UN headquarters in Baghdad. Annan later ordered the number reduced to 42 in Baghdad and 44 in the north.

Annan ordered further cutbacks last week following a second bombing, but did not say how many of the remaining staffers would leave.

Eckhard has said the United Nations' humanitarian work should continue, with limited international supervision, using its 4,233 Iraqi employees.

But Annan has indicated that if security does not improve, he might not allow the world body's international staff to return in sufficient numbers to do more, adding that the United Nations would be prevented from helping Iraq write and adopt a new constitution and hold elections.

The UN Staff Union, representing 5,000 staff members worldwide, has called

for the suspension of UN operations and the withdrawal of all UN staff in Iraq because of the "unacceptable risks."

Officials running the UN oil-for-food programme say the staff cutbacks have made it difficult for them to get ready for the phasing out of the programme by November 21. Benon Sevan, who runs the programme that gave Iraqis a lifeline when the country was under UN sanctions before Saddam Hussein was ousted, said the United Nations would meet the deadline and hand over any remaining activities to the US-led coalition. —*Internet*

Bush's Marshall Plan comparison to Iraq questioned

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept — British statesman Winston Churchill called the Marshall Plan — the colossal US aid package that helped Western Europe back to its feet after World War II — "the most unsordid act in history".

Now this "unsordid act" has leapt from the history books into today's political rhetoric, as President George W Bush, Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and others invoke the memory of the Marshall Plan in seeking congressional approval of Bush's costly reconstruction efforts in Iraq.

But historians questioned the comparison. And some leading congressional Democrats said Bush's actions run counter to the spirit of the Marshall Plan, named for its architect, Nobel Peace Prize laureate George C. Marshall.

"If they want to give money to Iraq to make them a nice democracy, that's OK with me. But we ought not to fool ourselves that we're doing a Marshall Plan," said Larry Bland, a leading authority on the Marshall Plan and editor of the *Marshall Papers* at the George C Marshall Foundation in Lexington, Virginia.

"The economic elite isn't kidded. So

it's political spin rather than reality. We're not going to do a Marshall Plan for them. We're going to do a big, expensive influx of money," Bland added. "The short answer from my perspective is that it is definitely not a valid comparison," added Imanuel Wexler, a professor emeritus of economics at the University of Connecticut who wrote *The Marshall Plan Revisited*, a definitive book on the economic aspects of the plan. Bland said the Marshall Plan was not intended to rebuild the ruined infrastructure of a country, but rather restore trade and halt inflation. Most Americans viewed it as "an act of generosity", Bland added, although it did not hurt that nations receiving aid were soon able to buy American products.

The Marshall Plan cost 100 billion US dollars in today's dollars, when accounting for inflation, Bland said, and even more as a percentage of the overall US economy.

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Chinese Tai Chi practitioners perform the ancient martial art on the Great Wall on 28 September, 2003. —*INTERNET*

Secretary-2 addresses the inaugurating of Bwetgyi Dam in Aunglan Township, Magway Division

YANGON, 30 Sept — The Bwetgyi Dam constructed by the Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Aunglan Township, Thayet District, Magway Division was inaugurated near the dam this morning, with an address by Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, deputy ministers, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min, officials, local authorities, departmental heads, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and others totalling over

cultural manufacturing process and the greening of the region.

Since 1988, the Government has built 26 irrigation facilities including the dam in the division. The nine dams including Bwetgyi Dam in the eastern part of Magway Division benefit around 86,000 acres of cultivable land in Taungdwingyi, Natmauk, Myothit and Aunglan townships. Of them, Myothit and Taungdwingyi townships can be called the rice bowl of the eastern part of the division. On completion of all the dam construction projects, four townships including Natmauk and Aunglan townships will develop and will boost agricultural production.

Likewise, dams and diversion weirs are being constructed by damming Mone, Man, Salin and Yaw creeks in the western part of the division. Salin, Saku and

construction of river-crossing and creek-crossing bridges, new railway lines and Magway Airport.

With the emergence of textile and garment factories, personal goods factories and industrial zones, Magway Division's industrial sector is moving into top gear. Besides, the construction of new universities, colleges and specialists hospitals and regional development have helped polish and elevate the prestige and integrity of the division. With the government's nation-building projects, Magway Division has been able to stand shoulder to shoulder with the other States and Divisions. And, the emergence of the Bwetgyi Dam will help the division speed up the development momentum.

Upholding the guidance on the four agricultural methods given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe,



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein makes a speech at the opening ceremony of Bwetgyi Dam in Aunglan Township, Magway Division.

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Fully and systematically employing the water resources created by the State, local people are to place emphasis on cultivation of crops on all the cultivable land in the division, boosting per acre yield of the crops and minimizing loss and wastage, the Secretary-2 urged. Realizing the genuine goodwill of the State,

reality for it serves as guidelines for the development of the division.

Recently the State's political roadmap has been declared for the emergence of democracy suitable for the nation and the people.

The future policies and programmes, which are harmoniously combined with the real political situations

to be well aware of destructive acts, he pointed out.

In conclusion, the Secretary-2 called for maintenance of the existing irrigation facilities, the greening of the region and boosting agricultural production.

Next, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin made a speech.



Those in attendance at the opening ceremony of Bwetgyi Dam. — MNA

11,000.

In his address, the Secretary-2 said that the government has been constructing river water pumping stations, diversion weirs and dams one after another so that there is a network of irrigation facilities in Magway Division. The emergence of the Bwetgyi Dam will help improve the agricultural sector as well as raise the socio-economy of local people in Aunglan Township.

With the extended construction of irrigation facilities, Magway Division, which mainly relies on the agricultural sector, has made remarkable changes in agri-

Pwintbyu plains in the west bank of Ayeyawady River have made success in the agricultural sector as well. Thanks to emergence of dams, 44 water pumping stations and over 900 small dams and lakes, over 500,000 acres of cultivable land have been irrigated in the division.

As a result, Magway Division now can extend its monsoon and summer paddy cultivation reaching up to over 600,000 acres in 2002-2003, compared with around 360,000 acres in 1988.

It is known to all that the division has also enjoyed better transport due to the

Magway Division has to make strenuous efforts in order to significantly boost per acre yield of the ten major crops — paddy, cotton, sugarcane, pigeon pea, black pulse, green gram, groundnut, sesame, sunflower and maize.

The ten major crops thrive in the division that mainly produces beans and pulses and edible crops. The division also makes success in cultivating kitchen crops, thereby making significant contribution towards the State's agricultural sector. So, Magway Division is the one on which the nation can rely in the economic sector.

local people are to strive for national and regional development and to respond to the goodwill by working hard in unity.

During his tour of Magway Division, the Head of State gave guidance on boosting per acre yield of paddy for local rice sufficiency, extended cultivation of oil crops for fulfilling the edible oil demand of the nation, extension of livestock breeding, placing emphasis on planting trees, and extended growing of tamarinds, toddy palms and neem trees in addition to shady trees in the region. The guidance is to be translated into

of the State, mean the correct path to build up a democratic nation.

Thus, all the citizens are to accelerate the development momentum of the State's economy by making concerted endeavours in their own businesses, and to collectively participate in the State's political policies and programmes.

Despite fierce local and international pressures on the nation to cause her political conditions to be in complete disorder and to hinder the development momentum, all the people are to be on the correct path, to make effective and thorough efforts and

He said that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was pleased to fulfil water supply programmes, the prerequisite for agro-economic undertakings of the farmers, thereby contributing much to development of rural economy. He expressed thanks to staff of the Irrigation Department and local authorities who have made strenuous efforts with the assistance of the government in building the Bwetgyi Dam.

He urged the local people and local authorities to safeguard the dam which was built for economic development of rural regions for its

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Bwetgyi Dam in Aunglan Township, Magway Division. — MNA

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transforming the nation from the old system to a new one in accord with the existing laws in a gentle way.

The work programmes to fulfill the requirements in building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation are wide and sophisticated. Democracy cannot be materialized through the demands and demonstrations.

We will have to overcome many difficulties and restrictions in marching to a discipline-flourishing democracy. The nation was left behind in development for certain reasons; there was weakness in the national unity resulting from the armed insurgency under various ideologies; the transport in some areas was poor; and the political parties lack experience. To build a demo-

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The Government is striving to lay sound economic and political foundations with much patience and gentleness as a preparatory work for flourishing of the democracy. As it is consolidating the national unity, it is also trying to narrow the economic and social gap be-

In this regard, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying, "Whatever system the nation is practising, a firm constitution, that serves the interest of all the national races, is required."

Some big nations wishing to export their types of democracy to others are putting pressure, disturbing and interfering in others' affairs, and at the same time some political elements, who are unable to differentiate between political cause and

personal cause; personal cause and democracy cause, are inclined to import de-

mocracy. Our democratic process was delayed due to their negative attitudes and acts.

The entire people will have to cooperate with the Government in setting up a new peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation — the national goal — following the correct road.

The different stages of the political programme laid down by the State are the practicable programmes for emergence of a durable constitution to build a discipline-flourishing democratic na-

tion in accord with the constitution. As the programmes are in accord with the nation's objective conditions and the reconvening of the National Convention, we, the entire national races, heartily welcome them. As the different stages of the political programme of the State are the right path to building a democratic nation, I urge the entire national races to unanimously support them.

Executive U Kyaw Soe Hlaing of Shan State (South) USDA tabled the motion calling on the entire people

to take part in their respective sectors actively with full Union Spirit for success of the seven future political programmes.

As previous governments could not solve the problem of evil legacy of the history and conditions that lagged behind in development, the Tatmadaw government led by Senior General Than Shwe repays the debt of evil legacy of the history.

National people severely suffered divide-and-rule policy under the British (See page 9)



Sulamuni Lawkachantha pagoda in Taunggyi, Shan State. — MNA



Those in attendance at the mass rally in support of the State's future policies and programmes. — MNA



Shan State (South) USDA Executive U Kyaw Soe Hlaing tables the motion. — MNA



Dr Daw Win Nu Nu Thant seconds the motion. — MNA



Associated Professor U Win Myint Hsan seconds the motion. — MNA



The mass rally in support of the seven future policies and programmes of the State. — MNA

Whatever system the nation is practicing...

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Imperialists. After re-gaining independence, there were no political stability and security due to the insurgency of different armed groups and above-ground political parties and the country had to suffer many hardships. In other words, our parents and the people suffered from weaknesses of the then parliamentary democracy.

Although there was the drive for economic development in the socialist period, there was no economic incentive. Economic situation of the country became bad due to lack of implementation of the effective market. Moreover there was no authority to repair the weaknesses of the one-party system. As a result, unity among the national political forces became weak. Economic and political frustrations over the existing government rose. We have witnessed that the disturbances, the 1988 democracy revolution as they called it, emerged as an evil

national economic life.

In transport sector in Shan State (South) Aungban-Pinlaung-Loikaw railroad, Shwenyaung-Yaksauk railroad, Shwenyaung-Taunggyi railroad and Taunggyi-Banyin-Saikkhaung railroad and Namhsan-Mongnai railroad, the sections of Taunggyi-Namhsan railroad were built.

The Loilem-Panketu-Hsipaw road linking Shan State (South) and (North), Yaksauk-Kyaukgu-Nawng-hkio road, Hanmyintmo-Myogyi-Ywangan Road linking Mandalay Division and Pinlaung-Pyinmana Road were also built.

Heho Airport was extended and a new Namhsan Airport was built. Unlike in the past, transport facilities have improved and people can travel easily.

We all witnessed that hotels and tourism services have improved in Nyaungshwe, Inlay, Taunggyi, Kalaw and Pindaya as there are more local travellers and tourists.

The constitution is the main law that prescribes separation of the State power, building of the nation, duties and responsibilities and privileges and relations between the people and the State. It is the national duty to draft the constitution with unity.

event leading to the near disintegration of the country. At that time the country reached the situation of losing sovereignty and lives and properties of the people. That was why the Tatmadaw had to take up the State duties..

After taking up the State duties, the Tatmadaw carried out measures for restoration of stability and peace and ensuring smooth and secure transport and implemented national development tasks.

Moreover, the Tatmadaw opened up economic opportunities for the people. The Tatmadaw is building the economy of the country after laying down projects for development of

As the telephone communication service became wider, eight telephone exchanges and 28 rural telephone communication stations were built.

We thank the government for implementation of transport, communication, economic, education and health sectors nationwide including Shan State (South) with correct leadership and better policy.

With the improvement of socio-economic life of the people and other conditions, the National Convention was convened in 1993 to formulate the fundamental principles for drafting the State constitution essential for emergence of a peaceful

modern developed nation.

Only when the National Convention consisting of all strata of life can coordinate and formulate necessary principles for the State constitution, will it be natural and perpetual.

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In November 1995, based on attitude of an individual, NLD that participated in formulating the principles for the constitution in the National Convention, walked out of the National Convention of high level according to their own deci-

sion, ignoring political co-operation.

After that, NLD launched a political attack based on the convening of the Hluttaw and holding a dialogue and democracy and always tried to find ways to bring down the government that brings about the interests of the people.

It is obvious that such constant opposition is the attempt relying on the external elements more than internal elements.

Some big nations interfered in internal affairs using various means without distinguishing the interests of the State from individual interests and personal cause from democratic cause.

To be the worst, they not only put pressure on the country politically but also impose sanctions against the

Union of Myanmar economically and control it financially.

They undermine socio-economic life of the people. He said he would like to ask questions—which is important, interest of an individual

or that of the people? Is an individual important for democracy? Why do they forcibly put pressure on the country making the people poor and unemployed laying emphasis on democracy.

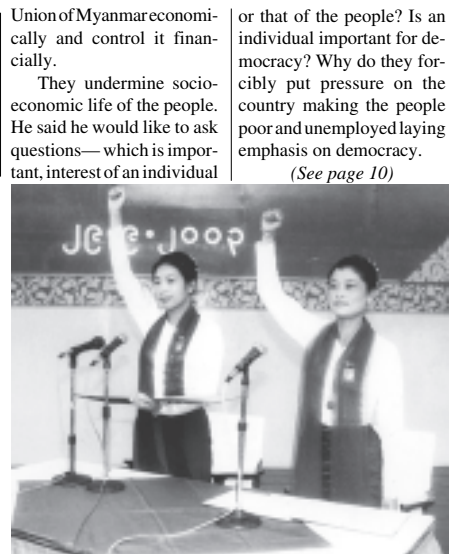
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The panel of chairmen chanting slogans at the mass rally. — MNA



Those in attendance chanting slogans at the mass rally. — MNA



Master of ceremonies and co-master of ceremonies chanting slogans at the mass rally. — MNA



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The answers to these questions are clear. They make such attempts not because they love and want us to be prosperous but because they create those who will be under their influence.

As such pressures continue the golden land with discipline-flourishing democracy that all people hope for will remain in the distance.

No matter how much they put pressure on us with any aim, we are to build a nation with discipline-flourishing democracy on the correct path in conformity with the tradition and culture of its nation and people. All national people must be aware of the fact that a democratic nation should not be built with the help of some big nations. A democratic nation is to be built with consideration, maturity of knowledge, preservation of the worldly values and unity in accord with the correct national political path.

We have own national concept and form national political way. We must be loyal to the State and patri-

discipline-flourishing democracy nation. He tabled the motion calling on the entire people to take part in their respective sectors actively with full Union Spirit for success of the seven future political programmes.

Afterwards, Anaesthetists Dr Daw Win Nu Nu Thant of Shan State (South) Women and Children's Hospital seconded the motion calling on the entire mass of people to part take in any sectors for the successful implementation of the seven-point future policy of the State with true sense of Union Spirit. Anaesthetists Dr Daw Win Nu Nu Thant said it can be vividly seen the development of the State under the correct leadership of the government and reasonable policies and the united participation of the national

Seven-point political programmes in the Prime Minister's clarification are in conformity with the political development of the country and are the firm path for building a nation with discipline-flourishing democracy nation.

people with might and main and the stability and tranquillity of the State. Shan State was difficult of assess,

20 million baskets of paddy over 30 years ago. Shan State (South) alone grows 400,000 acres of rice to produce 25

million baskets of paddy. Success has been achieved in growing maize and beans and pulses. In other words,



Gateway of Taunggyi, in Shan State.— MNA

State Senior General Than Shwe as saying efforts have been made for the next generations to be wealthy and not to feel small and for the country to be developed which lagged behind in development in all sectors. The endeavours are made not for interest of an individual nor for a single group, but for the Union to be developed.

The country has already had its national creed, belief and own national policy suitable to the historical background of the nation. In line with these policies, nation politics development procedures are to be chosen by its own citizens freely.

She then quoted Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt as saying the **seven-point future policy of the State stems from the political stand of the State for emergence of a firm constitution and to build a modern, developed democracy nation in line with the constitution.**

In conclusion, she said as these are related procedures to the political reforms and are true and practical ones, the entire mass of people warmly welcomed them and pledged to cooperate hand in hand with the government for building a true, discipline-flourish, democracy country on the right political path.

Associate Professor U Win Myint Hsan of Zoology

Department of Taunggyi University seconded the motion tabled by U Kyaw Soe Hlaing "calling for active participation of the entire national people in realization of the political roadmap of the State by doing their bit with Union Spirit". He said that Myanmar is the Union where various national races reside through thick and thin. Likewise, Shan State is a large area where over 40 national races such as Shan, Bamar, PaO, Palaung, Kachin, Intha, Dhanu, Kokang, Wa, Lahu, Akhar, Kayan, Lishaw and gon reside. The national brethren have been residing in the Union in unity since time immemorial based on mutual understanding and friendship for years countable by the thousand. That is why the Union has been able to stand tall in dignity among the nations of the world. Although there were times during which dissension arose the national races due to various reasons, unity of the national races who are residing in the same land and partaking water from the same source could be restored based on forgiveness and understanding.

At present, altogether 17 national race armed groups have returned to the legal fold and they, in cooperation with the government, are now actively participating in regional and national development projects. As the Union

is on the course of development, Shan State is enjoying the fruitful results of peace and security.

With prevalence of peace and tranquillity in the region, tasks for development of economic and social sectors could be carried out effectively. Significant progress has been made in livestock breeding, industrial, trade, education, health and transport sectors in parallel with economic sector.

That is why development has been achieved in all parts of Shan State based on development of Taunggyi region, Panglong region, Lashio region and Kengtung region. The government has spent over K 7,850 million on development of Shan State from 1989 to this day.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, in his clarification on State's goodwill towards the national races, said that all the national brethren residing in 14 states and divisions serve the interests of one another.

The government, like a parent, is making all-out efforts in the interests of the national races, its children. As all the national races are Myanmar nationals who live in the Union, the government extends its goodwill equally to them without favour to anyone.

The government is rebuilding the nation with goodwill. As a result, progress has

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National races marching to the mass rally to support the State's future policies and programmes.— MNA



National race damsels seen at the mass rally.— MNA

otic. Our Three National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty are to be safeguarded. These are the national duties of every citizen. Seven-point political programmes clarified by the Prime Minister are in conformity with the political development of the country and are the firm path for building a nation with

unstable and less-developed in the past, except Taunggyi where state level offices locate. Nowadays as road transportation has improved and national groups have entered into the legal fold to cooperate the regional development tasks with the government, the state has developed harmoniously.

Shan State produces over 60 million baskets of paddy at present compared to about

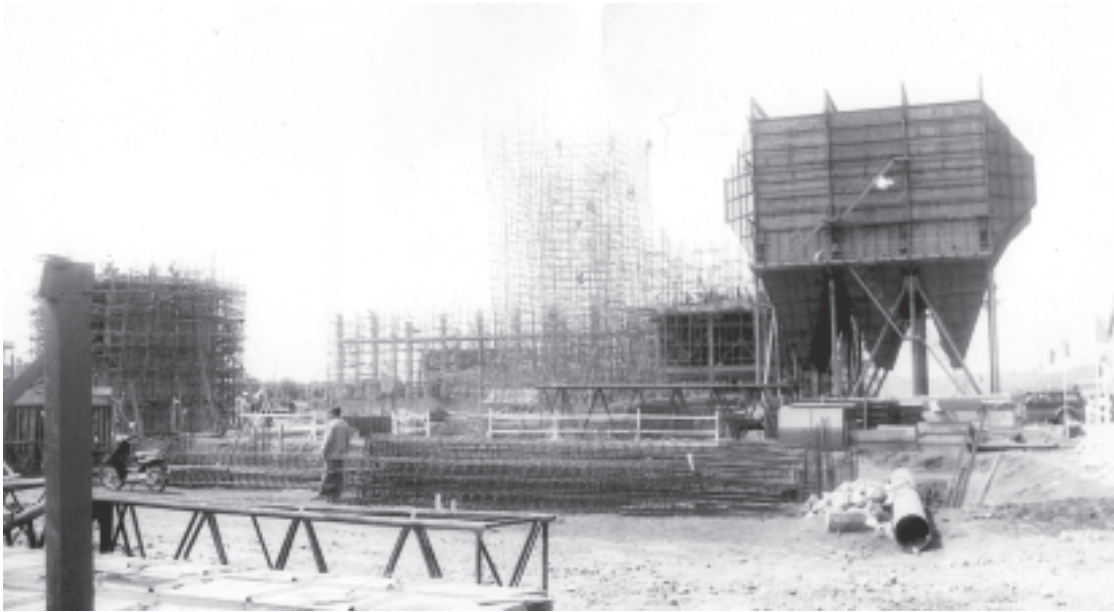
the major economic sector of the Shan State (South) is agriculture and trade sector and together with the agriculture sector, the region is developing remarkably. Border towns which lagged behind in development in the past have developed like cities. This proves that the Union has, to a certain extent, developed in economic and social sectors, she said.

She quoted **Head of**



A column marching to the mass rally to support the State's future policies and programmes.— MNA

Implementation of projects for socio-economic development of Shan State (South)



In a bid to satisfy the growing demand of electricity, the Ministry of Electric Power is implementing the coal-fired power station project (Tikyit), which will generate 120 Megawatts of electricity. Coal-fired power station project (Tikyit) in Tikyit region, Pinlaung Township, Shan State.

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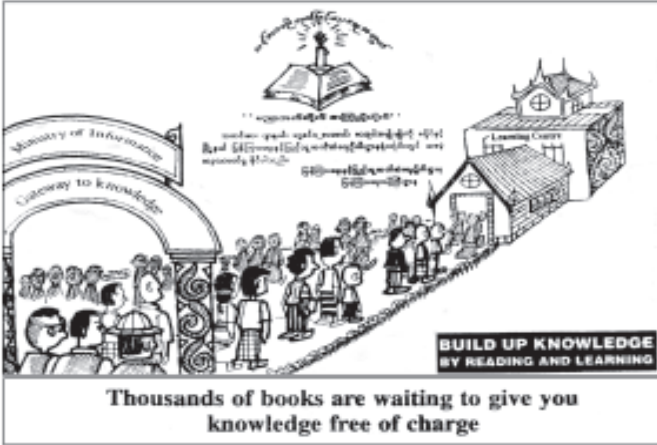
The government is striving for development of education in accord with the motto — To build a modern developed nation through education. Higher education learning centres have been opened across the country. The photo shows the Panglong University.

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The Loilem District Hospital has been upgraded to a 200-bed facility which possesses all the characteristics of a general hospital.

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Mahathir makes "final" decision to step down on October 31

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Sept— Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said on Saturday he would step down on October 31, 2003.

Speaking to the Malaysian Press corps accompanying him during his current visit to Monaco, Mahathir said his decision was final, according to a report of Malaysia national news agency Bernama.

Mahathir said he could not go back on his word as this would make him lose his credibility.

Mahathir, 77, who has been at the helm of the nation for over two decades, announced his resignation from the ruling party and government posts at the final day of the 56th General Assembly of the United Malays National Organization (UMNO) in June last year, but later agreed to continue to lead the government and the party to ensure a smooth and orderly transition of power.

On the doubts expressed by certain groups over his intended retirement, Mahathir said, "Some people think... he will not step down with so much power at his disposal... holding such a high position and enjoying life at the top."

"This is because they think that if they were in the place they will not give it up," he said.

"Rumours... we cannot avoid particularly from the opposition... PAS (Pan Malaysian Islamic Party) has been saying that he will not resign... how many times their predictions did not come true," he added.—MNA/Xinhua

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China's auto exports rising fast

BEIJING, 30 Sept — China's exports of vehicles grew by 232.2 per cent year-on-year to reach 239 million US dollars in the first eight months of this year, according to the General Administration of Customs.

This included 18.52 million US dollars from sedans, 8.46 million from off-road vehicles, 9.29 million from mini buses, 28.73 million from buses, 76 million from trucks, and 83.82 million from special-purpose vehicles.

Automotive products have become a major part of China's exports of machinery and electrical goods.

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China becomes important world purchasing base

HANGZHOU, 30 Sept — Although Carrefour has already become a household name in China, the Europe's biggest and world's second largest retail giant still worked hard to create an attractive exhibition booth in hopes of drawing more attention at the ongoing Second China International Consumer Goods Fair.

The booth of Carrefour, covering 90 square metres, is at the most eye-catching location of the exhibition hall.

"We hope our exhibition booth will attract more domestic businessmen who intend to sell their products to Europe and even the whole world through Carrefour's sales channel," said a staff of Carrefour.

In 2002, Carrefour purchased a variety of products worth of 1.6 billion US dollars in China, making up 66 per cent of its whole purchasing volume. And through Carrefour's sales network in Europe, South America and Asia covers more than 30 countries and regions, an increasing number of Chinese products are becoming known by customers all over the world.

Zhang Yiguang, public relations manager of the Carrefour Global Purchasing Centre (China) said Chinese products are welcomed all over the world, because they are of high quality and at a reasonable price.

He added that half of the world's consumers buy China-made TVs and shoes. In Carrefour's stores, about 60 to 70 per cent of goods are made in China.

China is not only an important purchasing base for Carrefour, but also for other

internationally famous retail giants, such as Auchan and Metro.

In the last two years, the product purchasing volume of Carrefour, Auchan and Metro in China all increased by more than 20 per cent annually.

The France-based retail group Auchan, a global top 10 retail giant, invested 10 million euros to set up a purchasing centre in China last year in a bid to simplify the product circulating procedures and further localize its product purchasing business.

Nowadays, about 47 per cent of Auchan's goods are purchased in China and the retail giant expects to annually purchase Chinese products worth of 300 million euros in 2006.

Yan Haiyun, public relations manager for the Auchan Asian purchasing centre, said that the marketing strategy of Auchan has now shifted from Europe to Asia, especially China.

Also last year, Carrefour set up its global purchasing China headquarters in Shanghai and now its purchasing network covers most areas of China. Carrefour has opened business with more than 600 Chinese enterprises and sells many Chinese products in the international market. —MNA/Xinhua

Nepal, India to hold extradition talks soon

KATHMANDU, 30 Sept — Nepal and India have agreed to hold the second round of talks to revise the five-decade-old Indo-Nepal extradition treaty on October 7-9 in New Delhi, according to a spokesman of the Nepali Foreign Ministry.

"The two neighbours, which enjoy an open border, will try to address new and emerging crimes under a new extradition agreement," state-run English daily *The Rising Nepal* on Monday quoted spokesman Madan Kumar Bhattarai as saying. Bhattarai, who is also joint secretary of the Nepali Foreign Ministry, is expected to lead the Nepali delegation which includes officials of the ministries of home and law as well as the Attorney-General's office. —MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan seizes 1,200 kilos of hashish, arrests two

KARACHI, 30 Sept— Pakistani authorities seized 1,200 kilos of hashish on Saturday and arrested two men who were bringing it to the port city of Karachi in a truck, police said.

The hashish was being brought to Karachi from the northern city of Peshawar near Pakistan's border with Afghanistan, Superintendent of Police Shafi Rind told Reuters.

The hashish was found during a routine check of the vehicle, he said.

MNA/Reuters

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Secretary-2 addresses ...

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durability so that the future generations could enjoy the fruits of the facility.

Next, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min made a speech. He said that he was pleased for the local people today as the government has implemented another project for water supply that benefit not only agriculture but also greening tasks. Magway Division is the division in which paddy, cotton, pulses and beans and edible oil crops are thriving. Local people are to effectively use the dams including Bwgyi Dam built in Magway Division while safeguarding for their durability and take part in building another dams.

Next, on behalf of the local people, U Tin Win of Aunglan Township spoke words of thanks. Afterwards, the opening ceremony was held at the archway in front of the dam.



Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin explains matters related to irrigation.

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Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveiled the stone inscription of the dam.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin and Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min formally opened the dam.

After opening ceremony, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party had a group photo taken together with the local people in front of the archway of the dam.

Later, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greeted those present at the ceremony and inspected the dam.

Next, at the briefing hall, Director U Tun Aung Lwin of Irrigation Department reported to the Secretary-2 and party on salient points of the dam. Director-General U Kyaw San Win of ID and Chairman Col Zaw Min presented supplementary reports. In response to the reports, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave instructions. He then planted a Thitsek plant to mark the opening of the dam.—MNA



Col Zaw Min — MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves

YANGON, 30 Sept — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Labour U Tin Winn left here by air yesterday evening to attend the 58th General Assembly of the United Nations.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Than Shwe, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein and officials.

MNA



Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents certificates to a trainee of the tailoring course. — MNA

Tailoring course opened

YANGON, 30 Sept — The concluding of tailoring course No 29/2003 and opening of the course No 30/2003 of the vocational training school, organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, were held this morning at the meeting hall of the MMWCA in South Okkalapa Township.

Present on the occasion were MMWCA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, Central Executive Committee members, patrons of supervisory committee, course instructors and trainees.

First, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe made an opening speech. Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presented completion certificates to the trainees and awards to outstanding trainees Ma Win Win Mar and Ma Sanda Win.

The trainees paid respect to the MMCWA president, CEC members, and patrons of supervisory committee. Afterwards the course No 30/2003 opened.

Tailoring courses is opened once every two months at the MMCWA. Those wishing to attend the course may contact the association. —MNA



Labour Minister U Tin Winn leaves to attend the 58th United Nations General Assembly. — MNA

Newly opened Bwatgyi Dan in Magway Division. —MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister sends message of felicitations to the PRC

YANGON, 1 Oct — On the occasion of the fifty-fourth anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1 October 2003, U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Li Zhaoxing, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China.

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Foreign Affairs Minister sends message of felicitations to Cyprus

YANGON, 1 Oct — On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Cyprus, which falls on 1 October 2003, U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Georgios Iacovou, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Cyprus. — MNA

Foreign Affairs Minister sends message of felicitations to Nigeria

YANGON, 1 Oct — On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which falls on 1 October 2003, U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Oluyemi Adeniji, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. — MNA

People's 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

Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

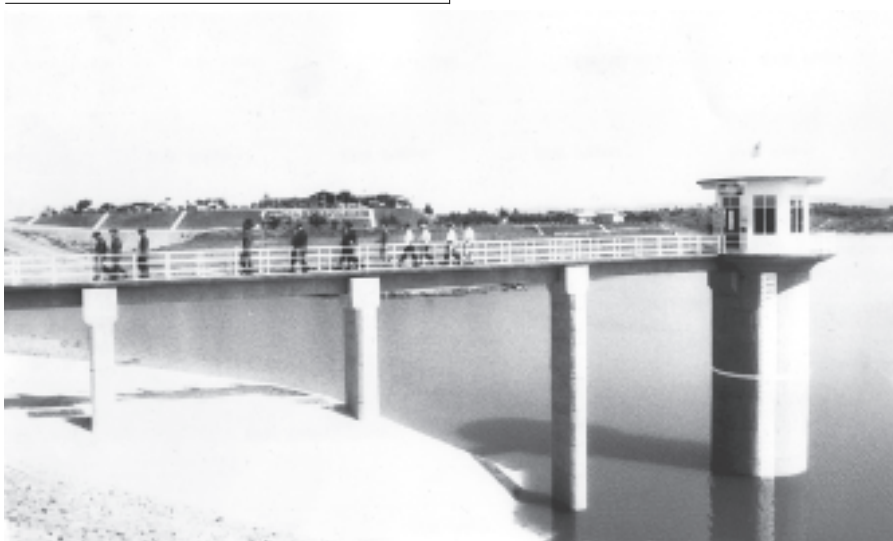
There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

Efficient use of fuel

- * Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- * Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- * The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

All this needs to be known

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



SPORTS

Milan wants to keep Rivaldo

MILAN, 30 Sept—AC Milan vice-president Adriano Galliani says the club has had a change of heart and wants to keep Brazilian World Cup winner Rivaldo.

Milan announced on Friday that they had agreed to the player's request to be released from his contract and Rivaldo said he was considering offers from English clubs.

The former Barcelona striker said he wanted to leave Milan as he could no longer cope with being left out of the side by coach Carlo Ancelotti.

But after the Brazilian said farewell to his teammates before the 3-0 win over Lecce on Sunday, Galliani said he would make an attempt to keep Rivaldo.

"The documents relating to the cancellation of Rivaldo's contract are still in the office drawer. I will do everything in the coming hours to keep Riva," Galliani told the club's television station Milan Channel.

"It is my desire and that of the team and Carlo Ancelotti would be very glad to have him back," added Galliani.

MNA/Reuters



Ferrari driver Michael Schumacher of Germany, centre, celebrates winning the fourth United States Grand Prix Formula 1 race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on 28 September. Second place finisher Kimi Raikkonen of Finland is left and third place finisher Heinz-Harald Frentzen of Germany is right.—INTERNET

Eriksson again urges England fans not to travel to Turkey

LONDON, 30 Sept—Coach Sven Goran Eriksson has again urged England fans to stay away from Turkey when his team play their decisive Euro 2004 qualifier there on October 11.

"I am appealing to every England fan not to travel to Turkey," Eriksson said in a statement specially prepared for publication in British Sunday newspapers.

The British Government and police have already asked fans not to travel to the match in Istanbul for security reasons.

The English Football Association (FA) have turned down their ticket allocation and

fans suspected of trying to go to the match will be turned away at the airport. There is a recent history of violent confrontations between fans of the two countries and England will go to Istanbul needing a draw to win Group Seven and qualify for next year's finals in Portugal. The runners-up go into November's playoffs.

"Undoubtedly, this is our biggest game since we played Brazil in the quarterfinal of last summer's World Cup when we had the support of ten of thousands of fans," Eriksson said.

Brazil, who went on to win the world title, beat England 2-1 when they met in the Japanese city of Shizuoka in June, 2002, but the atmosphere in Istanbul is expected to be threatening, in marked contrast to that match.

European governing body UEFA fined England heavily and threatened to expel them from Euro 2004 after the previous qualifier against Turkey, a 2-0 win for Eriksson's side in Sunderland in April, over racist abuse and a pitch invasion.

"The FA received serious warnings from UEFA about the behaviour of England fans following the home match with Turkey in April," Eriksson said in Sunday's statement.

"Any further incidents of violence or disorder could result in possible expulsion from the tournament." He said both the FA and their Turkish counterparts were "working together to ensure that this match is remembered for what happens on the field of play."

"It would be devastating for the players if they won the game in Turkey and then, due to problems off the field, found themselves unable to play in next summer's finals."

"I know it would be devastating for every England fan, too." —MNA/Reuters

Beckham unsure about Turkey game after injury

MADRID, 30 Sept—England captain David Beckham suffered a painful ankle injury in Real Madrid's 2-0 defeat by Valencia on Saturday and does not know if he will be fit in time for the decisive Euro 2004 qualifier against Turkey next month.

Beckham played the full 90 minutes of the Primera Liga game but the injury kept him out of training on Sunday and he was visibly hobbling when he made his way into a news conference at the club's Las Rozas training facility.

"I really don't know," Beckham told reporters when asked if he would be fit for the Group Seven clash on October 11.

"It's hard to tell. It's the first day after the game and it's hurting a lot at the moment."

"We'll just have to wait and see how it goes over the next day or two. Hopefully it'll be okay, but I'm not sure yet. I'm not sure if I'll be fit for Wednesday (when Real travel to Porto for a Champions League match)."

"It will be up to the doctors, the physios and me to decide."

"There are two weeks to go before the Turkey game and there are a lot of big games to come before then. I'll concentrate on them first before worrying about Turkey," he added.

England lead Turkey by a point, but need to earn at least a draw to win their group and qualify automatically for next year's championship when the two sides meet in Istanbul next month.

Beckham, who joined Real for 35 million euros (40.14 million US dollars) from Manchester United in June, has made an impressive start for the Spanish champions this season and has looked particularly at home in his new central midfield role.

But the 28-year-old said he was not concerned about whether or not he played the same role for England.—MNA/Reuters

Steaua Bucharest stretch lead in Romanian league

BUCHAREST, 30 Sept—Steaua Bucharest moved three points clear at the top of the Romanian First Division on Sunday after a 2-0 home win over 10-man Ceahlau Piatra Neamt.

Steaua, the only team still unbeaten after seven matches, moved on to 15 points thanks to second-half goals by Gabriel Bostina and substitute striker Laurentiu Dinita.

Rapid Bucharest, held to a 1-1 draw at Farul Constanta on Saturday, are second with 12 points ahead of three teams on 11 points—Brasov, Otelul Galati and Apulum Alba Iulia.

Steaua dominated the first half, but midfielder N'Gassam Falemi wasted their best chance three minutes before the break.

However, more than 15,000 Steaua fans, encouraged by Steaua's 1-1 midweek draw at Southampton in the UEFA Cup first round, did not have to wait too long for a goal.

Marian Aliuta hit the bar with a powerful 30-metre right-foot shot on 62 minutes

before midfielder Bostina opened the scoring a minute later with a 25-metre effort.

Bostina had a hand in Steaua's second goal on 68 minutes when he turned in the penalty area to set up Dinita.

Martin Tudor, who replaced Steaua's injured Belarussian goalkeeper Vasili Hamutovski, made two fine saves from forwards Senis Feizula and Florin Pancovic 15 minutes from time.

Ceahlau were reduced to 10 men on 75 minutes as midfielder Florin Nahoi was sent off for a second bookable offence.

Champions Rapid Bucharest failed to beat Farul Constanta for the fourth game in a row despite taking an early lead. Moroccan midfielder Zinedine Ziyati scored his first league goal for the club but striker Vasile Cristocica grabbed an equalizer.

MNA/Reuters

Atletico held to 0-0 draw by nine-man Barcelona

MADRID, 30 Sept—Atletico Madrid were held to a 0-0 draw by nine-man Barcelona in a frantic Primera Liga encounter at the Vicente Calderon on Sunday.

Despite the scoreline the game was not short of incident as Barca midfielders Philip Cocu and Thiago Motta were dismissed in the second half for picking up their second bookings and both sides failed to cash in on good scoring opportunities.

Unbeaten Villarreal continued their impressive start to the season with a 2-0 win away to Racing Santander, goals coming from former Barcelona players Sonny Anderson and Juan Roman Riquelme.

Rafa Benitez' Valencia are the new leaders thanks to their confident 2-0 win over a disappointing Real Madrid at the Mestalla on Saturday.

An early goal from Mista and a second-half strike from Brazilian forward Ricardo Oliveira gave Rafa Benitez' side a thoroughly deserved triumph over last season's champions.

At the other end of the

table Albacete claimed their first points since returning to the top flight with a 2-0 home win over Real Mallorca,

while Malaga gained their debut win of the season with a 2-1 victory away to Espanyol.—MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's British player David Beckham, left, falls after he was tackled by Valencia's Carlos Marchena during a first division soccer match in Mestalla stadium, Valencia, Spain, on 27 September, 2003 which Valencia won 2-0.—INTERNET

Bowyer tries to avoid trouble

NEW CASTLE (England), 30 Sept—Newcastle United midfielder Lee Bowyer is struggling to rediscover his best form because he is trying to avoid trouble, says manager Bobby Robson.

"In trying to present a clean image of himself, Lee's not been as effective," Robson was quoted as saying in the Newcastle-based Sunday Sun newspaper.

"Because of his reputation, he's trying to be perfect. He's not getting involved and he's not putting his foot in."

Bowyer, who joined Newcastle from West Ham on a free transfer in July, is serving a six-match European ban for stamping on a Malaga player last December when he was at Leeds. In 2001, Bowyer was cleared of all charges after being involved in a protracted court case over an assault on a student in Leeds in 2000.

Meanwhile, Robson, whose side are second-bottom of the Premier League, says he is stung by the criticism he (Robson) has received about the club's slump.

"It's the way things are these days, but I did not expect it at Newcastle," said the manager.—MNA/Reuters



Tha mass rally to support the seven-point roadmap of the State in progress in Taunggyi. — MNA

Whatever system...

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been made in economic, education, health and transport sectors in the Union including Shan State. At the same time, intellectuals, intelligentsia, economists and skilled workers capable of building and safeguarding of a new modern and developed nation have emerged.

In addition, the National Convention representing the entire national force for the emergence of the new constitution, the prerequisite in building the discipline-flourishing democracy was held in 1993. The National Convention was the meeting in which the representatives of political parties, the elected representatives, the representatives of service personnel, the national race representatives and the representatives of people from various strata meet and discuss the future of the entire

national races and State.

The national races and their colleague national political forces will march towards the goal with firm determination whatever the difficulties and obstacles are.

The seven-point political roadmap clarified by the Prime Minister is the right path for the national forces. The programmes such as reconvening the National Convention, drafting of a new constitution in accord with basic principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention, adoption of the constitution through national referendum and holding of fair and free elections for Pyithu Hluttaw (Legislative bodies) according to the new constitution are the political roadmap for those holding positive view.

That is why I enthusiastically

seconded the motion tabled by U Kyaw Soe Hlaing "calling for active participation of all the national races in realization of the political roadmap of the State by doing their bit with Union Spirit"

Afterwards, the chairman said that Dr Daw Win Win Nu Thant and U Win Myint Hsan, on behalf of the public, seconded the motion tabled by Shan State (South) USDA executive U Kyaw

Soe Hlaing. The motions was sought and approved by the public.

Next, the master of ceremonies announced the resolution of the mass rally for active participation of the entire national people by doing their bit for successful implementation of the seven policies and programmes.

The mass rally concluded with chanting of the slogans.

MNA

“သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်”

စည်းကမ်းမဲ့လမ်းကွေးသွား ၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ် ဧပြီလ (၁) ရက်နေ့မှစ၍ ဧကန်တမ်း(၁၀)ရက်နေ့အထိ ပညာပေးခြင်း လုပ်ငန်းများကို ဆောင်ရွက်ပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုဌာနမှတစ်ဆင့်



View today:

Wednesday, 1st October

7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးတင်စရာအရာတော်
-ပြည်နှိမ့်မြို့အတွက်တော်လက်ဆောင်
(ဒေါက်တာနေအိပ်ရလမ်းနှင့်အညီ)

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news
-ပြည်နှိမ့်မြို့အတွက်တော်လက်ဆောင်
(ဒေါက်တာနေအိပ်ရလမ်းနှင့်အညီ)

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- အစောပိုင်း

8:05 am

- ပြည်နှိမ့်မြို့အတွက်တော်လက်ဆောင်
(ဒေါက်တာနေအိပ်ရလမ်းနှင့်အညီ)

8:15 am

- ကျောက်ကြီးပေါက်တံတား

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Learning English The
Easy and Happy Way for
Children

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- Song to uphold
National Spirit

4:30 Pm

- Musical programme

4:40 pm

- အစောပိုင်းတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်တန်းစာ
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(ခါတုစာ၊ စုပေး၊
သတ္တဗျာကအသံပြုစာ)
(ခါတုစာ)

4:55 pm

- Classical song

5:10 pm

- “အိမ်မက်ထိုးစား” (အပိုင်း-၁)
နိုးနိုး၊ ကျွန်ုပ်တို့၊ စာအုပ်၊
နဂါး၊ အစောပိုင်း၊ အစောပိုင်း၊
(ခါတုစာ-တင်သန့်ဦး)
(ရှမ်းဘာသာစကားပြန်)

5:25 pm

- ၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ် ကောသလမဏိ
(၁၀ နှစ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု
အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
ဝင်ရောက်လေ့ရှိသော
မဟာဂီတ (အဆင့်မြင့်ပညာအဆင့်)
(အမျိုးသား၊ အမျိုးသမီး)

5:40 pm

- နိုင်ငံအနှံ့သစ်တောရပ်နှင့်
စိမ်းလန်းစေ့စပ်

5:50 pm

- ရုရှားနိုင်ငံအသံသံအစဉ်

6:00 pm

- ၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ် ကောသလမဏိ
(၁၀ နှစ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု
အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
ဆွေးနွေးချက် (ရုပ်သံပြိုင်ပွဲ)
“မဟာစေတီတော်ကြီး”

6:15 pm

- Discovery

“ပုဂံပြင်သော (ရတနာဦး)”

6:30 pm

- Evening news

7:00 pm

- Weather report

7:05 pm

- Milo success in soccer

7:20 pm

- အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာ
သတင်းစာသုံးဆယ့်နှစ်နေ့တော်

7:30 pm

- မြန်မာ့ပြည်ထောင်စု
-ရာသက်ပုံပြည်ထောင်စု
(ဂီတရုပ်ရှင်အစည်းအရုံးဝင်များ)

8:00 pm

- News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတင်လမ်းကွေး
“ဟိုတယ်နှင့်သွား” (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

22. The next day's
programme



Wednesday, 1st October

Tune in today:

8.30 am

- Brief news

8.35 am

- Music

8.40 am

- Perspectives

8.45 am

- Music

8.50 am

- National news/
Slogan

9.00 am

- Music

9.05 am

- International news

9.10 am

- Music

1.30 pm

- News/Slogan

1.40 pm

- Lunch time music
-Sorrow for love
(Caline Dion)
What it may take
(Michael Learns
to Rock)

9.00 pm

- Variations on a tune
From a distance
-Batty Midder
-Cliff Richard

9.15 pm

- Article/ Music

9.25 pm

- Music at your request
-I'm gonna getcha
good (Shania Twain)
-Through the rain
(Mariah Carey)

9.45 pm

- News/Slogan

10.00 pm

- PEL

POEM

Myanmar where genders have equal rights

* Myanmar women, Myanmar man

No difference of mind, equal rights

From ancient times till now

They firmly exist

As all observant will know.

* Our culture, our strong bastion

Will not stand destruction, with nationalism

As traitorous acts, we won't commit

Repulse we will, sacrificing life

Brave women, Myanmar women

In our land, they've existed

As all observant will know.

* Even if you look, in this period

Myanmar women, going abroad

Take part in, sports competitions

Come out victorious, win prizes

Myanmar's pride, for our Union

Shines bright, we can see.

* In ancient times, today as well

Myanmar women, firebrand

Brave, they appear

Main reason, Myanmar citizen

Regardless of gender, enjoy equal rights

Tradition unspoilt, we've existed

Main reason, remains unchanged

Can be clearly seen.

* Myanmar tradition, safeguarded

Myanmar man, woman, together

Myanmar's golden Era, New Myanmar

To appear

Let's make the endeavour.

Byan Hlwar (Trs)

Dentists hold talks

YANGON, 30 Sept — Under the programme of the Myanmar Dental Surgeon Association, talks of the MDSA was held at Trader Hotel this morning.

Chairman of Myanmar Dental Surgeon Association Prof Dr Ba Myint made a speech on the occasion and Prof Dr Pwint Phu and Dr Henery Thein of Hong Kong extended greetings.

Dr Henery Thein explained about salient points on Xeno 111 medicines manufactured by Asttatic Destistry Endodontic Destistry. Over 200 dentists attended the talks.

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TV retransmission launched in Shan State (South)

YANGON, 30 Sept — Myanmar TV programmes are now being retransmitted by the newly completed retransmission station in Wanhai in Shan State (South) as of 12 September evening.

Under the extension of TV transmission programme, the station was built in the region using the border areas development fund and completed on 11 September.

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မြန်မာအလင်းသတင်းစာကြော်ငြာရွာန

မြို့တွင်း၌တိုးချဲ့လွှင့်လက်ခံခွင့်

ရန်ကုန် စက်တင်ဘာ ၁၃

သတင်းစာနယ်လုပ်ငန်း မြန်မာအလင်းသတင်းစာတွင် ကြော်ငြာအသွင်းလွှင့်သော ကြော်ငြာရုံးများ အသွင်းသွားလာမှုလွယ်ကူစေရန်အတွက် လက်ရှိအမှတ် ၅၃၊ နတ်မောက်လမ်း(၁၁)၊ ပာမီမြို့နယ်၊ ဖုန်း-၅၅၅၀၃၄၀၀၀ ကြော်ငြာရုံးများ နေ့စဉ်လက်ခံနေသည့်အပြင် အသွင်းအစဉ်ဖြင့် နယ်လက်ဆောင်ရွက်မှုများ သတင်းစာတိုက်၊ အမှတ်(၂၂/၃၀)ကမ်းနားလမ်းရပ်ကွက်ဆောင်ရွက်မှု၊ ဖုန်း-၅၅၅၀၃၄၀၀၀ ၁၅-၉-၂၀၀၃ ရက်မှစပြီး မြန်မာအလင်းသတင်းစာကြော်ငြာရွာနကို တိုးချဲ့လွှင့်လက်ခံ နေ့စဉ်နေ့စဉ် ၁၀ နာရီမှ ၅ နာရီအထိ ကြော်ငြာရုံးများ လက်ခံပေးသွားမည်ဖြစ်သည်။ (သတင်းစာ)

State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Cyprus

YANGON, 1 Oct— On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Cyprus, which falls on 1 October 2003, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Tassos Papadopoulos, President of the Republic of Cyprus. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends message of felicitations to the PRC

YANGON, 1 Oct — On the occasion of the fifty-fourth anniversary of the Founding Day of the People's Republic of China, which falls on 1 October 2003, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Zeng Qinghong, Vice-President of the People's Republic of China. — MNA

State Peace and Development Council Vice-Chairman sends message of felicitations to Nigeria

YANGON, 1 Oct— On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, which falls on 1 October 2003, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Alhaji Atiku Abubaker, Vice-President of the Federal Republic of Nigeria. — MNA

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

Whatever system the nation ...

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- (4) - Adoption of the constitution through national referendum.
- (5) - Holding of free and fair elections for Pyithu Hluttaws (Legislative bodies) according to the new constitution.

- (6) - Convening of Hluttaws attended by Hluttaw members in accordance with the new constitution.

- (7) - Building a modern, developed and democratic nation by the state leaders elected by the

Hluttaw; and the government and other central organs formed by the Hluttaw.

If we recount the national situation during the 1988 unrest, we can see that disturbances, demands, strikes were occurring under the various influences of the politics; the nation was under the reign of anarchy; the people were facing difficulties in fear; all the transport links were cut off; in the end the State administrative machinery came to a stop; and gang-wise domination under various leaders emerged. We will remember our lives were under lawlessness and darkness heading for disintegration of the nation.

As peace and stability and the rule of law prevail in the nation at present, it may be recalled that the unrest was a nightmare for us. Some

new generation children may also ask whether such an unrest did really exist in the past. The unrest which had harmed the dignity, security and peace and happiness is left behind in the past. It was the bitter experience for all of us.

Because of the unavoidable situation, the Tatmadaw had to take over the State duties. It has restored peace and stability and the rule of law, while giving priority to national re-consolidation and national economic development.

The Government abolished the laws and bylaws, controlling the private economic sectors to install a market oriented-economic system in the nation. It has encouraged the private sector. Laws were also enacted to pave the way for local and foreign investments.

Foreign firms and businessmen have invested over 6.2 billion dollars in 262 businesses. Myanmar citizens have also invested about K 108,000 million in 539 business firms. These are the results of the economic system that gives priority to the private sector. In this regard there emerge entrepreneurs in all economic sectors including construction, trade and hotels and tourism fields.

The democratic system can be firmly established and maintained in the nation only if there exists a large number of national race entrepreneurs and intellectuals. Thus,

the nation is making efforts to increase their numbers.

Thus, the present Government represents the system that will help the nation reach the goals desired by the people. It does not represent the old system.

The Government is the one that annulled the single party system, has been making political changes to transform from single party system to multi-party democratic system and paving the democratic way. Thus, although it is a military government in form, in essence it is a government that is

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Chairman Rector Dr Maung Kyaw makes a speech at the mass rally. — MNA



The mass rally in support of the State's seven-point political roadmap in progress in Taunggyi. — MNA

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