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## Senior General Than Shwe sees off General Khin Nyunt on departure for Indonesia to attend Ninth ASEAN Summit

YANGON, 6 Oct— At the invitation of President of the Republic of Indonesia Madame Megawati Soekarnoputri, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt left here by special aircraft for Indonesia to attend the 9th ASEAN Summit, Summits of the ASEAN Heads of State/

Government of the People's Republic of China, Japan and the Republic of Korea and ASEAN-India Summit to be held in Danparasa, Bali, Indonesia from 6 to 8 October 2003.

Myanmar delegation was seen off at the airport by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-

Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura

Shwe Mann, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win's wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Chairman of Yangon Divi-

sion Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, the ministers, senior military officers, Dean of Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of Singapore Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz and heads of foreign missions in Yangon, acting coordinator of the UN Agencies, Charge d' Affairs ai of Embassy of Indonesia, Mr Yamasita Lahay and

embassy staff and heads of departments.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win and heads of department.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu left in advance for Bali on 4 October to attend the meetings of ASEAN Foreign Ministers and ASEAN Economic Ministers prior to the ASEAN Summit.

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

# PERSPECTIVES

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## For emergence of talented human resources

In Myanmar society, teachers are as highly respected as parents. And parents entrust the task of taking care of their children to teachers, believing that the latter can educate and train the children in such a way as to become good and able citizens of society.

Therefore, teachers are highly respected role models in Myanmar society and they have great influence not only in schools but also in the community.

It is an age-old tradition in Myanmar society to pay respects to teachers as we do to the Buddha, Damma, Sangha and parents at the end of the Buddhist Lent. The World Teachers' Day commemorative ceremony was held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road in Yangon on the morning of 5 October and Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the ceremony.

On the occasion, the Prime Minister said that teaching is a noble profession in Myanmar society where teachers are highly respected and regarded, that they are carrying out their duty with goodwill and in accordance with their dignity and that the role of teachers cannot be overemphasized at a time like this when the Government is trying to turn out a civilized, educated young generation with high morality for the sake of the future of the nation.

Myanmar expressed its noble tradition by celebrating the World Teachers' Day together with the international community.

Now is the time when Myanmar is striving with its national strength and inputs for the emergence of a modern and developed nation and trying to implement the national education development plan by nurturing talented human resources. In this period of focusing mainly on national education development plan, the importance of the role of teachers is at the forefront.

We would like to call upon parents and teachers to collaborate with one another and share responsibilities in nurturing their children, the future of the nation, to become good and able citizens who can serve the best interests of their motherland.

## Thakayta Township No 3 BEHS hails World Teachers' Day

YANGON, 6 Oct — Thakayta Township No 3 Basic Education High School this morning held the ceremony to pay respects to the teachers at the school marking the World Teachers' Day for 2003. At the ceremony, the students paid respects to the teachers including the headmistress with offertories. — MNA

### သတိ

၁။ ပြောက်အိုးဖောက်ခြင်းဖြင့် ပြည်သူများ အထိတ်တလန့် ဖြစ်စေခြင်း မဟာမိတ်များမှ ရပ်ရွာအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် လုံခြုံရေးကို ထိခိုက်အောင် လုပ်လာနိုင်ခြင်းတို့ကြောင့် ပြောက်အိုးဖောက်ခြင်းကို တားမြစ်သည်။

၂။ တားမြစ်ချက်အား ဖောက်ချက်ပါက—

(က) ပြောက်အိုးဖောက်လျှင် ထောင်ဒဏ် ၃ နှစ်။

(ခ) ပြောက်အိုးရောင်းလျှင်၊ ပြောက်အိုး ထုတ်လုပ် လျှင် ထောင်ဒဏ် ၅ နှစ်။

(ဂ) သတင်းပေးသူကို ထိုက်တန်ခွာဆုပေးမည်။

ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ

## Minister inspects information tasks in Magway, Bago divisions

YANGON, 6 Oct — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan visited Magway Sub-printing Press in Magway on 4 October morning and inspected printing process there. He gave instruction on good impression of dailies and timely distribution of papers to the public and maintenance tasks for the printing machines.

Afterwards, the minister met with staff at the hall there and made a speech. He said staff are to be skilful and carry out the tasks dutifully with goodwill and make the public know the policy and long-term and short-term tasks of the State. As the media service is delicate and wide, it is needed to minimize weaknesses in discharging duties. Efforts for betterment not only in form but also in essence of dailies have been made. Only when the staff cooperate in the tasks, will the dailies be good ones not only in form but in essence. So, staff are needed to discharge duties assigned

to them very well.

On 5 October morning, the minister arrived at Magway District Information and Public Relations Department and met with staff of divisional level and township level at the hall there and made a speech.

He then visited the Shwelamin Cinema in Taungdwingyi and gave in-

struction on maintenance and prevention of loss. At the hall of Pyay District IPRD, he met with staff. After hearing report by officials on tasks being carried out and distribution of dailies, he made a speech.

At 6 pm, he arrived at Thayawady District IPRD and met with the staff there. He spoke of the need to make the

media effective and qualified. In so doing, the procedures and policies of the ministry are to be followed with goodwill. He called for making available new monthly books at the reading rooms, and organizing tasks at wards, schools and villages. Then, he looked around the office and gave necessary instructions.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects Shwelamin cinema hall in Taungdwingyi. — MNA

## Cash and kind donated to Ministry of Religious Affairs

YANGON, 6 Oct — Religious organizations in Myanmar donated cash and kind to the Ministry of Religious Affairs at the meeting hall of the ministry on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this afternoon. Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung attended the ceremony and made a speech on the occasion. He accepted

documents of office facilities and cash and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department Dr Myo Myint, Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Sann Lwin,

Pro-Rector Dr Hla Pe of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, officials of the RAD, officials of Hindu Religious Affairs Organization, Christian Religious Affairs Organization, Islamic Religious Affairs Organization, Chinese Religious Affairs Organization and wellwishers.

Next, wellwishers of

the various religious organizations donated office automation and cash for the ministry. The minister and the deputy minister accepted the donations. Afterwards, personnel of the respective religious organizations spoke of the purpose of the donation. After that, the minister spoke words of thanks.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung thanks religious organizations for donating cash and kind to the Ministry of Religious Affairs. — MNA

## Heroin, raw opium seized in Namhkam

YANGON, 6 Oct — Members of national races of No 3 Special Region, Shan State (North) on 4 September, stopped and searched suspects Phu Hua Sein and Sein Pan Kyan near Naungmatar village, Namhkam Township — the former, son of U Phu Paung Su of Yin Shan San Sai village, Lon San village-tract, Yin Kyan

Township, China and the latter, son of U Ywat Sein and seized them with 1.2 kilos of heroin in 20 soap cases and 4.8 kilos of raw opium in four packets. In connection with the case, action is taken against them under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Myanmar Police Force concerned on 7 September. — MNA



Phu Hua Sein and Sein Pan Kyan seen with seized narcotic drugs on 4 September. — MNA

## အေအိုင်ဒီအက်(စ်)(AIDS)

### ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါ

- (၁) အေအိုင်ဒီအက်(စ်)ရောဂါသည် အိပ်(ချုံ)အိုင်ဗီ(HIV) ပျံ့ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည်။
- (၂) အိပ်(ချုံ)အိုင်ဗီပျံ့နှံ့မှုကို ကန့်သတ်ရန် သာမန်လူနှင့် ခွဲခြား၍မရပါ။
- (၃) အေအိုင်ဒီအက်(စ်)ရောဂါဖြစ်လာပါက ပျောက်ကင်းအောင် ကုသ၍မရပါ။

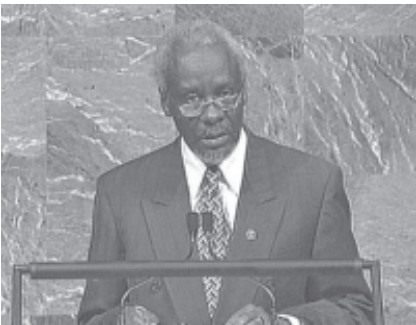
### အေအိုင်ဒီအက်(စ်)ရောဂါကူးစက်မှုမှ

#### ကာကွယ်တားဆီးရန်

- (၁) လိင်အပျော်အပါး လိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။ အကာအကွယ်ပစ္စည်းကို သုံးပါ။
- (၂) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၃) ဇနီး/ခင်ပွန်းအပေါ် အပြန်အလှန်သစ္စာရှိပါ။



## To promote the interests of all States the United Nations and the multilateral institutions must facilitate creation of new opportunities for economic development



The following are the excerpts from the speech delivered by Jamaican Prime Minister Percival James Paterson at the 58th session of UNGA.

The international community was faced with uncertainty and fear, as well as the dangers of terrorism and nuclear proliferation. The world had witnessed a worrying escalation of confrontation and conflict, as well as new doctrines and policies that threatened peace every-

where.

Real concerns, including injustice and abuses of human rights, underscored the need to strengthen multilateralism and to restore confidence in the United Nations system. In that regard, he emphasized that multilateralism must be equitable, democratic, principled and effective.

To promote the interests of all States, he continued, the United Nations and the multilateral institutions must facilitate the creation of new opportunities for economic development through the expansion of trade and investment flows, as well as technical cooperation assistance.

Strengthening multilateralism required United Nations reform in areas such as development cooperation, humanitarian affairs and disarmament. No one could dispute the urgency to alter the design and function of the Security Council so it could meet its objectives in today's world.

The reform must extend beyond composition and geographical balance. "The time has come to cut the talk and walk the walk." In addition, the Assembly needed to be revitalized and to assert its role as the principal organ of the United Nations.

**Percival James Paterson, Prime Minister and Minister of Defence of Jamaica**

ယုတ်တုန်နှစ်ဆ တိုးမြှင့်ခြင်း

## Mutual respect would represent key instrument for the improvement of relations

Addressing global challenges, such as poverty reduction, development and the fights against terrorism, organized crime and the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, would require a long and exhausting struggle.

In that process, a dialogue based upon mutual respect would represent a key instrument for the improvement of relations and cooperation among peoples and States.

It was with pride that he addressed the Assembly, no longer as the head of a State in crisis, but as the head of a State actively participating in stabilization processes within its region and the wider world.

**Dragan Covic, Chairman of the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina**

## Recent events, though complicated and troubling, provided a good opportunity to consolidate the principles of the Charter, renounce the use of force, and raise the pillars of international legitimacy

Failing to confront the "excessive" trend of resorting to unilateral action, on the basis of self-defense, to deal with terrorism and weapons proliferation, and procrastinating when faced with threats such as those that emanated from Saddam Hussein's regime, had led, it seemed, to confusion and a departure from the Charter's requirement of swift collective action to deal with all security and stability issues.

Such confusion had provided arguments for both the advocates of collective action and the defenders of unilateral measures, which each side was now using against the other.

It was not unexpected then, he said, that the run-



up to the war in Iraq, and its aftermath, became a debate about theories on the divergence of views rather than a serious attempt to decide on practical measures to address the situation in that country. Indeed, the situation in Iraq had been the core issue, but the Security Council kept deliberating concepts and theories about the role of the United Nations, conflicting

interpretations of the Charter, structural reforms of the Organization, and how to rectify the nature of international relations. Still, he said, recent events, though complicated and troubling, provided a good opportunity to consolidate the principles of the Charter, renounce the use of force, and raise the pillars of international legitimacy.

That might require a review of certain issues and United Nations procedures, he continued. If terrorism were selected as a starting point for such a review, he would stress the importance of condemning all its forms, as well as the need to address the root causes of the scourge.

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

## One must not confuse terrorism with "certain legitimate acts inspired by the wish to break the shackles of occupation, domination and injustice", nor define terrorism as the product of one specific culture or region

Recent attempts to circumvent the United Nations belied the Organization's importance, which, through commitment to the Charter and to international law, provided a safety valve for the international community.

Moreover, the role of the United Nations could not be reduced to the Security Council alone. Its work should be recognized as covering every element on a wide-ranging and complex agenda, including the fight against terrorism, drugs, HIV/AIDS, disarmament, the protection of the environment and the achievement of sustainable development.

Those common objectives could only be obtained through coordinated action in which all States, large and small, acted in concert within



region.

The fight against terrorism must not be restricted to a security or political perspective, but viewed as a multifaceted phenomenon requiring responses to all its political, economic, security, legal and psychological aspects. Furthermore, the call for an international conference to frame a document reflecting the international resolve to eradicate the scourge of terrorism; to restore peace, security, justice and stability; and to clarify the responsibility of each member of the international community should not be misconstrued as an opportunity for protracted polemics.

**Ahmed Maher El Sayed, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Egypt**

## In Iraq, creation of a new government was welcomed; however, there was concern for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of that country and the security of its people

The development of terrorism required the stepping up of cooperation and coordination aimed at tackling and eradicating that scourge.

The realization of the United Nations' objectives in terms of development, security and stability hinged upon the Organization's efficacy in handling the threat of extremism and terrorism. That phenomenon must be fought globally, with an intellectual and cultural dimension based upon complementarity and an absolute rejection of differentiated treatment.

Furthermore, it should be recognized that the **disparity in levels of development and wealth among nations played a role, and poverty and underdevelopment were among the primary causes of tension.** For those reasons, the Organization's role should be strengthened and international law buttressed.

Turning to other issues of peace and security, he said that the Quartet's Road Map offered a fresh opportunity for the establishment of fair and lasting peace in the Middle East region. In Iraq, the creation of a new government was welcomed; however, there was concern for the independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity of that country and the security of its people.

**Mohamed Ould Tolba, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation of Mauritania**

## A terrorist onslaught could severely threaten even their sovereignty and independence

The Baghdad bombing and other violent eruptions elsewhere in the world served as a grim reminder that serious threats to world peace and security remained. The Maldives had been a victim of terrorist acts in 1988.

While it had tried on many occasions to impress upon the Assembly the threats posed to small States by international terrorism, a decade and a half later, "the heat of terrorism" was affecting all, irrespective of physical size, economic strength, political power or military might.

For small States, the danger was graver, as a terrorist onslaught could severely threaten even their sovereignty and independence. Therefore, he emphasized the importance of providing support and assistance to small States through the implementation of Security Council resolution 1373.



**Fathulla Jameel, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Maldives**

## Germany sees more support if UN leads Iraq efforts

CAIRO, 6 Oct—German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said in remarks published on Saturday the international community would be more eager to help reconstruction efforts in Iraq if they were led by the United Nations.

"I am convinced that having the United Nations lead the reconstruction would increase the willingness of states to become involved in Iraq," Schroeder said in an interview with Egypt's semi-official *al-Ahram* daily ahead of a regional tour.

Schroeder reiterated Germany did not plan any military involvement in Iraq, but was willing to help train the Iraqi police and military.

"During my trip to Egypt, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates I will call for better international coordination in reconstruction. Particularly Arab neighbours can contribute a lot, not least because of their greater cultural proximity," he said.

A transcript of Schroeder's comments was obtained by *Reuters*. The chancellor is due to arrive in Egypt on Saturday.

Germany, along with neighbour France, strongly opposed the US-led war against Iraq, and helped deprive Washington of UN backing for the invasion. The United States is now seeking to recruit more troops and money from

UN members in exchange for an expanded — but not pivotal — UN role in Iraq.

Schroeder met US President George W Bush in New York last month for the first time since their relationship soured over the German leader's anti-Iraq war stance, and both said they wanted to put their differences behind them and look to the future.

Schroeder also told *al-Ahram* it was time for Germany and the United States to move beyond their disagreement over Iraq. "Now we must look forwards. We are linked by mutual interest in stability and security in Iraq," he said.

"Close cooperation between the European Union and the United States is imperative. Only if we join forces will we be able to master the challenges ahead, in particular regarding the battle against international terrorism."

Schroeder's regional tour, which will last until Thursday, is expected to focus on issues including Iraq, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, global trade and economic cooperation.—MNA/Reuters

### HK's amended copyright law to take effect in November

HONG KONG, 6 Oct—Hong Kong's Copyright (Amendment) Ordinance 2003 is set to come into force on November 28, said a government notice Friday.

The ordinance, after its commencement, will remove civil and criminal liabilities pertaining to parallel importation of and subsequent dealings in most articles which have embodied in them a computer programme (commonly known as computer software products).

The scope of liberalization, however, does not cover computer software products which contain a computer programme but the principal attraction of which is musical sound or visual recordings, movies, television dramas, e-books, or a combination of them. Under the existing copyright ordinance, it is a criminal offence to import otherwise than for private and domestic use or sell parallel-imported copies of a copyright work (including a computer software product) that has been published for less than 18 months in Hong Kong or elsewhere. The maximum penalty is 50,000 Hong Kong dollars (6,493 US dollars) per such copy and a four-year imprisonment.

MNA/Xinhua



Stressed-out soldiers are a concern for the US military in Iraq.—INTERNET

## Brunei joins fellow ASEAN members on info exchange

BALI (Indonesia), 6 Oct—Brunei Sunday joined the ranks of five other fellow ASEAN members in accession to the agreement on Information Exchange and Establishment of Communication Procedures, which was initially signed on May 7, 2002.

With the accession, Brunei agreed to facilitate coordination and collaboration during security or border incidents, transnational crimes and other illegal activities with Cambodia, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines and Thailand.

Foreign ministers of the five member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) signed the protocol for Brunei's accession here, the venue for the ninth ASEAN Summit that will be held on October 7-8.

Meanwhile, Brunei Foreign Minister Pengiran Mohamad Bolkiah signed the Instrument of the Accession to the Agreement, under which the six countries also are obliged to cooperate in the issues of terror-

ism, money laundering, goods smuggling, piracy, hijacking, illegal entry, drug trafficking, theft of marine resources, marine pollution and illicit trafficking in arms.

"The agreement reflects ASEAN's strong commitment to combat terrorism. The information exchange agreement covers a wider range of issues, not only to deal with terrorism but also to support cooperation among countries to pursue smugglers," Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirayuda told reporters after the signing ceremony.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.—MNA/Xinhua

### Hong Kong considers to establish SARS contingency fund

HONG KONG, 6 Oct—The Hong Kong Government was considering the establishment of a contingency fund to assist the families of deceased patients who died of SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) and patients who had recovered but might have long-term effects, said a Hong Kong health care official here Saturday.

Hong Kong's Secretary for Health, Welfare and Food, Yeoh Eng-Kiong, said the aim of the contingency fund for public relief was to help those in genuine need.

Funding approval of the Finance Committee has to be sought for setting up the fund.

MNA/Xinhua

### Nearly one-third of Mideast migrants in Australia jobless

CANBERRA, 6 Oct—New migrants coming from North Africa and the Middle East to Australia have a jobless rate as high as 30.4 per cent, according to official figures released Friday.

The participation rate for the same group is just 38.5 per cent, said the Australian Bureau of Statistics. Other recent migrant populations with high levels of unemployment are from China, 15.8 per cent, southern and eastern Europe, 14.1 per cent, and north Asia, 13.8 per cent. Recent migrants are defined as those who have come to Australia since 1996. The bureau said the participation rate of recent migrants fell from 61 per cent to 57 per cent largely due to a sharp rise in the number of young migrants going to full-time education.—MNA/Xinhua

ဝက်စွမ်းအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား

## US says Iraqi oil could cover some rebuilding in 2005

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—The United States expects Iraq to use four billion US dollars to five billion US dollars a year from oil revenues to finance the reconstruction of the country as early as 2005, a senior US official said on Thursday.

Iraq could also start borrowing money for reconstruction in years after 2004, instead of receiving grants from the international community, the official told reporters from Madrid, where senior officials met this week to prepare for an Iraq donors conference scheduled for October 23 and 24.

International organizations estimate Iraq will need 55 billion for reconstruction over the next three years. President George W. Bush's Administration has asked Congress to approve 20 billion US dollars.

Members of Congress are balking at the unexpected price tag for the aftermath of the US invasion, forcing the Bush Administration to consider every means to raise money.

The US official, who asked not to be identified, said Iraqi oil revenues in 2004 would all go toward current expenditure, so none would be available for reconstruction.

"But in 2005 ... there is the expectation that there could be a contribution from oil revenues to reconstruction and that could be in the order of four billion to five billion US dollars in 2005 and thereafter," he added.—MNA/Reuters

## US report offered bleak outlook about Iraq oil

NEW YORK, 6 Oct—The Bush administration's optimistic statements earlier this year that Iraq oil wealth, not US taxpayers, would cover most of the cost of rebuilding Iraq were at odds with a bleaker assessment of a government task force secretly established last fall to study Iraq's oil industry, according to public records and government officials, the *New York Times* reported on its Web site Saturday.

The task force, which was based at the Pentagon as part of the planning for the war, produced a book-length report that described the Iraqi oil industry as so badly damaged by a decade of trade embargoes that its production capacity had fallen by more than 25%, panel members have said, according to the *Times* report.

Despite those findings, Deputy Defence Secretary Paul D. Wolfowitz told Congress during the war that "we are dealing with a country that can really finance its own reconstruction, and relatively soon," the report said.

Internet



Former British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook said that British Prime Minister Tony Blair knew that Iraq had no quickly deployable chemical weapons.—INTERNET



# US UNDER INTENSIFIED IRAQ RESISTANCE



US soldiers detain one of a group of former Iraqi soldiers protesting in the capital Baghdad, on 5 October, 2003. Democrats on 4 Oct, criticized President George W Bush \$87 billion spending request for Iraq, saying the cost of rebuilding the shattered country was draining resources from growing needs at home.—INTERNET



Iraqis hurl rocks during clashes with British troops in the southern city of Basra Saturday on 4 October, 2003 where at least one protester was shot and killed by British forces. Capt. Hisham Halawi said the Basra protest broke out when ex-Iraqi soldiers acted on a false rumor that Saturday was the last day they would receive stipend payments.

INTERNET



An Iraqi man throws a stone towards a blazing Iraqi police car after a demonstration by unemployed workers demanding jobs in the country's new protection force turned violent in central Baghdad on Wednesday. Police opened fire over the heads of the protesters, who burned two vehicles.

INTERNET



Each week in Iraq, an average of three to six Americans are dying and another 40 wounded by a foe that has become more lethal and sophisticated since the fall of Baghdad in April, the commander of coalition forces has said recently.—INTERNET



British troops block the road during clashes in the southern Iraqi city of Basra Saturday on 4 October, 2003 where at least one protester was shot and killed by British forces. Capt. Hisham Halawi said the Basra protest broke out when ex-Iraqi soldiers acted on a false rumor that Saturday was the last day they would receive stipend payments.—INTERNET



The US-led team hunting for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq has found no stockpiles of biological or chemical weapons, six months after the United States launched a war against Baghdad to remove such a threat, CIA adviser David Kay said on Thursday.—INTERNET

## Iraqi ex-soldiers clash again with occupying troops

**BASRA, 6 Oct—** British and US troops clashed on Sunday with hundreds of former soldiers of Saddam Hussein's army in a second day of violent confrontations which have left at least three Iraqis dead and scores wounded.

British soldiers fired rubber bullets to disperse hundreds of former Iraqi conscripts who hurled rocks and set tires ablaze in the southern city of Basra.

The protesters gathered early on Sunday after a British soldier shot dead an armed man in Basra the previous day during clashes with Iraqis who had gathered to collect redundancy payments for being laid off from the Iraqi army.

Ex-soldiers also clashed with US troops for a second day in Baghdad near a payment centre where they are given their \$40 compensation for losing their jobs.

Around 200 Iraqi men confronted American soldiers, shouting and waving their fists, before being pushed back away from the area.

Violent protests erupted on Saturday at payment centres in Baghdad, Basra and the town of Hillah. Iraq's US-led administration said supporters of Saddam fuelled the unrest

by spreading rumours there was not enough money to pay everyone.

The US military said two Iraqis were believed to have been killed in the unrest in Baghdad on Saturday.

"Reports to us indicate that there were two killed in Baghdad, and that's from the Iraqi police, not the coalition," spokesman Lieutenant Colonel George Krivo said. Two US soldiers were also wounded, he said.

Locals in Basra said five people had been wounded on Sunday by rubber bullets. Iraqi police arrived to help quell the violence and fired in the air, but fled to a nearby university building after running out of bullets, chased by the crowd.

Mohammed Jasim Abboud, one of the protesters, said former soldiers needed jobs and money.

"We've had no wages for a while now," he said. "We want our rights like everyone else." — *Internet*

## Minister says France cannot scrap 35-hour week all at once

**PARIS, 6 Oct—** The French Labour Minister has said the country's 35-hour work week, which applies across the board after being introduced five years ago, can only be abolished piecemeal.

"There will be no grand finale for the 35 hours," Francois Fillon was quoted as saying in an interview with Sunday newspaper *Le Journal du Dimanche*. "The law... has implications so heavy that one cannot exit it except business by business."

The 35-hour week was introduced by left-wing former Prime Minister Lionel Jospin in the hope it would bring more jobs as well as extra leisure time.

But with unemployment at 9.6 per cent, France's centre-right government has lost patience with the law.

Fillon said it had contributed to the budget deficit, which at a forecast 4.0 per cent of gross domestic product this year is well in excess of 3 per cent European Union ceiling.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Thailand, France to forge closer ties in media

**BANGKOK, 6 Oct—** The Mass Communication Organization of Thailand (MCOT) has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on news exchange and cooperation with a French television channel, *Thai News Agency* reported Saturday.

Under the MoU signed Friday, MCOT and France's TV5 MONDE, and CANAL France INTERNATIONAL (CFI) will provide news materials to each other for free of charge, said the report.

The two sides agreed to step up cooperation in news coverage and production activities upon the other's request so as to convey to each other's audience the most extensive coverage possible on political, economical and social circumstances of the countries concerned. They also agreed to exchange expertise in the media and technical fields through visits of each other's delegations to get better acquainted with both organizations' processes of work.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Venezuelan oil firm urges OPEC to further cut oil production

**CARACAS, 6 Oct—** The world's major oil producers could reach an accord on a new production cut to defend prices, the head of Venezuela's state oil firm Petroleos de Venezuela said Friday.

In an interview broadcast by the state television, Ali Rodriguez said it seems that there exists a trend of production reduction so that members of the Organi-

zation of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) and independent producers are not affected.

The former OPEC secretary-general said that in addition to OPEC, large independent producers such as Russia, Mexico and Norway will contribute once more to curbing the marked decrease in pricing.

*MNA/Xinhua*



*British Army soldiers advance past burning tires during a violent protest by former Iraqi soldiers demanding to collect payments in the southern city of Basra on 4 October, 2003. Unemployed former soldiers in Saddam Hussein's disbanded army clashed with occupying troops in Baghdad and the southern city of Basra in violent protests that left at least two Iraqis dead. — INTERNET*

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## Democrats deride Bush on Iraq, CIA leak, economy

**WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—** Democratic presidential hopefuls, bolstered by a new belief they can beat President George W Bush, teamed up on Saturday to attack the credibility of a White House under fire over the war in Iraq and an intelligence leak.

In brief speeches at the Democratic National Committee's fall meeting, four of the party's 10 contenders for the 2004 nomination skewered Bush for dishonesty and incompetence on everything from the US economy to the exposure of an undercover CIA officer. Six others took their shots on Friday.

Florida Senator Bob Graham, lagging in the polls and struggling to raise money, made no mention of reports earlier this week he was about to drop out of the race.

With surveys showing Bush's approval ratings slipping, Graham, civil rights activist Al Sharpton, Missouri Representative Dick Gephardt and North Carolina Senator John Edwards, blamed the President for a

host of recent bad news — rising poverty levels, fewer Americans with health insurance, the escalating cost of Iraqi reconstruction and the CIA leak.

"We see an administration moonwalking on trying to come to who is guilty of the leaks that risked security for Americans," Sharpton said. "Where is Ken Starr when we need you?"

Edwards derided Bush's request for 87 billion US dollars for military operations and reconstruction in Iraq as "billion-dollar giveaway" that would be better spent at home.

"We will not give this President a blank cheque, we will not give this President a free ride and we will not give this President four more years," he said.— *MNA/Reuters*

## Putin warns of long Iraq conflict

**WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—** The United States faced the possibility of a prolonged, violent and ultimately futile war in Iraq like the one that mired the Soviet Union in Afghanistan, Russian President Vladimir Putin has warned.

In an interview to be published in *The New York Times* today, Putin said Iraq could "become a new centre, a new magnet for all destructive elements".

He said in the three-hour exclusive interview in Moscow late on Saturday that "a great number of members of different terrorist organisations" had been drawn into the country since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

According to the Russian leader, the administration of US President George W Bush must now move quickly to restore sovereignty to Iraqis and to secure a new United Nations resolution that would clearly define how long international forces remain there, the newspaper said.

"How would the local population treat forces whose official name is the occupying forces?" the paper quoted Putin as asking.

He suggested that further hostility to the United States was inevitable unless its occupation received the international legitimacy it now lacked, the report said.

Putin said Russia was prepared to offer partial relief on the \$US8 billion (\$11.8 billion) it was owed by Iraq, but only in co-ordination with other main creditor nations in the Paris Club.

*Internet*

## Regional countries interested in buying Iraqi lands

**ANKARA, 6 Oct—** As Iraq strives against instability brought by US occupation, regional countries are busy purchasing Iraqi lands, reported Turkish daily *Zaman* on Saturday.

Israelis buy lands in northern Iraq and Kuwaitis are interested in lands in Basra region near the border while Iranians are eyeing Iraq's central parts belonging to Shiites, the report said, without elaborating.

Turkish Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul on Friday brought the issue onto the agenda in a closed group meeting of the ruling Justice and Development Party, according to the report.

Gul warned, "We cannot remain indifferent to this. We think that it would cause very serious dangers if we fail to be there."

*MNA/Xinhua*



## Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attends opening of 25-ton Shweli Yadana Oil Mill in Lashio

YANGON, 6 Oct— The opening ceremony of 25-ton Shweli Yadana Oil Mill of North-East Command was held in Lashio yesterday morning.

Present were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council (North) Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint, senior officers and Tatmadaw members of Lashio Station, members of cultural troupe and national races.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint reported facts about the oil mill and presented cash award to U Tha Shi who installed machines at the mill.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and the commander formally opened the oil mill and pressed buttons to start operation. They then inspected the operation at the mill.

The mill with four 25-HP machines produces 110 viss of groundnut oil by milling 300 viss of groundnut. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspected wheat and sunflower plantations by the Mandalay-Lashio Road. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe fulfilled the requirements and gave instructions.

They also inspected soyabean and sunflower plantations of Lashio District Union Solidarity and Development Association. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions on cultivation of cold season crops after monsoon cultivation for food sufficiency.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe went to feedstuff factory being built by Kokang national race cultural troupe. Vice-Chairman U Lauk Khan Yi reported on construction of feedstuff factory and collection of raw materials. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe fulfilled the requirements. The factory will be built at a cost of K 100

million. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party went to 50-ton Toe Pwa Aung feedstuff factory and attended the opening ceremony. Manager U Myo Naing reported on the fac-

tory.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and officials formally opened the factory. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe formally unveiled the sign-

board of the factory. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspected the factory built at a cost of K 450 million.

On 4 October, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected inte-

grated agriculture and livestock breeding farm of the North-East Command and Hsinshweli bio-fertilizer factory. They arrived back here yesterday.—MNA



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects agriculture and livestock breeding farm of the North-East Command. —MNA

## Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attends Hsinshweli...

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Project Manager U Win Maung of the company conducted them around there.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe then inspected construction site for Monglee rural dispensary where State Health Officer Dr Nyo Win Myint made a report with the use of scale model of the dispensary. After leaving instructions there, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party visited rural housing project of Monglee ideal village, being implemented by the Ministry of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

At Kosabi Siri Rattha Maha Kanbawza Kyaungsai monastery in Hsenwi, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe paid obeisance to the Buddha image there.

Next, he attended the merit-sharing ceremony of the new two-storey building of the monastery and the ceremony to present provisions to 30 monasteries in the township held at the

monastery. He presented provisions to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha. He handed over K 4 million and 300 bags of cement donated by the SPDC to Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing.

He then accepted K 2.9 million presented by Shan State (North) PDC and North-West Command, K 300,000 by Shan national race leader U Lwe Maung of Special Region-3, K 500,000 by Lashio District PDC, K 1 million by Asia World Co Ltd, K 3.2 million each by wellwishers in Lashio and Muse, K 11.3 million by townelders in Hsenwi, K 875,000 by Shan national U Kanna, K 500,000 each by U Htay Aung of Ngwehsin Co, U Lauk Hte of Muse and U Sai Aye of So So Pyay Pyay Co.

The commander handed over the documents related to the monastery and the new two-storey building to Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Narainda of

Kyaungsai monastery. Lashio Yanaungmyin monastery Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Gandhavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vicitta delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits. Today's donation for 30 monasteries in the township is 150 bags of rice, 510 viss of edible oil, 250 viss of salt and K 29,275,000.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party arrived at Nansalat BEHS-2 (Branch) in the township. Project Manager U Win Maung of Asia World Co and State Education Associate Officer U Htain Lin formally opened the two-storey new school building of the school. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected audio room, language lab and computer skills room and learning of students.

Project Manager U Win Maung handed over the documents related to the school building worth K 48 million to Township Education Officer Daw Nan Mya Lon. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented teaching/

learning aids and school uniforms worth K 2.4 million to Schoolhead Daw Nan Mya Ohn. He then made a speech on the occasion.

At 12.30 pm, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attended the ceremony to harvest 730 acres of quality strain Hsinshweli paddy in

Nansalat Village in the township.

The commander explained the purposes of holding the harvesting ceremony, thriving paddy and future tasks based on the previous year's experience.

On behalf of the township Agriculture Supervisory Committee, Lt-Gen

Aung Htwe presented cash and prizes to Township PDC Chairman U Ye Kyaw Khaing, farmers U Ywet Hein Yee and U Hsa Aung and Daw Nan Sai of Nansalat Village.

The yield is 163 baskets of Hsin-shweli quality strain paddy per acre.

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## Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends a ceremony to hand over BEPS in Kyeikmayaw Township, inspects development tasks in Mon State

YANGON, 6 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Commander of the South-East Command Brig-Gen Thura Myint Aung, together with officials concerned, on 4 October morning attended the ceremony to hand over a new school building held at Shanywalay Village Basic Education Primary School in Kyaikmaraw Township, Mon State.

First, on behalf of Sayadaw U Labha, the donor of the school building,

member of the school board of trustees U Aung Win handed over documents relating to the building to Mon State Education Officer TEO U Aung Myo.

Next, Daw Hla Hla Myat presented commemorative pennants to Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and U Aung Myo.

U Aung Myo and U Aung Win formally opened the building.

The commander unveiled the signboard of the new school building.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and the commander paid rever-

ence to Sayadaw U Labha.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected renovation of Hsutaungpyi Pagoda in Kyaikmaraw Township. Next, they proceeded to Arman Fertilizer Factory in Mawlamyine and inspected the production progress and packaging of fertilizer.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged the officials to make efforts for boosting quality fertilizer production.

The factory targets to produce 150 tons of natural fertilizer in third four monthly period for 2003 and 500 tons each in first, second, third four-monthly periods for 2004.

The compound fertilizer produced by the factory comprises excretion of animals, gypsum, soil, urea and others and it is used to make plants and vegetables more successfully and to substitute chemical fertilizer.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected renovation of Lawka Ushaung Pagoda, Lawka Hmanku Pagoda and Taunpaukyayung Pagoda in Mawlamyine.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends opening ceremony of new school building in Kyaikmaraw, Mon State. —MNA

## Going into the darkness from the light

*Akko Bhini*

(Continued from yesterday)

Offering help to modernize the Thai Armed Forces through more military assistance, to grant US\$ 50 million loan to Pakistan for import of wheat and economic development, to grant US\$ 100 million loan to India for industrial development, he persuaded the countries to support the war, and urged Australia, New Zealand, the Philippines, and South Korea to contribute troops to the war waged by the US. Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi reported to the Parliament on the Assistance Programme of Humphrey and that the US wanted India to support the war. But, she said in Parliament on 22 February, India would never take a stand that would tarnish national integrity and national prestige.

All the facts about the inhumane cruelties, the use of modern weapons, gas, poison, and dropping of thousands of tons of bombs by the American troops were recorded in history. In the Watergate Scandal, President Nixon had been infamous and known to be the most wicked president in American history, and had to resign from presidency. Successive US administrations break up smaller countries by interfering in the internal affairs and fostering lackeys in them. They have sold sophisticated weapons to clients all over the world legally and illegally. It is the poisonous tree of the world.

In the time of the Reagan Administration, they daily slandered Iran accusing it of supporting terrorist acts and asked other countries not to sell weapons to the country. Behind the scene, however, it secretly sold weapons to the country. Money gained from the deal did not enter into the accounts of the US administration. At that time, there was the CIA-trained Contra rebel group that was rising against the Nicaraguan government. The US Congress opposed American involvement in the affairs by enacting a law. President Reagan, in violation of the law, abetted the rebels with the money gained from the sale of weapons to Iran. Reagan was on the brink of being ousted and indicted because of the Iran-Contra Scandal (Irangate). The American people and the Congress did not know how much money went to the Contra rebels and Reagan's followers like Oliver North.

The US presidents have been able to install the men in their favour as leaders. At the same time when there are persons they disapprove, they would transgress the territory of a country, arrest the persons in question penetrating even the palaces. They would declare such useless persons as criminals. If Noreaga were able to write he would have written the documents larger than the 47-volumed Pentagon Paper. There were many persons who have disappeared with no one claiming responsibility for their disappearance. The people of the world have suspicions that US Gestapo have a hand in it.

People of the world can see sophisticated weapons of great destructive power whenever the US wages a war. Thanks to the IT technology, the world events can be watched on TV in no time. Therefore, all the people of the world have seen pictures of US troops operating in Afghanistan using sophisticated weapons. The people and disorganized groups of Afghanistan thus became the testing ground of US weapons. The Americans said the war would end within one month but their military operations are getting longer and longer in Afghanistan where economy is weak, the weather is bad

and the brethren are fighting against each other. They claimed their target was Osama bin Laden. Bin Laden had been a US-trained destructionist. The US had taught him how to carry out explosions. The US had given financial assistance and weapons to him. Now, they are hunting Bin Laden. It is assumed that Bin Laden is still alive, but Afghanistan has been pounded like a testing ground of American weapons.

Again, they, using various excuses, launched a limited war against Iraq using the most sophisticated weapons, machinery and technologies. All the people of the world had witnessed how many missiles were fired by US Navy, how many of them exploded in Iraq, how many were fired and how many hit the targets. Scenes of Iraq were filled with marching military columns, fighter planes in operation over the country, explosions, sufferings of Iraqi people, and the cruelties of the US. The US is threatening peace and stability of the world and its people despite the protests of the international community and prohibitions of the UN.

Now, it is time for American government and people to know that the truth cannot be concealed for long. Toppling a government they dislike, demanding UN and international community to participate in reconstruction and restoring stability and rule of law only after waging war encroaching the sovereignty and insulting the people of the nation, and organizing other countries by providing a lot of money, all constitute double insults to the world and the UN.

Vietnam war they waged between 1964 and 1972 cost them US\$ 111,000 million. They are spending US\$ 3,900 million a month in Iraq and US\$ 1,000 million in Afghanistan now. Recently the US President said that they would ask the Congress US\$ 8,700 million for future spending for wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. Out of the money, US\$ 6,600 million will be spent on military and intelligence affairs and US\$ 2000 on reconstruction.

Iraq and Afghanistan under US occupation are still facing the shortages of electricity and water. The amount of money they have spent on military affairs would enable a developing country to make a marked progress. The money come from the taxes they levied on American people. The Americans are asking the allied countries to send troops and to help them. Disputes are also emerging between the allied governments and their peoples who do not want to be involved in the unjust cause. These indicate that the US is poisoning not only Afghanistan and Iraq but also the world.

Here, I would like to cite a point in the Puggala Sutta from the teachings of the Buddha.

It was stated in Puggala Sutta that some are wealthy and of high social standard. They have abundant supply of food, clothing and shelter needs. They have money that can last beyond their lives. They have fair personalities and all the fine features. But, they entertain evil in their mind, tell lies, and do misdeeds.

They are going into the darkness from the light. Their lives are in decline, from the place of higher position to the lower positions stage by stage thereby going into darkness from the light.

The US Administration entertains evil deeds in mind, speaks lies, and does misdeed. It is going into darkness from the light and poisonous to the people of the world.

(Translation: MWT)

### 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

### “သတိပဋ္ဌာန်းဆောင်ရွက်”

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## Shanghai to limit high-rises

SHANGHAI, 6 Oct — The number of skyscrapers in this east China metropolis will be slashed to make way for more public spaces, said a spokesperson for the Shanghai Municipal Government on Sunday.

The country's most modernized city is now home to over 3,000 high-rises with 18 floors or more, which are blamed for causing the city to sink some 1.5 centimetres annually.

The Lujiazui Financial District, one of the city's most bustling areas with densely located skyscrapers, sank three centimetres in 2002.

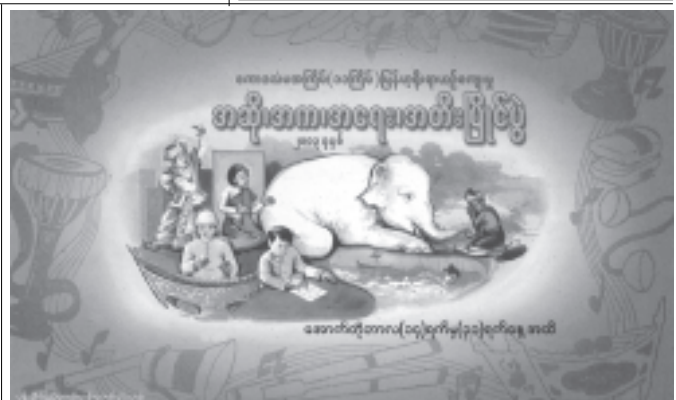
A survey conducted by the Shanghai Geological Research Institute showed that although over-exploitation of underground

water is the main cause for a sinking city, high-rise buildings also contributed significantly to the sinking.

In addition, highly concentrated skyscrapers not only hinder the flow of wind but also make the already densely populated city even more crowded and oppressive.

Statistics show that population density in Shanghai's city proper is three times and 1.74 times that of Tokyo and Paris respectively.

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## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects...

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Land and inspected coffee plantation and mix-crop cultivation of macadamia and banana. Next, they proceeded to Myayar Village together with Commander of the Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo and officials. At the briefing hall of the Public Works in the village, responsible officials reported on renovation work of Padaung-Taungup road which is 43 miles and two furlongs long from mile post 59/0 to 102/2 and condition of machinery and needs. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than fulfilled the requirements. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party also inspected 540-foot-long Kaingshe Bridge on Taungup Creek and 600-foot-long Tannlwe Bridge on Tanlwe Creek and 200-foot-long Sarpyin Bridge, a wooden bridge across Sarpyin Creek.

Later, they arrived at No 1 Basic Education High School (Branch) in Lamumaw Village in Taungup Township, Thandwe District and viewed round the teaching at the school. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than went to Lamu Station Hospital and saw over patient ward, operation room and storage of medicine in cold room using solar system.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than went to Lamu



Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine). —MNA

Creek Bridge and inspected renovation of the bridge which is being upgraded to concrete one. The bridge spanning Lamu Creek is 500 feet long.

Similarly, they inspected Maei Creek Bridge at the border of Taungup Township and An Township.

They, later, arrived at Maei-Kyaukphyu Road Construction Project. At the briefing hall, Superintending Engineer U Than Nyunt and U Ohn Lwin reported on construction of the road. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instruction on timely completion of work. —MNA

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects...

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He called on local residents to participate in regional development projects. He presented cash assistance of K 10,000 to U Hauk Shwe, an 88-year-old village elder. They inspected progress in construction of the affiliated school building.

At The-ein village rural health care centre, Township Health Officer Dr Tin Win Kyaw reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo on health care services for the public.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo

gave instructions.

Afterwards, Chairman of The-ein village Peace and Development Council U Maung Chaw accepted K 100,000 donated by Thaton District Peace and Development Council for the rural health care centre.

On arrival at milepost No 152/4 on Yangon-Mottama Section, the Director of Irrigation Department reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo on the salient points of Wapa Dam in

Thaton Township.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected thriving paddy in Naungkala, Naungbo, Theinseik, Anaingpon, Taungzun and Mayangon villages in Thaton District.

Next, they met with departmental officials and local peasants in Naungkala Village in Thaton Township and gave instructions on regional development.

Officials reported on cultivation of monsoon

paddy, summer paddy and pulses and beans, cold season crops and measures being taken for availability of water for agriculture purpose.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions to officials.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party went to Hninpale by train.

They left Hninpale by car and arrived back here in the evening.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and members inspect coffee plantation in Nyaunggyo village, Padaung Township Pyay District. —MNA

## Meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing Fourth Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Traditional Medicine and Medical Equipment Exhibition held

YANGON, 6 Oct—The meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing Fourth Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Traditional Medicine and Medical Equipment Exhibition was held at the Ministry of Health on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road here this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the

Leading Committee Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Also present on the occasion were members of the National Health Committee ministers, members of the Leading Committee ministers and deputy ministers and directors-general under the Ministry of Health and other ministries and offi-

cials. First, Chairman of the Leading Committee Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint made a speech on the occasion. Afterwards, Secretary of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo reported on arrangements being made.

Next, Director-General of Traditional Medicine Department Dr Thein Swe re-

ported on arrangements being made on organizing the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and Traditional Medicine and Medical Equipment Exhibition. This was followed by a general round of discussions. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Minister Dr Kyaw Myint. —MNA

## Kyweku-Kyaukphya Bridge construction inspected

YANGON, 6 Oct — Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein on 1 October morning, together with Commander of the Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, inspected Kyweku-Kyaukphya bridge in Myeik and attended to the needs.

At the bridge construction site, an official reported on finishing touches of the

bridge including approach road construction.

They saw over progress in construction of the bypass of Myeik the next day. On 3 October, they went to Bokpyin and inspected Laynyar Road Section and Laynyar-Mandaing Bridge. During his tour on 4 October, the deputy minister also inspected progress in construction of Myeik University. —MNA

## Shwesaryan Open Golf Championship to be held



YANGON, 6 Oct — Organized by Central Command, Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA, Shwesaryan Open Golf Championship as second round of the Myanmar Golf Tour-2003 will be held on a grand scale at Shwesaryan Golf Course in Mandalay from 16 to 19 October.

Only amateur golfers (men) with 0 to 10 handicap

are allowed to take part in the second event together with professional golfers and those under 18 are not allowed.

The championship is mainly sponsored by Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd together with Htoo Trading Co Ltd, Nadi Myanmar Hotel, Air Mandalay, GrandSlam (Munsing Wear), Alpine, Honma and Wilson, Canon and UPG.

Htoo Trading will present prizes to hole-in-one winners.

Golfers are to enlist at Shwesaryan Golf Course Office and Mandalay Golf Club Ph-02-64583 not later than 14 October. —MNA

# Projects for full water supply to Kyaukse Township put into action

Article by Maung Paing, Photos by Maung Maung Than (Kawhmu)

Kyaukse is on Yangon-Mandalay Highway, and a district town of Mandalay Division. It is a

forts of the two ministries, projects for full water supply to the town have been put into action. In the past,

mittee has spent K 315.823 million on the new water supply project.

Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Science and Technology U



Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Maung Bo, and Minister Col Thein Nyunt inspect drinking water supply in Kyetminton Ward, Kyaukse.

developing town with residential buildings, schools, technological colleges, industrial zones, factories and workshops and roads and bridges. However, water supply to the town was not enough. Thus, the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation were assigned duties in accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe calling for taking measures for full water supply to Kyaukse in four months during his tour of the town in April 2003.

Due to relentless ef-

125,000 gallons were supplied to five wards of the town a day. Water is being pumped from Minye Canal south of the town. At present, a total of 860,000 gallons of water are supplied to 11 wards of the town a day as the new water supply project was completed. The water supply is now well enough for 7,274 households in 11 wards.

Altogether 12 public water tanks each holding 3,000 gallons were constructed in Kyaukse and arrangements are being made for construction of water taps for individuals. The Development Affairs Com-

Thaung and departmental officials inspected drinking water supply of Kyaukse recently. On arrival at Kyaukse, they were welcomed by towns-dwellers who expressed thanks to the Head of State and the government.

Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the stone inscription to mark the inauguration of water supply to Kyaukse and availability of drinking water for all villages in Kyaukse Township on 5 October. This day was an auspicious one for Kyaukse and Kyaukse



Map of water supply project for Kyaukse.

Township. Chairman of Kyaukse District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Kyi Shein said that drinking water was available for only five wards in the past, and it is

now enough not only for Kyaukse but also for villages in Kyaukse Township, adding that their earnest efforts are meeting with success. As Zawgyi river is the main source of water sup-

ply for Kyaukse, efforts are being exerted with the participation of the people to make the river water potable and clean.

Translation: TS  
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## Megawati opens ASEAN business, investment summit

BALI, 6 Oct — Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri opened here Sunday the Association of South-East Asian Nations Business and Investment Summit (ASEAN-BIS) prior to the ninth ASEAN summit.

"As a trade and investment area, ASEAN has demonstrated an exceedingly dynamic, integrated and competitive development," Megawati said in her opening address. "Through the ASEAN-BIS, we hope that the ASEAN business sector will be able to take a tremendous advantage from the future potential of the increasingly developing ASEAN economic market," the President said.

Megawati also expressed the hope that the business sector in this region will receive a wider room for movement, and develop opportunities to contribute in a more substantial manner to the realization of an integrated trade and investment area in the region.

According to the ASEAN-BIS organizer, over 700 business people from all over the world are participating in the three-day summit, during which business representatives from the 10 ASEAN members will also exchange views with their counterparts from

ASEAN business partners, such as China, Japan, South Korea, the European Union and the United States.

"We come here to tell that our economy is very open to the world," Suon Sopha, a deputy director with the Cambodian Investment Board, told *Xinhua*. "Foreigners can own one hundred per cent share of a Cambodian company and the government implements an open-sky policy to attract more tourists to visit our country," he said.

"We hope by the end of the summit, there will be business agreements, deals and networking," the organizing committee's chairman Tanri Abeng of Indonesia said.

The ASEAN-BIS is being held in conjunction with the Ninth ASEAN Summit, and the summit meetings between ASEAN and China, Japan, South Korea and India to be held from October 7 and 8. ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. — MNA/Xinhua

## Wen Jiabao leaves for summit with ASEAN

SANYA (Hainan Province), 6 Oct — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao left this coastal city in southern China's Hainan Province Monday morning for summit meetings with leaders of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Japan, South Korea, in Indonesia.

Wen was invited by Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri. On the Bali Island he will attend the 7th summit meeting of ASEAN, China, Japan and South Korea (10 + 3), the summit meeting of ASEAN and China (10 + 1), and the summit meeting of China, Japan and South Korea.

MNA/Xinhua

## ASEAN FMs gather for summit meeting preparations

BALI (Indonesia), 6 Oct — The foreign ministers of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) member countries gathered here Sunday, focusing their deliberations over preparations for the 9th ASEAN Summit and its related meetings.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Hasan Wirayuda, who chaired the meeting, said: "It is our fervent hope that these on-going meetings in Bali, the venue of the First ASEAN Summit in 1976, will deliver a bold impetus to our efforts in realizing the ASEAN Vision 2020."

He recalled that the first ASEAN summit meeting adopted two historic documents, namely, the Declaration of ASEAN Concord, known as the Bali Concord, and the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in Southeast Asia (TAC).

"We are heartened to witness that, by 2000, every ASEAN member country has become a party to the TAC, plus Papua New Guinea; and at this Bali summit we will witness China and India, two important Asian countries beyond Southeast Asia, accede to the Treaty," he said.

This means that China and India are willing to accept the TAC as the code of conduct in governing their relationships with the ASEAN countries and, consequently, ensuring further peace and stability in the region, Wirayuda added. — MNA/Xinhua



## Implementation of projects for socio-economic development of all regions in the country

With the aim of supplying electricity to Taunggyi District in Shan State, the Ministry of Electric Power built Hydrel Power Plant across Zawgyi River in Yaksauk Township.

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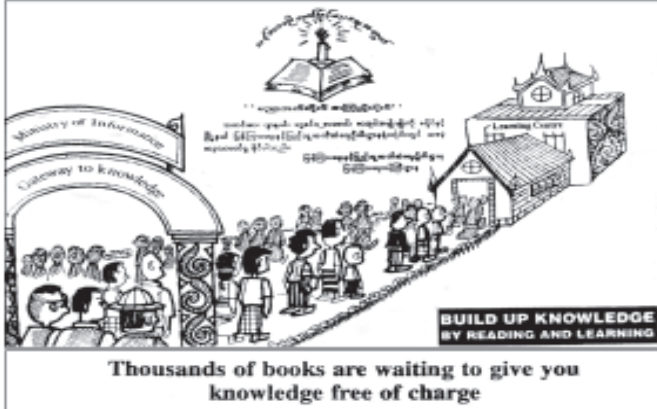
Wakema Bridge links Ywale Ward on the eastern bank of Wakema River in Wakema and Htawkanut Ward on the western bank of the town. Aerial view of 3020 feet long Wakema Bridge which was opened on 5-1-2003 in Ayeyawady Division.

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### August heatwave may have killed 2,000 in Britain

LONDON, 6 Oct — More  
than 2,000 people may have  
died in Britain because of the  
August heatwave, according  
to the official statistics re-  
leased Friday.

There were 2,045 more  
deaths than usual from Aug-  
ust 4 to 13 during which  
temperatures were above 30  
degrees Centigrade, the British  
Office for National Statis-  
tics said.

And on 11 August, the  
day after records were broken  
as the mercury hit 37.8  
degrees, 1,691 died, 36 more  
than the average, the data  
showed.

However, the office said  
that the figures can vary from  
year to year, and not all deaths  
might be due to the weather.

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was not nearly as serious as

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## Shanghai to limit high-rises

SHANGHAI, 6 Oct — The  
number of skyscrapers in this  
east China metropolis will  
be slashed to make way for  
more public spaces, said a  
spokesperson for the Shang-  
hai Municipal Government on  
Sunday.

The country's most mod-  
ernized city is now home to  
over 3,000 high-rises with  
18 floors or more, which are  
blamed for causing the city  
to sink some 1.5 centimetres  
annually.

The Lujiazui Financial  
District, one of the city's most  
bustling areas with densely  
located skyscrapers, sank  
three centimetres in 2002.

A survey conducted by  
the Shanghai Geological  
Research Institute showed  
that although over-exploita-  
tion of underground water is  
the main cause for a sinking  
city, high-rise buildings also  
contributed significantly to  
the sinking.

In addition, highly con-  
centrated skyscrapers not  
only hinder the flow of wind  
but also make the already  
densely populated city even  
more crowded and oppres-  
sive.

Statistics show that popu-  
lation density in Shanghai's  
city proper is three times and

1.74 times that of Tokyo and  
Paris respectively.

In fact, Shanghai Muni-  
cipal Government has noticed  
the dangers caused by a high  
concentration of skyscrap-  
ers and decided to prevent  
the number of high rises from  
increasing further.

According to spokesper-  
son Jiang Lan, a specific plan  
on limiting the height of  
buildings and reducing the  
number of skyscrapers will  
be created at an upcoming  
meeting on urban planning.

Jiang said that local ur-  
ban construction will mainly  
focus on providing more  
public spaces and greenbelts  
in the future instead of build-  
ing more high towers, which  
used to be regarded as a sign  
of modernization.

Professor Tang Zilai,  
from Shanghai-based Tongji  
University, said as more en-  
vironmentally friendly build-  
ings are constructed, the con-  
cept of modernization will  
also change.

Shanghai had its first  
high-rise, the 82-metre-high  
International Hotel, in 1934.  
Some 650 high buildings  
were built in the 1980s. In  
the 1990s, over 2,000 sky-  
scrapers emerged in the mu-  
nicipality. *MNA/Xinhua*

## Magician critical after tiger mauling

LAS VEGAS, 6 Oct —  
Famed Las Vegas magician  
Roy Horn of the "Siegfried  
and Roy" duo remained in  
critical but stable condition  
on Saturday after being  
mauled by a white tiger dur-  
ing a performance on his 59th  
birthday, representatives said.

The seven-year-old male  
tiger, named Montecore, did  
not respond to Horn's cues  
and then grabbed the perform-  
er's forearm about halfway into  
the Friday night performance  
at the Mirage hotel-casino,  
witnesses said.

When Horn tried to fend  
the tiger off with his live mi-  
crophone — hitting the ani-  
mal in the face and saying "no,

no" — the tiger lunged and bit  
him on the neck and dragged  
him offstage, causing massive  
bleeding, officials and wit-  
nesses said.

Handlers sprayed the tiger  
with a fire extinguisher to sepa-  
rate the animal from Roy, who  
was conscious when he was  
rushed to University Medical  
Centre, where he underwent  
about two hours of surgery.

"It's just sad and ex-  
tremely unfortunate. The  
doctors are encouraged that  
he will recover, but it will be  
several days until the full  
extent of his injury is known,"  
said Dave Kirvin, a spokes-  
man for Roy. *MNA/Reuters*

## Storms hover off Mexico, two oil ports shut

MEXICO, 6 Oct — Tropi-  
cal Storm Larry dumped  
heavy rain on Mexico's east-  
ern coast on Saturday and two  
oil shipping ports in the Gulf  
of Mexico remained shut as it  
threatened to turn into a hurri-  
cane. In the Pacific, Tropical  
Storm Nora became a hurri-  
cane overnight and was grind-  
ing some 430 miles south-  
southeast of the popular tour-  
ist resort Cabo San Lucas, in

Baja California, while another  
tropical storm, Olaf, hovered  
off Acapulco.

Neither Nora nor Olaf was  
expected to make landfall  
soon. On the Gulf coast, au-  
thorities set up evacuation  
shelters and readied relief sup-  
plies in coastal states as Larry  
churned south, possibly hit-  
ting land by Sunday, accord-  
ing to forecasters. *MNA/Reuters*

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## Shanghai schools try out “bilingual education”

SHANGHAI, 6 Oct— Shanghai, China's promising economic, business and trade centre, is actively promoting “bilingual teaching” among its elementary and high schools in the new semester beginning early September.

Around 30,000 school kids, scattered in 19 urban districts and suburban counties, are benefitting from the programme, a local source said Saturday.

The so-called “bilingual teaching” means the use of two different languages in teaching, which is adopted in many countries around the globe including Canada and the United States, as well as in Europe.

Quite a number of Asian countries including China, too, are exploring the bilingual teaching system, mostly using English as the second teaching language besides their mother tongues.

Wang Wenlong, principal of a bilingual school attached to the Shanghai Foreign Studies University, which is run jointly by the university and the education department in the Yangpu District, said: “to popularize English is the basis for bilingual edu-

cation, while bilingual education promotes effectively and extensively the use of English”.

His school has increased the number of English classes and organized a range of outdoor activities to enhance the students' English listening and speaking skills.

Shanghai's New Huangpu Experimental School has been offering bilingual teaching for six straight years, covering such courses as Popular Science, English, Chemistry, Mathematics, Geography, Life Science and Information Science.

The efforts will not only imbue the students with enthusiasm in learning English and train their writing ability, but help them speak more and practise more, overcoming the so-called “dummy English”, teachers said.

MNA/Xinhua

## One killed, other injured in north London shooting

LONDON, 6 Oct— One man was killed and another injured in a shooting in Hertfordshire to the north of London on Friday, *Sky News* reported.

“Police were called to a suspicious incident at 9.20 am at Brewery Road, Hoddesdon, in which a man has died and another been injured.... Officers are at the scene and an investigation has been launched,” a police spokes-

man was quoted as saying.

Witnesses have reported hearing a burst of gunfire. One witness said he understood that the shots had come from a vehicle.

“I heard shots in quick succession like an automatic

weapon,” a witness told *Sky News*. “The first victim was taken away immediately. The second was given an IV (intravenous) and taken away on a stretcher.” Police have cordoned off the area in Hoddesdon.—MNA/Xinhua

## Britain, Norway sign gas supply pact

LONDON, 6 Oct— Britain has signed an energy cooperation agreement with Norway in an effort to cope with its expected gas shortage, paving the way for the construction of a gas pipeline worth 1.1 billion pounds (1.8 billion US dollars), the *Financial Times* reported on Friday.

Under the agreement signed on Thursday, a 745-mile Norwegian pipeline is expected to carry 20 billion cubic metres of gas a year, representing about 20 per cent of Britain's current demand.

It will allow Britain to supplement dwindling gas supplies with imports from Ormen Lange, Norway's second largest North Sea gas field, which is due to start production in 2006.

The pipeline is proposed to connect a new terminal on the Humber estuary in Scotland that will be managed by Centrica, Britain's biggest electricity and gas supplier, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese tourist walks past a natural rock formation inside the one-kilometre-deep limestone Yaolin Cave in Tonglu county, some 96 kilometres (60 miles) from Hangzhou in China's western Zhejiang province on 3 October, 2003. — INTERNET

## Singapore develops flu detection chip

SINGAPORE, 6 Oct— Singapore is developing an electronic chip that can pinpoint almost instantly whether a patient has flu, dengue fever, SARS or other respiratory illnesses, a local newspaper reported on Sunday.

The government-run Genome Institute of Singapore said it hoped to launch the respiratory pathogens detection chip, about the size of a 50-cent coin, as early as January, the *Sunday Times* reported.

Sputum or nasal fluid from an infected person is dropped on to the chip and its detection probes then diagnose the pathogen. The institute said it was working with a major US medical devices company to test the chip soon, but declined to name the party.

“Patients who have flu, dengue fever or SARS all exhibit similar symptoms in the early stages of infection. The chip will be able to test for all this at once, identify if it's one or the other, and doctors will have a clear picture from the start,” Ren Ee Chee, the institute's deputy director, told the paper.

The deadly flu-like SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) virus, which surfaced in southern China earlier this year, has killed more than 800 people worldwide, including 33 in Singapore.

Medical experts have repeatedly warned that the virus could re-emerge in the northern hemisphere winter months and that existing tests were not entirely reliable.

MNA/Reuters

## Swedish PM appoints new Foreign Minister

STOCKHOLM, 6 Oct— Prime Minister Goran Persson appointed Laila Freivalds as Sweden's new Foreign Minister on Friday to replace Anna Lindh, who was stabbed to death last month while out shopping in central Stockholm.

Born in 1942 in Riga, Freivalds had been justice minister in 1988-1991 and 1994-2000. A lawyer by education, she is married and has a teenage daughter.

She was forced to step down from her post in 2000 after controversy over her purchase of a municipal apartment which she had been renting in Stockholm — a deal which did not contravene the law but which went against her Social Democratic Party guidelines.

“Laila is an experienced politician,” Persson told a news conference. “She is also the one who reconciled Swedish domestic politics with the European Union.”

“Her experience with EU cooperation and the tough questions that are coming up this autumn, convergence issues in particular, are further arguments which make me believe she will be a brilliant foreign minister,” Persson said.

Jan Karlsson, the temporary foreign minister appointed after Lindh's death on September 11, will leave the government, Persson said.

MNA/Reuters



A protester holds pickets in front of lines of riot police officers near US Embassy in Seoul during a rally to oppose the possible dispatch of South Korean troops to Iraq on 6 October, 2003. — INTERNET

## Russian space ship ends supply run, splashes down

Moscow, 6 Oct— An unmanned Russian space ship plunged into the Pacific as planned on Friday after taking food and fuel to a two-man crew on board the orbiting *International Space Station*, a Mission Control spokesman said.

The *Progress M1-10*, which went up to the 16-nation station in June, splashed into the water at 1212 GMT after controllers had initiated its descent.

The space cargo ship had been in orbit since September 4 when it uncoupled from the station manned by an American and a Russian.

“Everything went as planned. *Progress M1-10* has finished its work and no longer exists,” the spokesman said. “It entered the atmosphere and started burning and then at 1612 (1212 GMT) whatever was left of it hit the water.”

A new crew is scheduled to blast off in a Soyuz spacecraft from Kazakhstan

to the orbiting platform on October 18 to replace the present team who have been in space since April.

Russia has launched all rockets to the space station since February when the United States grounded its shuttles after its *Columbia* craft disintegrated over Texas, killing all seven astronauts on board.

Moscow has asked Washington for more funding to help with the cost of launches to the *ISS* while the US shuttles are out of action, but US officials complain Russia failed to carry out all agreed launches last year and should make up the shortfall.

MNA/Reuters

## SPORTS

## England injury scare as Owen limps off

LIVERPOOL, 6 Oct—England striker Michael Owen limped out of Liverpool's 2-1 Premier League defeat by Arsenal on Saturday, just seven days before the national team's decisive Euro 2004 qualifier against Turkey.

Owen, England's leading forward, fell awkwardly on his ankle in the second half of the game at Anfield and was later substituted.

Liverpool manager Gerard Houllier, speaking on Sky Sports, said an X-ray had revealed no bone damage but that Owen would undergo a scan on Sunday.

"It's too early to say whether he will be fit for England," Houllier said. "It could be nothing, it could be something more serious, but I will say that Michael is usually a quick healer."

MNA/Reuters

## Pires keeps Arsenal clear of Man United

LONDON, 5 Oct—Arsenal overcame injury problems and the concession of an early goal to beat Liverpool 2-1 and stay top of the Premier League on Saturday.

A stunning strike by Robert Pires in an early kickoff at Anfield extended Arsenal's lead in the standings before Manchester United closed the gap back to one point with a comfortable 3-0 home victory over Birmingham City.

Big-spending Chelsea will move level with United on 19 points if they beat Middlesbrough on Sunday in the first of their two games in hand.

Fulham, for whom Luis Boa Morte scored both goals in a 2-0 win over Leicester City, moved up to fourth with 14 points.

Arsenal, without injured captain Patrick Vieira and Fredrik Ljungberg, were outplayed for long periods but showed their best battling qualities to record only their second victory at Anfield in 11 Premier League visits. Harry Kewell gave Liverpool a deserved 14th-minute lead with a low left-foot shot from the edge of the area before Brazilian Edu's deflected header put Arsenal level on the half hour.

Arsenal were a different side after the break, gradually assuming control before Pires cut in from the left to plant a curling shot past the diving Dudek.

"They (Liverpool) could have been two or three goals up," said Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger. "We had to show all the qualities we have in our squad."

"In the first half, resilience and hanging on, and in the second half it was about closing people down."

Arsenal, who have a disciplinary cloud hanging over them following incidents during their recent 0-0 draw at Manchester United, experienced no major problems against Liverpool with only routine yellow cards for Ray Parlour and Ashley Cole.

Manchester United put their Champions League defeat in Stuttgart behind them to end 10-man Birmingham's unbeaten start to the season.

United struggled to break down the Premier League's most miserly defence until City goalkeeper Maik Taylor was sent off in the 35th minute for bringing down Paul Scholes.

Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy tucked the penalty past replacement keeper Ian Bennett and United added further goals in the second half from Scholes and Ryan Giggs.

MNA/Reuters

## Attack is the best form of defence for Eriksson

LONDON, 6 Oct—England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson says his biggest dilemma before next week's decisive Euro 2004 qualifier against Turkey in Istanbul is choosing his attack.

England need just a point to win Group Seven and guarantee a place in next year's finals in Portugal, a similar situation to that which Glenn Hoddle's side faced against Italy in their final World Cup qualifier in Rome in 1997.

Hoddle employed a defensive formation using just one striker, a ploy that worked to perfection as England stifled their opponents to secure a tactically astute 0-0 draw.

But Eriksson is convinced that going for victory is the only way to approach the game. "I don't think this group of players could go there and play for a 0-0 draw, maybe an Italian team could, but it's not in their character to do it," he said.

"Even if I was coaching an Italian team I would not go for a 0-0, it's too risky. A corner five minutes from time, a late goal and you are out, good night."

With question marks being raised about England's defending and both centre backs, Rio Ferdinand and Sol Campbell, struggling for form and fitness the Swede could be forgiven a few defensive headaches.

But his main dilemma seems to be whether Emile Heskey or Wayne Rooney will partner Michael Owen in a two-pronged attack, though Owen limped out of Liverpool's defeat by Arsenal on Saturday and may not be fit to face the Turks.

While Heskey's physical stature appears to be the ideal foil for Owen's lightning

pace, Rooney, as he demonstrated in England's 2-0 home victory over Turkey, can provide the moments of magic to unlock a stubborn defence.

"His (Rooney's) biggest examination so far was the home match against Turkey and he did very well," said Eriksson.

"Of course Turkey will know all about him now but I don't think they will try and single him out. Anyway Rooney is tough, he doesn't have a problem with nerves and is mature enough. But that's not to say he will play."

Eriksson, unsurprisingly, is keen to play down the hype in the build-up to the match that has resulted in frosty exchanges between the English FA and their Turkish counterparts.—MNA/Reuters

## Second division Istres finally lose unbeaten record

PARIS, 6 Oct—Istres, surprise leaders of the French Second Division, lost their unbeaten record on Saturday when they were beaten 1-0 at Angers.

Istres, a club from west of Marseille who attract just 2,000 spectators, still lead Ligue 2 by five points after 11 games of the season. They had been the only unbeaten side in the top two divisions. Ligue 1 leaders Monaco have lost only one of their nine games.

MNA/Reuters

## Bayern hammer Hertha to close Bundesliga gap

BERLIN, 5 Oct—Champions Bayern Munich closed the gap on Bundesliga leaders VfB Stuttgart to one point by crushing struggling Hertha Berlin 4-1 on Saturday.

First-half goals from Dutch striker Roy Makaay and playmaker Michael Ballack, followed by two more after the break from midfielders Bastian Schweinsteiger and Hasan Salihamidzic, helped the Bavarian club climb two spots into second.

New signing Makaay, who fired home to open the scoring on 22 minutes before setting up Ballack for Bayern's second goal, is getting better every match and was instrumental in a convincing victory.

"We were very efficient and I'm pleased with that," said Bayern coach Ottmar Hitzfeld. "We're not where we want to be yet but we're in the right direction."

Hitzfeld paid tribute to Ballack, who insisted on playing despite a sore ankle.

"The fact that he was in pain and still wanted to play speaks for his character and proves he's a true leader," Hitzfeld said.

Hertha, still chasing their first victory of the season, were 3-0 down when midfielder Niko Kovac pulled one goal back, but the capital club drop to third from bottom in the standings.

Stuttgart were held to a 0-0 draw by bottom-placed Cologne, but extended their unbeaten run to eight matches as their goal-

keeper made Bundesliga history.

Timo Hildebrand has now gone 825 minutes without conceding a goal, breaking the previous record of 802 minutes set last season by Bayern's Oliver Kahn.

Coach Felix Magath's men could not repeat their brilliant performance in a 2-1 Champions League win over Manchester United on Wednesday but might have picked up three points if Germany striker Kevin Kuranyi had not missed two great chances.

"We can live with a draw from this," said Magath. "It was rather a good game from us given the fact that Cologne concentrated on trying not to concede a goal."

Six-time German champions Borussia Dortmund recorded their first away win of the season by beating Eintracht Frankfurt 1-0 courtesy of a first-half goal from striker Giuseppe Reina. The 1997 Champions League winners remain fifth but are now just two points behind the leaders.

Werder Bremen and Bayer Leverkusen, also two points off the pace in third and fourth place, are in action on Sunday against VfL Wolfsburg and Hansa Rostock respectively. Either club can capture the Bundesliga lead if they win.—MNA/Reuters

## Pandiani strikes again as Deportivo move top

MADRID, 6 Oct—Walter Pandiani continued his run of scoring in every game this season as Deportivo Coruna returned to the top of the Primera Liga standings with a 5-1 win at home to Atletico Madrid on Saturday.

After early goals from Fran for Depor and Matias Lequi for Atletico, the home side took control with an Enrique Romero strike, deflected in off Lequi, and Sergio's long-range belter.

Pandiani, recalled from a loan spell at Real Mallorca to replace Roy Makaay following the Dutchman's move to Bayern Munich, fired in from the edge of the box after 57 minutes and a late strike from Lionel Scaloni wrapped up the win.

It was a sixth goal in six games for Uruguayan striker Pandiani, who has also scored in each of his side's Champions League games this term.

"The first half was even, with Atletico playing well," Deportivo coach Javier Irureta said. "We were on target with our long-range shooting in the second half and that helped make the difference."

Deportivo's comfortable victory gave them 15 points from six games and took them two points clear of Valencia, who can reclaim top spot if they win away at Barcelona on Sunday.

Villarreal missed a chance to move into the top three as they were held to a 1-1 draw at home to Real Zaragoza. That result kept them in fifth place with 10 points.

Real Madrid, also with 10 points but in third place ahead of Osasuna and Villarreal on goal difference, are at home to Espanyol on Sunday. Osasuna are also in action on Sunday, away to Real Mallorca.

Osasuna moved into their lofty league position thanks to a 3-2 win over Deportivo Coruna last weekend.

That defeat cost Depor their 100-per-cent record, and the league leadership along with it, but they were quickly back into their stride against hapless Atletico.

Victor set up the first goal, worming his way to the edge of the box and then finding Fran inside with a well judged pass.

Lequi equalized with a header from Ariel Ibagaza's left-wing cross but Depor were back in charge 10 minutes before the break when Juan Carlos Valeron passed for Romero to slide in a shot that squeezed in at the near post via Lequi.—MNA/Reuters



Germany's Nicole Hehemann, right, is attacked by Estonia's Mille Sang, left, in their qualifying round fight in the Women's over 85 Kilogram category, during the 9th European Sumo Wrestling Championship in Riesa, eastern Germany, on 4 October, 2003. Some 100 men and women from 15 countries take part at the Championships until 5 October.—INTERNET



**7-10-2003(Monday)**  
**Regular Programmes for**  
**Viewers from Abroad**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(15:30 - 17:30)**

15:30 Signature Tune  
 Greetings

15:32 Song of Myanmar  
 Beauty & Scenic  
 Sights 'Myanma Pan-  
 orama & Myanmar Sen-  
 timent'

15:36 Colourful Lotus Oil  
 Lamps

**15:40 Headline News**

15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
 Dishes (Tenderized  
 Eggplant)

**15:45 National News**

15:50 Lacquerware Museum  
 15:55 Vram Naga Harvest  
 Dance

**16:00 National news**

16:05 Ancient Htoke Kan  
 Their Temple

16:10 Song "Blessed  
 Myanmar"

16:12 Bamboo Toys

**16:15 National News**

16:20 Aungpan Oranges

16:25 Song of Myanmar  
 Beauty & Scenic



1. Recitation of Parittas by  
Missionary Sayadaw  
U Oattamathara  
7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓရ မဇ္ဈိမအာသဝါရိက၊  
အဓမ္မပရောပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိဇ္ဇာ  
သိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြား  
တော်မူပေသော ဥပ္ပါယ်သမ္ဘိတိပိဋတော်

7:25 am  
3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am  
4. Morning news

7:40 am  
5. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am  
6. ကဗျာပရိသုဒ္ဓါ

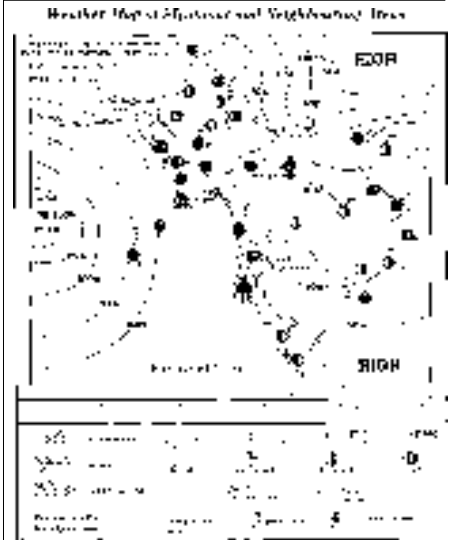
8:10 am  
7. အဆီပိုင်ပိုင်

**Evening Transmission**  
**(19:30 - 23:30)**  
19:30 Signature Tune  
Greetings  
19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
19:35 Lucky Bamboo  
**19:40 Headline News**  
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Prawn and  
Bamboo Shoot Fry")  
**19:45 National News**  
19:50 Annual Pilgrims From  
the River  
19:55 The Beauty and Grace of  
the hands  
19:57 The Myanmar Turban-  
Unique  
**20:00 National News**  
20:05 Boat Festival in Shwe  
Kyin  
20:10 Song on Screen "My  
Ardent Wish"  
**20:15 National News**  
20:20 A New Tourist Destination  
"MYANMAR"  
20:25 Song "Be Back to  
Neem Lane"  
**20:30 National News**  
20:35 Ornamental Jewellery  
of Outstanding Design  
Myanmar Cuisine  
"Monhinga"  
**20:45 National News**  
20:50 Historical Shwe Inpin  
Monastery  
20:55 Lon Yuu Festival  
Dance  
20:58 Tour in Myanmar  
(Taunggyi, Inlay)  
**21:00 National News**  
21:05 Myanmar's Pride: The  
Art of Carving  
21:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Ngwe Hsaung  
Beach Resort"  
21:12 Mogok, The Gems  
Land

21:15	<b>National News</b>
21:20	Nipa Palm Forest
21:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
21:36	Colourful Lotus Oil Lamps
21:40	<b>Headline News</b>
21:42	Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Tenderized Eggplant)
21:45	<b>National News</b>
21:50	Lacqueware Museum
21:55	Vram Naga Harvest Dance
22:00	<b>National News</b>
22:05	Ancient Htoke Kan Thein Temple
22:10	Song "Blessed Myanmar"
22:12	Bamboo Toys
22:15	<b>National News</b>
22:20	Aungpan Oranges
22:25	Song "Flourishing"
22:30	<b>National News</b>
22:35	Mandalay-Lashio-Muse Union Highway
22:40	Myanmar Cuisine "Prawn Curry"
22:45	<b>National News</b>
22:50	Pa-O Nationals' Traditional Long Drum
22:55	Smart Beautiful Cart
23:00	<b>National News</b>
23:05	Kayin Traditional Vegetable Curry (Tarlabaw)
23:10	Songs on Screen "Gaze Upon"
23:12	Popa Flat-topped Hill (Taung Ka Lat)
23:15	<b>National News</b>
23:20	Myanmar Jaggery
23:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"
<b>7-10-2003'(Tuesday) &amp; 8-10-2003'(Wednesday) Evening &amp; Morning Transmission (23:30 - 01:30)</b>	
23:30	Signature Tune Greetings
23:32	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
23:36	Colourful Lotus Oil Lamps
23:40	<b>Headline News</b>
23:42	Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Tenderized Eggplant"
23:45	<b>National News</b>
23:50	Lacqueware Museum
23:55	Vram Naga Harvest Dance
24:00	<b>National News</b>
00:05	Ancient Htoke Kan Thein Temple
00:10	Song "Blessed Myanmar"
00:12	Bamboo Toys

8-10-2003 (Wednesday)	
Morning Transmission (03:30 - 07:30)	
03:30	Signature Tune Greetings
03:32	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Pan- orama & Myanma Sen- timent"
03:35	Lucky Bamboo
03:40	<b>Headline News</b>
03:42	Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Prawn and Bamboo Shoot Fry"
03:45	<b>National News</b>
03:50	Annual Pilgrims from the River
03:55	The Beauty and Grace of the hands
03:57	The Myanmar Turban- Unique
04:00	<b>National News</b>
04:05	Boat Festival in Shwe Kyi
04:10	Song on Screen "My Ardent Wish"
04:15	<b>National News</b>
04:20	A New Tourist Desti- nation "Myanmar"
04:25	Song "Be Back to Neem Lane"
04:30	<b>National News</b>
04:35	Ornamental Jewellery of Outstanding Design
04:40	Myanma Cuisine "Monhinga"
04:45	<b>National News</b>
04:50	Historical Shwe Inpin Monastery
04:55	Lon Yuu Festival Dance
04:58	Tour in Myanmar (Taunggyi, Inlay)
05:00	<b>National News</b>
05:05	Myanmar's Pride: The

06:15	<b>National News</b>
06:20	Aungpan Oranges
06:25	Song “Flourishing”
06:30	<b>National News</b>
06:35	Mandalay-Lashio- Muse Union Highway
06:40	Myanmar Cuisine “Prawn Curry”
06:45	<b>National News</b>
06:50	Pa-O Nationals’ Traditional Long Drum
06:55	Smart Beautiful Cart
07:00	<b>National News</b>
07:05	Kayin Traditional Vegetable Curry (Tarlabaw)
07:10	Songs on Screen: “Gaze Upon”
07:12	Popa Flat-topped Hill (Taung Ka Lat)
07:15	<b>National News</b>
07:20	Myanmar Jeggery
07:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights “Come and See Myanmar”



**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Magway Division, scattered in Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago Divisions and Rakhine State, isolated in Yangon, Tanintharyi Divisions and Chin State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay and Magway Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were NyaungU (4.56) inches and Chauk (2.28) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-10-2003 was 35.0°C (95°F). Minimum temperature on 6-10-2003 was 22.8°C (73°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 6-10-2003 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 5-10-2003 was (8.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 5-10-2003 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 2175 mm (85.63 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2264 mm (89.13 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2300 mm (90.55 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 7 mph from Southeast at (18:00) hours MST on 5-10-2003. **Bay inference:** According to the observation at (09:30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over South Bay and adjoining West Central Bay and weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 7-10-2003:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States, Tanintharyi and upper Sagaing Divisions, isolated in Mon State, Mandalay, lower Sagaing, Magway, Ayeeyawady, Yangon and Bago Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Increases of rain are likely in Rakhine State. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-10-2003:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-10-2003:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

We are saddened to learn of the sudden and unexpected passing away of Dr. Hla Htut Lwin, Deputy Director of the National AIDS Program, DoH, on Sunday October 5, 2003. In his capacity as Deputy Director, we came to know him as a dedicated and capable public health professional who understood the health needs of his country. He will be missed. Our thoughts are with his family.

**Country Director Mr. Guy Stallworthy and staff of PSI/Myanmar**

**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  
- Lullaby (Mandah)  
- Vacation (Vitamin C)  
**9.00 pm** English Lesson:  
Look Ahead (51)  
**9.15 pm** Article/Music  
**9.25 pm** Weekly sports reel  
**9.35 pm** Music for your  
listening pleasure  
- Careless whisper  
(George Michael)  
**9.45 pm** News/Slogan  
**10.00 pm** PEI

8:20 am  
8. Song of yesteryears

8:30 am  
9. International news

8:45 am  
10. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm  
1. Martial song

4:15 pm  
2. Song to uphold  
National Spirit

4:30 pm  
3. English for Everyday Use

4:40 pm  
4. Musical programme

5:00 pm  
5. အဝေးသံတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ  
-ပထမနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး)  
(ပြန်မာစာ)

5:15 pm  
6. Dance of national race

5:30 pm  
7. ပုဂံဝေ နွေနှစ်၊ ကောင်းသောကြိမ်  
(ဝေ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့စွယ်စုံကျမ်း  
အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ  
ဝေဇ္ဇာဒေဝလောကီင်ကြဲရန်အမူပေးစား  
(ဂါထာမဂ်အောင်) (အထူးသင်္ဂြိုဟ်)

5:45 pm  
8. ဗမာ့နားဆင်စားစာတံဝင်

5:55 pm  
9. Sing and Enjoy

6:30 pm  
10. Evening news

7:00 pm  
11. Weather report

7:05 pm  
12. Milo success in soccer

7:10 pm  
13. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာဗဟိုယာဉ်ပွဲညံ့ဖျားပြွဲ  
(ရင်္ဂင်ဆွဲတော်)

7:20 pm  
14. The mirror images of  
the musical oldies

7:35 pm  
15. ပုဝေ ခုခွမ်း ကောသလအကြိမ်  
(ဝေ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု  
အဆို၊ အဂ္ဂ၊ အရေ၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ  
ဆွေးနွေးခန်း (အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ)  
(ဧည့်သည်၊ ဂီတ၊ တယော)

8:00 pm  
16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတံလမ်းဆွဲ  
“ဟိုတယ်ဒီနေ့ည” (အရိပ်-၂၂)

20. The next day's

## Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attends Hsinshweli paddy harvesting ceremony in Hsenwi Township

YANGON, 6 Oct— State Peace and Development Council member Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, accompanied by Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Chairman North-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint and senior military officers, national race leaders of special regions in Shan State (North) and officials, on 4 October morning arrived at Bonmon farm and bee-keeping camp of the command. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party inspected research plantations, 500 beehives and products, and seeds of niger and maize. After hearing reports on future tasks, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave instructions..

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party visited Monglee Village affiliated BEMS in Monglee Village, Hsenwi Township in Lashio District, donated by Asia World Co Ltd and inspected completion of construction tasks for new school building.

(See page 7)



## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects bridge, road construction in Rakhine State

YANGON, 6 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the Southern Command Brig-Gen Ko Ko and officials, on 4 October morning arrived at

Nyaunggyo Village in Padaung Township in Pyay District.

An official of Myanmar Agricultural Service reported on progress of 367 acres of coffee plantation, out of 500 acres of the plantation targeted for 2003-2004, cultivation and distribution of coffee saplings. Afterwards, Lt-

Gen Khin Maung Than attended to the needs. A total of 2,500 acres of land have been reclaimed in Nyaunggyo Region in Bago Division (West) and will be put under coffee plantation in five years.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived at the Golden Coffee (See page 9)

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of Ministry of Defence shares merits gained at the ceremony of provision donation towards Pariyatti Sarthintaks and monasteries in Hsenwi Township. — 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



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspect Tanlwe Creek bridge on Taungup-An road. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects construction of Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine)

YANGON, 6 Oct—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party, accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and officials arrived at Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) Construction Project site on 5 October morning.

Chief Engineer (Bridge) U Han Zaw and officials reported on work progress to Lt-Gen Maung Bo who gave necessary instructions to officials. The construction of the bridge has been completed 68 per cent.

The 11,575 feet long bridge can withstand 60 tons of loads on completion and it

will be completed in December 2004,

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived on Mottama bank in Paung Township. At the briefing hall, Deputy Superintending Engineers U Ohn Han and U Myo Chit reported on progress of work on Mawlamyine bank and Mottama bank and work to be carried out.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions, saying that Thanlwin bridge is on Kawthoung-Myeik-Dawei-Mawlamyine-Yangon Union highway. It is the biggest one through which vehicles and trains could pass. On completion of the bridge transport to Tanimthayi Division,

Kayin State, Mon State and Bago Division will be easier. He called for earlier completion, meeting set standard, minimizing loss and wastage and ensuring work site safety.

They proceeded to the Thaton-Mottama section of Yangon-Myeik Road Construction Project. Officials reported on work progress. Lt-Gen Maung Bo left necessary instructions.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo looked into The-ein village affiliated basic education high school, saying that agriculture, education, health and social requirements of the village will be provided. (See page 9)



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of Ministry of Defence looks into construction project tasks of Thanlwin bridge (Mawlamyine). — MNA