

The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Volume XI, Number 176

14th Waxing of Thadingyut 1365 ME

Thursday, 9 October, 2003

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets officials, staff and Tatmadawmen in Taungup

YANGON, 8 Oct — State Peace and Development Council Member Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, together with Rakhine State PDC Chairman Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo and Col Myint Soe of Taungup Station, arrived at Township Hall in Taungup on 6 October morning. He met with state/district and township PDC members, departmental officials and social organization members, War Veterans Organizations and townsmen and local people and discussed matters related to regional development tasks.

Township PDC Chairman U Saw Aung briefed on location, area and climate of the township, population and rainfall, land utilization, agricultural tasks and local rice sufficiency, growing of new crops, meat and fish sector and livestock breeding tasks, education and health sectors. Commander Maj-Gen

Maung Oo presented a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than made a speech. He said it is needed to make earnest efforts for development of agriculture and meat and fish sectors for the State's economy to be strong, which is essential in building the country into a modern and developed one. There are six divisions and states that mainly assist the State's economy. Rakhine State is graded the seventh. Although there is surplus rice in the state, efforts are still made to meet the targeted 10 million sown acres. So, efforts are to be made for extending sown acreage as well as producing 100 baskets of paddy per acre.

The State has named 10 major crops, three perennial crops and three new plants for the long-term interest of the State. It is found that Taungup region grows only monsoon crop. Although there is surplus paddy in the state, it is needed to extend growing of paddy in the in-

terest of the state and the country. To produce 100 baskets of paddy per acre, quality paddy strains are to be grown. As regards growing of beans and pulses, growing of Pesingon exceeded the target. Other kinds of beans and pulses should be grown. It is needed to give encouragement to extend growing of Thitseint trees as a perennial crops. Among the three new items, pepper is grown on a large scale. As the state has favourable condition for growing pepper, it is needed to extend sown acreage for the state to be named a pepper state. Those wishing to grow pepper on a large scale will be provided with cultivation methods and saplings. It is found that only monsoon paddy is grown in the region. So, after harvesting the monsoon paddy, it is needed to grow vegetable and kitchen crops for the family, he said.

As regards the livestock breeding sector, digging ponds in the sown acreage is

to be avoided. Officials concerned are to see that the sown acreage did not decrease. It is needed for every family having a compound to raise 10 of poultry.

Efforts are to be made to meet the economic targets in 2003-2004 and data are to be collected carefully so that no services and production industry is left out.

The township plays a key role in economic and social sectors in the region, efforts are to be made systematically for the town to have the characteristics of a town.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted departmental officials, members of social organizations, townsmen and local people. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to Bodhigon Pariyatti Monastery in Taungup.

The offering of rice took place at the monastery in the morning. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attended the ceremony and presented rice

(See page 9)

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 meets departmental officials, members of social organizations and townsmen in Taungup, Rakhine State. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects the pig breeding farm in Hlawga Village, Shwepyitha Township. (News on page 7) — YANGON COMMAND

Cash donated for construction of Shwemyaingthiri Nunnery

YANGON, 8 Oct — The cash donation ceremony for construction of Thathanapitawtawon three-storey building of Shwemyaingthiri Nunnery was held at the nunnery on Masoeieyinkaung Street in Mayangon Township, Yangon West District, this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the ceremony.

Also present were members of the Sangha led by

Joint-Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Dwipitakadhara Dwipitaka Kovida Mayangon Nagahlainggu Kalewatawya Sarthintaik Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo Daw Khin Than Nwe, Adviser to the State Peace and Development Council Office U Arnt Maung, Director-General of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Sann Lwin, Commander of No 1 Military

Region Lt-Col Myint Kyi, Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Kyaw Tint, (See page 2)

INSIDE

Perspectives

Towards discipline-flourishing democratic nation
Page 2

Foreign News Pages

3,4,5,6,12,13,14

Circulation

24,238

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 9 October, 2003

Towards discipline-flourishing democratic nation

The State Peace and Development Council is trying its utmost in all sectors with the aim of developing the Union of Myanmar to be able to keep abreast with other nations of the world, consolidate national economic life and raise the living standard of the entire national people.

People are now witnessing all-round development of the State due to the collective efforts of the entire national people under the leadership of the Government. Moreover, people are enjoying peace and stability across the country and fruitful result of the development of the State.

Progress has been made throughout the country, not for a particular region. Economic and social infrastructures seen in the respective regions are the proofs of development.

Although Magway Division in Central Myanmar is blessed with rich soil, it had faced difficulties in water supply not only for agricultural purpose but also for household use in the past. Nowadays, 26 dams and 46 river water pumping stations built in the division contribute much towards cultivation of crops. In the past, only over 300,000 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy but in 2002-2003, the number of sown acreage of both monsoon and summer paddy reached over 600,000.

The transport sector of the division has also made progress as new motor roads and railroads have emerged in the division. Altogether 30 bridges including Anawrahta Bridge (Chauk) and Ayeyawady Crossing Bridge (Magway) have been constructed. People can now easily access to the division thanks to the building of a new airport.

Based on the historical background of the country and cultural tradition of the people, the Government has laid down the future policies and programmes for emergence of modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The Government will lay emphasis on emergence of discipline-flourishing democracy without harming the historical background of the country, tarnishing the prestige of its people and damaging the national characteristics.

A mass rally, organized by the Union Solidarity and Development Association, was held in support of the Prime Minister's clarification on seven stages of policies and programmes of the State (roadmap) at Magway District sports ground in Magway, Magway Division, on 5 October morning. At the rally, Magway Division Education Officer U Aung Chain said that Myanmar as a sovereign and independent nation has the right to shape her future; and that based on the objective condition of the State, the Government and the people are to strive in the interest of all the citizens.

We would like to urge all national people to actively take part in efforts for realization of the seven-point programmes (roadmap) clarified by the Prime Minister.

Ambassador presents Credentials to Pakistani President

YANGON, 9 Oct — U Maung Nyo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, presented his Credentials to His Excellency General Pervez Musharraf, President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on 16 September 2003, in Islamabad.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donations from wellwishers. — YANGON COMMAND

Cash donated for construction...

(from page 1)

local authorities, Chairman of the building board of trustees Lt-Col Sein Maung (Retd) and members, guests and wellwishers.

Next, Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita KanU Zetawun Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Samibhivamsa invested the congregation with the Eight Precepts.

Next, Daw Khin Than Nwe, the commander and officials presented offertories to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, the commander, Daw Khin Than Nwe and officials accepted a total of K 24.05 million donated by 120 wellwishers including K 200,000 by Lt-Gen Tin Oo's wife Daw Khin Than Nwe and family, K 300,000 by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, K 2 million by U Thein Win and Daw Ni (Shwe Than Lwin Co Ltd), K one million by Chairman of Asia Express Co Ltd U Maung Maung, K 1.35 million each by Maung Weik Co, Phoe Yarza Farmer Co Ltd, Shwepyithit Development Co Ltd and Managing Director U Zaw Zaw Naing of Central Development Co Ltd, K 1,037,400 by Managing Director U Zeya Thura Mon of Gunimi Engineering and Fresh Air Conditioner Co Ltd, K one million by U Kyaw Naing Oo of Naing Group Construction, K 500,000 each by Yangon Division All Bus Lines Control Committee, the Supervisory Committee for Nyein-Chan-Ye bus lines of Yangon West District, U Than Hla of Teingya sacred umbrella hoisting association, U Zaw Zaw and brothers, Great Wall traditional medicine, Daw Khin Nwe Yi and family (Shwepazun), U Ko Ko Htwe and Daw Aye Aye Than of Tawwin family and U Zaw Weik and

wife of Fisca Co Ltd, K 300,000 each by All Bus Lines Control Committee (Highway), and other wellwishers and accepted the

donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Lt-Col Sein Maung (Retd) explained matters relating to the new

building construction.

Later, Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa delivered a sermon and merits gained were shared.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa receives UNHCR Deputy Director for Asia and Pacific Mr Hitoshi Mise. — I & P

I&P Minister receives guests

YANGON, 8 Oct — Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa received Deputy Director Mr Hitoshi Mise of Bureau for Asia and the Pacific of UNHCR (Headquar-

ters) based in Geneva, Switzerland, at the Ministers' Office this afternoon. The deputy director was accompanied by Representative of UNHCR in Myanmar Mr Rajiv Kapur and Senior Re-

patriation Officer Ms Mireille Girard.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister U Maung Aung and directors-general.

MNA

World Disasters Report 2003 clarified

YANGON, 8 Oct — A ceremony to brief on the World Disasters Report 2003 jointly organized by Myanmar Red Cross Society and International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent to mark the World Disaster Reduction Day this morning at Traders Hotel here.

Leader of Myanmar delegation Ms Joanna Maclean of IRCCF and

President of MRCS Dr Kyaw Win made addresses.

Focus on ethics in aid were demonstrated with the aid of video record. Head of Disaster Management Division U Kyaw Soe briefed on implementation of the Disaster Assessment and Response Team-DART.

Those present then discussed matters relating to aid. The ceremony came to an end with concluding re-

marks made by Mr Alfredo Mallet of International Red Cross Committee.

It was also attended by Ambassador of the Philippines Mireille A Gomez and ambassadors and staff members of the foreign embassies in Yangon, delegates of the intentional red cross committee and organizations under the UN and non-governmental organizations. — MNA



Myanmar Red Cross Society President U Kyaw Win addresses the ceremony to brief on World Disasters Report 2003. — MNA

The most efficient way to overcome contradictions and overcome on such issues as that of Iraq was through compromise

The following are the excerpts from the speech delivered by Askar A Akaev, President of Kyrgyzstan, at the 58th session of UNGA.

In recent months, the United Nations had become an arena of acute debates. Some "hotheads" had even claimed the Organization had exhausted its potential. But in reality, the disputes and discussions of the past year were democracy at work.



Askar A Akaev, President of Kyrgyzstan.

The development of that principle assumed exchanges of views, opinions and even criticisms. At the same time, however, while there was nothing reprehensible about disputes per se, polarization in that case had endangered the United Nations. "Attempts to restrain its role are perceived, especially by small States, as a means of undermining the world body", he said.

But the numerous statements thus far had shown that, although many world leaders had varying opinions about the state of international affairs, they all agreed on the importance of defining a role for the United Nations to ensure that it succeeded in this new century, and fulfilled the promise and expectations of all the world's people.

The most efficient way to overcome contradictions and overcome on such issues as that of Iraq was through compromise. He went on to say that **efforts to reform the United Nations should be accompanied by a return to focusing on specific targets and objectives that must be reached in the immediate future, particularly the Millennium Development Goals and the international war on terrorism.**

Together, the United Nations, the great Powers, and the wider international community could effectively address those issues and overcome the common challenges of the day. Universal cooperation was crucial, for "if we act separately, we can expect a turn for the worse".—*Internet*

Francois Lonseny Fall, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Guinea



Guinean Foreign Minister Francois Lonseny Fall

Noting that universal peace and security would benefit the future of the continent, he expressed concern over the situation in the Middle East, Iraq, Afghanistan, the Korean Peninsula and Cyprus, and reaffirmed his country's commitment to the "one-China" principle. Among other issues, whose resolution would prove to be of great benefit, were poverty, armed conflict, weapons' proliferation, terrorism, organized transnational crime, and violations of human rights.

In the African context, eradicating the spread of small arms and light weapons, and addressing the use of mercenaries would do much to safeguard international peace and security. For that, there must be adequate financial assistance to implement the moratorium on small arms and light weapons.—*Internet*

The Organization also had a pivotal role to play regarding both nation-building and the political transition in Iraq

The challenge of ensuring world peace and security was of particular concern to small States, who relied on international rule of law, and on the collective security mechanism of the Security Council to guarantee their right to a secure, sovereign and peaceful existence.

For that reason, leaders needed to work to strengthen the rule of law worldwide, as well as the capacity of the United Nations to engage both in conflict prevention and in the management of global crises that disrupted international peace and security.

Nowhere was there a more pressing need for peace and security than in the Middle East, he said. **Under the present circumstances, consideration should be given to the deployment of a United Nations force to ensure the implementation of "realistic and mutually acceptable confidence-building measures".**

The Organization also had a pivotal role to play regarding both nation-building and the political transition in Iraq. Threats to international peace and security were not posed by State actors exclusively, he noted, but also by organized criminal groups engaged in the illegal drug and small arms trade.

On terrorism, he stated that the international community must focus its attention on the root causes of that now global phenomenon. He was also concerned with the non-conventional threat posed by the HIV/AIDS pandemic, and observed that, while Africa remained the hardest hit, the Caribbean ranked second in terms of prevalence rates.

He noted that there was a need for reform of the United Nations to make it more relevant to present day realities. In that regard, he hoped that recognition would be

ထုတ်ဖော်ပြောဆိုချက်များ

Elvin Himrod, Minister for Foreign Affairs and International Trade of Grenada

The current focus on security concerns should not displace consideration of the important issues on the economic and social agenda. While his country remained totally committed to the fight against terrorism, it was important to recognize that its elimination would not alone guarantee social and economic stability. The many problems associated with underdevelopment, poverty, hunger, disease, illiteracy and unemployment gave rise to hopelessness, and posed a threat to peace and security.

Rogatien Blaou, Minister for Foreign Affairs and African Integration of Benin

International relations today were marked by doubt and disillusionment.

The United Nations was now facing an existential challenge, with rumblings that it had outlived its purpose. But the Organization must stand up to its detractors and reaffirm its role as the guarantor of international peace, security and development.

All nations must promote the ideal of multilateralism to ensure the dawn of a new and more equitable world order. He added that one area where the United Nations had succeeded was in the management, prevention and peaceful settlement of disputes.—*Internet*

given to the role which small States would play in international affairs. The reform exercise must also have, as its ultimate objective, the strengthening of the United Nations and an enhancement of its capacity to respond to new global challenges.

Also required was the "long overdue" reform of the Security Council, by expanding its membership, so that it could be made more democratic and representative. He also felt that the General Assembly could be better empowered to play its role more effectively as the "chief deliberative and policy-making organ" of the Organization.—*Internet*



Knowlson Gift, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Trinidad and Tobago

It was necessary to remedy the damage done to the integrity of the rule of law, and vital that the Iraqi people see a timetable leading to the full restoration of their sovereignty.

M Javad Zarif (Iran) said that, damage had been done to the legal regime governing the use of force under the United Nations Charter.

Strategies aimed at reducing terrorism should take into account some of its root causes, including poverty and injustice.

Maintaining a global coalition against terror required progress on other fronts of the struggle for a humane and just world.

Regarding weapons of mass destruction, he said that the only powerful and legitimate tool was universal adherence to negotiated multilateral agreements.

He also noted that the momentum generated after the



Deputy Foreign Minister of Iran M Javad Zarif

International Conference on Financing for Development seemed to be dying down, shattering prospects for meeting the Millennium Development Goals and building a global partnership for development.

In addition, the inability to produce favourable results in Cancun demanded that the international community pay urgent attention, once again, to the insufficient voice of developing countries in the areas of trade, financial institutions and democratic reform.

Finally, strengthening the efficacy of the Organization and its centrality in the international arena was essential to responding to current and future challenges.

Internet

US challenged in quest for UN resolution on Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 8 Oct—The United States faces an uphill fight this week in trying to get enough UN votes for its blueprint on Iraq after Secretary-General Kofi Annan challenged the plan, aimed at getting more troops and money.

Despite optimistic comments from US officials, UN Security Council members say Annan's rejection of the American-British approach stopped progress in its tracks on a draft resolution, to be discussed again on Monday.

Annan told Security Council ambassadors on Thursday he did not want to risk more lives, following the deadly August 19 bombing of US offices in Baghdad, for a marginal political role in Iraq as in the US-drafted resolution.

At issue are US plans to hand over sovereignty to Iraq after a Constitution and free elections, which the Bush Administration estimates could take a

year and UN officials say should take two years if done correctly. The United Nations was to help with the election process under the US-led occupation.

"The transition to self-government is a complicated process, because it takes time to build trust and hope after decades of oppression and fear," President George W. Bush said in his weekly radio address on Saturday.

In contrast Annan prefers a plan, almost identical to proposals from France and Germany, that would transfer some sovereignty to an interim Iraqi Government in several months and then take some two years to write a Constitution and organize elections as in Af-

ghanistan.

"The end of the formal occupation would send rather a powerful signal to Iraqis," a senior UN official said.

The official said Annan was not trying to haggle, bargain or be obstructionist. "It is not axiomatic that the United Nations has to play a political role in every crisis there is," he told reporters.

France, Germany and Russia, as expected, signalled approval of Annan's remarks shortly after he spoke. But diplomats said the impact of his comments on undecided nations was considerable and made it unlikely the US measure would be adopted without substantial changes. — MNA/Reuters

ဝက်မုဒွမ်းအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား

Iraq to pay debts to Romania after 2005

BUCHAREST, 8 Oct—The first payments of Iraq's debts to Romania will be made after 2005, Romanian Minister of Public Finances Mihai Tanasescu is quoted by Monday's daily *Bursa* as saying.

Thus, in the forthcoming years, Romania might recoup up to 350 million US dollars of the 1.72 billion US dollars owed by Iraq. Tanasescu said in reply to a question raised in Parliament. He also underlined that up to now, Romania has paid no commissions or fees to any intermediary or consultancy firm to solve the problem of the debts to be recouped from Iraq.

Most of the creditors agreed that it is reasonable that Iraq cannot begin the payment of its foreign debt before the end of 2004. — MNA/Xinhua

PUK opposes Turkish peacekeepers in Iraq

ANKARA, 8 Oct—The Iraqi Patriotic Union of Kurdistan (PUK) on Monday reiterated that they do not want Turkish troops to be sent to Iraq.

Behram Salih, the representative of the Iraqi Kurdish group, told Turkey's private television channel NTV that Turkish soldiers would be attacked once they arrive in Iraq.

He made the remarks when Turkey's Cabinet met Monday to finalize a motion to send troops to Iraq. The motion will be voted by the Parliament on Wednesday or Thursday.

Salih stressed that the arrival of the soldiers from Turkey or other neighbouring countries would not be welcomed by Iraqis, adding that the lesser foreign pow-

ers in Iraq, the easier taking over sovereignty by Iraqis.

However, Gani Soltan Abdullah, governor of Mosul of northern Iraq city, urged Turkish soldiers to come and offer help.

The visiting governor called for opening a Turkish consulate in Mosul and received a promise from Turkish officials.

The Turkish Cabinet motion, named "Authorization to Give Permission", covers the number of troops, the region of mission and the time of the deployment of troops.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier provides cover in front of a Bradley fighting vehicle, on 7 October, 2003 as troops search a house for an alleged bombmaker in Tikrit. — INTERNET

UN refugee chief's term extended two years

UNITED NATIONS, 8 Oct—Ruud Lubbers, one of the few UN officials to have refused a salary, received a two-year extension on Monday as head of the world's largest refugee agency from the 191-member UN General Assembly.

Lubbers, 64, who served as Dutch prime minister for 12 years, took over from Japan's Sadako Ogata in January 2001 as the UN high commissioner for refugees. The job is usually for five years and the extension ensures he will serve a full term.

In an unusual disclosure, UN officials said Lubbers was working for free, returning to the United Nations about 300,000 US dollars a year, which includes his 167,000 US dollars annual salary and travel and other expenses.

No head of a large relief agency has done so in recent memory. Lubbers holds the rank of undersecretary-general. — MNA/Reuters

Chinese, French presidents hail Chinese Culture Year in France

BEIJING, 8 Oct—Chinese President Hu Jintao and his French counterpart, Jacques Chirac, expressed Monday their congratulation to the inauguration of a year-long show of Chinese culture known as "the Year of Chinese Culture in France".

In his congratulatory message to the event which was inaugurated in Paris on Monday, Chinese President Hu said that the Chinese and French peoples have created their own splendid cultures in their long history, making tremendous contribution to the civilization and progress of mankind.

He said that exchanges between different cultures and learning from each other are an important way to enhance cultural creativity. Activities in the Chinese Cultural Year will show the charm of China's ancient cultural achievements and its vigor in modern days, Hu said. They will also help promote understanding and friendship between the Chinese and French peoples. — MNA/Xinhua



An oil refinery is seen in the city of Beiji, home to the Iraq's largest oil refinery, on 6 October, 2003. Beiji, population 60,000, 145 miles north of Baghdad on the road to Mosul, is Iraq's third-largest city. It sits in the so-called "Sunni Triangle," a swath of land to the north and west of Baghdad mainly inhabited by Sunni Muslims. US forces come under almost daily attacks in the area, where Saddam, himself a Sunni, enjoyed his strongest support. — INTERNET

China to tighten supervision over power industry

BEIJING, 8 Oct—Following major blackouts that hit North America and Europe recently, China is working to tighten its supervision over the nation's power industry to prevent the possible occurrence of similar incidents, *China Daily* reported Tuesday.

The nation is now amending its Electricity Law, the first time since the law was adopted eight years ago, said the Beijing-based English newspaper, adding that one of the major pushes for the amendment is to ensure the stability of power supplies and to regulate the market.

The government hopes the amendment can be completed by the end of the year, the newspaper said.

The government is also looking at establishing an emergency-response procedure for dealing with possible power problems.

Beijing's foreign trade booms in first eight months

BEIJING, 8 Oct—Beijing City reported a foreign trade volume of 44.19 billion US dollars in the first eight months this year, up 32.5 per cent over the same period last year.

According to Beijing Customs, foreign trade volume included 10.73 billion US dollars in exports and 33.46 billion US dollars in imports, up 36.1 per cent and 31.4 per cent respectively on last year.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

Schroeder sees coordination with Arab nations on Iraq

RIYADH, 8 Oct—German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said Monday his ongoing Arab tour mirrored identical views over a host of Arab and international issues, such as Iraq and the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In a Press conference held here with Saudi leaders, Schroeder said the upcoming period will see more coordination between Germany and Arab countries to work on retrieving stability for Iraq and improve the security conditions there.

Schroeder, who flew in to Saudi Arabia from Egypt Sunday night, said Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Germany concur on the necessity to enhance the UN role in Iraq to guarantee international legitimacy and the reconstruction of Iraq as well as restoring security and stability under an independent government that represents all Iraqis.

He also voiced his country's readiness to provide training for the Iraqi

Army and police units in Germany or in any other country in order to assist Iraq to restore security.

As for a new US-backed UN resolution on Iraq, Schroeder said it had to be improved.

"We believe the wording of this resolution needs to be improved, which is possible. And we have told this to our partners and our friends in the United States and in France," he said.

Referring to the latest political crisis in the Middle East, Schroeder condemned Israel's strike in Syria, saying it represented a violation of the Syrian sovereignty.

He underlined the need to solve the Palestinian-Israeli dispute politi-

cally in accordance with the internationally-backed roadmap peace plan, through which the establishment of two neighbourly states living in peace would be realized.

The German Chancellor pointed out that his talks with Saudi King Fahd bin Abdel-Aziz and Crown Prince Abdullah were successful and useful, which covered all issues on the Arab arena, including Iraq and Palestine.

It is Schroeder's first official visit to the Mideast region in the wake of a US-led war on Iraq. After Egypt and Saudi Arabia, he will also visit the United Arab Emirates and give a Press conference in Dubai on Tuesday.

MNA/Xinhua

သားငါးပွဲခြား ပြဋ္ဌာန်းတော်မူ

UN mission on Iraq-Kuwait border phased out

UNITED NATIONS, 8 Oct—Guided by a Security Council resolution, the United Nations on Monday completed the withdrawal of its peacekeeping operation monitoring the demilitarized zone between Iraq and Kuwait.

The UN Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission (UNIKOM) had suspended most of its work since March 17 in advance of the US military campaign in Iraq. Since August, it had an authorized strength of five military observers, assisted by 41 international civilian personnel and 96 local staff.

The mission was created to deter violations and report on hostile action along the border following Iraq's occupation of Kuwait in 1990 and the subsequent Persian Gulf War.

MNA/Xinhua



Soldiers of the US Army 4th Infantry Division guard the burned Mayor's office in downtown Beiji, some 250 kms (160 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 6 October, 2003.—INTERNET

Putin warns US of prolonged Iraq war

NEW YORK, 8 Oct—The United States could face a prolonged and futile war in Iraq as the Soviet Union did in Afghanistan in the 1980s, Russian President Vladimir Putin said in an interview published in Monday's edition of *The New York Times*.

Putin called the US decision to invade Iraq "an error". The Russian leader also told the newspaper that his country would consider partial relief of the eight billion US dollars it is owed by Iraq if other major creditors in the Paris Club do likewise. But for now he ruled out sending troops to help in Iraq.

Putin warned in the interview that Iraq could "become a new centre, a new magnet for all destructive elements."

He also said "a great number of members of different terrorist organizations" have been drawn into Iraq since the fall of Saddam Hussein.

Putin repeatedly characterized Russia's relations with the United States as close and frank, describing the two nations as partners and allies. But he was sharply critical of American complaints about Chechnya and of humiliating new

visa requirements for Russians.

Putin disputed whether Iraq had ties to international Islamic militancy and terrorism — a core justification given by Bush for attacking Iraq and said the invasion had created a terrorist haven where one did not previously exist.

"The coalition forces received two enemies at once — both the remains of the Saddam regime, who fight with them, and those who Saddam himself had fought in the past — the fundamentalists," he said of the situation after Saddam was ousted.

The New York Times also reported that White House is to overhaul its missions in Iraq and Afghanistan in an effort to quell violence and assert more direct White House control. Since President George W Bush declared major combat over on May 1, 88 US soldiers have been killed in combat in Iraq.—MNA/Reuters

Companies criticize US tender process in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct — Billions of dollars of business is still up for grabs to rebuild Iraq, but some companies complain that a lack of transparency in the bidding process makes it hard to compete for hundreds of lucrative tenders.

With fresh funds in the pipeline if Congress agrees to US President George W Bush's 20.3 billion US dollars request for reconstruction costs, a new round of US Government contracts is likely soon, which will in turn spawn subcontracts.

In addition, the new Iraqi ministries are a big source of business, and the US-led Coalition Provisional Authority has posted hundreds of tenders on a host of web sites, although bidders say these are often difficult to navigate.

US officials have repeatedly rejected claims of favouritism in contracts for Iraq, saying their choices are based on who can do the job best for the lowest price.

Sam Kubba, chairman of the American Iraqi Chamber of Commerce, said he was getting complaints from members about a lack of transparency in the tender process.

"Sometimes we feel that they are just going through the motions and that a decision

has already been made," said Kubba, whose organization was founded after Saddam Hussein was toppled by US troops.

Kubba said tenders issued by the CPA, in which bids sometimes had to be submitted within a couple of days, were often a logistical nightmare as communications problems prevented companies from getting their bids in on time.

"The impression you get with such short lead times is that it's already been given to someone and therefore they don't mind giving such notice," he said. "I think everything should be as transparent as possible."

Speaking at a conference on Iraqi reconstruction on Monday in Washington, Merriam Mashatt, a representative from the Coalition Provisional Authority, defended the short turnaround times and said they were due to the need to move quickly in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

US House Republicans trim Iraq aid

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—Republicans in the House of Representatives on Monday unveiled their version of an 87-billion-US-dollar emergency package for Iraq and Afghanistan that cuts nearly two billion US dollars from President George W Bush's effort to rebuild Iraq while boosting aid to Afghanistan.

The bill written by Republicans on the House Appropriations Committee cuts 1.7 billion US dollars from the 20.3-billion-US-dollars Bush wants for Iraq's reconstruction, shifting 400 million US dollars to Afghanistan aid. It would raise the total aid to Afghanistan to 1.2 billion US dollars.—Internet



An anti-war protester shouts while she is detained by plainclothesmen as a group of anti-war protesters demonstrate in front of the Turkish Prime Minister's office in Ankara on 6 October, 2003. The Turkish government is to send a decree to the parliament to discuss sending Turkish peacekeeping troops to neighbouring Iraq on a request from the US administration.—INTERNET

HK needs to develop new artificial flower markets

HONG KONG, 8 Oct—Hong Kong, the world's biggest artificial flower exporter, needs to develop new markets for its products, Hong Kong artificial flower manufacturer said here Monday.

Hong Kong exported 887.94 million US dollars worth of artificial flowers last year. It is still the number one exporter in the world but the volume has been decreasing in the past several years, said Victor Chan, chief executive officer of Oncor Holding Limited, a local producer. Chan said overseas market, especially the US market which accounted for nearly 60 per cent of Hong Kong's total exports, is shrinking. He urged the whole industry to work together to develop new markets, like Chinese Mainland and east European market, where consumers' income is rising.—MNA/Xinhua

Gunmen kill three US soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 Oct— Gunmen killed three US soldiers with roadside bombs, the military reported Tuesday, and former Iraqi intelligence officers demanding jobs hurled stones and charged American forces guarding occupation headquarters in the capital.

Large sections of Baghdad were in turmoil. There was an explosion inside the Foreign Ministry compound about a half mile from the confrontation outside the US-led occupation headquarters.

Across the city, US soldiers were met with a demonstration by Shiite Muslims after closing a mosque and allegedly arresting the imam. Late in the afternoon, US troops fired concussion grenades and shots in the air to disperse the crowd, which grew by the hour.

By nightfall, an estimated 200 American troops backed by helicopters and at least six M1A2 tanks had sealed off the area, and more Americans and Iraqi protesters converged on the scene. As the midnight curfew approached, however, the standoff eased, with the Americans pulling back most of their forces. Shortly afterward, the protesters began leaving the area, too.

L. Paul Bremer, the US administrator for Iraq, said the trouble in the capital did not reflect a turn for the worse.

"The situation is certainly not getting worse, that is nonsense," he said in Hillah,

40 miles south of Baghdad, where he was participating in a women's conference.

"When I arrived in Baghdad in May, it was a city on fire, there was no electricity, the schools, hospitals, universities were all closed," he said.

"All of these things have gotten better, day by day," Bremer said. "Of course there will be demonstrations, we should expect that. We have demonstrations in all democracies throughout the world."

After the former Iraqi intelligence officers hurled pavement stones outside occupation headquarters, American reinforcements began moving forward from the compound toward the protesters, who then scattered. No shots were fired and the Americans pulled back. Throughout the day, small groups of protesters milled around the entrance but did not threaten the soldiers.

The three soldiers' deaths, the first reported since Friday, brought to 91 the number of American soldiers killed in hostile action since President Bush declared an end to major combat on 1 May.

Internet

Fear of Iraq quagmire affects US politics

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct— Fear of a Vietnam-style quagmire in Iraq has coloured US politics in the six months since US-led forces ousted Saddam Hussein's Baath party regime.

Polls have indicated a growing skepticism among Americans over whether the US-led invasion was worth it. Support for the war has suffered from controversies over Iraq's alleged nuclear, biological and chemical weapons as the justification for war. Democrats who seek to oust US President George W. Bush in elections next year have seized on the public doubt.

One of them, retired general Wesley Clark, recently called for an independent

investigation into how intelligence was used by the Bush administration to convince US citizens of the need for war.

"It's backwards: They start with a solution, then cast a problem and molded the facts to make the case," said Clark, who opposed the war.

Questions also arose in the news media as the search for Iraq's banned weapons dragged on with little result.

Americans also worry about the cost. Bush recently asked the US Congress for

87 billion dollars to finance US military operations and reconstruction projects in Iraq and Afghanistan. This, atop 79 billion dollars already approved by lawmakers, has created controversy in a time of rising budget deficits and economic uncertainty.

The concern is reflected in the fact that Bush's popularity has recently dropped below 50 percent for the first time since he took office in January 2001.

Internet



A Baghdad bus attendant calls for passengers at a bus stop on 6 October, 2003 in front of the former headquarters of Iraq's telecommunications company which was destroyed by US airstrikes. Iraq's Communications minister announced Monday that Iraqi mobile telephone contracts have been awarded to AsiaCell, Orascom, and AtherTel which will run for two years after 35 companies submitted more than 100 bids.—INTERNET

Baghdad in turmoil with protests, attack

BAGHDAD, 8 Oct— Large portions of Baghdad were in turmoil Tuesday after attackers fired an explosive into the Foreign Ministry compound, former intelligence officers demanding back pay or jobs hurled paving stones at American forces and US soldiers confronted a big demonstration of Shiite Muslims.

There were no known injuries in any of the incidents, but traffic in the centre of the capital was at a near standstill. Streets around the Foreign Ministry and Saddam Hussein's former Republican Palace headquarters of the US-lead Coalition Provisional Authority were blocked by US soldiers in armoured vehicles and Iraqi police. The compounds are about a half-mile apart.

Witness Hussein Amin said the mortar shell or rocket-propelled grenade fired at the ministry compound landed near the office of Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari and broke windows. Zebari was not there. Workers in the compound came streaming out and Iraqi guards fired rifles in the air.

The US military press office said it was aware of "a situation" at the Foreign Ministry but had no details. Two US armoured personnel carriers and five Humvees had sped to the scene. The ministry is also about a half mile from the Al-Rasheed Hotel, where many US officials live. The hotel was attacked by small rockets or rocket-propelled grenades on 27 Sept, causing no casualties and minimal damage.

Security was already tight in the palace area because of demonstration Tuesday by about 2,000 former employees of the Iraqi intelligence service who are demanding they get their old jobs back.

Internet



An Iraqi man walks between two US Army 4th Infantry Division tanks in downtown Baiji, some 250 kms (160 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq on 6 October, 2003 after a weekend of fighting and riots between pro-Saddam Hussein demonstrators, Iraqi police and US soldiers.—INTERNET

Malaysia Airline flight goes off taxiway in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 8 Oct— A Malaysia Airline Flight MH601 from Kuala Lumpur went off the taxiway while it was taxiing at Singapore's Changi Airport on Monday, said the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) on Monday afternoon.

No one was hurt in the incident, which took place at about 12 p.m., said the CAAS.

The aircraft, a Boeing 737, is currently stuck in the grass area, it said, adding efforts are currently underway to remove the aircraft.

Changi Airport Runway 1 is closed as a result of the incident, but airport operations are not affected as Run-

way 2 is still operational, it said.

The public relations division of the airport also said on Monday that SQ318 of Singapore Airlines, which had been scheduled to depart from Changi at 9am on Monday, was delayed until 3pm due to a bomb threat.

The police was still investigating the threat, which is later proved to be a false one,

In the wake of a series of bombings in the region, the Singapore government has repeatedly said that the country stands as a prime target to terrorist attacks and the people should keep their vigilance against terrorism, although there is no specific information on such attacks.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to invest \$500m to build thermo-power station

HANOI, 8 Oct— The Vietnamese Government has approved a 500 million US dollars project to develop a thermo-power station in the northern province of Quang Ninh, according to sources from the government office on Monday.

The 600-megawatt station, which is scheduled for completion by 2008, will be located in Ha Long City of northern province Quang Ninh.

Quang Ninh Thermo-power Shareholding

Co will be established to implement the project after the Ministry of Industry undertakes a project appraisal.

The ministry will be responsible for evaluating and approving the technical design and calculating the budget for the project.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Finance will provide guarantees for the project to borrow from foreign credit institutions to buy equipment and materials that are not produced in the country. — MNA/Xinhua

Turkish truck convoy under attack in northern Iraq

ANKARA, 8 Oct— A Turkish truck convoy was attacked by robbers in northern Iraq on its way back from Baghdad, private Turkish television channel NTV reported Monday.

Ibrahim Aydin, the sole truck driver who could be reached, told NTV on the phone that in Beyci Town near Mosul in northern Iraq, some assailants surrounded the seven trucks, ordered the drivers out and set the trucks ablaze after robbery.

Aydin said that he was rescued by two people and sent to Zaho, an Iraqi town on the Iraqi-Turkish border.

Three or four drivers were taken to Diyarbakir Hospital in southeastern Turkey for treatment, while the others were still missing, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

Think globally but act locally

The following is the message from the Director General, International Bureau, Universal Postal Union in commemoration of the World Post Day.

Today, globalization is driving the process of interaction between people, societies, economies and States. Many companies are expanding their operations beyond traditional borders to see sales of their products and services grow throughout the world as a result of effective marketing strategies.

The postal sector, too, is influenced by this trend toward globalization. Some established postal services are setting up their operations in other countries, preparing for what they predict will be a completely liberalized market in a few years. Others are forming alliances with private operators that have a global presence in order to expand the reach of their services, increase revenues and improve service.

But how does the Universal Postal Union view globalization in the postal sector? And what can postal administrations do in the face of increased competition on the domestic and international fronts?

On the one hand, postal administrations that attempt to establish a global presence are demonstrating that the postal service can compete as effectively as any other business in a global environment. In many cases, such an approach is leading to a revitalized postal industry by improving the quality of certain services or allowing the postal entity to gain market share. I would even say that postal administrations competing against each other is not inherently bad, since competition often leads to greater efficiency and better service.

On the other hand, not every postal administration is necessarily able to compete on a global scale in the same manner that others do. But I believe each and every national postal service can adopt a global perspective by acting locally to meet the communication needs of its domestic and international customers.

The UPU itself is a global institution because it ensures the exchange of mail and parcels to the citizens of all countries in the world. This was the concept of the "single postal territory", which was enshrined by the founding fathers of the UPU in its Constitution. The UPU, in fact, was the only truly global inter-governmental organization when it was founded in 1874 and it remains today a global force, contributing to the economic and social development of all its member countries.

The obligation to serve all citizens, whether they live in cities or remote rural areas, is central to the concept of

"universal service", which was incorporated in the UPU's Convention and Regulations at the 1999 Beijing Congress. Adherence to the principle by all UPU members provides the basis for the global character for mail exchange between the UPU countries.

The UPU also manifests its global presence through its activities to improve the quality of service throughout the world postal network. In addition, its efforts to enhance or develop products and services, as well as to establish a worldwide electronic network for tracking and tracing postal items, reinforces its global mission.

In order to assist all member countries to upgrade their services and to provide the most effective management structures at the national level, the UPU also provides assistance to developing countries in their efforts to strengthen or reform their services. This enables them to play their proper role in the globalized postal sector.

Although the economy is increasingly global social and political institutions remain local, regional or national. Governments, therefore, which must ultimately ensure the right of citizens to have access to postal communications, are concerned that the UPU provide leadership and direction in helping to see that this obligation is fulfilled. Postal administrations are also grouped together, under the umbrella of the UPU, into Restricted Unions, which help to implement programmes and projects at the regional level. The postal sector thereby integrates its activities, through the UPU, at the national, regional and global levels.

Finally, the essential mission of every postal administration is to provide quality service at a reasonable cost in its own country. This responsibility will continue to be the primary objective of every member of the UPU, regardless of the increasing globalization. By guaranteeing this objective at the national level, postal services are reinforcing their solidarity and influence at the global level.

As we celebrate World Post Day, we should keep in mind that all countries in the UPU are committed to strengthening postal services in the context of the new global environment. Unless globalization provides physical, social and economic progress it will be judged to have failed. Postal services of the world are in a unique position, through their impact on people's daily lives, to contribute significantly to the opportunities delivered by globalization

The Smallest Paper Currency

Mra Hnin

At the beginning of postal services, it remained the custom for a long time for the recipient or addressee to pay the postage but the calculation of the postal tax was not an easy affair. Due to various currencies in use, there was the conversion problem. Yet another problem was more worrying for messenger organizations Defraying the costs when the addressee refuses the letter, and there were refusals. Thus the creation of the convention of the postage being paid by the sender was necessitated.

Around the 17th century, a certain Monsieur de Velayor of France created a small post office where he offered his clients small pieces of paper with the mention "receipt for the payment of transport". The letters were then put into letter-boxes that were emptied at regular hours and sent to their destinations.

Later, other creations were attempted but did not have the desired success. In 1814, the Sardinian postal service took up M. de Velayor's idea again and launched the 'stamped paper' principle, to serve as payment for the transport of letters. The tariff depended on the radius of delivery distance. These postal papers are known by philatelists as "cavallini", since the design showed a messenger with a postal horn on horseback. But the papers were used only for a very short time.

However, it was in May 1840 that the real beginning of pre-paid postage in the form of an adhesive receipt, the postage stamp, was created. The creator was Sir Rowland Hill of Britain.

And for this creation, Britain has the privilege of not printing its name on its postage stamps.

In 1892, the United States of America issued the first commemorative Stamp, for the 400th anniversary of the discovery of America by Christopher Columbus.

Thus, the postage stamp has become

the smallest paper currency in the world for at least three reasons: for its face value; for its worth as a contemporary historical document; and for its place in collections. It differs from other paper currency on one point: it cannot be re-used.

The UPU's International Bureau does not have the status of a postal administration, and therefore cannot produce postage stamps of its own. However, it is entitled to have service stamps, which are printed under agreement by Swiss La Poste. The stamps may be used only on mail leaving the Bureau in Berne.

These service stamps can be purchased as philatelic items from Swiss philatelic centres.

The United Nations, although not a postal administration, issued its first stamps in New York in October 1951, and in Geneva in October 1969.

The UN stamps popularize various important themes such as the main-tenance of world peace, the struggle against illiteracy, the development of education and science, etc.

Under UPU regulations, all stamps issued by Post Offices must be on sale on the release date locally and be freely available. The stamps must also be appropriate for postal purposes.

Nearly every country uses stamps to promote some new idea or to encourage fresh efforts. Stamps depict numerous themes and there is often an educational and historical background connected with the stamps. Stamp-collecting is still very much alive and well worldwide.

Thus stamps make their own unique contribution in keeping before the world the visions that mankind should accomplish. They undertake a big task in propagating human ideals on a very small piece of paper which so very effectively bears a message of friendship to the peoples of the world.

Myanmar team fetches three bronzes in Malaysian Open Karatedo Championship

YANGON, 8 Oct — The Myanmar Karatedo team fetched three bronzes in Malaysian Open Karatedo Championship 2003 held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, from 26 to 28 September.

Among the twelve countries participated in the

championship, host Malaysia stood first with ten golds, seven silvers and six bronzes, Indonesia second with four golds, four silvers and four bronzes and Vietnam third with three golds and one bronze. The Myanmar Women Karatedo team comprising Ma Yin

Hua, Htaung Lwe, Thin Thin Thuza and Nan Hsaing Mein won one bronze each in the women team kata and the women team kumite competitions. Maung Han Kham Kap of the Myanmar team won one bronze in the 55kg individual kumite competition. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivers an address at the opening of the fifth Inter-State/Division Myanmar traditional boxing tournament (News page-16). — NLM

Commander inspects EM natural fertilizer plant

YANGON, 8 Oct — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, inspected the EM natural fertilizer plant in Mayangon Township, Yangon West District, and gave necessary instructions to officials this afternoon.

On arrival at the plant, the commander was welcomed by Commander of No 1 Military Region Lt-Col Myint Kyi, divisional level departmental

officials, local authorities and officials.

The commander inspected the raw materials to be made natural fertilizer, spraying of EM solution, production of natural fertilizer powder, packaging of finished goods and storage of fertilizer bags. Officials reported on condition of the fertilizer which will assist the boosting of crops yield.

The commander gave instructions on boosting production.

This year, a total of

30,000 bags of EM natural fertilizer have been distributed to the farmers in Yangon Division.

Next, the commander and party arrived at pig breeding farm of U Sai Lon of Hlawga Village in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon North District. The commander viewed the breeding of pig. Officials conducted him around the farm. The commander gave instructions on extended breeding of pig and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

Golden door has been opened

Nadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

(continued from yesterday)

(g)

It was at that time that the Tatmadaw Government came into the picture.

In reality, it was not out of the desire for power but because of the demand of time and circumstances that the Tatmadaw Government had to take responsibilities for peace and development of the State.

Since around March, 1988, there had been sporadic demonstrations, and they became so frequent and intense that the chairman and the vice-chairman of the then Burma Socialist Programme Party had to quit in July. A new chairman came to power. But he also had to leave in August. Then came the government headed by new president Dr Maung Maung. On September 11, he promised to hold multi-party general elections within three months. On 16 September, a decree was issued and according to that decree, all service personnel including Tatmadaw members must not belong to any political party including the then Burma Socialist Programme Party and they had the right to vote freely for any party of their choice.

As soon as President Dr Maung Maung lifted the martial law imposed during that period, demonstrations became rampant and some people including parliamentary leaders, retired senior Tatmadaw officers and a person who had returned from abroad for family matters emerged as leaders. On 9 September, U Nu, patron of the democracy and peace party formed on 28 August, declared that he was officially the prime minister and formed the parallel government. On 13 September, the BCP central committee demanded that the existing government be abolished and elections be held and some organizations called for the formation of an interim government. There were rumours that the deputy chief of staff (air) and the deputy chief of staff (navy) demanded the abolishment of the existing government and the formation of an interim government and that, if the demand was not met at 13:00 hour on 13 September at the latest, they would use force. It was clearly seen that discord was being sown in the Tatmadaw. In the meantime, demonstrations broke out in almost all townships and there were killing and beheading simply out of grudge against one another and looting in the presence of many people even in the broad daylight.

The administrative machinery of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party did not work at all, and any political party or organization could not assure the security of the nation and the people. Consequently, the people were in alarm day in, day out. All the people were suffering from feelings of insecurity concerning their lives and property. Some wards and streets took security measures on their own, but it was not effective. Some people took refuge to local regiments and units. On 13 September, the Defence Service Commander-in-Chief requested the people and Tatmadaw members not to break up the Tatmadaw, and political parties to solve their problems in forming rival government or interim government and holding elections through coordination.

In the past, the Tatmadaw was loyal to the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party, but beginning from 16 September, it changed its loyalty to the national-defence duty. The Tatmadaw practised righteousness and did not interfere in the affairs of the political parties. It paid attention to the battles with armed groups in the areas of respective

commands, and laid great emphasis on non-disintegration of the Tatmadaw.

At that time, Myanmar's situation could be compared to a mustard seed on the top of a pin. Any slightest movement could make the seed drop.

(h)

The Myanmar Socialist Programme Party went through great troubles and its administrative machinery was in complete disorder. There was no unity among the leaders of respective groups of protesters. They were very anxious to form a government. They were not capable of making systematic measures to shape the future of the State, but spent most of their time speaking ill of old and new leaders of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party and the Tatmadaw.

The protesters using abusive language issued a strong challenge to the Tatmadaw leaders at the vacant plot at the corner of Yangon Zoological Gardens at noon on 16 September. Without caring the request of the Ministry of Defence, the crowd holding sticks, knives and swords ganged up the Tatmadaw members. On 17 September, a hostile mob bringing sticks, swords and *jingalis* brought in force the Tatmadaw members who were at that time discharging security duty of the office of the Ministry of Trade and looted 23 small arms and rounds of ammunition. In addition to that, they set fire to three automobiles. These violent acts may break up the Tatmadaw. During the period, due to the violent attacks:

- four Tatmadaw members were killed and three severely wounded,
- two members of Myanmar Police Force were beheaded, 24 killed and 10 wounded,
- 55 civilians were beheaded and 18 killed,
- State-owned property worth K 621.4 million was destroyed or looted.

The number of casualties and the amount of destroyed or looted property increased day by day. Consequently, the Tatmadaw had to assume the State's duties on 18 September.

(i)

After taking up responsibilities under unavoidable circumstances, the Tatmadaw Government got ready to discharge any possible duties and then gave top priority to stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order.

In no time, the Tatmadaw announced that it would duly build up a democratic nation and told the political parties to get registered and called for a complete stop of protests and closure of strike camps. But after the announcement based on genuine goodwill of the Tatmadaw, some were seen in disarray.

Thanks to the strenuous efforts of the Tatmadaw, all the strike camps were closed. Next, the Tatmadaw tried to rebuild the entire country.

It may be found that the Tatmadaw has tried to lay down the proper foundation to build up a new nation. At the same time, it has laid emphasis on flourishing of the Sasana by renovating old pagodas, stupas and religious edifices.

(Translation: NN + MS)

(To be continued)

(Myanmar Alin, 24-9-2003)

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

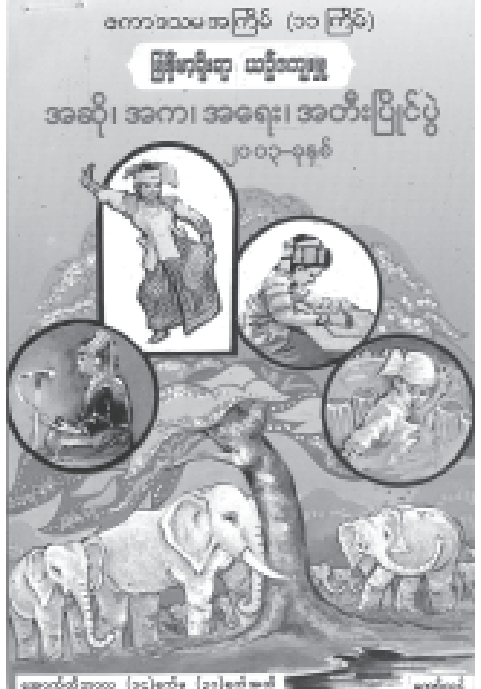
There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

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



WORLD SIGHT DAY

ကမ္ဘာ့မျက်စိမြင်ပျောက်ရေးနေ့

၉-၁၀-၂၀၀၃

အမြင်သန့်စွမ်း တို့အခွင့်အလမ်း ၊ ၂၀၂၀ -အရောက်လွမ်း

Vision 2020- The Right to Sight

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

“သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်”

မော်တော်ယာဉ်များပေါ်မှ
အမှိုက်များပစ်ချခြင်း၊
ကွမ်းတော့ ထွေခြင်းများ
တွေ့ရှိပါက ထိရောက်စွာ
အရေးယူမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း
သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။
ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်း
ထိန်းသိမ်းရေး
ကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ



Wellwishers presenting donations to Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung. MNA

Treatises and cash donated to ITBMU

YANGON, 8 Oct — A ceremony to donate Tri Pitaka treatises for study of members of the student Sangha and lay-persons of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, the Ministry of Religious Affairs, and cash was held at the meditation hall of the ITBMU this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Pro-Rector (Teaching) Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Dr Kumarabhivamsa and members of the Sangha, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Director-General of the Religious Affairs Department Dr Myo Myint, Pro-Rector (Management) of the university Dr Hla Pe, professors, heads of departments, wellwishers and guests. The minister and the congrega-

tion received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Dr Kumarabhivamsa and members of the Sangha recited the parittas.

Wellwisher teacher Daw Shwe Pu (Retd) of BEHS 4 Tamway explained the purpose of donation.

Next, wellwishers Daw Shwe Pu, Daw Kyu Kyu Win (DSP) and family presented 147 treatises of Tri Pitaka worth K 343,000 for the university to the minister who presented certificate of honour to the wellwishers.

Afterwards, the wellwishers presented K 100,000 for Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nanaminzu of Mingalathukha Pali Tekkatho of Kyauknyaung, K 100,000 for Thaddamma Wasaka Monastery in Tamway Township, K 64,000 for the 'soon' trust

fund and K 36,000 for the education trust fund of Thiri Mingala Monastic Education School in Tamway, K 52,000 for Maha Dhammikayama Monastery in Dagon Myothit Seikkan Township, K 100,000 for Thiri Yadana Nunnery in Thingangyun Township, K 100,000 for U Hla Tun (Hospice) Cancer Foundation and K 100,000 for Kyinmyindine School for the blind of the Social Welfare Department to officials.

Pro-Rector (Management) Dr Hla Pe spoke words of thanks. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Dr Kumarabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing the merits gained.

Those wishing to donate treatises, religious books and cash for the trainee monks of the ITBMU may dial 01-650713, 01-650715 or 01-650716. —MNA



Myanmar Ambassador U Hla Maung, on behalf of the State, presents the B.A degree to Ven Cakkavala of Malaysia who passed the diploma and B.A (B) (Buddha/Dhamma) course in 2002-2003 on 30-9-2003. —H

Mayor inspects self-reliance road

YANGON, 8 Oct — Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin yesterday inspected tarring of Bo Yar Nyunt Road in Dagon Township funded by the public and using machinery and workers provided by the Engineering Department (Road and Bridges) of YCDC.

Public contributed

K 3,506,000 for the new-tarred road.

At the work site, Head of the Engineering Department U Bo Htay and engineers reported to the mayor on tarring of 500-foot-long and 30-foot-wide Bo Yar Nyunt Road (Middle Section).

Next, the mayor urged the officials concerned to construct the pavements and drains meeting set standard. —MNA

Basic education schools inspected in Seikkyi-Khanaungto

YANGON, 8 Oct — Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, together with Acting Director-General of No 3 Basic Education Department U Aye Myint and officials, inspected the construction of new school buildings of Basic Education Middle School in U Tun U Ward, No 11 BEMS (Branch) in Khanaungto Ward and the BEHS in Seikkyi-Khanaungto this morning. —MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets...

(from page 1)

and offertories to members of the Sangha.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Joint-Secretary of Rakhine State Sangha Nayaka Committee Kaingshei Setra Rama Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw Kammathana Cariya Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Suriyadhaja, Chairman of Taungup Township Sangha Nayaka Committee (Sudhamma) Bodhigon Pariyatti Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panñajota and Sayadaws from Theindaung Monastery, Hsutaungpyae Pariyatti Monastery and Weluwuntawya Monastery.

Also present on the occasion were Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Col Myint Soe of Taungup Station, Chief Engineer (Road) of Public Works U Soe Myint, local authorities and townsenders. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Suriyadhaja invested the congrega-

tion with the Five Precepts. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented rice and offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Panñajota. Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo and Col Myint Soe and party also presented rice and offertories to members of the Sangha.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Suriyadhaja delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained. The donation to Bodhigon Pariyatti Monastery totalled 10 bags of rice.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party headed for Taungup People's Hospital, where they were welcomed by Doctor Soe Naing of Thandwe District, Dr San Hlaing of Taungup Township and medical staff.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party viewed the wards (men) and comforted the patients. Next, they inspected the X-ray room, laboratory room, store room, delivery room and wards (women). Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on giving warm treatments to the patients,

stockpiling of medicines, cleanliness of the hospital compound, growing of landscaping trees and fund raising matters.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected progress of the town. They arrived at local regiment of Taungup Township at 2.30 pm.

They met Tatmadaw members of local regiments and units of local station and their families. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than left instructions on agriculture and livestock breeding, education and health of their children and welfare tasks. He cordially greeted Tatmadawmen and their family members.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected paddy fields and pepper plantations for the station, and fruit trees and vegetables patches of the family members. They spent the night there. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived back here yesterday evening.

MNA

Commander attends...

(from page 16)

townships, schoolheads, social organization members, students and invited guests.

Students sang songs to open the ceremony and the commander made an opening speech. Next, Director-General Lt-Col Win Htain explained matters related the World Teachers' Day and Director (Education) of No 2 BED U Aye Thein read out the messages of the leaders of the four organizations under the UN. The commander, in honour of Saya U Hla Aung

of Masein BEHS in Kalaywa, Sagaing Division who sacrificed his life for school welfare, presented cash award to his wife Daw Khin Sein. He also presented prizes to students who won prizes in WTD commemorative literary and essay contests.

Wife of the commander, Mandalay MCWA Supervisory Committee Patron Daw Myat Ngwe and officials presented prizes to winners of poem, computer painting and article contests. Students presented entertainment pro-

grammes and talks were held.

At 11.30 am, the commander visited the construction site for the Public Hospital (25 Bed) in Thanywa Village, Kyaukse Township. After hearing reports, the commander gave instructions and inspected finishing touches of the construction tasks.

He also inspected the project site for the Public Hospital (16 Bed) in Mongmao Village, Myittha Township and construction site for Tamok Bridge in Kyaukse. —MNA

Commander honours victorious chess players

YANGON, 8 Oct — A ceremony to honour the victorious chess player of the South-West Command Team who won championship in the 26th Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services (Army, Navy, and Air Force)'s Shield Chess Competition

was held at the Ayeyawady Hall of the command yesterday. Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe and staff-officers of the command and commandant of units and battalions attended the ceremony.

The manager of the victorious team explained facts about the competition and handed over the championship shield to the commander. Afterwards, the commander presented prizes to the chess players.

MNA

Minister attends opening of co-op shop

YANGON, 8 Oct — Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo and Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min attended the opening ceremony of the Sanpya sale centre of Yangon Division General Business Cooperatives Syndicate at the corner of Maydarwi Road and

Khaymarthi Road in North Okkalapa Township yesterday evening. Also present were departmental heads of the Ministry of Cooperatives, the chairman and directors of the cooperative syndicate, the managing director and directors of the Central Cooperatives Society, the chairman

of the shop and executives and guests. Director-General of the Cooperatives Department U Soe Win, Chairman U Ye Aung of the syndicate and Chairman U Thein Lwin formally opened the shop. Afterwards, the minister and the guests viewed round the shop. —MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo attends the opening of the sale centre of Sanpya Cooperative Society. —COOPERATIVES

National Kandawgyi Gardens in Pyin Oolwin



Entrance of elevated walkway of National Kandawgyi Gardens.

(Continued from 6-10-2003)

In 1915, Forest Research Officer Mr Alexrodger, with the assistance of Botanist Lady Cuffe of Kew Botanical Garden in London, established the National Kandawgyi Gardens as a botanical garden by setting up lawns and lakes at various levels and small gardens, and beautifying the natural forest.

The Forest Department issued an order designating the 240-acre garden as the forest reserve on 1 December, 1924.

It was a famous botanical garden composed of small gardens such as flowers of all season, orchids, Dahlia, and roses. According to the records of the garden in 1942, it had about 178 kinds of orchids and set up connection with the international gardens.

Under the guidance of the Head of State, maintenance and upgrading tasks were carried out in 2000 with a view to turning the garden into a pride of the nation, and exhibiting the different flowers of local and foreign origins and rare species of birds and animals of Myanmar. The upgrading of National Kandawgyi Gardens includes more than a dozen works including construction of a swimming pool, an elevated timber walkway, and a croton garden, and cementing tasks to prevent the seepage of lake of the gardens undertaken by the Irriga-

tion Department.

The staff of Kyemon left the rain forest, and walked along the 1,060 feet long pedestrian lane that led to swamp forest. Ma Aye Aye Maw of the garden explained that the garden was situated on the land full of springs, and that the group was to pass a long wooden bridge enjoying the pleasant croaking of frogs and chirping of birds and the sight of dragonflies.

After the staff had left the swamp forest, we entered the bamboo garden where 75 kinds of bamboo from all over the country numbering 448 groves was grown. When the staff turned left, there was a plantation of 51 kinds of fruits and vegetables. Various kinds of pine were also grown and stone benches were built among the pine trees. In the birds exhibition booth, there were different kinds of birds of local and foreign origins. Then, the staff walked through the 1,010 feet long elevated walkway constructed with tree trunks 20 feet above the ground. It was very fascinating to see upper part of old trees. Flowering plants were grown on 396 rows covering an area of 146,856 Sq-ft. A total of 410,332 orchids of local and foreign origins were also grown. A total of 482 local hardwoods and 76 kinds of wood of foreign origin were also cultivated in the garden. Rare species animals of Myanmar including four takins, 58 birds of 13 rare

Article: Kayan Soe Myint (Kyemon)

Photos: Yay Chan Myint (Kyemon)



Pine trees of National Kandawgyi Gardens.

species, 16 kinds of birds of foreign origins were also raised there. Rare and useful herbal plants can also be seen in the garden.

After enjoying all the pleasant scenes of the garden, the staff sat on the benches among the pines.

Translation: MWT

(7-10-2003 Kyemon)



A mini-car for visitors of National Kandawgyi Gardens.

Launching ceremony of World Population Report-2003 held

YANGON, 8 Oct — A ceremony to mark the launching of the World Population Report for 2003 jointly organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and UNFPA was held this morning at Sedona Hotel here. At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung made an opening address.

Next, Resident Representative of UNFPA Mr Najib M Assifi explained the motto marking the distribution of the World Population Report for 2003. Youths of MMCWA entertained those present with song composed on the World Population Day-2003 and the ceremony concluded. Ambassadors and diplomats of the embassies in Yangon, MMCWA

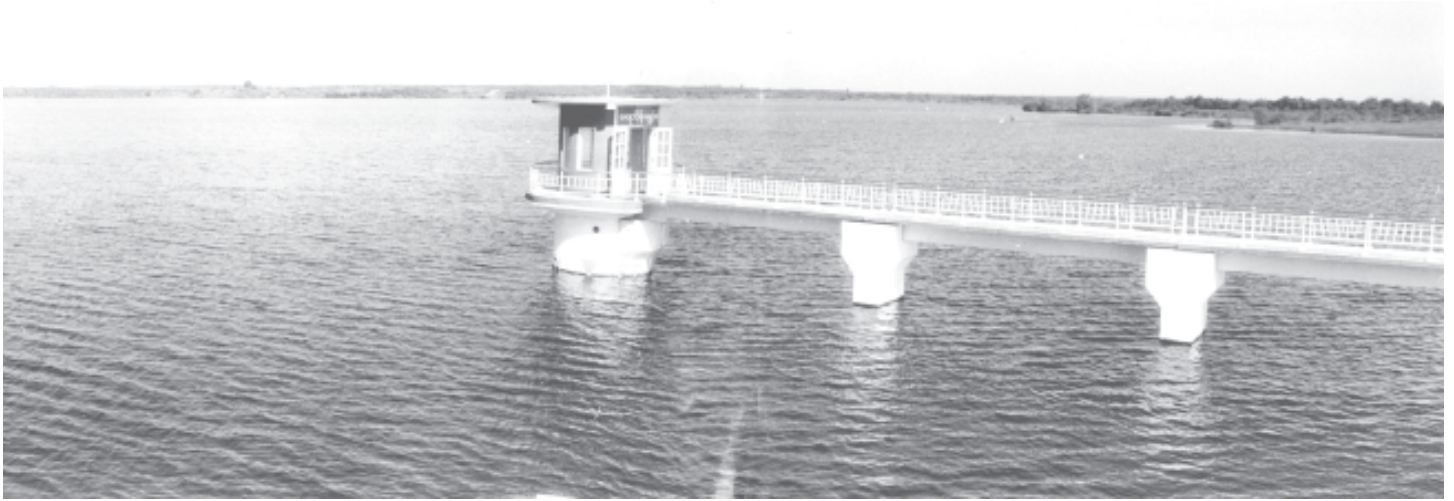
President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-Chairpersons Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and Dr Kyi Soe and central executive members, Patron of Yangon Division MMCWA Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Thet Htay and officials, representatives of UNFPA, NGOs and invited guests also attended the ceremony.

MNA



Performance of Anyein troupe to mark the distribution of the World Population Report for 2003. —MNA

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



Water is prerequisite for agriculture. Therefore, the government is building irrigation facilities wherever possible in the country. The photo shows the Alaini Dam which was built near Kyantkun Village in Bago Division to irrigate 12,000 acres of farmland.—PHOTO: MNA



With the concept that human resource development plays a key role in national development, the government is making all-out efforts to promote the education sector.

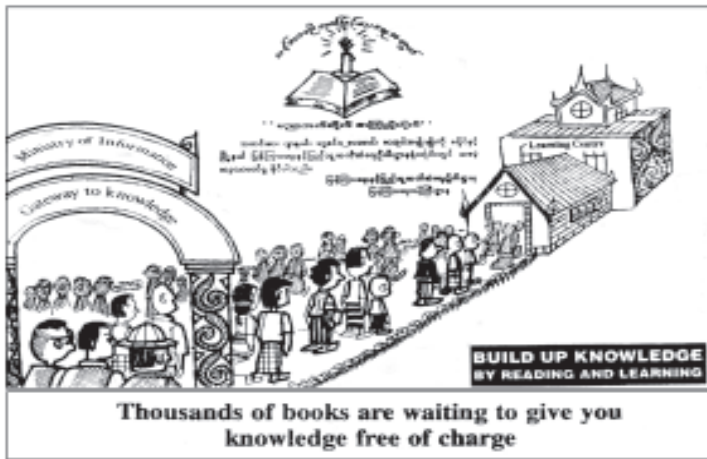
Thanks to the government's efforts, new universities and colleges have emerged throughout the country.

The photo shows lecture rooms in Patheingyi University.

PHOTO: MNA

The Darka bridge opened on 6 July, 2003 is on Yangon-Patheingyi Road. The old Darka bridge was rail bridge built about 50 years ago. It was upgraded into road-cum-rail bridge in 1983. As the number of cars is on the increase in the division, the government upgraded Darka bridge into a modern one to cease traffic congestion.—PHOTO: MNA





ADVERTISEMENT

မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့်ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအတွက် လိုအပ်သောစက်ပစ္စည်းများဝယ်ယူရန်တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့် ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားတွင်အသုံးပြုရန်အတွက် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါစက်ပစ္စည်းများကို မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့်ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအတွက် (၁၀)မျိုး

(က) China TV TX Sparefor 9 Base Station အတွက်စက်ပစ္စည်း(၁၀)မျိုး

(ခ) အသံလွှင့်လုပ်ငန်းသုံးစက်ပစ္စည်း (၅) မျိုး

(ဂ) Air Con (2Ton)(Split Type SANYO, NATIONAL

(ဃ) VHS VCR များ (Sony, Phillips, Panasonic)

(င) Equipment for Renovation of Studio F အတွက် စက်ပစ္စည်း(၆)မျိုး

(စ) 50 W VHF TV TX Equipment နှင့် 10W TV Transmitter

(ဆ) 2.2 meter TVRO များ

(ဇ) TV Receiver (21"/14")

(ဈ) 7.5 KVA Generator နှင့် 13 HP Diesel Engine များ

(ည) TV TX Spare များ (၆)မျိုး

(ဋ) 100 KVA Generator Spare များ (FG Wilson)

(ဌ) အသံလွှင့်လုပ်ငန်းသုံးစက်ပစ္စည်းများ (၂၁)မျိုး

၂။ တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခံယူမှုကို ၁၆-၁၀-၂၀၀၃ ရက် (၁၆:၃၀) နာရီတွင် ဝိတ်ဝါယုဉ်း

၃။ တင်ဒါပုံစံနှင့်အသေးစိတ်အချက်အလက်များကို အောက်ပါ လိပ်စာတွင် လာရောက်ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

ပြည်တွင်း/ပြည်ပစက်ပစ္စည်းများဝယ်ယူရေးနှင့်ထူးချွန်ဆောင်ရွက်မှုဦးစီးဌာန
မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့်ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအတွက်
အမှတ် ၂၂၈/သိမ်ဖြူလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့
ဖုန်း- ၂၄၅၆၃၁၊ ၂၄၅၆၂၄၊ ၂၄၅၆၄၄

Two million tourist target to be expected in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 8 Oct — Sri Lankan Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has said that the targeted two million tourist arrivals to the country could be expected within the next few years with the success of the ongoing Norwegian-brokered peace process, the official Daily News reported on Monday.

Wickremesinghe made the remarks at Bentota, south of capital Colombo on Sunday, where he made a one-day inspection tour.

He reiterated that the peace initiative has so far shown fruitful results and this will largely help strengthen the country's economy to a greater extent.

During his visit, the Premier discussed with officials about the second phase of the Bentota tourism development project which will commence shortly.

"As you are aware tourist arrivals to the country have nearly reached the 500,000 figure and within the next two years, this could

be increased to 750,000," he said.

Wickremesinghe also highlighted about the progress of the peace process and said that under the existing tourism promotion projects being carried out in the south, not only tourist arrivals could be increased but also the unemployment problem could also be solved to a great extent.

Tourism is one of the leading industries for the economic development in the Indian Ocean island with scenic beauty and the government has targeted attracting 500,000 tourists for this year.

MNA/Xinhua

TRADE MARK CAUTION
NOTICE is hereby given that HISAMITSU PHARMACEUTICAL Co., Inc. of 408, Tashiro Daikancho, Tosu Saga, Japan is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of the following trademarks:-

HISAMITSU

(Reg: No. IV/3246/2003)

In respect of:-

"Pharmaceutical and veterinary preparations; sanitary preparations for medical purposes; dietetic substances adapted for medical use, food for babies; plasters, materials for dressings; material for stopping teeth, dental wax; disinfectants; preparations for destroying vermin; fun-gicides, herbicides"

Any fraudulent imitation or unauthorised use of the said trademark or other infringements whatsoever will be dealt with according to law.

U Kyi Win, B.Com., B.L. for HISAMITSU PHARMACEUTICAL Co., Inc. P.O. Box No. 26, Yangon. Phone: 372416 Dated: 9th October, 2003

Fire reported on Australian sheep ship

KUWAIT, 8 Oct — Fire erupted aboard a ship carrying 50,000 Australian sheep at a Kuwaiti port, where it docked after Saudi Arabia rejected it on health grounds, an Australian official and Kuwaiti newspapers said on Monday.

Kuwait's leading *al-Qabas* daily quoted port officials as saying the limited fire aboard the Corno Express, which entered Kuwait's Shuwaikh port on Thursday as a distressed vessel, was caused by static electricity in the fodder room.

MNA/Reuters

ARRIVAL/CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV "BAGO" VOY NO BG752/N

Consignees of cargo carried on MV "BAGO" Voy No BG 752/N are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived at Yangon port on 9-10-2003 and will be berthing on about 10-10-2003 and cargoes will be discharged into the premises of Myanmar Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the bye-laws and conditions of the port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily between 8 am to 11:30 and 12 noon to 4 pm into Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

CONTAINER FEEDER SERVICE MYANMA FIVE STAR LINE

Phone : 293147,296507,295754

TRADE MARK CAUTION NOTICE

REEBOK INTERNATIONAL LIMITED a company organized under the laws of England, and having its principal office at Moore Lane, Moore Lane, Lancaster LA1 1GF, England is the owner and sole proprietor of the following Trademark:-

REEBOK

Reg. Nos. 314/1987 & 4/5152/2002



Reg. Nos. 2166/1993 & 4/5152/2002

Used in respect of:-

"Clothing, footwear, headgear"

Any fraudulent infringement, imitation or unauthorised use of the above marks will be dealt with according to law.

TIN OHNMAR TUN B.A.(LAW) LL.B.,LL.M (UK) P.O. Box 109, Ph: 248108 (For: Domnarn Somgiat & Boonma Attorneys at Law, Thailand). Dated: 9 October, 2003

Arroyo calls on ASEAN to support Group of 20

BALI, 8 Oct — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo called on the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) to support the Group of 20 in WTO for the collective interest of developing countries.

"The collapse of the WTO trade talks in Mexico unravels the disparity in perception between First and Third world countries on how international trade should be conducted," Arroyo delivered her speech before the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit in Indonesia's Bali Monday. She said the emergence of the Group of 20 in Cancun is a development that "the Philippines will continue to work with to press for agricultural reforms and removal of First world subsidies to farm sectors." — MNA/Reuters

Chongqing reports massive foreign trade increase

CHONGQING, 8 Oct — China's southwest Chongqing municipality recorded 1.6 billion US dollars in foreign trade in the first eight months of 2003, up 49 per cent from the same period last year, city Customs said.

Imports stood at 640 million US dollars and exports at 960 million US dollars, up 44.2 per cent and 52.4 per cent respectively.

MNA/Xinhua

သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်းအတွက် လိုအပ်သောစက်ပစ္စည်းများဝယ်ယူရန်တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်းတွင်အသုံးပြုရန်အတွက် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါစက်ပစ္စည်းများကို မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့်ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအတွက် (၁၀)မျိုး

(က) Computer (e-mac 800) ၁၃ လုံး

Memory 128 MB

Hard Disk 40 GB

CD Rom 56 K Modem

(ခ) Dot Printer A-3 (LQ 300) ၆ လုံး

(ဂ) Dot Printer A-4 (LQ 300) ၁ လုံး

(ဃ) Laser Jet Printer (HP 220 DN) ၂ လုံး

(င) Copier (NP 1215) ၄ လုံး

(ဆ) Duplicating machine electric ၁ လုံး

(ဇ) Fax ၁ လုံး

(ဈ) Exhaust Fan ၂ လုံး

၂။ တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခံယူမှုကို ၁၆-၁၀-၂၀၀၃ ရက် (၁၆:၃၀) နာရီတွင် ဝိတ်ဝါယုဉ်း

၃။ တင်ဒါပုံစံနှင့်အသေးစိတ်အချက်အလက်များကို အောက်ပါ လိပ်စာတွင် လာရောက်ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

ပြည်တွင်း/ပြည်ပစက်ပစ္စည်းများဝယ်ယူရေးနှင့်ထူးချွန်ဆောင်ရွက်မှုဦးစီးဌာန
မြန်မာ့အသံနှင့်ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအတွက်
အမှတ် ၂၂၈/သိမ်ဖြူလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့
ဖုန်း- ၂၄၅၆၃၁၊ ၂၄၅၆၂၄၊ ၂၄၅၆၄၄

HAPPY BIRTHDAY "MOM" DAW KHIN SAW AUNG
7-10-03
WITH BEST WISHES FROM LOVING
SON & DAUGHTERS
KAY, NAING, ZIN, LINN

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV ORIENT ENTERPRISE VOY NO(103)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ORIENT ENTERPRISE Voy No (103) are here by notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9-10-03 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel. No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: ORIENT EXPRESS LINES**
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

China's environmental supervisors introduced in construction sites

NANNING, 8 Oct — Choking dust and deafening noise common in many construction sites in China are seldom seen or heard in the construction site of the Longtan Hydroelectric Power Station in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The good environment

is a result of huge investment in environmental protection and the efforts of environmental supervisors who monitor the work, said Lou Ping, an official with the supervision department of the State Administration of Environment.

MNA/Xinhua

အိမ်တိုင်းမှာသစ်ပင် ရွာစဉ်မှာတောတန်း
တစ်တောင်တစ်တောင်ဆက်
မြို့တက်မယ့်လမ်း။

မညာရေးနှင့် ခေတ်မီပွဲပြီးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်ဆဲ

Goh says "We must push toward an ASEAN Economic Community"

BALI (Indonesia), 8 Oct — Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong here on Monday strongly urged the ASEAN members to accelerate the process of establishing a single market to deal with the challenges facing the region.

Delivering a keynote address at the ASEAN Business and Investment Summit, Goh compared the progress made by the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) in economic integration with what was achieved in Americas and Europe, and deplored the group's inadequate response to the landmark developments in those regions.

Analyzing the reasons for the slow movement towards a single ASEAN market, the Prime Minister cited, among

other factors, the red tape and delays that businesses would encounter when applying for preferential treatment under AFTA and the bewildering range of standards for products, which vary from one ASEAN country to another.

In order to resolve these hindrances, Goh called on all ASEAN countries to make difficult internal adjustments.

"The need for ASEAN to press on with economic integration remains as urgent as

ever, if not more so. We must push towards an ASEAN Economic Community: a single production base and a single market, with free movement of goods, services and capital," he said. "Just as the formation of the European Coal and Steel Community 50 years ago helped revitalize the war-torn European economies, I believe the ASEAN Economic Community will revitalize ASEAN economies," Goh concluded.—MNA/Xinhua

US based "IT" company eyes Chinese market

BEIJING, 7 Oct — US information technology firm Storage Technology Corp (StorageTek) plans to invest an average 10 million US dollars annually in the next several years in its businesses in China.

Monday's *China Daily* quoted the corporation's chairman, president and CEO Patrick Martin as saying the investment will go to research and development, hardware and software testing, staff and equipment.

He expected the revenue from the Chinese market to reach one billion US dollars

in a decade.

The size of the Chinese market is similar to Brazil with a storage market worth as much as five billion US dollars, Martin said. "I do not think it is an aggressive goal, if we just take one-fifth of the total market," he said. The New York Stock Exchange-listed company had come to

China in 1998 and set up representative offices in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou. It announced late September it will set up a wholly owned subsidiary in Beijing. Martin said with the increasing complexity of storage infrastructure in China, there are more demands for StorageTek's services. — MNA/Xinhua

China builds wood-block printing museum

NANJING, 8 Oct — China plans to build a museum relating to the history of wood-block printing, which led world development of printing, in Yangzhou in east China's Jiangsu Province.

The China Wood-Block Printing Museum, is to showcase the history of China's wood-block printing and will be devoted to the scientific research of ancient printing technologies, local officials said.

Yangzhou, one of the printing industry centres in ancient China, is the only Chinese city that still preserves and uses wood-block printing techniques.

The museum will be built on the basis of the former wood-block printing museum of Yangzhou, which was founded in 1999 with a collection of some

300,000 wood blocks dating back to the Ming (1368-1644) and Qing (1644-1911) dynasties.

But the valuable wood blocks were kept in poor

condition in the old museum and are partly moth-eaten. To protect them, the city decided to build a new museum.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese visitor looks at models of Long March rockets at an exhibition in Beijing on 6 October, 2003. The Long March rocket is the vehicle for China's space programme. China plans to conduct experiments related to a moon landing, just days before the country is expected to launch its first manned space flight, according to state media.—INTERNET

Thaksin urges acceleration of ASEAN economic integration

BALI, 8 Oct — Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said in Bali Monday that the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) must accelerate regional economic integration for the proposed deadline of 2020.

The ASEAN economic ministers have proposed the establishment of the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) as a single market and production base with free flow of goods, capital, services, investment and skilled labour by 2020.

"But personally, I wish to see some of the AEC achievements by earlier dates. Seventeen years from now might be too late," Thaksin said.

"There is no need for one deadline for all

to create the AEC. Flexibility must be allowed to enable member countries to proceed first or later," he said while reaffirming that Thailand is ready to support ASEAN economic integration to create the AEC.

The AEC is one of the main contents in the draft of ASEAN Concord II, which is expected to be endorsed by leaders of Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. — MNA/Xinhua



A man prepares to board up his shop window in Puerto Vallarta on the Mexican Pacific coast as Hurricane Olaf is due to pass close to the famous seaside resort later on 6 October, 2003. Olaf is one of three tropical weather systems close to or affecting Mexico at the moment. —INTERNET

Yellow River main dyke holds, but inner barrier breached

ZHENGZHOU, 8 Oct — The main dyke of Yellow River has contained flood waters, but an inner dyke, in Lankao County of central China's Henan Province, had been breached, said a local official Monday.

The inner dyke had been broken into three by the rising waters on September 18 and September 20, said Kong Weicheng, a senior official of the Lankao County government.

The inner dyke was built 57 kilometres from the main dyke on the southern river bank to protect farmlands in the area between the stream and the main dyke.

Water levels averaged 1.3 metres deep in this area, according to Kong. The area, an alluvial flat, was earmarked as an overflow area in the rainy season, but farmers were allowed to grow crops there in the dry season as the earth was very fertile, said Zhang Jinliang, official with the Yellow River Conservancy Committee.

The Yellow River had moved slightly northward in Lankao in 1855 and left the wide alluvial flat along the southern bank. Due to reduction of river water in recent years, the alluvial flat along the Yellow River has not been flooded for years.

Farmlands have been reclaimed and many people have settled on the alluvial flat along the lower reaches of the river which crosses Henan and east China's Shandong Provinces in the past 150 years.

The water levels of the lower reaches have increased since Xiaolangdi Reservoir, a major water conservancy and irrigation facility on the Yellow River, started to discharge floodwater in early September, pressured by continuous flooding in the middle reaches. About 18,000 residents in 16 villages were affected by flooding in Lankao, Kong said. Days later the floodwater surged downstream, threatening around 96,800 people in Shandong.

More than 180 boats have been sent to the flood-hit area and about 5,000 people had been evacuated from the lowest region of the area in Lankao, Kong said, adding that the others would soon be moved. — MNA/Xinhua

Russia, France agree joint space venture

MOSCOW, 8 Oct — Russia and France said on Monday they had agreed to launch Russian Soyuz rockets from the Kourou cosmodrome in French Guiana, potentially cutting launch costs.

Kourou, on the northeast coast of South America, is closer to the equator than Russia's usual blast-off base at Baikonur in Kazakhstan. The closer the pad is to the equator, the cheaper the launch.

"An accord in principle has been agreed in a document that will serve as a legal base for the use of Kourou," French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin said during a meeting with his Russian counterpart Mikhail Kasyanov. Cash-strapped Russia's space resources have been squeezed since February when it became the sole launcher of manned flights and supplies to the International Space Station after the United States grounded its shuttles. Russia has started sending space tourists to the station at a fare of 20 million US dollars to help cover the cost of building new Soyuz craft.

MNA/Reuters

S P O R T S

Danish referee pulls out of Turkey vs England qualifier

COPENHAGEN, 8 Oct — Dane Kim Milton Nielsen, who was due to referee Saturday's decisive Euro 2004 qualifier between Turkey and England in Istanbul, has pulled out of the match after picking up an injury during a Danish league game.

Milton, who famously sent off England midfielder David Beckham for a retaliatory kick at Argentina's Diego Simeone during a World Cup second round match in France in 1998, said he would not travel to Turkey for the October 11 qualifier.

A report by the Danish Ritzau news agency said Milton, a regular European championship and Champions League referee, injured himself in a Danish League game on Sunday.

The Dane, who refereed one of last year's World Cup semifinals, was third behind Italian Pierluigi Collina and Swiss Urs Meier in last year's annual referee rankings conducted by the International Federation of Football and Statistics. England lead Euro 2004 Group Seven by one point from Turkey and need a draw to automatically qualify for the finals in Portugal, while Turkey must win to avoid the playoffs. —MNA/Reuters



The captain of England's soccer team David Beckham, right, and his injured teammate Michael Owen, left, get into a cart at the England training ground in St Albans, England, Tuesday, on 7 Oct, 2003, where the England soccer team are preparing for their Euro 2004 qualifier against Turkey on Saturday. Neither player took part in the training session. — INTERNET

Bruges hold runaway leaders Anderlecht to draw

BRUSSELS, 8 Oct — Leaders Anderlecht dropped their first league points of the season in a 1-1 draw at home to champions Club Bruges in the First Division on Sunday.

Anderlecht's lead at the top has been cut by two points to five after Racing Genk moved up to second place with 17 points after a 3-1 home win with 10 men over lowly Lokeren on Saturday.

Bruges slipped to third place with 15 points but at least managed to peg back the runaway leaders and keep the title race on the boil as Anderlecht threatened to kill off their rivals.

Anderlecht took the lead just before the half-hour mark thanks to a goal from Aruna Dindane, but eight minutes from time Andres Mendoza grabbed the equalizer to silence the home fans.

Anderlecht coach Hugo Broos made only one change from the team that drew 1-1 at home to Bayern Munich in the Champions League on Wednesday with experienced defender Glen de Boeck replacing suspended Finnish international Hannu Tihinen.

Bruges coach Trond Sollied recalled veteran 40-year-old goalkeeper Dany Verlinden in place of Croatian Tomislav Butina with Timmy Simons coming into the centre of the defence.

Anderlecht opened the scoring through Dindane in the 28th minute as they piled on the pressure in the first half and forced Verlinden to make some excellent saves.

But they could not keep up the pace and Bruges, who were starting to look more dangerous, created a couple of chances before Broos made some changes that helped turn the match. On 71 minutes he replaced

Croatia forward Ivica Mornar, the goalscorer against Bayern, with midfielder Pjar Zetterberg and brought on defender Olivier Doll for midfielder Marc Hendrikx.

Anderlecht's more defensive approach was their undoing as Bruges took the game to them and 11 minutes later Andres Mendoza won a duel against de Boeck to level the scores at 1-1. —MNA/Reuters

Lokomotiv out of title race after 1-0 defeat by Torpedo

MOSCOW, 8 Oct — Lokomotiv Moscow were officially dethroned as Russian champions after losing 1-0 to city rivals Torpedo in a Premier League derby on Sunday.

Russian international midfielder Igor Semshov scored the only goal shortly after the interval to seal Torpedo's first victory in their last four matches.

The defeat, which snapped Lokomotiv's nine-game unbeaten streak, left the railway side 10 points behind leaders CSKA Moscow with only three games remaining. CSKA battled to a 1-1 draw with arch-rivals Dynamo in a heated Moscow derby on Saturday to move four points clear of second-placed Zenit. St. Petersburg, who hammered bottom club Chernomorets Novorossiisk 3-0 on the same night.

CSKA have 55 points, while Lokomotiv remain in third place with 45 points, ahead of fourth-placed Dynamo, also on 45, thanks to a greater number of wins. —MNA/Reuters

Beckham boost for England

MADRID, 8 Oct — David Beckham expects to be fit for England's decisive Euro 2004 qualifier against Turkey next week after coming through Real Madrid's 2-1 league victory over Espanyol on Sunday unscathed.

"There'll be no problem playing for my country," said Beckham, who missed Real's Champions League win over Porto this week because of a foot injury.

"There was no reaction to the injury, although it's true my foot does hurt a bit."

Beckham had rated himself as doubtful for the Group Seven clash with Turkey next Saturday after suffering the injury in a 2-0 defeat by Valencia last weekend.

He played all but the last few minutes against Espanyol, though, and was satisfied with his fitness, despite suffering a slight injury early on.

"I received a blow to my leg in the first 20 minutes," the England captain told Real

Madrid's web site. "At the end of the game it was painful.

"I'm fine, though, and I'm happy because we won the game. It's now time to think about England. We'll be giving it everything against Turkey."

England could still be without one of their key players for the Turkey game, after Liverpool striker Michael Owen suffered a shin injury in his side's 2-1 defeat by Arsenal on Saturday. Owen has been given only an even chance of recovering in time for the game, which will decide whether England or Turkey win Group Seven and qualify automatically for the European Championship in Portugal next year. —MNA/Reuters

Drogba powers Marseille to 3-1 win over Bastia

PARIS, 8 Oct — Striker Didier Drogba hit his sixth goal in three matches to set up Olympique Marseille's 3-1 victory over Bastia on Sunday which cut Monaco's lead in Ligue 1 to one point.

Drogba, who hit a hat-trick in Marseille's 3-0 midweek defeat of Partizan Belgrade in the Champions League, made the most of a poor defensive header by Pascal Chimbona, arriving before goalkeeper Nicolas Penneteau to score in the 16th minute.

Monaco have 22 points and Olympique Marseille 21. Champions Olympique Lyon are on 17 points, and Nantes and Paris St. Germain have 16. Monaco, reduced to 10 men for the whole of the second half, hung on to beat En Avant Guingamp 2-1 on Saturday.

At Marseille's Stade Velodrome, Drogba's strike partner Steve Marlet made it 2-0 five minutes after the Ivorian's opener with a header from a free kick by Camel Meriem and Marseille cruised to halftime.

Bastia fought back after the break, scoring through striker Frederic Nee whose shot, following a fine pass by Florian Maurice, dribbled inside the Marseille post in the 50th minute. But Marseille regained control of the game in the 66th minute with a goal by Czech midfielder Rudolf Skacel after a cross was half-cleared to the edge of the area and, after chances at both ends, maintained their 100-per-cent home record.

Drogba nearly missed the game after being injured in training on Saturday. He was substituted early in the second half.

On Saturday Lyon beat AC Ajaccio 4-2 thanks to a hat-trick by Peguy Luyindula while Paris St. Germain ended Sochaux's run of 29 home games without defeat with a 1-0 win following a goal by Portuguese striker Pauleta. —MNA/Reuters

Collina to referee Turkey-England match

LONDON, 8 Oct — Italian referee Pierluigi Collina will be in charge of Turkey's decisive Euro 2004 qualifier against England this weekend, UEFA said on Monday.

Dane Kim Milton Nielsen had been due to handle Saturday's Group Seven game in Istanbul, but has been ruled out after picking up a foot injury in a Danish league game at the weekend. Collina is rated by many in the game as the world's best referee and officiated at Brazil's World Cup final victory over Germany last year in Yokohama.

Nielsen is remembered by England fans for having sent off David Beckham, now England's captain, in their 1998 World Cup defeat by Argentina in France.

England are top of Group Seven and need only a draw to qualify for next year's tournament in Portugal, and consign their hosts to the playoffs in November.

MNA/Reuters

Central African Republic pull out of 2006 world Cup qualifying

BANGUI, 8 Oct — The Central African Republic have withdrawn their team from the 2006 World Cup qualifying competition because of lack of finances, the country's football federation said on Sunday.

They were drawn to play Burkina Faso in the preliminary round, with the first leg due to take place in Ouagadougou on October 12.

The country have regularly withdrawn teams from African club competitions for the same reason.

They join Djibouti, who did not enter, on the sidelines for the start of African World Cup qualifiers on Friday. —MNA/Reuters

Kuwait beat Palestine 2-1 to reach Asian Cup

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Oct — Kuwait became the first team to qualify for the 2004 Asian Cup with a 2-1 home victory against Palestine on Sunday.

Playmaker Abdullah Wabran opened the scoring in the 25th minute for Kuwait, who only needed a draw to secure a place in the finals in China. Bader Mutawa made it 2-0 on the hour.

Palestine defender Taysir Amer pulled one back in the 72nd minute but Kuwait hung on for the three points.

Hosts China, along with holders Japan, qualify automatically for the Asian Cup, which takes place from July 17 to August 7 next year.

Kuwait have 13 points from five games in Group B.

Qatar, second on five points from four games, are favourites to claim the other qualifying spot. —MNA/Reuters

France's Clement wins second ATP title in Metz

METZ (France), 8 Oct — Frenchman Arnaud Clement won the second ATP title of his career on Sunday when he beat Fernando Gonzales 6-3, 1-6, 6-3 in the final of the Metz Open. Fourth-seeded Clement, 25, had lost his last three finals but his service proved too hot for the Chilean, seeded three.

Clement won his first title in 2000 when he beat Andre Agassi in the semifinal and Pat Rafter in the final in Lyon.

Two French pairings played each other in a doubles final for the first time in the ATP Tour's history on Sunday and there was a surprise win for Julien Benneteau and Nicolas Mahut.

Junior world champions in 1999, the duo beat Michael Llodra and Fabrice Santoro — who won the Australian doubles title in January — 7-6, 6-3.

It was the first time French players had won both the singles and doubles titles at the same tournament since 1996. —MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3



9-10-2003 (Thursday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
- 9:02 Greetings
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 9:06 Thadingyut Lighting Festival
- 9:10 **Headline News**
- 9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Hot and Spicy Three Layer Pork with Pineapple"
- 9:15 **National News**
- 9:20 Manufacturing of Home Furniture and Accessories
- 9:25 Kayah Dance
- 9:30 **National News**
- 9:35 Sparklings In Shwe Kyin Water
- 9:40 Songs On Screen "Young Love"
- 9:42 Minguin Bell
- 9:45 **National News**
- 9:50 The Reh Lake (The Greatest Attraction in Chin State)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

- 9-10-2003 (Thursday)
Regular Programmes for Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)
- 15:30 Signature Tune
 - 15:32 Greetings
 - 15:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
 - 15:36 Thadingyut Lighting Festival
 - 15:40 **Headline News**
 - 15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Hot and Spicy Three Layer Pork with Pineapple"
 - 15:45 **National News**
 - 15:50 Manufacturing of Home Furniture and Accessories
 - 15:55 Kayah Dance
 - 16:00 **National News**
 - 16:05 Sparklings In Shwe Kyin Water
 - 16:10 Songs On Screen "Young Love"
 - 16:12 Minguin Bell
 - 16:15 **National News**
 - 16:20 The Reh Lake (The Greatest Attraction in Chin State)
 - 16:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
 - 16:30 **National News**

- 16:35 Fossilized Wood Garden
- 16:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Squid Salad"
- 16:45 **National News**
- 16:50 Welcome to Shwemyaing (Mawlamyaing)
- 16:55 Sound of the Harp
- 16:58 Attracting Love
- 16:58 A Thousand Bo-trees from Greening Tropic Zone
- 17:00 **National News**
- 17:05 Myanmar Traditional Fan
- 17:10 Song "We'll Greet You In Mon Language"
- 17:12 Snakes in the Pagoda Precinct
- 17:15 **National News**
- 17:20 Talent Show on the Myanmar Bamboo Xylophone
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"
- 17:25 **Evening Transmission (19:30 - 23:30)**
- 19:30 Signature Tune
- 19:32 Greetings
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:35 The Most Breath-taking Scene of Shwe Kyin Creek
- 19:40 **Headline News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Curry of Hilsa"
- 19:45 **National News**
- 19:50 Fibre-glass Speed-boat
- 19:55 Traditional Lamp Dance
- 20:00 **National News**
- 20:10 Songs On Screen "What Love is?"
- 20:12 Prospective Ostrich farming
- 20:15 **National News**
- 20:20 Bakery & Confectionery in Myanmar
- 20:25 Song "Come, Visit My Home"
- 20:30 **National News**
- 20:35 The Gold and Silver Smith of Inlay
- 20:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Roasted-Rice Powder with Fish"
- 20:45 **National News**
- 20:50 The Gok Hteik Viaduct
- 20:55 Chin Dance
- 21:00 **National News**
- 21:05 Phokyar Ecotourism Resort
- 21:10 Songs On Screen "Past Merit"
- 21:15 **National News**
- 21:20 Usefulness of Nipa Palm
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 21:35 Thadingyut Lighting Festival
- 21:40 **Headline News**
- 21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty

- Dishes "Hot and Spicy Three Layer Pork with Pineapple"
- 21:45 **National News**
- 21:50 Manufacturing of Home Furniture and Accessories
- 21:55 Kayah Dance
- 22:00 **National News**
- 22:05 Sparklings In Shwe Kyin Water
- 22:10 Songs On Screen "Young Love"
- 22:12 Minguin Bell
- 22:15 **National News**
- 22:20 The Reh Lake (The Greatest Attraction in Chin State)
- 22:25 Song "Our Cherryland"
- 22:30 **National News**
- 22:35 Fossilized Wood Garden
- 22:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Squid Salad"
- 22:45 **National News**
- 22:50 Welcome to Shwemyaing (Mawlamyaing)
- 22:55 Sound of the Harp
- 22:58 A Thousand Bo-Trees from Greening Tropic Zone
- 23:00 **National News**
- 23:10 Myanmar Modern Song "We'll greet you in mon Language"
- 23:12 Snakes in the Pagodas Precinct
- 23:15 **National News**
- 23:20 Talent Show on the Myanmar Bamboo Xylophone
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"
- 9-10-2003 (Thursday) & 10-10-2003 (Friday)
Evening & Morning Transmission
(23:30 - 01:30)
- 23:30 Signature Tune
- 23:32 Greetings
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 23:36 Thadingyut Lighting Festival
- 23:40 **Headline News**
- 23:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Hot and Spicy Three Layer Pork with Pineapple"
- 23:45 **National News**
- 23:50 Manufacturing of Home Furniture and Accessories
- 23:55 Kayah Dance
- 24:00 **National News**
- 00:05 Sparkling In Shwe Kyin Water
- 00:10 Songs On Screen "Young Love"
- 00:12 Minguin Bell
- 00:15 **National News**
- 00:20 The Reh Lake (The Greatest attraction in Chin State)
- 00:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic

- Sights "Mingalabar"
- 00:30 **National News**
- 00:35 Fossilized Wood Garden
- 00:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Squid Salad"
- 00:45 **National News**
- 00:50 Welcome to Shwemyaing (Mawlamyaing)
- 00:55 Sound of the Harp
- 00:58 Attraction Love
- 00:58 A Thousand Bo-trees from Greening Tropic Zone
- 01:00 **National News**
- 01:05 Myanmar Traditional Fan
- 01:10 Song "We'll Greet You In Mon Language"
- 01:12 Snakes in the Pagoda Precinct
- 01:15 **National News**
- 01:20 Talent Show on the Myanmar Bamboo Xylophone
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"
- 10-10-2003 (Friday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)
- 03:30 Signature Tune
- 03:32 Greetings
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 03:35 The Most Breath-taking Scene of Shwe Kyin Creek
- 03:40 **Headline News**
- 03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Curry of Hilsa"
- 03:45 **National News**
- 03:50 Fibre-Glass Speed-boat
- 03:55 Traditional Lamp Dance
- 04:00 **National News**
- 04:10 Songs On Screen "What is Love?"
- 04:12 Prospective Ostrich Farming
- 04:15 **National News**
- 04:20 Bakery & Confectionery in Myanmar
- 04:25 Song "Come, Visit My Home"
- 04:30 **National News**
- 04:35 The Gold and Silver Smith of Inlay
- 04:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Roasted-Rice Powder with Fish"
- 04:45 **National News**
- 04:50 The Gok Hteik Viaduct
- 04:55 Chin Dance
- 05:00 **National News**
- 05:05 Phokyar Ecotourism Resort
- 05:10 Songs on Screen "Past Merit"
- 05:15 **National News**
- 05:20 Usefulness of Nipa Palm
- 05:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"

Shasdu (a) U Myat Htun (Pantee)

Age 53 years

Syed Cassim Shirazee (a) U Myant Htun, son of Syed Mahood Shirazee (deceased)-Ammna Sultan, younger brother of Tahra Begun-Mohammed Ismail, Nursrat Begun-Aga Hussein Bingahneem, Syed Saddique Shirazee (deceased), Syed Raza Shirazee- Bi Bi Khurshit, elder brother of Doilly Begun-Mohammed Hussein, Sharook-Fatima Sultan, Rooksana Begun- Mohammed Farook, Shameem, and husband of Suriya Sultan and father of Syed Mahmood Shirazee, Residing at No. 60, Bosunpat street passed away suddenly on the 3rd of October, 2003 (Friday) and buried on 4th October at the Mogul Shiah burial ground.

Bereaved family

Dr Aye Thein

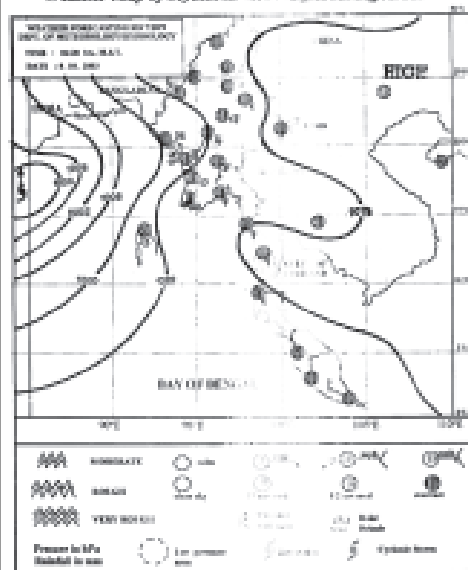
M.B.B.S (YGN)

Age 47 years

Dr Aye Thein, son of U Sein Whet and Daw Nu Yin of No (41), Kyundaw Street, Sangyoung Township, elder brother of Dr Aung Gyi-Daw Soe Soe Aye, (Daw Tin Tin Yi), Daw Yin Yin San-U Han Kyaw, Dr Kyaw Kyaw Lwin, Ma Than Than Yi and Ma San San Htwe, uncle of five nephews and nieces, passed away in Asia Royal Hospital at 1.45 pm on 8-10-2003 and was cremated at Yayway Cemetery at 5 pm the same day.

Bereaved family

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 8 October, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin and Kayah States and scattered to widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were TaungOo (1.22) inches and Zaungtu (1.10) inches.

Maximum temperature on 7-10-2003 was 32.3°C (90°F). Minimum temperature on 8-10-2003 was 21.9°C (71°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 8-10-2003 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 7-10-2003 was (0.8) hour approx. Rainfall on 8-10-2003 was 8 mm at Yangon Airport, 7 mm at Kaba-Aye and 20 mm at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 2185 mm (86.02 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2272 mm (89.45 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2321 mm (91.38 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 8 mph from Southeast at (15:30) hours MST on 7-10-2003. **Bay inference:** According to the observation at (06:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over west central Bay has intensified into a depression. It is centered about (560) miles southwest of Kolkata, India and forecast to move in some northerly direction. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 9-10-2003:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in upper Sagaing Division, Rakhine and Chin States, scattered in Kachin State, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeiawady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and long Rakhine coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in Rakhine State. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 9-10-2003:** One or two rains or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-10-2003:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Rainfall warning
(Issued at 13:00 pm on 8th October, 2003)

Influence of the depression over West central Bay of Bengal, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in north Rakhine State, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and isolated heavyfalls are likely in some places during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.



View today:

Thursday, October 9

- 7:00 am
- 1. ကျေးဇူးတင်ပေးကြရအောင် ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာဟော နာထာအဖွဲ့ အဖွဲ့ကြီးတော်အဖွဲ့၏ အဘိဓမ္မာအရဟံသာသနာ့အလှူအကူအညီပံ့ပိုးမှုများကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြပါမည်။
- 7:15 am
- 2. တိပိဋကေ ဓမ္မာစာအုပ်ကြီးကို အရဟံသာသနာ့အလှူအကူအညီပံ့ပိုးမှုများကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြပါမည်။
- 7:25 am
- 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:40 am
- 4. Morning news
- 7:55 am
- 5. ဓာတုဗေဒဆိုင်ရာအစီအစဉ်
- 8:00 am
- 6. Dance of national races
- 8:15 am
- 7. သတ္တဝါတို့၏အမည်များ (မြတ်)

- 8:30 am
- 8. International news
- 8:45 am
- 9. Let's go
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:10 Pm
- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. အမှတ် (၃) အစီအစဉ်အရ ဖွဲ့စည်းပုံအခြေခံဥပဒေ (၁၀၀) နှစ် အထိမ်းအမှတ်ပွဲ (၁၀၀) နှစ် အထိမ်းအမှတ်ပွဲ (၁၀၀) နှစ် အထိမ်းအမှတ်ပွဲ (၁၀၀) နှစ်
- 4:20 pm
- 4. အစီအစဉ်အရ ဖွဲ့စည်းပုံအခြေခံဥပဒေ (၁၀၀) နှစ် အထိမ်းအမှတ်ပွဲ (၁၀၀) နှစ် အထိမ်းအမှတ်ပွဲ (၁၀၀) နှစ်
- 5:00 pm
- 5. Cute little dancers
- 5:15 pm
- 6. ဂီတအစီအစဉ်များ
- 5:30 pm
- 7. "ယုနိုဆ" (ဓမ္မာစာအုပ်ကြီးကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြပါမည်။)
- 5:40 pm
- 8. "ယုနိုဆ" (ဓမ္မာစာအုပ်ကြီးကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြပါမည်။)

- 6:00 pm
- 9. ယုနိုဆ (ဓမ္မာစာအုပ်ကြီးကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြပါမည်။)
- 6:15 pm
- 10. ယုနိုဆ (ဓမ္မာစာအုပ်ကြီးကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြပါမည်။)
- 6:30 pm
- 11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
- 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
- 13. Milo success in soccer
- 7:10 pm
- 14. ယုနိုဆ (ဓမ္မာစာအုပ်ကြီးကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြပါမည်။)
- 7:45 pm
- 15. ယုနိုဆ (ဓမ္မာစာအုပ်ကြီးကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြပါမည်။)
- 8:00 pm
- 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. "ယုနိုဆ" (ဓမ္မာစာအုပ်ကြီးကို အကျဉ်းချုပ်ဖော်ပြပါမည်။)
- 20. The next day's programme



Thursday, October 9

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
- All in a day (The Corrs)
- Send me the piplof (Pat Boone)
- 9.00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- Scenic beauties of Kentuang falls
- 9.10 pm Article/Music
- 9.20 pm Topics potpourri
- Sony presents new Aibo Robot Toy
- 9.30 pm Favourite songs
- chosen by
- My Love (Westlife)
- Pretty Boy (M2M)
- A Long & Lasting Love (Crystal Gayle)
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party receive the Five Precepts from the Taungup Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw. (News on page 1) — MNA



CPT Minister receives guests

YANGON, 8 Oct — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw received Vice-Chairman of Midas

Communication Co Ltd, India, Mr Raghu Rao and party this morning at his office.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of e-National Task

Force Member of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint and officials.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw receives Mr Raghu Rao and party. — CPT

Roads and bridges in Magway, Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions inspected

YANGON, 8 Oct — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and officials, on 6 October, inspected tasks being carried out for upgrading of roads in Bagan-Nyaung U.

Chief Engineer U Tint Hsan and District Chief Engineer U Tun Myint reported to the minister on progress of work. The minister gave instructions on work done. Yesterday morning, the minister and party inspected Pakokku-

Yesagyo road section of Pakokku-Monywaroad. Next, he inspected the approach road of Hsinbyushin Bridge.

The minister gave instructions on work being carried out for upgrading of roads. He inspected the approach bridge of Hsinbyushin Bridge on the bank of Monywa and urged officials to make efforts for upgrading of the road. Next, the minister inspected the axis of Monywa-Sagaing road at

the entrance to Monywa and gave instructions.

Later, they arrived at Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction site on the bank of Sagaing. The deputy chief engineer reported to the minister on progress of work in construction of approach road on the bank of Mandalay and bore pile of the main bridge. The minister gave instruction on bridge construction. — MNA

Minister meets Myanmar athletes to XXII SEA Games

YANGON, 8 Oct — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint met selected Myanmar athletes who are undergoing training to participate in the rowing competitions of the XXII SEA Games, at Myanma Rowing Federation in Inya Lake this morning.

The minister delivered a speech to the athletes and

presented track suits to them.

At the Ruby Hall of the National Indoor Stadium (1) in Thuwunna, the minister also met Myanmar soccer team to Group 9 of U-20 soccer qualifier in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, Myanmar sports team to U-19 international invitational judo tournament in Thailand, the Myanmar sports team to table tennis friendly matches

in Chiangmai, Thailand, a Myanmar referee who will sit for Asia level referee examination (badminton) in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia and the athletes.

The leader of Myanmar sports team and officials reported on arrangements for the games. The minister gave instructions and fulfilled the requirements. The minister addressed the opening of the fifth Inter-State/Division Myanmar traditional boxing tournament (2003) at Aung San Stadium in the afternoon. Altogether nine teams from States and Divisions are taking part in the tournament, which will last until 17 October. — MNA

“Soon” offered to members of the Sangha in Kengtung, Shan State (East)

YANGON, 8 Oct — “Soon” was offered to over 200 members of the Sangha from the monasteries in Kengtung at a ceremony held on the platform of Maha Muni Pagoda in Shan State (East) on 1 October.

Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife, senior military officers and their wives, members of Shan State, District and Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials and wellwishers attended

the ceremony.

After the ceremony, the sharing of merits followed at Hokho Pariyatti Monastery. The ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa. Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of the monastery Bhaddanta Jotika administered the Five Precepts.

Members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta parittas. The commander and officials presented offertories to members of the Sangha. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jotika delivered a sermon. The commander and wellwishers shared merits

gained.

The “soon” offering ceremony was also held on the platform of Khemaraththa Standing Buddha Image in the township on 4 October morning.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of over 500 members of the Sangha.

The commander and wife, the deputy commander, senior military officers, local authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations and wellwishers offered *soon* to members of the Sangha.

MNA

Commander attends World Teachers’ Day commemorative ceremony

YANGON, 8 Oct — The World Teachers’ Day commemorative ceremony of No 2 Basic Education Department (Upper Myanmar) of the Ministry of Education was held at Pyinnya Tazaung hall of Mandalay Education College in Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay on 5 October morning, attended by Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and wife.

Also present on the occasion were Division PDC Secretary Lt-Col Tin Ohn and members, Mandalay City Development Committee Secretary Lt-Col Maung Pu,

Director-General of Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) Dr Thein Myint, Director-General of No 2 BED Lt-Col Win Htain,

Principal of the education college U Tin Maung Thein and teachers, education officers of the district and (See page 9)

Italian tourists arrive

YANGON, 8 Oct — Under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and sponsored by the Ministry of Transport, the M/Y Itasca owned by South East Asia Liveabords Co Ltd of Phuket, Thailand, carrying seven Italian tourists and 12 crew members arrived at Kawthoung from Phuket on 30 September.

After visiting the Myeik archipelago in Kawthoung District, the tourists arrived at Nanthida Jetty here yesterday evening. The tourists are due to visit Inle Lake from yesterday to tomorrow and Bagan the day after tomorrow.

On 11 October morning, they will go on tour of the balloon voyage and leave here by Thai Airways in the evening. The crew members of M/Y Itasca will stay here till 13 October and leave here for Phuket on 14 October. — MNA



M/Y Itasca of South East Asia Liveabords Co Ltd of Phuket, Thailand, seen at Nanthida Jetty. — H & T

Myanmar Ambassador presents Credentials to President of Finland

YANGON, 9 Oct — U Nyunt Maung Shein, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Finland, presented his Credentials to Her Excellency Ms Tarja Halonen, President of the Republic of Finland, on 4 September 2003, in Helsinki. — MNA