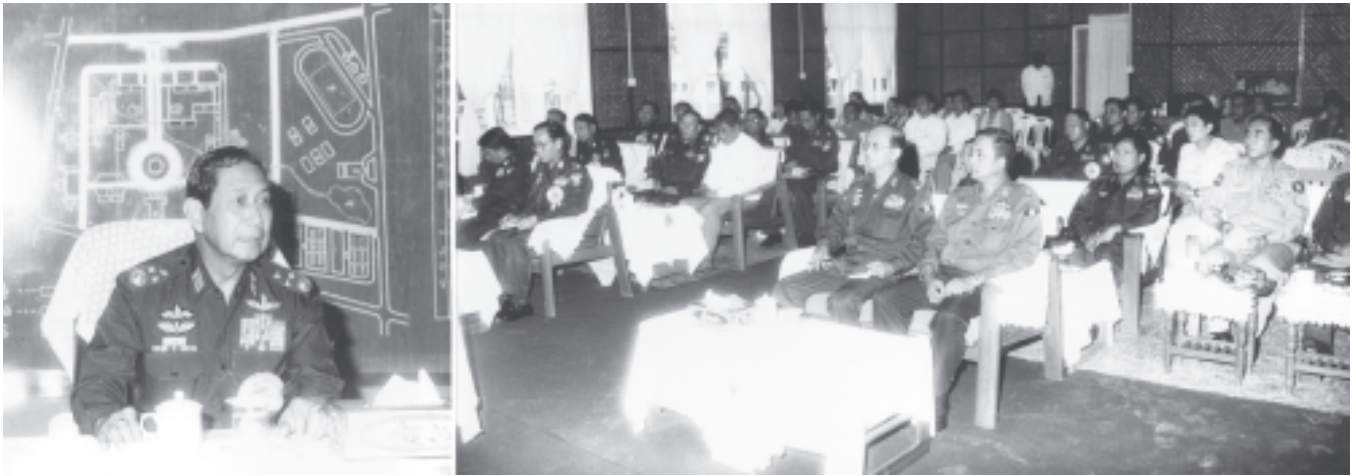


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*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gives instructions to officials concerned at the hall of Myeik University.—MNA*

## Universities and colleges have been built in development regions for emergence of human resources on which the State can rely Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Myeik and Dawei Universities

YANGON, 27 Oct— Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, together with Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thihathura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint,

ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers and departmental heads, arrived at Myeik University on 25 October.

Pro-Rector U Khin Maung Cho of Myeik University reported to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye on the background history of the university which was opened on 14 January 1999, courses opened at the university, subjects, attendance of students and staff affairs; Division Chief Engineer U Chit Pan of Public Works on implementation of Myeik University Construction Project, lecture rooms that have been built, recreation centre, teacher's hall and buildings that are under construction; and Minister for Education

U Than Aung on academic matters of Myeik University and measures being taken to construct the university.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye made a speech. He said that universities and colleges have been built in development regions for emergence of human resources on which the State can rely; the State with goodwill has opened universities and colleges in the respective regions for the students enabling them to pursue higher education in their own region without much expenses. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye urged the faculty members to teach the students to become the outstanding ones.

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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends opening of new hospital (200-bed) in Myeik

YANGON, 27 Oct— Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attended the opening of Myeik Hospital (200-bed) on Saba Shwewa Street, Yaybon Ward in Myeik, Taninthayi Division, which was held at the hospi-

tal on 25 October morning.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairmen of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Soe Win and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thihathura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Kyi

Min, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials from the SPDC Office, departmental heads, members of Taninthayi Division PDC, division and township level officials, departmental officials, Medical Superintendent Dr Tun Lwin

and specialists, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations, wellwishers and others.

Member of the SPDC Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint formally opened the hospital. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party cordially greeted those

present on the occasion.

Vice-Chairman of the National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the SPDC Lt-Gen Soe Win formally opened the stone inscriptions of the hospital.

The Secretary-1, the Secretary-2 and the minister sprinkled scented water on the stone inscriptions.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party in-

spected the dental and oral unit, out-patient department, intensive care unit, surgical room, X-ray room, medical store, ear and throat ward, eye ward and other wards.

At the hall of the hospital, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint made an opening speech. He said the hospital was built spending over K 4,000 million. Uplifting the health care

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*The newly-opened Myeik hospital (200-bed).—MNA*

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Myanmar, future transportation hub of the region

The opening ceremony of the Ninth ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting was held at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon on 23 October and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered an address on the occasion.

In his address, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said, "Before the advent of our government, transportation networks did not develop as much as they should have for various reasons. Consequently, during our time, we have devoted attention to achieve rapid and extensive progress in the transportation sector. We have built roads, rails, bridges, airports and seaports with our own resources."

At the Ninth ASEAN Summit held in Bali, Indonesia, the ASEAN leaders adopted the ASEAN Concord II (Bali Concord II) in which they pledged to build an ASEAN Community based on the three pillars of "ASEAN Security Community", "ASEAN Economic Community" and "ASEAN Socio-cultural Community". The ASEAN Economic Community would include "enhanced infrastructure and communications connectivity". Moreover, the leaders also agreed to accelerate regional integration in the 11 priority sectors including air travel and tourism.

Since 1988, 2,000 miles of new roads and a total of 163 major bridges including seven large ones spanning the Ayeyawady river, two across the Chindwin river and three across the Thanlwin river have been built. Moreover, as rail transportation constitutes an important sector in land transportation, over 1,000 miles of new rail lines have been constructed. Previously, the transportation network was mainly intended to link the north and south of the country. Today, there are road and rail networks that connect all corners of the nation and all the neighbouring countries with ours.

In the aviation sector, seven new airports have been constructed and 21 existing airports upgraded to accommodate larger aircraft. Before the time of the present Government, the Yangon International Airport was the only international airport. Today, with the opening of the international airport in Mandalay, a second international aviation entry point has been added. And in the near future, with the completion of the airport extension project in Bagan, there will be three international airports.

In the maritime transport sector, Thilawa, Thakayta, Ahlon and other industrial terminals including new container terminals with modern equipment have been completed.

We believe that our nation, with gradual development in infrastructure, will become a transportation hub of the southeast region.

### Auditor-General receives visiting Chinese delegation

YANGON, 27 Oct—Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung received Auditor-General of Audit Office of the People's Republic of China Mr Li Jinhua and party, who arrived here on an official visit, at his office on Thakhin Mya Park Road in Ahlon Township here this morning.

Also present on the occasion together with the auditor-general were Deputy Auditor-General U Khin Win, Director-General Daw Thin Thin and Deputy Di-

rector-General Daw Tin Kyi Oo. Also present together with the visiting delegation was Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun.

In the evening, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting delegation at the Karaweik Palace. The delegation this morning it visited the Shwedagon pagoda, and in the afternoon it visited the National Museum and the Drug Elimination Museum.—MNA



The ministers, the deputy ministers, ambassadors and embassy staff and delegates and officials pose for souvenir photo. — MNA

### Fourth Annual Meeting of Greater Mekong Subregion Business Forum commences

YANGON, 27 Oct—The opening of the Fourth Annual Meeting of Greater Mekong Subregion Business Forum hosted by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and ceremony to transfer chairmanship were held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, the deputy ministers, Ambassadors of Cambodia, Laos, China and Japan, embassy staff, delegates of UNDP, the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), Asian Development Bank (ADB), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Chairman of Greater Mekong Subregion,

delegates of members of subregion of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Myanmar, Vietnam and the People's Republic of China, Vice-President and EC members of UMFCCEI and officials of related organizations and ministries, local and foreign journalists and guests.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu delivered an opening address. Next, Chairman of the Fourth Annual Meeting of Greater Mekong Subregion Business Forum Mr Chanpheng Bounnapol also spoke. Vice-President of UMFCCEI U Win Aung extended greetings.

Next, Director of Trade and Industry Dr Ravi Ratnayake of UNESCAP, Investment Officer of Government Finance and Trade Division of Mekong Department of ADB Ms Madeleine Varkay and President of ASEAN CCI U Pyone Maung Maung also spoke.

The ministers, the deputy ministers, ambassa-

dors and embassy staff and delegates and officials posed for souvenir photos.

Chairman of GMS—BF Mr Chanpheng Bounnapol reported on general report on GMS—BF and Project Director Daw San Yu Yu Ohn on activities and future initiatives and plan of GMS—BF.

Next, delegates of Cambodia Chambers of Commerce, (CCC), Laos National Chambers of Commerce and Industry (LNCCI), Thailand Chambers of Commerce (TCC), the Union of Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCEI), Vietnam Chambers of Commerce and Industry (VCCI), Yunnan Province Chambers of Commerce (YPCC) of the People's Republic of China discussed activities and future initiatives and plan of GMS—BF.

Participants approved the appointment of Managing Director and Advisors for GMS—BF. In the afternoon session, Joint Secretary-Gen-

eral of UMFCCEI Dr Maung Maung Lay reported on introduction of GMS—BF, Dr Jingjai of TCC on cross border trade and investment opportunities among GMS countries, Investment Officer of ADB Ms Madeleine Varkay on transit trade among economic corridors, Executive Vice-President of VCCI Mr Hoang Van Dung on GMS—BF Trade Fair and Economic Affairs Officer of UNESCAP on GMS in a new Asia. The delegates took part in the discussions. The ceremony to transfer chairmanship to Vice-President of UMFCCEI U Win Aung was held. Newly appointed Chairman U Win Aung then presented certificates of gratitude to former chairman Mr Chanpheng Bounnapol and Secretary-General Mr Khamsintha-vong Nhouyvanisvong. Next, U Win Aung extended greetings. In the evening, he hosted dinner in honour of the delegates at Karaweik Palace in Kandawgyi. —MNA

### Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs arrives back from India

YANGON, 27 Oct — A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win arrived back here yesterday attending the Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultation held in New Delhi.

The delegation was welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by the directors-general of the departments of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr R K Bhatia. Deputy Director-General U Nyan Lynn of the Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Director U Ye Myint also arrived back on the same flight.

At the Foreign Office Consultation held at the Ministry of External Affairs in New Delhi on 23 October, U Khin Maung Win and

Indian Foreign Secretary Mr Kanwal Sibal held discussions on a wide range of subjects including border-related issues, drug trafficking, trade and economic co-operation, development issues in a very warm and cordial manner. In the evening of 24 October, both

sides signed the agreed minutes of the meeting. The deputy minister and Finance Secretary of India Mr D C Gupta signed a 25 million dollar Credit Agreement between the Government of Myanmar and the Government of India.

On 24 October, the

deputy minister paid a courtesy call on the Minister of External Affairs of India Mr Yashwant Sinha at his office. Myanmar delegation went to Kolkata and also called on the Governor of West Bengal Mr Biran J Shah at the Raj Bhavan the next day.—MNA



U Khin Maung Win and Finance Secretary of India Mr D C Gupta sign credit agreement between the Government of Myanmar and the Government of India. — MNA



## US colonel killed in Iraq hotel strike

**BAGHDAD, 27 Oct—**In a daring strike, Iraqi guerrillas attacked the heart of the US occupation Sunday, unleashing a barrage of rockets against the Al Rasheed hotel where US officials live and where visiting Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was staying. Wolfowitz escaped, but an American colonel was killed and 15 people were wounded.

Scores of American officials fled the hotel in pajamas and shorts after the 6.10 am assault, which apparently used a makeshift rocket battery on a timer that had been wheeled into a nearby park. More than a half-dozen holes pockmarked the hotel's concrete facade and windows were shattered in two dozen rooms.

Wolfowitz, who appeared shaken as he addressed reporters at a convention center across the street where most officials fled, vowed the attack would not deter the United States in its mission to transform Iraq.

"There are a few who refuse to accept the reality of a new and free Iraq," he said. "We will be unrelenting in our pursuit of them." The bold strike from nearly point-blank range once again pointed out the vulnerability of even heavily

guarded US facilities in Iraq, where American forces sustain an average of 26 lower-profile attacks daily. Wolfowitz was wrapping up a tour to assess ways to defeat a stubborn six-month-old insurgency.

The slain American was a colonel, Wolfowitz said, without identifying him. That would be one of the highest ranking US military officers killed in the Iraqi insurgency. Since President Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq on May 1, 109 US soldiers have been killed by hostile fire.

The 15 people wounded included seven American civilians, four US military personnel and four "non-US coalition civilian partners," according to a statement by the US command. One Briton was among the wounded.

Internet



Shattered windows are seen after eight rockets struck the Al Rasheed Hotel early Sunday, on 26 Oct, 2003, where US military and civilian employees stay. A spokesman for the military command said there were an 'unknown number of casualties' and a quick reaction force had been dispatched to the scene.—INTERNET

## Indonesia to import 2.3 million tons of rice this year

**JAKARTA, 27 Oct—**Once hailed as a self-sufficient rice producing country, Indonesia this year has to import 2.3 million tons of rice, says a top minister.

Speaking in the cool mountain resort of Ambarawa in Central Java, Coordinating Minister for Economic Affairs Dorodjatun Kuntjoro-Jakti said that domestic production has failed to match the demand arising from population growth. Indonesia achieved self-sufficiency in primary food commodities in 1983. "We have to be optimistic that we can reach the same stature in the future," he was quoted Saturday by the daily *Jakarta Post* as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam War nations to deepen search for US MIAs

**BANGKOK, 27 Oct —** The United States and three South-East Asian countries pledged on Friday to work together to search for remains of more than 1,800 missing American servicemen from the Vietnam War.

"What's new is we are working now at a very senior level and working together as four nations," senior Pentagon official Jerry Jennings told reporters after four-day talks ended in Bangkok.

It was the first time senior officials from the United States, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos had met to share information and techniques in the hunt for remains of so-called MIAs (missing in action) since the Vietnam War ended in 1975.

Some 1,875 American troops are still listed as missing in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia from the war, in which 58,000 Americans and three million Vietnamese were killed.

About 300,000 Vietnamese are missing from the war. Since the war ended, America has sent home more than 700 sets of remains — many of them found in dense jungle, paddy fields and near villages following the dis-

covery of fragments of bone, dog tags and scraps of downed air craft.

Each year, more than 700 US specialists visit the region to review archives, conduct investigations and organize recovery operations. The search can be deadly as investigators venturing into remote areas encounter unexploded ordnance, tropical diseases and wild animals.

Seven Americans and nine Vietnamese on an MIA recovery mission were killed in April 2001 when their helicopter crashed.

"There is an element of danger involved every time they go out, most often to very remote sites," said Jennings, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defence for POW/Missing Personnel Affairs. The Bangkok talks explored ways to improve cooperation in searching for remains along Vietnam's border areas with Cambodia and Laos, he said.

MNA/Reuters

## Syria rules out sending forces to Iraq

**DAMASCUS, 27 Oct—** Syria on Saturday ruled out sending forces to neighbouring Iraq to join multinational forces in the war-torn country.

Syrian Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam made the remarks following a meeting with an Iraqi popular delegation, currently visiting Damascus.

"This is out of the question," Khaddam said, adding "no Arab country will participate in sending troops to Iraq," referring to a US call on other countries to send troops to Iraq to keep the peace.

Arab countries have not offered to contribute troops to Iraq though some of them, particularly in the Gulf region, have offered to assist Iraq's reconstruction with aid and technical expertise.

Khaddam noted that he held talks with the Iraqi delegation on the latest developments in Iraq and Palestine and the two sides stressed the need to end the occupation and the Iraqis' right to decide on their future under the UN supervision.

Syria's stance is that Iraq

should restore its sovereignty regardless of political, sectarian or racial grounds, he said.

The Iraqis were aware of the fact that internal disputes could result in hampering efforts to bring to an end the foreign occupation of their country, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Black Hawk down in Iraq, five US troops wounded

**TIKRIT, 27 Oct—** Five US soldiers were wounded in Iraq on Saturday in a rocket attack on a Black Hawk helicopter near Saddam Hussein's home town of Tikrit.

As the aircraft blazed on the ground within sight of a major US base, soldiers told a *Reuters* photographer at the scene that a rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) hit it in the air. But a US military spokeswoman in Baghdad said it was unclear what brought it down, only that RPGs were fired on the wreck.

"After the aircraft was on the ground, it was attacked with RPGs," she said, saying it was "presently not known" what brought the Black Hawk down. The five wounded were evacuated.

*Reuters* photographer Damir Sagolj heard a loud bang before the helicopter fell from the sky.

Soldiers said they saw the helicopter flying along-

side a second Black Hawk when it came down. The second aircraft landed and rescued at least one crew member, they added.

Rocket attacks are a daily fact of life for the US forces on the ground. But there has been only one report of hostile fire bringing down aircraft since major combat ended in April, despite American fears about the availability of shoulder-launched anti-aircraft missiles in Iraq.

US Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz, one of the architects of Washington's campaign against Saddam, had visited Tikrit hours earlier, to meet troops engaged in one of the main hotspots of Iraqi resistance to the occupation forces.—Internet



A US military Black Hawk helicopter burns after crashing as another one flies away carrying injured soldiers in Tikrit, on 25 October, 2003. Five US soldiers were wounded when their helicopter crashed and came under attack from rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs), a US military spokeswoman said.—INTERNET

## Thai tourism sector gets \$337.5m boost from APEC

**BANGKOK, 27 Oct—** Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) estimated domestic and foreign tourist activities during the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meetings had pumped 13.5 billion baht (337.5 million US dollars) into the kingdom, *The Nation* newspaper reported Saturday.

TAT Governor Juthamas Siriwan said domestic tourism spending during the special APEC holidays on October 17 and October 20-22 was estimated to be 8.5 billion baht (212.5 dollars), or 63 per cent of the total.

Hotel occupancy in some provinces, including Kanchanaburi, Chon Buri, Phetchaburi, Phuket, Chiang Mai, Prachuap Khiri Khan and Rayong, ranged from 80 per cent to 95 per cent during the four-day APEC holidays, which approved by Thailand's Cabinet in order to ease traffic congestion in Bangkok.

She also said APEC boosted foreign tourism in three important ways: first, the Royal Barge Procession promoted local culture; second, the tight security for APEC proved Thailand was a safe destination for tourists; and finally, the country showed it could host world-class events.—MNA/Xinhua

## US Democrats clash over war in Iraq

**DETROIT, 27 Oct**— The nine Democratic White House hopefuls clashed on Sunday over the war in Iraq and an 87-billion-US-dollar administration request for troops and reconstruction there, trading charges over what they said was a crucial test of US leadership.

In their fifth debate in less than two months, the Democrats vying to replace President George W Bush accused each other of flip-flopping on Iraq and questioned who was best suited to handle the foreign policy challenges facing the United States.

Senator Joseph Lieberman of Connecticut, a stout supporter of the war in Iraq, blasted Senators John Edwards and John Kerry for voting against the 87 billion US dollars requested by the Bush Administration even though they voted to authorize the war.

Lieberman, who said any Democrat who hoped to replace Bush needed to demonstrate leadership, also said retired General Wesley Clark had been wildly inconsistent on Iraq.

"I don't know how John Kerry and John Edwards can say that they supported the war but then oppose the funding of the troops who went to fight the war," Lieberman said at a debate in downtown Detroit's ornate Fox Theater.

"I've been over Wesley Clark's record and statements on this so many times," said Lieberman, who has slipped steadily

in the polls ahead of the first nominating contests in January.

"He took six different positions on whether going to war was the right idea. It took him four days to decide whether voting on the 87 billion US dollars was a good idea."

Kerry, a Massachusetts senator and decorated Vietnam War veteran who has highlighted his military service, drew a contrast with Lieberman's lack of military experience at the debate hosted by the Congressional Black Caucus and Fox News Channel.

"I have seared in me an experience which you don't have," he told Lieberman, "and that's the experience of being one of those troops on the front lines when the policy has gone wrong."

Kerry and Edwards, a North Carolina senator, voted against the 87 billion US dollars last week, along with Ohio Representative Dennis Kucinich. Lieberman and Missouri Representative Richard Gephardt voted for the 87 billion US dollars, which was backed by both chambers of Congress but is still in a negotiating conference. — MNA/Reuters

## Indonesian, Malaysian accountants sign MoU

**JAKARTA, 27 Oct**— The Indonesian Institute of Accountants (IAI) and the Malaysian Institute of Accountants (MIA) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) in a bid to avert challenges from South-East Asia's economic integration.

IAI Chairman Ahmadi Hadibroto told a Press conference following the signing ceremony on Friday that the agreement was aimed at creating a standard accounting practice in the two countries through training, education, seminars and joint research programmes.

"Both institutions will be able to share information and do joint research. We will also implement education programmes and seminars... to help improve the quality of our accountants," he was quoted Saturday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

During the recent summit of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), the leaders of the regional grouping adopted a framework to liberalize and integrate the region's economies by 2020 under the so-called ASEAN Economic Community (AEC).

The AEC envisages a single market with a free flow of goods, capital, skilled la-

bour and services. This means that when the AEC is realized, accountants from Malaysia can freely work in Indonesia and vice versa.

The AEC is expected to boost trade and investment activities in the region.

Ahmadi underlined the importance for accountants in both countries to have standardized procedures.

Separately, MIA president Datuk Abdul Samad Haji Alias said that accountants might face serious problems without cooperation with partners in other countries.

However, he stated that bilateral cooperation in the accounting sector was more feasible than multilateral agreements.

He divided ASEAN countries into three different levels of economical progress and "it would be unfair for those less advanced countries to adopt the same standards".

MNA/Xinhua

## Chile offers agricultural, food assistance for Iraq

**MADRID, 27 Oct**— Chile on Friday offered technical assistance to Iraq in the areas of agriculture, food security, infancy and health, and will consider the possibility of helping in other areas, like justice and the electoral system.

During the second and last day of the International Conference of Donors for the Reconstruction of Iraq, Chilean Vice-Foreign Minister Christian Barros expressed his confidence over a prompt improvement in the security conditions in Iraq.

Barros called on the United Nations to play a relevant role in the reconstruction of Iraq.

Barros explained that Chile could offer technical assistance to improve the living conditions of the Iraqi people in the areas where South America has worked before, in both Afghanistan and Iraq.

Barros highlighted the experience of Chile in agriculture, food security, infancy and health, as well as in the areas of justice and the electoral system.

Other areas where Chile could intervene are assistance for child victims of war,

women's conditions, and human rights education, said the official.

MNA/Xinhua



*Iraqi prisoners are transported on a US Army truck into Abu Ghraib prison, on the outskirts of the capital Baghdad, on 25 October, 2003. —INTERNET*

## Russia says safety concerns misplaced aboard "ISS"

**Moscow, 27 Oct**— Russia dismissed on Friday US concerns that failing equipment was endangering crew safety on the International Space Station, saying NASA was simply in the dark about the situation on board since grounding its shuttles.

The *Washington Post* reported on Thursday that several NASA officials had refused to sign off to the current 200-day mission by US astronaut Michael Foale and Russian Alexander Kaleri because air and water monitors on the ISS were in disrepair.

"Nothing has changed on the station," Sergei Gorbunov, spokesman for Russia's space authority Rosaviakosmos, told NTV television. "The crew are all right. They have every-

thing, including air of proper quality."

"All air-monitoring and air-supplying equipment is functioning properly. There are no problems. The only problem is that the shuttles are not flying. And that has disrupted data processing from the US segment of the station," he said.

Foale, the newest ISS commander, told an orbit-to-Earth news conference on Thursday that he and his Russian colleague were

aware of safety objections within NASA to their flight, launched last week. But both felt perfectly safe.

The US astronaut Foale is replacing dismissed report of health concerns as "overblown". Gorbunov said the safety issue was raised by the United States after Russia turned down its request to bring down a malfunctioning gas analyser, a replacement for which was sent to the ISS in August.

MNA/Reuters

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## Chinese President meets New Zealand Governor-General

**WELLINGTON, 27 Oct**— Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao expressed satisfaction on Saturday over the smooth development of relations between China and New Zealand when meeting with New Zealand Governor-General Dame Silvia Cartwright.

During the meeting, Hu said that the China-New Zealand relations have made progress in recent years, with frequent top-level exchanges of visits and enhanced cooperation in the fields of trade and economic relations, education, tourism, and science and technology.

"Reviewing the development of bilateral ties since the two countries established diplomatic relations 31 years ago, we found that the important foundation and guidelines for our relations are mutual respect, equality and mutual benefit, and seeking common ground while reserving differences so as to achieve common development," Hu said.

China's new leadership has attached great importance to the China-New Zealand relations and hopes to further promote the bilateral ties, he said.

The Chinese President believed that through his visit both sides would deepen mutual understanding and expand common ground with a view to elevating their friendly cooperation of mutual benefit to a higher level.

Cartwright said the Chinese culture brought to the country by Chinese immigrants since the early 19th Century has become an important part of the social culture and daily life of New Zealand.

MNA/Xinhua



*Formerly conjoined twins Mohamed Ibrahim (L) and Ahmed Ibrahim are joined by their parents Ibrahim Mohamed Ibrahim and Sabah Abou Al Wafa, along with their older brother, Mahmoud Ibrahim, at Children's Medical Center in Dallas. The boys, formerly conjoined at the head, saw each other for the first time since surgery to separate them two weeks ago, their doctor said on 24 October, 2003. —INTERNET*



# PROTESTS AGAINST WAR IN IRAQ



Some 25,000 protesters from across the nation demonstrated near the Washington Monument calling for what they describe as “an end to the occupation of Iraq” by the US on 25 Oct, 2003.—INTERNET



Peace activists march in Washington, on 25 Oct, 2003. Thousands rallied to protest US policy in Iraq, the first major demonstration since President George W Bush declared an end to major combat in the war on Iraq.—INTERNET



A peace activist demonstrates during a rally on the National Mall in Washington, on 25 October, 2003. Thousands rallied to protest US policy in Iraq, the first major demonstration since President George W Bush declared an end to major combat in the war on Iraq.—INTERNET



Turkish women, supporters of the Islamic Felicity Party, hold a banner that reads ‘Don’t cooperate with occupation’ during a rally in Istanbul, Turkey, on 25 October, 2003. Hundreds of Turks, supporters of the Islamic Felicity Party gathered in an Istanbul square to protest the US-led occupation in neighbouring Iraq.—INTERNET



Anthony Sbragia of San Francisco stands in front of San Francisco’s City Hall during a protest and parade against the Iraq War on 25 October, 2003. Hundreds of people collected in Civic Center Plaza before the parade began.—INTERNET



A demonstrator waves a flag during a peace protest in Washington, on 25 October, 2003. Thousands rallied to protest the US policy in Iraq, the first major demonstration since President George W Bush declared an end to major combat in the war on Iraq.—INTERNET



## Most Iraqis see US forces as occupiers

BAGHDAD, 27 Oct—Most Iraqis regard the US-led forces in their country as occupiers rather than liberators, with many more now taking that view than did so just after US troops overthrew Saddam Hussein in April, according to a poll.

The survey by Iraq's Centre for Research and Strategic Studies, a think tank set up by a group of Iraqi professors after Saddam's fall, also showed only a small portion of Iraqis felt safest in the presence of US troops or local police.

The poll results, released on Thursday, showed that 67 per cent of Iraqis see the US-led coalition forces as "occupying powers". The figure is up from 46 per cent in a survey conducted shortly after the war that ousted Saddam.

Fifteen per cent consider the coalition forces "liberating forces", down from 43 per cent six months ago. One in 10 sees them as peacekeepers, twice as many as in April.

Asked what the best political system would be for Iraq, 33.7 per cent wanted an "Islamic theocracy" while 23.7 said they backed "Islamic democracy". Support for "democracy" was at 30.5 per cent. The political terms were undefined.

Among members of the US-appointed Governing Council, the three with the

highest approval ratings were Islamists from the Shiite branch of the Muslim religion practised by the majority of Iraqis.

Topping the list at 57.7 per cent was Abdul Aziz al-Hakim, a top official of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq. He is the brother of Ayatollah Mohammad Baqer al-Hakim, who was assassinated in August.

Asked who could best provide security, 62.5 per cent of Iraqis said family, relatives and neighbours and 12 per cent replied Iraqi police. Joint patrols by police and coalition forces were seen as the best guarantor by 4.2 per cent, neighbourhood patrols by 3.2 per cent and coalition forces were last at 3 per cent. Among other findings, 74 per cent of those polled said they did not trust local newspapers and half did not trust Iraqi political parties.

The poll of 1,620 Iraqis was conducted in seven cities from September 28 to October 10. The margin of error is 3 per cent.

MNA/Reuters

## "Concorde" soars away on last passenger flight

ABOARD CONCORDE, 27 Oct—Concorde, the world's only supersonic airliner, roared off into aviation history on Friday, heading home to London for the last time.

The sleek, needle-nosed plane took off from New York's John F Kennedy Airport in brilliant autumnal sunshine for a historic flight that brought an end to the supersonic era.

It climbed to the edge of space for the last flight across the Atlantic, travelling faster than a speeding bullet.

MNA/Reuters

## Tens of thousands protest Iraq policy in Washington

WASHINGTON, 27 Oct—Tens of thousands of protesters marched around the White House on Saturday in the first large-scale demonstration against the occupation of Iraq by US-led forces since President George W Bush declared an end to major combat.

The protesters, waving placards demanding the withdrawal of US troops from Iraq, gathered at a rally at the Washington Monument before moving toward the White House.

Peace activists, joined by family members of US troops, said the mounting casualties in Iraq had helped spur the US anti-war movement into action after months of relative quiet.

"We need to make President Bush realize that our

children are being killed," said Fernando de Solar Suarez, whose son, a Marine, was killed in Iraq on March 27.

Since May 1, when Bush stood on the deck of an aircraft carrier and declared major combat in the Iraq war over, 108 US soldiers have been killed in guerilla attacks.

Many of the protesters said they felt the cost of the Iraq occupation in American lives was too high and the billions of US dollars being spent on reconstructing the country's shattered economy could be put to better use at home.

"We need to quit worrying about the ills of other countries and to stop spending billions of dollars on Iraq when we need money for jobs here," said Washington resident Erik Jurek, who added that he was worried about his brother serving in the US Army in Baghdad.

United for Peace and Justice, which coordinated the protest with International ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), estimated that 100,000 people from more than 145 cities attended the demonstration. Police on the streets put the number closer to 20,000 or 30,000. Washington police do not provide official crowd estimates at public protests.

ANSWER spokesman Brian Becker said the demonstration was intended to send a message to the Bush Administration that its position was "losing ground" while they were gaining.

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A Chinese student sketches the Shenzhou V space capsule, on exhibit in Beijing, on 25 October, 2003. Thousands of Chinese flocked to the exhibition to admire the space capsule that carried China's first astronaut, Yang Liwei, during his solo space flight on 15 and 16 October.—INTERNET

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## UN considers \$5b will suffice for Iraq in 2004

MADRID, 27 Oct — The chief of the development group of the United Nations, Malloch Brown, considered that five billion US dollars will suffice to cover the real and immediate reconstruction needs for Iraq in 2004.

During his speech presented Friday at the International Conference of Donors for the Reconstruction of Iraq, Brown said the previous figures considered by the United Nations for such efforts amounted to nine billion dollars in 2004.

After having made an evaluation and taking into account the insecurity and the experience of post-conflict situations, the UN representative recognized that of the nine billion dollars, only five billion dollars will be applied in 2004. The UN pronounced Friday in favour of a "financial combina-

tion" for the 2005-2007 period which must not be only constituted by assistance, or else "a distortion would be caused in the flow of assistance for other countries", he warned.

Delegations from 73 countries, 20 international organizations and 13 non-governmental organizations attended the event.

Spanish First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Economy Radrigó Rato announced here Friday evening that the international donors' conference for the reconstruction of Iraq has raised a total of 33 billion US dollars.—MNA/Xinhua



Two US Vietnam veterans against the war in Iraq, Albert Jaccoma (C) and Bob Fields (R), march through the streets in Washington, DC, on 25 October, 2003. The veteran marchers, from several past US conflicts, carried signs and chanted as they walked.—INTERNET

## Two new explosions hit Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 27 Oct—At least two explosions detonated on Sunday evening in an area of Baghdad that includes the headquarters of Iraq's US-led administration, the US military said. A military spokesman said the explosions had gone off in the capital's Green Zone, which also includes a top-security hotel that came under rocket attack earlier in the day. Reporters in central Baghdad also heard several explosions.

The new apparent attack followed a daring strike 15 hours earlier on Sunday, when insurgents attacked the heart of the US occupation, unleashing a barrage of rockets against the Al Rasheed hotel, where US officials live and where visiting Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was staying. Wolfowitz escaped, but an American colonel was killed and 15 people were wounded.

Scores of American officials fled the hotel in pajamas and shorts after the 6.10 am assault, in which a rocket battery on a timer,

wheeled into a nearby park, hit the hotel with eight to 10 missiles. Holes pockmarked the Al Rasheed's modern, concrete facade, and windows were shattered in two dozen rooms.

Wolfowitz, who appeared shaken as he addressed reporters at a convention centre across the street where most officials fled, vowed the attack would not deter the United States in its mission to transform Iraq.

"There are a few who refuse to accept the reality of a new and free Iraq," he said. "We will be unrelenting in our pursuit of them."

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## Paraguay welcomes Brazil's election to UNSC

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Oct—Paraguayan President Nicanor Duarte applauded Brazil's election to the UN Security Council as a non-permanent member, the local daily ABC Color reported Friday. The daily said Duarte "celebrated in a very particular way this event for he was one of the proponents of the inclusion in the Security Council of a member of the South American Common Market".

The Paraguayan leader assured that Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva is a "visionary made in combat, who shows us day after day his high spirit of solidarity to contribute to universal peace".

He also reminded that "in the last UN General Assembly meeting, in September, in New York, I publicly said Paraguay favoured the incorporation of Brazil in the Security Council". — MNA/Xinhua

# The duty defined by the national cause-3

*Ketu Nila*

(continued from yesterday)

Later, the NLD, dogmatically grasping the 1990 election results and dialogue a political tactic, unlawfully formed the committee representing the Hluttaw. The committee representing the Hluttaw can be formed by the Hluttaw itself if and when necessary. Therefore, forming the committee representing the Hluttaw in the absence of the Hluttaw is like forming a parallel government and amount to challenging the existing government. It is as clear as day-light how impudently the NLD disregard the law.

In spite of all these, the Head of State himself sought ways and means for building confidence and understanding by holding talks with the leader of the NLD.

However, the NLD misinterpreted the Government's flexible attitude and approach towards the national reconciliation was due to interference and pressure of big powers. It is obvious that the NLD, thinking highly of foreign nations, is still relying on them. It was because of this attitude that the NLD did an about-turn over the Government's overtures to put it back on the national political path. So long as the stand of the NLD is solely in the interests of the party itself rather than the national interests and aimed at seizing power and so long as it is trying to topple the existing Tatmadaw Government, transition to democracy will be delayed and the emergence of a new democracy will be a far cry.

All those with a desire for democracy do not want such a situation come to pass. To overcome such a situation with the united strength of the Union nationals, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt clarified the seven-point policy programme. This policy programme, in essence, is the beacon for building a new, peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

The emergence of the State Constitution is the cardinal demand of the history of contemporary Myanmar. It is of great importance to draw a comprehensive constitution in accordance with the wishes of the Union nationals. Moreover, it should be a constitution approved by the entire nationals of the Union. This is the absolute democratic right of the national people, the original owner of the State power. It is the right of any party or any group or any individual to draw a constitution.

Therefore, the Tatmadaw Government started holding the National Convention on 9 January 1993 to be able to lay down fundamental principles for a comprehensive constitution. The National Convention succeeded in laying down 104 principles and 15 chapters. The National Convention has been temporarily suspended since 1996 when the NLD walked out.

The first step of the State policy programme - Re-convening of the National Convention that has been adjourned since 1996 - is to meet the absolute need of the State. The second step is to carry out step-by-step implementation of the process necessary for the emergence of a genuine and discipline-flourishing democratic system. The word "democracy" is very pleasing to hear and to speak about. But, how difficult is it to put it into practice? We can find the answer to this question if we study the democratic practices of the parliamentary democracy of AFPFL government, Pahtasa government and Burma Socialist Programme Party.

It is not enough to establish a democratic state by merely granting the right to set up political parties and just handing over power to the winning party after holding elections. Respective political parties and all of citizens need to become accustomed to the step-by-step responsi-

bilities assigned by the State for the infrastructure of socioeconomic life consistent with the norms of democracy.

Likewise, under the programme in the third phase the "drafting of a new constitution in accordance with basic principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention", it has been guided to write a blueprint constitution by the entire mass of national races with fundamental principles. The programme in the fourth phase "the adoption of the blueprint constitution through national referendum", show that the State emphatically approves of the full democratic right of the entire mass of national people. In other words, it is also a gesture in which the State hands over State power to the national people, the original owner.

The programme in the fifth phase the "holding of free and fair elections for Pyithu Hluttaws (Legislative bodies) according to the new constitution", is aimed at realization of the very life and genuine desire of the State and national people. To be exact, as the duration from 1990 to 2003 is over a decade, it is impossible to ignore the fact that the life and desire of the State and the people are changeable during that period. The concrete attitude to the 1990 electoral result should be discarded in this year of 2003.

Not only can the logical acceptance of possible mutability warrant the prosperity of the State and national people, it will also contribute to the practical application of the genuine and discipline-flourishing democratic system.

The sixth programme "convening of Hluttaws attended by Hluttaw members in accordance with the new constitution" and the seventh programme "building a modern, developed and democratic nation by the state leaders elected by the Hluttaw; and the government and other central organs formed by the Hluttaw", makes it clear that the Tatmadaw Government is standing steadfastly on the national cause so as to build a future State with the roadmap of the State.

It is strongly believed that the roadmap of the State, which emerged in conformity with the historical development, is "the duty defined by the national cause" in establishing a future state based on the attitude free from sectarian views without neglecting the practical life and desire of the State and national people. In other words, the roadmap of the State, which is to be implemented actively by the entire mass of national people including political parties equipped with love of the country, love of own race and love of the Union by adopting the genuine and discipline-flourishing democratic system for creating a modern, developed democracy, is also "the duty defined by the national cause" in the present history of Myanmar.

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## Volunteers enthusiastic about teaching Chinese overseas

GUANGZHOU, 27 Oct — Over 200 volunteers have registered to teach Chinese abroad in a project initiated by the Guangdong Provincial Overseas Exchange Association.

The association will set up a database of the volunteers to match them with the

invitations and requests from abroad, said Lu Weixiong, director of the Guangdong Provincial Overseas Exchange Association, at a forum held here Saturday on the volunteer work.

Most of the volunteers have a high level of education, with 12 per cent of them having master degrees and 62 per cent having bachelor degrees. They have worked as teachers, civil servants, reporters and engineers.

The project was launched in August. Since July 2001, the association has sent volunteers to help Chinese teachers in Indonesia.

Many people in other countries are interested in learning Chinese and more volunteers are needed, Lu said. Guangdong Province is home to many overseas Chinese.

MNA/Xinhua

## 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

## China's food industry output increases in first eight months

BEIJING, 27 Oct — China's food industry reported an output of around 801.1 billion yuan (96.87 billion US dollars) for the eight months to August, 18.67 per cent higher than that of the corresponding period last year.

According to the latest statistics from the China National Food Industry Association (CNFIA), the country's food industry also realized a sales volume of about 762.9 billion yuan (92.2 bil-

lion US dollars) from January to August, up 20.14 per cent over last year.

Despite the SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) outbreak in spring, China's food industry kept considerable growth in the first eight months of this year. All economic indexes reflected a sound operation in the food sector, which boasted both high investment and output levels, said CNFIA.

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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye pays...

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donated and acquisition of construction materials to Vice-Senior Maung Aye who gave necessary instructions.

Later, the ceremony to donate cash to the pagoda was held. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye accepted K 50 million donated by Myeik District Vehicles and Motorcycles Association, K 15 million by Dawei District Vehicles and Motorcycles Association and K 7.3 million by Kawthoung District Vehicles and Motorcycles Association.

Next, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo accepted K 5 mil-

lion donated by Managing Director of Pyiphyotun Co Dr Aung Lwin; K 5 million by U Maung Hla of International Fisheries (Taninthayi) Ltd; K 2 million by Thida Fisheries Co; K 2 million by Htu Htu Toe Co; K 1.5 million by U Soe Win-Daw Kyin Hon; K 1.5 million by U Maung Hla-Daw Shu Hlaing; K 1 million by Myeik Rice Merchants Association; K 1 million by Ahsaung Kaung Fisheries Co; K 1 million by U Ahaw-Daw May Than; K 1 million by U Hla Win-Daw Cho Cho; K 1 million by Yuzana Oil Palm Co; K 1 million by Taung Dagon Oil Palm Co; K 1 million by Po Kaung Oil Palm Co; K 1 million by Annawa Soe Co; K 1 million by Shwe Than Lwin Co; K 1 million by SI Co; K 1 million by Annawa Soe Moe Co; K 500,000 by

Myan Naing Myint Co; K 1 million by Asia World Co; K 200,000 by Moe Thauk Pan Store; K 3 million by U Kya Maung-Daw Mya Mya; K 1 million by Tet Nay Oil Palm Co; K 500,000 by Shwe Khamauk Oil Palm Co; K 500,000 by Aung Zin Mar Oil Palm Co; and K 1 million by Looking Forward Co totaling K 108.0 million.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior Maung Aye and party inspected construction work of the pagoda.

This morning, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party paid homage to members of the Sangha led by State Ovadacariya Zeyawadi Kyaugtaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Candavamsa at Gawthita Rama Pali Tekkatho Kyaugtaik.

First, State Ovadacariya



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offers eight requisites to Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sandavamsa. — MNA

Zeyawadi Kyaugtaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Candavamsa invested the congregation with the Five Precepts.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offered the eight requisites to Bhaddanta Candavamsa.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen

Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members offered the eight requisites to members of the Sangha.

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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye attends opening of new...



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects the newly-opened 200-bed General Hospital in Myeik. — MNA

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service of the citizens is a basic national need. The State is making all-round

efforts to uplift the health care services of the citizens, without leaving border areas. The recently-opened

hospital will have 308 staff including 12 surgeons, 12 specialists, 22 assistant doctors and 64 nurses and modern equipment will also be provided.

As investment in health sector is the basic one for all-

round development of the State, the ministry is increasing budget for health sector year after year. At present, there are 757 hospitals, up from 617 in 1988. In upgrading the hospitals, altogether 140 hospitals have been upgraded. The strength of doctors is 16,570, up from 12,268 in 1988. At the border areas, there are 52 hospitals, 82 dispensaries, 29 rural health units and 41 rural health branches, up from six hospitals in 1988. In addition, 43 township hospitals have been opened, he said.

In Taninthayi Division, there are 72 hospitals and 194 rural health units, up from 65 hospitals and 185 rural health units. Four hospitals have also been upgraded. To promote the health care services of hospitals in Yangon, Mandalay and other state/division/district level hospitals, a total of US \$ 21.9 million have been spent from 1999-2000 to 2002-2003.

Afterwards, he thanked the

officials concerned.

Wellwishers then presented cash for the hospital. The Secretary-1 accepted the donations — K 4.5 million by U Au-Daw May May Than family, K 4 million by K Construction Co Managing Director U Myint Swe-Daw Khin Than Win family, K 2,024,000 by U Hla Win, Daw Aye Aye Thwe family of Zin Yaw Min Co and K 1.8 million by Managing Director U Kya Maung Daw Mya Mya of Taninthayi Fishery Enterprise.

The Secretary-2 also accepted cash donations — K 1.5 million by Managing Director Dr Aung Lwin of Pyi Phyto Tun Co Ltd, K 1 million each by Director U Tin Myint of Thida Fishery Enterprise and Director U Win Bo of Htoo Htoo Toe Co Ltd and U Maung Hla-Daw Shu Hlaing family of Kyaukka Village. Afterwards, the ceremony came to a close.

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## Heroin, raw opium seized in Phakant

YANGON, 27 Oct — A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Myitkyina Special Anti-Drug Squad on 28 September seized 411 grams of heroin in the 31 soap cans hidden at the back of the house of U Ma Khawgan in Seikmu Village, Phakant Township.

On 30 September, the authorities also discovered 5.715 kilos of raw opium from the house of Daw Gaw Luywai in Seikmu Village.

In connection with the case, Phakant Police Station filed them under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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U Ma Khaw Gam and Daw Gaw Lu Ywai seen with seized narcotic drugs. MNA



A girl seen competing in the song contest at the basic education level (girls, aged 5-10). — MNA



Nu Life International Co Ltd held a ceremony to recognize Myanmar as its 11th international market in conjunction with its first rally for the member of Nu Life (Myanmar) at the Traders' Hotel on 26 October. The ceremony was attended by directors of Nu Life Int'l Co Ltd, general managers, resident chief officer in charge and its members. — MNA

## Performing Arts Competitions continue programmes

YANGON, 27 Oct — The 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued the programmes for the 14th day today at designated venues here from the morning to evening.

The competitions were enjoyed by members of the Panel of Patrons for the 11th MTCAPAC Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun; Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, officials of the work committees and subcommittees, enthusiasts, visiting tourists and students.

The song contest took place at the National Museum on Pyay Road here at 9 am today. At the amateur level, 13 contestants competed with the song "Man-taung-lat-yar"; and at the basic education level (girls, aged 5-10), 13 contestants competed with the song "Thida-thida-aye-ya-gyi".

The Ozi contest took place at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyauing Street in Dagon Township at 9 am. At the professional level, six Ozi troupes competed in the contest; and at the basic education level (boys, aged 15-20), six Ozi troupes competed in the contest. The Hsaing (Solo) contest was held at the Padonma Theatre on Bagaya Street in Sangyoung Township at 9 am. At the higher education level (Men), five contestants joined the competition with the song "Myaing-hay-ma"; and at the amateur level (Men), 14 contestants competed with the song "Htu-ma-cha-na". — MNA



## Universities and colleges have been...

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Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected the university in a motorcade. At Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party met with members of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council, division-level officials, the chairmen and members of Myeik District and Myeik Township Peace and Development Councils, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations, marine entrepreneurs and townsmen.

First, Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented a report saying that Taninthayi Division is the one with rice insufficiency; efforts are being made for ensuring rice sufficiency by extending paddy cultivation and boosting per-acre yield; it is targeted to achieve rice sufficiency in 2005-2006; with the objective of Taninthayi Division to become oil bowl of the nation, project for cultivation of oil palm on 500,000 acres of land is being implemented; at present, over 110,000 acres of land have been put under oil palm including the ones grown by the State, battalions and units, local private farmers and individuals and the oil palm cultivation companies; efforts will be made to meet the target; the target to grow rubber on 200,000 acres of land by the year 2005-2006 is under way; and it is targeted to be grown pepper on 26,000 acres of land.

Next, members of Sub-committees for Taninthayi Division Development Projects reported to Vice-Senior General Maung Aye on their respective tasks. Division Manager U Than Naing of Myanma Agriculture Service reported on work being carried out by Paddy Cultivation Sub-committee; Division Manager U Mya Shein of Myanma Perennial Crops on work of Oil Palm and Rubber Cultivation Sub-committee; Division Head U Khin Maung Lay of No-2 Mining Enterprise on work of Mining Sub-committee; Division Chief Engineer U Chit Pan of Public Works on work of Transportation Sub-committee; and Division Head U Than Oo Wai of Fishery Department on work of Fishery Sub-committee.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win made a speech saying that compared to its area, the population of the division is very sparse; as Taninthayi Division is blessed with natural resources, people residing in the division are to make efforts for ensuring regional development and peace and security; the states and divisions are striving for regional development under the lead-

ership of the State; therefore, Taninthayi Division is to strive for more development; especially, efforts are to be made for ensuring rice sufficiency in the region; as the division is rich in good soil it is sure that efforts for ensuring rice sufficiency will meet with success; the fishery sector has great potential among the productivity of the division; it is necessary to strive for boosting fish and prawn industry and promoting the meat and fish sector by extending fish and prawn breeding; for ensuring rice sufficiency the State has encouraged the tasks carried out for building embankment and over 5 miles of the embankment has been finished and as a result 11,000

economy of the State will develop with the systematic exploitation of natural resources, he said. He said in the division waterway is the main means of transport. Better transport contributes towards not only economy but also education, health and social aspects and it provides closer relations among the national races and helps consolidation of the Union Spirit. That is why arrangements were made for better transport in the division, he said. The government laid down short-term plans and implemented them for national development. Achievements have been made more than expected, he added.

Only when there is

ernment is making efforts to ensure simultaneous development in all parts of the country, including border areas. The development plans are being implemented by establishing the 24 development zones, in which Dawei and Myeik regions of Taninthayi Division are included.

Being a region which mainly relied on water transport and was difficult of access previously, two development zones were designated in Taninthayi Division for its development. It is therefore incumbent upon local officials, employees and the public to take energetically for regional development.

The region is made up of 10 townships. Energetic efforts are to be exerted to en-

tion of oil palm" it is needed to raise the living standard of local people.

At a time when other states and divisions are hammering away at their regional development drives, Taninthayi Division should carry out its development projects in competition with them not to be lagged behind in development, he concluded. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted those present on the occasion.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party flew to Dawei from Myeik yesterday afternoon. At Aung San Hall of Dawei Station, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye met with officers and other ranks of battalions and units of Dawei Station and their families and gave in-

development was due to the correct objectives of the Government; and that if the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw continued working together in unison with the correct policies, the development pace of the State would gain acceleration. And Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greeted those present on the occasion. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived at the Dawei University this morning. At the briefing hall, he heard reports on the brief background history of the university, courses being conducted at the university, the population of students, and staff welfare. Minister for Education U Than Aung also made additional reports.

Next, Senior Engineer U



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye hears a report presented by Pro-Rector of Dawei University U Kyaw Kyaw Htay. — MNA

acres of land have been prevented from floods; thanks to the correct leadership of the State and collective efforts of service personnel and people, the nation including Taninthayi Division is witnessing fruitful results of development; efforts being made by the State with goodwill are aimed at raising the living standard of national people; arrangements are also being made to transform the country into discipline-flourishing democratic nation; the seven-point policy programme of the State will support in states and divisions; the government will try its best for development of the State. The Secretary-1 urged the local people and service personnel to strive for development of the citizens in economic and education sectors in harmony with the development of the State.

In his address, the Secretary-2 said Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party came to the division to attend the inauguration of Laynya-Mandaing Bridge and Kyweku-Kyaukphya Bridge and to fulfil requirements for development of the region. He said Taninthayi Division has plenty of natural resources in agriculture, fish and meat, forest, mineral and energy sectors. In other words, it can be said that the division is food warehouse for posterity, he said.

The division and the

progress in the states and divisions will the nation develop. He called on officials of the division to make efforts for development of agriculture, fish and meat and mineral sectors, he said. National entrepreneurs are engaged in cultivation of oil palm in the division. Local officials and people are to provide assistance to them, he said. He said ensuring security is important for regional development and called for cooperation in the tasks for peace and stability.

Later, in his speech, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that Taninthayi Division has become more developed now than in his previous visit to the region. The region becomes so owing to the united efforts of Tatmadawmen, departments and locals hand in hand with the Government.

Since its assumption of the State's responsibilities by the Tatmadaw, progress has been made in the implementation of the political, economical and social objectives after being laid down. With the 12 objectives as the base, measures will be taken to stabilize and develop the country. The 12 political, economic and social objectives are under way for non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of the national solidarity and perpetuity of sovereignty.

Laying down the three development plans, the Gov-

sure the progress of the 10 townships by drawing detailed plans and making field trips down to grass-roots level for the success of development undertakings.

The modern, developed nation must be built with the strength of intellectuals and intelligentsia. Therefore, officials are to take necessary steps to increase the number of individuals who completed the basic education and who can have access to higher education in respective townships of the region. In the implementation of regional development tasks in addition to producing human resources, arrangements are also to be made for the region not to be lagged far behind in development when compared with other states and divisions.

Officials at division, district and township levels are to arrange trips down to rural grass-roots level and make efforts for the success of all-round development tasks, just as the Government is making field tours down to the township level.

As national entrepreneurs from other regions are coming to the region to invest in the cultivation of oil palm trees, local people should also do the same thing on a manageable scale according to the size of their capitals.

In accord with the motto "boost economy through cul-

structions. He also intimately greeted them later.

The Secretary-1, accompanied by ministers and deputy ministers, met with local authorities, departmental officials and staff, members of social organizations and townsmen at the city hall of Dawei.

At the get-together, the Secretary-1 heard reports on cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy; condition of local rice sufficiency; cultivation of oil palm, rubber and pepper; on-shore and off-shore fisheries; fish and prawn breeding industries; mining sector; transport sector; and education and health sectors, and attended to the requirements. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Boreported on places suitable for generation of hydel power electricity and the availability of electricity.

After hearing the reports, the Secretary-1 explained the purpose of their visit led by Vice-Senior General Maung Aye to Taninthayi Division, measures being taken systematically for national development, and assistance to be coordinated and rendered to prosperity of Dawei District. Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye arrived at the city hall and explained that thanks to the collective endeavours of the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw, the State had undergone regionwise progress; that the emerging

Thein Saw reported on progress in construction of school buildings at the university. After hearing the reports, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye urged the teachers to produce well-rounded individuals the State can rely on and the engineers to construct buildings meeting the set standard. Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspected the progress of construction at the university. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party flew to Yangon by Tatmadaw aircraft and arrived back here at 3 in the afternoon.

U Than Aung, Minister for Education, a member of the entourage, visited Dawei Education College on 26 October evening. At the briefing hall, he heard reports on matters related to the college and gave instructions.

He also inspected round the college. At the Dawei University, the minister met with pro-rector, professors, associate professors, lectures and faculty members and gave instructions.

Likewise, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint inspected the Dawei People's Hospital on 26 October evening. At the hospital, he met with the medical superintendent, specialists, doctors and nurses and gave instructions. The minister also visited the training school for nurses and met with trainee nurses there. —MNA

## Prime Minister attends...

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Myanmar had the experiences of holding the Asian Circuit Archery contest successfully in 1998. Therefore, it is believed that the contest to be held soon will be able to reflect the glory of Myanmar and the national prestige and integrity.

It is encouraging to see that MAF, in its eighth years tenure, has been able to compete with its counterparts of the People's Republic of China, Korea, etc. who are 20 to 30 years of age.

But, the lessons—if the athletes are overconfident over their efficiency they will be away from the victories they ought to win as in the case of the best horse may slip sometimes—are to

be drawn.

The Myanmar archers are to make relentless efforts with a sense of spirit to win as they are to compete with over 20 archery teams with about 250 archers from over 20 nations although they are qualified and have been able to secure gold medals in the international contests.

To be able to hold the contests on a grand scale, officials of the respective departments and organizations are making sustained efforts, and it is incumbent upon the Myanmar archers to compete with unyielding spirit.

Therefore, the Myanmar archers are urged to take part in the contests with

mental and spiritual fitness to be able to take part in the 2004 Athens Olympic Archery Contest.

The Myanmar archers are also urged to take part in a fair way, showing the glory, politeness and hospitality of Myanmar and sporting spirit.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspected sports gear, medals and certificates, posters, signboards and pamphlets being shown at the hall of the National Football training camp. Next, the Prime Minister inspected preparations for holding the 13th Asian Championship Archery Contest 2003 and the 2004 Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier at Youth Sports Training Centre (Thuwunna).—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye accepts cash donated by wellwishers for the Maha Theikdzaya Pagoda. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint attends final rites of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandobhasa of Nyaungbin-ai-tawya monastery in PyinOoLwin and Salingyi

YANGON, 27 Oct— The final rites of Presiding Nayaka Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Nandobhasa of Nyaungbin-ai-tawya monastery in PyinOoLwin and Salingyi Townships was held at Sankyauing in Nyaungbin-ai-tawya monastery in PyinOoLwin yesterday.

The Sayadaw passed away on 20 October 2003 at the age of 82.

Present were State Ovadacariya Sayadaws led by Abhidhaja Maha Ratha Guru Bhaddanta Agghiya of Shwekyin Nikaya Shwekyin Sasanabaing Mandalay Withokdayon Taikthit Waso Kyaung Sayadaw, State Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaws, members of the Sangha, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint

Maung, PyinOoLwin Station Commander Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt of Supreme Court (Upper Myanmar), military officers of PyinOoLwin Station, heads of departments, members of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council, departmental officials, relatives of the Sayadaw, officials of the committees for holding of the final rites of the Sayadaw, religious associations, disciples, local people and nuns.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and officials draped the remains of the Sayadaw with the velvet robe.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Bodhitaung Kyaungtaik in Monywa Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Narada (See page 15)



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspect archery gear, medals and posters displayed at the national football training camp. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun enjoys the Hsaing contest at amateur level at the Padonma Theatre. — MNA

## Banking Services Course opens

YANGON, 27 Oct — Banking Services Course (Officer) No 2 was opened this afternoon at the meeting hall of the Central Bank of Myanmar with an address by Minister for Finance and

Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

A total of 60 trainees of State-owned banks and private banks are attending the two-month course.

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Banks Association Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, F & R Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and other officials attended the opening ceremony.

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Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses the opening of No 2 general banking services (officer) course. — MNA

## Chinese Communications Minister and party leave for home

YANGON, 27 Oct— Minister of Communications of China Mr Zhang Chunxian and party, who attended the Second ASEAN+China Transport Ministers meeting hosted by Myanmar, left here by air this afternoon.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Chinese Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun and the embassy staff.—MNA



A girl seen competing in the xylophone contest (girls, aged 10-15). — MNA

## Rehabilitation Medicine Conference on 1-2 November

YANGON, 27 Oct — The Society of Rehabilitation Medicine of the Myanmar Medical Association, will hold its 1st Rehabilitation Medicine Conference on 1-2 November at MMA at No 249 on Theinbyu Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township.

Nine papers on Musculoskeletal problems will be submitted at three symposiums — Symposium on Neuropathic Pain, symposium on Perspectives of Osteoporosis and Symposium on Osteoarthritis Knee.

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

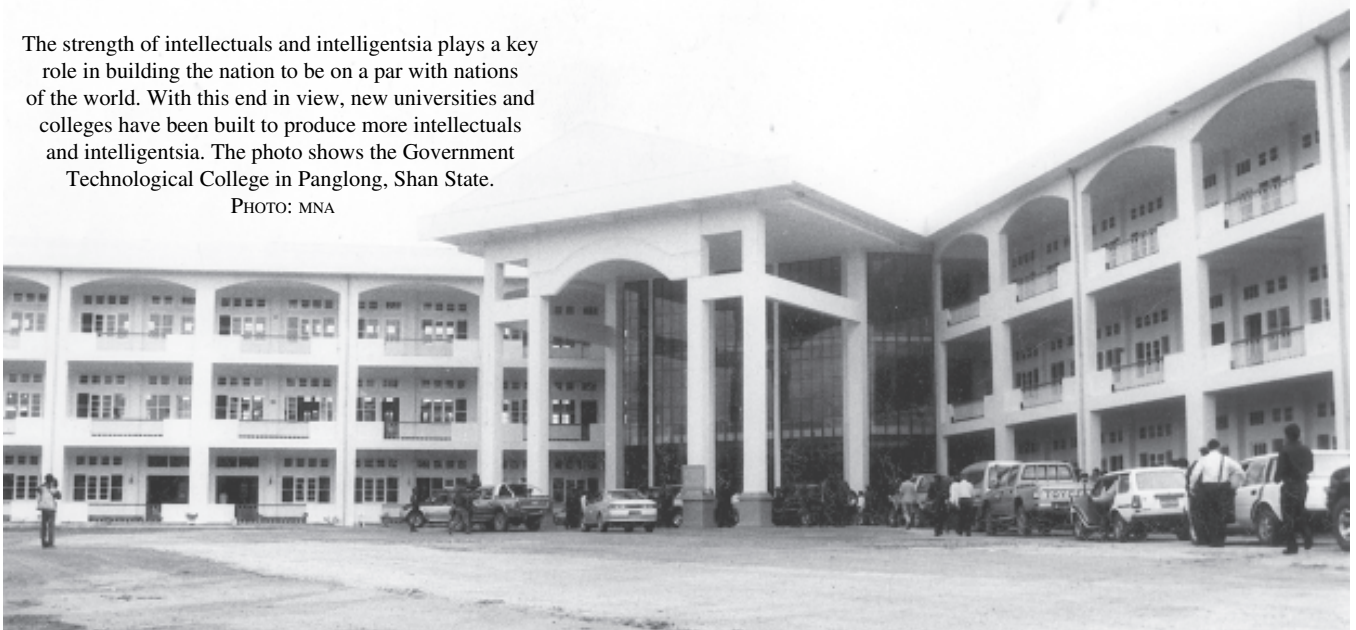


Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation is one of the social objectives of the State. With the objective, the government is building new hospitals across the nation. The photo shows the Maubin General Hospital.

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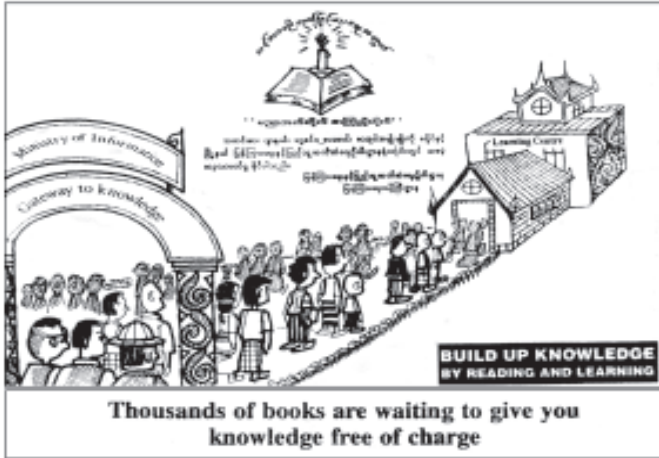
The strength of intellectuals and intelligentsia plays a key role in building the nation to be on a par with nations of the world. With this end in view, new universities and colleges have been built to produce more intellectuals and intelligentsia. The photo shows the Government Technological College in Panglong, Shan State.

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Industrial development is one of the key factors for national development. Therefore, the government is encouraging industrial development. The photo shows Pakokku Textile Mill project of Myanma Textile Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1. — MNA





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## Kenya to produce bacteria to fight mosquito

**NAIROBI, 27 Oct** — Kenya plans to open Africa's first factory dedicated to the production of bacterial pesticides to help tackle malaria, one of the continent's biggest killers, an international research body said on Friday.

The disease kills about 3,000 children a day and costs the world's poorest continent around 12 billion US dollars a year.

The International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE) said the 1.5-million-US-dollar facility would be operational within six weeks.

The factory will produce seven to eight tons of liquid *Bacillus Thuringiensis* (Bt) annually.

The pesticide, which can be sprayed on water and plants, is lethal to malaria-carrying mosquitoes.

It has been around for 20 years but has not been used extensively in Africa because of its high cost. Pro-

ducing the pesticide in Kenya will reduce its cost to a third.

"It is squarely a scandal that with the means we have available that malaria is still that prevalent on this continent," Hans Herren, director-general of ICIPE told reporters.

The factory will distribute Bt to the worst affected communities in the coast region and the western highlands.

Kenya spends about 40,000 US dollars annually to import the bacteria from China for horticultural use, the Chinese Ambassador to Kenya, Guo Chongli said.

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## ပြည်တွင်းပြစ်တိုအားပေးပါ

## EU gives cyberdetectives advice on computer crime

**BRUSSELS, 27 Oct** — Making evidence of cybercrime stand up in court should be easier after the European Commission released guidelines on Friday on how to investigate computer viruses, Web site hacking and online credit card fraud.

Just like physical evidence, any electronic evidence of online crime contained in Web site logs, emails or data files can easily be damaged during an investigation.

While police procedures on physical evidence have existed for a long time, the Commission said its guidelines were the first to give comprehensive advice on

tackling computer crime.

"The tools developed by the project represent the first complete end-to-end methodology to guide investigators through the difficult task of computer forensics," it said. EU researchers developed the guidelines with advice from police and lawyers as well as French telecommunications firm Alcatel and British Government defence agency QinetiQ.

The project's Web site

gives firm advice of how to deal with typical problems they might face, from a civil dispute over an e-commerce transaction to hackers placing illegal material on a company Web site.

"The methodology ensures all electronic evidence is legally and properly gathered and preserved, acting as uncontaminated and compelling proof that a crime or fraud has been committed," the EU's executive said in a statement. —MNA/Reuters

## Prince William slams mother's telltale butler

**LONDON, 27 Oct** — Prince William, elder son of Britain's heir to the throne Prince Charles, attacked his mother's former butler on Friday for his "cold and overt betrayal" of Princess Diana.

In a strongly worded statement, 21-year-old William urged Paul Burrell to put an end to his disclosures about the private life of Diana, who was killed in a Paris car crash in 1997. Burrell's book *A Royal Duty* has been serialized in the *Daily Mirror* newspaper this week.

Burrell has made a series of claims, including one that Diana feared for her life and spoke of a plot to tamper with the brakes of her car.

"We cannot believe that Paul who was entrusted with so much could abuse his po-

sition in such a cold and overt betrayal," Prince William said in the statement, also speaking on behalf of his younger brother Prince Harry.

"It is not only deeply painful for the two of us but also for everyone else affected and it would mortify our mother if she were alive today. And, if we might say so, we feel we are more able to speak for our mother than Paul.

"We ask Paul please to bring these revelations to an end."

MNA/Reuters

## Diana photographers go on trial in privacy case

**PARIS, 27 Oct** — Three photographers who took pictures of Britain's Princess Diana and her friend Dodi al Fayed in their car just before their fatal 1997 crash went on trial in Paris on Friday for invasion of privacy.

However, the defendants in the first criminal trial relating to the crash were likely to face only symbolic pun-

ishment after the public prosecutor requested suspended prison sentences for them.

The judge said he would issue a verdict on November 28. The case hangs on a precedent in French law under which the interior of a car is deemed private, even on a public road.

Under the country's strict privacy laws, the photographers could in theory be jailed for a year and ordered to pay fines of 45,000 euros.

Diana, al Fayed and driver Henri Paul died in a high-speed crash in a tunnel on August 31, 1997, as their Mercedes was pursued by paparazzi on motorbikes through central Paris.

MNA/Reuters

## Wal-Mart to check its payrolls for illegal workers

**CHICAGO, 27 Oct** — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. said on Saturday it would review the status of its 1.1 million US employees and fire any illegal immigrants on the payroll if US law requires it.

The internal probe at the world's largest retailer comes amid a government investigation into allegations that contractor cleaning crews used by Wal-Mart had recruited illegal immigrants to work on cleaning crews at the stores for the world's largest retailer.

The company, which has promised to cooperate with federal officials, said it would scrutinize the background of its own employees to ensure that none are employed illegally. "We're reviewing the status in various areas," said Wal-Mart spokesman Tom

Williams.

"If that is the case — and we don't believe it to be — we're obviously going to follow the law."

US officials this week arrested about 250 workers at 60 stores in 21 states as part of a "worksite enforcement" effort known as "Operation Rollback". Most of the workers belonged to contract cleaning crews.

Federal law enforcement officials said some Wal-Mart executives had direct knowledge of the alleged scheme. A spokesman with the Immigration and Customs Enforce-

ment said this week that a company that knowingly hires illegal workers can be penalized up to 10,000 US dollars per person.

The Bentonville, Arkansas-based retailer is the largest US private-sector employer with about 1.1 million workers in the United States and 1.4 million worldwide.

Wal-Mart already faces dozens of lawsuits alleging discrimination and violations of wage-and-hour rules. The company has taken criticism from labour groups who say it has an anti-union stance.

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## Over 8 million Chinese find jobs in first nine months

**BEIJING, 27 Oct—** An additional 8.12 million people found jobs in China in the first nine months of this year, Minister of Labour and Social Security Zheng Silin said Saturday. The country created 6.5 million new jobs in the first nine months, said Zheng, when reporting to the fifth meeting of the Standing Committee of the 10th National People's Congress (NPC), the country's top legislature.

"It is very much possible to fulfil this year's goal of employment when the country is experiencing such favourable economic growth," Zheng said.

China plans to create eight million new jobs and help re-employ four million laid-off workers, of whom one million are 40 to 50 years old, to keep urban unemployment below 4.5 per cent this year.

About 3.5 million laid-off workers had found jobs again by September, of whom 980,000 are aged between 40 and 50, he said.

According to the government, China's urban areas are expected to add 10 million new job-seekers and six million workers laid off from state-owned and collective enterprises this year with eight million already registered jobless, adding up to 24 million who need jobs.

Companies will be under tighter watch by the government when laying their employees off, Zheng said.

A company is not allowed to file bankruptcy until it puts forward a proper and satisfactory solution on how to place its employees and is forbidden to dismiss people without compensation in line with laws or to default on their salary, he said.

"Large state-owned enterprises are required to report to local government before they fire a large number of employees," he added.

Because of the outbreak of SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) in the first half of this year, China's service sector and manufacturing industry failed to recruit as many employees as usual.

Not all preferential policies for re-employment of laid-off workers, such as loans and tax cuts, were fully implemented, Zheng said.

The central government has sent 13 teams to make sure that the re-employment policies are carried out at the local level, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Aged Chinese to increase by 3.2% yearly

**BEIJING, 27 Oct—** The elderly population of China is forecast to grow by 3.2 per cent every year in China, said Minister of Civil Affairs Li Xueju here Saturday. Li gave a report on protecting the rights and interests of China's senior citizens at the fifth session of the 10th National People's Congress Standing Committee.

China reports a high growth of its aged population and has already moved into an aging society in step with many other countries, he added.

China has about 134 million people older than 60, or 10 per cent of the country's total population, among whom 94 million are over 65 and 13 million over 80.

"China has become an aging society but is not rich enough to cope with it," said Li, adding that most developed countries step into an aging society with per capita GDP from 5,000 to 10,000 US dollars whereas that in China is less than 1,000 US dollars now.

The aging process in China is going in an unbalanced way, Li said.

Shanghai, a metropolis in developed east China, entered the aging society in 1979 whereas the less developed provinces like Qinghai in northwest China are likely to face the problem in 2010.

"An aging society has unfavourable influence on economic development," he said.

The government spending on pension and welfare for the elderly in 2000 was about five times as much as in 1982.

A number of aged people are still facing difficulties in their daily life. Some urban

elderly people failed to enjoy basic health care and pension while the situation is even worse in the rural areas.

"To better protect the rights and interests of aged people, the government will improve basic health care services for them and guarantee pensions to be paid on time and in full," Li said.

The central government will invest more government funds in providing residence and health care services for poor old people, who still account for a considerable portion of the needy population in China, Li said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Head of Russian Yukos oil firm detained in Siberia

**Moscow, 27 Oct—** Russian oil magnate Mikhail Khodorkovsky was detained by Russian special police on Saturday morning in the Siberian city of Novosibirsk, a spokesman for his oil company Yukos said.

Alexander Shadrin, spokesman of Yukos told Reuters Khodorkovsky's aircraft was approached by a carload of officers identifying themselves as members of the FSB domestic intelligence service when it landed at Novosibirsk Airport on a flight from Moscow.

MNA/Reuters



An Oscar statue and the entrance to the Kodak Theatre are shown in this file photo taken before this year's Academy Awards in Hollywood. Hollywood's major movies studios have reached agreement on a plan that will lift the controversial ban on mailing videotapes and DVDs, or "screeners", of films vying for Oscars, officials representing the studios said on Thursday. —INTERNET

## Britain, Australia warn of terror attack in Saudi Arabia

**LONDON, 27 Oct—** Britain has dramatically raised its warning to travellers not to go to Saudi Arabia, saying terror attacks may be imminent.

"We advise British nationals against all but essential travel to Saudi Arabia. We believe that terrorists may be in the final phases of planning attacks," the Foreign Office said in a new warning issued on Friday. The previous warning had said simply that attacks against Westerners were "likely".

Australia also said it had new information that terrorists might be close to carrying out new attacks in Saudi Arabia.

The Australian Foreign Affairs and Trade Department said on Saturday that the level of its warning against non-essential travel to the country was unchanged.

But it said in new guidance issued on Thursday "there is new information suggesting that further terrorist attacks in Saudi Arabia may be in the final stages of planning".

The warnings followed an admission from Saudi Arabia that it had arrested nearly 600 people in a crackdown on militants since suspected al-Qaeda suicide bombers struck Riyadh in May. The conservative kingdom, birthplace of al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, has faced intense pressure to crush al-Qaeda cells since the September 11, 2001, hijacked-plane attacks on the United States in which 15 of the 19 hijackers were Saudis. —MNA/Reuters

## WHO technical meeting on health promotion concludes in HK

**HONG KONG, 27 Oct—** The three-day technical meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Hong Kong concluded Saturday after discussing issues on health promotion.

The Evidence of Health Promotion Effectiveness Technical Meeting provided an opportunity for participants to share, preview and examine evidence of the effectiveness of health promotion from selected projects through presentations and discussions, said Director of WHO's Department of Non-communicable Disease Promotion Pekka Puska.

"The meeting helped in developing guidelines for practitioners to plan and

evaluate interventions. It also gathered input for WHO's future action in global health promotion programmes and world conference," Puska added. —MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese scientists promote biometrics technologies

**BEIJING, 27 Oct—** Scientists from China's top research body, the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), suggested Saturday that governmental regulators set uniform technical standards for biometrics products, new hi-tech favourites of places in need of high security, such as airports.

The CAS Institute of Automation, which leads others in biometrics research and commercialization, invited competing research bodies, governmental regulators as well as companies throughout the country into a forum Saturday.

With this endeavour, the institute, also successful in earning money from their fashionable gadgets, wished to avoid unfair rivalry from the budding competition.

Biometrics is computerized verification of human features, regardless of physical or

behavioural characteristics. Individuals could be identified, with high precision, by their facial features, irises, fingerprints, voice and handwriting.

The International Civil Aviation Organization advised its members to put biometrics information into passports and other identifications. Although Chinese scientists have gained the know-how of biometrics technologies, Chinese manufacturers still need to import key hardware from developed countries. —MNA/Xinhua

## Study shows chopsticks may cause arthritis

**WASHINGTON, 27 Oct—** Using chopsticks may cause arthritis in the hand, US researchers reported on Friday.

A study of more than 2,500 residents of Beijing found that osteoarthritis was more common in the hands used to operate chopsticks — and in the fingers specifically stressed by chopstick use.

While the effect is not big, and not likely to discourage anyone from using chopsticks, it merits further study, the researchers told a meeting of the American College of Rheumatology Orlando, Florida.

Dr David Hunter of the Boston University School of Medicine and colleagues interviewed 2,507 60-year-old residents in randomly selected Beijing neighbourhoods.

They asked them whether they were left- or right-handed, especially when eating, studied how they handled their chopsticks and took X-rays.

Each joint was checked for signs of osteoarthritis, and then the team compared how many people had arthritis in the chopstick-using hand as opposed to the other hand.

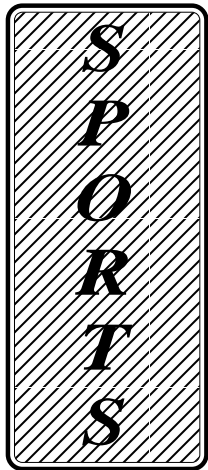
Arthritis was more likely in the chopstick-using hands — specifically the thumb and the second and third joints on the first and third fingers.

"This study suggests that chopsticks may play a role in the development of hand osteoarthritis," Hunter said in a statement.

"While the increase in risk associated with chopstick use is small, this accounts for a large proportion of the osteoarthritis in these joint groups. We recommend further biomechanical research to evaluate the forces involved in chopstick use."

Hunter noted that other studies have shown that using the hands repetitively can stress the joints and cause arthritis.

MNA/Reuters



## Barcelona, Real Sociedad back on track in Spanish Liga

MADRID, 27 Oct—Barcelona beat Real Mallorca 3-1 on Sunday to claim their first Primera Liga win in five attempts, while Real Sociedad got back on track with a valuable 1-0 win at home to Osasuna.

Barca, under pressure after a run of two draws and two defeats, took the lead away to Mallorca with a Javier Saviola strike that just crossed the line after nine minutes.

Ronaldinho fired in a free kick after 23 minutes and Philip Cocu headed in the third early in the second half.

Mallorca improved in the final half-hour and pulled one back four minutes from time

through Fernando Correa but the result was never in doubt, even after Barcelona had midfielder Gabri sent off in the first minute of injury time.

Barcelona's third victory of the league season gave them 12 points from eight games and took them up to seventh, behind Real Sociedad on goal difference.

Sociedad, last season's runners-up, were grateful to

a Darko Kovacevic header for their victory over Osasuna, a first Primera Liga win since September 20.

Deportivo Coruna went top of the league on Saturday with a 2-1 win at home to Valencia, while Real Madrid moved up to second thanks to a 3-1 victory over Racing Santander at the Bernabeu.

Deportivo have 21 points, followed by Real and Valencia on 19 and Osasuna on 14.

Real Betis improved to fifth on Sunday with 13 points after a 3-2 win at home to Albacete. Barcelona needed a good performance after dispiriting defeats at home to Valencia and Deportivo Coruna and recent speculation about Patrick Kluivert's future at the club.

Coach Frank Rijkaard opted to play Saviola up front in place of the Dutch international forward and he was rewarded with a first goal from the Argentine after nine minutes, when he got just enough contact on the ball to beat Leo Franco.

Barca pulled further clear with a spectacular free kick from Ronaldinho midway through the first half and Ricardo Quaresma and Luis Garcia both missed excellent chances to score further goals. The third did arrive six minutes after the break when Thiago Motta advanced down the left and crossed for Cocu to head in at the near post.

MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's French player Zinedine Zidane takes a shot against Racing de Santander during a Spanish league soccer match in Madrid, Spain on 25 October, 2003.—INTERNET

## Juventus, AC Milan extend lead in Serie A

ROME, 27 Oct—Juventus and AC Milan opened up a five-point gap at the top of Serie A on Sunday with comfortable 2-0 wins over Brescia and Sampdoria.

Juve goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon had to save an early Roberto Baggio penalty to keep his side level but midfielder Pavel Nedved and striker David Trezeguet scored for the Italian champions before halftime in Turin.

Ukraine striker Andriy Shevchenko's seventh goal in as many games wrapped up a comfortable win for Milan at promoted Sampdoria after his Danish strike partner Jon Dahl Tomasson had given them the lead just before the interval.

Juve and AC Milan have 19 points but later on Sunday third-placed AS Roma (14) can close to within two points if they beat Inter Milan at the San Siro Stadium.

With one win in six matches, Brescia began as underdogs at Turin's Stadio delle Alpi but earned their fourth-minute penalty when defender Ciro Ferrara barged striker Andrea Caracciolo.

Ex-Juve striker Baggio stepped up but his effort was saved and two minutes later the home side had taken the lead.

Winger Gianluca Zambrotta dashed down the left and cut the ball across the area for midfielder Nedved to spin and beat keeper Sebastian Saja with a right-footed shot.

Juve completed the victory just before halftime when Mauro Camoranesi crossed from the right and French international striker Trezeguet headed into the net.

Juve's chief Serie A challengers, AC Milan, also enjoyed an easy win against newly-promoted Sampdoria, despite starting without injured striker Filippo Inzaghi.

Sampdoria's Francesco Antonioli did well to parry a long-range effort by Milan's Rui Costa in the early stages but the ex-AS Roma keeper mistimed a run out of goal in the 38th minute to gift the ball to Milan defender Dario Simic.

Simic picked out Tomasson and the Danish international slid the ball into the empty net.

In the 59th minute Shevchenko produced a cool left-footed finish after Brazilian midfielder Serginho used his speed to open up Sampdoria defence on the left.

Shevchenko consolidated his position as Serie A's top scorer this season alongside Parma's Brazilian striker Adriano, who scored in his side's 3-0 victory over Modena.

Elsewhere, fifth-placed Lazio won 2-1 after a frantic final 10 minutes against Bologna.

After a sterile first half Lazio coach Roberto Mancini brought on striker Simone Inzaghi.

The decision paid off seven minutes from time as Inzaghi charged down a ball in the area and chipped it over Pagliuca.

The celebrations turned sour four minutes later when a deflected own goal by midfielder Ousmane Dabo brought Bologna level, but there was still time for Italian

international striker Bernardo Corradi to head a 89th-minute winner.

Elsewhere, Udinese striker Dino Fava Passaro hit a hat-trick in the 3-3 draw with Perugia. Bottom-placed Ancona remained without a win after a goalless draw against Reggina.

MNA/Reuters



Juventus Turin Czech midfielder Pavel Nedved celebrates after scoring a goal against Brescia. — INTERNET

## AZ Alkmaar thrash Zwolle 4-0 to go top in Netherlands

AMSTERDAM, 27 Oct—AZ Alkmaar thrashed bottom team Zwolle 4-0 to go top of the Dutch First Division on Saturday.

Alkmaar have 22 points after nine matches, one more point than Ajax who travel to third-placed PSV Eindhoven (19 points) on Sunday.

Heerenveen lost 2-1 against NEC Nijmegen but stayed fourth with 15 points.

Ali Elkhattabi put AZ ahead after only three minutes and they settled their seventh win of the season with goals in the last seven minutes of the first half by Kenneth Perez and Stijn Huysegems. Two minutes after the break Barry van Galen completed the rout.

AZ will only lead the Dutch standings for 24 hours. The winners of Sunday's clash between PSV and Ajax will take over while a draw will put the Amsterdam side back on top.

Last crowned Dutch champions in 1981, AZ are not members of the traditional top three, Ajax, PSV and Feyenoord, who have won 38 of the last 39 titles between them.

Former Heerenveen striker Dennis de Nooijer gave NEC the lead a minute before halftime at Heerenveen and Youssouf Hersi doubled it 17 minutes into the second half.

Four minutes before the final whistle, Georgios Samaras pulled one back for the home side but could not prevent their first home defeat this season.

Vitesse Arnhem seemed on their way to victory at Groningen as Frenchman Didier Martel opened the scoring after 63 minutes.

But goals by Arvid Smit and Martin Drent in the last four minutes gave the home side victory and left Vitesse one from bottom.

ADO Den Haag and NAC Breda shared the points in a 1-1 draw. Gijs Cales opened for the home side after 19 minutes, but in the last minute defender Rob Penders equalized with a header.

RBC Roosendaal came from behind to win 2-1 at RKC Waalwijk. Said Boutahar gave the home side a 1-0 halftime lead, but goals by Sidney Lammens and Esad Razic lifted RBC to eighth. — MNA/Reuters

## Henry cracker helps Arsenal regain top spot

LONDON, 27 Oct — A superbly struck free kick by Thierry Henry sent unbeaten Arsenal back to the top of the Premier League on Sunday after a 1-1 draw at Charlton Athletic.

The France striker notched his 10th goal in all competitions this season with a 40th-minute equalizer after Paolo di Canio had fired Charlton ahead from the penalty spot.

Arsenal, who have 24 points, are one point ahead of Chelsea with Manchester United, surprisingly beaten 3-1 at home by Fulham on Saturday, in third place on 22.

Arsenal manager Arsene

Wenger upped the pace and we had a good period in the final 20 minutes of the first half. But we did not find our second gear to put them under pressure again. We did not create many chances.

"I feel we had great spirit and the players are disappointed that we did not win today."

Arsenal, looking to bounce back after Tuesday's 2-1 Champions League



Thierry Henry.—INTERNET

Wenger was happy to take home a point after conceding his side had not hit top gear at The Valley, where they had enjoyed 3-0 wins in the last two seasons. "It was a difficult game. Charlton played very tight. They worked very hard and are a tough team to beat," Wenger told Sky Sports television.

"The penalty had one merit. It woke us up and we

defeat at Dynamo Kiev, made two changes from the side beaten in Ukraine with Fredrik Ljungberg and Dennis Bergkamp starting in place of Edu and Sylvain Wiltord. Both sides spurned half-chances in a bright opening but it was Charlton, with three successive league wins behind them, who went ahead on 27 minutes.

MNA/Reuters

## Monaco back on top in French Ligue

PARIS, 27 Oct—Monaco went back to the top of France's Ligue 1 by the narrowest of margins after drawing 1-1 at Sochaux on Sunday. Monaco and Olympique Marseille both have 24 points and a goal difference of 10 but Monaco have scored one more goal.

Fernando Morientes gave Monaco a halftime lead with his first league goal since moving from Real Madrid, a superb flicked header into the top corner in the 22nd minute.

Sochaux equalized with an equally fine header by Pierre-Alain Frau midway through the second half and kept Monaco under consistent pressure until the final whistle.

Marseille beat Stade Rennes 2-0 on Saturday while champions Olympique Lyon went third on 21 points after beating Nantes 1-0 away. Paris St. Germain (20) drew 0-0 at AC Ajaccio. — MNA/Reuters



# Lt-Gen Ye Myint ...

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Next, Taungpawkyang Sayadaw in Salingyi Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Ardiccavamsa read the biography of the Sayadaw.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint supplicated on religious matters. He presented offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Agghiya. The minister and officials also presented offertories to the members of the Sangha. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Agghiya delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

Next, the remains of the Sayadaw was conveyed onto the carriage by disciples, relatives of the Sayadaw and Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party. The carriage was conveyed to the place where the final rites was to be held.

Members of the Sangha conveyed the remains of the Sayadaw onto the pyre. Lt-Gen Ye Myint then pressed the button to burn the pyre.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint reads out a Dhamma Thanwega Gatha at the final rites of Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandobhasa.— MNA



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Tuesday, October 28

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1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

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2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. ကမ္ဘာပန်ဥယျာဉ်

8:00 am

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

7. Song of yesteryears

8:20 am

8. ကျောက်ကြီးပေါက်တီး

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Grammar made easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English For Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

4:55 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လုံခြုံစွာ

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

- ပထမအပိုင်း (သိပ္ပံအထူးပြုအားပေး)

(ရုပ်ပုံ)

5:10 pm

6. Dance of national races

5:25 pm

7. စံနားနားဆင်တေးစာတံတော်

5:40 pm

8. သုံးဆယ့်ပေးရတနာတံတော်

5:50 pm

9. Sing and enjoy

6:30 pm

10. Evening news

7:00 pm

11. Weather report

7:05 pm

12. Milo success in soccer

7:10 pm

13. Musical programme

7:25 pm

14. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစွန့်ပစ်ခြင်း

နိမ့်လမ်းစာတော်

7:40 pm

15. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

9:00 pm

19. ၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ်၊ ကောသလအကြိမ်

(၁၁ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု

အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အဝါးပြိုင်ပွဲ

နိမ့်လမ်းစာတော်

"ဓမ္မဗျူဟာသင်တန်း" (အပိုင်း-၄)

20. Calcio Serie A

Highlight

21. The next day's

programme



Tuesday, October 28

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

-The hardest thing (98')

-Heart of gold (Willie Nelson)

9:00 pm

English Lesson: Look Ahead (56)

9:15 pm

Article/Music

9:25 pm

Weekly sports reel

9:35 pm

Music for your listening pleasure

-Stay (Stephen Gately)

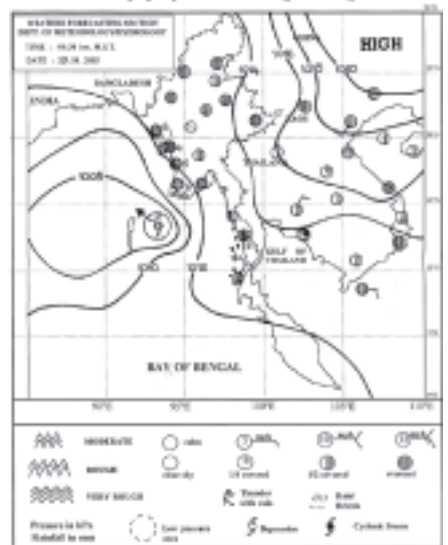
9:45 pm

News/Slogan

10:00 pm

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## Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Monday, 27 October, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division, isolated in upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 26-10-2003 was 34.5°C (94°F). Minimum temperature on 27-10-2003 was 22.0°C (72°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 27-10-2003 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 26-10-2003 was (7.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 27-10-2003 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 2202 mm (86.68 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2315 mm (91.14 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2381 mm (93.74 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 26-10-2003.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09.30) hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area in the Southeast Bay has intensified into a depression. It is centred about (50) miles Southwest of Coco Island (Myanmar). It is forecast to move Northwest wards slowly and may intensify further. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 28-10-2003: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered to widespread in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Moderate to rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed may reach (35) mph. Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain in Rakhine State.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-10-2003: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-10-2003: Partly cloudy.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents offertories to Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddammajotika Dhaja Bhaddanta Pandhavamsa. — MNA

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye pays homage to Laygyun Hsimi Pagoda, offers eight requisites to members of the Sangha in Myeik

YANGON, 27 Oct—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, and party paid homage to Laygyun Hsimi Pagoda in Myeik on 25 October morning.

At the prayer hall of the pagoda, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party paid homage to the Sayadaws of Kyaungtaiks in Myeik and received the Five Precepts from Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sankyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddammajotika Dhaja Bhaddanta

Pandhavamsa.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party offered the eight requisites to members of the Sangha. After that, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party paid homage to the Buddha Images kept at the pagoda.

On 26 October morning,

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived at Maha Theikdhizaya Pagoda on Sandhawadi Hill, Myeik. At the briefing hall, the Divisional Superintending Engineer of Public Works and the Head of Divisional Police Force reported on construction of the pagoda, cash

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### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

### Four economic objectives

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

### Four social objectives

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses coordination meeting for holding of 13th Asian Archery Championships and 2004 Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier. — MNA

## Prime Minister attends coordination meeting to hold 13th Asian Archery Championships and 2004 Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier

YANGON, 27 Oct—A coordination meeting for holding of the 13th Asian Archery Championships and the 2004 Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier was held at the National Football Training Camp (Thuwunna) in Thingangyun Township this evening with an address by Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Present were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the deputy

ministers, members of Myanmar Olympic Committee, members of Organizing Committee and sub-committees, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, director-general of Sports and Physical Education Department, members of patrons of Myanmar Archery Federation, President of the federation and officials.

Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint reported on arrangements for the 13th Asian Archery Championships and the 2004 Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier.

He said the championships, qualifier, coaching seminar and congress of Asia

Archery Federation will be held in November.

He also reported on preparations for opening ceremony and selection of Myanmar selected archers.

Next, Chairman of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe reported on arrangement being made for holding the 13th Asian Archery Championship 2003 and the 2004 Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier.

He said that the Myanmar Archery Federation was formed on 8 February 1995. After entering the FITA, the MAF took part in 21 international level contests, securing 12 gold, 11 silver and 12 bronze.

When the MAF has come into its fifth anniversary,

it was capable enough to participate in the 27th Sydney World Olympic Archery Contest.

The MAF has been able to hold the first Asia Circuit Archery Contest in Yangon on August in 1998. The marksmen were despatched abroad from 1995 to date to take part in the international archery contests.

Next, the chairmen of the sub-committees for holding the contests reported on matters related to preparations for the ceremonies, the opening and closing ceremonies, invitation and accommodation, reception, health and transport.

Next, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint accepted cash donations for

holding the 13th Asian Archery Championship 2003 and the 2004 Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier—K 30 million by Chairman of Zekabar Co Dr Khin Shwe; K 30 million by Managing Director of the National Development Construction and Engineering Co U Tint San; K 30 million by Managing Director of the National Development Trade Co U Sein Thit; and K 5 million by Chairman of Asia Express Co U Maung Maung.

Next, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented K 10 million donated by Myanmar Olympic Committee to Chairman of MAF Dr Khin Shwe.

Afterwards, Prime Min-

ister General Khin Nyunt made a speech. He said it is learnt that the preparatory work for holding the 13th Asian Archery Championship 2003 and the 2004 Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier is, according to the Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee and the Chairman of Myanmar Archery Federation, nearing completion.

Whenever the international sports contests were held in Myanmar, the respective departments and organizations made concerted efforts to ensure the success of the contests. As a result, Myanmar has been able to hold the contests on a grand scale.

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