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## Senior General Than Shwe congratulates Mr Mohamed Hosni Mubarak

YANGON, 13 Sept— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Mohamed Hosni Mubarak, on his re-election as the President of the Arab Republic of Egypt.—MNA

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**Prevent and suppress trafficking in persons as national duty as it damages the pride and pedigree of Myanmar nationality that should be valued and safeguarded by Myanmar race**

## The State Peace and Development Council enacts Anti Trafficking in Persons Law

The Union of Myanmar  
The State Peace and Development Council  
**The Anti Trafficking in Persons Law**  
(The State Peace and Development Council Law No. 5/2005)  
(The 11<sup>th</sup> Waxing Day of Tawthalin, 1367, M.E.)  
(13<sup>th</sup> September, 2005)

The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following Law:  
**Chapter I**

### Title, Jurisdiction and Definition

1. This Law shall be called **the Anti Trafficking in Persons Law**.
2. This Law shall have jurisdiction on any person who commits any offence cognizable under this Law in the Union of Myanmar, or on board a vessel or an aircraft registered under the existing law of the Union of Myanmar, or on a Myanmar citizen or foreigner residing permanently in the Union of Myanmar who commits the said offence outside the country.
3. The expressions contained in this Law shall have the meanings given here under:-

- (a) **Trafficking in Persons** means recruitment, transportation, transfer, sale, purchase, lending, hiring, harbouring or receipt of persons after committing any of the following acts for the purpose of exploitation of a person with or without his consent:
- (1) threat, use of force or other form of coercion;
  - (2) abduction;
  - (3) fraud;
  - (4) deception;
  - (5) abuse of power or of position taking advantage of the vulnerability of a person;
  - (6) giving or receiving of money or benefit to obtain the consent of the person having control over another person.

Explanation (1) **Exploitation** includes receipt or agreement for receipt of money or benefit for the prostitution of one person by another, other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour, forced service, slavery, servitude, debt-bondage or the removal and sale of organs from the body.

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Bala Min Htin Bridge on Ayeyawady River in Kachin State seen on 11-9-2005. (Arrangements are being made to build retaining wall to prevent bank erosion.)  
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**Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.**

## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 14 September, 2005

### Lend ourselves to building a new nation

The Government of the Union of Myanmar has been working day and night for parallel development of all the regions, the hills as well as the plains, across the Union through systematic implementation of the development plan for border areas and national races, the development plan for 24 special regions and the development plan for rural areas. And due to the harmonious realization of these three plans, education, health and social infrastructures have improved and regional economic enterprises are thriving.

Now peace and stability are prevailing in all states and divisions — a favourable environment for development. Therefore, it is necessary for local people and authorities to work in concert for the development of their respective regions and then for that of the entire nation by making the most of this favourable environment for development.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by responsible officials, visited Loikaw, Kayah State, on 11 September and inspected regional development work there. In his meeting with state-level departmental personnel, members of district and township peace and development councils and social organizations and townsenders at the town hall in Loikaw, the Secretary-1 urged all those present as well as all the rest of the entire national people to fully cooperate with the government and the Tatmadaw for peace, stability and development of their respective regions, improvement of their living standard and for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

Loikaw of Kayah State is one of the 24 special development regions and therefore a government technological college, a computer college and a university have been built for the improvement of the state's education infrastructure. Kayah State enjoys a moderate climate, has areas of arable land, is rich in natural resources and has good transport services. Therefore, it can be said that the state is endowed with favourable conditions for regional and national economic development.

Home to various nationals such as Kayah, Kayan, PaO, Mon, Bamar and Shan, Kayah State is a small union like other states and divisions. National people, irrespective of which part of the Union they live in, ought to safeguard the Union for its eternal existence.

Now is the time when the National Convention, the very first and most important stage of the seven-point policy programme for the emergence of a democratic nation, is being translated into action. At such a time like this, the onus is on all of us to lend ourselves to the process of building a new nation.

### 255 drug-related cases exposed

YANGON, 13 Sept — The Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Customs Department exposed 255 drug-related cases in August 2005. They included 34 cases of opium (69.0245 kilos), 95 cases of heroin (97.2931 kilos), 43.2 kilos of morphine, nine cases of opium oil (6.1484 kilos), 11 cases of low-grade heroin (95.0661 kilos), 14 cases of marijuana (0.9489 kilo), 70 cases of stimulant pills (196171 tablets), four cases of opium powder (48.6 kilos), 4.12 litres of cough syrup, 40 kilos of chemical powder, 10 cases of registration failure and other eight cases.

In connection with the cases, action was taken against 341 men and 91 women totalling 432. — MNA

## People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### Industry-1 Minister receives Indian Ambassador

YANGON, 13 Sept — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra at his office at 10:30 am today. Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun and directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

MNA



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung receives Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra. —MNA

### Meeting on development of Monywa Industry Zone held

YANGON, 13 Sept — A coordination meeting on development of Monywa Industry Zone was held on 11 September at the zone in

Monywa, Sagaing Division. At the meeting, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and In-charge of the industry zone Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein discussed with members of the supervisory committee of the industry zone matters related to the development of the industry zone. Minister attended to the needs for the development of the zone. After the meeting, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye viewed the production process of the iron foundries at the industry zones. — MNA

### Minister inspects social welfare services

YANGON, 12 Sept — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, together with Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thaung, arrived at the youth training school of the Social Welfare Department on Kyaikwaing Pagoda Road this morning.

They were welcomed there by Deputy Director-General of the department Lt-Col Aung Tun Khaing, directors, the principal and officials.

Deputy Director U Sein Win and Principal U Maung Maung Tar reported on providing of foods, education and health to trainee students. Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa explained social welfare tasks and urged officials to take measures for caring of the youth trainees.

Next, the minister and party visited the women development centre on Thanlwin Road in Kamayut township. An official reported on functions of the centre and Deputy Director-General

Lt-Col Aung Tun Khaing gave a supplementary report. Then the minister and party inspected the weaving workshop.

Later, the minister and party visited Kyimyindine School for the Blind on Panbingyi Road in Kyimyindine township. He then inspected training of the blind who are weaving cane and using the computers. The minister met and encouraged four blind students who passed 2004-2005 matriculation exam and provided assistance to them.

MNA

### Deaf students comforted by minister

YANGON, 13 Sept — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, accompanied by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and director-general of the Education Planning and Training Department U Bo Win, this morning went to No 3 BEHS in Dagon Township and comforted deaf students studying at the school.

At the school, there are 1491 basic education students including 61 deaf students.—MNA

### Art exhibition at Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-1

YANGON, 13 Sept — The second Art Exhibition organized by Shar Nyo was displayed from 4 to 30 September from 6 am to 5 pm at No 84, Daw Phwa Shin Road in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-1. About 40 abstract paintings were displayed at the exhibition which is the very first of its kind in Myanmar. The modern paintings focus on colour and texture, it is learnt.—NLM



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa inspects the weaving workshop at women development centre. — MNA



# Chinese President concludes Canada visit

TORONTO (Canada), 12 Sept — Chinese President Hu Jintao left here Sunday after a state visit to Canada, and is flying to Mexico City to pay a state visit to Mexico as a guest of Mexican President Vicente Fox.

Hu started his state visit to Canada on Thursday, landing in Canada's capital city of Ottawa, where he met with Canadian Governor-General Adrienne Clarkson and lawmakers, and held talks with Prime Minister Paul Martin.

During the talks between Hu and Martin on Friday, China and Canada agreed to build a strategic partnership aimed at promoting the long-term and steady development of bilateral relations.

The two sides also agreed to make joint efforts to raise bilateral trade volume from 15.5 billion US dollars in 2004 to 30 billion US dollars by 2010.

To realize the goals, Hu said both sides should further open their markets to expand bilateral trade; increase two-way investment in infrastructure, energy, environmental protection, agriculture and telecommunications in particular; strengthen cooperation in energy resources; and create better condi-

tions to facilitate business activities of enterprises from both countries.

Hu said the enhancement of Sino-Canadian friendly and cooperative relations constitutes an important component of Chinese foreign policy. China will work with Canada to push for new achievements in the development of bilateral ties.

Martin said China is playing an increasingly important role in international affairs and China's development brings great opportunities for Canada.

The Canadian Government will work with the Chinese to deepen bilateral cooperation in politics, economy, trade, science, technology, energy resources, agriculture and international affairs, said Martin.

Hu and Martin also witnessed the signing of a series of cooperation documents between the two sides concerning air transportation, railways, food security, quarantine, nuclear energy and health research.

In Toronto, the business hub of Canada, Hu met with local officials and delivered a speech at a China-Canada trade forum dinner.

Hu's visit to Canada, the first stop on his current North American tour, is the first visit here by a Chinese head of state in eight years.

After a state visit to Mexico, Hu will attend the United Nations summit marking the world body's 60th anniversary in New York, and visit the Canadian city of Vancouver on his way back to Beijing. *MNA/Xinhua*



A girl dresses like Minnie Mouse at Hong Kong Disneyland as it celebrates the grand opening in Hong Kong, on 12 September, 2005. —INTERNET

## Hong Kong Disneyland opens

HONG KONG, 12 Sept — Hong Kong Disneyland, the 11th theme park of Walt Disney Co, officially opened here on Monday morning.

Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong, Donald Tsang Yam-kuen, chief executive of Hong Kong Special Adminis-

trative Region (HKSAR), and Tung Chee-hwa, vice-chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference National Committee attended the opening.

The Hong Kong Disneyland project, worth 3.5 billion US dollars, was jointly funded by Walt Disney Co and the HKSAR Government.

Some 16,000 people attended the opening, and analysts predict the park will attract 5.6 million visitors in the opening year. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Jagger 'shocked' by Blair over Iraq

MADRID, 13 Sept — Rolling Stones superstar Mick Jagger said he was "shocked" by British Prime Minister Tony Blair's attitude toward Iraq and doubts whether the legendary rock and roll band will one day perform in Baghdad.

At the time of the Iraq invasion, "I was ambivalent; getting rid of Saddam Hussein was a gift for humanity and I thought that there was a coherent plan to put Iraq back on its feet," he said in an interview with 'El Pais Semanal' magazine on Sunday.

But the sexagenarian rock legend referred to a Downing Street memorandum in July 2002, saying it "shocked me to know that Blair already knew that the weapons of mass destruction were simply an excuse and that there was nothing planned for the day after" the invasion.

"I doubt that the Stones will ever perform in Baghdad," the lead singer of the Rolling Stones, which is cur-

rently on its 31st world tour, told the magazine.

Jagger also denounced the US-led military coalition in Iraq for conducting what he described as a war to defend a regime which does not seem very concerned about the rights of women and minorities.

"If we do not take intelligent steps, a part of Iraq will end up becoming an Islamic republic, a puppet of Teheran," he added.

The Stones' new album "A Bigger Band", which came out on 6 September, takes a swipe at US President George W Bush and his neo-conservative supporters in the song, "Sweet Neo Con". — *Internet*

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## German aid plane denied entry into US

BERLIN, 12 Sept — A German Air Force plane loaded with 15 tons worth of ready-to-eat meals earmarked for flood victims in New Orleans was refused entry into the United States last week, a government spokesman said on Saturday.

Confirming a report in *Der Spiegel* news magazine, the spokesman said the Luftwaffe Airbus was loaded with 9,000 military "eimanpackung" ("one-man packages") but was grounded in Germany because it did not get US flight clearance.

The spokesman said he did not know the reason for the decision by US authorities. He said the refusal to allow German aid had since been lifted.

*Der Spiegel* news magazine reported that US authorities had blocked the import of German military rations that contained hamburgers, goulash, sausages, pasta and jam due to fears of mad cow disease, or bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE).

The magazine reported that relief flights from Britain and Russia were also denied entry for the same reason.

Germany has sent several aircraft loaded with pumps, drinking water, water filters, generators, emergency dwellings, blankets, medical aid and logistical specialists. It has also sent a combined 25 tons of food rations. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Iran not to suspend nuclear activities

TEHERAN, 12 Sept — Iran refused to fully suspend its nuclear activities in Isfahan nuclear plant and threatened not to go into negotiations with the EU if preconditions are set, its Foreign Minister said on Sunday.

Speaking at a news conference, Iranian Foreign Minister Manuchehr Mottaki termed re-suspending Iran's nuclear activities at its Isfahan uranium processing plant as "out of the question".

He also threatened not to resume talks with the European Union if any precondition is set.

The nuclear negotiations between the Islamic republic and the EU, represented by the big three of Britain, France and Germany, were stalled after Teheran resumed its suspended nuclear activities in August.

This move by Iran triggered outcry from the EU and the United States, which urged to refer Iran's nuclear case to the Security Council for possible sanctions. However, Mottaki brushed aside the threat at the news conference.

Iran will not be deterred by a referral to the UN Security Council, he said, adding such a referral will incur "consequences".

*MNA/Xinhua*



Iraqi soldiers man an observation post in the northern Iraq town of Tal Afar on 11 September, 2005. —INTERNET

# Russia ignores appeal to refer Iran to UNSC

**Moscow, 12 Sept**—Moscow rejected on Saturday the appeals from the United States and other Western countries to support an initiative to submit Iran's nuclear problem to the UN Security Council, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

"We see no reason to refer the matter, which the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is currently dealing with intensively and productively, to the UN Security Council," Maria Zakharova, spokeswoman for the Russian mission to the United Nations, told *Interfax* by telephone from New York.

The Iranian nuclear problem can be resolved only when Iran comes to "complete" cooperation and fulfills resolutions of the IAEA Board of Governors, according to the spokeswoman.

Russia expects that a planned session of the IAEA Board of Governors on 19 September would hold a detailed debate on a report by IAEA

head Mohamed al-Baradei and set guidelines for solving the remaining problems, Zakharova was quoted as saying.

In her view, the report prepared by al-Baradei "lays a good basis for further removing the political dimension from the work done within the IAEA framework for the earliest possible resolution of this problem," said *Interfax*.

Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Alexander Yakovenko repeated Moscow's objections on Friday to referring the Iranian nuclear problem to the UN Security Council, warning against "hasty steps" in the growing crisis over Iran's nuclear programme.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Local officials check and help to evacuate villagers upon the arrival of Typhoon Khanun in Taizhou, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 11 September, 2005.

INTERNET

## Khanun kills at least seven in East China

**BEIJING, 12 Sept**—A typhoon ploughed into China south of Shanghai, killing at least seven people, forcing the evacuation of more than a million and driving thousands of ships to port before weakening on Monday.

A flood control official in the coastal city of Taizhou, which suffered the full brunt of the storm from Typhoon Khanun overnight, said seven people were killed.

"The rain has stopped and we can see trees on the street blown down and some areas of the city

are still flooded and many houses collapsed," said the official.

At least one person was killed by a fallen power line in Taizhou, *Xinhua* news agency said.

To the north, Shanghai, the country's commercial capital closed all primary and middle schools on Mon-

day and barred companies from penalizing workers who arrived late due to the weather, state media said.

The government also evacuated more than 160,000 people in the city, though financial markets opened as normal on Monday.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Vietnam produces its first hydroplanes

**HANOI, 12 Sept**— Vietnam has turned out its first hydroplanes with selling price of less than two billion Vietnamese dong (some 126,000 US dollar) per unit.

The A41 Factory under the Air Force and Air Defence Department has just produced three hydroplanes which can be mainly used for pilot training, sports, patrol for forest protection, tourism, trade and agriculture activities, the maker said on Monday.

The hydroplanes coded *VNS-41* can carry 3-4 people, and fly at a speed of 120-135 kilometres per hour at a maxi-

mum height of three kilometres. The aircraft with the length of roughly seven metres is equipped with two Austrian 65-horse power engines which consume 38-44 litres of A92 petrol each hour.

The factory said it will shortly produce four *VNS-41* with new enhancements. The proportion of locally-made parts in the hydroplanes is 70 per cent.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Syria rejects US charges on Iraq

**DAMASCUS, 12 Sept**—Syria has rejected US accusations that it allows fighters to sneak into Iraq, saying Washington's "threat" of using force was part of relentless pressure on Damascus.

"It is regrettable that such language should come from the ambassador of a great power who is supposed to show more commitment to the norms of international relations," Syrian Information Minister Mahdi Dakhllallah said on Monday.

The US ambassador to Iraq, Zalmay Khalilzad, fired a strong warning to Syria earlier during the day over help that Washington accuses the Damascus government of giving to radical groups in Iraq.

"Our patience is running out with Syria," Khalilzad

told a press conference in Washington. When asked how the United States could respond, he said "all options are on the table", including military.

"I would not like to elaborate more, they should understand what I mean," he added.

"There is a threat of aggression there, and a style which is reminiscent of colonial eras and cold and hot wars," Dakhllallah retorted.

"Moreover, there are old, groundless accusations relating to the Iraqi-Syrian borders," he said.

*Internet*

## Car bomb explodes in Baghdad's upscale area

**BAGHDAD, 12 Sept**—A huge car bomb exploded outside a popular restaurant in Baghdad's upscale Mansour neighbourhood on Monday night, witnesses said. Hospital officials reported at least one person was killed and 17 were wounded. The last major car bombing in the capital was Thursday, when a black BMW exploded as a convoy carrying US security contractors drove past. That blast, near the heavily fortified Sadr Hotel where the security men lived, sent a huge plume of smoke into the sky in Baghdad's busy Karradah neighbourhood, a main shopping and commercial district. Three passers-by were injured.—*Internet*

## China boasts of 20 million E-commerce dealers

**HANGZHOU, 12 Sept**—The number of E-commerce dealers in China has currently hit 20 million, according to sources with the China Electronic Commerce Association (CECA).

Song Ling, head with the association, said people engaged in E-commerce in China range from CEOs with millions of dollars' sales to individuals operating on-line stores that may only conduct one or two sales in a year.

"The number of 20 million, however, images electronic commerce as a burgeoning sector in China," said Song, who made the remarks at the China E-commerce dealers conference, which was held Sunday at Hangzhou, capital city of east China's Zhejiang Province.

"Except for playing on-line games and news browsing, the Internet is vital for promoting E-commerce as a brand-new pattern of business transactions in China," Song noted.

The year 2005 is the 10th year since the Internet was first used for commerce in China. "Currently, China should step up its building of an E-commerce credibility system in an effort to ensure a healthy and harmonious development of the sector," Song said.

*MNA/Xinhua*



British soldiers secure the area following an explosion in the southern city of Basra, on 11 September, 2005. One British soldier was killed and two were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near their convoy. —INTERNET



## EU, US face uphill battle on Iran at IAEA

**BERLIN, 12 Sept—** A joint EU and US effort to refer Iran to the UN Security Council over a suspected nuclear weapons programme is meeting fierce resistance from some members of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), diplomats say.

More than half a dozen countries on the IAEA's 35-nation governing board, which meets on September 19, believe there is no justification for a referral, they said.

"I think unanimity may be impossible," one European diplomat told *Reuters*. "Pakistan and Brazil have basically given us a definitive 'no'. Several other countries will also be difficult to convince."

"China and Russia will be difficult," another EU diplomat said, adding that without Beijing and Moscow the plan to ratchet up the pressure on Teheran might fail.

The United States and the European Union want the IAEA to refer Iran to the Security Council after it resumed uranium processing at its Isfahan plant last month, effectively ending talks with the EU on giving up its nuclear programme.

European officials say they would not immediately

ask the Council to impose sanctions, but want it to demand that Iran freeze its programme and resume talks with Britain, France and Germany, which are negotiating on behalf of the EU.

Iran is lobbying many of the same countries. Teheran says that since its suspension was voluntary, resumption of work is not grounds for a referral, an argument many states agree with.

Although much of the diplomacy is taking place quietly behind the scenes, several influential US congressmen warned last week that a new US-India nuclear agreement was at risk if New Delhi opposed the referral.

Diplomats said it would be all right if Pakistan, Brazil and a few others voted against a referral, but support of political heavyweights China and Russia, which have vetoes on the 15-member Security Council, would be crucial. — *MNA/Reuters*

## New tape threatens attacks on Los Angeles, Melbourne

**WASHINGTON, 12 Sept—** A videotape televised on Sunday purportedly from a US-member of al-Qaeda threatened Los Angeles and Melbourne, Australia, on the fourth anniversary of the 11 September attacks.

ABC News said it had received the video in Pakistan. It reported the masked speaker appears to be Adam Gadahn, from southern California, who threatens attacks on the two cities, "Allah willing", and warns that the attackers will show no compassion.

"Yesterday, London and Madrid. Tomorrow, Los Angeles and Melbourne," he said.

"We love peace, but peace on our terms," the speaker said. Gadahn was believed to have been the young American who appeared in another threatening tape about year ago.

ABC said the young man apparently converted to Islam at an Orange County, California, mosque as a teen-ager. — *MNA/Reuters*



An Indian worker plucks tea leaves at Gulma tea garden estate on the outskirts of northeastern Indian city of Siliguri, on 12 September, 2005. India is one of the top tea producers in the world. —INTERNET

## "Katrina" official death toll climbs over 400

**NEW ORLEANS, 12 Sept—** The official death toll from Hurricane Katrina climbed past 400 on Sunday as President George W Bush arrived in beleaguered New Orleans, where soldiers were breaking into flooded houses looking for bodies.

The confirmed death count from the 29 August storm, which has displaced a million people, was far lower than initial projections that ran into the thousands.

"We didn't lose as many lives as had been predicted although we're still in the process of finding those we lost," said Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco. The search for the dead

— and perhaps some victims still alive and trapped — went on in the now largely deserted city that was home to 450,000 people before Katrina.

A Reuters reporter who accompanied members of the Oklahoma National Guard in a middle-class residential area saw soldiers breaking down doors.

The water in that area had once stood seven feet deep but had now receded, leaving a layer of stinking sludge. Soldiers were stumbling out of houses coughing and choking from the overwhelming stench.

"Oh, it's bad in there," said Specialist Bobby Cunningham as he came out of one home. "You're out of air

anyway from kicking the door down and then that smell hits you."

"There could be someone who can't get up out of bed, an elderly lady could be in there dying. So we go into every room, every closet, in every house," added Specialist Daniel Robinson.

Boat teams navigated the flooded streets of the worst-hit neighbourhoods, using axes to break into the attics of homes. Helicopters spun overhead all day although there were no signs of rooftop rescues.

There were increasing signs that the below-sea-level city was staggering back to life following the flood that engulfed most of it when levees were breached after Katrina stormed into Mississippi and Louisiana

— *MNA/Reuters*

## Ellsberg compares Vietnam, Iraq

**DES MOINES, 12 Sept—** The former military analyst who leaked the Pentagon Papers says the nation's leaders plan on staying in Iraq permanently, but the people who have the proof aren't willing to share it.

Daniel Ellsberg says President Bush aims to keep bases in Iraq, and that the American public was lied to when the country entered the war.

He urged those with access to the sensitive information to share it, saying there are both rewards and potential backlash for whistleblowers. He says they may go to prison, but they may save a wars worth of lives.

The Pentagon Papers, as the documents came to

be known, was a seven-thousand-page study of the US decision-making in Vietnam that was classified top secret.

The study revealed the knowledge, early on, that the war would not likely be won.

Ellsberg, an employee of Rand Corporation in 1969, photocopied the classified study and released it to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and later 20 different newspapers. — *Internet*

## Lawmen clean up New Orleans but crime fears spread

**BATON ROUGE (Louisiana), 12 Sept—** Law enforcers say they are in control of the streets of New Orleans since looting and violence erupted after Hurricane Katrina, but in nearby Baton Rouge gun sales are rising and residents fear their city will become the new crime capital of the South.

Even before the hurricane, parts of New Orleans were known for their mean streets, where a largely Black population struggled with crime, drugs and poverty.

So it was not surprising, says US Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Jim Letten, that criminals took advantage of Hurricane Katrina to prey on stranded survivors as they waited to evacuate.

Known as the crime capital of the South, New Orleans had the highest number of homicides per capita in the United States, Letten said.

"The crime culture in New Orleans is fuelled by drugs and poverty and an absence of everything from education to family structure," he told *Reuters*.

But as the Big Easy has been emptied, some criminal elements remain.

Still, Letten and agents for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives said police and military forces were in full control of New Orleans streets and had booked 259 suspects at a temporary jail that was once a Greyhound bus station.

— *MNA/Reuters*



Iraqi police survey the scene following an explosion in the northern city of Kirkuk, some 240 kilometres (150 miles) from Baghdad, on 12 September, 2005. A car bomb exploded in a residential neighbourhood, injuring one person. —INTERNET

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- Explanation (2) **Prostitution** means any act, use, consummation or scheme involving the use of a person by another, for sexual intercourse or lascivious conduct in exchange for money, benefit or any other consideration.
- Explanation (3) **Debt-bondage** means the pledging by the debtor of his /her personal labour or services or those of a person under his/her control as payment or security for a debt, when the length and nature of service is not clearly defined or when the values of the services as reasonably assessed is not applied toward the liquidation of the debt.
- (b) **Pornography** means representation through exhibition, indecent show, publication, cinematography or by use of modern information technology of a sexual activity or of the sexual parts of a person for primarily sexual purpose.
- (c) **Trafficked victim** means a person on whom trafficking in person has been committed.
- (d) **Organized criminal group** means a structured group of three or more persons, for a certain period with the aim of committing a serious crime, in order to obtain directly or indirectly a benefit relating to money or material.
- Explanation:** Structured group means a group that is not randomly formed for the immediate commission of an offence and that does not need to have formally defined rules for the functions and duties of its members, continuity of its membership or a developed structure.
- (e) **Serious crime** means an offence punishable with imprisonment for a term of four years or more under any existing law.
- (f) **Transnational crime** means an offence committed in more than one State, or an offence committed in one State but a substantial part of its preparation, planning, direction or control takes place in another State, or an offence in which the offenders are involved in an organized criminal group of another State or an offence committed in one State, which has affects on another State.
- (g) **Controlled delivery** means the technique to expose and take action against the principal offenders, effect control with the consent of the relevant authority and proceed on their arrangement, when the import, export, entry, passing through or departure of illegal or suspected property or person in the Union of Myanmar or into the territory of a foreign State is found, on inspection.
- (h) **Property** means movable property in any form, being corporeal or incorporeal, tangible or intangible, animate or inanimate or immovable property. This expression also includes legal documents evidencing title, negotiable instruments and benefits pertinent to property.
- (i) **Imprisonment for life** means imprisonment passed on a convicted person to serve in the prison until death.
- (j) **Child** means a person who has not attained the age of 16 years.
- (k) **Youth** means a person who has attained the age of 16 years but has not attained the age of 18 years.
- (l) **Central Body** means the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons formed under this Law.

**Chapter II**  
**Aims**

4. The aims of this Law are as follows:
- (a) to prevent, and suppress the trafficking in persons as a national duty as it damages the pride and pedigree of Myanmar nationality that should be valued and safeguarded by Myanmar race;
- (b) in preventing and suppressing trafficking in persons to pay particular attention to women, children and youth;
- (c) to enable effective and speedy investigation to expose and take action against persons guilty of trafficking in persons and to prevent further trafficking in persons by passing effective and deterrent punishment;
- (d) to liaise and coordinate with international organizations, regional organizations, intergovernmental organizations formed between governmental organizations and non-governmental organizations in accordance with the international conventions relating to suppression of trafficking in persons which Myanmar has acceded;
- (e) to perform effectively the functions of rescuing, receiving, safeguarding, rehabilitation and reintegration into society of trafficked persons.

**Chapter III**

**Formation of the Central Body and Functions and Duties Thereof**

5. (a) The Government shall form the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons comprising the Minister for the Ministry of Home Affairs as the Chairman, the Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Deputy Attorney General as Deputy Chairman, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force as Secretary and suitable persons from among the following as members:
- (1) heads of relevant government departments and organizations;
- (2) representatives from the non-governmental organizations;
- (3) relevant experts;
- (b) The Chairman of the Central Body may if necessary assign a suitable person from among the members as the Joint Secretary.
6. The functions and duties of the Central Body are as follows:
- (a) submitting suggestions to the Government for laying down a State policy and working programmed relating to suppression of trafficking in persons;
- (b) forming the required working groups to implement its functions and duties and determining the functions and duties thereof;
- (c) forming the different levels of State, Divisional, District and Township Bodies for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons and determining the functions and duties thereof;
- (d) forming the bodies comprising experts to perform research works for carrying out suppression of trafficking in persons effectively and assigning duty thereto and supervising thereof;
- (e) forming sector-wise Monitoring Mechanism and Evaluation Team comprising experts and assigning duty thereto to obtain the necessary substantive data relating to suppression of trafficking in persons;
- (f) laying down the necessary arrangements for the relief, resettlement, rehabilitation, and reintegration into the mainstream of society for the trafficked victims;
- (g) communicating and coordinating with international organizations, foreign States, local and foreign non-governmental organizations, and obtaining assistance for work relating to suppression of trafficking in persons, protection and rendering assistance, resettlement and rehabilitation;
- (h) directing as may be necessary to seize immovable properties involved in an offence under this Law as exhibit;
- (i) directing when necessary the attachment and sealing of immovable properties involved in the offence, which have been seized as exhibits; in prosecuted offence, disposal as may be necessary in accordance with the final order of the relevant Court;
- (j) reporting to the Government from time to time the implementation activities under this Law;
- (k) carrying out functions and duties relating to suppression of trafficking in persons assigned by the Government from time to time.
7. The Central Body shall form the following working groups comprising suitable persons and may form other required working groups to carry out the implementation of the suppression of trafficking in persons:
- (a) Working Group on Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Trafficked Victims, headed by the Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Home Affairs;
- (b) Working Group on Legal Framework and Prosecuting Measures headed by the Deputy Attorney General;
- (c) Working Group on Repatriation, Reintegration and Rehabilitation of Trafficked Victims, headed by the Deputy Minister for the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

**Chapter IV**

**Functions and Duties of the Working Groups**

8. The functions and duties of the Working Group on Prevention of Trafficking in Persons and Protection of Trafficked Victims are as follows:
- (a) forming Sub-Working Groups to carry out effectively the prevention of trafficking in persons according to schemes approved by the Central Body;
- (b) performing effectively works relating to educating and publication of the danger of trafficking and evil consequences to the people for the prevention of trafficking in persons;
- (c) sharing information by laying down the prevention of trafficking in persons programmes, communicating and exchanging news with domestic and foreign network;
- (d) communicating and coordinating with different levels of State, Divisional, District and Township bodies on suppression of trafficking in persons;
- (e) supervising the set-up of specially trained force for the prevention of trafficking in persons, speedy and effective investigation and exposure;

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- (f) scrutinizing and permitting to enable the use of the controlled delivery system upon requirement when exposing and investigating the trafficking in persons and liaising and coordinating with foreign States, if necessary;
- (g) laying down and carrying out working programmes relating to protection and assistance to the trafficked victims programmes especially women, children and youth;
- (h) laying down and carrying out working programmes relating protection and assistance in conformity with the stipulations foreigners who are trafficked victims and have arrived in Myanmar;
- (i) arranging the required training and educating of persons who will undertake the duty of protecting the trafficked victims;
- (j) obtaining assistance of the relevant government departments, organizations and non-governmental organizations for the effective implementation of this Law;
- (k) recommending the enhanced communication and cooperation with international organizations and regional organization and entering into bilateral or multilateral agreements;
- (l) carrying out other functions and duties assigned by the Central Body.
9. The functions and duties of the Working Group on Legal Framework and Prosecuting Measures are as follows:
- (a) drafting and submitting to the Central Body the necessary draft of the rules, procedures, notifications, orders and directives for the determination of security status of related information of trafficked victims for the dignity and security and identification of trafficked victims, in respect of the prevention of trafficking in persons;
- (b) coordinating with the relevant prosecution bodies to impose effective and severe punishment upon the persons who have committed the offence of trafficking in persons and to prosecute with valid evidence in accordance with law;
- (c) laying down and carrying out necessary arrangements for the effective protection of trafficked victims and witnesses in prosecution cases under this Law;
- (d) submitting to the Central Body, in respect of the commission of trafficking in persons offence as transnational organized crime, if necessary, to give assistance or to obtain assistance between States;
- (e) communicating and coordinating with the different levels of State, Divisional, District and Township Bodies for suppression of trafficking in persons;
- (f) implementing by laying down the training programme and enhancing skills programmes in order to take effective action under this Law;
- (g) obtaining assistance of relevant government departments, organizations, and non-governmental organizations to enable the effective implementation of this Law;
- (h) carrying out other functions and duties assigned by the Central Body.
10. The functions and duties of the Working Group on Repatriation, Reintegration and Rehabilitation of Trafficked Victims are as follows:
- (a) coordinating and cooperating with relevant government departments, organizations and non-governmental organizations for the repatriation of the trafficked victims, to their native place, enquiring the circumstances of the relevant family, medical examination of trafficked victims with their consent, consolation and education and other necessary assistance;
- (b) laying down schemes and implementing to get the vocational education based on the education and technical knowledge and to get employment opportunities for the rehabilitation of trafficked victims;
- (c) communicating and coordinating with different levels of State, Divisional, District and Township Bodies for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons;
- (d) arranging to enable utilization from the rehabilitation fund established under this Law for the suppression of trafficking in persons and protection of trafficked victims, in carrying out the rehabilitation works for the trafficked victims;
- (e) obtaining assistance of the relevant government departments, organizations and non-governmental organizations for the effective implementation of this Law;
- (f) carrying out other functions and duties assigned by the Central Body.

**Chapter V**  
**Safeguarding the Rights of Trafficked Victims**

11. In order not to adversely affect the dignity of the trafficked victims:
- (a) if the trafficked victims are women, children and youth, the relevant Court shall, in conducting the trial of offences of trafficking in persons, do so not in open Court, but in camera for the preservation of their dignity, physical and mental security.
- (b) with respect to trafficking in persons, the publication of news at any stage of investigation, prosecution, adjudication shall be made only after obtaining the permission of the relevant Body for the Suppression of Trafficking in Persons Body.
- (c) person not involved in this case shall not be allowed to peruse or make copies of documents contained in the proceedings.
12. The Central Body shall, if the trafficked victims are women, children and youth, make necessary arrangements for the preservation of dignity, physical and mental security.
13. The Central Body:
- (a) shall not take action against the trafficked victims for any offence under this Law.
- (b) shall determine whether or not it is appropriate to take action against the trafficked victims for any other offence arising as a direct consequence of trafficking in persons.
- (c) shall, if the trafficked person who re-entered the country has a right of permanent residence protect his right to get permanent residence, security and relevant status.
14. The Central Body shall arrange and carry out for the security of life of trafficked victims and to arrange according to their wishes for repatriation and resettlement as much as possible.
15. The Central Body shall in the prosecution of a person guilty of trafficking in persons coordinate with the relevant Ministries for the temporary residence in Myanmar and repatriation to the relevant State of the trafficked victim who is a foreigner, after giving the testimony.

**Chapter VI**  
**Special Protection of Trafficked Victims, Women Children and Youth**

16. The Central Body and relevant Working Groups shall, with respect to the trafficked victims who are women, children and youth:
- (a) give special protection of their dignity and identification and necessary security and assistance.
- (b) carry out to send them back to their parents or guardian if after scrutiny it is found that it is the best condition for them.
- (c) arrange other suitable and secure protection when there is no condition for repatriation to the parents and guardian or inappropriate condition for repatriation.
- (d) arrange with emphasis on freedom of expression of their desire and freedom of choice according to their age and maturity.
- (e) carry out with special arrangement for remedy of their physical and mental damage, giving vocational education based upon education and technique and medical examination and medical treatment with their consent.
- (f) give protection by keeping confidential the information relating to them.
17. The Central Body shall lay down and carry out programmes of security and other protection for the trafficked victims women, children and youth during the period of prosecution of persons guilty of any offence of trafficking in persons under this Law or during the period of instituting a suit for compensation for tort by the trafficked victim for the trafficking in persons.
18. The Central Body shall lay down and carry out the programmes to conduct necessary training courses for persons performing the functions and duties relating to the protection of trafficked victims especially women, children and youth.

**Chapter VII**  
**Repatriation, Reintegration and Rehabilitation**

19. The Central Body shall, after coordination with the relevant departments, organizations and non-governmental organizations for the repatriation of trafficked victims, reintegration into the mainstream of the society resettlement and rehabilitation the trafficked victims carry out as follows:
- (a) arranging and carrying out necessary coordination for the repatriation of the trafficked victims;
- (b) arranging the temporary shelter at a safe place or appropriate house for the trafficked victims;
- (c) rehabilitating the social aspect;
- (d) hiring a lawyer if necessary in a suit instituted by the trafficked victim for his/her grievance, requesting the Office of the Attorney General for a Law Officer to conduct in the case or assisting in hearing with interpreter;
- (e) laying down the security programmes and arranging for other rights entitled while the trafficked victims are giving testimony or contesting a case;
- (f) arranging medical examination and giving medical treatment with the consent of the trafficked victims;

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- (g) arranging for teaching of vocational education based upon education and technical opportunities for the survival of the life of the trafficked victim.

20. The responsible officials of the Embassies of the Union of Myanmar in foreign States shall provide necessary protections for trafficked victims of Myanmar citizens or permanent resident foreigners of Myanmar and coordinate with the relevant responsible persons for sending them back to Myanmar.

21. The expenditures relating to suppression of trafficking in persons may be borne by the State in accordance with the provisions of this Law.

**Chapter VIII**  
**Establishment of the Fund**

22. The Central Body may for the purpose of utilizing for the suppression of trafficking in persons, repatriation and rehabilitation of trafficked victims:

- (a) establish a fund with money supported by the State and money donated from local and foreign sources.  
 (b) accept and administer the property supported by the State and property donated from local and foreign sources.

23. The Central Body shall:

- (a) in coordination with the Auditor General's Office determine the procedures relating to the maintenance of the fund and the administration of the property supported and donated.  
 (b) keep the functions under sub-section (a) in accordance with the procedures and shall submit to the inspection by the person assigned by the Auditor General.

**Chapter IX**  
**Offences and Penalties**

24. Whoever is guilty of trafficking in persons especially women, children and youth shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 10 years to a maximum of imprisonment for life and may also be liable to a fine.

25. Whoever is guilty of trafficking in persons other than women, children and youth shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 5 years to a maximum of 10 years and may also be liable to a fine.

26. Whoever is guilty of any of the following acts shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 3 years to a maximum of 7 years and may also be liable to a fine:

- (a) adopting or marrying fraudulently for the purpose of committing trafficking in persons.  
 (b) causing obtaining unlawfully the necessary documentary evidence documents or seal for enabling a trafficked victim to depart from the country or enter into the country.

27. Whoever is guilty of making use or arranging with a trafficked victim for the purpose of pornography shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 5 years to a maximum of 10 years and may also be liable to a fine.

28. Whoever:

- (a) is guilty of trafficking in persons with organized criminal group as provided in section 24 shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 20 years to a maximum of imprisonment for life and may also

- be liable to a fine;  
 (b) is guilty of trafficking in persons with organized criminal group as provided in sections 25, 26 or 27 shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 10 years to a maximum of imprisonment for life and may also be liable to a fine;  
 (c) is found to be a member of an organized criminal group shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment under sub-section (a) or subsection (b) whether he has personally taken part or not in the commission of the offence.

29. Whoever is also guilty of a serious crime provided in sub-section (c) of section 3, in committing trafficking in persons shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 10 years to a maximum of imprisonment for life or death sentence.

30. Any public official who demands or accepts money and property as gratification either for himself or for another person in carrying out investigation, prosecution and adjudication in respect of any offence under this Law shall, on conviction be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend from a minimum of 3 years to a maximum of 7 years and may also be liable to a fine.

31. Whoever is guilty of any offence provided in this Law shall, after a prior conviction for the same offence be liable to the maximum punishment provided for such subsequent offence.

32. Whoever prepares, attempts, conspires, organizes, administers or abets, or provides financial assistance to commit or in commission of any such offence shall be liable to the punishment provided in this Law for such offence.

33. The Court shall, in passing a sentence for any offence provided in this Law, pass an order for confiscation or disposal in accordance with the stipulations of the property involved in the offence, which have been seized as exhibits. It may pass an order to pay damages to the trafficked victim from the money confiscated or from the proceeds of sale of property or from the fine.

**Chapter X**  
**Miscellaneous**

34. If an exhibit involved in any offence prosecuted under this Law is not easily producible before the Court, such exhibit need not be produced before the court. However, a report or other relevant documentary evidence as to the manner of custody of the same may be submitted. Such submission shall be deemed as if it were a submission of the exhibit before the Court and the relevant Court shall pass an order for disposal of the same in accordance with this Law.

35. The Ministry of Home Affairs shall form the Staff Office as may be necessary in accordance with the stipulations for the purpose of assistance in carrying out the functions and duties of the Central Body.

36. Notwithstanding anything provided in any existing Laws, action shall be taken only under this Law on offences relating to trafficking in persons.

37. In prosecuting any offence under this Law, prior sanction of the Central Body or any Body assigned by the Central Body shall be obtained.

38. In implementing the provisions contained in this Law:

- (a) the Ministry of Home Affairs may with the approval of the Government; issue such rules and procedures as may be necessary.  
 (b) the Central Body and the relevant Ministries may issue notifications, orders and directives, and the Director General may issue such orders and directives as may be necessary.

(Sd) **Than Shwe**  
 Senior General  
 Chairman

The State Peace and Development Council

## Upgrading of roads, sanitation work inspected

YANGON, 13 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin oversaw measures taken for upgrading roads and sanitation in the city today.

First, they inspected repaving of Parami Road section in South Oakkalapa township and dredging of ditches on both sides of the road with the use of heavy machinery. The commander and the mayor also inspected tarmacking of roads, dredging of ditches and sanitation tasks being carried out in Mayangon Township, Bahan Township and Kyimyindine Township and left necessary instructions to officials. —MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin oversee measures taken for upgrading roads and sanitation in Yangon. — MNA



## Kachin State has prospects...

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Phakant. It is expected that 1000 acres of land will be reclaimed in Naungmi region in Phakant; 1,000 acres in Kamai region; 3,000 acres in Mongkun region in Tanai Township and 1,000 acres in Mansaykun region in Putao Township in 2005-2006. Regarding rubber cultivation, there were 6621 acres of rubber in 2004-2005 and now the total number of rubber plantation acres reaches 7,063 acres.

The commander also reported on trade, economic development in the state and education, health, social and transportation sectors of the state. Officials concerned gave supplementary reports.

After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the needs and made an address. He said Kachin State is the northernmost state in Myanmar and many national races live in the state through thick and thin. During his tour of Kachin State in April, 1995, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on

development of Kachin State. In his guidance he said that Kachin State lagged behind in development because of the lack of peace and tranquillity in the region in the past. Now, the state is at peace and it is time to make efforts for regional development with added momentum using natural resources in the state, the Head of State added.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint continued to say that he was there to assess the development tasks and to provide assistance for the tasks. Officials required to put all their energy into regional development tasks. In Kachin State, there has been food enough since 1998. In view of the increasing population in the region, extended cultivation has been carried out in the state.

As regards the perennial crop cultivation, officials concerned are to provide necessary assistance to farmers for rubber cultivation. Only then, will local residents have job opportunities and their socio-economic life will be improved, he con-



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects progress of upgrading of Myitkyina-Tanphaye (Myitsone) road section. — MNA

cluded. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Myitkyina-Tanphaye-Sumparabwam-Putao road construction project being implemented by Jade Land Myanmar Co Ltd. At the briefing hall, responsible officials reported on tarring of Myitkyina-Tanphayeroad section and road works of Bhamo-Myitkyina road section. Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged officials to construct the road meeting the standards of the all weather-road and to complete the construction in time.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected progress of upgrading of Myitkyina-Tanphaye (Myitsone) road section.

On arrival at the research and rubber farm in Naungnan Village, Myitkyina Township, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports by officials on facts about the farm. Officials from the Myanmar Peren-

nial Crops Enterprise gave supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint provided assistance for the farm and local farmers, saying that almost all of the industries, machines and household goods used worldwide need rubber. So, the demand of rubber is getting higher day by day. Rubber fetches a lot of foreign exchange for the nation. Blessed with favourable conditions, Kachin State has prospects to run rubber farming on a commercial scale.

The region once grew rubber. He stressed the importance of growing rubber on the vacant lands across the nation and in areas where paddy does not thrive.

He called for growing rubber on a wider scale by putting hundreds of thousands of acres under rubber in Kachin State.

The rubber farming realizes income all-year round and generates job opportunities for local residents. He pledged that the State will render necessary assistance for national entrepreneurs to run rubber farming in the region.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the rubber plantations in the farm and left instructions.

Together with Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed the upgrading of Myitkyina-Tanphaye (Myitsone) road section and gave instructions on meeting standards set.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected thriving rubber farms of local farmers there.

They proceeded to Bala Min Htin Bridge Project across Ayeyawady

River. Deputy Superintending Engineer U Soe Thet of Bridge Special Group-15 reported on tasks for maintenance of the facility, arrangements for construction of a 300-foot-long retaining wall for prevention of bank erosion, and erection of piles Nos 2 and 3. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint instructed officials at all levels to constantly supervise the tasks for durability of the facility, one of the major bridges of the State.

He viewed the bridge and the flow of water in the river.

They visited 420 acres of monsoon paddy fields of local farmers in Tatkonkwinn Ward, Myitkyina, and made suggestions.

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**Now, Kachin state is at peace and it is time to make efforts for regional development with added momentum using natural resources in the state.**

## Bangladeshi delegation visits industrial zones

YANGON, 13 Sept— The visiting Bangladeshi delegation led by Commodore Khondker Moyeenuddin Ahmed (G), ndc, psc, BN this morning visited the Shwedagon Pagoda. Members of the pagoda board of trustees explained background history of the pagoda. Next, the guest studied the religious buildings at the pagoda. The delegation vis-

ited and paid tribute to the King Zafar Shah's Tomb on Ziwaka Road in Dagon Township.

Afterwards, the delegation members proceeded to Hlaingthaya Industrial Zone where they were briefed by officials on facts about the zone. Next, they studied Khine Wood-based Factory and production of furniture. The guests also visited Fair Sun Mould and Die

Factory in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone.

Later, the Bangladeshi delegation members visited Defence Services Institute of Medicine in Mingaladon township. Rector Brig-Gen Min Thein extended greetings. Then Brig-Gen Min Thein and the delegation leader exchanged gifts. The guests later studied the lecture halls of the institute. — MNA



The visiting Bangladeshi delegation led by Commodore Khondker Moyeenuddin Ahmed (G), ndc, psc, BN visits Defence Services Institute of Medicine. — MNA

## USDA CEC Member inspects regional development tasks in Taninthayi Division



USDA CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Secretary of Taninthayi Division USDA U Kyaw Kyaw Htay open the new office of Palauk USDA. — (L&F).

YANGON, 12 Sept— CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on 10 September morning met with USDA members, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, social organizations and local people at Tanlamwut Village Primary School in

Taninthayi Township, Taninthayi Division and gave instructions on regional development.

After that, the minister proceeded to Basic Education High School in Taninthayi where he met departmental officials, townsenders, USDA members and social organizations and stressed the importance for them to take part in regional develop-

ment tasks and the drive for the emergence of a peaceful modern and developed nation.

Next, the Secretary of Taninthayi Division USDA and the Chairman of Township PDC reported on measures being taken for development of education, health and social sectors of the division and future tasks to the (See page 15)

# Development of public health sector key point to development of health sector Myanmar will continue to make efforts for improvement of public health

## Myanmar carrying out preventive measures against infectious diseases systematically

YANGON, 13 Sept — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint attended the 23rd WHO Health Ministers' Meeting on South East Asia Region held from 4 to 5 September and the 58th Meeting of South-East Asia Regional Committee held from 6 to 10 this month in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

On 4 September, the opening of 23rd WHO Health Ministers' Meeting on South East Asia Region was held at Ceylon Continental Hotel in Colombo. Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka Mr Mahinda Rajapakse, Minister of Health and Social Welfare Mr Nimal Siripa Silva, Secretary Mr Ranjith Maligaspe and South East Asia Regional Director of WHO Dr Samlee Plianbangechang delivered opening addresses.

On 5 September, the 23rd WHO Health Ministers' Meeting on South East Asia Region was held. The meeting was presided over by Minister Mr Nimal Siripa Silva

with Minister of Health of Bangladesh Dr Khandakar Monsharraf as joint chairman. The ministers discussed preventive measures and treatment for infectious diseases after the earthquake and tsunami occurred in the region on 26 December 2004 and programmes to solve health problems in case of emergency.

They also discussed development of public health centre, wider teaching of public health. In his discussions, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said the government is making plans for development of public health and drawing syllabus for establishment of Public Health University. Only when the public health develops will health care services in rural areas improve.

Public Health includes preventive measures, treatment and health education. Development of public health sector is a key point for development of health sector. Myanmar will continue to make efforts for im-

provement of the public health. Myanmar is carrying out preventive measures against infectious diseases systematically, the minister added.

He also discussed availability of medicines and vaccines in accord with WTO agreement, production, distribution and sale under the copyrights and availability of genuine medicines at reasonable prices.

Next, the chairman approved the results of the meeting.

On 6 September, the opening of the 58th Meeting of South East Asia Regional Committee was held at World Trade Centre in Colombo. It was attended by Health Ministers, Director-General of WHO Dr Lee Jong Wook, South East Asia Regional Director of WHO Dr Samlee Plianbangechang and delegates.

Dr Samlee Plianbangechang extended greetings to those present. The meeting was chaired by Minister of Health of Democratic Republic of Sri Lanka



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint attends the 23rd WHO Health Ministers' Meeting on South East Asia Region. — MNA

Mr Nimal Siripa Silva. Implementation of health projects by WHO member nations in 2004-2005 and tasks to be undertaken were discussed.

On 7 September, approval of share of the fund for 2006-2007 under the WHO funds, seeking ways and means for fundraising, tasks to be undertaken in 2006-2007 and proper care at every birth were discussed.

On 8 September, preventive measures against infectious diseases after the earthquake and tsunami occurred in some nations and cooperation

among the nations.

On 9 September, the delegates visited health care services in Kanni. On 10 September, the meeting approved the results.

In connection with GFATM, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said Myanmar sent a proposal asking for funds to Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM).

It received a reply of allocation. But the GFATM did not provide it in time. The GFATM informed Myanmar of suspending allocation while she is launching

anti-AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria activities with greater momentum and the group gave lame excuses. There will be adverse effects on public health due to their decision. Altogether eleven nations of South-East Asia region agreed to Myanmar's discussions and they would send a letter of protest to the group.

The meeting also agreed to make protest against the suspension of allocation. In his discussions, the delegate of India would protest the decision of GFATM.

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## Economic cooperation discussed

YANGON, 13 Sept — President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint

received Bangladeshi Ambassador HE M Khairuzzaman and Commercial Attaché Mr Aftabuzzaman today.

They discussed matters relating to economic cooperation between the two countries.

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UMFCCI President U Win Myint meets Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr Khairuzzaman and Commercial Attaché Mr Aftabuzzaman. UMFCCI

- ★ **Government is making plans for development of public health and drawing syllabus for establishment of Public Health University.**
- ★ **Only when the public health develops will health care services in rural areas improve.**
- ★ **Public Health includes preventive measures, treatment and health education.**



## First batch of UDE examination centres announced

YANGON, 13 Sept— The final examination of the first batch of University of Distance Education for 2005 academic year will be held from 3 to 10 October 2005 at the Dagon University, Yangon Eastern University, Mawlamyine University, Patheingyi University, Sittway University, Pyaw Oo University, Dawei University, Taungtha University, Hinthada University, Hpa-an University, Myeik University, Yangon Western University, Maubin University and Bago Degree College.

First, second and third year students majoring in science of Dagon University, East Division (Yangon East University), West Division (Yangon West University), and respective divisions of UDE are to take the exam at the universities and Degree Colleges concerned.

Details of the announcement will be posted at the respective divisions of UDE.—MNA



MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win presents funds to Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay.

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## MWAF gives educative talks, presents membership certificates

MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win delivers a speech at the opening ceremony of Teachership Course on reproductive health (2/2005).

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Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo, wife of the minister for Home Affairs, addresses the ceremony. — MNA

YANGON, 13 Sept — Talks on general knowledge organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held in conjunction with a ceremony to present membership applications to the MWAF yesterday at the Prisons Department here.

First, Head of the organization department of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation wife of the minister for Home Affairs Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo presented MWAF membership certificates to staff families of the Prisons Department.

Afterwards, Writer Dr Ma Tin Win and Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo gave talks on implementation of nation-building tasks with women's strength.

It was also attended by wife of the deputy minister for Home Affairs Daw San San Wai, staff families of the Prisons Department, representatives of Yangon North District Women's Affairs Organization and Union Solidarity and Development Association totalling 600.

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Dr Ma Tin Win speaks at the membership applications presentation ceremony. — MNA

## Gem course concludes

YANGON, 13 Sept — A concluding ceremony of the gem course conducted by the work committee for improvement of the socio-economic life of women and GGA Co took place at the office of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council this afternoon, with an address by Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay.

After delivering the opening speech, Daw Khin Thet Htay gave gifts to course instructors. Chief Instructor GGA Co Chairman U Aung Ko presented completion certificates to trainees. Next, YDWAOC Chairperson Daw Khin Myo Thu presented a painting to Daw Khin Thet Htay.

Later, on behalf of the trainees, Daw Thiri Hlaing of South Oakkalapa Township WAO recounted experiences gained from the course and spoke words of thanks.

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Yangon Division WAO Chairperson Daw Khin Myo Thu presents gift to Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay.

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**Iraq to close border crossing to Syria**

BAGHDAD, 12 Sept—Iraq will close its border crossing to Syria near the restive western town of Tal Afar, the Iraqi Interior Minister said on Saturday.  
"The government decided to close the Rabia border crossing to Syria from 11 September, and the crossing will be reopened pending further notice," Baqer Jabur Solagh told a TV channel. He said weapons and entry of foreigners will also be forbidden.  
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**China cultivates record high-yield super rice**  
KUNMING, 12 Sept—Chinese agronomists have cultivated new species of "super rice", the Super Rice II YOU 28, with average per hectare yield reaching a record high of 18,449.55 kilogrammes.  
The figure broke the records set in 2004 which witnessed per hectare yield of 18,298.5 kilogrammes, setting a new world record in the per-

unit rice yield, said Shi Changjun, group leader of the super rice acceptance test.  
Experts from the China Rice Research Institute, Yunnan Agricultural University and the Yunnan Provincial Academy of Agriculture conducted on-the-spot acceptance check on Saturday over harvest of the super rice.  
MNA/Xinhua

**Exclusive school bus service to begin in Sri Lanka**

COLOMBO, 12 Sept—An islandwide bus service exclusively for school children will be launched on Monday by the Sri Lanka National Transport Commission (NTC) to ensure the safe and economical transportation of school children, the *Daily News* reported Monday.  
NTC Deputy Director Vipula Hewawalimuni said that the special bus service will be jointly carried out by the Central Transport Board and private bus operators.  
"The service will commence on 180 routes in the Western, Wayamba and Southern Provinces and then expand to other parts of the country," he said. "It will be available to school children at half the regular bus fare. Only students and school teachers will be able to use this service," he said.  
Hewawalimuni said special committees comprising students, teachers and parents have already been set up in each school to monitor the operation of the bus service.  
MNA/Xinhua

**သတင်းစာရောင်းဈေး ငြင်ဆင်သတ်မှတ်ခြင်း**  
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**သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း**

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**Indonesian jet makes emergency landing due to navigation problems**  
JAKARTA, 13 Sept—A Boeing's MD-80 passenger plane with more than 130 people onboard made an emergency landing on Indonesia's West Sumatra Province on Monday due to navigation problems.  
The plane landed on the Air Force's Tabin Airport which is located only 15 kilometres from its original destination of Minangkabau Airport in the provincial capital of Padang, reported the Detikdom online news service.  
"The landing is forced by navigation problems. It's most likely that one of the passengers used cellular phone during the flight," Yohannes, a staff with airport operator Angkasa Pura, was quoted as saying.  
The plane belongs to local budget carrier Wings Air. When contacted separately, Wings Air spokesman Hasyim Aرسال Al-Habsy said the 1W-8730 made a stopover at the Tabin Airport due to bad weather, denying an emergency landing.  
MNA/Xinhua

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### France says Britain's debate on EU farm reform "absurd"

LONDON, 12 Sept — France said on Sunday Britain's call to reduce Europe's lavish farming subsidies leaves London isolated in the 25-nation bloc and the debate that it has sparked on a new reform is absurd.

"This is not about a debate between France and Britain, this is about a British position that is different to that of all other European countries," French Agriculture Minister Dominique Bussereau told reporters.

"The debate on changing something again that has just been changed is absurd," he said, referring to European Union Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) reforms agreed in 2003 by EU farm ministers after marathon negotiations.

Britain blocked a deal on the EU's 2007-2013 budget at an acrimonious summit in June by demanding a commitment to more farm subsidy reform in return for curbing its annual rebate from the bloc — worth 5.3 billion euros (6.6 billion US dollars) last year.

Britain says it is ready to accept curbs on its rebate and pay its full share of enlargement costs if it gets a commitment to review EU expenditure in 2008, including agriculture, with farm spending to be cut in the second half of the budget period.

Margaret Beckett, British Minister for Agriculture and Environment, reacted frostily to accusations that London stood alone.

"We were not isolated before and we are not now," she told a news conference ending a two-day informal meeting of

EU agriculture and environment ministers. "It is a matter for long-term discussion by member states as a whole."

So far, apart from stirring up a heated debate on how the CAP might be reformed in the future, Britain has failed to submit any concrete ideas on how to cut subsidies.

"I haven't heard anything," EU Agriculture Commissioner Mariann Fischer Boel told reporters, when asked if current EU president Britain had suggested any plan to change farm policy.

France, by far the largest beneficiary of CAP spending, regards a deal reached in 2002 between EU leaders — though hatched by Paris and Berlin — on preserving the level of farm spending as untouchable, refusing to consider subsidy cuts. Under the deal, spending limits on CAP market measures, such as subsidies, were fixed for the next 2007-2013 financing period, with a small leeway for inflation. Farm spending eats up more than 40 per cent of the centralized EU budget. — MNA/Reuters

### Angry women sue NY doctor for online dating lies

NEW YORK, 12 Sept — A Manhattan fertility specialist has been sued by two women who say he broke their hearts after meeting them through an online dating site on which he pretended to be single.

In their lawsuits the two women, Tiffany Wang and Jing Huang, accused Dr Khaled Zeitoun, 46, of pretending to be single and using mind games to entice them into sexual relationships with tales of past lives.

According to court papers filed in Manhattan Supreme Court and made public this week, Zeitoun is married with three children. Wang said she met him in March 2001 through a Web site on which he said he was single and had never married.

"Zeitoun claimed he and Wang had been married to each other in previous lives," Wang's lawsuit said, adding that the doctor told her he had mistreated her in that life and "searched for her in this lifetime to correct his past mistakes".

Wang says that in May 2002, he asked her to marry him but only proposed "to see the look of joy on her face".

In a separate suit filed earlier this year, Huang said she met the reproductive endocrinologist in October 2003 through an online dating service. He fed her a similar line about being single and having been married to her in a previous life.

Huang eventually realized he was cheating on her and the relationship ended in July 2004.

MNA/Reuters

### Two US soldiers, one civilian wounded as double explosions rattle S Afghanistan

KABUL, 13 Sept — Two American soldiers were injured as two bombs went off Tuesday in Afghan southern province of Kandahar, former stronghold of Taliban, a police officer confirmed.

"A roadside bomb attack on US military convoy in Hazrati area of Kandahar today injured two soldiers and one civilian," police officer Abdul Rahim Anwar told Xinhua.

Two US soldiers were injured in the explosion and sent to the nearby base at once for treatment, and now they have

been recovered and gone back to duty," spokesperson of Coalition Cindy Moor told Xinhua.

Another explosion shocked Kushmushak area in the province when a motorist targeted a police post by hand grenade leaving no casualties, the police officer added.

The man behind the incident had been arrested, he added. However, no group or individual has claimed responsibility for the two attacks.

MNA/Xinhua



US astronaut William McArthur, Russian cosmonaut Valery Tokarev and US space tourist Gregory Olsen sit in front of a Soyuz replica spaceship and answer reporters' questions ahead of their last day of examinations at the training center in Star City near Moscow on 12 September, 2005. Olsen, McArthur and Tokarev are due to blast off to the International Space Station from Baikonur cosmodrome in October.—INTERNET

### "Brokeback Mountain" wins Venice Golden Lion

VENICE, 12 Sept — Ang Lee's "Brokeback Mountain", won Venice's Golden Lion on Saturday, beating film festival favourite George Clooney in the race to take the top prize.

The latest film by the director of "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" is adapted from a short story by Annie Proulx and stars Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal as love-struck cowboys whose forbidden affair begins in 1963 and ends 20 years later.

Lee describes "Brokeback Mountain" as a story of love against adversity. Independent and low-budget, like several US entries at the festival, it was filmed in Canada to save money.

Critics had predicted Clooney's black-and-

white McCarthy-era tale of broadcasting courage, "Good Night, And, Good Luck", would win the Golden Lion, beating the 19 other films in the main competition.

Clooney, adored in Venice, did not go home empty-handed, winning an award for best screenplay while his star David Strathairn won the best actor prize for his intense portrayal of journalist Edward R Murrow.

Italy also took home a consolation prize thanks to Giovanna Mezzogiorno winning the best actress award for her role in Cristina Comencini's "La Bestia nel Cuore" ("Don't Tell"), moving tale of adult siblings scarred by child abuse. She beat France's Isabelle Huppert, a frontrunner for her role

in the emotionally intense "Gabrielle", and Gwyneth Paltrow, a contender for her performance as the daughter of a mentally unstable mathematician in John Madden's "Proof".

Huppert was instead given a special Lion for her "outstanding contribution to cinema".

US director Abel Ferrara won the Jury Grand Prix for "Mary", starring Juliette Binoche as an actress haunted by the figure of Mary Magdalene after having played her on screen.

France's Philippe Garrel won the Silver Lion prize for best director with his "Les Amants Reguliers" ("Regular Lovers"), an austere story of love in bohemian Paris after the May 1968 riots.

MNA/Reuters

### Survivors of Peru crash to sue Boeing

LIMA (Peru), 12 Sept — A US family who survived a plane crash that killed 40 people in Peru last month is planning to sue plane maker Boeing for unspecified damages, alleging a design fault, their lawyer said on Saturday.

Manuel von Ribbeck of the Nolan Law Group, representing the Vivas family of New York State, told CPN radio the suit would be filed next week in Chicago, home of the world's top plane maker. He declined to discuss how much the Vivas family was seeking in damages.

The suit also will include United Airlines, which trained the crew, he said.

Von Ribbeck said poorly designed seats prevented many passengers from escaping.

"(The seats) broke their ... hips, arms," he said. "Emergency lights didn't work, emergency ramps didn't open and the emergency doors didn't open completely."

Six members of the Vivas family, who are of Peruvian origin, were traveling at the back of the Boeing 737-200 plane and managed to escape.

Another survivor, Julio Mera, told CPN "there was no (exit) ramp or anything like that. We were practically in the mud". — MNA/Reuters



## SPORTS



Blackburn's Robbie Savage, centre, keeps an eye on the ball as Bolton's Kevin Nolan, left, looks on during their English Premier League soccer game at the Reebok Stadium, Bolton, England, on 11 September, 2005.—INTERNET

## FIFA doping plans look unlikely to appease WADA

**MARRAKECH (Morocco), 13 Sept—** FIFA and WADA seem no nearer resolving their differences despite FIFA president Sepp Blatter's insistence on Monday that soccer's governing body was leading the fight against doping in world sport.

Blatter told delegates at FIFA's 55th Congress that FIFA had revised its statutes and dropped its insistence on a six-month ban for first offenders to bring FIFA into line with the World Anti-Doping Agency's code of sanctions for doping offenders.

However, although FIFA publicly signed a declaration of intent to fully endorse WADA's code in Paris last year, the sticking point remains WADA's insistence that a two-year ban must be imposed on first offenders and FIFA have not yet signed on WADA's dotted line.

Until FIFA agree to that, which seems unlikely, the two Swiss-based organizations will almost certainly end up facing each other at the Court for Arbitration in Sport (CAS) in Lausanne.

WADA chairman Dick Pound, like Blatter a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), has said that unless all 35 international federations agree to the WADA code, they risk being thrown out of the Olympic Games.

But a bullish Blatter told delegates

from 205 of FIFA's 207 member associations that a footballer's first offence would now be dealt with by anything from a warning to a life ban, making no reference to WADA's insistence on a mandatory two-year ban.

Blatter said: "We cannot do more than be leaders in the fight against doping. What more can we do, we are doing more than anyone else as it is. Last year we carried out 22,000 doping tests — more than any other federation. Athletics was next with 19,000 and the rest far behind.

"We have changed our statutes and adapted our rules to WADA and I think we are code compliant. But if there are any more uncertainties and Dick Pound is not satisfied and wants to take us to CAS, OK, well if that happens, so be it.

"We have taken the right approach to work with WADA."

Blatter said that FIFA would put 250 of its affiliated doctors at WADA's disposal to help the agency carry out its duties and insisted that FIFA and WADA can work together.—MNA/Reuters

## Harewood hat-trick lifts Hammers to 4-0 win over Villa

**LONDON, 13 Sept—** Striker Marlon Harewood scored a hat-trick to inspire West Ham United to a 4-0 home win over Aston Villa in the English Premier League on Monday.

Promoted Hammers climbed to seventh in the standings with seven points from four games. They trail leaders Chelsea by eight points with a game in hand. Champions Chelsea continued their perfect start with a 2-0 home win over Sunderland on Saturday. They have 15 points from five games, 10 goals for and none against.

Harewood slotted home Teddy Sheringham's pass from the middle of the area for his first goal in the 25th minute.

The striker was closer in when he netted the second four minutes later after defender Anton Ferdinand had headed down Matt Etherington's corner from the right.

Harewood completed his hat-trick five minutes into the second half when he shot home after Etherington's free kick from the right wing to the far post.

Israel midfielder Yossi Benayoun completed Villa's misery with West Ham's fourth goal one minute from time.

MNA/Reuters

## EU working on issue of Premier League TV rights

**BRUSSELS, 13 Sept—** The European Commission is working closely with British agencies to help force England's Premier League to share television rights to top soccer matches with more than one broadcaster, those involved said on Monday.

The change would mean that satellite broadcaster BSkyB would no longer have exclusive rights to live television football coverage.

The EU executive is trying to ensure rights will be shared among at least two broadcasters from 2007, when the current contract expires.

"We're determined to ensure that viewers and football fans benefit from more choice and improved access to Premier League games," said Jonathan Todd, a Commission spokesman.

The Brussels executive is putting the finishing touches on a statement of objections, which lays out specifics against the Premier League.

Simon Duffy, the chief executive of Britain's largest cable company NTL Inc. said in August the allocation of rights had to be in a "fair and orderly manner", according to his spokeswoman.

"Two 50 per cent packages would be the only way that we would be able to bid for the rights," she said, paraphrasing Duffy.—MNA/Reuters

## Portuguese Government bristles at threat from FIFA

**LISBON, 13 Sept—** Portugal's sports secretary Laurentino Dias said on Monday that world soccer's governing body FIFA give his country orders. FIFA president Sepp Blatter had said over the weekend that the world body could take action against Greece, Poland and Portugal unless their governments changed domestic laws to make them compatible with FIFA statutes.

Blatter did not say what action that might be, but FIFA wanted changes made in the domestic legislation of those three countries by July 2006.

Blatter returned to the theme at FIFA's Congress in Marrakech, Morocco, on Monday when he announced the setting up of a Task Force to deal with, among other things, government interference.

The Congress also suspended Yemen from FIFA membership for that reason, but the Portuguese response to Blatter's announcement was a curt one.

"FIFA does not give orders to Portu-

gal and Portugal does not give orders to FIFA," Dias told journalists.

FIFA is concerned that Portuguese law allows the national league too much autonomy. Blatter has written to Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Socrates about the issue.

"FIFA communicated to us that it wanted to see some changes in our legislation," Dias said.

"We communicated to FIFA what our intentions are in this matter and we will wait and see. It is not a situation we are worried about."—MNA/Reuters

## Italy's Serie A match reports

**MILAN, 13 Sept—** Brief reports of Serie A matches played on Sunday:

### Cagliari 1—Lazio 1

Cagliari took the lead through their exciting Honduran striker David Suazo in the opening minute whose clinical finish from inside the area beat Angelo Peruzzi, but some poor defending allowed Lazio to draw level with a header from Sebastiano Siviglia.

Neither side shone after the break and Cagliari were forced to play with 10 men for the final 12 minutes after their Uruguayan defender Diego Lopez was sent off.

### Chievo Verona 1—Parma 0

Disappointment for Parma coach Mario Beretta, who was sacked by Chievo last season, as his side failed to impress and fell to a Davide Mandelli header in the 11th minute. Mandelli headed home from close range a Federico Giunti free kick and from then on Chievo had a firm grip on the match with Parma creating few problems.

### Lecce 0—Ascoli 0

Second point of the season for promoted Ascoli after their opening day draw with Milan, but it was against the odds after they had Vittorio Tosto sent off 10 minutes before the break.

Lecce had the better chances in the second half although Marco Ferrante was unable to make the most of a rare good chance for the visitors.

### Messina 2—Fiorentina 2

After scoring on the opening day of the season and then hitting a hat-trick

for Italy in midweek, Fiorentina striker Luca Toni opening the scoring with a confidently taken goal from a tight angle. Toni's strike partner, Bulgarian Valeri Bojinov made it 2-0 four minutes before the break with a great turn and shot from inside the area.

But Messina showed the spirit that served them well last season with Arturo Di Napoli heading them back into the game and then Ivory Coast full-back Marc Zoro taking advantage of poor Fiorentina defending to equalize in the 61st minute.—MNA/Reuters



Roger Federer of Switzerland screams after winning the third set during the US Open final against Andre Agassi of the US at the USTA National Tennis Centre in Flushing Meadows, New York. Federer won 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (7/1), 6-1.—INTERNET



# USDA CEC member inspects regional development...

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minister who fulfilled the requirements.

Later, the minister inspected tasks to upgrade BEPS in Yampho Village, Taninthayi Township and construction of Taninthayi

Division USDA's Office in Myeik and attended to the needs.

On arrival at Myeik District USDA's Office in Seiknge Ward, Myeik, the minister met with the secretaries of USDA at differ-

ent levels and CEC members and urged them to actively participate in nation-building endeavours.

At the office of Taninthayi Division Fisheries Department, the minister met fisheries entrepreneurs and gave instructions on fisheries matters.

On 11 September morning, the minister arrived at Zayatseik Kyaungtaik in Zayatseik Village-tract, Palaw Township where he paid homage and presented offertories to the Presiding Sayadaw of the Kyaungtaik. At the Dhammayon of the Kyaungtaik, the minister met USDA members of the Village-tract, social organizations and local people and stressed the need to contribute their shares in regional development tasks and the drive for development of socio-economic life of USDA members.

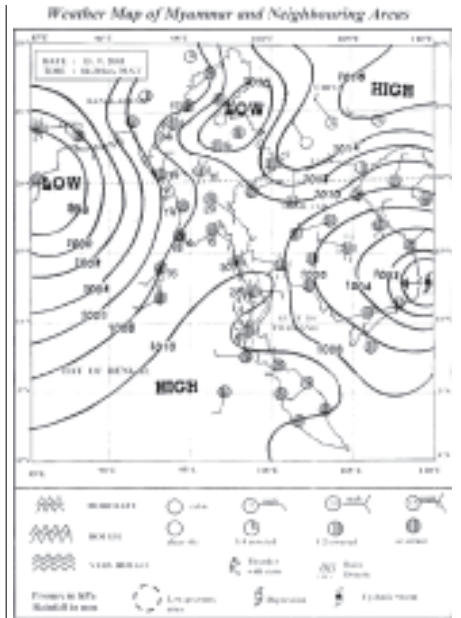
Next, the minister ar-

rived at the Yadana Hall in Palaw and met with departmental officials, USDA members, social organizations and local people and touched on progress of implementation of the seven-point Road Map and work being carried out to bring about equitable development throughout the nation.

Afterwards, the minister attended the opening ceremony of the new USDA Office in Palauk, Myeik District and formally opened the office by cutting a ribbon.

At the meeting hall of Palauk Township General Administration Department, the minister met departmental officials, members of social organizations, USDA members, townelders and called on USDA members to lend themselves to the tasks of regional development. Next, the minister accepted over 800 membership applications of the Township.

After that, the minister arrived at sea prawn breeding station of Bindin Co Ltd in Thepon Village and inspected prawn breeding ponds and work being carried out there.—MNA



U Maung Maung Gyi of Hninzigon Home for the Aged accepts K 100,000 donated for the home in commemoration of birthday of Daw Mya Mya Win of 17, Zeyathiri Street, Kamayut, Yangon. — H

### Lin, Fu-Fa (a) ဦးခင်မောင်မော် Age (65) Years (Wakema)

Lin, Fu-Fa, son of (U Chain Whay-Daw Kyin Shwe), son-in-law of (U Hla Htun-Daw Bi), beloved husband of Daw Khin Saw Oo of No 10, third floor, Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Pabedan Township and No 288, Sixth (west) Ward, Zingama Road, Thaketa Township, father of Lin Lai Yu (a) Maung Naing Oo-Ow Yan Won (a) Ma Yin Yin San, Lin Lai Hui (a) Maung Phyo Thu Soe-Ma Theingi Swe, grandfather of 4 passed away on 12th September 2005.

The cremation will take place at Yayway Cemetery at 3 pm on Wednesday (14-9-2005).

(Buses will leave the Thaketa residence at 1:30 pm.)  
**Bereaved family**

### Myanma Port Authority Warning of Hightide

The public are hereby informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.73 feet to 21.35 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period 17th September to 22nd September, 2005.



### Wednesday, 14 September

- Tune in today:**
- 8.30 am Brief news
  - 8.35 am Music: -Brighter day,
  - 8.40 am Perspectives
  - 8.45 am Music: -Hit by love
  - 8.50 am National news/Slogan
  - 9:00 am Music: -Let's go
  - 9:05 am ch i l d i s h International news
  - 9:10 am Music: -I won't say I am in love
  - 1.30 pm News/Slogan
  - 1.40 pm Lunch time music
  - Take a bow - All by myself - I don't want to talk about it
  - Nothing's gonna change my love for you.
  - 9.10 pm Variations on a tune "Bye Bye love"
  - Syman & Gerfunkel, Connie Francis, Poso Seko
  - 9.15 pm Article
  - 9.25 pm Music at your request
  - When you believe
  - Love is on the -way
  - Got real
  - 9.45 pm News/Slogan
  - 10.00 pm PEL



### Wednesday, 14 September

- View on today:**
- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
  - 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
  - 7:30 am 3. Morning news
  - 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
  - 7:55 am 5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
  - 8:05 am 6. ဗြူးဗြူးကြွကြွယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
  - 8:15 am 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
  - 8:25 am 8. ဆက်သွယ်ဆင့်ပွား ကျွန်တော့်တာ:

- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Let's Go
- 11. Close Down.
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးအဖွဲ့အစည်း (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 4:45 pm 4. Songs of national races
- 5:55 pm 5. ဂုဏ် နှစ် ဆရာဝန် အကြိမ် (၁၃၅၅) မှ ဖြန့်ဖြူးပေးခြင်း အဖွဲ့အစည်း (၁၃၅၅) မှ ဖြန့်ဖြူးပေးခြင်း (၁၃၅၅) မှ ဖြန့်ဖြူးပေးခြင်း (၁၃၅၅) မှ ဖြန့်ဖြူးပေးခြင်း
- 5:05 pm 6. ကာမဗေဒ တီတိဆေး (ရာဇာဓိပတိ၊ သုတေသန၊ ညီကျော်၊ မတူး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ပန်းချီနီနီ)

- 5:20 pm 7. Songs of yesteryears
- 5:30 pm 8.
- ရုပျယ်စုံလင်အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 5:40 pm 9. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ လက်တွေ့ပွဲ
- 6:00 pm 10. သုတေသန ရွှေဘုံစုံ
- 6:30 pm 11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 13. Variety spectacular
- 7:35 pm 14. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm 15. ကြားမြင်သုတပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပေသာ
- 8:00 pm 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. ကြိုးတပ် တူရိယာ တီးခတ် (ဒီလိုတလေး တင်အောင် စီစဉ်တင်ဆက်သည်)
- 20. The next day's programme

**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

**Kachin State has prospects to run rubber farming on commercial scale  
Rubber to be grown across nation and in areas where paddy does not thrive**



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects production process of rubber in the rubber research farm in Naungnan village in Myitkyina. —MNA*

YANGON, 13 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence on 11 September met with departmental officials in Kachin State and members of the supervisory committee for agriculture and gave instructions on agricultural tasks and regional development tasks.

When he arrived at Myitkyina Airport on 11 September morning, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, Commander of Myitkyina Airbase Brig-

Gen Zaw Tun, senior military officers and officials welcomed Lt-Gen Ye Myint.

At the meeting held at the City Hall at Myitkyina, Kachin State,

Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint reported on regional development and land utilization in Kachin State. In his report, he said out of Kachin State's target of 470,000 acres of

monsoon paddy, so far 412,241 acres have been cultivated and arrangements have been made to grow 600,000 acres of paddy as part of an extended cultivation. A to-

tal of 15,010 acres of summer paddy have been cultivated and 10 major crops will also be grown at the end of the monsoon season.

As part of an effort

to exceed the regional food sufficiency, 1000 acres have been reclaimed and 924 have been put under monsoon paddy in Naungmi region in (See page 9)



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets rubber growers at the rubber research farm in Naungnan Village, Myitkyina township. — MNA*

**Teachership course on reproductive health opens**

YANGON, 13 Sept — Teachership course on reproductive health (2/2005), organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, was opened at the office of MMCWA in South Oakkalapa Township this morning.

Present at the opening ceremony were MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC members, Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay and members, Health Department Director General Dr Tin Win Maung and officials and

guests. First, Daw Khin Khin Win gave an opening speech.

Dr Tin Win Maung explained the purpose of the opening of the course and UNFPA Resident Representative Mr Daniel B Baker explained facts about the course.

Next, President Daw Khin Khin Win handed over the funds for the six projected towns for holding educative talks to Daw Khin Thet Htay.

The course is being attended by 30 trainees from various townships in Yangon Division. — MNA

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*Now is the time when the National Convention, the very first and most important stage of the seven-point policy programme for the emergence of a democratic nation, is being translated into action. At such a time like this, the onus is on all of us to lend ourselves to the process of building a new nation.*

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