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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## Comprehensive preparations under way for 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

### Leading Committee for Organizing 13th MTCPAC meets



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses the second coordination meeting of Leading Committee for Organizing 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.— MNA

YANGON, 28 Sept — Leading Committee for Organizing 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held the second coordination meeting at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this afternoon.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said that the 13th

Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held soon. Chairmen and members of the Work Committee, sub-committees and panels of judges are to make preparations for their respective tasks. And, all are to make concerted efforts for holding the competitions on a grand scale.

As the number of

contestants for the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions is higher than that of previous year, it is necessary to make arrangements for convenience of the contestants for accommodation and study tours, he said.

He urged members of the panel of judges to select those who deserve

to win the prizes. He praised members of the panel of judges for their active efforts despite their age for the emergence of new generation artistes, and the maestros are to take care of their health to be able to discharge more duties of fine arts in the future.

In conclusion, the commander said that officials of the work committee, sub-committees and panel of judges are to carry out their respective tasks for successfully organizing the Performing Arts Competitions.

Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung reported on com-

pletion of tasks related the competitions. Next, chairmen and officials of the work committee, sub-committees and panel of judges submitted reports on their respective sectors.

After attending to

the needs, the commander gave concluding remarks.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and officials.

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Cooperate in the fight against TB**

The government of the Union of Myanmar has been trying to enhance the health standard of the people by providing wider health care services in accordance with one of the four social objectives that is concerned with public health. To enhance the health standard of the people, the Ministry of Health is carrying out systematic projects on prevention and diagnosis of diseases and rehabilitation work.

Prevention is one of the most important tasks where public health care service is concerned. When diseases break out, it is necessary to receive proper treatment and to take medicine regularly. Therefore, health staff and social organizations are cooperating in educating the people to promote their health awareness.

Members of the Yangon West District Maternal and Child Welfare Association held a ceremony to educate people about DOTS in the fight against TB at No 2 Basic Education High School, Latha Township, on 19 September. At the ceremony, talks on TB and anti-TB campaigns were given and the prizes were given away to the townships for their best performance in anti-TB activities and to those who scored high marks in the quiz on the fight against TB.

TB is a viral disease and people know it as a lung disease. And there are various kinds of TB. It is not a hereditary disease. It is infectious and we can easily catch the disease from an infected person.

Therefore, it is very important to prevent the spread of disease carefully and systematically if there is a TB-infected person among the family or at work and it is necessary to carry out more and more educative work about TB to prevent it.

Now the Ministry of Health is fighting TB with the systematic use of DOTS. If one is suspicious of being TB-positive, one should receive treatment as soon as possible and take medicines as prescribed by specialists.

We believe that anti-TB campaigns will meet with unqualified success if the entire people including health staff and members of social organizations pool the resources.

**Cadets of DSMA tour MMCWA Building**

YANGON, 28 Sept — Cadets of Final Part-I of No 9th Intake of Defence Services Medical Academy led by Lt-Col Nay Soe Maung, on a study tour of defence and social medical science, arrived at the building of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association this morning.

President Daw Khin Khin Win of MMCWA extended greetings. CEC member Dr Daw Khin Mya Win and Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha explained organizational set-up of the association at different levels and functions.

CEC members answered the queries raised by the cadets. Next, the President gave the concluding remarks.

Afterwards, the cadets visited the clinic and the Early Childhood Development Centre.

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**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

**A&I Minister goes on inspection tour of Paunglaung, Yenwe multi-purpose dams**



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo inspects Yenwe Dam in Kyauktaga Township, Bago Division. — A & I

YANGON, 28 Sept — Accompanied by departmental officials, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo arrived at Kyeni Lake near Yamethin in Mandalay Division on 24th September.

At the briefing hall, the township in-charge of Irrigation Department briefed the minister on inflow of water into the lake, its water supply to irrigated areas. Next, Chairman of District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Kyi Shein gave supplementary reports on its catchment area and irrigated area. Regarding the reports, the minister gave instructions on the durability of its embankment

and made arrangements to fulfil the requirements.

During his meeting with members of township and district Union Solidarity and Development Association, the minister called for cooperative efforts with the local people to participate in the five rural development tasks, arrangements to be made for maintenance of lakes in the villages. Next, the minister inspected inflow of water into Kyeni lake.

On arrival at Paunglaung multi-purpose dam in Pynnmana Township, the minister looked into water storage in the dam, its inflow of water and the spillway.

On the following day, the minister and

party met with members of Pyu Township Agricultural Service Committee and held discussions with them to boost cultivation and production of crops.

Next, those present reported to the minister on cultivation of paddy meeting the target of 100 baskets per acre yield, sugar-cane and other crops. In connection with the reports, the minister gave instructions on increased cultivation and production of all designated crops.

Upon arrival at Yenwe multi-purpose dam in Kyauktaga Township being built by Irrigation Department Construction Group-1, the minister inspected

progress in building of main dam. At the briefing hall, Director of Irrigation Department U Hla Myint briefed the minister on remaining earth work of the main dam, completion of the spillway, its water storage capacity and inflow of water into it by the use of charts.

Afterwards, the minister gave instructions on timely completion of the dam and attended to the needs.

After that, the minister viewed the main dam, inflow of water into the dam and the power plant from the observation tower. Yenwe dam is 1850 feet in length and 251 feet in height.

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**Sportswear donated to Mandalay Division Hockey Team**

YANGON, 28 Sept — Mandalay Division In-Charge U Khin Maung Myint of Honda Peddrollo Water Pump Co donated sportswear to Mandalay Division Hockey Team through Chairman of Mandalay Division Committee for Ensuring Success in Hockey Col Hla Win at Central Ordnance Depot (Mandalay) yesterday.

At the ceremony, the vice-President of Myanmar Hockey Federation and the member of Development Committee for International and Asian

Hockey Federation dealt with arrangements to fulfil the needs for the development of hockey in Mandalay Division and preparations of WHF and AHF.

Next, Secretary of Mandalay Division Sports and Physical Education Committee Lt-Col Myat Tun expressed his thanks on the occasion. Also present

on the occasion were officials of the company, executives, Mandalay Division In-Charge U Bo Aye and U Maung Maung Lwin. — MNA

Mandalay Division In-Charge U Khin Maung Myint of Honda Peddrollo Water Pump Co presents track suits to Lt-Col Myat Tun. MHF



# ASEAN ministers seek ways to realize e-ASEAN

**HANOI, 27 Sept — The telematics and information technology ministers are discussing ways to realize e-ASEAN during the TELMIN-5 meeting opened here on Monday.**

“The information technology is playing a greater role in building up a community of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), however, ASEAN countries are still facing shortages in human resources, financial backing and advanced technology,” Vietnam’s Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said on the opening session of the fifth ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers’ Meeting.

Nguyen expressed his hope for “pooling greater cooperation and assistance from ASEAN dialogue partners”.

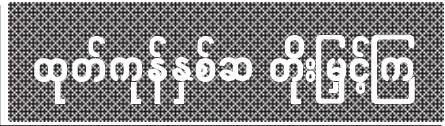
In the coming time, the delegates are to discuss the Hanoi Agenda, which consists of regional strategic development orientations and specific programmes

and is high on the TELMIN-5 agenda in 2005-2010. Under the Hanoi Agenda, some 40 projects covering the promotion of e-commerce, IT infrastructure development, the narrowing of the digital divide, and the establishment of e-government and e-society in member countries will be carried out.

They will also adopt a proposed ministerial statement on Internet governance, a regulation to deploy ASEAN information and communication technology (ICT) fund, and ASEAN ICT cooperation with dialogue partners.

The meeting has attracted 150 delegates from the 10-member ASEAN countries and its three dialogue partner countries, China, Japan and South Korea.

MNA/Xinhua



*A bicyclist braves the wind as Typhoon Damrey smashes Haikou, capital city of south China's Hainan Province, on 26 September, 2005. —INTERNET*

## British soldiers face sack after failing drugs test

**LONDON, 27 Sept— Twenty-five soldiers from two battalions face the end of their Army careers after failing routine drugs tests, the Ministry of Defence said on Monday.**

The troops, 11 from the Welsh Guards and 14 from the Green Howards, are likely to be dismissed from the service.

“There is a zero tolerance towards drugs taking, because drugs obviously aren’t compatible with military service,” said an MoD spokesman.

“When people use these illegal substances the disciplinary process kicks in.”

Less than one in 100 Army personnel fail the random drug tests, the

spokesman said, compared to a level of around one in 20 in the civilian workplace.

The 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, based in St Athan, South Wales, has been deployed in Bosnia, Northern Ireland and Iraq.

Welsh Guards Commanding Officer Lieutenant-Colonel Ben Bathurst said seven of the troops were discharged on Friday, with a decision pending on the other four.

MNA/Reuters

## Heavy weapons seized in Pakistan’s tribal area

**ISLAMABAD, 27 Sept—** The authorities in Pakistan’s tribal region on Monday seized huge cache of heavy weapons including missiles and anti-tank mines.

The weapons were recovered from a house in Mohmand tribal agency close to the Afghan border in a two-hour pre-dawn operation by local militia, private Geo television reported.

Taj Muhammad Khan, owner of the house was taken into custody and was being questioned, the report said.

The weapons included 450 air-to-ground missiles, 350 mortar guns, four

anti-aircraft guns, eight boxes of anti-personnel mines, three anti-tank mines and huge quantity of different type of bullets.—MNA /Xinhua

## China, Russia hail bilateral cooperation

**BEIJING, 27 Sept — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here on Monday that “to further enhance Sino-Russian relationship is in compliance with the current situation and the development need of the two countries”.**

Wen made the remarks during his meeting with Sergei Mironov, chairman of the Russian Federation Council.

He said China and Russia have seen rapid development in their bilateral relationship as well as enhanced cooperation in recent years.

“The China-Russia relationship has entered a new era of development since the two countries established a strategic partnership of cooperation and signed the Good-Neighbourly Treaty on Friendship and Cooperation,” he said.

Wen pointed out that both China and Russia are in a critical stage of development under the context of changing and complicated international situation, adding that to cement bilateral

ties is conducive to world peace and prosperity.”

He hoped the two countries could promote the comprehensive cooperation from a strategic perspective, in a friendly and mutually-beneficial manner, and in accordance with the principles enshrined in the China-Russia Joint Declaration on the World Order in the 21st Century.

He called on the two countries to make contributions to creating a just and reasonable international order.

Mironov agreed with Wen’s comment on bilateral relationship, saying the frequent exchanges of high-level visits between China and Russia over the past two years have promoted bilateral ties.

The two countries have conducted close cooperation in various fields, in particular, in dealing with international affairs, he said.

Mironov emphasized that the Russian Parliament and government attach great importance to strengthening the Russia-China relationship and are eager to bolster cooperation with China in high-tech, resource exploitation and environmental protection.

Mironov said Russia would encourage and support its enterprises to get more involved in revitalizing the traditional industrial bases in northeast China so as to inject new vigor and vitality into bilateral economic and trade cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua

## 1925 US soldiers killed in Iraq since beginning of the war

**WASHINGTON, 27 Sept—** As of Tuesday, 27 Sept, 2005, at least 1,925 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,496 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,786 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,382 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.—Internet



*US soldiers inspect the site of a suicide attack outside the Ministry of Oil in Baghdad, on 26 September, 2005. A suicide car bomber blew himself up outside the Ministry, killing seven and wounding 27, an Interior Ministry source said.*

INTERNET

## Suicide bomber kills ten Iraqi police recruits

**BAGHDAD, 27 Sept—** A man wearing a belt of explosives under his clothing walked into a crowd of recruits gathered outside a police compound northeast of Baghdad on Tuesday morning and detonated his payload, killing ten and wounding 26 in a spray of burning metal, police officials said.

The suicide attack took place in Baquba, a city 30 miles northeast of the capital, where Iraqi police officers and soldiers have been under siege by guerillas for months.

Scattered attacks continued across Iraq on Tuesday. In Baghdad, gunmen fired on a

minibus bound for Abu Ghraib prison, killing four police officers and two detainees. Eight detainees were wounded in the attack.

Near the northern city of Kirkuk, gunmen killed an Iraqi police officer and a soldier in separate attacks, Interior Ministry officials

said. Another police officer was killed in Kirkuk by a roadside bomb.

West of the capital, a marine assigned to the Second Marine Expeditionary Force was killed by a homemade bomb during combat operations, military officials said.—Internet



Antonio Smith (L) and Clarence Bonvillain hook up a 6 to 7 thousand pound (2722-3175 kg) sand bag to a military helicopter at the Houma airport in Louisiana on 27 September, 2005. The Army Corps of Engineers used helicopters in an attempt to shore up a flood wall breach at the Montegut levee, caused by Hurricane Rita, where a tidal surge caused more flooding to an already damaged area. — INTERNET



## ASEAN to establish common online newspaper

HANOI, 27 Sept— The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), late this month, will set up a common electronic newspaper, which will serve as a bridge connecting people, businesses, and governments in the region, according to local newspaper *Youth* on Monday.

At the 2nd meeting of the e-ASEAN Business Council (e-ABC), the council's chairman, Nguyen Anh Tuan, said the paper, which will provide free e-mail and message services to people and mobile phone users in the region, is expected

to develop into an information gateway of the ASEAN, helping to improve the block's voice in both terms of politics and economy in the world.

The establishment of the paper, the *Asia News Net*, which will be built based on a partnership among online newspapers of ASEAN members, communication organizations, and international business and academic community in the region and the world, is Vietnam's initiative, aiming to increase exchanging information and boost

comprehensive cooperation among ASEAN members.

The meeting, under the framework of the 5th ASEAN Telecommunications and Information Technology Ministers Meeting (TELMIN 5) slated for 26-30 September, saw the participation of some 30 delegates from Indonesia, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. ASEAN groups the seven countries and Brunei, Cambodia and Laos.

MNA/Xinhua

## Four killed in helicopter crash in Montenegro

BELGRADE (Serbia-Montenegro), 27 Sept— A chartered helicopter crashed on Monday in the mountainous Balkan Republic of Montenegro, killing four people aboard the helicopter, including an American and a Belgian, according to reports reaching here from the Montenegro capital of Podgorica.

The helicopter crashed mid-Monday at the Susica River valley, 20 kilometres from the tourist resort of Zabljak in the northwestern Montenegro, the official *Tanjug* news agency reported.

Due to the river valley as deep as 800 metres, local police and rescuers have managed to reach the crash site only by about 5 pm local time, said the reports.

Three bodies were found in the cabin of the helicopter, said the reports, adding that the victims are Belgrade pilot Milan Minic, American Mark Vitenberg and Belgian Fernand de Vazijer. The two businessmen

were said to be taken to a tour of the region to look for investment opportunities in skiing and others. Another victim, found far from the crash site, is Dejan Kujundzic, manager of a local hotel.

Local judicial officials believed that the tragic accident might be attributed to the screw propellers of the low-flying helicopter twined with high-tension line in the river valley. Serbia-Montenegro air disaster committee will be conducting further investigation on the crash site on Tuesday, said the reports.

MNA/Xinhua

## Road accident kills three, injures four in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Sept— Three people were killed and four others seriously injured in a road accident in the Malaysian state of Kedah, local media reported on Monday.

Six vehicles were involved in the crash, which happened on Monday morning in an expressway in Sungai Petani. A four-wheel-drive vehicle, Frontier, stalled in the middle of the road after crashing into a lorry. Two following cars, a Honda Civic and a Proton Wira, stopped to offer help. Unfortunately, then came another lorry, after colliding with a container truck stopping there, rammed into the people standing by the road.

All the three people, including the driver of the stalled vehicle and two people who stopped to render assistance, died on the spot, local police said.

The two volunteers were identified as Mohamed Syazwan Amani, 33, who just got married on Sunday, and Vannesa Grant Francis, 24. — MNA/Xinhua

## Somali pirates seizing WFP rice ship, hijack another vessel

NAIROBI, 27 Sept— Somali pirates who have held a UN-chartered ship and its crew hostage for nearly three months have captured another vessel carrying cement from Egypt, according to reports reaching here on Monday.

The incident came within days after the US Government issued fresh terror warning against travelling to East Africa, citing piracy in the Somali waters.

The ship, *Ibnu Batuta*, was carrying cement from the north African country when it was attacked near the port of El Maan, near Mogadishu, said the report quoting Abdi Rahman Kariin Olow, a prominent Mogadishu-based businessman, who owns part of the cement shipment.

Olow confirmed the ship was hijacked by the same gunmen who on 28 June seized the *MV Semlow*, which was transporting rice to Somalia for the World Food Programme (WFP).

He said that he had been contacted by the hijackers. "The hijackers let us speak with the captain of the vessel, who also confirmed that they were taken hostages," he was quoted as saying.

It was not clear how many crew were on board or where they came from.

MNA/Xinhua

## Euro-Asian Road Transport Conference opens in Beijing

BEIJING, 27 Sept— With the theme of "Road Transportation, bridge across Asia and Europe", the third Euro-Asian Road Transport Conference opened here on Sunday.

Nearly 300 overseas delegates and 400-plus domestic representatives participated in the conference, according to Ju Chengzhi, secretary-general of the organizing committee.

The conference is co-hosted by the International Road Transportation Union (IRU) and Chinese Ministry of Communications.

China's fast road transportation development over the past years attracted IRU to choose it for the venue of this year's conference, said Ju.

During the three-day meeting, participants will

discuss the road transportation potential in the Far East and Southeast Asian regions, the international cooperation between China and its neighbouring countries, the infrastructure development on Asian and European roads, the best transportation and logistics cases in Asia and Europe.—MNA/Xinhua

CAIRO, 27 Sept— Much of the US effort in Iraq in recent months has been aimed at stopping the inflow of foreign jihadis.

US warplanes have blown up bridges to deny guerrilla infiltration routes, troops have occupied small towns thought to be crossing points for foreigners into bigger cities, and spy drones continuously buzz the Syrian border. Even if the US can seal Iraq's borders, stopping the flow of foreign fighters would do little to eliminate most of the country's guerillas. Only 4 to 10 percent of the country's combatants are foreign fighters, according to a report from the Centre for Strategic and International Studies released last week

Internet

## Iraq's foreign fighters few but deadly



Iraqis look at a car destroyed by a US military armoured vehicle making its escape from a road side bomb attack in Ramadi, Iraq, on 26 Sept, 2005. Road-side bombs killed three US soldiers on Monday in two separate attacks and 16 Iraqis were killed elsewhere. — INTERNET



An Indonesian child receives polio drops during a mass polio vaccination in Jakarta on 27 September, 2005.—INTERNET

## Kuwait company to deliver goods to Iraq

**KUWAIT CITY, 27 Sept—** A Kuwaiti company is to deliver supermarket goods to over 480 markets in Iraq from next month, the *Kuwait News Agency (KNA)* reported on Sunday.

Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of Kuwait's National Projects Company Hmoud Al-Nasser said his company has a "five-year contract to supply Iraqi partners with all their needs," and his company has a sole agent agreement with Iraqis and provides the only means of supply for them.

The Kuwaiti company will deliver

the goods at the Iraqi border, and then the goods will be taken to the destination by the United Iraqi Cooperatives (UIC), reported *KNA*.

Al-Nasser stressed that one of the reasons Kuwait won the sole agent contract with the Iraqi cooperatives was the fact that Kuwait was the closest country to Iraq. —*MNA/Xinhua*

## Heavy snowfalls in Himalayas kill one Italian climber, 10 rescued

**NEW DELHI, 28 Sept—** Treacherous weather in the Indian side of the Upper Himalayas killed one Italian climber and a porter, while 10 others were rescued by the defence choppers, *Press Trust of India* reported Wednesday.

According to the news agency, the team leader of the Italian mountaineering team Dalla Longa Marco and a porter, were killed due to extreme weather conditions while 10 members of an Italian mountaineering team to Nanda Devi summit were rescued by helicopters in the Upper Himalayas of Uttarakhand in India.

The 7,817 metre-high Nanda Devi is the highest mountain in India, and lies in Uttarakhand State of north India in the Himalayas. First scaled by Tilman with Noel Odell in 1936, it remained the highest peak attained by man until the 1950, when another peak Annapurna was conquered.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## Free school for migrant children opens in Beijing

**BEIJING, 27 Sept—**A vocational school opened here on Monday, offering free practical skills training to children of migrant rural families.

The Beijing BN Vocational School, the first of its kind in the capital city, has recruited 84 children from poor rural areas who reside with their parents here, according to *China Daily's* Tuesday report.

The school offers free classes, textbooks, uniforms and meals in the next two years to these children who have no access to education in the city.

Majors in home/property management, plumbing/air-conditioning, and technical maintenance/electrician are available. Cao Qian, at the age of 17, is one of the lucky students recruited by the school.

Although she has to spend about two hours to and from the downtown school, changing buses twice, her heart is full of joy, because she finally got an opportunity to further her education. More importantly, the education is free.

"When my mum saw the notice in a residential area where she does some cleaning work, she could not believe her eyes," said Cao, who followed her parents to the city last September after finishing junior middle school in her hometown of Gushi County, in central China's Henan Province.

"Our monthly household income is about 600 yuan (74 US dollars), which cannot afford the high tuition fees of urban schools," said Cao, who has been helping her parents in a paper packaging factory in recent years. "But I want to go to school," she stressed.

However, to run a school like this is not easy. Yao Li, the school chairperson who quit her job as a general manager of a property management company, said they need at least one million yuan (more than 123,000 US dollars) a year, according to *China Daily*.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## IRA gives up guns but problems remain

**BELFAST, 27 Sept—** The IRA has scrapped the weapons it used to wage war on British rule in Northern Ireland, monitors said on Monday, but the historic move appeared to do little to reconcile opponents in the bitterly divided province.

An international monitoring group said it had seen put beyond use what it believed was the Irish Republican Army's (IRA) entire arsenal, including rifles, explosives, machine guns, surface to air missiles and even flame throwers.

The move is unprecedented for an organization that has fought for a united Ireland since the island was divided more than 80 years ago.

London and Dublin hailed it as a landmark event, but the White House said the "historic day for Northern Ireland" was only the first step towards meeting an IRA promise to pursue its goals through peaceful and democratic means.

"It must be followed by actions demonstrating the Republican movement's unequivocal commitment to the rule of law and to the renunciation of all paramilitary and criminal activities," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan.

The role of paramilitaries in organized crime and a lack of concrete proof of disarmament ensured a sceptical response from the province's biggest party, the pro-British Democratic Unionist Party (DUP).

The DUP has been pressing for pho-

tographic evidence that IRA guns and explosives have been destroyed and a full inventory of the material put beyond use. The IRA, anxious to avoid anything that could be portrayed as surrender, has refused.

"We do not know how many guns, the amount of ammunition and explosives were decommissioned, nor were we told how the decommissioning was carried out," DUP leader Ian Paisley said.

The monitors' report was made available only to the British and Irish governments and not to any of the Northern Irish political parties.

Without DUP support, achieving political stability by restoring a regional government in which pro-Irish Roman Catholics and pro-British Protestants share power is impossible.

The IRA was believed to have one of Europe's largest illegal arsenals. Two months ago it pledged to ditch its guns in a bid to defuse the distrust felt by pro-British unionists.

"We are satisfied that the arms decommissioned represent the totality of the IRA's arsenal," the Independent International Commission on Decommissioning said on Monday.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Indonesia's electronic sales rise in first eight months

**JAKARTA, 27 Sept—**Indonesia's electronic sales from January to August increased significantly by 22.8 per cent from the same period last year, the *Bisnis Indonesia* reported on Monday.

But the sales of television products decreased by 8.4 per cent during the period to stand at 2,442,863 units, according to data from Indonesia's Electronics Marketer Club (EMC), the report said.

During the period, sales of refrigerators reached 1,185,746 units, increasing 11 per cent; air conditioners 574,049 units, up 22.8 per cent; and washing machines 446,104 units, up 9 per cent.

Spokesman of the EMC Handoko Setiono said the high sales in August

was caused by consumers' anticipation of the possibility of the rise of product price resulting from the weakening of rupiah against the US dollar.

He said the decline of television sales possibly resulted from the absence of world sports events that trigger the possession of television.

"This year seems the year for the household need, because the rise of property business leads to the rise (in need) to complete the house," he said.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Iraqi security men inspect the site of a car bomb explosion in central Baghdad on 27 Sept 2005.—INTERNET

# Indonesian language test not for foreign executives

**JAKARTA, 27 Sept — An Indonesian language proficiency test for foreign workers, which is to take effect next year and is mandatory in order to get or extend work permits here, will exclude those at the director level, a minister said here on Monday.**

Indonesian Minister of Manpower and Transmigration Fahmi Idris said the test will mostly instead be aimed at foreign workers at the managerial level or below, as well as professionals.

"Foreign workers with the position of president director or director are not required to pass the test since they do not usually interact intensively with other workers, and that is because they hold key positions in their company," Fahmi was quoted by the *Jakarta Post* as saying.

Fahmi said the test, which would probably be imposed in the first quarter of next year, would also cover both foreign workers already working here and those who were about to come to seek jobs.

The Ministry of Manpower and Transmigration would soon issue a list of job category subjects for the test, which will be more or less similar to the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL).

Fahmi had earlier said the test was aimed indirectly

at slowing down the influx of foreign workers in the country with Indonesia intending to liberalize its labour sector under various international arrangements.

The government is to start opening its doors to job seekers from countries grouped under the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) next year, and in 2008 for those from outside ASEAN, as mandated by the World Trade Organization (WTO).

"Foreign workers must master the Indonesian language before they can work here, just as Indonesians have to master English before working abroad. This is to ensure that jobs that could be carried out by Indonesians are not taken by foreigners," said Fahmi.

The ministry estimates the number of foreigners in Indonesia who are working or studying under government permits to be around 28,000, and the number is expected to rise in line with the implementation of international agreements on labour liberalization. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A church tower is reflected in Japanese artist Yayoi Kusama's work of art 'Guidepost To The New World' at the Museo del Carmen in Valencia during the 3rd Biennial of Valencia art festival on 27 September, 2005. —INTERNET

## Medics fleeing Iraq's violence

**BAGHDAD, 27 Sept— One of Iraq's most precious resources — doctors — are fleeing the country in increasing numbers, scared off by persistent violence and drawn to safer, better paying jobs abroad, officials say.**

A steady trickle of skilled workers has been flowing out of the country since the 2003 invasion, but in the past year, with the sharp rise in assassinations and kidnappings by insurgents, the exodus of doctors has picked up, they say.

"Iraq is like a battlefield, doctors face danger just getting to work because of terrorist acts," said Aakif al-Alusi, a senior member of the Iraqi Doctors' Syndicate, the official medics' register, who worries about the long-term social impact of the medical brain-drain.

"Doctors are neutral people in our society, all sides have to allow them to carry out their duties, but that doesn't happen here," he said, explaining the reasons why doctors are leaving.

The syndicate estimates 1,500 medical professionals — doctors, nurses, dentists and pharmacists — have fled in the past year alone, although precise numbers are difficult to obtain. Almost as many left in 2003 and in 2004, Alusi said.

Many have fled to Jordan and other Arab countries, while others have moved to Europe.

Scores have also headed to the northern Kurdish region of Iraq, where there is much less violence and where pay and conditions are far better than in the centre of the country. — *MNA/Reuters*

## ASEAN-India economic officials agree to facilitate FTA

**VIENTIANE, 27 Sept — Senior economic officials (SEOM) from the 10-member ASEAN and India agreed here on Monday to accelerate negotiations on the establishment of a free trade area (FTA) between the two sides.**

After discussing a draft protocol to amend the Framework Agreement Com-prehensive Economic Cooperation between the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) inked in 2003 to establish an ASEAN-India Regional Trade and Investment Area (RTIA), including an FTA, the officials agreed to the organization of a workshop on rules of origin next October in Indonesia, Bounsom Phommavithane, Deputy Director General of the Foreign Trade Department under Laos' Commerce Ministry and Chairman of the SEOM-India consultation, said at a Press briefing after the meeting.

Due to difficulties in negotiations, mainly regarding rules of origin and change of tariff heading, the officials "agreed to delay the launch of the FTA to February 2007, instead of February 2006 as specified in the framework agreement", he said, noting that the delay proposal must be submitted to the upcoming ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) - India consultation for approval.

ASEAN would not accept India's twin criteria of determining rules of origin, namely the value addition method and change in tariff heading (CTH). The block "seems OK" with India's proposal

on the 40-per-cent domestic value addition in goods exported to the country, but "not CTH", he said.

Rules of origin are designated to prevent third countries from taking advantage of a FTA between two other countries. If a goods does not meet the origin criteria, it is deemed as originating from a third country and cannot be traded under the FTA.

The 10-member ASEAN has a population of about 500 million, a total area of 4.5 million square kilometres, a combined gross domestic product of 737 billion US dollars, and a total trade of 720 billion dollars.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

## Singapore's manufacturing output up 11.8% in August

**SINGAPORE, 27 Sept— Singapore's manufacturing output rose by 11.8 per cent in August as compared with a year ago, according to the figures released by the Economic Development Board (EDB) on Monday.**

The EDB attributed the increase to the continued strong performance of the biomedical manufacturing and the transport engineering clusters, which expanded by 45.4 per cent and 27.8 per cent respectively.

The output of the precision engineering cluster grew by 9.9 per cent in August over a year ago, while that of the general manufacturing industries reversed the contraction of 0.9 per cent in July to grow by 1.6 per cent in August.—

— *MNA/Xinhua*



Dr Tsunemi Kubodera, of the National Science Museum, speaks to the press about a giant squid his research team photographed in the wild for the first time at the museum in Tokyo on 28 Sept, 2005. —INTERNET

## US Army reservist found guilty in Abu Ghraib case

**FORT HOOD (Texas), 27 Sept— A court-martial found US soldier Lynndie England guilty on Monday of abusing prisoners at Iraq's Abu Ghraib Prison in a scandal that caused international outrage.**

The former chicken factory worker now faces a prison term of up to nine years for convictions on six out of seven abuse-related charges. England, 22, showed no visible reaction as she stood at attention to hear the verdict.

In photographs published around the world, England, a young female Army reservist, was shown holding a naked Iraqi prisoner by a leash and pointing to an inmate's genitals.

A military prosecutor said

England humiliated prisoners because she enjoyed it and had a sick sense of humour, but her attorneys said she took part in the humiliation because of an overly compliant personality.

In his closing arguments, Captain Chris Graveline showed poster-sized enlargements of notorious photographs showing a smiling England, 22, mocking nude Iraqi prisoners. "What soldier wouldn't know that that's illegal?" he asked.

— *MNA/Reuters*

# Drugs eradication fourth tactics, national duty of media world

*Chin Gya (Maubin)*

"The 15-year narcotics elimination plan was laid down in 1999-2000, and since then it has been implemented. At present the media tactics has been added to the plan's three original tactics — production elimination, demand reduction and narcotic drugs eradication", said Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at a meeting to launch a wider public education programme on the menace of drugs, while emphasizing the role of the media persons in discharging national duty of eradicating narcotics.

Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are a scourge that could wipe out the entire human race. For Myanmar, the work of setting up drug-free zones under the leadership of the government has achieved considerable success. This has been as a result of designating the narcotics as a common enemy and elimination project as a national task. In this regard, the media strategy is the national task for the entire literary and journalism world.

Only in the mid-16th century did Myanmar people first see the opium that was introduced in the nation by the British, Dutch and Arab merchants from East Indies. And opium was a new item that was not stated in the goods subject to royal taxes.

In his record, John Crawford, a traveller to Inwa in Myanmar in 1827, wrote, "The Myanmar government does not impose any excise as the people of the country are free from the bad habit of drinking alcohol and abusing any kind of narcotic drugs, thanks to the strict anti-drug laws and the noble religious teachings."

But when Myanmar was under subjugation, the colonial government issued a law permitting the abuse of opium at the licensed dens, and trade of opium, despite knowing its adverse effects on the national races. According to the report of the Frontier Areas Committee of Enquiry issued on 24 April 1947, about 6,000 of the total population of 927,000 of southern Shan State depended on opium as their main business, and in the northern Shan State the majority of the population of 690,000 were tea and opium farmers.

The law enacted by the British was slightly amended during the period from 1948, in which the nation regained independence, to 1962 and had helped strengthen the roots of narcotic drugs, the evil legacy left behind in the nation by the colonialists. The Kuomintang troops that intruded into Myanmar territory soon after she regained independence conducted drug trafficking in border areas to purchase food and arms and ammunition. In reality, the Kuomintang troops were used as mercenary soldiers by a power, which during the Cold War, tried to crush the communist nations, using narcotic drugs as a weapon.

The Tatmadaw managed to drive out the Kuomintang troops from Myanmar soil. But the failure of the past successive governments to restore lasting peace based on national unity in the entire nation had driven peace and stability away from the border areas, turning them into a base for ex-Kuomintang bandits and rapacious merchants to freely produce and distribute drugs.

Since later 1988 when the Tatmadaw took greater role in carrying out the national task, a development drive has been launched in border areas,

home to various nationalities. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave 12 guidelines at the meeting No 1/99 of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races. Included in 12 guidelines are the two tasks — to provide training on treatment of drug addicts to doctors and nurses assigned to border areas and to construct more wards for drug addicts. He also gave guidance on eliminating the drugs at the meeting No 1/2002 of the body — to enhance alternative crops, farms and economic enterprises, to constantly organize nationalities to realize evil nature of the drugs, and to join hands with

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locals and international organizations to put an end to the habit of abusing drugs.

In accordance with the guidance, the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control was founded and the 15-year narcotics elimination plan laid down. The plan has been implemented under the two strategies, three tactics and three methods. The CCDAC has been formed with 13 work groups. The people have also taken part in the task with national outlook. Both the UNODC-issued World Drug Report and the 2005 US government-issued Drug Strategy Report have confirmed the drastic fall in opium production in Myanmar.

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At the same time, the task of wiping out the danger of stimulant tables including the ATS has become a need at present. The problem of chemical-based drugs began in 1996. They are easy to produce and use. The precursor chemicals used in manufacturing the drugs are not available in Myanmar at all. They are being smuggled into Myanmar through the illegal drug trails. Workshops and educative talks are being held in the nation, especially at the factories producing chemical goods for the people to know more about the danger of stimulant drugs.

As art is the most effective tool to organize the people, the anti-drug literary, music, painting, cartoon and poster invitational competitions have

been held on a national scale.

Concerning the media strategy, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said, "The habit of drug abuse is on the rise among the nation's people, especially among the youths. As control and eradication of drugs have become a dire need, the government media and the private media should join hands and work together in a wide range of sectors to control the drugs and psychotropic substances and disseminate their ill effects."

District and township Information and Public Relations Offices launched anti-drug and anti-AIDS campaigns for 173 times and distribute pamphlets for 241 times during 1999-2000 mainly to educate youths. The central level also organized wall poster exhibitions for 350 times for the said purpose and also published pamphlets and held photo exhibitions for 199 times.

The Thuta Padetha journal issued 39 articles on the issue and State-owned dailies featured 49 perspectives, 72 articles and 476 photos. The TV and radio also broadcast 1041 news reports, 143 talks, and 829 plays and songs on anti-drugs and anti-AIDS. The Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise on its part produced and released 255 documentaries. These are the efforts of the Information Ministry as a whole to combat drugs and AIDS.

"The education campaign will be more effective if youths are categorized into three different groups. Youths who have never used drugs should be put in one group, those who are likely to use drugs in another group and those who are consuming drugs in the other group", said Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Youths are prone to addiction of stimulant tablets endangering the global community. As drug addiction can be followed by HIV infection and evil consequences of AIDS, the nation should use the media as a tool to control the spread of addiction among youths.

The ministries and departments have taken part in the government-led drive to wipe out poppy cultivation and drug production and trafficking as a national duty. The private media also played a part in the drive with national outlook. Even the ones who want to find fault with Myanmar concerning the drug issue have to admit the drastic fall in the nation's poppy cultivation and drug production. As the neighbouring countries and the international organizations are rendering assistance for the anti-drug campaigns, Myanmar's endeavours will surely keep the whole region free from narcotic drugs soon.

Now that the media is included in the tactics of the nation to control and wipe out narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, the ministries, the departments and the private media will find greater opportunities to collectively launch public education and awareness campaigns on a wider scale, especially to educate youths. As it is a profound and noble task, I would like to urge all the persons of the media to do their duties well.

The fourth tactics of Myanmar's campaign to root out the problem of narcotic drugs is the national duty of the persons of the media world and the members of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association.

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## Commander unveils "True Patriotism" signboard



Ma Thae Moh Moh Myint Oo and Maung Tun Min Oo cut the ribbon to open the signboard bearing "True Patriotism". — INDUSTRY-1

YANGON, 28 Sept — The signboard bearing "True Patriotism" posted in front of Mandalay Division Union Solidarity and Development Association was unveiled yesterday. Patron of Mandalay Division

USDA Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw unveiled the signboard. Present on the occasion were Secretariat

Member of USDA Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han and departmental officials. — MNA

## Minister for Home Affairs receives UNAIDS Regional Director

YANGON, 28 Sept — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received Asia and Pacific Regional Director Mr JVR Prasada Rao and party of UNAIDS at the Ministry of Home Affairs at 2 pm today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi of Myanmar Police Force, Director-General U Aung Saw Win of Bureau of Special Investigation, Deputy Director-General U Maung Win of General Administration Department, Head of Transnational



Crime Department Police Col Sit Aye and Head of Office U Kyaw San.

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Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo receives Asia and Pacific Regional Director Mr JVR Prasada Rao and party of UNAIDS.

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## Stationery, clothes donated to Myaingyingu BEHS in Kayin State

YANGON, 28 Sept — A ceremony to donate stationery and clothes to Myaingyingu BEHS in Kayin State was held at the school on 25 September. It was attended by Kayin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Khin Kyu and members, Hpa-an District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Ko Ko Gyi and members, Chairman of Border Area Development Association (Myanmar) U Maung Maung Soe and members.

The chairman of Kayin State PDC made an opening speech and the chairman of BADA explained the tasks of the association. Next, officials donated books for village libraries and stationery, clothes and snacks for the students.

Afterwards, Deputy Manager of Myanmar Agricultural Service U Kyaw Hlaing presented seeds and saplings to peasants in the village.

From 24 to 26 September, the retired doctors from BADA provided medical treatment and performed operations to 2,800 patients in the villages in Kayain State.

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## Inter-State/Division weightlifting tourney concludes

YANGON, 28 Sept— The ninth Inter-State/Division women's weightlifting and 37th men's weightlifting tournaments took place at Aung San Stadium here this afternoon.

After the final matches, Chairperson of the Central Working Committee of the Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and members of the panel of patrons, Vice-President U Thiha of the Myanmar Weightlifting Federation, and President of the MWF U Maung Weik presented prizes to the winners and winning teams. Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports

Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented championship shields to Yangon Division women's and men's teams. — MNA

## Meeting of MWJA held

YANGON, 28 Sept — The meeting 9/2005 of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Central Executive Committee was held at Sarpay Beikman building on Merchant Street this afternoon. It was attended by Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-Chairmen U Tin Kha (Takkatho Tin Kha), U Than Maung (Thaung Maung) and U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung), Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) and joint secretaries, and CEC members. The chairman of MWJA made an opening speech and the secretary reported on the implementation of works laid down at the meeting 8/2005. Next, those present took part in the discussions sector-wise.

Later, the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the meeting chairman. — MNA

## Industry-1 Minister receives Korean guests

YANGON, 28 Sept — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug received Group Chairman of Global Project 21 Co Ltd in the Republic of Korea Mr Ha Kwang Ho and party at the ministry this evening.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry. — MNA

## Myanmar athletes bag string of medals in U-20 Mekong Cup

YANGON, 28 Sept — Led by Director U Maung Win of Sports and Physical Education Department, victorious Myanmar athletes with a host of medals, who participated in U-20 Mekong Cup held in Thailand from 19 to 24 September, arrived home by air yesterday evening.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Rowing and Canoeing Federation and trainees of Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon).

Myanmar athletes bagged 9 gold medals, five silver and five bronze in track and field and kayak. Track and field team claimed four gold medals, three silver and three bronze.

Kyaw Hsan Lin won two gold medals in men's 50-metre and 80-metre race and one silver in 100-metre race, Ju Ju Ma two gold in women's 50-metre and 80-metre race and one silver in 100-metre race, Le Yi Htaik one silver in women's 50-metre race and two bronze in 80-metre and 1000-metre race and Kyaw Soe Win one bronze in 50-metre race.

Myo Zaw took hold of one gold and Yan Paing one silver in men's single 100-metre kayak event, Yan Paing one gold and Myo Zaw one silver in men's single 200-metre kayak and Myo Zaw and Aung Lwin Soe one gold in men's double 3000-metre kayak and one gold in men's double 5000-metre. Myanmar athletes secured one gold medal and two bronze in traditional sports events.

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## Progress in construction of Mongphyat-Mongyawng Road, Mongyawng-Mongyu Road inspected

YANGON, 28 Sept — Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, accompanied by Brig-Gen Win Aung of Mongphyat Station and departmental officials, inspected construction of Mongphyat-Mongyawng Road and bridges on 25 September morning.

In the afternoon, the commander met with Tatmadawmen and families of Mongyawng Station at the hall of the local battalion in Mongyawng. On 26 September, the commander met local authorities, departmental officials, social organizations and local people at Bala Min Htin Hall in Mongyawng Township Peace and Development Council. Chairman of the Township PDC U Kyaw Zin briefed the commander on matters related to the township and Chairman of Mongphyat District PDC Lt-Col Myo Nyunt on development of the region, agriculture and livestock breeding tasks.

The commander gave instructions on harmonious efforts to be made for development of Mongyawng region, extension of agricultural tasks, and enhancement of education and health matters and better transportation. At Mongyawng BEHS, the commander oversaw the school buildings, computer rooms and domestic science room, and fulfilled the requirements. The commander also inspected Mongyawng Township Hospital and presented K

200,000 for water supply of the hospital to Dr Myint Kyaw. The commander paid homage to Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Bhaddiya of the monastery in the township and donated alms to the Sayadaws.

Afterwards, the commander supervised construction of Mongyawng-Mongyu Road and bridges, and viewed thriving monsoon paddy fields along the road. At Mongyu Township General Administration Department Office, he met with departmental officials and local people and heard reports on development of Mongyu.

Next, he presented 10 bags of rice, 100 eggs and two boxes of noodle packets to an official. The commander inspected the Township Hospital and attended to the needs. While in Mongyu, the commander paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Viçittasara and members of the Sangha of the monastery in the town and made donations.

On 27 September, the commander arrived at the site of Mongphyat-Mongyawng Road construction project at Monghan Village. Shan State (East) Superintending Engineer U Thaug Htay reported on progress in construction of Mongphyat-Mongyawng Road and future tasks. The commander left instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks meeting the set standard.

Next, he inspected the construction tasks.

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## Objectives of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism;
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage;
- To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts;
- To preserve Myanmar national character;
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths;
- To prevent influence of alien culture; and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

## Myanmar delegation leaves for Philippines



A & I Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo seen at the airport before departure for the Philippines to participate in 27th ASEAN Agriculture and Forestry Ministers' Meeting. — MNA

YANGON, 28 Sept — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo left for

the Philippines by air this evening to attend the 27th ASEAN Agriculture and Forestry Ministers' Meeting and the 5th ASEAN

and Three East Asian Dialogue Partners' Meeting to be held on 29 and 30 September.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, departmental heads of the Ministry of A&I and officials and families.

Deputy Director U Than Htay of International Communication Division from Agriculture Planning Department accompanied the minister on the same flight.

In order to attend the Senior Officials Meeting held from 26 to 28 September prior to the 27th ASEAN Agriculture and Forestry Ministers' Meeting, Myanmar delegation members Director-General of APD U Tin Htut Oo, Deputy Director-General of Planning and Statistic Department U Hsan Lwin, Deputy Director of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department U Ba Thein and ASEAN Unit In-Charge of APD U Tin Maung Shwe left for the Philippines by air on 25 September morning. — MNA

## Wellwishers invited to donate Kathina robes to monks in Majjhima region

YANGON, 28 Sept — For 218 Myanmar monks residing at 11 Myanmar monasteries and 8 universities in India, the donors may contact Tel: 01-542236, 01-545215, 01-545216, 01-5551746 and 01-536348 not later than 20 October to offer robes in the 27th Kathina robe-offering ceremony of Paradesi Sangha Nayaka Committee in India.

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PBANRDA Minister Col Thein Nyunt hears a report on development tasks being carried out in Kungyangon Township. — MNA



## Official urged to step up development tasks in Dedaye, Kungyangon and Kawhmu Townships

YANGON, 28 Sept — Accompanied by Director-General of Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint and officials concerned, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt went on an inspection tour of Dedaye, Kungyangon and Kawhmu Townships on 26 September.

On arrival at Dedaye Township Development

Affairs Committee in Ayeyawady Division, Township Executive Officer U Aung Kyaw Myo and Engineer In-Charge U Zaw Win Htut briefed the minister on performance of development tasks with the help of charts.

After attending to the needs, the minister gave instructions on effective measures to be taken for greening and development tasks in the town and tasks to be carried out with care. Next, Director-General U Myo Myint met with staff and said that the staff were to carry out tasks in accord with rules and regulations and to pay serious attention to their functions.

Upon arrival at Kungyangon in Yangon Division, Township Executive Officer U Maung Maung Aye and Engineer In-Charge U Kyaw Myo Aung briefed the minister and party on township water supply and devel-

opment tasks in the township with the use of charts. Next, Yangon Division Development Affairs Committee Director U Kyan Taing Saung gave supplementary reports on measures for water supply.

In connection with the reports, the minister made arrangements to fulfil the requirements and gave instructions on development tasks to be carried out with might and main.

On arrival at the office of Kawhmu Township Development Affairs Committee, Township Executive Officer U Htay Hlaing and Engineer In-Charge U Thant Zin Oo briefed the minister and party on development affairs in the township.

Regarding the reports, the minister gave instructions on measures to be taken for rural development with added momentum.

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## Culture Minister receives Bangladeshi Ambassador

YANGON, 28 Sept — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung received Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Mr M Khairuzzaman at the ministry this morning.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen

Soe Win Maung, Director-General of Department of Cultural Institute U Myint Thein Swe, Director-General of Department of Archaeology U Kyaw Win, Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Ngwe Tun, Rector of Univer-

sity of Culture (Yangon) U Tin Soe, Director of Cultural Institute Daw Nanda Hmon and officials.

At the meeting, matters on cultural exchange programmes between the two countries were discussed.—MNA



Maj-Gen Kyi Aung receives Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr M Khairuzzaman.—MNA

## Cooperatives Minister meets Indian Ambassador



Col Zaw Min meets with Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra. COOPERATIVES

YANGON, 28 Sept — Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min met with Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra at his office on Bogyoke Aung

San Street here this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Director-General of the Cooperatives Department U Soe Win, Director-General of the

Cottage Industries Department U Sein Than, Managing Director of Cooperative Exports and Imports Enterprise U Hla Moe and officials.

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## Two members of MWF share experiences

YANGON, 27 Sept — Two members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation who attended workshops on women's affairs in Japan recounted their experiences today at the office of MWF here.

Dr Mar Mar Thi, member of the sub-working group for education of the Social and Culture Working Group has par-

ticipated in the Workshop on Gender Mainstreaming Policies for Government Officers and Dr Aye Myat Lwin of the Sub-working Group for Rehabilitation and Reintegration under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation has attended the Workshop on Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health in Japan recently.

They recounted their experiences gained in Japan to members of MWF and officials, and replied to the queries raised by those present.

It was attended by Vice-President of MWF Daw Khin Lay Myint, the general secretary, heads of departments and officials.

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## Industry-1 Minister on inspection of factories in Kyaukse Industrial Region

YANGON, 28 Sept — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang inspected installation of machines and test-running at Advanced Fire Brick Factory (Kyaukse) Project of Myanmar Ceramics Industries in Kyaukse Industrial Region, Mandalay Division, on 25 September evening.

The minister oversaw production process and raw materials.

At Bicycle Factory (Kyaukse), the minister looked into installation of new machines. The minister presented

the fruit basket to Indian technicians at Sewing Machine Factory (Kyaukse).

At the briefing hall of Cement Plant (Kyaukse), the minister met with officers and staff of the factories in Kyaukse Industrial Region. He urged them to make efforts for boosting production and discharge duties conscientiously.

In the evening, the minister donated alms to Presiding Nayaka of Taungsalin Monastery Bhaddanta Tikha of Chanayethazan Township.— MNA

## Soon offered to Sayadaws of State Parriyati Sasana University

YANGON, 28 Sept — Ministry of Finance and Revenue offered *Soon* to the Sayadaws of State Parriyati Sasana University (Yangon) this morning at refectory hall on Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road, attended by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and wife Daw Khin Than Win.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe and officials.

After receiving the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw of the university, wives of the minis-



Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe presents K 347,500 to Deputy Director U Thein Oo. — F & R

ter and the deputy minister, offered the provisions to Sayadaws. Next, The deputy minister do-

nated K 347,500 for *Soon* donation and the congregation shared the merits gained.

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The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

# ASEAN's next challenge: reducing demand, supply of synthetic drugs

SINGAPORE, 28 Sept— The next challenge facing the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) is to reduce the demand and supply of synthetic drugs like ecstasy and "ice" (methamphetamines), a Singapore official said on Tuesday.

According to Channel NewsAsia report, Senior Parliamentary Secretary for Home Affairs Mohamad Maidin was speaking at the 26th Meeting of ASEAN Senior Officials on Drug Matters held here on 26 through 30 September .

Hailing the achievements made by ASEAN members in reducing illicit crop cultivation of the opium poppy plant,

Maidin quoted the *World Drug Report 2005* as estimating that about two-thirds of the 34 million abusers of synthetic drugs worldwide are in Asia.

He urged ASEAN member countries, which include Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, to cooperate with one another in tackling the prob-

lem. To curb the abuse of synthetic drugs, which have become more popular than heroin in Singapore, the Singapore Government carried out several raids across the island in recent months and launched a compulsory treatment and rehabilitation programme for synthetic drug abusers in July.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese child sleeps on a cart full of grapefruits in China's financial centre Shanghai on 27 September, 2005. — INTERNET

## China donates school building to Aceh

JAKARTA, 28 Sept— China donated a school building to the local government of Aceh Province at its capital city Banda Aceh on Tuesday, official at the Chinese Embassy in Indonesia told *Xinhua*.

The building consisted four detachable facilities like classrooms and toilets, which were valued at more than 80,000 US dollars, said Second Secretary Li Haisheng.

China planned to donate 60 such buildings to the tsunami-ravaged province in the coming days, he added.

The 60 school buildings would cost five million US dollars, which was part of the 25 mil-

lion US dollars aid promised by Chinese Prime Minister Wen Jiabao right after the tsunami on 26 December, 2004.

Some 120,000 people were killed and some 200,000 made homeless in the province in the disaster.

The rest of the money, 20 million US dollars, would be realized later in other forms of aid, said Li.

In addition to the aid promised by Wen, Presi-

dent Hu Jintao nodded for two million US dollars aid package during his visit to the archipelago in April this year.

On 17 September, 1.5 million out of the two million US dollars was donated to the Aceh and Nias Rehabilitation and Reconstruction Agency.

The remaining 0.5 million was paid in the form of aid materials such as power generators and carpets.

MNA/Xinhua

## Singapore schools punish cheeky student bloggers

SINGAPORE, 28 Sept— Singapore schools have begun a clampdown on students who insult teachers in online journals by punishing them with suspensions, a newspaper reported on Tuesday.

In August, five junior college students who posted derogatory remarks about their teachers and vice-principal on their blogs, or online journals, were suspended for three days, *The Straits Times* reported.

Seven secondary schools and two junior colleges have also got tough on penalized students for making offensive remarks about teachers on blogs: one secondary school student who called a teacher a "prude" and a "frustrated old spinster" on her blog was ordered to remove the remarks.

Blogging, writing in online journals, has be-

come huge popular among the young in tech-savvy Singapore, where over 65 per cent of the city-state's 4.2 million people are wired to the Internet.

But with libellous blogs emerging as a hot legal issue, one has to be careful with what is written.

In May, a Singapore student shut down his blog after a government agency threatened to sue for what it said were untrue and serious accusations.

In September, three ethnic Chinese bloggers were charged in court under Singapore's seditious laws for making racial

slurs against the Malay community on their weblogs.

Lawyers say students could be sued for defamation, even if a teacher was not named.

"As long as someone is able to identify the teacher, and it is an untrue statement that affects his reputation or livelihood, then the student is liable," lawyer Doris Chia of Harry Elias and Partners was quoted as saying in *The Straits Times*.

An injunction can be taken to get the student to remove the blog and issue an apology, she said.

MNA/Reuters



Birds are seen inside a cage at a bird market in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 27 Sept, 2005. — INTERNET

## Typhoon Damrey toll rises to 36 in Vietnam

HANOI, 28 Sept —The death toll from Typhoon Damrey in Vietnam rose sharply to 36, with 32 deaths reported in the northern province of Yen Bai alone.

Vietnam Television (VTV) said the deaths in Yen Bai occurred in flash floods sparked by the typhoon.

Two deaths each were reported

earlier in the provinces of Nam Dinh and Thanh Hoa.

"The flooding occurred all of a sudden, we were so frightened that we left our property and fled," a Yen Bai resident told VTV on Wednesday.

"The waters rose extremely quickly."

Internet

## Two US soldiers killed in separate attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 Sept— A US soldier was killed and another wounded when a roadside bomb struck their vehicle in southern Iraq on Wednesday, the US military said.

The attack happened when they were patrolling an area near Safwan, close

to Iraq's border with Kuwait, the military said in a statement.

In a separate statement, the military said a marine from the 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force, died of wounds sustained in nonhostile gunshots near Fallujah on Monday.

The names of the killed soldiers were being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it said.

Over 1,910 US servicemen have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

Internet

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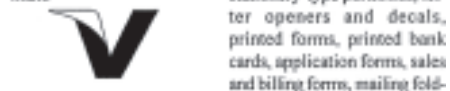
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Vietnam's export earnings increase in first nine months

HANOI, 27 Sept— Vietnam is estimated to reap export turnovers of nearly 23.5 billion US dollars in the first nine months of this year, posting a year-on-year rise of 21.1 per cent.

Items recording high growth in export value include coal, up 90 per cent; rice, 46 per cent; and wood products, 47.4 per cent, according to the country's General Statistics Office on Monday.

During the period, export turnovers of Vietnam's four biggest currency earners, namely crude oil, textile and garment, footwear and sea food, are estimated to rise 32.7 per cent, 17.6 per cent, 19 per cent and 13 per cent, respectively. The crude oil value surged to nearly 5.5 billion US dollars due to

the soaring world price, though the volume declined 9.3 per cent.

Between January and September, the country is estimated to ship abroad nearly 4.4 million tons of rice worth over 1.1 billion dollars, up 32.6 per cent in volume and 46 per cent in value; and over 11.3 million tons of coal valued at 460 million dollars, posting year-on-year rises of 35.6 per cent and 90 per cent, respectively.

Meanwhile, export volumes of bicycles and their spare parts, tea, coffee and pepper is estimated

to decline by 35.7 per cent, 23 per cent, 18.3 per cent and 11.2 per cent, respectively. In the period, Vietnam's import revenues are estimated at nearly 27.4 billion dollars, a year-on-year surge of 19.2 per cent. Vietnam, which posted a year-on-year surge of 31.5 per cent in export turnover to 26.5 billion dollars last year, plans to obtain export revenues of 30.5 billion dollars this year, mainly by increasing shipments to its key markets the European Union, the United States, Japan and China. —MNA/Xinhua

Welsh E coli cases expected to rise

LONDON, 27 Sept— The number of people hit by an outbreak of potentially fatal E coli food poisoning in Wales is likely to rise on Monday from the 115 already reported to have been affected, health officials have warned.

So far 25 people have had hospital treatment since the outbreak was first detected on September 16, with cases reported in 32 schools in South Wales.

A health services spokesman said the number of reported cases was likely to increase before the outbreak was resolved, as parents and relatives of those affected caught it from secondary infection.

"The numbers will keep going up, and al-

though that may give the impression of the outbreak not being controlled, it is actually what you would expect to see in the aftermath of putting control measures in place," he said.

The source of the infections has yet to be confirmed but the Food Standards Agency has linked the outbreak to meat from Bridgend firm John Tudor, which supplies schools and local authorities in South Wales.

Last week, the firm

withdrew all its cooked meat products because of a risk that they might be contaminated.

The Food Standards Agency has asked all local authorities in Wales to contact caterers, delicatessens and pubs to make sure they no longer have any of the firm's meat products on sale.

"The Agency is taking this step to make sure that other possible customers which may have been supplied by John Tudor are identified, because the investigation to date has been unable to establish the company's full customer list," the FSA said.

MNA/Reuters

Another woman die of bird flu in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 27 Sept— Another Indonesian woman died on Monday because of the bird flu virus, according to Indonesian Health Minister Siti Fadilah Supari.

Karwati, 27, died at 3:45 am in a designed bird flu disease hospital of Sulianto Suroso here after being treated in intensive care unit for four days.

"Two laboratory tests result are positive, so we said that she died because

of bird flu," Fadilah told Xinhua in telephone.

The minister said she was the sixth person that died of the H5N1 virus in Indonesia, four of whom have been confirmed by the World Health Organization.

The fifth person is Riska Sihaputar, 5, died after being treated a day in the hospital last week. She was moved from another hospital in the city, according to the ministry spokesman named Uli Sumardi.

The minister said currently about 40 people being treated in hospitals in the country were suspected of having the lethal disease.

MNA/Xinhua

China to construct its biggest n-power plant in 2006

GUANGZHOU, 27 Sept— The construction of a nuclear power plant in Yangjiang, a port city in south China's Guangdong Province, is expected to begin early next year, said Zhong Yi, vice-mayor of the city.

It will be the largest nuclear power plant in China.

The plant will have six reactors with a total installed capacity of six million kilowatts and a budget of 80 billion yuan (about 9.86 billion US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

Ten killed in two accidents in central Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 27 Sept—At least 10 passengers were killed and dozens of others injured Monday in two separate bus accidents in the central city of Multan in Pakistan's Punjab Province, according to the Associated Press of Pakistan.

Four passengers including three family members were killed and 36 others injured late Monday after a bus landed on two houses about seven metres below the road located at a high mound in the heart of the city. The accident also

caused damage to two houses, breaking the roof of one of them, however, no one in the house was injured. It was the second bus accident of the day in Multan. Five women and a child were killed and 19 others injured in another

accident that occurred on Monday morning.

A stationary bus parked on a sloping road slipped down the slope and overturned after hitting the wall of a school building.

"Perhaps some child fiddled with the hand-brake

that set the bus into motion, leading to the tragedy", said a police official, adding that it could have been averted if the driver placed some bricks or stones in front of the front wheels to prevent the bus from slipping.

MNA/Xinhua

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A butterfly perches on the stem of a flower in the Butterfly Garden at the Bronx Zoo, on 27 Sept, 2005 in New York.—INTERNET

### “Damrey” smashes into Vietnam

**HANOI, 27 Sept—** Typhoon Damrey smashed into Vietnam on Tuesday after killing nine people in China, tearing up swathes of coastline from which more than 300,000 people were evacuated in advance, officials and state media said.

Prime Minister Phan Van Khai ordered that only young people, police and soldiers should remain behind to watch vital networks of dykes built to keep the sea out of rice fields.

“The waves are high, rising across the dyke now,” Agriculture Minister Cao Duc Phat told state-run Vietnam Television from the northern province of Nam Dinh.

The sea dykes were built to withstand strong gales, but Damrey — Khmer for elephant — was spawning winds of 133 kilometres per hour (83 miles per hour) as it came ashore in Thanh Hoa Province early on Tuesday, causing a blackout there and forecasters said worse was to come.

It tore up trees, electric poles and lashed dykes reinforced by small armies of people in advance, but the greatest fear was of big sea surges as the arrival of the strongest storm to hit China’s Hainan Island in 30 years coincided with high tides.

State forecasters said they feared surges of up to 5.5 metres (18 feet) — nearly the height of a fisherman’s two-storey house — would slam six northern and central Vietnamese provinces. Flash floods and landslides were other possibilities.

Such fears prompted the mass evacuation from vulnerable coasts to solid buildings, like schools, well before Damrey stomped ashore and headed inland.

When it ploughed across Hainan, the southern Chinese island, Damrey’s winds were gusting up to 180 kilometres per hour (110 miles per hour), forcing the evacuation of more than 210,000 people and causing large-scale blackouts as well as killing nine people.

Major power grids could be fixed in two to three days, but to repair the whole network would take a month, the official Xinhua news agency quoted Hainan official Wang Yixin as saying.

MNA/Reuters

### Indonesia tightens rules on air carrier

**JAKARTA, 27 Sept—** The Indonesian Government will not allow carrier plane that was more than 35 years old or 70,000 times flight to operate in the country, in an effort to beef up security and safety of flight, Transportation Minister Hatta Rajasa said.

The policy would take effect in December, the *Kompas* daily quoted the minister as saying on Monday.

MNA/Xinhua

### China launches online collection of Tablet inscriptions

**BEIJING, 27 Sept—** China launches a one-year-long drive to collect Chinese tablet engraving, stone inscriptions and seals by way of the Internet Monday.

Under this programme, launched jointly by the Chinese Culture Research Society and the China Cultural Relics Research Institute, people are invited to take pictures of these artifacts and send them to the web site for display.

Tablet engraving, stone inscriptions and seals are considered to

have utility in historical study as well as cultural and artistic value. “Lots of people have launched inscription-collection drives in history, but none has reached the scale of this one,” said Tong Mingkang, deputy director general of the State Administration of Cultural Heritage.

MNA/Xinhua

### Court jails 73-year-old British council tax rebel

**LONDON, 27 Sept —** A British pensioner was jailed on Monday for refusing to pay her council tax to protest against the bill rising by more than the rate of inflation.

Sylvia Hardy, 73, was given a seven-day prison sentence by Exeter magistrates over the bill of 53 pounds and 71 pence she owes the city council.

The former social worker becomes the first female pensioner to be jailed for refusing to pay council tax arrears. She had been sentenced in June but given a chance to pay up before the jail term was enforced. As she arrived at court on Monday carrying a bag packed

for a jail stay, a defiant Hardy insisted she would not pay the increase which she has described as “day-light robbery”. “If it (a jail term) is going to do what we want to do and get the government to abolish council tax, then it would be worthwhile,” she told BBC television. Hardy, who said she could afford to pay the bill, argues that rises in state pensions have not kept pace with the increases in council tax, meaning that pensioners’

quality of life is being eroded every year.

“If we pay it now, if they keep on increasing the taxes ... we won’t eventually be able to afford to pay the bills and then we’ll have no existence at all, no quality of life at all. We’ll just have to sit at our homes and do nothing.” Last week Hardy visited fellow council tax rebel Alfred Ridley, 71, who was jailed in a high security prison earlier this month for refusing to pay his bill in full.

MNA/Reuters

### Esophagus cancer rate drops in China’s Henan Province area

**ZHENGZHOU, 27 Sept—** The incidence of esophageal cancer can be greatly reduced through comprehensive prevention and medical intervention measures, a crew of Chinese and US researchers has found after 20 years of study.

Those comprehensive measures include changes in dietary and living habits, drinking water quality improvement, and the increase of certain nutrients together with moldproof, amine removal and hyperplasia treatment, said Dr.

Qiao Youlin, a Chinese expert participating in the Sino-US project, which was launched in 1984 in Linzhou city in central China’s Henan Province. The incidence of esophageal cancer, the seventh most common cancer worldwide, has decline to the current 90 from 120 cases per 100,000 persons ten years ago in Linzhou, the Chinese area where the disease is most prevalent, the researchers found.

Locals were told by researchers to give up their centuries-old love of pickled cabbage, which is seen by some to be one factor accountable for the high prevalence of esophagus cancer.

Dr Qiao said his peers, including medical experts from the National Cancer Institute (NCI) of the United States, completed a nutrients intervention test in Linzhou to explore the anti-cancer effect of selenium and various vitamins.

“I hope we can find through our cooperation a less painful and simpler early diagnostic method for patients,” Dr Qiao said.

Though diagnosis and treatment at early stages can rescue the lives of about one third of esophageal cancer patients, few people are willing to have an esophagus cancer diagnosis before showing symptoms like difficulty in swallowing, regurgitation, heartburn, weight loss, vomiting blood or chest pain because of the intolerably painful current examinations.

Experts say many of those patients loses the best chance for treatment.

In the United States, squamous cell carcinoma of the esophagus is strongly associated with tobacco and alcohol abuse.

The risk declines with smoking cessation. In China, esophageal cancer is associated with deficiencies of nutrients such as retinol, riboflavin, alpha-carotene and beta-carotene, alpha-tocopherol, ascorbate, and zinc, and with exposure to specific carcinogens, according to the NCI.

MNA/Xinhua



Performers perform an act at the fifth annual Taurus World Stunt Awards at Paramount Studios in Los Angeles on 25 September, 2005. The show honours the most outstanding stunt professionals from all over the world for their extraordinary performances.—INTERNET

# SPORTS



Ajax's Nigel de Jong duels for the ball with Robert Pires of Arsenal (L) during the Champions League Group B football match in the Amsterdam Arena.

Arsenal won 2-1—INTERNET

## Arsenal beat Ajax to stay top of Group B

AMSTERDAM, 28 Sept—Fredrik Ljungberg and Robert Pires inspired Arsenal to a 2-1 win at Ajax Amsterdam which kept the Londoners top of Champions League Group B on Tuesday.

Ljungberg opened the scoring in the second minute before Pires hit the second goal from the penalty spot.

Markus Rosenberg pulled one back for the home side with 19 minutes to go.

Arsenal have six points from two matches, three more than Thun who beat Sparta Prague 1-0. Ajax are third with one point.

Mathieu Flamini robbed Nourdin Boukhari and handed Jose Antonio Reyes the opportunity to set up Ljungberg, who lifted the ball over Ajax goalkeeper Hans Vonk from close range.

Ajax were without injured defenders Edwiges Maduro and Hatem Trabelsi while in-form playmaker Wesley Sneijder was sidelined by

a hamstring problem.

The home side went close when a long-range strike from Boukhari bounced back off Arsenal goalkeeper Manuel Almunia in the 27th minute.

Boukhari also helped create an open goal in first-half injury time but Steven Pienaar shot over.

Ajax put Arsenal under pressure in the second period and set up several

scoring chances.

Vonk, however, brought down Reyes in the 69th minute and Pires made it 2-0 from the spot.

Ajax striker Angelos Charisteas was forced off with an eye wound after he clashed with Arsenal defender Kolo Toure, who finished the match with a bandage around his head.

MNA/Reuters

brought Benfica level before Van Nistelrooy once again proved United's saviour.

His 38th goal in 43 Champions League matches for United also made him the third highest scorer in European Cup history with 47 in total, fittingly edging him one ahead of great Benfica striker Eusebio.

The win left the English side top of the group standings with four points, one ahead of Benfica.

Spain's Villarreal have two points and French team Lille one.

Benfica had two good early opportunities, United goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar plunging to his right to keep out a firm header by Ricardo Rocha and Fabrizio Miccoli shooting wide from a tight angle following a mistake by John O'Shea.

Van Nistelrooy struck the top of the crossbar with a dipping shot from the edge of the area and Sabrosa shot just wide before Giggs broke the deadlock six minutes be-

fore the interval.

Another scything Cristiano Ronaldo run was halted by a foul and Giggs's free kick from just outside the corner of the Benfica penalty area took a wicked deflection off the wall before looping into the far corner of the net.

United's first goal should have settled their young side but they conceded an equaliser just before the hour.

Midfielder Alan Smith was booked for a clumsy foul just outside the area and Sabrosa curled a perfect 20-metre shot over the wall and past the groping Van der Sar.

Ronaldo's rasping angled drive was brilliantly turned away by Benfica keeper Jose Moreira and Paul Scholes just failed to connect with a cross at the far post with the goal gaping.

Giggs swung it over, Rio Ferdinand headed on and Van Nistelrooy turned to hook the ball over the line from a metre out.

MNA/Reuters

## 12 Boca Juniors fans jailed for hooliganism

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Sept—Twelve fans of Argentine club Boca Juniors were sentenced on Monday to up to four-and-a-half-year imprisonment for having attacked fans of Chacarita in a friendly match in March 1999.

Prosecutor Diego Nicholson had requested penalty of up to ten years in prison for the hooligans, who were accused of having injured and stolen fans of the rival club in an armed attack.

Juan Antonio Castro, Diego Marcelo Rodriguez and Rafael Di Zeo received the harshest sentence of over four years in prison, while one of the fans, Victor Cesar Croce, was acquitted.—MNA/Xinhua

## Gunman kills four at Jamaican soccer game

KINGSTON (Jamaica), 27 Sept—A gunman fired into a crowd of spectators at a soccer match in Jamaica and killed four people, including a 5-year-old girl, before he was fatally shot by a security guard, police said.

Police said the gunman shouted to the crowd that he was paid to shoot people and then opened fire during a game between two local teams in the bauxite mining village of Ewarton, 16 miles (26 kilometres) west of the Jamaica capital of Kingston late on Sunday. In addition to the girl, three men aged 22 to 44 were killed and four people were wounded before a security guard killed the gunman.—MNA/Reuters



France's Nicolas Thomann hits a backhand to Robby Ginepri of the US during their match at the Thailand Open 2005 tennis tournament in Bangkok on 28 September, 2005. Ginepri won the match 6-3 7-6.—INTERNET

## Ronaldinho hits hat-trick as Barca crush Udinese

BARCELONA, 28 Sept—Ronaldinho led Barcelona to a scintillating 4-1 win over 10-man Udinese with a hat-trick in their Champions League Group C match at the Nou Camp on Tuesday.

The World Player of the Year put Barca ahead with a curling free kick on 12 minutes and grabbed his second when he stroked the ball home from 15 metres after Felipe had equalized for the visitors.

Portugal midfielder Deco extended Barca's

lead before the break with another curling free kick and Ronaldinho completed his hat-trick with a last-minute penalty after he was brought down by a bemused Felipe as he jinked past him in the area.

The win left Frank Rijkaard's side top of Group C with a maximum six points from two games. Udinese are second on three points.

Barca, who beat Werder Bremen in their first group match, were the first to threaten when Lionel Messi had a shot saved by keeper Morgan Di Sanctis after the young Argentine had cut across the edge of the area. Four minutes later the 18-year-old surged through midfield only to be brought down two metres outside the area by Portuguese midfielder Vidigal.

Ronaldinho stepped up to take the free kick and Di Sanctis was left rooted to the spot as the ball sailed

over the wall and into the top corner.

Udinese, missing Italy striker Vincenzo Iaquinta because of a contractual dispute, responded with dynamic attacking play and almost equalized when midfielder Damiano Zenoni unleashed a rasp-



Barcelona's Brazilian player Ronaldinho INTERNET

ing drive from 20 metres.

The two sides traded a series of well-worked moves in a breathless 20-minute spell but it was the Italians who scored next when defender Felipe stabbed in a 24th-minute

corner at the far post.

The frenetic pace never slowed and a minute later Samuel Eto'o saw a goalbound shot scrambled off the line by Vidigal.

The Cameroon striker set up Barcelona's second on 32 minutes when he raced on to a clever pass from Messi and cut the ball back from the byline for Ronaldinho to coolly stroke a low shot into the far corner. Four minutes before the break Deco earned his side a free kick when he was felled outside the area following a driving run through midfield.

Deco and Ronaldinho stood over the ball before the Brazilian stepped back to allow Deco to curl it over the wall and inside the near post. Udinese suffered another setback at the start of the second half when Vidigal was dismissed after picking up a second yellow card for a foul on Juliano Belletti.

MNA/Reuters

# Indonesia immunizes millions of children against polio

JAKARTA, 28 Sept — Indonesia on Tuesday began the second round of immunization against polio to millions of children throughout the country.

The drive was a follow-up to the first one in August that immunized over 22 million youngsters. Indonesian President Susilo Bambang

Yudhoyono began the drive by giving vaccine to a child in a post in South Sumatra Province.

Director General of Disease Control of the Indonesian Health Ministry I Nyoman Kandun told *Xinhua* that the immunization targeted over 23 million children nation wide. He said that the drive was part of the global efforts to eradicate polio outbreak, in which Indonesia targeted to be free from the crippling disease in 2008.

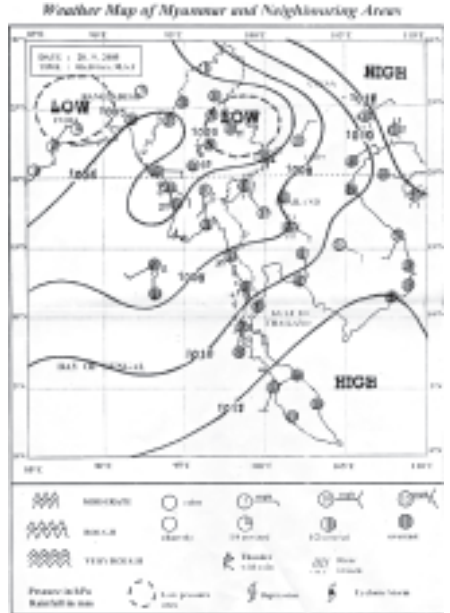
"We try to prevent the outbreak from becoming epidemic in Indonesia," he said. Thomas Moran, communication officer for polio eradication of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Indonesia said that Indonesia played an important role in preventing the disease from ravaging the region.

"The success of immunization in Indonesia is crucial to prevent the outbreak's spread to other countries in Southeast Asia," Moran told *Xinhua*. Moran said that

the WHO was working with the Indonesian Government to conduct another round of immunization in November. There were 18 countries recently infected by the virus, he said. Some 240 youngsters were infected with the crippling disease across Indonesia, according to WHO.

The waterborne polio virus, which attacks and withers children's limbs and can kill them, re-emerged in Indonesia in March, a decade after it was believed to have been eradicated in the country.

MNA/Xinhua



**"Special Weather News"**  
(Issued at 08:00 hrs MST on 28-9-2005)  
The tropical storm "DAMREY" moving West over Thailand has weakened into a low pressure area and passing over Southern Central Myanmar area this morning at (06:30) hours MST. The low pressure area is forecast to move into the Bay of Bengal during the next (24) hours.  
Under the influence of the low pressure area, isolated rain storm squalls in heavyfalls are likely in some places of Eastern, Central and Lower parts of Myanmar during the next (36) hours commencing this morning. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph.



The photo shows Treasurer U Aung Than of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board and trainees of EAC Foodstuff Technological Course No 35 at the ceremony to donate K 111,500 to hospital for the aged recently. — H

## WEATHER

Wednesday, 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kayah and Mon States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Mandalay Division, Rakhine, Shan and Kayin States and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Meikhtila (2.32) inches, Belin (2.17) inches, Dawei (1.73) inches, Loikaw (1.46) inches, Pinyinana (1.26) inches, Yamethin and Ye (1.14) inches each, Kyaukse (0.75) inch and Chauk (0.55) inch.

Maximum temperature on 27-9-2005 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 28-9-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 28-9-2005 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 27-9-2005 was (7.8) hours approx. Rainfalls on 28-9-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (92.32) inches at Mingaladon, (94.29) inches at Kaba-Aye and (98.50) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (15:10) hours MST on 27-9-2005.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is moderate in the South Bay. Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Special feature:** The tropical storm "DAMREY" moving West over Thailand has weakened into a low pressure area and passing over Southern Central Myanmar area this morning at (06:30) hrs MST.

**Forecast valid until evening of 29-9-2005:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin and Chin States, lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Moderate monsoon.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-9-2005:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-9-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.



Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> September  
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music:  
-Be my lover
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music:  
-Lucky you
- 8.50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:  
-Just a little bit of love
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:15 am Music:  
-Happy boys & girls
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music  
-I miss you  
-Yes you do  
-Big boy don't cry  
-Season in the sun  
-Pretty boy
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Pourri  
-Wild lake experts reach consensus on lake conservation
- 9:30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers  
-Heart of heart (Dob Russian)  
-When I fall in love (Nat King Cole)  
-Evergreen (Will Young)
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

**Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> 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. Dance of national races

**8:05 am**  
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:10 am**  
7. Dance variety

**8:20 am**  
8. နတ်သားတောရေလှောင်တံ

**8:30 am**  
9. International news

- 8:45 am**  
10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**  
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**  
3. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့ဝင်လာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရုပ်ပေး အထူးပြု) (ရုပ်ပေး)
- 4:45 pm**  
4. Cute little dancers
- 5:00 pm**  
5. ဝဂ္ဂဝဂ္ဂ ခုနစ်၊ တေရသမ အကြိမ်(ဝဂ္ဂကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအကားအရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင် ကြရန် (ဓမ္မပူဇော်အား) (အခြေခံပညာ ၁၅-၂၀ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသား)
- 5:10 pm**  
6. ထာဝစဉ်နုလှ မြန်မာ့ဂီတ(အရေး ပညာဘာသာရပ်ဆွေးနွေးခန်း) (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 7:25 pm**  
7. Musical programme
- 5:40 pm**  
8. နိုင်ငံအဝန်းသစ်တောစွမ်းပြိုင်

- စိမ်းလန်းဆေးရည်**
- 5:50 pm**  
9. "စွန့်လွှတ်စွန့်စားသူများ" (မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတစ်ပွဲ ဝင်များ) ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကိုလတ်
- 6:00 pm**  
10. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 6:15 pm**  
11. ဘဝနိဂုံး ပြီးပန်းတစ်ရာ
- 6:30 pm**  
12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**  
13. Weather report
- 7:35 pm**  
14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတစ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ဝက်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၂၁)
- 7:35 pm**  
15. လတ်တူဆောင်ရွက်အောင်မြင် လျှိုင်းတုံ့ပေးတစ်စွဲ
- 8:00 pm**  
16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတစ်လမ်းတွဲ "မစွဲအတူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 20. The next day's programme

# Commander, Mayor inspect construction, sanitation tasks in Yangon City



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn inspect sanitation tasks in Insein Township. — MNA

YANGON, 28 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 Linn inspected construction and sanitation tasks in Yangon City yesterday.

The commander and the mayor viewed repaving of West Shwegondaing Road in Bahan Township.

Next, they looked into dredging of the drain along Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township, repaving of Parami Road in South Okkalapa

Township and Bayintnaung Road in Hline Township, and sanitation task being carried out at the drains in Insein Township.

The commander and the mayor gave necessary instructions.

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## Outstanding students, youths honoured

### Sangyoung Township USDA holds annual general meeting

YANGON, 28 Sept — Sangyoung Township Union Solidarity and Development Association held the annual general meeting 2005 at its office on Bagaya Road in the township this morning, with an address by CEC member Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe.

Also present were Yangon Division USDA Acting Secretary U Tha Win and executives, Yangon West District USDA Secretary U Nay Win and executives, local authorities, Sangyoung Township USDA Secretary U Htay Aung and executives and guests.

The CEC member accepted one 21-inch TV set and cash donated by wellwishers. Yangon Division USDA Acting Secretary U Tha Win accepted 1,526 membership applications from education departments



CEC member Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe delivers a speech at Sangyoung Township USDA's annual general meeting. — MNA

and factories.

Next, Yangon Division USDA Acting Secretary U Tha Win and Yangon West District USDA Secretary U Nay Win presented prizes to outstanding students and

youths.

Afterwards, the annual meeting followed. Later, the meeting passed three resolutions, approved one matter and put two matters on records.

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### INSIDE

Narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are a scourge that could wipe out the entire human race. For Myanmar, the work of setting up drug-free zones has achieved considerable success, with the leadership of the government. This has been as a result of designating the narcotics as a common enemy and elimination project as a national task. In this regard, the media strategy is the national task for the entire literary and journalism world.