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Govt establishing modern State-owned factories of heavy investment

Development of private industries encouraged

Textile Factory (Pakokku) contributes to regional development, stands as import-substitute industry



Prime Minister General Soe Win unveils the signboard of Textile Factory (Pakokku). — MNA

YANGON, 1 Oct — A ceremony to inaugurate the Textile Factory (Pakokku) of Myanma Textile Industries of the Ministry of Indus-

try-1, that was built 3 miles away from Pakokku in Magway Division took place at the factory this morning with an address by

Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Prime Minister General Soe Win.

Also present at the ceremony were Chair-

man of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers,

the deputy ministers, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, officials of the State

Peace and Development Council's office, the heads of departments, officials of Tianjin Machinery Import and Export Corporation of the People's Republic of China, employees of the factory, social organizations, locals and others.

First, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, Managing Director U Oo Thein Maung of Myanma Textile Industries and Factory Manager U Myint Thein Oo formally opened the factory.

Prime Minister General Soe Win then unveiled the signboard.

The prime minister and party also inspected production process of the factory.

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Textile Factory (Pakokku) of Myanma Textile Industries in Magway Division.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Enhance own national strength

Each and every citizen wants to witness prospects and progress of his motherland and people. Similarly, every government is constructing infrastructures and creating opportunities with genuine goodwill to enable the people to lead a peaceful life within the framework of law with higher standard of living.

In the drive for the improvement of a nation and its people, it is necessary for this nation to be on the right track towards sustainable development in conformity with its background history, prevailing conditions and national character.

With own national character and fine traditions of culture, the Union of Myanmar is shaping her future through national strength free from external influence.

Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered a speech at the conclusion of the Special Refresher Course No 57 for Basic Education Teachers conducted by the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) at Nawarat Hall of the institute in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division the other day.

In his address the Secretary-1 said that while modernizing the nation with self-reliant endeavours, the entire national people are to enhance own national strength in order to go ahead on the right track with a brighter future.

At a time when the education sector is taking a leading role in every aspect, those in the sector are to realize that high education standard can serve as the engine for enhancing national strength.

Moreover, they are to nurture the most basic forces of the education sector to possess high qualification and strength.

In striving to accomplish the tasks included in the National Education Promotion Programmes, the Government is creating good foundations, building development infrastructures and nurturing human resources with high caliber in the education sector.

In order to create the brighter future of the nation, officials concerned in the education sector are urged to strive for enhancing own national strength while discharging the national duty.



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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

AGM 2005 of Yangon West District USDA held

YANGON, 1 Oct—Annual General Meeting 2005 of Yangon West District Union Solidarity and Development Association took place at the office of the association in Alon Township this morning. Present were CEC member of USDA Incharge of Yangon Division Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Division Executives, USDA members, departmental officials, members of social organizations and outstanding youths and wellwishers. First, CEC member Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa delivered a speech. Next, the CEC member accepted cash donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them. Afterwards, officials presented awards to outstanding youths.

At the meeting, executives of Yangon West District USDA presented reports sector-wise. Next, Joint Secretary U Myint Hsaung tabled a motion calling for guarding against the danger posed by internal and external destructive elements through unity of the people. Afterwards, three decisions and one approval were made and two matters were put on record. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the meeting chairman.—MNA

SWRR Deputy Minister arrives back from PRC

YANGON, 1 Oct— After attending the Asia Region Conference on Disaster Reduction held from 27 to 29 September in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint arrived back here yesterday.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thuang and officials.

Director-General U Than Oo of Relief and Resettlement Department, Director-General U Win Pe of Transport Department and Deputy Director-General U Tun Lwin of Meteorology and Hydrology Department and Deputy Director U Maung Maung Khin of Relief and Resettlement Department also arrived back on the same flight.—MNA

CEC member of USDA Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa addressing the annual general meeting of Yangon West District USDA (2005).—MNA



Air Bagan Golf Tourney to be held in Myitkyina



YANGON, 1 Oct—The first leg of Air Bagan Golf Tournament organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation and sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd will be held at Northern Star Golf Course in Myitkyina, Kachin State from 13 to 16 October.

The tourney will be categorized into two levels— professional and amateur (handicap 0 to 12). Those wishing to take part in the tourney shall register at the office of Northern Star Golf Course not later than 4 pm on 11 October.

The tourney was mainly organized by Air Bagan Ltd and co-sponsors are Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Myanmar Treasure Resort, Aureum Place Hotel-Resort, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Max Myanmar Hotel, Srixon and London together with HAN Event Management.

Professionals and amateurs may contact phone numbers 09-99-72554 and 542989 not later than 3 October at 4 pm.

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UMFCCI President meets Indian Ambassador



UMFCCI President U Win Myint meets Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar K Mitra.—UMFCCI

YANGON, 1 Oct— Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar K Mitra yesterday called on President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and discussed matters on promoting trade and investment, smooth flow of border trade, export of beans and pulses, timber and fish and prawn, promoting investment in the private sector. Also present were Vice-President of UMFCCI U Aung Lwin, Joint Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay, and CEC U Tun Aung.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

ASEAN, Australia, NZ to facilitate free trade area

VIETIANE, 30 Sept — ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand will speed up negotiations on the establishment of a free trade area between the 10-member block and the two countries (Closer Economic Relations CER), economic ministers said here Thursday.

"Significant information has already been exchanged, including information on trade regimes and trade, and tariff data. The ministers underscored the importance of continuing the exchange of information and embedding this as an important element of the negotiation process to build a shared understanding of issues," said a joint statement by the 10th consultation between ASEAN Economic Ministers and CER.

The ministers recognized the negotiations do present an important opportunity to deliver economic benefits to each

participating country and to enhance the region's economic integration. They noted the focus on tackling impediments to trade and investment raised a number of difficult issues, particularly regarding the coverage and scope of the free trade area.

The ministers urged the ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand Trade Negotiating Committee to develop creative solutions and explore feasible options to ensure that the negotiations move forward with a view to making steady progress and completing the negotiations within two years as

agreed by leaders. The area officially commenced in March 2005.

ASEAN-CER bilateral goods trade rose by 31.2 per cent to 28.6 billion US dollars in 2004. The outlook for this year is equally positive as the first quarter trade figures showed an increase of 16.9 per cent. — MNA/Xinhua



India to hold next Asian Conf on Disaster Reduction

BEIJING, 30 Sept — As the Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction concluded here on Thursday, Indian capital New Delhi takes over the relay baton to hold the next meeting in 2007.

"India, the world's second most populous country, has been threatened by various disasters ranging from earthquake, tsunami, flood to landslide," said PG Dhar Chakrabarti, executive director with the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs, who attended

Beijing's meeting. "We hope to share disaster relief information and experiences with other Asian countries by holding the meeting," he said. Dhar spoke highly of the successful conference held by China, especially the advices Chinese Pre-

mier Wen Jiabao put forward. Wen said that he hoped the international community would increase technological and material assistance to help developing countries improve their capability of disaster prevention and relief.

MNA/Xinhua

Pentagon concedes Iraq uncertainties

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept — An array of top US military leaders sought to reassure Congress about progress in Iraq, but they made it clear that American troops could begin withdrawing next year only if the country remained on its democratizing track and Syria and Iran stayed out of their neighbor's affairs.

The leaders, before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Thursday, encountered skeptical

questioning from both Republicans and Democrats about the course of the war, and acknowledged great uncertainties ahead.

For example, General George Casey, who commands the US-led force in Iraq, conceded that it was "entirely possible" that a strong majority of Sunni Muslims might oppose the country's draft constitution in an 15 Oct referendum, but fail to block it.

That development, which could enhance a sense of disenfranchisement among the Sunni minority, could lead to a worsening political situation, he said. Republicans questioned Casey sharply when he said that the

number Iraqi battalions capable of operating without US support now stood at one - down from three. "It doesn't feel like progress," said one of them, Senator Susan Collins of Maine.

The general did not explain why the number had dropped from three to one.

A senior Democratic senator, Carl Levin of Michigan, suggested that unless the Iraqis stuck to their schedule, which also calls for parliamentary elections in December, the United States should consider withdrawing its forces early.

The military leaders - including Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and General Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff - issued some of their strongest warnings yet against any premature US withdrawal.

Myers said, in a reference to Al Qaeda, "Surely the next 9/11 would be right around the corner; it would embolden them beyond belief."

And Rumsfeld said that any withdrawal plans depended on noninterference by Iran and Syria.

Internet



A Shaolin martial art performer is propped up with five sharp spears in a demonstration in Hangzhou, east China's Zhejiang Province on 29 September, 2005. —INTERNET

US soldier killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept — A US soldier was killed on Tuesday by small arms fire in Iraq's western flashpoint city of Ramadi, the US military said on Thursday.

The US soldier was killed while conducting military operations in Ramadi on 27 September, the military said in a statement.

The name of the soldier was 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.

MNA/Xinhua

Intelligence chief says US trying to understand Iraq insurgency

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept — US intelligence is still struggling to understand the nature of Iraq's insurgency more than two years after the fall of Saddam Hussein, US intelligence chief John Negroponte said on Thursday.

Negroponte, a former ambassador to Iraq who became director of national intelligence five months ago, said not enough had been done to come to grips with the guerillas who by some estimates have killed more than 5,000 Iraqi civilians and security forces.

Some 1,780 US troops have also died in Iraq since US President George W Bush declared an end to major combat operations.

"It's a very, very difficult issue," Negroponte told an audience of intelligence officials in Wash-

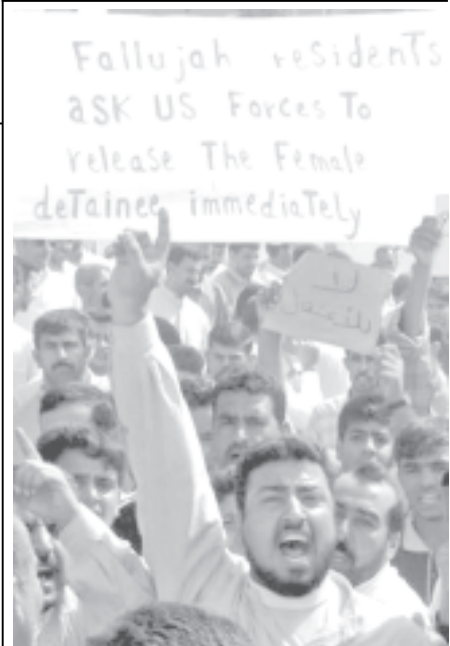
ington. "There's no analytical issue that is more important, no intelligence issue more important, than understanding the nature of the insurgency in all of its aspects.

"There's a desirability, a thirst really, to get as much fidelity about what is happening within the insurgency, and I think also a feeling that much more could still be done in terms of finding out now what the nature of that insurgency is," he said.

Negroponte was speaking at a Defence Depart-

ment intelligence conference, where he also addressed the task of moving the 15-agency intelligence community further into an era of post-September 11, reform. The Iraq insurgency, which US forces have yet to stamp out despite repeated attempts, began months after the fall of Saddam Hussein in April 2003 and spans a disparate collection of groups from Baathists and former regime elements to the al-Qaeda-linked network of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

MNA/Reuters



Local residents protest the arrest of a local woman by US forces in the Iraqi town of Falluja, 50 km (30 miles) west of Baghdad on 30 September, 2005.

Witnesses said that US forces raided a house and detained a 20-year-old woman named Sara Taha Khalef al-Jumaili early Friday morning. —INTERNET

The noble donation

Tekkatho Hla Maung

The other day, my younger sister phoned me from Mandalay, saying that a group of people from Yedashe Home for the Aged arrived at her house to solicit donation for the home. I wrote an article in dailies last year urging the public to take part in building homes for the aged with generosity and looking after the elderly. I was a member of Yedashe Township Association (Yangon) and visited Yedashe, in Bago Division, together with other members. We held a ceremony there to erect a signboard of a home for the aged to be built at a plot donated by Moe Guest House owner U Myint. Now the home for the aged has emerged in the town thanks to the generosity of U Ton Sein and Daw Ma Shin and family who donated K 10 million for the home and contributions of other wellwishers.

The Buddha elucidated merits gained for donating and running a home for the aged and looking after the older persons. Homes for the aged need constant flow of funds into them for caring and protecting the aged. The act of providing assistance to the parents and aged persons, repaying the gratitude we owe to them, and helping and caring them is the noble traditions of Myanmar people since yore. Loving-kindness, compassion, the joy to witness other's prosperity and success, and equanimity are the true elements of our traditions and culture and also our cultural heritage handed down to us by our ancestors.

According to the Dhamma, the donor will gain the highest degree of merits if his donation is an actual need for the intended recipient. Thus, building a home for the aged or presenting donations for it will gain greater merits as the home houses and looks after elder persons who have no place to live in or no one to depend on. As for Buddhists, the merit of caring the aged is the same as caring their own parents.

While staying at the home, the aged will be able to practise Vipassana meditation with peace of mind. Moreover, a donor can realize the fact that one day he too will become old and feeble like the aged and the home is sheltering

and caring the old with the assistance of organizations and persons like him. No one can escape from old age, sufferings and death. You can see the aged persons, those in ill health and the dead at a home for the aged. The Buddha Himself was apprehensive of the circle of rebirths after seeing an aged person, a sick person, a dead body and a monk. Everyone will die one day. So we all are mortal. The only thing that exists forever is the Dhamma. Thus, visiting a home will help you realize the truth of Dhamma, including the Four

The Buddha elucidated merits gained for donating and running a home for the aged and looking after the older persons. Homes for the aged need constant flow of funds into them for caring and protecting the aged. The act of providing assistance to the parents and aged persons, repaying the gratitude we owe to them, and helping and caring them is the noble traditions of Myanmar people since yore.

Noble Truths and the value of practising Vipassana which is the only way to Nibhāna, a place free from all sufferings of the secular world.

We all should play a part in caring and protecting the senior citizens of our nation. If we feel happy to help other persons, especially the aged, our happiness will also help refresh our mind and body. In addition, we need to repair or rebuild old bridges or old buildings or old roads. Likewise we will have to provide food, shelter and other assistance to the aged with generosity and goodwill. It will be a great joy for us to see other people crossing the bridge, staying at the building and walking on the road we have repaired or rebuilt or the aged practising Vipassana meditation or doing pious

deeds at the home for the aged constructed or being run by us or with our participation. We can gain merits just by having sympathy and understanding for others. Thus, taking part in repairing or rebuilding an old bridge, an old building or an old road and constructing or running a home for the aged will bring more merits to the donor.

Thanks to the teachings of the Buddha, we always care the aged with respect and that is our tradition. But in some countries, they lack tradition of helping or caring the old persons. People of those countries keep pets spending sizeable money while failing to provide food and shelter for their parents. But there are also persons in those countries, who have sympathy for others and willing to help and look after the aged. Unlike those nations, we all in Myanmar cherish and preserve our cultural heritage.

The UN designated the 1st of October as the International Day of Older Persons, and the global countries are observing the Day annually. If all have loving-kindness and sympathy for others, the world will be a better, happier and safer place to live in.

We in Myanmar are building homes for the aged with generosity and goodwill. Our Yedashe Township now has a home for the aged thanks to the collective efforts and generosity of wellwishers and other persons. We must continue to provide all necessary assistance to the home to look after the aged taking refuge there and for the upkeep of it. We feel happy every time we read in a daily the opening of a home for the aged in the nation. Everything that is beyond the reach of a single person's efforts can be obtained with the collective efforts. That's our motto, and we always live by it.

I wish emergence of more homes for the aged in the nation and more people to take part in building, running and maintaining the homes and looking after the aged.

(Translation: TMT)

Myanma Alin, Kyemon: 30.9.2005.

NDCG holds Annual General Meeting

YANGON, 1 Oct— The Seventh Annual General Meeting of National Development Company Group took place this morning at the hall of NDCG at the corner of Waizayandar Road and Thanthumar Road, Thuwana Township.

Present on the occasion were Director-General U Aung Win of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, members of the Board of Directors of NDCG and shareholders.

Chairman of NDCG Dr Khin Shwe delivered a speech.

Reports of the Board of Directors and Auditors were presented and new Board of Directors led by Dr Khin Shwe for 2005-2006 was formed. Next, Dr Khin Shwe replied to queries raised by those present and the ceremony ended with concluding remarks by Dr Khin Shwe.

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Chairman Dr Khin Shwe gives a speech at the 7th Annual Meeting of National Development Company Group.

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Family members of Captain U Htay Win of No 1117 (D) Shwehminzi Lane, Mayangon Township donate \$ 100 for Hnizigone Home for the Aged through Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the home recently. H

Special Refresher Course for basic education teachers concludes at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar)



On behalf of the Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivers a speech at the conclusion of the Special Refresher Course No 23 for Basic Education Teachers. — MNA

YANGON, 1 Oct — The Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) held the conclusion of the Special Refresher Course No 23 for Basic Education Teachers at Yadana Hall of the institute in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, this morning attended by Minister for Health Dr Chan Nyein on behalf of Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, Deputy Chief Justice at Supreme Court (Upper Myanmar) U Khin Maung Latt, Deputy Attorney-General U Han Shein, Member of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo, officials, departmental heads, the rector, deans, faculty members, and trainees.

Minister for Health Dr Chan Nyein delivered a concluding address. In his address, the minister

said it is very beneficial to both the trainees and the State as the institute, through the special refresher courses, is effectively enhancing the morale, qualifications and ability of basic education teachers who serve as the most fundamental resource of the education sector.

The teachers in the education sector are to strive for creation of greater opportunities and production of more human resources for the future nation, while discharging the duties included in the national education promotion plan.

Only when all-round developed national education foundation is built and today's youths are nurtured to become skilled ones in line with the goals, will it be possible to fulfil the requirements for national progress, and the nation will enjoy sustainable development.

Constant progress of study, technology and

knowledge leads to development in the technological field. Likewise, modern learning methods are improving constantly.

In such a constant change in technological development, teachers are to constantly nurture the students as well as themselves as they are required to pursue a life-long learning, the minis-

tration. There are now 40,525 schools — 1,962 high schools, 2,604 middle schools, 5,545 post primary schools and 30,414 primary schools — in the nation. The rural areas have 36,122 schools and border areas 1,034.

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teaching aids to schools according to its budget allotments.

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Under those cir-

stances, and love and cherish cultural heritage. Teachers should try to improve the morals and manners of the students. The most important requirement for the nation is the vitalization of the spirit to love the nation, patriotism, and Union Spirit that serve the people's interest. Under those cir-

liant intellectuals and intelligentsia possessing strong patriotism and Union Spirit that will help nation stand tall with dignity and perpetuate her; and to play their respective parts with patriotism for the success of the Road Map to emerge the peaceful, modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Next, the minister presented the model trainee awards to junior assistant teacher U Kyaw Naing Win of Hthlaing BEPS, Wundwin Township, Mandalay Division, and JAT Daw Yu Yu Aung of Ywathaya BEMS, Minbu Township, Magway Division, the award for perseverance to JAT U Aung Win Myint of Kawlin BEHS, Sagaing Division, JAT Daw Kyi Kyi Sein of Ywathit(West) BEPS, Sintgaing Township, Mandalay Division, and JAT Daw Khin Kyu of No 2 BEHS, Bhamo Township, Kachin State. He also presented model hostel awards.

The trainees presented K 50,000 for Lawka Chantha Ahbaya Laba Muni Buddha Image, Tooth-relic Pagoda, Bagan pagodas, USDA, National Convention and BEHS (branch) in Zipingon Village, PyinOoLwin Township.

The minister accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour. Later, the concluding ceremony ended.

After that the minister cordially greeted the trainees.—MNA

Teachers should conduct organizational campaign to increase the school enrollment rate and the number of students. Only then will the students be able to enjoy the education opportunities opened by the government. The government is also providing teaching aids to schools according to its budget allotments.

ter said.

Now, the government has established a lot of new basic education schools so that the students have got an easy access to pursuit of edu-

school enrollment rate and the number of students. Only then will the students be able to enjoy the education opportunities opened by the government. The government is also providing teaching aids to schools according to its budget allotments.

Teachers on their part will have to organize the locals to provide teaching aids for schools and to effectively use them. They will have to implement education promotion tasks together with the rural development tasks.

They will have to teach their pupils to observe the school disciplines and local tradi-

cumstances, teachers will have to nurture their pupils to be equipped with the intellectual power to build the nation. In addition, they should further vitalize patriotism, the spirit to serve the national interest and Union Spirit.

The holding of the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map has been in progress. At such a good time, the entire people including teachers are to participate in their respective own sectors to implement the objectives of the National Convention which will be reconvened soon, he urged.

In conclusion, the minister urged teachers to strive for turning out bril-



Minister Dr Chan Nyein presents award to JAT Daw Yu Yu Aung. — MNA

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Information Minister attends ceremony of displaying spare parts



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses the ceremony to display spare parts and parts of machines to be manufactured at home. — MNA

YANGON, 1 Oct — A ceremony to display the spare parts to be developed and produced at home was held at the

of State has placed emphasis on the needs of development of industrial sector in transforming the nation into an industrial-

ized one, and stressed that the spare parts were to be developed in the nation and efforts for exporting the spare parts were to be made.

The Ministry of Information is making use of the spare parts of printing press. Most of the parts have been developed in the nation and some were imported.

At the ceremony, accessories of TVRO and generator of Myanmar Radio and Television, spare parts of printing press of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and accessories of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs are on display as well.

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At present, the industrial sector of the nation has been developing together with the technical skill. In accordance with the guidance of the

- * Spare parts of the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs are displayed
- * The accessories of Broadcast Tower, 4.5 metre TVRO and 7.5 KVA, 5 KVA Generator of MRTV, the assorted spare parts of the printing press on display

The Ministry of Information has launched the programmes of discussion with mechanics and industrialists for developing the spare parts at home that have been used in the respective ministries.



Deputy Minister Thura U Thauung Lwin discusses prospects for manufacturing parts of machines locally.

MNA

meeting hall of the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Road this morning with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

In his speech, the minister said that the Ministry of Information had launched the programmes of discussion with mechanics and industrialists for developing the spare parts at home that have been used in the respective ministries. The Head



An industrialist makes suggestions on matters for manufacturing import-substitute spare parts and parts of machines.

MNA

Head of State, we are expected to develop the accessories and spare parts as well as machinery in the nation in the future. We, in cooperation with

and those present viewed the spare parts of the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Communications, Posts

KVA, 5 KVA Generator of MRTV, the assorted spare parts of the printing press were on display at today's ceremony.

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Departmental heads, officials, technicians, industrialists, and experts at the displaying of spare parts & parts of machines to be manufactured locally.—MNA

the mechanics, made an effort for developing the spare parts at home, said the minister.

Next, the minister, the deputy ministers, heads of the departments

and Telegraphs displayed at the meeting hall and the first session came into conclusion.

The accessories of Broadcast Tower, 4.5 metre TVRO and 7.5

session, the mechanics and the industrialists made general round of discussion.

Next, Deputy Minister for Rail (See page 7)

If the spare parts are produced...

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Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin gave supplementary reports and the ceremony concluded.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, the heads of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information, the mechanics and the industrialists. MNA



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan views round spare parts on display at the ceremony. — MNA

Sanitation tasks carried out in Mingaladon Station

YANGON, 1 Oct— Officers and other ranks members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and members of

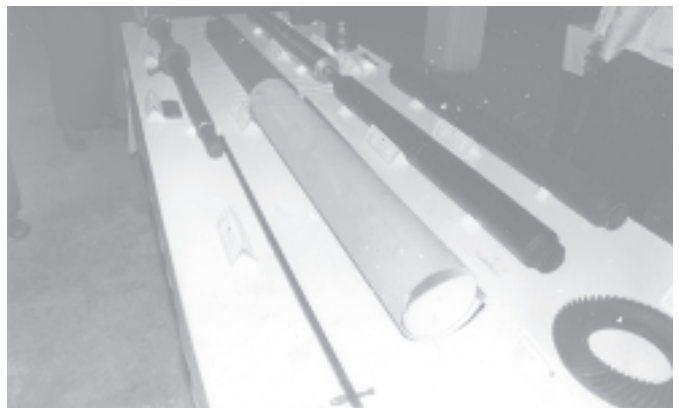
Station Development Affairs Committee totaling 400 carried out sanitation tasks at the entrance to Mingaladon Market and around the

market this morning. Mingaladon Station Commander Col Win Naung and party supervised the work. MNA



Col Win Naung inspects sanitation work carried out in front of Basic Education High School (5) in Mingaladon Township. — PRPW

Local made spare parts of Ministry of Information, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs on display



Modern textile factory in Pakokku will create job for local people



Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses opening ceremony of textile factory (Pakokku) of Myanma Textile Industries. — MNA

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Next, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang reported matters related to local demand, current production of the textile factories of Myanma Textile Industries.

Managing Director U Oo Thein Maung briefed on the purpose of building the factory, kinds of installed machines, production capacity of the factory, availability of raw materials, amount of investment, supply of power and number of staff.

The Prime Minister said that the emergence of the modern textile factory in Pakokku District, on the west bank of Ayeyawady River and in the north of Magway, will create job opportunities for local people in Pakokku, Seikphyu, Pauk, Myaing, and Yesagyo townships, and help disseminate methods on use of modern machines in the regions. The achievement is a testament to the government's sustained efforts to ensure development of Pakokku region like other regions.

Pakokku region is the entrance to Chin State

(South) that consists of Matupi, Mindat, and Kanpetlet. In the past, Chin State lagged behind in development due to poor transport and it was like a far-flung region.

Therefore, the government, since its assumption of State duties, has constructed infrastructures for the development of Pakokku, that occupies an important point, to become the capital of the west bank of Ayeyawady River, and an all-round developed region with a bright future.

Now, the region has enjoyed progress with uni-

with other parts of the nation.

The brand-new factory can produce nearly four million of 1/32 thread and more than 11 million yards of coarse cloth a year. Over six months after the inauguration of Pwintbyu Textile Factory put into commission on 18 March this year in Magway Division, another similar factory has been opened in the region. So, they will make significant contribution towards the industrial development of Magway Division.

So far, under the MTI of the Ministry of Industry-1 there are five textile factories — Shwedaung,

The brand-new factory can produce nearly four million pounds of 1/32 thread and more than 11 million yards of coarse cloth a year.



Prime Minister General Soe Win presents basket of fruits to the chairman of Tianjin Machinery Import & Export Corporation. — MNA

versities, colleges, hospitals, airports, new railroads, roads, and river water pumping stations alongside the textile factory and Pakokku Industrial Zone. So, in the near future, the region will be able to catch up

Paleik, Sagaing, Pwintbyu, and Pakokku textile factories. A textile factory is under construction in Salingyi Township, Sagaing Division.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win and party view round production tasks of the textile factory (Pakokku). — MNA

Prime Minister inspects development tasks in Pakokku

YANGON, 1 Oct—Prime Minister General Soe Win, accompanied by ministers, deputy ministers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council, this morning arrived in Pakokku, Magway Division by Tatmadaw aircraft, and they were welcomed there by Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Deputy Minis-

ceeded to the Neem Insecticide Factory of Myanmar Agriculture Service, where they were welcomed by the factory manager and officials.

At the briefing hall, the factory manager reported on the purpose of opening the factory, its location and area, production capacity, acquisition of raw materials, tasks being carried out for greening the factory and others to the Prime

Minister and party were welcomed by the acting principal and officials.

After that, the Prime Minister presented cash assistance, provisions and exercise books to the students through the acting principal.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt presented exercise books and gifts to the students.

The training school was opened on 1 June 2004 in Pakokku, and altogether 85 national race trainees are attending it.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects manufacturing process at the Neem Insecticide Factory of the Myanmar Agriculture Service. — MNA

Officials are to run the Neem Insecticide Factory at full capacity to meet the domestic demand.

arrived back here in the evening.

Minister Col Thein Nyunt who accompanied

the Prime Minister, this afternoon inspected upgrading of Myakantha Park in Pakokku and gave necessary instructions.

He looked into measures being taken for water supply in Ward 11 of Pakokku and water supply in villages of Pakokku Township and gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Hla Tun this morning met with staff of the Internal Revenue Department, the Myanmar Insurance, the Myanmar Economic Bank and the Myanmar Small Loans Enterprise in Pakokku and gave necessary instructions.

Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Col Khin Maung Kyaw inspected functions of Pakokku Industrial Zone and gave instructions on production of automobiles and spare parts for other mills.

Deputy Education Minister U Myo Nyunt this afternoon met the rector and faculty members of Pakokku University and gave instructions on academic and administrative matters.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo this afternoon inspected Pakokku General Hospital and gave instructions to the medical superintendent and staff on control of malaria, HIV, AIDS and TB.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win presents cash assistance, provisions, and exercise books to acting principal U Hsan Lin and trainees.—MNA

ter for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun, Commander of No 10 LID Col Maung Maung Ohn, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, departmental officials, and social organizations.

Accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party attended the opening ceremony of Textile Factory (Pakokku) of the Myanmar Textile Industries in Pakokku.

Next, the Prime Minister and party pro-

Minister.

The Prime Minister gave instructions, stressing the need for officials to run the factory at full capacity to meet the domestic demand.

Later, the Prime Minister inspected production process at the factory and neem insecticide.

On arrival at the National Races Development Training School under the Education and Training Department, Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and Na-



Prime Minister General Soe Win inspects a hostel of the training school. — MNA

All are to generate opportunities for the aged to enable them to contribute their services at will in the human society

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elder persons to lead a better and pleasant life — independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment, and dignity.

Myanmar is taking care of the aged in line with the culture and tra-

the human society.

Every elderly person has the rights to receive care and respects from his family members and relatives. The Secretary-1 called for measures for enabling the aged who are left destitute due to

for enabling them to stand tall and to lead a secure life but without causing adverse effects on their mental and physical conditions in the rest of their life.

Global nations practise varying methods of

The community-based care service is a system that takes care of needy older persons or older persons who lack supporters with humanitarian and social spirit.

The group home care service is a system that takes care of older persons with charges. The wealthy community send older persons to the home as they themselves could not take care of them.

The day care centre is a system that takes care of older persons attentively by day time when their offspring go for work at the time.

The charity elderly home is a system that takes care of needy older persons and older per-

The Government formed the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to fulfill food, clothing and shelter needs of older persons and those who need social support.

The Social Welfare Department is taking care of 2,196 older persons of 52 homes for the aged and providing necessary help to 42 homes for the aged yearly. It provided cash assistance of K 10.6 million to 42 homes for the aged in 2004-2005 fiscal year.

The Social Welfare Department in cooperation with NGOs has been launching the home care service since 2004.

Cash and medicines will be donated to older

Secretary-1 stressed the need for officials concerned efforts for older persons to fully enjoy the fruits of peace, stability and development, to practically use the experiences and knowledge of older persons in building a modern and developed nation, and to preserve fine traditions and national characters that constantly and respectfully take care of older persons.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented gifts and cash to Col Saw Myint (Retd) (H m u t h a m e i n), Thihabala U Thaw Zin, U Shwe Daung Nyo, U Ba Galay, Daw Thein Hsaing (Ma Myat Lay), Daw Nu Yin, Sculptor U Lwin, U San Thein (Thiha Swe), Wunna Kyaw Htin U Sein Mya Maung and Wunna Kyaw Htin U Sein Aung Min, who are over 80.

Afterwards, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented gifts and cash to Daw May Nwe, Daingbin U Tin Hla, Daw Kyan, Artist U Thu Kha and U Tin Yu (Motion Picture), who are over 80.

Next, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presented gifts and cash to Bingyo U Maung Maung, Natmauk U Phone Kyaw, Daw Yin Yin (Saw Mon Nyin), (See page 11)



Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo presents gifts, cash and medicines to an aged person. — MNA

ditions, while adhering to the UN-adopted five principles.

As a person passes over 60 years, the elderly life has stood at the important point. So, more opportunities have to be created effectively for such persons to enjoy fulfillment of basic needs, health, reasonable jobs and incomes, rights to pursue technologies, and freedom.

It is the nature of the older persons that they serve the interests of human beings through diligence. They do not want to be isolated for they have lived in the environment of human society for many years. They also like taking part in performing meritorious deeds and public welfare services.

So, it is required to give place to the elderly in the sectors of social and religious affairs and funeral rites. As the saying which goes the tradition is kept by generations, the junior are to learn knowledge and experiences from the elderly.

He urged all to generate opportunities for the aged to contribute their services at will in

various reasons to take refuge in social organizations or homes for the aged. At a time when the nation is being transformed into a peaceful, modern and developed one, it is needed for the senior citizens, mid-aged people and youngsters to help one another and to serve one another's interest.

He stressed the need to encourage the efforts of the elderly in the interests of theirs and to create opportunities for them to show their abilities and capabilities, and to recognize their self-reliant performances in the sectors of education, culture, rest and recreation, and religious affairs.

The elderly persons possess the dignity of seniority in age. Existence of an elderly person at home or in the surrounding area represents some kind of auspiciousness. Even though they have not been able to serve the interests of their family members much, they are still held in high esteem, so they are to be given a proper place to be harmonious with others. Measures are to be taken

caring the old.

ASEAN nations are making combined efforts to seek ways for providing better services to them. He said he would like to present the services being practised in the East Asian nations including ASEAN members.

The first one, Home Care Service, means care services provided by social and health teams for the aged at their homes, and that costs less but effective.

The second one, Home Based Care Service, means taking nearby elderly persons to a proper house for care services to be provided by volunteers in turn when their family members cannot provide care for them.

sons who have no supporters.

In Myanmar, social organizations established the homes for the aged in various parts of the nation, and are properly taking care of older persons.

persons from states and divisions who attended the ceremony to mark International Day of Older Persons, and officials concerned have already made cash donations to homes for the aged.

In conclusion, the



Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation President Daw Than Than Nwe presents gifts, cash and medicines to a senior citizen.— MNA



Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association President Daw Khin Khin Win presents gifts, cash and medicines to an aged person. —MNA

Modern textile factory in Pakokku will create jobs

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The government has built such textile factories with the aim of fulfilling the nation's requirements, producing import-substitute items, developing the region with high standard of living, generating job opportunities of locals, and disseminating technologies.

The government has to invest heavily in the factories as such huge investments are not within the reach of private entrepreneurs and textile industry contributes much towards the State. In that regard, the factories were built at sites where raw materials are in abundance for the factories. The government has been constructing modern factories across the nation.

At the same time, it has been establishing private industrial zones in the regions that have favorable conditions for growth of the industry.

So far, the nation has seen 18 industrial zones, and in Magway Division are Pakokku and Yenangyoung industrial zones established for developments of private-run industries. Pakokku Industrial Zone is doing its utmost to win renown through production of Pakokku Jeeps and trucks, and Yenangyoung Industrial Zone manufactures motorcycles and three-wheel vehicles.

So, Magway Division plays an important role in the State's drive for industrialization. Officials concerned and industrialists on their part are to make earnest efforts in concert for speedy development of agro-based industries, industries that help develop the agricultural sector, and the auto industry as cotton, edible oil crops and beans and pulses thrive well in Magway Division.

Now, industrial zones are making a rapid progress thanks to the encouragement and guidance of the Head of State, assistance rendered by officials, and close supervision of local administrative bodies.

The government is striving with added momentum for ensuring eq-

Factories are built at sites where raw materials are in a bundance.

uitable development of all parts of the nation, and handing down good heritage in political, economic, social and transport sectors to the posterity. The government is endeavouring day in, day out with genuine goodwill just for the sake of the nation and the people.

Magway Division is an arid zone where water is scarce, so local farm-

ers have to rely mainly on the rain. So, the Head of State gave guidance on laying down the nine-district greening project in 1993 to green the nine districts in Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay divisions with moderate climate. Now, the project has been extended to the 13-district greening

project.

Measures are being taken with might and main in the arid zone such as conservation and extended establishment of trees and forests, planting trees for fuel, construction of dams in proper places, damming creeks and pumping river water.

Altogether 31 dams were built and 45 river water pumping projects

implemented in Magway Division. Of them, nine dams and eight river water pumping stations are in Pakokku District. According to geographical condition of Pakokku region, priority is being given to construction of small dams in the region. At present, 18 small-scale dams were constructed in the region. Moreover, local authorities in cooperation with the people are trying their utmost to build self-reliant lakes and small dams there.

Hence, remarkable progress has been made in agricultural sector of Magway Division that covers Pakokku District while industrial sector, livestock breeding sector and trade sector are meeting with success.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called upon local authorities, officials and factory workers to boost production as the factory will

contribute much to national development as well as regional development, to strive for running the factory at full capacity and its durability and to serve the interests of the State and the people as well as that of the region.

Next, Prime Minister General Soe Win presented a basket of fruits to Tianjin Machinery Import and Export Corporation Chairman Mr. Sun Jian Rong and officials who gave a souvenir to the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister General Soe Win and party then posed for a documentary photo and cordially greeted those present. With the aim of meeting local demand and import substitute, improving living standard of local people and getting new job opportunity, the project of the factory was implemented.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents gift, cash assistance, and medicines to elderly women. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presents gift, cash assistance, and medicines to an elderly women. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa delivers a speech at the ceremony. — MNA

All are to generate opportunities for...

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U Ba Toke and U Tun Nyunt who are over 84.

Later, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, presented gifts and cash to goldsmith U U Hme, Daw

Aung Than Tin, Bogalay U Tint Aung, U Htein Lin (U Ko Ko Tun), Guardian U Sein Win and Thakhin Hla Kun (Moenyoo), who are over 80.

Next, President of

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Than Than New presented gifts and cash to U Kyaw Hsan (Thukhi Aung), U Hla Kyaing (Paragu), U Hla Tun (Cancer Foundation), U

Tha Din and U Myint Soe (Motion Pictures), who are over 80.

President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Win presented gifts and cash to U Kyaw Win (Nyo Win), Daw Ohn Kyi, U Tin Maung (Thaikpan Hmutin), U Sao Tun Hmat Win, Daw Hinthia Kyi, U Lay Myaing, U San Win and U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), who are over 80.

After greeting ambassadors of foreign missions, chargés d'affaires and resident representatives of UN agencies who were present on the occasion, the Secretary-1 left there in the later morning.

MNA

Two roadside bombs hit US military convoy in eastern Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept — Two coordinated roadside bombs struck a US military convoy in eastern Baghdad on Thursday morning, damaging two US Humvees, an Interior Ministry source said.

"Two roadside bombs exploded in quick succession at about 6:55 am (0255 GMT) near a US military convoy on al-Qanat Street near the Shiite neighbourhood of Sadr City in eastern Baghdad," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The US troops sealed off the area, preventing Iraqi police from approaching the scene, the source said, adding that some policemen said they saw two Humvees caught fire.

In a separate incident, another roadside bomb detonated at about 8:50 am (0450 GMT) near al-Shaab Stadium in eastern Baghdad when a US military patrol was passing by, damaging a US military vehicle and wounding an Iraqi civilian, the source said. Meanwhile, a group of gunmen attacked a bakery in Baghdad's southern district of Dora, killing two people and seriously wounding another, he added.

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Indian Cabinet clears Airbus purchase deal

NEW DELHI, 30 Sept— The Indian Cabinet on Thursday approved a 2.2-billion-US-dollar deal with Europe's Airbus Industrie, under which the country's national carrier, Indian Airlines (IA), will acquire 43-aircraft to expand its fleet.

India's Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, the apex body on economic matters, cleared the deal after it met Thursday under Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

The Indian Airlines board had agreed on the acquisition of 20 Airbus A-319s, 19 A-321s and four A-320s two years ago. But a final decision had been delayed by required clearances from several layers of the government.

However, the deal took a firm shape when Singh made the announcement to this effect in the presence of British Prime Minister Tony Blair during the India-EU summit in New Delhi earlier this month.

With this approval, the

state-owned national carrier would now be formally asked by the government to place the orders with the Airbus Industrie, news agency Press Trust of India quoted official sources as saying.

Airbus had earlier quoted 2.38 billion US dollars for delivering 43 planes.

As per the tentative delivery schedule, the first aircraft will join the fleet in the second half of next year and the remaining 42 will be inducted at an average rate of one plane per month, the PTI reported.

According to the agency report, besides the price discount, several other concessions and advantages have also been

gained in the deal.

These included the establishment of an ultra-modern training centre for pilots to fly Airbus' family of aircraft at a cost of around 75 million dollars, an mro (maintenance, repair and overhaul) facility at a cost of 100 million dollars and a counter-trade offer worth about 145 million dollars, PTI said.

The Airbus Industrie also assured the government in writing that it would establish spare part warehouses in India, not only for the Indian Airlines but for other carriers as well.

The new jetliners will replace 70 per cent of IA's fleet. This is the first IA order for new planes in 15 years. —MNA/Xinhua

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AIDS patients to get free drugs in Thailand

BANGKOK, 30 Sept— HIV-positive patients in Thailand are entitled to get free anti-retroviral medication under the extended coverage of the country's universal healthcare scheme, local media reported Thursday.

From 1 October, some 80,000 HIV patients will be entitled to both first and second-line drugs under the 30-baht healthcare scheme, and some 20,000 more patients will be covered by the Social Security Fund in the next one or two months.

"The move will offer security for all people living with HIV/AIDS in the country," Kamol Uppakaew, president of the Thailand Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, was quoted by The Nation newspaper as saying.

He added the government, having allocated a special budget of 2.796 billion baht (66.57 million US dollars) for implementing the pro-

gramme, will guarantee access to life-saving treatment for all individuals from now on.

Dr Sanguan Nitayarnphong, head of the National Security Office, said sufficient anti-retroviral drugs for use nationwide starting October have already been prepared. To ensure sustained treatment, people already receiving the drugs under the existing programme will also be entitled to treatment under the 30-baht scheme.

Previously, only a selected number of people in Thailand received the treatment under various projects which only relied on short-term budget, said Kamol.

MNA/Xinhua

Rare "Beatles" lyrics up for auction

LONDON, 30 Sept— John Lennon's hand-written lyrics for the Beatles song "I'm Only Sleeping", scribbled on the back of a final demand bill, are expected to reach up to 200,000 pounds when they go on sale on Wednesday.

The first working draft of the lyrics, penned by Lennon in 1966 for the "Revolver" album, is briefer than the final recorded version and several deletions, alterations and variations were made to the text.

It will be auctioned by Christie's in London.

The 17 lines, mostly written in blue felt pen, have been held in a private collection for over 30 years and are appearing at auction for the first time.

A recording of a Beatles concert and a previously unheard interview

with Lennon and Yoko Ono are also up for sale.

The only existing recording of a concert in Hong Kong in 1964, made by a journalist in the audience using a portable tape recorder, is expected to reach up to 40,000 pounds, Christie's said.

The Lennon-Ono interview was conducted in 1969 at a "Bed In For Peace" protest in Canada. Christie's says it has never been broadcast and has been locked away in a trunk ever since. It is expected to reach up to 20,000 pounds. —MNA/Reuters

Japanese bird flu experts begin mission in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 30 Sept— A panel team comprising bird flu experts from Japan begin their work here Thursday to help Indonesia in overcoming the virus outbreak that has claimed six people's life, the *Bisnis Indonesia* daily said.

The team would gather information for a week in an effort to determine a recommendation to the Indonesian authorities in controlling the lethal disease in the country, spokesman of the Japanese Embassy Ayako Zhimisu said.

"The team will visit the designed bird flu hospital of Sulianti Saroso in the city," said Zhimisu.

The Japanese assistance was in response to the request of the Indonesian Government. —MNA/Xinhua

22 killed in bus accident in Indian Kashmir

NEW DELHI, 30 Sept— Twenty two people were killed and 28 injured when a bus fell into a gorge in Mahore belt of Udhampur District of Indian-controlled Kashmir on Thursday evening, Press Trust of India reported.

The ill-fated bus, which was on its way to Tatapani area in Rajouri District, turned turtle and rolled down the hill, falling into a 100-metre deep gorge at Manzil area in Mahore-Damkund belt

around 17:40 local time, PTI said quoting a senior superintendent of police, Gareb Dass.

According to initial reports, 22 passengers were killed and 28 others injured, most of them

critically, he said, adding the toll is likely to go up.

"We flashed messages to border guards BSF and Army to carry out rescue operation as it is a remote area," Dass

said, adding that some local people and BSF troops have evacuated some injured passengers from the spot and rushed them to hospital in the nearby areas.

MNA/Xinhua

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Guinness world record keeper Li Jianhua pulls a bus with his right ear at the Moshan Park in Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province on 30 September, 2005. The bus weighed 4350 kilograms, sources said. Li has gotten into the Guinness Book of World Records for pulling a car with his ear. —INTERNET

Britain faces growing Hepatitis C crisis

LONDON, 30 Sept — Britain has the worst record in Europe for dealing with the Hepatitis C virus, according to a new report released on Friday.

While cases of the chronic liver disease are falling in France, Britain is facing a Hepatitis C time bomb because not enough people with the illness are diagnosed and treated.

"If we continue to do nothing about Hepatitis C then between 100,000 and 300,000 people will have to endure preventable liver disease," said Professor William Rosenberg, of the University of Southamp-

ton in southern England.

The lead author of the report commissioned by the Hepatitis C Trust in Britain said if the disease was detected and treated early, the cure rate was between 40-80 per cent.

But only about 2 per cent of people infected with the potentially deadly liver disease receive treatment in Britain compared to 13 per cent in France.

More than 300,000 people have been diagnosed and treated with the illness in Italy, while in

Britain the number is slightly more than 50,000 — less than Spain, France and Germany.

Hepatitis C is transmitted through body fluids. Injecting drug users who share needles are particularly at risk from the virus which often shows no symptoms. Babies can also be infected by their mothers at birth. If symptoms do occur, they include jaundice, fatigue, abdominal pain, nausea, loss of appetite and dark urine. — MNA/Reuters

Former US Marine to work for Al Jazeera TV

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept — Former US Marine captain Josh Rushing has taken a job reporting for Al-Jazeera, the Qatar-based TV network, a news report said Thursday.

Rushing, a captain in the Marine Corps until October last year, would appear on a global, English-language news channel the network hoped to start by spring next year, the USA Today newspaper reported.

While Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld accused the network of "perfectly willing to lie to the world" and having "a pattern of playing propaganda" for its 50 million viewers, most of them in the Arab world, Rushing said he had been trained by the Marines "to represent the best of what America stands

for to a foreign audience". Rushing, 33, who was enlisted in 1990, was made liaison to Al-Jazeera at the US Central Command media centre in Doha, Qatar, during the Iraq war.

Al-Jazeera approached him earlier this year about joining the new channel, the report quoted Rushing as saying.

Al-Jazeera had hired reporters and producers from several Western news organizations, including the Associated Press, the BBC, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., CNN and Fox News, and the new channel was "over half-way there" in hiring the hundreds of people it would need, Katie Bergius, a spokeswoman for the TV network, told the newspaper. — MNA/Xinhua



Cambodian waitresses wearing Khmer Rouge uniforms show a food platter in the "Khmer Rouge Experience Cafe" in Phnom Penh on 30 September, 2005. The set "theme menu" consists of salted rice-water, followed by corn mixed with water and leaves, and dove eggs and tea. —INTERNET

"Damrey" toll in Hainan rises to 25, heavier than expected

HAIKOU, 30 Sept — The death toll from Typhoon Damrey in southernmost China's island province of Hainan has risen to 25 on Thursday, while a senior disaster relief official said casualties and economic losses from Damrey were heavier than expected.

A special government work group led by vice director of the State Flood Control and Drought Relief Headquarters Cheng Dianlong made an inspection of the province's disaster relief work after Damrey swept the island Monday.

Cheng said Damrey has infringed huge damages in Hainan, which was more severe than Beijing has expected. According to the investigation, the death mainly happened in accidents, such as sudden tree falls, landslides and torrents caused by Damrey, the biggest typhoon that hit the province in 10 years.

Economic losses were estimated at 11.6 billion

yuan (about 1.5 billion US dollars). Damrey almost wiped out the province's aquaculture industry and damaged this season's farm yield of rubber, tropical fruit and vegetable as well as the power grid system and water conservancy facilities.

The resort island has restored 85 per cent of power supply, and allocated 26.5 million yuan (three million US dollars) of relief fund to ensure typhoon victims with sufficient food, clothes and shelters. It also anticipated the coming National Day (October 1) travel week would bring in some profits to mend the losses.

MNA/Xinhua

Over one ton of marijuana seized in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 30 Sept — More than one ton of marijuana was seized Wednesday in a police operation in the Argentine capital of Buenos Aires, police said. A total of four suspects, who were preliminarily identified as Paraguayans, were arrested and would be charged with drug-trafficking, police said.

The operation took place in Moreno District in the city centre. The first batch of marijuana, weighing some 300 kilos, was seized on a pick-up truck on Tuesday evening and suspects were arrested. The bigger patch of drug was seized on Wednesday, on a tip of the suspects previously apprehended. — MNA/Xinhua

Diver dies in suspected Australia crocodile attack

SYDNEY, 30 Sept — A man is believed to have been killed by a large crocodile while scuba diving off Australia's remote north on Thursday, the second fatal crocodile attack in five days, police said.

The 56-year-old man was diving with a friend at Trepan Bay on the Cobourg Peninsula, north of tropical Darwin in the Northern Territory, when he was attacked.

The man had sustained injuries consistent with a crocodile attack. His body, which was recovered later on Thursday, was taken to Darwin for examination to determine the cause of death.

Police praised the man's unidentified friend who reported him missing after he failed to surface from a dive. Despite the shock of the attack, the unidentified friend marked their exact location with a distress beacon before calling for help, which arrived several hours later. He told police he had seen a large crocodile in the area after the attack. — MNA/Reuters



The curved doors of Nissan Motor's concept car 'Pivo' slide open to the rear of its cabin atop a wheeled platform at an unveiling in Tokyo on 30 September, 2005, ahead of the upcoming Tokyo Motor Show 2005. —INTERNET

SPORTS



Inter Milan midfielder Estaban cambiasso (L) fights for the ball with Glasgow Rangers' defender Fernando Ricksen during their Champions League match on 28 September. Ricksen believes the Ibrox side's improved performance in their 1-0 defeat away to Inter Milan can help revive their Scottish Premier League challenge.—INTERNET

Sporting, Braga, Setubal out of UEFA Cup

LISBON, 1 Oct—Sporting was eliminated from UEFA Cup after losing 3-2 versus the Swedes of Halmstad, in the second leg match, at Lisbon's Jose Alvalade Stadium.

The Portuguese started the match with a 2-1 advantage from their victory in the first leg played in Sweden, when 15 minutes into the second leg, Halmstad's Thorvaldsson opened the score for the Scandinavians.

Sporting drew prior to the half time through Wender, but the Swedes

drawn via Zvirgzdauskas. In the extra time, Sporting recovered the advantage thanks to an own-goal of Zvirgzdauskas. This did not mean Halmstad stopped, so they managed to score again through Ingelsten.

Thus the Swedes moved on to the next phase of the UEFA Cup.

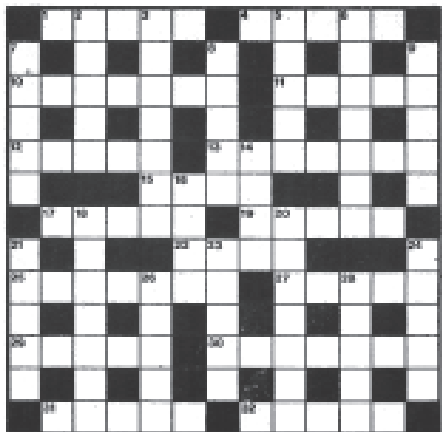
In spite of the 1-1 draw with Red Star of Serbia and Montenegro, Sporting Braga was eliminated. The match was played at Braga and after the 0-0 result in the first leg, the visitor goals counted as a criterion to break the draw.

Vitoria Setubal also was eliminated after a 1-0 loss at Genoa, versus the Italians of Sampdoria. In the first match of the series the Portuguese had a 1-1 draw.

Vitoria Guimaraes is the only Portuguese team that remains alive in the European competition after their 1-0 victory over Wisla Cracow, in Poland. The Portuguese team, had a three-goal advantage from the previous match, and the series was won through a goal, 84 minutes into the game, by Saganowski.

MNA/Xinhua

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



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Mourinho says draw would be bad for Liverpool

LONDON, 1 Oct—Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho believes another draw against Liverpool at Anfield on Sunday would represent a bad result for the Merseyside club.

The teams played out a goalless stalemate in the Champions League on Wednesday and Mourinho says the onus will now be firmly on Rafa Benitez' side in their Premier League clash.

"In the Champions League we started the game with the same number of points (three) and we had the same objective...to go into the next round," Mourinho told Chelsea's website on Friday.

"So it was not a bad result for us and it was not a bad result for them.

"In the Premiership the points difference is a minimum eight points (if Liverpool win their two games in hand). So I think a draw for them on Sunday is a very bad result."

Runaway Premier League leaders Chelsea, who have a six-point lead over second-placed Charlton Athletic, have held the upper hand in recent matches against Liverpool.

Mourinho, however, said the Merseysiders deserved a lot of credit for the way they had defended in the last three games against his team.

"In (the previous) six matches Liverpool have only beaten us once and we know in which circumstances they beat

us," said Mourinho in a barbed reference to their controversial Champions League semifinal winner at Anfield last season.

"But at the same time we know also that in the last three games we couldn't score (against them) and we couldn't score because they defended really well.

"We have to give credit to a team that defended well and defended with a lot of aggression."

Mourinho said he would have a fully-fit squad to choose from on Sunday and hinted that Spain left back Asier del Horno could return after injury.

"Del Horno played 45 minutes in the reserves on Wednesday and had no reaction," he said. — MNA/Reuters

Confident Houllier sees Lyon close to qualification

PARIS, 30 Sept—Gerard Houllier said Olympique Lyon's 1-0 victory over Rosenborg on Wednesday was further proof that his side are now genuine Champions League contenders.

The victory in Norway, sealed by a goal from Brazilian defender Cris, moved the ambitious French champions close to qualification for the knockout round with six points from their two Group F games.

"Three years ago, Lyon were held to a (1-1) draw here," Houllier said.

"We have made another step towards the qualification. This is proof that this team is growing and getting more mature."

The draw against Rosenborg three years ago sealed a disappointing exit for the French side, but their 3-0 win over Real Madrid followed by Tuesday's result means they are well on the way to the knockout round.

"Our win was highly deserved," added Houllier. "Any other outcome would have been unfair. Now we have to carry on like this when we host Olympiakos in the next match."

Lyon are still to lose a match this season and Houllier was full of praise for his side.

"Rosenborg pushed hard in the first and the last 10 minutes but I must confess that I was not worried," he said. "The first half was absolutely dramatic with moves of great class.— MNA/Reuters



France's Tony Estanguet competes in the men's C1 during the Canoe Slalom World Championships at the Penrith Whitewater Stadium in western Sydney on 1 Oct, 2005. Australia's Robin Bell won with a final time of 209.26 seconds followed by Estanguet in 209.47 seconds and third was Slovakia's Michal Martikan with 210.64 seconds.—INTERNET

Maccabi stun Partizan to reach UEFA group stage

BELGRADE 30 Sept—Israeli side Maccabi Petach Tikva trounced Serbia and Montenegro champions Partizan Belgrade 5-2 to progress to the UEFA Cup group stage with a 5-4 aggregate win on Thursday.

Striker Omer Golan grabbed a hat-trick while Asi Masich converted a penalty and Partizan full back Marko Lomic scored an own goal to hand Petaeh Tikva a shock win after the Serbian side had won the first leg in Israel 2-0 a fortnight ago. Golan scored with a crisp shot and a header in the first half and Masich converted the spot kick to cancel out a Srdjan Radonjic brace to give Maccabi a 3-2 lead at halftime. Golan headed home the fourth shortly after the interval and Lomic beat his own keeper Djordje Pantic in the closing stages to end Partizan's interest in Europe this season.— MNA/Reuters



Viktoria Rudenko (R) of Ukraine punches Sumeyra Kaya of Turkey during their 52 kg division fight at the third Women's World Boxing Championship in Podolsk near Moscow on 30 September, 2005. Kaya defeated Rudenko. —INTERNET

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

Myanmar senior citizens held in high esteem, given proper care

The aged across the nation enjoying higher standard of living



YANGON, 1 Oct—The International Day of Older Persons (2005) was observed at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this morning.

It was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the

over 6,300 million, and one of every five people is an older person. According to the data collected in 2004, the population of Myanmar was more than 54.3 million, 4.46 million of whom were aged above 60, accounting for an aged person in every 13 people.

As the day-by-day increase in the population of the senior people has represented a serious matter, ways and means

are being sought to lay down programmes for welfare of burgeoning population of the aged. Myanmar is witnessing a growing population of the elderly, but this has not become an excessive burden in caring for them. It is because a fine tradition still flourishes in the nation that Myanmar national people under the culture, customs and social norms pay esteem and care for the senior

citizens in accord with the teachings of the Buddha. Moreover, thanks to the border areas and national races development projects and rural development projects, the people's social standard has become higher and in consequence, the aged across the nation have enjoyed better standard of living.

The UN has adopted the five principles for the (See page 10)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein speaking at the ceremony to mark the International Day of Older Persons (2005). —MNA

chief justice, the attorney-general, officials, departmental heads, chairmen and members of social organizations, Dean of Diplomatic Corps Philippine Ambassador Mme Phoebe A Gomez and diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies, guests, wellwishers and elderly persons.

The Secretary-1 in his address said that the UN has designated the 1st October as the International Day of Older Persons. Myanmar, a member of the UN, has observed the day since 1999 annually.

Now, the world population has touched



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents gifts, cash and medicines to an older person.—MNA

Warning of high tide

YANGON, 1 Oct— The public are hereby informed that exceptionally high spring of from 20.30 to 20.57 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period from 4 to 7 October, 2005. —MNA

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The Buddha elucidated merits gained for donating and running a home for the aged and looking after the older persons. Homes for the aged need constant flow of funds into them for caring and protecting the aged.