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True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation wherever he lives to cultivate and possess strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to uphold and safeguard.

Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Korean President

YANGON, 3 Oct— On the occasion of the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, which falls on 3 October 2005, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to HE Mr Roh Moo-hyun, President of the Republic of Korea. —MNA

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Germany

YANGON, 3 Oct— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Horst Kohler, President of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the National Day of the Federal Republic of Germany, which falls on 3 October 2005. —MNA

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

Development infrastructures in Taninthayi Division inspected Gifts presented to older persons in Kawthoung

YANGON, 2 October— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials, yesterday morning left here for Myeik by air. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hon Ngai and officials.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo together with the commander, Patron of Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Taninthayi Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee wife of the commander Daw Tin Tin Nwe and officials proceeded to Kawthoung. They were welcomed there by Col Kyaw Phyo of Khamaukkyi Station, Col Myint Tun of Kawthoung Station, senior military officers and officials.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended the ceremony to mark the International Day of Older Persons held in the precinct of Pyidaw Aye Pagoda and presented gifts to older persons.

The commander, wife of the commander and officials also presented gifts to older persons.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party paid respects to older persons.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo views free medical treatment given at Pulon-tone-tone Village in Kawthoung.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards industrial development

In its drive to fulfill the need of the nation, the State Peace and Development Council has been making arrangements to build modern factories requiring heavy investment across the nation and, at the same time, it has been establishing the industrial zones in the regions of states and divisions that have favorable conditions for growth of the industry.

There are altogether 18 industrial zones throughout the country including Pakokku and Yenangyoung industrial zones in Magway Division, and emphasis is being placed on development of the private industrial sector.

Magway Division plays an important role to a certain degree in endeavours for industrial development of the State. Crops such as cotton, edible oil crops and beans and pulses are thriving well in the division. As it produces an industrial crop, cotton, the State has opened a modern textile factory in Pakokku region.

In his address delivered at the inauguration of Textile Factory (Pakokku) on 1 October, Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Prime Minister General Soe Win said that 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 and that the factories were built at sites where raw materials are in abundance for the factories.

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, creating job opportunities of locals and disseminating technologies.

So far, there are five textile factories across the nation. Another textile factory is under construction in Salingyi Township, Sagaing Division. Moreover, cement plant, iron mill, sugar mill, soap factory, pharmaceutical factory, machine tools factory, pulp factory and paper mill have been built in the respective regions of the country.

At a time when the Government is endeavouring not only for the equitable development of all regions in the country but also for handing down good heritage to posterity, we would like to urge State service personnel and industrialists who are engaged in the industrial sector to strive for industrial development that will surely contribute to national development.



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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

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

YANGON, 3 Oct — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Guan Mu as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar in succession to His Excellency Mr Li Jinjun.

Mr Guan Mu was born in October 1952 in Jilin Province. After graduation from university, since 1974 he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

He also served as Third Secretary, Second Secretary as well as Counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Thailand and Singapore.

Mr Guan Mu last served as Deputy Director-General of the Department of Asian Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs before being nominated as Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar.

He is married and has one son. — MNA

Energy Minister leaves for India

YANGON, 2 Oct — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi left here by air for India this morning to attend the Energy Ministers' Meeting of BIMSTEC to be held in New Delhi, Republic of India and to discuss the work programmes on exploration of oil and gas with Goldpetrol Oil Co of Singapore.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra and officials of the Ministry of Energy. — MNA

Two medical students make study tour of 3 ASEAN countries

YANGON, 2 Oct — Under the exchange of excursion programme section-1 of the students, which includes in press works on ASEAN University and College, Ma Khine Zin Oo, a third year student, and Ma Su Win Htaik, a first year student of Yangon Institute of Medicine-1 left here by air this morning

for the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia to make a study tour until 20 October 2005.

The two students were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Director (Admin) U Phone Myint of Myanmar Radio and Television, departmental officials and their families.

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Two students of the Yangon Institute of Medicine-1 seen at the airport before departure for the Philippines. — MNA

Foreign Minister sends felicitations to ROK

YANGON, 3 Oct — On the occasion of the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, which falls on 3 October 2005, HE U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to HE Mr Ban Ki-moon, Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea.

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Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Germany

YANGON, 3 Oct — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Joseph "Joschka" Fischer, Vice-Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the National Day of the Federal Republic of Germany, which falls on 3 October 2005.

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NPED Minister arrives back from Lao PDR

YANGON, 2 Oct — Vientiane, LPDR, from 26 to 30 September.

Minister U Soe Tha was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein and departmental officials. — MNA

Myanmar delegation leaves for LPDR

YANGON, 2 Oct — The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint left here by air this morning to attend the Fifth Meeting of the Myanmar-Lao Border Authorities at Central Level to be held in Vientiane, Lao People's Democratic Republic from 3 to 6 October 2005.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Directors-General and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Kobkeo Luangkhot.

The Deputy Minister was accompanied by Acting Director-General of the Ministry of Transport U Soe Myint, Directors-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Phae Thann Oo and U Than Tun, Deputy Director-General of the Ministry of Immigration and Population U Khin Maung Myint, Chairman of the Tachilek District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Zaw Moe Aye, Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Lynn, Superintending Engineer (Road) U Khin Maung of the Ministry of Construction and Maj Kan Aung of the Ministry of Defence.

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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, Japan to pursue comprehensive economic partnership

VIENTIANE, 30 Sept — Members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Japan will accelerate both regional and bilateral negotiations so as to realize the ASEAN-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership (AJCEP), Japanese Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry said here on Thursday.

"The ministers reaffirmed their commitment to implement the measures for the realization of AJCEP, including elements of a possible free trade area," Vice-Minister Hachiro Okonogi said at a Press conference about the 12th consultation between ASEAN economic ministers and the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

At the consultation, Ja-

pan put forth a new initiative, under which the country will assist ASEAN in cooperation towards intra ASEAN/ASEAN-Japan economic integration, promotion of investment in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam, and enhancement of financial management capacity of small and medium enterprises in the block. The trade between ASEAN and Japan rose by 19.9 per cent to 135.9 billion

US dollars in 2004. Meanwhile, Japanese foreign direct investment increased by 9.5 per cent to 254 billion US dollars.

AJCEP, signed in 2003, aims to strengthen economic integration between ASEAN and Japan, progressively liberalize and facilitate trade in goods and services, as well as create a transparent and liberal investment regime.

MNA/Xinhua

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Travellers pass through Beijing Railway Station on the eve of the country's National Day, on 30 September, 2005. —INTERNET

26 killed in Bali blasts

BALI, (Indonesia) 2 Oct— Suicide bombers were behind the three attacks in Bali which killed as many as 26 people and wounded 122, the island's police chief said on Sunday.

Investigators released chilling footage captured on amateur video of a man in a black shirt and jeans, with what looks like a hump on his back, strolling into a restaurant among diners on the resort island and then exploding.

Three separate bombs tore through restaurants packed with Saturday evening diners, many of them foreign tourists. Two were at outdoor seafood eateries on Jimbaran Beach and one at a steak bar at Kuta Beach, an area surrounded by popular shops. The attacks were

the latest of a series of bomb blasts in Indonesia in recent years. Several have been against Western targets, hurting tourism and raising fears among investors about security in the world's most populous Muslim nation.

The nearly simultaneous explosions came almost three years after al Qaeda-linked Jemaah Islamiah (JI) militants bombed nightclubs in Bali, killing 202 people, mostly foreign tourists.

There were no immediate claims of responsibility.

Internet

US generals say Iraq 'hard struggle'; senators worry

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept — Senior US generals said on Thursday that cutting the number of US troops in Iraq in 2006 would depend on political events there in the next 2-1/2 months, while senators worried about slow progress training Iraqi security forces.

At a hearing of the Senate Armed Services Committee, Republican Senator John McCain of Arizona pointedly told Air Force General Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the war had not gone as well as the Pentagon said it would go.

"I don't think this committee or the American public has ever heard me say that things are going very well in Iraq," said Myers, speaking a day before he retires from his post. "This is a hard struggle."

General George Casey, the top US commander in Iraq, predicted in March and July "fairly substantial" reductions in US troops next spring and summer that Pentagon officials said meant perhaps 20,000

to 30,000. Casey told the committee that the possibility for troops cuts in 2006 still exists.

But Casey said "the next 75 days are going to be critical" in deciding on such cuts. Iraqis vote on a draft Constitution in an 15 October referendum and, if they endorse it, elect a new government on 15 December.

The document largely reflects the views of the Shiite Muslim majority and the Kurds leading the US-backed Iraqi Government rather than the minority Sunni Arabs who controlled Iraq under deposed president Saddam Hussein. Iraq's insurgency draws the bulk of its support from the Sunni Arab community.

US public support for

the 2-1/2-year war has dropped in opinion polls, which has contributed to falling support for US President George W Bush. Some US lawmakers are questioning how long troops will stay and Thursday's hearing took place less than a week after an anti-war protest in Washington last weekend drew at least 100,000 people.

Casey said the average 20th century counterinsurgency lasted nine years.

"And there is no reason that we should believe that the insurgency in Iraq will take any less time to deal with," Casey said, although he did not say US forces would be there the entire time. McCain and other senators speaking on Thursday worried about the capabilities of US-trained Iraqi security forces — who Washington has said must be built up before American troops can withdraw.—MNA/Reuters

Two-day death toll tops 110 in Iraqi violence

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept — Sunni-led guerillas killed at least 10 people with a car bomb in a crowded vegetable market on Friday, the Mus-

lim day of worship, in the second blast against Shiite civilians in as many days, police said. The death toll rose to 102 from the previous day's attacks in another Shiite town.

Elsewhere, in the southern city of Basra, a police convoy was ambushed late Thursday, killing four policemen and wounding one, said Capt Mushtaq Khazim.

Iraqi security forces also captured a woman wearing explosives hidden under her clothes headed for a crowded weekly flea market in Baghdad on Friday, an Iraqi general said.

The discovery came two days after the first known blast by a female suicide attacker in Iraq, which raised fears of a

new guerilla strategy.

Sunni militants have launched a bloody new surge of violence to wreck an 15 Oct referendum on a new constitution — targeting the Shiite majority, which now dominates Iraq's government. At least 198 people, including 13 US service members, have been killed in the past five days.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, the country's most feared guerillas group, has declared "all-out war" on Shiites. But the style of Thursday and Friday's attacks indicated some other group may have carried them out. Nobody immediately claimed responsibility for either, and both explosions included parked car bombs.—Internet

"Longwang" likely to affect China in Oct

BEIJING, 30 Sept — China Meteorological Administration (CMA) said Thursday that Typhoon Longwang might affect southern China in early October.

Typhoon Longwang which means Dragon King, the God of Rain in Chinese mythology, is moving towards southern China, and it is expected to affect southern China from Sunday to Tuesday, said a senior CMA meteorologist Gao Shuanzhu.

The typhoon might affect Taiwan, Fujian, Guangdong and Zhejiang provinces and Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

Taiwan Province would be affected most possibly, Gao said.

MNA/Xinhua



A destroyed vehicle sits near a market after a car bomb exploded in the southern Iraq town of Hilla, 100 km (62 miles) south of Baghdad, on 30 September, 2005. —INTERNET



A municipal council worker dispenses insecticide using a fogging machine at a residential suburb in Shah Alam, near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 30 September, 2005. —INTERNET

Malaysia aims to reach for the stars in two years

KUALA LUMPUR, 30 Sept— Malaysia's budding space programme started with a sales pitch: buy one, get one free.

The developing South-east Asian country seized its chance to reach for the stars two years ago when it spent 900 million US dollars on Russian-made fighter planes. As part of the deal, the Russians threw in a free trip into space, aboard a Soyuz spacecraft.

So thanks to some creative bargaining, hundreds of people are now competing to hitch a ride to the *International Space Station* in 2007 and become the first Malaysian in space.

Malaysia hopes to gen-

erate popular support for a more serious ambition to crack into knowledge-based industries like aerospace.

The prospect of a Malaysian astronaut has excited the country, but has also caused some chuckling. Malaysia's space agency has set rules for space travel: astronauts can wear batik clothes and eat roti canai (a local breakfast dish) but durian, Southeast Asia's popular but pungent fruit, is definitely out.

MNA/Reuters

Over 55 people suspected of having bird flu in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 30 Sept — At least 55 people in Indonesia have been suspected of contracting bird flu disease that has killed six people, and two others who had had the disease were recovered, health officials said here Thursday.

"There are 55 people suspected of having the disease nationwide" spokesman for the Indonesian Health Ministry Sumardi told *Xinhua*.

Santoso Suroso, head of the Jakarta-designed bird flu disease hospital of Sulianti Saroso, said that two patients had been cured from the H5N1 virus.

"Two people, with initial 'MG' of seven years and 'F' of nine years, have been recovered, both of them having been confirmed of having the disease by laboratory tests here, and F also by a Hong Kong laboratory," he told *Xinhua*.

Santoso said that in the next few days two of the 21 suspected bird flu patients will be discharged from

hospital after tests give them a clean bill of health.

Indonesia already received some of the 10,000 tablets of Tamiflu recommended by the World Health Organization, the only treatment so far proven effective against bird flu in humans, according to the organization spokeswoman Sari Setiogi.

WHO fears the virus will mutate, acquiring genes from the human influenza virus that will make it highly infectious and lethal to millions of people in a global pandemic.

But, the organization has asked for calm, as there is no evidence through investigation in Indonesia that the virus can easily spread from human to human.

MNA/Xinhua

Sino-ASEAN commercial park built in Nanning city

NANNING, 30 Sept — As a part of the China-Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Exposition, the first phase of the Sino-ASEAN commercial park was completed Thursday in Nanning, capital of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

It covers 170 hectares of land, 110 hectares of which are for international business affairs — the rest for ASEAN bases.

With the Sino-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, the city has played key roles in pushing forward exchanges between China and ASEAN countries.

Besides the ten ASEAN coun-

tries, Japan, South Korea, and Hong Kong and Macao Special Administration Regions have set bases here.

In the park, 16 roads will be built in two phases. In the first phase, six roads, a total length of 7.84 kilometres, have been built, with an investment of 334 million yuan (about 40.7 million US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela condemns US ruling against extradition of wanted exile

CARACAS, 30 Sept — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Wednesday condemned a US court ruling that the Cuban-born exile Luis Posada Carriles wanted in a 1976 airliner bombing might not be extradited to Caracas.

Chavez said Posada is a terrorist, and the case could harm ties with the United States if the anti-Castro militant is not extradited to Venezuela.

Now the US Government has taken a decision in favour of Posada...that's what I call imperialistic cynicism," said Chavez.

The US troops are torturing people in Guantanamo Bay, they are killing, assassinating and bombing people," the Venezuelan President said.

At a hearing in the US city of El Paso, Texas, on Monday, Judge William Abbott postponed the handover of Posada, a Venezuelan citizen, to the South American country on the ground of the International Covenant for the Protection Against Torture.

Posada, an alleged Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) agent, was arrested in May for illegally entering the United States. The 77-year-old exile escaped

from a Venezuelan prison in 1985, while he awaited retrial of the bombing of a Cuban passenger plane, which killed all 73 people on board in 1976.

Posada has denied he was the mastermind behind the 1976 bombing,

and expressed his satisfaction over the US ruling on Tuesday, which he said could turn down the extradition request filed by Venezuela on 15 June.

The Venezuelan Embassy in Washington said the decision of Judge Abbott

showed the double standard of US President George W Bush in the so-called war on terror. Caracas insisted that the United States be still bound by international law to deport Posada, the embassy said in statement.

MNA/Xinhua



A British soldier from the International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) mans a machine gun atop a military vehicle in Kabul on 30 September, 2005. —INTERNET

"NY Times" reporter breaks silence in CIA probe case

WASHINGTON, 1 Oct — Ending her standoff with federal prosecutors after nearly three months in jail, *New York Times* reporter Judith Miller appeared before a federal grand jury on Friday investigating who leaked a covert CIA operative's identity.

Miller agreed to break her silence and testify after receiving what she described as a voluntary and personal waiver of confidentiality from her source, identified as Vice-President Dick Cheney's Chief of Staff, Lewis Libby.

Lawyers close to the case said Miller's testimony appeared to clear the way for prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald to wrap up his 2-year-old inquiry into who in the Bush Ad-

ministration leaked CIA operative Valerie Plame's identity and whether any laws were violated.

With Miller's testimony, lawyers said, Fitzgerald could move quickly to bring indictments in the case. Or he may conclude that no crime was committed and end his investigation and possibly issue a report on his findings.

The outcome could shake up the Bush White

House, already reeling from criticism over its response to Hurricane Katrina and Wednesday's indictment of House Republican leader Tom DeLay.

The leak investigation has ensnarled President George W Bush's top political adviser, Karl Rove, as well as Libby. The White House had long maintained that they had nothing to do with the leak.

MNA/Reuters

Traffic accident kills five, injures 60 in Panama

PANAMA CITY, 30 Sept — Five people were killed and nearly 60 others were injured on Wednesday when two buses crashed on a rural-zone road of the northern Province of Colon, Panama, officials said on Wednesday.

The buses crashed near the community of Quebrada Bonita, and that the injured were taken to the Manuel Amador Guerrero Hospital Complex. — MNA/Xinhua

China to push for new world of peace, amity and harmony

BELING, 1 Oct — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here on Friday that China will work for building “a new world of peace, amity and harmony” together with the people throughout the world.

Wen made the remarks at a reception marking the 56th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China held in the Great Hall of the People in downtown Beijing.

About 1,000 Chinese and foreign diplomats, scholars and people from all walks of life were present at the reception.

In fact, Chinese leaders and senior officials over the past few months have kept highlighting the new feature of the country's foreign policy: “peace, development and cooperation”.

In an article issued in August, Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said that seeking peace, amity and harmony among all countries is a key component of Chinese traditional culture. Under the banner of peace, development and cooperation, the country's diplomacy has kept forging ahead and contributed to safeguarding world peace and promoting common development.

In Asia, China helped its surrounding countries

deal with the financial crisis in 1997 and offered the country's largest-ever aid to the tsunami-hit countries in January this year.

China also initiated the Shanghai Cooperation Organization for regional security and economic cooperation and promoted cooperation between China, Japan, South Korea and the Association of South-East

Asian Nations.

All the facts proved that China is a good neighbour, good friend and good partner of its neighbouring countries, Li said. On the international arena, China has pushed for South-South cooperation and North-South cooperation, explored new areas and channels of mutually beneficial cooperation with

developing countries and provided them with assistance within its ability.

Besides, China has actively taken part in the United Nations affairs and carried out international cooperation on anti-terrorism, arms control, peace-keeping, development, human rights, law enforcement and environmental protection. *MNA/Xinhua*



Chinese people gather at Tiananmen Square to celebrate the 56th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China in Beijing on 1 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

Iran warns UN watchdog over Security Council referral

TEHERAN, 1 Oct — Iran reiterated on Thursday that it would start uranium enrichment and stop allowing UN snap inspections of its atomic facilities if its nuclear programme is reported to the UN Security Council in November.

Gholamreza Aghazadeh, head of Iran's Atomic Energy Organization, said there was no legal basis for reporting Iran to the UN Security Council.

The 35-nation governing board of the UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), meets in November to discuss Iran and the EU and the United States want it to report Teheran to the Security Council.

“We will immediately lift the suspension of uranium enrichment and will halt implementation of the Additional Protocol,” Aghazadeh said.

The Additional Protocol to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT) allows short-notice checks of atomic facilities by UN weapons inspectors.

Iran broke UN seals at a uranium conversion plant at Isfahan last month, but it has so far refrained from

resuming work at its Natanz uranium enrichment facility. Work had been suspended under a November deal with the EU.

“If they refer our case to the Council, we will immediately resume activities in the Natanz facility,”

Aghazadeh said.

Teheran says its nuclear programme is purely for generating electricity, but the United States and the European Union suspect Iran of trying to develop nuclear weapons.

MNA/Reuters

Roadside bomb wounds four US troops in Afghanistan

KABUL, 1 Oct — Four US troops were wounded on Friday when their armoured vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb blast in the eastern Afghan Province of Kunar, the US military said.

The wounded soldiers, from a unit that had returned from defusing a similar bomb in the area, were in a stable condition, a statement said.

Insurgent violence has picked up in Afghanistan since the Taliban guerillas and their Islamic militant allies failed to derail legislative elections held on 18 September. A US soldier and a US Marine were killed in militant attacks on Monday, a day after a US helicopter crashed on an anti-militant operation killing all five crewmen. Monday's deaths brought US combat fatalities in Afghanistan this year to more than 50, making it the bloodiest so far for US forces in the country. — *MNA/Reuters*

Four newer ASEAN members, Japan to forge industrial cooperation

VIENTIANE, 1 Oct — Four newer members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam (CLMV), and Japan would step up their industrial cooperation, Japanese Vice-Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry said here on Thursday.

During the 1st consultation between CLMV economic ministers and the Japanese Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, the delegates focused their discussions on future directions of industrial cooperation between the two sides, including enhanced linkage among regional industries and distribution systems, promotion of promising industries, improvement of international business skills, acceleration of foreign investment in the four countries, and enhancement of business environment via capacity building, Hachiro Okonogi, the Japanese

Vice-Minister, said after the meeting.

The delegates explored the possibility of establishing distribution networks linking industrial clusters and promoting investment in special economic zones in CLMV, he said, noting that priority sectors in the zones include labour-intensive industries, garment, and agricultural and food processing.

The two-way trade between ASEAN and Japan rose by 19.9 per cent to 135.9 billion US dollars in 2004. Meanwhile, Japanese foreign direct investment increased by 9.5 per cent to 254 billion dollars. — *MNA/Xinhua*

British oil worker kidnapped in Nigeria

WARRI (Nigeria), 1 Oct — A British oil worker was kidnapped in Nigeria's southern delta on Wednesday night, police and diplomatic sources said on Thursday.

Another foreign oil worker was also abducted along with the Briton, but his nationality was not immediately known, the sources said.

A police source said the kidnappers had demanded 50-million-naira (385,000-US-dollar) ransom.

“Two white men were taken from a beer parlour in Warri last night,” one police source said. One of the hostages is a Briton, diplomatic and police sources said.

The police source said the second

hostage was a US citizen, but an oil industry source said he was Venezuelan. Neither embassy could immediately confirm the nationality of the second hostage.

The two men were taken from the beer parlour in a bus to a riverside jetty where they were transferred to a boat.

Police then shot the driver of the bus dead after he failed to stop at a checkpoint and arrested two passengers of the bus who are now in the custody of the military in Warri, the source said.

MNA/Reuters



A damaged Danish Army patrol car is towed from a bridge in Basra, Iraq, on 1 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

US Senate confirms John Roberts as Chief Justice

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept—The US Senate approved on Thursday John Roberts to become the 17th Chief Justice of the US Supreme Court by a vote of 78-22. Roberts, 50, would become the youngest chief justice in more than 200 years, to succeed the late Chief Justice William H Rehnquist, who died on 3 September.

Roberts was born in Buffalo, New York, in 1955 and was raised in Indiana. He got his undergraduate degree from Harvard in 1976 and graduated from Harvard Law School in 1979.

He was first nominated in July by President George W. Bush to succeed retiring Justice Sandra Day O'Connor in July, but was renominated earlier this month to be chief justice after Rehnquist's death.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam receives more foreign arrivals in 9 months this year

HANOI, 1 Oct — Vietnam welcomed some 2.6 million international arrivals in the first nine months of this year, posting a year-on-year rise of 23.3 per cent.

Among the arrivals, the numbers of visitors from South Korea, the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), Belgium and France surged most, by 57 per cent, 50 per cent, 30 per cent and 26 per cent, respectively, according to the Vietnam National Administration of Tourism (VNAT) on Friday.

"This year, Vietnam is expected to host 3.4 million international arrivals, up 17.2 per cent. It will also receive some 16 million local visitors, up 17.6 per cent," the VNAT said, adding that the country is likely to earn around 33 trillion Vietnamese dong (nearly 2.1 billion US dollars) from tourism services in 2005.

Occupancy rates of

hotels in Vietnam is predicted to stand at more than 65 per cent this year, the VNAT said. The country, as of June, had 2,572 hotels with nearly 72,100 rooms, it added.

According to the Pacific Asia Travel Association, Vietnam will receive 3.36 million foreign arrivals in 2005, 3.64 million in 2006 and 3.89 million in 2007, accounting for 5.87 per cent, 5.80 per cent and 5.75 per cent, respectively, of the total visitors to the 10-member ASEAN.

Vietnam, in the next three years, will rank fifth in attracting foreign visitors among ASEAN members, after Malaysia, Thailand, Singapore and Indonesia, the association predicted.

MNA/Xinhua



Citizens of Shanghai crowded in the waterfronts of the Huangpu River on the eve of the National Day on 30 September, 2005. China celebrates its 56th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China on 1 October, 2005. —INTERNET

Dozens missing in Amazon River collision

SAO PAULO (Brazil), 1 Oct—Three people were killed and dozens were missing after a passenger boat and a convoy of rafts collided in Brazil's Amazon River, rescue officials said on Friday.

The accident took place on Thursday night between the river towns of Urucurituba and Itacoatiara, about 120 miles from Manaus, capital of Amazonas state.

The boat was carrying about 70 passengers. A rescue official said about 25 survivors had been accounted for and three people found dead.

MNA/Reuters

Malaysia to launch registration for prepaid handphone users

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 Oct — Malaysia will start its pilot programme to register prepaid handphone service users in Malacca and Penang beginning from Saturday.

All new prepaid users will be required to register themselves when buying a start-up pack in the two states. The registration work will be gradually extended to other states in the country.

Deputy Minister of Energy, Water and Communications Shaziman Abu Mansor will launch the programme in Penang, a statement jointly issued by the three Malaysian telecommunication companies said.

The Malaysian Gov-

ernment has decided to make it compulsory for telecommunication companies to register all prepaid mobile phone users by the end of the year 2005, Minister of Energy, Water and Communications Lim Keng Yaik said on 14 August.

This requirement aims to assist the authorities in tracing culprits responsible for abusive calls and to curb the abuse of short message service, Lim said.

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Nissan Motor's concept car 'Pivo', featuring an egg-shaped cabin atop a wheeled platform that can swivel around 360 degrees, is unveiled in Tokyo on 30 September, 2005 during a press preview for the upcoming Tokyo Motor Show 2005.—Internet

Nissan's new concept car a rotating egg on wheels

TOKYO, 1 Oct — Tired of all those three-point turns? Nissan Motor Co could have a solution.

Japan's second-biggest auto maker has developed a concept car featuring an egg-shaped cabin atop a wheeled platform that can swivel around 360 degrees, doing away with the need to reverse when emerging from narrow spaces.

"With this feature, parking in tight spots is a cinch," chief designer Masato Inoue told reporters at a sneak preview of the bubble-shaped, three-seater electric car this week.

The car, named Pivo after the word "pivot", operates on an experimental system called drive-by-wire, which eliminates the mechanical linkages between cabin and chassis to enable steering, braking and shifting through electronic signals.

The system is the car's version of fly-by-wire technology, which has controlled commercial jets for more than a decade. Nissan will showcase the

Pivo at the Tokyo Motor Show, which opens to the public on 22 October.

At the preview this week in Zama City, near Tokyo, a driver slid the 2.7-metre (8-foot) long Pivo into a tight imaginary parking spot, then rotated the cabin with the push of a button to face "backwards" to come out of the space in one motion.

"With the Pivo concept, we want to demonstrate the myriad possibilities that drive-by-wire could achieve," Inoue said.

Shiro Nakamura, Nissan's celebrity design chief, said on Friday the real-world application of the concept could be but a decade away. "Who knows, in 10 years our March (or Micra, subcompact car) could look like this," he said at a media event at Nissan's showroom in Tokyo's Ginza shopping district, where the car was being prepared for display to the public.

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More evidence links SARS to bats

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept — Many species of bats found across China are infected with viruses similar to the SARS virus, an international team of researchers reported on Thursday.

Zhengli Shi of the Chinese Academy of Sciences in Beijing and colleagues sampled more than 400 bats of various species across China and found up to 70 per cent of some species showed evidence of infection with

SARS-like viruses.

This would support the idea that bats are the reservoir — the natural host — of the virus. Animals that act as reservoirs carry and spread a virus without themselves becoming ill.

Severe acute respiratory syndrome or SARS first emerged in China in 2002 and in 2003 spread around the world via jet, killing more than 700 people and infecting about 8,000. Strict quarantines and other measures stopped its spread.

It is caused by a new virus called SARS coronavirus. Coronaviruses are common in people and animals and usually cause nothing more serious than a cold.

Animals such as palm civets were found to be infected but study showed they were not the

true reservoir of the SARS virus.

Earlier this month a team of Hong Kong researchers reported that bats found in Hong Kong carried a virus very similar to the SARS virus.

They said the horse-shoe bats, used both as food and in Chinese medicine, should be handled with great care.

Shi, Wendong Li and colleagues studied other bats found in four different parts of China. They found that anywhere between 28 per cent and 71 per cent of the bats, depending on the species and location, had evidence of infection with a SARS-like coronavirus.

Theirs was different from the virus found by the Hong Kong researchers, they said.

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Towards a society for all ages

Ko Kway (Geology)

The burgeoning aged population of the world is posing a serious problem. The 37th UN General Assembly held in 1982 laid down International Plan of Action on Aging through resolution No 37/51 with a view to seeking better means for welfare of the aged. A conference on the aged was held in Vienna, Austria, the same year to implement the plan. The conference adopted a work programme "Vienna Plan" for enhancing the capabilities of governments and international organizations in taking censuses of ageing populations in respective nations and fulfilling requirements in the drive.

In the process, suggestions were made to do research, collect data and conduct a review of the following work programmes.

- (a) Health and Nutrition
- (b) Protection of Elderly Consumers
- (c) Housing and Environment
- (d) Family
- (e) Social Welfare
- (f) Income Security and Employment, and

(g) Education

Adhering to the suggestions, the UN member nations formed work committees for holding workshops, collecting data, and providing care services for the elderly nation-wise and region-wise. In order to pay a greater attention to the welfare of the aged, the UN General Assembly passed a resolution. And under the recommendation of the Commission on Social Welfare, the UN Economic and Social Council passed resolution No 1997/18 on 21 July 1997 to designate the year 1999 as International Year for Older Persons and the 1st October as International Day of Older Persons. Since 1999, Myanmar, a member of the UN, has observed International Day of Older Persons through the motto "Towards a society for all ages" yearly.

Myanmar commemorates the International Day of Older Persons annually in conformity with her own culture and traditions, while taking measures to implement the UN's principles on aging. Being a nation where Theravada Buddhism flourishes,



Minister for SWRR Maj-Gen Sein Htwa accepts K 1 million from Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Aye Myat Nwe (Bagan Hotel) at a ceremony held on 27-9-2005 hailing the International Day of Older Persons which falls on 1-10-2005.

Myanmar has been constantly carrying out care services for its senior citizens especially in the days designated in honour of the older persons. It is a fine tradition of Myanmar that people pay respects to elderly persons on the days of religious significance and in the periods of religious festivals. The International Day of Older Persons is commemorated not only in Yangon but also in other States and Divisions.

The Social Welfare Department under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is the focal point in looking after the aged. Yearly, during the

run-up to the 1st October, the department carries out preliminary activities such as donating cash and medicines to homes for the aged, conducting talks on care of older persons, and rendering assistance to

NGOs that are engaged in the care of the aged.

Every year, the government spends about K 15 million on providing cash and medicines for the oldest in the nation, the oldest man and woman in each state and

At the seventh ceremony to present cash and medicines held on 27 September 2005 at the International Business Centre to commemorate the International Day of Older Persons, wellwishers donated cash and medicines worth about K 14.5 million in total. Some wellwishers felt charitable at the ceremony and made donations more than intended.

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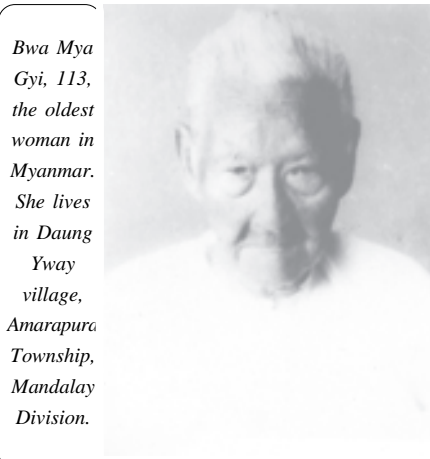
Now, a total of 52 homes for the aged across the nation run by social organizations care for 2,196 senior citizens. There might be many older persons the length and breadth of the nation who are in need. In line with the motto "Towards a society for all ages", the entire national people of all ages do their bit in carrying out nation-building tasks in the drive for building a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Just observing the International Day of Older Persons that falls on the 1st October is not enough to fully honour the elderly persons.

Therefore the national people are urged to contribute towards the drive for welfare of the aged by caring for nearby elderly persons in need, participating in the tasks of departments and social organizations that get involved in the care of the aged, and making donations to them.

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30 Kissana, 104, the oldest man in Myanmar. He lives in Mintada ward, Mogok Township, Mandalay Division.



Bwa Mya Gyi, 113, the oldest woman in Myanmar. She lives in Daung Yway village, Amarapura Township, Mandalay Division.

division, and elderly persons, who performed brilliantly in the interests of the State, on the International Day of Older Persons, and providing cash to the homes for the aged across the nation. Wellwishers contribute cash and medicines to the drive.

At the seventh ceremony to present cash and medicines held on 27 September 2005 at the In-

Development infrastructures in Taninthayi Division...

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An older person spoke words of thanks.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to construction site of Kawthoung Home for the Aged inspected the buildings of the home.

After hearing reports presented by an official on construction tasks of the Home, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions.

The construction

and presented mosquito nets for local residents through the chairman of Ward PDC.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presented books for the library in the ward through an official.

Next, Daw Tin Tin Nwe presented journals on health and iodized salt to officials of Ward WAO and MCWA.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung



Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets local authorities, social organizations and townsenders at the new school building in Pulon-tone-tone Ward in Kawthoung.—MNA

Maung Bo offered provisions to the Sayadaw.

The commander and wife, senior military officers and departmen-

for beautifying the beach and building of bungalows.

In connection with the reports, Lt-Gen

Shwemintha and Shwenadi Services, Lt-Gen Maung Bo left necessary instructions.

At Pulon-tone-tone

patients by the specialists and distribution of medicines to the children.

At the briefing hall of the local battalion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo held a meeting with military officers, other ranks and families.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe provided assistance to families of the station through Col Myint Tun of Kawthoung Station.

On arrival at the local battalion hospital, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party viewed round the hospital and presented cash assistance to the patients.

After the meeting Lt-Gen Maung Bo left the hospital.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party view Pulon-tone-tone Beach.—MNA



of the home has completed and it can accommodate 40 older persons.

At the hall of Ba-

Bo greeted those present.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended the ceremony to offer alms

tal officials also offered alms to members of the Sangha.

Next, officials do-

Maung Bo made arrangements to fulfill the needs.

After inspecting the bungalows built by

rural health centre, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party viewed free medical treatment given to the



Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents mosquito nets to chairman of Pulon-tone-tone Ward PDC U Hsar Dat.—MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects Home for the Aged in Kawthoung.—MNA

sic Education Middle School in Pulon-tone-tone Ward-11, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and locals.

First, Chairman U Hsar Dat of Ward PDC reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party on matters relating to economy, education, social affairs, agriculture, and livestock and fisheries of the ward.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo fulfilled the requirements

to members of the Sangha held at Yangyiaung Monastery in conjunction with a ceremony to donate books and stationery to students attending the No-1 Monastic Education School.

The congregation led by Lt-Gen Maung Bo received the Five Precepts from Presiding Abbot of Yangyiaung Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannabhivamsa.

Next, Lt-Gen

nated rice for members of the Sangha and books and stationery for students.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannabhivamsa delivered a sermon.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to Pulon-tone-tone beach.

At the briefing hall, Manager U Maung Maung Than of Shwe Kawthoung Co reported to Lt-Gen Maung Bo on arrangements being made



Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presents books to Incharge of Pulon-tone-tone Library U Khin Myint.—MNA

Commander, Vice-Mayor inspects sanitation tasks in city

YANGON, 2 Oct— Accompanied by Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected sanitation tasks here yesterday morning.

The commander and the vice-mayor inspected tarring on Bayintnaung road in Hline Township, Natmauk road in Bahan Township and Parami road in South Okkalapa Township.

They also inspected sanitation tasks carried out along Industry-1 road in Yankin Township and Dagon Myothit (North) Township. Sanitation tasks are also carried out by officers and other ranks of Yangon Station in the compound of Arzarni mausoleum in Bahan Township, Myawady Yeiktha and Nawarat Yeiktha.

The commander gave instructions on carrying out sanitation tasks for the pleasantness of the city.

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MWVCOC member inspects No 2 War Veteran Model Village

YANGON, 2 Oct— Member of Myanmar War Veterans Central Organizing Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, accompanied by member Vice-Mayor of YCDC Col Maung Pa and officials, this morning inspected No 2 War Veteran Model Village in Thepyu Village, Hmawby Township.

ating of electricity through wind power.

No 2 War Veteran Model Village is situated near The-pyu Village, Hmawby Township, and altogether 100 low-cost houses are under construction there.

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Minister U Aung Thuang inspects War Veteran Model Village No 2 in Hmawby Township.

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Designers leave for Malaysia

YANGON, 2 Oct— A 12-member Professional Hair Designer Study Tour Group led by Executive Daw

Theingi Win of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association left here for Malaysia this morning to make a

study tour there.

The delegation was seen off at the airport by officials of MWEA.—MNA

Yangon Division MCWASC marks International Day of Older Persons



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donation presented by a wellwisher for health care services for older persons. — MNA

YANGON, 2 Oct— A ceremony to provide health care services to older persons to mark the International Day of Older Persons organized by Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee was held in conjunction with a ceremony to donate cash at Hninzigone Home for the Aged on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, yesterday. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the ceremony and made a speech.

Also present were Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWASC Daw Khin Thet Htay, officials, members of Township MCWA, officials of

Hninzigone Home for the Aged, wellwishers, older persons and guests.

In his address, the commander said that 1 October was designated as International Day of Older Persons in 1993 and this year's motto was "Towards a society of all ages". Nowadays, the world's population has exceeded six billion. In Myanmar, there were 2.6 million older persons over the age of sixty in 1990 and thus it constituted 6.4 per cent of the population.

Providing health care services to older persons are included in health plans of the Ministry of Health, the commander said. Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association has carried out the tasks for providing health care services to older persons starting from 1998, he said. The commander thanked wellwishers who provided assistance and specialists who arranged treatments to be given to older persons.

Next, Daw Khin Thet Htay explained purpose of holding the ceremony. She handed over K 100000 donated by Yangon Division MCWASC to the commander.

Afterwards, the commander, the chairperson and officials accepted cash and medicines donated by wellwishers for older persons.

Next, Vice-Chairman of the Administrative Board of Hninzigone Home for the Aged spoke words of thanks.

After the ceremony, the commander and guests viewed health care services provided to older persons by specialists under the arrangement of Yangon Division Health Committee.

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MWEA study tour group seen at the airport before their departure for KL, Malaysia. — MWEA

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

Coordination meeting of Work Committee for Upgrading Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo held

YANGON, 2 Oct— The coordination meeting of Work Committee for Upgrading Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo took place yesterday afternoon at Agricultural Museum of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Education Zone of Kandawgyi Gardens with an address by Chairman of the committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, departmental heads, military region commanders, local authorities, officials and invited guests.

In his address, the commander urged officials to finish the upgrading tasks and supervise maintaining work.

Next, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa reported on construction of relaxation zone, building of Pupa tower; Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing of Forest Department on planting of trees and erecting of lamp post, tarring of roads in the zones and upgrading of the zoo; U Hla Win of Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries on collection of fish and building of aquarium museum; President of Hoteliers' Association Dr Khin



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe talks at the Work Committee for Upgrading Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo . — MNA

Shwe on arrangements being made for the people for relaxation; Director U Kyaw Thein of Irrigation Department on keeping water of Kandawgyi clean; General Manager U Yan Naing of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism on building of restaurant; U Tin Htut Thet of Wood Land Co. Ltd on constructing of buildings in the compound of Kandawgyi swimming pool; Professor Daw Tin Tin Win of the Ministry of Science and Technology on quality control; and

Deputy Chief Engineer U Tun Aye of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise on supplying of electricity.

Next, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay made a supplementary report.

After the meeting, the commander and party inspected construction of Club House, laying of crazy pattern marble slabs on stairs of Pupa tower and installing railings.—MNA

A&I Minister arrives back from the Philippines Attended meeting of ASEAN A&F ministers, meeting of ASEAN A&F ministers+3

YANGON, 2 Oct— The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo yesterday evening arrived back here by air after attending the 27th ASEAN Agriculture and Forestry Ministers' Meeting held in Tagaytay, the Republic of Philippines from 29 to 30 September 2005.

They were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint and directors-general and managing

directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

The Myanmar delegation attended the opening of the 27th ASEAN Agriculture and Forestry Ministers' Meeting held at Taal-Vista Hotel, Tagaytay on 29 September morning.

On the occasion, the Mayor of Tagaytay extended greetings.

Next, Minister of Agriculture of the Philippines Mr Domingo F Pan Ganiban made a speech.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation of Myanmar Maj-Gen Htay Oo thanked the Philippines for hosting the meeting.

After that, Leader of high-ranking officials under the Ministry of Agriculture of the Philippines Dr Segfredo R Serrano spoke.

Next, Vice-President of the Philippines Mr Nolide Castro formally opened the meeting.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo announced the start of the meeting and made an opening speech.

The meeting elected Minister of Agriculture of the Philippines Mr Domingo F Pan Ganiban as the meeting chairman and Minister of National Development of Singapore Mr Mah Bow



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo poses for a documentary photo together with ASEAN ministers on agriculture and forestry. — A&I

Tan as the vice-meeting chairman.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo handed over the responsibility to Minister of Agriculture of the Philippines Mr Domingo F Pan Ganiban who was to preside over the meeting, and the meeting ended at 4.30 pm.

On 30 September morning, the 5th ASEAN and Three East Asian Dialogue Partners' Meeting was held at Taal-Vista Hotel, Tagaytay.

The Minister of Agriculture of the Philippines made a speech on the occasion.

Next, the deputy

ministers from three Dialogue Partners—China, Japan and Korea presented matters on cooperation between ASEAN nations and three dialogue partners.

This was followed by a general round of discussions, and the meeting ended at 2 pm.

A press release on the 27th ASEAN Agriculture and Forestry Ministers' Meeting and the 5th ASEAN and Three East Asian Dialogue Partners' Meeting took place at the hotel, and those present met local and foreign journalists.

Minister Maj-Gen

Htay Oo met Deputy Minister of Agriculture of Thailand Mr Charai Trinvuthipong and Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Forestry and Livestock of Japan Mr Takayuri Tsuneda on 29 and 30 September. They discussed matters on extended cooperation between the two countries.

Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo on 1 October morning met heads of department of SEAMEO, SEARCA and IRRI in Los Barnos and scholars of the ministry, who are pursuing education for post-graduate there.

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Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo chairs the 5th Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry+3. — A & I

MPF members urged to serve interests of people and nation

41st Anniversary of Myanmar Police Force observed

YANGON, 2 Oct— The ceremony to mark the 41st Anniversary of Myanmar Police Force was held at Drugs Elimination Museum at the corner of Kyundaw Street and Hanthawady Road in Kamayut Township here yesterday morning. Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo attended the ceremony and presented awards to outstanding members of MPF.



Minister for Home Affairs delivers a speech at the 41st Anniversary of MPF. — MNA

Also present were Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin and U Myint Naing, member of CSSTB U Nyunt Swe, Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi of MPF, departmental heads under the Ministry of Home Affairs, police officers, representatives from organizations and associations related to MPF, artistes, members of MPF and guests.

In his address, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo said that the State Peace and Development Council formed Committee for Transforming Management System of Myanmar Police Force on 28 January 1994 and carried out the tasks for MPF to be-

come an organization that serves the interests of the people like the Tatmadaw. The Head of State himself has given guidance that MPF endowed with patriotism should win the trust of the people.

In paying tribute to goodwill of the Head of State, members of MPF are to translate the four objectives of MPF namely community peace and tranquillity, the rule of law, prevention of drug menace and serving the interest of the people into reality. In addition to these tasks, MPF members are to discharge the duty of national security.

On one occasion, the Head of State gave guidance pointing out that for the sake of stability of the State and the rule of

law, there must be efficient Tatmadaw, efficient Police Force and efficient administrative body.

Only when these three bodies discharge their duties in harmony will they be able to reach the goal quickly, he said.

With the aim of enabling MPF to become efficient one that win the trust of the people and reserve force of the national defence, six sub-committees have been formed to supervise the tasks. Therefore, during the ten-year period, MPF has been meeting with success in carrying out its duties and it can be seen that it has been winning the trust of the people to some extent.

In some fields, members of MPF have discharged their duties at

the risk of their lives hand in hand with the Tatmadaw. At such a time, they are to keep patriotism in the fore and be efficient. Only with strong patriotism can all safeguard Our Three Main National Causes. To serve the interest of the State, the entire people need to be strong. Members of MPF, on their part, are to protect the people according to the law.

Now is the time when efforts are being made to have good relations with neighbouring countries and ASEAN countries. Moreover, the seven-point policy programme of the State has been laid down and is being implemented with the aim of putting the nation on the right track to democracy.

The minister acknowledged that members of MPF have exposed many cases in the country and they also have prevented trans-border crimes. This is the result of the cooperation of the people, the minister said. He continued to say that with the concept that victory can be achieved through the might of the people, MPF members are to organize the people to fully cooperate in the tasks of MPF.

Only when people are cooperating in the tasks, will the seven-point policy programme of the State be implemented and the goal of discipline flourishing democratic nations which the people long for be reached, he said. In conclusion, the minister urged MPF members to

work hard and be loyal to the State and the people.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo gave promotion to seven outstanding police officers.

The ceremony to present prizes of the 41st Anniversary of Myanmar Police Force was held at noon. Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi made a speech and presented awards to police officer San Naing Tun of Mandalay Division Police Force and prizes to outstanding members. Deputy Director-General of MPF Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win and senior police officers also presented prizes to outstanding MPF members and Daw Khin May Soe, wife of the director-general of MPF to outstanding athletes and students.—MNA



An outstanding police officer is promoted by Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo at 41st Anniversary of MPF. — MNA

Pakistani police bust human trafficking gang

DAHARKI (Pakistan), 2 Oct — Pakistani police have rescued 10 women from a gang involved in trafficking women for the sex trade, police said on Saturday.

The women were recovered this week from private jails in two places near the town of Daharki, 550 kilometres (350 miles) northeast of the city of Karachi.

“These women were brought from the North-West Frontier Province and the Punjab for trafficking purposes,” said a senior police official, who declined to be identified.

Three people were arrested during the raids, he said. “We fear, from the statements of the arrested men, that this gang is involved in the trafficking of some 100 women.”

Police said trafficked women were forced into the sex trade and also made to work on farms.

“We have lodged

cases against the arrested men for kidnapping and human trafficking,” the officer said.

The US State Department said in a report on human trafficking in June that Pakistan had not complied with minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking, although it was making significant efforts to do so.

Girls and women from rural areas are trafficked to cities for commercial sexual exploitation and involuntary domestic servitude, the State Department said.

One of the recovered women, Nasreen, said that she was kept in a house with 20 other women who had been taken away before the police raid.

They used to torture us and use some of the women for sexual purposes,” she told reporters on Friday.

Iqbal Haider, who heads the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan, said human trafficking in Pakistan also involved children.

“It is a major problem and more efforts are needed to combat it,” he said.

Some of the rescued women had been sent home and others had been taken to a shelter, he said. In 2004, 479 trafficking-related cases were registered, 289 individuals arrested and 72 of them convicted, the US State Department said.

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Provisions donated...

(from page 16) and Marine Chemicals Enterprise, traditional medicines of the Traditional Medicines Department under the Ministry of Health and, edible oil and soaps of Myanma Economic Holdings Ltd.

Next, the officials of Muslim Home for Aged accepted others' donations. After donations, Col General Staff (Air) Col Nay Win explained the purpose of the donations and an official of the home spoke words of thanks.

Altogether today's

donations were 77 bags of rice, 9 viss and 60 ticals of edible oil, 17 viss of gram, 105 viss of iodized salt, 19 tubes of toothpaste, 265 tube of traditional medicines, 1,080 packets of chilli powder, 50 litres of fish sauce, 48 viss of dry fish and totalling cash K 8,664,050.

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Heavy flood kills nine in northern Thailand

BANGKOK, 1 Oct—Death toll from tropical depression Damrey has risen to nine in Thailand as heavy flood continued to plague the country's North and Northeast region.

Samart Chokkhana-pitak, chief of the Irrigation Department, said the conditions were more worrisome in Lampang since water levels at the major dam the Kiew Lom had reached the peak. Flood-water overflowed from several rivers in Lampang inundated downtown area and several other districts. The water level at Chaomae Suchada bridge was expected to rise to five metres Thursday night, the worst in the past 10 years, he was quoted by *Bangkok Post* as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



Residents stand amidst dense smoke as they wait to return to their neighbourhoods following wildfires in the Bell Canyon and Woolsey Canyon areas, on 30 September, 2005, in Los Angeles.—INTERNET

Typhoon "Damrey" toll hits 120, Vietnam suffers most

HANOI, 1 Oct—The death toll from Typhoon Damrey and the flash floods it spawned in several Asian countries rose to at least 120 on Friday.

The official *Vietnam News Agency* said all 51 people swept away by flash floods in the northern province of Yen Bai, 180 kilometres (110

miles) northwest of Hanoi, had died although a provincial disaster official told *Reuters* only 33 bodies had been found.

China, where Damrey caused huge damage on the southern island of Hainan, raised its toll from 16 to 25 and Thailand said two more people had been killed in flash floods in the north, taking its total to nine. While Damrey—Khmer for elephant—killed only five people as it roared ashore in northern Vietnam on Tuesday, 65 people were killed by flash floods as it also lashed parts of Laos and northern Thailand with torrential rain.

The Philippines reported 16 deaths in Damrey's rampage across its main island of Luzon while the official *Xinhua* news agency quoted a Chinese official as saying it caused economic losses of 11.6 billion yuan (1.5 billion dollars).

Damrey nearly wiped out the aquaculture indus-

try on Hainan and damaged the power grid and rubber plantations there, *Xinhua* quoted the official as saying.

About 330,000 people were evacuated in advance of the typhoon's arrival.

More than 10,400 homes and schools in Vietnam were destroyed or damaged. Damrey also shattered nearly 120 kilometres (75 miles) of dykes built to protect rice fields from the sea, the government's Committee for Flood and Storm Prevention said.

Power supplies and telecommunications were hit when the typhoon landed blowing at more than 130 kph (80 mph) and a preliminary government estimate put losses at 699 billion dong (44 million US dollars).

State television said salt farmers on the northern coast, where the typhoon struck, were without food and local authorities had run out of stocks of noodles.—MNA/Reuters

12 killed in Polish school bus crash

WARSAW, 1 Oct—A bus carrying schoolchildren on a pilgrimage collided with a truck in eastern Poland on Friday, killing 12 people and injuring dozens, the fire brigade said.

The bus, carrying high-school students to Czeszochowa shrine, span across the road and caught fire after the collision, said Jacek Dobrzynski, a spokesman for the fire brigade in the eastern city of Bialystok.

"The bus was completely burned and people were running away in flames," he said by telephone from the site of the accident.

MNA/Reuters

Encephalitis deaths in northern India state mount to 950

NEW DELHI, 1 Oct—With eight more people succumbing to Japanese encephalitis in northern Indian state Uttar Pradesh, the death toll from the brain-infecting illness in the state mounted to 950 on Friday.

The eastern region of the state, where the disease had taken an epidemic proportion, has witnessed 793 deaths, the *Press Trust of India* (PTI) reported.

Eight people died of encephalitis, and as many as 29 patients were admitted Friday to a medical college and seven other hospitals of the region, PTI quoted Uttar Pradesh additional director (health), C B M Tripathi as saying.

According to Triptahi, a total of 3,393 patients have been admitted to the

medical college and hospitals of adjacent districts since the outbreak of the disease in August this year.

Meanwhile, awareness campaign in affected areas by the government, media and several voluntary organizations is continuing in full swing.

A specific type of mosquito, *Culex tritaeniorhynchus*, says health experts, is responsible for transmitting the disease to humans from pigs, which is the primary host of the encephalitis virus.

MNA/Xinhua

Police rescue 19 women from Birmingham brothel

LONDON, 1 Oct—British police rescued 19 women they believe were being forced into prostitution by a human trafficking gang, West Midlands Police said on Friday.

The women came from a number of countries including Greece, Turkey, Poland, Latvia, Italy, Japan and Hong Kong.

They were found after a team of 25 women police officers raided a massage parlour in Birmingham, central England, at 7 pm on Thursday.

The male owner of the Cuddles Parlour in

Hadley Road, Birmingham, two other men and a 40-year-old local woman were all arrested for managing a brothel.

Police detained three customers during the operation and also found a sawn-off shotgun and four telescopic batons in the building.

"Intelligence suggests that young ladies are being brought here against

their will on false pretences and have been brought to these premises," Detective Chief Inspector Mark Nevitt told reporters after the raid outside the building.

"We believe they may have been subject to violent attacks, sexual attacks and as a result are now being forced into prostitution," he said in footage

shown on BBC TV.

Police and immigration officers were continuing to interview the women on Friday.

Police also seized a Mercedes 4x4 vehicle belonging to the parlour's owner.

The raid was part of a local police operation targeting robbery and violent crime.

MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh seizes explosives from militant hideout

DHAKA, 1 Oct—Security forces in Bangladesh have seized two 10-kilo bombs during a raid on a jungle hideout of suspected militants linked to last month's wave of bombings across the country, police said on Friday.

"During the raid on Thursday, one man was arrested from the hideout believed to be used by militants of Jamaat-ul-Mujahedin," a senior official of the elite Rapid Action Battalion told *Reuters*.

Jamaat-ul-Mujahedin is blamed for the 17 August blasts that killed two people and wounded about 100.

The official said nearly 100 kilos in explosives were found at the forest hideout near Ramu, 250 miles from the capital Dhaka.—MNA/Reuters

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ASEAN urged to help raise funds to fight bird flu

MANILA, 1 Oct — Animal health experts on Thursday urged Southeast Asian countries to help raise funds and endorse a global plan to curb avian flu, which has killed 66 people and led to an estimated 15 billion US dollars in losses for the poultry trade.

The world animal health body OIE, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO) plan to hold a bird flu conference in December to try to raise the 102 million US dollars they say is needed to contain the virus.

"This proposed global strategy was prompted by

increasing human deaths in affected countries and is also a means to prevent it from spreading in countries that are still free from bird flu," Morzaria told reporters on the sidelines of the meeting.

The proposed programme needs the endorsement of the 10-member ASEAN bloc to give it credibility among donor

countries and multilateral agencies, said Subhash Morzaria, chief technical adviser of the FAO in Asia and the Pacific.

Agriculture ministers from the Association of South-East Asian Nations began meeting in the Philippines on Thursday to discuss measures to curb bird flu, including the creation of a regional ani-

mal health trust fund.

The ASEAN ministers are due to discuss the measures with their counterparts from China, Japan and South Korea on Friday.

On Monday through Wednesday, senior agriculture and forestry officials from the delegations had held initial sessions.

Ronel Abila, regional coordinator of the OIE in Southeast Asia, said the money raised at the conference in December would be used to help affected countries and to fund research, training of personnel and other campaigns against bird flu.

MNA/Reuters

Toyota, GM to jointly develop automated driving system

TOKYO, 1 Oct — Toyota Motor Corp and General Motors Corp of the United States have launched joint research on an automated driving system that will help prevent vehicle collisions, the largest Japanese automaker said on Friday.

The automated driving system is one of the intelligent transport systems that the auto industry has been developing to prevent traffic congestion and accidents. The joint research between the leading Japanese and US automakers is expected to focus on technologies that would allow vehicles to identify their locations through wireless communication and automatically control speed and location, the company

said. Toyota has been developing a system for vehicles to use laser beams to detect people and other vehicles. These technologies are expected to allow vehicles to go to pre-

fixed destinations without drivers. Toyota and GM have also been conducting joint research on environmentally friendly fuel cell cars.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers assemble motorcycles at a Honda plant in Cikarang, West Java, Indonesia, on 30 September, 2005. —INTERNET



A Russian Soyuz TMA-7 spacecraft, with the ISS crew of US space tourist Gregory Olsen, astronaut William McArthur of the US and cosmonaut Valery Tokarev of Russia, blasts off from the launching pad at Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan on 1 October, 2005. —INTERNET

Exercise may prevent pain in older adults

NEW YORK, 1 Oct — Running and other forms of vigorous exercise may prevent some of the aches and pains that come with age, a new study suggests.

Researchers found that among nearly 900 adults age 50 and up, those who regularly exercised were less likely to develop painful joints and muscles over the next 14 years. Throughout the study period, active adults' pain-rating scores were consistently 25 per cent lower than their peers'.

This was despite the fact that active men and women were more likely to have a history of bone fracture.

On the other hand, their sedentary peers had a higher rate of arthritis, which may help explain the findings, according to lead study author Dr Bonnie Bruce of Stanford University in Palo Alto, California.

It is also possible, she told Reuters Health, that active adults' lower risk of pain reflected their greater "musculoskeletal reserve" or the effects of endorphins, natural pain-killing chemicals released by the brain during prolonged exercise.

But the exact mechanism by which regular exercise may ward off chronic pain is not yet clear, Bruce and her colleagues report in the journal *Arthritis Research & Therapy*.

Their study included 866 healthy adults who were at least 50 years old, more than half of whom were members of a runners' club. At the start of the study and annually thereafter, all participants reported the amount of time per week they devoted to vigorous exercise, such as running, swimming, brisk walking, biking and aerobics. They also used a pain-rating scale to describe any pain or stiffness they had suffered during the past week.

On average, participants' exercise levels at the end of the 14-year study remained similar to what they were at the outset.

Not surprisingly, runners' club members spent more time sweating — logging an average of 5 hours of exercise per week, versus 2 hours among the other study participants. They also tended to be younger and leaner, but even when the researchers factored in weight and other differences, greater activity was related to less pain over time. — MNA/Reuters

Samsung Electronics to invest \$33b in chip business

SEOUL, 1 Oct — South Korean Samsung Electronics Co, the world's second largest maker of memory chips, announced on Thursday a 33-billion-US dollar plan to build a new production complex in Hwaseong, a city near Seoul.

The company said in a statement it plans to build eight chip fabrication lines and one research centre by 2012 to develop next-generation 50-nanometer chip technology in Hwaseong, some 50 kilometres south of Seoul.

This will bring the number of its production lines to a total of 24. It is the biggest single investment of Samsung Electronics since 1974 when the company started semiconductor business.

The company also said it will invest 860 billion won (834.9 million dollars) and employ 5,000 researchers in the envisioned research centre.

The world's largest computer chip maker on Thursday also laid the foundation stone of the second semiconductor complex next to its existing production facility in Hwaseong.

With the completion of the construction of the new complex, Samsung targets 61 billion dollars in earnings from total semiconductor sales in 2012, compared with 16.2 billion dollars in 2004, said the statement. — MNA/Xinhua



Firework explodes over Victoria Harbour in Hong Kong on 1 October, 2005 as celebrating China National Day. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Ten-man PSG cut gap on leaders by beating Nantes

PARIS, 2 Oct—Second-placed Paris St. Germain moved within a point of Ligue 1 leaders Olympique Lyon on Saturday, beating Nantes 2-0 despite playing with 10 men for much of the second half.



Paris St Germain's David Rozehnal (top) challenges for the ball with Nantes' Luigi Glombard during their French Ligue 1 soccer match at the Parc des Princes Stadium in Paris, on 1 October, 2005.—INTERNET

PSG scored twice after having midfielder Edouard Cisse sent off for a second booking in the 48th minute. The hosts went in front when Colombia defender Mario Yepes beat the off-side trap in the 67th minute. Nantes goalkeeper Mickael Landreau then handled a pass from one of his defenders with 15 minutes to go, causing an indirect free kick inside the

box from which Portugal striker Pauleta doubled their advantage. PSG, who welcomed back France midfielder Jerome Rothen after injury, showed more initiative than the visitors but created few clear scoring opportunities in a dull first half.

The home team's best chance before the break came when Pauleta hit the crossbar on 16 minutes.

Nantes played the last two minutes with 10 men after defender David Leray received a second caution.

Girondins Bordeaux remained third, a point behind PSG, with a 1-0 victory at bottom club Metz.

Brazilian midfielder Fernando scored the only goal early in the second half. Metz had defender Mehdi Meniri sent off in the 63rd minute for a second bookable offence.

Loic Perrin, Vincent Hognon and David Hellebuyck gave St Etienne a 3-0 home win over Le Mans which lifted the 10-times champions up to fourth. Late goals from strikers Gaston Curbelo and Elie Kroupi earned Nancy a 2-0 triumph at third from bottom Sochaux.

Champions Lyon, chasing an unprecedented fifth successive title, will try to extend their unbeaten run to 10 Ligue 1 games when they visit lowly Stade Rennes on Sunday.

MNA/Reuters

Contract rebel Iaquina returns Udinese to winning ways

MILAN, 2 Oct—Udinese striker Vincenzo Iaquina marked his return from a contract dispute with a goal and an assist to guide coach Serse Cosmi's team to a 3-0 win over Lazio in Serie A on Saturday.

Iaquina was dropped from the squad earlier this month after refusing to extend his contract beyond 2007. But he agreed a new deal on Friday.

The forward, who is part of Italy coach Marcello Lippi's plans for next year's World Cup finals, received a warm welcome from the home crowd.

Three minutes before the break he had an effort disallowed for offside and seven

minutes after the restart he earned a penalty when he was brought down inside the area under challenge from Lazio defenders Sebastiano Siviglia and Luciano Zauri.

Iaquina rose to take the penalty himself and blasted it past keeper Angelo Peruzzi.

Udinese had lost their last three Serie A games, two of them without their main striker.—MNA/Reuters

Van Nistelrooy lifts United, Spurs stun Charlton

LONDON, 2 Oct—Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy breathed more life back into Manchester United on Saturday, scoring twice in a 3-2 triumph at Fulham.

The victory brought United to within seven points of runaway leaders Chelsea but second-placed Charlton Athletic lost ground when they squandered a two-goal lead in a 3-2 home defeat by Tottenham Hotspur, for whom Robbie Keane grabbed a late winner.

Spurs joined Charlton on 15 points, six behind champions Chelsea, while United moved up to fourth on 14 points, the same as Bolton Wanderers who play on Sunday.

Blackburn Rovers beat struggling West Bromwich Albion 2-0 while Portsmouth and Newcastle United played out a goalless draw at Fratton Park. Sunderland held sixth-placed West Ham United 1-1 at the Stadium of Light.

Chelsea face Liverpool for the second time in four days when they visit Anfield on Sunday, the same day as Arsenal, on 10 points, host Birmingham City. All the goals came in a frenetic first half at Craven Cottage where recalled striker Collins John gave struggling Fulham a second-minute lead with a left-foot shot amid shaky United defending.

Alex Ferguson's side hit back hard, however. Van Nistelrooy stroked a 17th-minute penalty into the corner of the net after South Korean midfielder Park jing was fouled in the area.

A minute later England striker Wayne Rooney rounded off a fluid attack with a clinical finish to give United the lead.

Fulham were level before the half-hour mark through Danish midfielder Claus Jensen but van Nistelrooy scored the winner before the end of a breathless half after being teed up by the excellent Park. The win followed United's Champions League victory over Benfica in midweek, secured by a late van Nistelrooy goal, and will help to further ease the pressure on Ferguson after his team's disappointing September.

The Scot was in good humour after the game. "I thought at halftime this could have ended up 20-all," he told Sky Sports television.

"But in the second half common sense took over. Some of our football was scintillating in the first half."

The defeat put Fulham into the bot-

tom three with five points.

Spurs left Charlton reeling with a superb fightback at The Valley.

Playing in front of England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson, Darren Bent scored twice to give Athletic a 2-0 lead after 48 minutes but the prospect of defeat merely spurred Tottenham into action.

Ledley King quickly pulled one back and Egyptian striker Mido lashed in an equalizer through goalkeeper Stephan Andersen's legs after 64 minutes.

Irish substitute striker Keane completed Tottenham's comeback 10 minutes from time with a neat finish after a counter-attack by Martin Jol's improving team.

"We believed in it," said Jol. "I think we deserved it because we played brave, we played all the strikers."

Michael Owen was left out of Newcastle's 0-0 draw at Portsmouth with a dead leg but manager Graeme Souness said later he would be fit enough to join England's squad for their final two World Cup qualifiers.

Blackburn's Finnish international Shefki Kuqi struck in the 80th and 88th minutes at Ewood Park to deepen West Brom's troubles.—MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's Ji-Sung Park attacks the Fulham defence during their English Premiership League soccer match at Craven Cottage, London, on Saturday, 1 Oct, 2005. Manchester United won the match 3-2.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Barcelona fight back to draw with Zaragoza

MADRID, 2 Oct—Barcelona recovered from two goals behind to earn a 2-2 draw at home to Real Zaragoza in the Primera Liga on Saturday, with Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o levelling the scores two minutes from time.

Zaragoza's Argentine brothers Gabriel and Diego Milito stunned the home side with two quick goals at the start of the second half.

But Barca won a penalty with 13 minutes left when Paraguayan defender Delio Toledo brought down Dutchman Mark van Bommel in the area.

Toledo was sent off for collecting his second yellow of the game and Brazilian forward Ronaldinho scored from the spot.

Eto'o pounced to net his sixth goal of the season in a frantic finish to the game, rescuing a point for the champions.

Second-placed Getafe can go top if they beat Valencia later on Saturday.

League leaders Celta Vigo travel to Cadiz on Sunday when Real Madrid host Real Mallorca.

Barca coach Frank Rijkaard continued his rotation policy, this time leaving Spain midfielder Xavi out of the squad.

But for the first time in the league this season he was able to include Argentine striker Lionel Messi, who started on the bench, after the 18-year-old gained Spanish citizenship last Monday. Barca took the game to Zaragoza with their trademark tight passing and swift attacks but chances

were at a premium.

Ronaldinho produced a moment of sublime skill to tee up Eto'o after 20 minutes with a deft backheel in the area but keeper Cesar Sanchez blocked the striker's shot with his legs. Zaragoza took the lead three minutes after the restart with their first effort on goal.

Brazilian forward Savio swung in a free kick from wide on the right and the ball was flicked on to the far post where Milito powered a header past Victor Valdes.

Barca were still reeling from that blow when Zaragoza struck again five minutes later.—MNA/Reuters



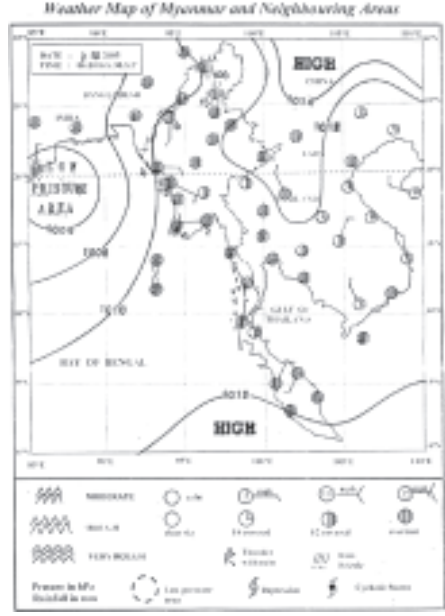
Daw Kyawt and family of No 51, Dagonthiri Street, Kyauk Myaung Ward, Tarmway Township donate K 110,000 to Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the Administrative Board of Hninzigone Home for the Aged recently for the three-storey hospital.—H

Asleep in Jesus
Cindy Kip Thein (a) Susan
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The beloved daughter of U Myo Min Thein and Daw Hlawn Kip Thluai, beloved granddaughter of Prof. Rev: Edmund Za Bik-Daw Tial Tlem (Myanmar Institute of Theology, Insein), Maj Aung Thein (Retd), Maj Daw Tin Tin Nyo-Deputy Director, Department of Health, Ministry of Health (Retd), and niece of: Daw Rosemary Hlawn Par-U Tha Kyaw Maung U Jimmy Lian UK-Daw Sui Len Tial, Ko Ca Lian Thang Daw Biak Hlei Sung-U Za Nawl Daw Myat Moe Thein-U Ko Ko Oo U Kyaw Myo Thein-Daw Nan Nwe Ni Win

Was asleep in Jesus on September 26, 2005 at the Children Hospital, Yangon. Funeral Service will be held at 1:00 pm on October 4, 2005 (Tuesday) at Hpu Tha Phyu Hall, Seminary Hill, Insein.

Bereaved family



WEATHER

Sunday, 2nd October, 2005
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machambaw (4.57) inches, Hkamti (4.30) inches, Kalay and Falam (1.73) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 1-10-2005 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 2-10-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 2-10-2005 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 1-10-2005 was (2.1) hours approx. Rainfalls on 2-10-2005 were (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (93.78) inches at Mingaladon, (96.14) inches at Kaba-Aye and (99.92) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Northwest at (15:30) hours MST on 1-10-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area persists over the West Central Bay and adjoining Northwest Bay. Weather is cloudy in the North and Central Bay and monsoon is weak to moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 3-10-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan, Kayin and Mon States, Ayeyawady, Bago and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Thunder conditions in the lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-10-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-10-2005: Partly cloudy.

El Salvador volcano kills two, thousands flee

PALO CAMPANA (El Salvador), 2 Oct—El Salvador's largest volcano erupted for the first time in a century on Saturday, killing two people and forcing thousands to flee their homes.

The Ilamatepec Volcano, also known as Santa Ana, hurled out hot rocks, ash and boiling water on Saturday morning and a massive plume of smoke rose more than 10 miles into the air. Two people were killed under a landslide caused by the volcano's eruption in the small community of Palo Campana, near the crater, the government said.

A few homes were destroyed. "I have lost everything. I have no money, nothing, just my children and my hus-

band," said 73-year-old Rosa Flores, whose small home was set ablaze by a red-hot rock as she made breakfast. A 12-year-old boy, Fernando Gonzalez, was desperately looking for his parents. "I'm scared. I saw big stones fall and one had smoke coming from it."

El Salvador's government declared a red alert and evacuated more than 4,000 people by late afternoon with 3,000 more expected to be moved out. "The important thing is to save people, that is

the first phase of this emergency," President Tony Saca told reporters.

Ilamatepec is the largest of El Salvador's 23 volcanoes and stands 7,800 feet (2,380 metres) above sea level in a major coffee-growing area about 40 miles west of the capital. Its last eruption was in 1904 but it has been increasingly active since last year. Homes and vehicles were covered in a thick layer of ash, and some of the area's coffee plantations were damaged.

"Many trees have

been burned, for sure," said Sergio Gil, who leads the Procafe coffee institute. "It is a delicate situation, the ashes have reached as far as Apaneca, about 25 kilometres (15 miles) from the crater."

MNA/Reuters

TV Myanmar

Monday, 3rd October

View on today

7:00 am

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7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

- Song of national races

8:00 am

- Cute little dancers

8:10 am

- အရေးကြီးပွဲ

8:20 am

- စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်း ပုထိုးလုံးတံတား

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- Practice in Reading

4:45 pm

- အစောင့်အရှောက်အဖွဲ့အစည်းများ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဇော)

5:00 pm

- Dance variety

5:15 pm

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5:35 pm

- Song and dance of national races

5:45 pm

- မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာကား

5:45 pm

- Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:45 pm

- Industrial achievement

7:05 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရုပ်သွေးဆွေးမြေ့ဆီတံဆိပ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)

6:30 pm

- Evening news

7:00 pm

- Weather report

7:05 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်လျှေကားထစ်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၁)

7:40 pm

- တိုးတက်စည်ပင်အပေါက် ဝေပျော်လက်တစ်စွင်

8:00 pm

- News

8:15 pm

- International news

8:30 pm

- Weather report

8:45 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သောနေ့မကြိုမီ" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)

9:00 pm

- The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Monday, 3rd October

Tune in today:

8.30 am Brief news

8.35 am Music: -Stay... Dream House

8.40 am Perspectives

8.45 am Music: -Dodah ... From Dance Music

8.50 am National news & Slogan

9:00 am Music: -Calcutta... (Dr Bombay)

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music: -Tic Tic Tic Chilli Feat Carrapichs)

1:30 pm News/Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music

-Don't know much... Binda Ronstad & Kenny G

-Say you say me (Lionel Ritchie)

-Tonight I celebrate my love... Peahob Bryron & Roberta Flock

9:00 pm Spotlight on the Star

9:15 pm Article

9:25 pm Drugs

Elimination

Import quality safe & potent medicines

Vocal Gems

-Do I love you ... Englebert Humperdink

-Where do you go? ... (Glenn Campbell)

-What can I do? (The Corrs)

9.45 pm News/Slogan

10.00 pm PEL

Prime Minister felicitates Korean counterpart

YANGON, 3 Oct— On the occasion of the National Foundation Day of the Republic of Korea, which falls on 3 October 2005, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to HE Mr Lee Hae-chan, Prime Minister of the Republic of Korea.

MNA

Prime Minister sends felicitations to Germany

YANGON, 3 Oct—General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Gerhard Schroder, Chancellor of the Federal Republic of Germany, on the occasion of the National Day of the Federal Republic of Germany, which falls on 3 October 2005. —MNA

Provisions donated to deaf and blind schools, homes for the aged in Yangon

YANGON, 2 Oct — Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy, and Air) and wellwishers today donated provisions to deaf and blind schools in Dagon, Mayangon and Kyimyindine townships in Yangon West District, and homes for the aged in Mingala Taungnyunt and Thingangyun townships.

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

Township, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Vice -Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and Colonel General Staff (Air) Col Chan Maung presented provisions including rice, edible oil, gram, medicine and foodstuff donated by families of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) to Headmistress of Mary Chapman's School for the Dumb Daw Margret.

Today's donations were 100 bags of rice, 44 viss of edible oil, 80 viss of gram, 444 viss of io-

sions and cash to the Little Sisters for the Poor in Mingala Taungnyunt Township was held at 2 pm today.

At the ceremony held at Little Sisters for the Poor, on behalf of the families of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), Commodore Nyan Tun, Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and Colonel General Staff (Air) Col Nay Win handed over the provisions to a responsible person of the home for the poor. Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented cash



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents cash donated by wellwishers to Muslim Home for the Aged in Thingangyun. —MNA



Commodore Nyan Tun, Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and Col Nay Win presents foodstuff and cash to the Little Sisters for the Poor in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. — MNA

presented cash donated by wellwishers.

A ceremony to donate provisions to deaf and blind schools in Mayangon and Kyimyindine townships was held this afternoon at Mary Chapman's School for the Dumb in Dagon

dized salt, 89 tubes of tooth paste, 2,745 bottles of traditional medicine, 272 viss of dried fish, 1,080 packets of chilli powder, 444 bars of soap, 444 cakes of soap and over K 3.8 million.

Similarly, a ceremony to donate provi-

and bags of rice donated by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council.

A total of 65 bags of rice, 17 viss of edible oil, 30 viss of gram, 170 viss of salt, 34 tubes of tooth paste, 170 bars of soap, 170 cakes of soap, 85 viss of dried fish, 1080 packets of chilli powder, 2,190 boxes of traditional medicine and cash over K 6.8 million were donated to Little Sisters for the Poor.

Similarly, families of Tatmadaw Army, Navy and Air, and wellwishers held a ceremony to donate rice, edible oil, salt, medicines,

gram and cash to Muslim Home for the Aged in Thingangyun Township at the same venue this afternoon, attended by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, the sec-

retary of Yangon City Development Committee, senior military officers, departmental heads, Yangon East District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein and members, Township PDC chairman and members, social organizations, officials of the home for the aged and donors.

On behalf of families of Tatmadaw Army, Navy and Air, and wellwishers, Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun, Col Gen-

eral Staff (Air) Col Nay Win and Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepted the donations of Yangon Division PDC, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, donations of Ministry of Religious Affairs and the secretary YCDC, donations of YCDC.

Afterwards, officials accepted donations of Yangon East District PDC and Thingangyun Township PDC, Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, the iodized salt of Myanma Salt (See page 11)



A wellwisher presents cash for Mary Chapman's School for the Dumb Yangon West District through Headmistress of Mary Chapman's School for the Dumb. — MNA

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Every year, the government spends about K 15 million on providing cash and medicines for the oldest in the nation, the oldest man and women in each state and division, and elderly persons, who performed brilliantly in the interests of the State, on the International Day of Older Persons, and providing cash to the homes for the aged across the nation. Wellwishers contribute cash and medicines to the drive.