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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon)

Calls for durability of bridge

YANGON, 3 Oct — Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint

Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, ministers and officials, inspected regional development tasks in PyinOoLwin station and Mandalay from 30 September to 2 October.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects progress in installation of steel frames at Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon).
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To meet the traffic needs, Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is being constructed 2,000 ft upstream of Inn-wa Bridge.

Maung Aye yesterday morning inspected beautifying tasks of Mandalay Kandawgyi and six-

lane Strand Road of Mandalay in a motorcade. When Vice-Senior

General Maung Aye and party arrived at Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project, they were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win of

Central Command and officials of the Public Works.

At the briefing hall, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun reported on Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project. Next, Deputy Superintending Engineers U San Win and U Htay Myint reported on completion of approach bridges on Sagaing Bank and Mandalay Bank and installation of steel frames at the main bridge. Next, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun gave a supplementary report on construction of an approach road on the Mandalay Bank to the bridge.

After hearing reports, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions on durability of the bridge.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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To enable aged to lead secure life with peace of mind

As the day-by-day increase in the population of the senior people in the world has become a serious matter, ways and means are being sought to lay down programmes for welfare of burgeoning population of the aged. Myanmar is also witnessing a growing population of the elderly but a fine tradition still flourishes in the nation that Myanmar national people under the culture, customs and social norms pay esteem and care for the senior citizens in accord with the teachings of the Buddha.

The International Day of Older Persons (2005) was observed at the International Business Centre in Yangon on 1 October and it was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that it was the nature of the older persons that they served the interests of human beings through diligence, that they did not want to be isolated as they had lived in the human society for many years and that they also liked taking part in performing meritorious deeds and public welfare services. So, he said, they should be given an opportunity to play a role in social and religious organizations.

Now the world population stands at more than 6,300 million and one in every five people is an aged. According to data collected in 2004, the population of Myanmar was more than 54.3 million, 4.46 million of whom were aged above 60, accounting for an aged person in every 13 people. As a person passes over 60 years, the elderly life has stood at the important point. Therefore, more opportunities have to be created effectively for such persons to enjoy fulfillment of basic needs, health and personal freedom.

Thanks to the border areas and national races development projects and rural development projects, the social standard of the people has become higher and, in consequence, the aged across the nation have enjoyed higher standard of living.

Elderly persons possess the dignity of seniority of age and have wide knowledge and experiences which younger people should learn. Therefore, it is necessary to create opportunities for the aged to enable them to contribute their services in society, especially in education, culture and religious affairs. And measures should be taken to enable them to lead a secure life with peace of mind throughout the rest of their lives.



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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

IRD opens officer course

YANGON, 3 Oct — The Internal Revenue Department opened the on-job training course No 26 for township revenue officers today with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

Also present were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Director-General of IRD U Hsan Tun and officials. Thirty-five trainees are attending the four-week course. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers a speech at the opening of Course No 26 for Township revenue officers. —F&R



MMCWA conducts teachership course No 3/2005

YANGON, 3 Oct — A ceremony to open the teachership course No 3/2005 (Central Level) on disseminating knowledge of reproductive health conducted by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association took place at the multi-purpose building of MMCWA here this morning.

President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win made an opening speech.

Altogether 30 trainees are attending the course which lasts till 7 October.

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Forestry Minister tours Kachin, Shan (North) States, Mandalay Division

YANGON, 3 Oct — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung went on a tour of inspection of forest plantations and saw mills in Kachin State, Shan (North) State and Mandalay from 30 September to 2 October.

On 30 September and 1 October, the minister went to Bhamo, Kachin State, and met with officials of Kachin State Forest Department. At the meeting, officials concerned reported to the minister on planting of trees, timber extraction and seizures of timber illegally extracted in the state. Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected No 79 Saw mill jointly conducted by Myanmar Timber Enterprise and Shwewali Co Ltd in Bhamo.

During his tour of Kachin State, the minister also inspected 150-acre firewood plantation in Shwegu Reserved Forest in Shwegu Township.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung on 1 October went to the 850-acre teak plantation at Nantmae Reserved Forest in Mabein Township in Shan State (North) to



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects teak plantations in Htigyaing Township. — FORESTRY

assess the afforestation tasks and prevention against illegal timber extraction in the state. Altogether 430 acres of land have been put under teak in 2005-2006 at Nantmae Reserved Forest, and a forest village is established.

The minister also inspected the 500-acre teak special plantation in Htigyaing Township in Sagaing Division and the 50-acre teak plantation in Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay Division.

The minister met with officials of the Forest Department in Momeik Township, Shan

State (North) the next day. After hearing reports on planting trees, timber extraction, prevention against illegal timber extraction in the state, the minister called on officials to make efforts for meeting the state's target

of forest plantation.

On his tour of Mandalay Division, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected the 50-acre teak plantation in Singu Township and No 15 Sawmill in Madaya.

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7th Myanmar Obstetric and Gynaecological Conference on 15, 16 October

YANGON, 3 Oct — Myanmar Medical Association (Mandalay) is to hold 7th Myanmar Obstetric and Gynaecological Conference, organized by Myanmar Medical Association on 15 and 16 October at MMA (Mandalay).

Obstetrician, Gynaecologists and doctors may attend the conference. —MNA



Cars drive through a flooding area in downtown Cabo San Lucas as Hurricane Otis passes 130 miles south west on 1 Oct, 2005, in South California, Mexico.

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Putin congratulates Chinese President on China's National Day

Moscow, 2 Oct — Russian President Vladimir Putin has sent a congratulatory message to his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao on the 56th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China, the Russian Presidential Press Service said Saturday.

Putin said in his message that bilateral relations are developing successfully and regular meetings between high-ranking officials from the two sides are very important for the ties.

He expressed satisfac-

tion with bilateral cooperation in various fields and active political dialogue between the two countries.

Positions on key international issues are coordinated as trade, investment and economic coop-

eration expand, he said.

Putin also hoped that the planned activities for the Year of Russia in China in 2006 would give a fresh impetus to further development of the bilateral ties.

MNA/Xinhua

China launches specialized TV channel for infant education

BEIJING, 2 Oct — A TV channel specialized in early educational programmes catering to China's 200 million Chinese infants aged from zero to eight years was launched by the China Education TV station (CETV) Saturday.

There are nearly 280 million children aged under 14 years in China, accounting for 21.5 per cent of the total population. The population aged from zero to eight years, regarded as infants in the country, stands at around 200 million, accounting for 15 per cent of the total.

"Early education of infants is of great importance to China's efforts to build a harmonious society in the country," said Kang Ning, director of the TV station.

While all countries in the world attach much importance to infant education, Chinese educational agencies and media fail to provide sufficient products and services to meet the growing demand for infant education, she said.

With the launching of the specialized TV channel, the CETV will invite

experts to join in the designing and production of programmes, Kang said.

The TV station will also cooperate with domestic and overseas media and telecommunication companies to provide good services.

MNA/Xinhua

Inquiry finds Iraq war delayed Katrina relief effort

LONDON, 3 Oct — Relief efforts to combat Hurricane Katrina suffered near catastrophic failures due to endemic corruption, divisions within the military and troop shortages caused by the Iraq war, an official American inquiry into the disaster has revealed.

The confidential report, which has been seen by *The Independent*, details how funds for flood control were diverted to other projects, desperately needed National Guards were stuck in Iraq and how military personnel had to "sneak off post" to help with relief efforts because their commander had

refused permission.

The shortcomings in dealing with Katrina have rocked George Bush's administration. Michael Brown, director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, has resigned from his post and polls show that a majority of Americans feel the President showed

inadequate leadership.

The report was commissioned by the Office of Secretary of Defence as an "independent and critical review" of what went so wrong. In a hard-hitting analysis, it says: "The US military has long planned for war on two fronts. This is as close as we have come to [that] reality since the Second World War; the results have been disastrous."

The document was compiled by Stephen Henthorne, a former professor of the US Army's

War College and an adviser to the Pentagon who was a deputy-director in the Louisiana relief efforts.

It charts how "corruption and mismanagement within the New Orleans city government" had "diverted money earmarked for improving flood protection to other, more vote-getting, projects. Past mayors and governors gambled that the long-expected Big Killer hurricane would never happen. That bet was lost with Hurricane Katrina." —*Internet*

Iraqi police claim Danish soldier killed in Iraq

BASRA (Iraq), 2 Oct — A Danish soldier was killed and two others wounded when a roadside bomb blew up alongside a Danish military vehicle outside Basra in southern Iraq on Saturday, Iraqi police said.

An official at the Danish Ministry of Defence in Copenhagen confirmed that there had been an attack on a Danish military vehicle, but said he could not confirm the number of casualties.

"We are investigating further at this time," the military official said, ask-

ing that his name not be used.

Iraqi police officer Mohammed Uraibi told *Reuters* from the scene that the attack occurred just outside Basra, Iraq's second largest city.

If confirmed, the death would be the second among Danish

troops serving in Iraq. Denmark has a contingent of around 500 soldiers serving in and around Basra, where British forces have overall command.

A Danish soldier was killed by friendly fire in August 2003.

MNA/Reuters

US soldier killed in roadside bomb in Iraq's Baiji

BAGHDAD, 2 Oct — A US soldier was killed in a roadside bomb blast near his vehicle north of Baghdad on Saturday, the US military said.

A soldier, assigned to Task Force Liberty, was killed when a land mine exploded near his vehicle while patrolling an area near the town of Baiji, some 200 kilometres north of Baghdad, the military said in a brief statement. —MNA/Xinhua

Two US planes make emergency landings in Canada

OTTAWA, 2 Oct — A passenger jet and a military transport, both from the United States, made separate emergency landings in Eastern Canada on Saturday, but there were no casualties.

A Continental Airlines *Boeing 767*, en route from Newark, New Jersey, to Paris with 178 people on board, landed in Gander of Newfoundland in the morning, reports reaching here said.

Airport officials said crew reported low oil pressure in one of the engines. The airliner landed safely with one engine idling.

Meanwhile, a US Air Force plane made an emergency landing in St John's after a false alarm prompted the crew to

shut down one of the aircraft's four engines.

The *C-130 Hercules* was en route from Illinois on a transatlantic flight to the Middle East and had already been scheduled to touch down in St John's on a maintenance stop.

The *Hercules*, with 26 people on board, landed without incident on Saturday afternoon, said airport spokesman Kelly Jamieson.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi policeman attempts to put out a burning police patrol car in Kirkuk, Iraq, on 1 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

Uganda hails forum on China-Africa cooperation

KAMPALA, 2 Oct— Ugandan Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa on Friday hailed the new partnership of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation providing a good framework for further cooperation and solidarity between China and Africa.

Minister Kutesa made the remarks when speaking at a reception to celebrate the 56th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China given by Chinese Ambassador to Uganda Fan Guijin.

"It has so far proved to be an effective platform of collective dialogue thus contributing to further consolidating and strengthening of relations," the minister said.

Kutesa pointed out that "Uganda and the People's Republic of China share very warm relations", saying that "Uganda attaches great importance to developing contacts at all

levels especially at local levels to strengthen mutual understanding between the two countries".

He said that "China is among the top ten countries that have invested in Uganda and trade volumes between the two countries show positive trends".

"Uganda reaffirms its support for the 'One China Policy' and also for China's grand cause of re-unification," Kutesa stressed, saying that "we also support China's principled position on safeguarding its sovereignty and territorial integrity".

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese Coast Guardsmen, on a boat, front, approach the capsized No 3 Shinseimaru on waters off Nemuro, a port on Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido, recently. — INTERNET

S African jailed for life for feeding man to lions

JOHANNESBURG, 2 Oct— A White farmer convicted of murder for feeding a Black worker to lions was jailed for life by a South African judge on Friday, ending a racially charged case which highlighted abuse of rural Black labourers.

The South African Press Association (SAPA) reported that Mark Scott-Crossley — who got married in court just before being sentenced — was given life and Black labourer Simon Mathebula was sentenced to 15 years, partly suspended, for his role in a murder which shocked the crime-hardened nation.

"Let him rot in jail," someone shouted from the back of the crush of people streaming from the courtroom, SAPA reported.

The men were convicted in April.

The grisly killing of 41-year-old farm worker

Nelson Chisale provoked an outcry in South Africa where, more than a decade after the end of apartheid rule, some White farmers are still accused of abusing and exploiting Black workers.

A crowd had earlier demanded life sentences for Scott-Crossley and his co-accused outside the sittings of the court in the town of Phalaborwa, close to the Kruger National Park northeast of Johannesburg.

A third employee arrested in connection with the death turned state witness against his former employer and colleagues. SAPA reported that

another suspect was to be tried separately in November after he was judged too ill to stand trial earlier.

MNA/Reuters

Arab ministers meet in Saudi Arabia over Iraq

JEDDAH, 2 Oct— Arab ministers were to meet in Saudi Arabia to draw up a joint strategy on violence-ravaged Iraq, including the possibility of sending observers to monitor upcoming national votes.

The meeting, which will include some foreign ministers, was to start at 6:30 pm (1530 GMT) in the Red Sea port city of Jeddah.

Host Saudi Arabia has been publicly blaming many of Iraq's ills on US policies in the country and alleged interference by Shiite-

ruled Iran.

The Arab ministerial committee on Iraq was created in September by the Arab League and groups Bahrain, Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Syria.

Sunday's meeting, the committee's first since its creation, was meant to draw an Arab strategy to support Iraq and the possibility of dispatching observers for the 15 October referendum on the constitution and the December elections.

It will also discuss the possibility of opening an Arab League office in Baghdad, the dispatching of an Arab delegation to meet community leaders and a stronger Arab participation in Iraq's reconstruction process.

Internet

Iran, Lebanon call for WMD dismantlement in Mideast region

TEHERAN, 2 Oct— Iran and Lebanon on Friday issued a statement calling for dismantlement of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in the Middle East, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported.

The statement was issued in Beirut by Iran's Majlis (Parliament)

Speaker Gholam-Ali Haddad-Adel, who arrived in Beirut early Thursday on a four-day visit to Lebanon, and his Lebanese counterpart Nabih Berri, said IRNA.

The statement stressed the importance of scrapping WMD in the Mideast region, specially

calling on the international community to force Israel to speedily destroy its WMDs.

The consolidation of bilateral ties and the two sides' common stances on regional and international issues were also among other issues stressed in the statement.

Iran has been trying hard to deny the US accusation of developing nuclear weapons, saying Teheran is always advocating a Middle East free from WMDs.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi youngsters shout holding the remains of a US military vehicle destroyed by a roadside bomb in Ramadi, Iraq, on 1 Oct, 2005. — INTERNET

Four dead from unknown respiratory illness outbreak in Toronto

OTTAWA, 2 Oct— Four people were dead and dozens of residents of Canada's biggest city of Toronto have been taken to hospital after an outbreak of a mystery respiratory illness, officials said on Saturday.

Toronto Public Health experts told reporters 68 residents and five employees at Seven Oaks Home for the Aged in the city's east end have come down with the illnesses, according to local reports.

Among them 15 were admitted to hospital — four died on Friday, said Dr Barbara Yaffe, adding that three of the victims died at the home, with the fourth dying in hospital. All of the patients had pre-existing medical conditions and two were in their mid-90s. The other two victims were in their late 70s and 50s.

So far the source of the "typical respiratory illness" has not been found. "We know from testing that it's not influenza, not SARS, not avian influenza," said infectious disease specialist Dr Alison McGeer.

MNA/Xinhua

Brother of Iraq's Interior Minister kidnapped

BAGHDAD, 2 Oct— The Iraqi Interior Minister's brother Jebbar Jabr Solagh was kidnapped by gunmen while driving home in the capital late Saturday, a ministry official said.

Solagh was snatched at 7:30 pm (1630 GMT) as he drove home to the mainly Shiite Al-Habibiyah District in southeast Baghdad, where he works as a hospital director, the official said.

Solagh is the brother of Interior Minister Baqir Jabr Solagh.

Bombings, assassinations and kidnappings are rampant in the war-ravaged country as sectarian tensions are running high.

MNA/Xinhua

China drafts plan to fight bird flu

BEIJING, 2 Oct— China has drafted a contingency plan to cope with a much-feared outbreak of bird flu in the coming winter, state media reported, only two days after it announced a blueprint for fighting a human influenza pandemic.

Bird flu, including the deadly H5N1 strain that has killed 65 people in Asia, is believed to be endemic in the country's poultry population.

The Ministry of Agriculture has issued "clear regulations" on bird flu monitoring, warning, reporting and emergency responses for the coming autumn and winter. *Xinhua* news agency said in a report late on Friday.

The regulations include obligations for a series of departments in case of an epidemic and a system of four colour-coded alert levels, the report said without giving details. An unnamed official at the Agriculture Ministry was quoted as saying China faced a "grave" situation in preventing and controlling bird flu.

"The ways of raising poultry in parts of China are relatively backward and there is frequent circulation and shipment of livestock between regions. There are some weak points in our work. Our task is quite arduous," he was quoted as saying.

The plan called for strengthening surveillance in border areas, poultry cultivating strongholds, migration routes of migratory birds and river networks in south China — widely seen as the flu's hotbed with people living in close proximity to livestock.

China neighbours Vietnam, where the H5N1 strain has killed 37 people, and hosts sections of three global migration routes for migratory birds. It also has the second largest domestic poultry industry in the world.

China has in past successfully controlled outbreaks of bird flu with a combination of vaccinations, culling and surveillance.

It reported two outbreaks in far-flung western regions of Qinghai and Xinjiang earlier this year.

But it was also widely criticized for initially trying to cover up the outbreak of SARS, which emerged in southern China in 2003 and spread around the world, infecting 8,000 people and killing 800. —MNA/Reuters

Japan condemns Bali explosions

TOKYO, 3 Oct—Japan strongly condemned on Sunday the explosions in the Indonesian travel resort Bali Island, which has killed at least 11 people.

The blasts are "extremely despicable and intolerable", said Foreign Ministry's spokesman Yoshinori Katori, "Terrorism cannot be justified for any reason."

"The Japanese Government reiterates its firm condemnation of atrocious terrorism that victimizes many innocent people," he said in a statement.

He also said Japan will continue the fight against terrorism, and cooperate with and support the Indonesian Government on that issue.

The blasts striking Saturday evening have killed one Japanese and left four injured, *Kyodo News* reported based on the information from the Japanese Embassy in Jakarta.

MNA/Xinhua



A member of the Singapore Civil Defence Force wears a chemical protection suit during an annual chemical spill exercise in Singapore recently. — INTERNET

El Salvador fears killer volcano could erupt again

SAN SALVADOR, 3 Oct— A volcano in western El Salvador that killed two people and forced thousands to flee when it erupted for the first time in a century on Saturday, could roar to life again, authorities warned on Sunday.

The Iamatepec volcano, also known as Santa Ana, hurled out hot rocks, ash and boiling water on Saturday morning. A massive plume of smoke rose more than 10 miles (16 kilometres) into the air. Elba de Godoy, head of El Salvador's geological study service, said seismic activity had

diminished after Saturday's eruption released pent up energy, but warned the likelihood of a lesser eruption was still high. "Although the volcano is stable, we're not letting down our guard," Interior Minister Rene Figueroa told reporters.

A television crew in the area on Sunday reported a

scene of abandoned villages and deserted shacks.

Iamatepec is the largest of El Salvador's 23 volcanoes and stands 7,800 feet (2,380 metres) above sea level. It is located about 40 miles west of the capital in an area that counts for much of the country's coffee crop. — MNA/Reuters

Three US soldiers wounded in bomb attack north of Baghdad

TIKRIT (Iraq), 3 Oct— A roadside bomb struck a US military convoy in the flashpoint town of Dhuluiyah north of Baghdad, the US military said on Sunday.

"Three US soldiers were wounded when an improvised explosive device IED detonated near the US patrol in Dhuluiyah on Saturday," an officer from the 42nd US Infantry Division based in

Tikrit told reporters. US soldiers opened fire at a militant, who they believed was the igniter of the IED, injuring him before they took him under custody for interrogation. —MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi government official gunned down in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 3 Oct—Gunmen shot dead a senior official in Iraq's Public Works Ministry on Sunday, Iraqi police said, the latest in a campaign of assassinations that have targeted government employees and businessmen.

Safaa Muhammed, the director-general of the ministry, was shot dead in Mansour, an upscale district of western Baghdad. Interior Ministry officials confirmed the killing. Criminals and gueril-

las have targeted businessmen, doctors and government officials over the past year, sometimes kidnapping them and demanding ransom or gunning them down in public. — MNA/Reuters

US military says little evidence Marines seized

BAGHDAD, 3 Oct—The US military said on Sunday there was no indication to suggest that two Marines had been seized by militants in western Iraq, as earlier claimed by a militant group, but said checks were being made.

"There are no indications that al-Qaeda claims of having kidnapped two Marines in western Iraq are true," Major Neil Murphy said in a statement.

"Multi-National Force West is conducting checks to verify all Marines are accounted for," he said.

Earlier, in a statement posted on an Islamic web site, al-Qaeda in Iraq claimed to have seized two Marines in western Iraq, where US forces are conducting an operation against suspected guerillas hiding out near the Syrian border. —MNA/Reuters

Tour boat capsizes in upstate NY, 21 killed

NEW YORK, 3 Oct—Twenty-one people from a senior citizens tour group were killed on Sunday when a small tour boat capsized after it hit the wake from a larger boat on Lake George in upstate New York, police said.

The 40-foot (12-metre)-long, glass-enclosed *Ethan Allen*, operated by Shoreline Cruises, was carrying 50 passengers and crew when it capsized on Lake George, a resort area some 200 miles north of New York City at about 3 pm (1900 GMT), Warren County Sheriff Larry Cleveland told a news conference.

Most if not all of the tourists were from Canada, although eyewitnesses told local media some might have been from Michigan. No identities were released.

Witnesses and authorities said the boat was making a left turn when it hit the wake of a larger boat, the *Mohican*, operated by Lake George Steamboat Co, which swamped and flipped the *Ethan Allen* sending the elderly passengers, who were on the upper deck and not wearing life jackets, into the water.

Cleveland said all 29 people who survived the accident had been accounted for and the operation had been changed from a rescue to a recovery.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi police stand at the scene of a roadside bomb attack in the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, 250 km north of Baghdad on 1 October, 2005. —INTERNET

Is that so Maung Ka Lu? More than that grandpa.

Maung Ka Lu

Grandpa: Hello, Maung Ka Lu. It's been a long time since we last met.

Ka Lu: Do you have anything special to discuss?

Grandpa: Yes, I do. Now, as you know peace and stability has been restored well across the country. Development is everywhere in the country.

Ka Lu: No one can deny that. Successive governments couldn't make any headway in addressing the internal armed conflicts that were sparked by alien instigation. But, after 1990, due to the constructive efforts of the Tatmadaw Government, 17 national race armed groups came to realize the benevolent attitude of the government and returned to the legal fold. So, the entire Union has seen peace.

Grandpa: You're right. We two have witnessed that national races are enjoying fruits of development efforts in various sectors. There have emerged so many new facilities in the nation, namely roads, bridges, dams, reservoirs, river water pumping stations, hydropower plants, schools, universities, colleges, hospitals and clinics. Yet, DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary Law Firm compiled a report dated 20-9-2005 under the directive of Vaclav Havel and Bishop Desmond Tutu to launch an attack on the nation.

Lu: Carry on, please.

Grandpa: The title is "Threat to the Peace: A Call for the UN Security Council to Act in Burma". They asked the UN Security Council to accept their report and to take action against Myanmar.

Lu: They echo the voice of fugitives.

Grandpa: It isn't surprising. As a matter of fact, expatriates are outlaws. They betray the motherland and have to receive assistance for their survival, and to follow the instructions of their masters, in return. They are members of the groups that Myanmar Government declared unlawful associations. They are overjoyed at every news story that any other country has demanded or imposed sanctions against Myanmar or extended sanctions. Western broadcasting stations always air the news stories that UN and UN agencies called for actions against Myanmar. The report of Vaclav Havel and Desmond Tutu supported the voices of the renegades.

Lu: Desmond Tutu is a Christian Bishop from South Africa. The West bloc recommended him so that he could win noble peace prize in 1984. A group of noble prize winners encouraged the artless youths at Marne Palaw camp of armed insurgents after the 1988 unrest. One of the group members was Tutu. He took part in the group as a show of gratitude to the recommendation. He likes doing such kind of activities.

Grandpa: Their abetment drove the children into the arms of the neo-colonialists instead of the embrace of the parents. Now, they have no choice but to carry on their activities to survive abroad.

Lu: Desmond Tutu and Vaclav Havel have never been to Myanmar. In spite of their being lawyers, DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary Law Firm, they received the order

of the two to compile the report based on the hearsay and the words of outlaw fugitives. It was irresponsible of the firm to compile the report just for the money. I've learnt that hearsay could not be treated as evidence.

Grandpa: Vaclav Havel used to be a playwright in Czech. When the Eastern European countries saw unrest due to the instigation of the West bloc, he became the West-bloc-backed leader. Now, he's not. Here is an excerpt from the speech of General Secretary Daw Su Kyi. She delivered it at the ninth anniversary of the NLD on 27 September 1997. Read it out the words underlined, Maung Ka Lu.

Lu: The underlined words say that she had decided to choose Vaclav Havel for the first peace and democracy prize of the National League for Democracy in recognition of solidarity of democracy. She said she took pride in the acceptance of Czech president Havel.

Grandpa: They are supporting each other. Vaclav Havel proposed to award Nobel Peace Prize to Daw Su Kyi. So, in return, Daw Su Kyi chose him for the peace prize. Then, Vaclav Havel stands by the NLD and asked the UN Security Council to take action against Myanmar.

Lu: Therefore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement on 29 September this year and categorically rejected the report because it was counterproductive and not of assistance to the efforts of Myanmar towards democratization.

Grandpa: If Desmond Tutu and Vaclav Havel really love peace, freedom and democracy, they should dissuade the invaders from carrying on their activities in some nations. It is known to all that in those nations, many bloody events occurred causing loss of so many lives and property of the people.

Lu: We have declared officially to the world that the name of our nation is Myanmar. The UN and its agencies state the name of our nation Myanmar. However, colonialists, their broadcasting stations, and minions continue to call our nation Burma. Their intention is just to hurl insults at the nation and the people. In the report, Desmond Tutu and Vaclav Havel relish stating the nation as Burma instead of Myanmar. It indicates their negative attitude, doesn't it?

Grandpa: Yes, it does because their report was designed just to trouble our nation. And it is apparent they cannot bear to see that we national people of 54 million are enjoying fruitful results of peace and stability. In the report, the two accuse our nation of violating human rights, forced labour, sexual insults, displacement of people to become refugees, and recruitment of minors.

Lu: There are no child soldiers in Myanmar. But they can find child soldiers in the insurgent camps of remote border areas. The magazines such as Times and Newsweek published by the West have already featured photos of child insurgents for many times. Tutu and Havel, I will show if you wish to see them.

Grandpa: The accusation concerning forced labour is always like an out-of-tune musical record. The accusation in reality is no more than a black-magic spell to bar the government from constructing dams, roads, bridges, housing estates, hospitals, institutions of higher learning and industries night and day.

Lu: Right. You have already told me once that Yadana offshore wells in Taninthayi coastal sea were producing a large amount of natural gas, that Thailand was buying the gas; that it would consume more time and the cost would be much higher if the liquified gas was transported by ship sailing round the Malay peninsular from Myanmar to Thailand; and that laying of a pipe on land through Taninthayi Division near Dawei would be more economical. You also said, "When the pipeline was laid, there appeared noisy protests from inside and outside the nation, saying that the pipeline project led to depletion of forest and environmental deterioration in the surrounding areas; that the locals were facing hardships resulting from forced relocation of villages; that forced labour had been applied in implementing the project. Those quarters were launching the slanderous accusation while trying to conceal the fact that ten new trees were grown when every single tree was cut down; that more people were wishing to work at the project due to handsome salaries; and that the existing villages in the area alleged to be facing relocation were developing with CI-roof houses instead."

Grandpa: The expatriates and the colonialist group were trying to disturb and file lawsuit against the foreign companies involved in the project and shooting set-up documentaries to discredit them. When their conspiracies bore no results, they in collusion with the insurgents blew up some parts of the pipeline. They were not happy to see Myanmar people enjoying progress and higher living standard from the earnings of gas export. India has already agreed to buy gas found off Rakhine coast. A group of expatriates and the radio stations, that can be said media of the fugitives, were also floating a lot of foul air with the intention of disturbing the project.

Lu: We can see the evil intention of their accusations against the nation. It stands out a mile. The report of Havel and Tutu in reality is just to pour bad blood between Myanmar and the UN. The world have never accepted such reports. The majority of global nations know that the two persons are making all-out attempts to interfere in Myanmar's affairs.

Grandpa: A heading of the so-called report "Threat to Peace" is a usage not so different from the words of neo-colonialists and their lackeys which said, "The ASEAN should take action against Myanmar and expel her as her situation has been worsening to the degree of threatening not only her internal peace but also that of the region."

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Crucial task of IPRD for 2005-2006 to complete rural self-reliance libraries throughout the nation



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses at the opening ceremony of the Work Efficiency Course (Officer) No 3/ 2005 of IPRD.— IPRD

YANGON, 3 Oct— A ceremony to open Work Efficiency Course (Officer) No 3/ 2005 of Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information took place at the News and Periodicals Enterprise on Pansodan Street this afternoon with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

The minister said that there are three aims of the course— to promote work efficiency of the em-

ployees, to enhance ability and skill of the personnel, and to effectively discharge the duties of the department and the ministry. The trainees were to realize the objectives and the responsi-

bilities of the ministry. The objectives of the ministry in the year of 2005-2006 are to achieve the seven-point policy programme of the State, to seriously organize the nation for suc-

cessfully holding the National Convention through the might of media, for the media to reach every part of the nation including the rural and border areas, to disseminate our media to

the world nations, to observe the guidance of the Head of the State, to earn more foreign exchange and to apply thrifty methods. The employees needed to successfully perform those

duties. The crucial task of the IPRD for 2005-2006 is to complete the rural self-reliance libraries throughout the nation. So far, 3,1924 rural self-reliance libraries have been opened the whole country. In setting up the libraries, there must be the strength of the State, wellwishers and locals. The Head of State has put emphasis on supplying of power to rural areas and setting up of the self-reliance libraries, which include the four plans of the State for developing the nation and the people. In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, the ministry and the department were to make concerted efforts for opening the self-reliance libraries. The committee for sustaining the libraries were to be formed. The locals must systematically maintain the libraries. The IPRD employees needed to supervise the tasks for sustaining the ru-

ral libraries. Arrangements for setting up library fund were to be made as well. The department employees were to train the locals to be skilled in the tasks on library, stressed the minister. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers U Thein Sein and

Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Directors-General and Managing Directors of departments and enterprises, advisers, directors, deputy directors and officials. Altogether 52 trainees are attending the four-week course.

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3,1924 rural self-reliance libraries have been opened in the country.



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meets with trainees at the opening ceremony of the Work Efficiency Course (Officer) No 3/ 2005 of IPRD. — IPRD

Don't wish to let big Nobel regret

*** The bestowing of the Peace Prize Is not the granting of licence To scheme to interfere In enclaves and communities of others Or to act untowardly.**
*** The possession of that Nobel Peace Prize Is not to be interpreted As whatever the recipient does To be accepted by the world as all fair.**
*** If recipients of the Nobel Peace Prize Are discovered as working to destroy a nation And clearly discerned by Alfred He surely will turn in his grave Remorseful that what he had Initiated and established Had gone wrong He would only lament regretfully.**
 Byan Hlwar (Trs)

Is that so Maung Ka Lu? More than...

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Lu: I have read in the dailies Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong saying that he could not accept the idea of expelling Myanmar from the ASEAN, while reiterating the Association's policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of a member nation. Malaysia followed his line, then all the remaining member nations.

Grandpa: Warute Setsuwan wrote the article "Persuasion, not isolation, is the key" in 29 September issue of Bangkok Post. In the leading para the writer said, "In response to Rainer Pawli's letter "Support for Rangoon is support for terror" appeared in the same daily on 26 September 2005." I have borrowed the daily from my neighbour who have just arrived back from Bangkok. Here it is. You can read the article.

Lu: Here are the three objectives of Thailand's policy — Peaceful and prosperous Myanmar is good for Thailand and Southeast Asia; A free and democratic Myanmar is good for Thailand and Southeast Asia; and Cooperation and not confrontation with Myanmar is good for Thailand and Southeast Asia. The columnist also said "Major powers have failed to convince Myanmar by their policy

of isolation and punishment to quicken the pace of reform and democratization."

Grandpa: Havel and Tutu should read the article. They are trying to imagine our nation's situation from a place many miles from us. That's why their report is unrealistic.

Lu: In the past, the Yangon-Mandalay train had to make an overnight stop each at Thaze, Pyinmana and Toungoo because of the insurgency. However, it was not certain to escape from the land mines planted by the insurgents. Travelling by road was totally insecure during the time. Border areas were inaccessible because of the internal insurgency. Now, we can travel the length and breadth of the Union. We can travel to India via Kale and Tamu, Bangladesh through Buthidaung and Maungtaung, China through Kachin State or Shan State and to Thailand via Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states and Taninthayi Division. Peace, stability and security are prevailing in ever nook and cranny of the Union.

Grandpa: Our nation's foreign policy is active and independent. And since she regained independence, the nation has been maintaining her friendly relations with all nations, especially the neighbours, discharging the inter-

national duties as a UN-member nation to ensure global peace and security, to free the planet from wars, through cooperation based on common interest under the UN banner according to the aims, principles, policies and fundamental rules of the global body. The nation's existing law and the basic principles the National Convention has laid down in unison contain Myanmar foreign policy that has won the world-wide respect, the five principles of peaceful co-existence, and the policy stating that Myanmar will never start intruding into any nation.

Lu: In line with the teachings of Lord Buddha, the policies and traditions of Myanmar always keep in the fore the loving kindness. Myanmar wishes peace within her and on the whole planet. However, the neo-colonialists and their lackeys are slandering Myanmar as if she is threatening the global peace. In reality, Tutu and Havel and their cohorts are the ones endangering the peace the 54 million nationalities have restored.

Grandpa: Is that so Maung Ka Lu?

Lu: It's more than that.

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Welfare Association, Myanmar Sports Federation, Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, Myanmar Soccer Federation, manager, coaches and players of the Selected Myanmar Youth Soccer Team.

At the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered a speech. In his speech, he said youth team's success in sport is a national pride and it also signifies that Myanmar's sports standard is high.

Myanmar soccer team had not won the championship title for 30 years. It was in 2002 that Myanmar youth soccer team became a champion of ASEAN U-17 Youth Championship-2002. The youth team also grasped the championship



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets coach, manger and footballers of victorious Myanmar U-17 football team. — MNA

Myanmar becomes more successful in sports, still it is required to be more ambitious



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein accepts cash donated by a wellwisher. —MNA

titles of the ASEAN U-18 Youth Championship-2003 and BIMSTEC YU-18 Youth Championship 2004. Selected Myanmar Youth U-20 Team also became the champion of ASEAN U-20 Youth Championship-2005 and the U-17 team also could retain its championship title for the second year.

On behalf of the State, Myanmar National Olympic Committee and Myanmar football enthusiasts, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein also praised the U-17 team for their performance.

Selected Myanmar U-17 Team comprises three players of Sports and Physical Training Department-SPTD (Yangon), six of SPTD (Mandalay) and oth-

ers. After defeating Indonesia, Thailand and Laos, the team not only became a champion but also won the fair play award.

There is a concept that success in sports is a source of national pride and it indicates the high standard of culture and development of a nation. Therefore, the government uplifted the Myanmar's sports standard with national outlook.

The government is taking systematic measures for uplift of the standard of Myanmar Sports. At such a time, departmental bodies, social organizations, those from such fields as literary, music, thabin and movies, the people and sports enthusiasts are giving encouragement to Myanmar sports.

The entire national people including children long for the success of Myanmar Sports and are giving encouragement to it. That is why the ASEAN U-17 Champion Myanmar Youth Football Team was accorded a rousing welcome along the route from the airport to the Aung San Stadium. It highlights national prestige and integrity and national fervour of the entire national people. Hence, the athletes, on their part, are to try their utmost for further achievements in sports, combining their diligence, industry, efforts and discipline.

At present, Myanmar football enthusiasts have been able to enjoy international football matches through the world media. They are to truly assess that there is a great gap between the standard of Myanmar football and that of international matches. The aim of Myanmar football is to secure top position in ASEAN matches and regain the achievements in Asian matches, thereby meeting the world football standard.

Now, Myanmar becomes more successful in sport, but it is required to be more ambitious and to make unremitting efforts to be able to penetrate ASEAN level, then Asian level, and the world level. Correct techniques, hard training, fitness, healthiness and perseverance are keys to success. He urged the youths to continue endeavouring hard with mindfulness and diligence to be able to maintain the momentum of achievement.

In conclusion, he said that as it is an opportune time when the State and the entire people are providing wholehearted support and assistance for the higher standard of the nation's sport, calling on them to make continued efforts with

Football Club, U Tint Hsan (ACE Construction), Dr Zaw Tun (SSE) and China Airline, K 2 million each; First Eleven Sport, K 1.1 million; Alpine Purified Water, United Machinery, Golden Flower Construction, Suntech Technology

Wall Traditional Medicine Enterprise, K 500,000 each; A One Construction Co Ltd, K 2.5 million; U Aung Zaw, and Pan Wut Yi, K 300,000; Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, K 500,000; Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, K 500,000 each; and Daw Aye Myat Nwe (Bagan Hotel), K 2 million to the team. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accepted the donations. The documentary video feature of the experiences of the Myanmar youth team throughout the tournament was shown to those present.

A dinner was hosted to the footballers. — MNA

Athletes are to try their utmost for further achievements in sports, combining their diligence, industry, efforts and discipline.

strong vigour to maintain the already-achieved momentum; to become players of selected Myanmar soccer team; to help Myanmar U-20 team deservedly defeat the rivals to reach the final stage at the Asian U-20 soccer tournament to be hosted in Myanmar in November 2005, and win the trophy; and to help constantly air the song "We Myanmar have won the trophy" so as to fulfil the great desire of the entire national people.

Leader of the team Deputy Director of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Kyaw Hsan recounted the preparations for the tournament and the experiences. Skipper of the team Pyae Phyo Oo expressed gratitude.

Next, the Myanmar Olympic Council and the Myanmar National Olympic Committee presented K 5 million; the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, K 500,000; MFF Patron U Teza, K 15 million; MFF Chairman U Zaw Zaw, K 10 million; U Aung Ko Win (Kanbawza Bank Co Ltd), K 5 million; Dagon

and Myanmar Hoteliers Association, K 1 million each; Nyan Win Publishing Enterprise, K 2 million; Myanmar Kaido Co Ltd, Maung Weik and family, U Aung Kyaw Hsan (Ye Man Construction), U Myo Thein (Bayintnaung Brokers' Sales Centre), Daw Khaung Nan, and Great



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win being welcomed by German Ambassador Mr Dietrich Andreas at the ceremony to mark the National Day of the Federal Republic of Germany on 3 October, 2005. — MNA

Farmers urged to grow more paddy and edible oil crops

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than tours Bago Division (West)

YANGON, 3 Oct— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by departmental officials arrived in Meenichauung, Thayawady Township, Bago Division (West), on 1 October to inspect regional development tasks and livestock breeding tasks carried out in Bago Division (West). They were welcomed there by Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Chairman of Bago Division (West) PDC Brig-Gen Hla Min, Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of Inna Station and officials.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected thriving paddy fields along Letpadan-



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets officials, members of social organization and townseldr in Gyobinkauk. —MNA

PDC reported to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on facts about the township, cultivation of monsoon paddy and arrangements being made for growing summer paddy, growing of ten major crops and three new items of crops and education, health,

edible oil crops. He continued to say that Bago Division plays an important role in agriculture and livestock breeding sectors for the State and thus all are to make efforts to meet the the State's target of paddy cultivation. For emer-

State. In Gyobinkauk Township, 88437 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy out of 91280 acres.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to Pyay and spent the night there.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party attended a ceremony to harvest Hsinpadetha-7 strain groundnut and gave talks on cultivation

yield of crops, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions.

In his address, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged farmers to extend growing of edible oil crops.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented awards to U Kyaw Oo who stood first in growing Hsinpadetha strain groundnut with 125 baskets per acre.

Department reported to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party on water storage capacity of 15 major dams in Bago Division (West), inflow of water and water supply capacity of each dam for growing summer paddy. The commander made a supplementary report.

After attending to the needs, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that the government is making



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Hsinpadetha-7 strain groundnut. —MNA

Okpo-Minhla road and maintenance of Yangon-Pyay road section.

In Gyobinkauk, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and townseldr.

The chairman of Gyobinkauk Township

social affairs and economy of the township.

After fulfilling the requirements, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivered a speech saying that he came there to fulfill the requirements of the township. He urged locals to make preparations for growing summer paddy, cold season and

gence of modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the government has laid down seven-point policy programme of the State and is implementing it, he said. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged local people and officials to strive for the success of projects implemented by the

methods held under Oil crops Development Project in Taungya village, Naunggon village tract in Paukkaung Township.

After hearing reports presented by an official of Myanma Agriculture Service on Oil crops Development Project and disseminating knowledge on cultivation methods, arrangements being made for extended growing of edible oil crops and the

Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Brig-Gen Hla Min and Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo also presented prizes to outstanding farmers.

In Paukkaung Township, 5,588 acres of land have been put under groundnut. Lt-Gen Khin Muang Than and party proceeded to Taungnawin Dam in Paukkaung Twonship.

At the briefing hall, an official of Irrigation

arrangements for food sufficiency of the people. In Bago Division (West), over 1.1 million acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy out of 1.2 million acres and preparations are to be made to grow edible oil crops and beans and pulses, he said.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected Taungnawin Dam by car.

Taungnawin dam supplies water to 1,000 acres of land in Pyay Township, 9,300 acres in Paukkaung Township and 52,200 acres in Thegon Township.

Plans are being made to put 21,000 acres of land under summer paddy in the catchment area of Taungnawin Dam in 2005-2006.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived back here after attending the 24th ceremony to donate provisions to monasteries in Pyay. — MNA

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Water storage of Taungnawin Dam in Paukkaung Township, Pyay District.—MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets oil palm, rubber entrepreneurs in Kawthoung

YANGON, 3 Oct— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence on 2 October morning met with oil palm and rubber entrepreneurs of Kawthoung District at the Bayint Naung Hall of local battalion in Kawthoung Township.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, senior military officers, local authorities, departmental officials and oil palm and rubber entrepreneurs.

The chairman of Kawthoung District PDC reported on steps being

filled the requirements.

In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the government is making arrangements to put 500,000 acres under oil palm in Taninthayi Division during 5-year period. Progress has now been made in this regard due to cooperation of the respective entrepreneurs.

As the use of palm oil has been on the increase in the world the nation has to import palm oil. To meet the demand, steps are being taken for growing oil palms in the nation under the guidance of the Head of State. According to geographical condition, Kawthoung District has a potential for cultivation of oil palms, and oil palm entrepreneurs, on their part,

9.20 am.

At the meeting, officials reported on output of summer paddy and cultivation of summer paddy to Lt-Gen Maung Bo.

Next, departmental officials reported on functions of the respective departments.

In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that destructive elements at home and abroad are making an attempt to stir unrest in the nation. The Tatmadaw in cooperation with service personnel is shouldering the administrative duties. Departmental officials are to serve the interest of the State and to educate the people so that projects laid down by the State can be fully implemented.

After that, Lt-Gen



Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents offertories to a Sayadaw at a ceremony to donate provisions to Sayadaws in Kawthoung. — MNA

Beikman in the precinct of Pyidaw Aye Pagoda and attended the ceremony to offer provisions to members of the Sangha and pre-

Those present on the occasion received the Five Precepts from the Presiding Sayadaw of Aung Chantha

ers of Shwepyisoe Village in Kawthoung Township and made a speech on the occasion.

At the meeting, officials reported on cultivation of monsoon paddy and regional development tasks.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo stressed the need for officials and local people to engage in extended cultivation of paddy for self-sufficiency in rice.

He also stressed the importance for local authorities to engage in extended land reclamation for growing of paddy and other crops.

At 12.30 pm, Lt-Gen Maung Bo arrived at Kawthoung District Rubber and Pepper Plantations. At the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard a report on extended cultivation of pepper and disseminating of cultivation methods.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected rubber plantations and gave instructions to officials.

After that, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party spent the night in Kawthoung.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects rubber and pepper cultivation in Kawthoung. — MNA

taken for growing of oil palm and rubber in the district, progress of cultivation of oil palm and rubber in 2005-2006 and measures being taken for extended cultivation of oil palm and rubber.

Officials of oil palm companies reported on progress of cultivation of oil palm and work being carried out for cultivation of more oil palm.

After giving instructions, the commander ful-

are to fully engage in oil palm industry in the interest of the nation as well as their own.

Since the entrepreneurs have experiences in oil palm cultivation they are to make ardent efforts for extended cultivation of oil palms. As rubber is in high demand, they are to grow rubber in plots where oil palm cannot be grown.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met departmental officials at the same venue at

Maung Bo and party attended the ceremony to present gifts to needy children held at Myintzuthaka Hall in Kawthoung and inspected free medical treatment given to locals.

sented offertories.

Present on the occasion were members of the Sangha, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, senior military officers, departmental officials,

Kyaungtaik.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented offertories to the Sayadaw, and Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and senior military officers presented offertories to members of the Sangha.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected thriving paddy in the field of Thida Fisheries Co and gave necessary instructions. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with farm-

Oil palm entrepreneurs are to fully engage in oil palm industry in the interest of the nation as well as their own.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to Pyidaw Aye Sasana

wut associations, members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees and local people.



Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivers a speech at a meeting with departmental officials at local battalion in Kawthoung. — MNA

Every village enjoying fruits of rural development project

Rural Development work in high gear at Hsaikkaung Model Village, Hsiseng Township

YANGON, 3 Oct— In line with the national policy. Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation sovereignty—the government has built national unity and ensured peace and tranquillity in the country. Moreover, emphasis is being placed on development of border and rural areas which lagged behind in development.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, border area development projects, project for development of 24 special regions and the five rural development tasks

new school building.

The chairman of Township PDC and party viewed round the art room, computer room, printed media video classroom and audio lab, science lab. The ceremony to hand over the new building to the Ministry of Education was held.

The chairman of Township PDC delivered an address. Township Education Officer Daw Nan Ngwe Ngwe reported on educational matters in Hsiseng Township and the chairman of SBT on building of the new school building. Next, documents related to the new school building were handed to the Township Education Officer.

creased from 595 to 1,025.

Deputy Head of Shan State Health Department Dr Bala and specialists gave treatments to villagers free of charge and provided health care services to them. In Hsiseng Township, one 16-bed hospital, two station hospitals, one maternal and child care centres, six rural health care centres and 25 rural health care branches have been established. Village Health Assistant, midwifery and health staff are now providing health care services to local people.

The opening of Aung Pinyin self-reliant library was held in Hsaikkaung village. Patron of State WAO Chairperson of State



Chairperson of Township WAO Daw L Jakaw presents books and stationery to the headmistress.— MNA

Economic development of Hsaikkaung village depends on agriculture. The main staple of the village are paddy, sugarcane, maize, groundnut and soya bean. In the past, there was only 30,993 acres of paddy fields but now the number has reached 44,687 acres. The rate of rice sufficiency in the region stood 174.07%. Moreover, there are 5,445 acres of paddy, 3,365 acres of maize, 82 acres of groundnut, 663 acres of sugarcane, 1,728 acres of pigeon pea, 1,492 acres of

There are 3,685 cows, 9,745 chickens and 792 pigs in the region. Dams are also being built in Hsaikkaung village. There are altogether 13 dams in Hsiseng Township and the facilities irrigate 5,445 acres of farmland. With the capacity of storing 35,000 gallons of water, the tank situated 4 and a half miles to the east of Hsaikkaung village supplies 1,500 gallons of water per day each to Ponlaung and Nyimu villages. Village-to-village roads are also being built and thus now there

travel by train to reach Taunggyi. On Hsaikkaung-Punchaung-Namsan railroad, 324 bridges and Punchaung bridge, 727 feet long, have been built and thus trains will run in the near future. As a consequence of good transportation, business of locals has improved.

In Hsaikkaung village, auto telephones have been installed and post office and telegraph office established and people are now able to communicate with other regions easily.

Like Hsaikkaung vil-

The rate of rice sufficiency in the region stood at 174.07%.



Chairperson Daw Myat Ngwe of State MCWASC presents nutrition to a child.— MNA

are being implemented.

A ceremony to hand over the new building of Basic Education High School in Hsaikkaung Model village in Hsiseng Township, Shan State took place on 29 September morning.

Present on the occasion were the chairman and members of Township Peace and Development Council, departmental per-

On behalf of Shan State MCWA Supervisory Committee, the chairperson of Township MCWA donated dust bin, Joint Secretary of Township USDA U Tin Myo Aung 25 dozens of books, the chairperson of Township WAO Daw L Jakaw stationery and on behalf of locals, U Khun Maung Wong K 1.2 million to build the fence of the school to the head-

MCWA donated books and magazines for the library and U Shwin Myat Thu of State USDA 305 books to Library Supervisory Committee Chairman U Khun Ba Yi. There are 255 members at the library and libraries were opened in 51 villages of Palawpakae village tract.

The patron of State WAO and the chairperson of State MCWASC and

soya bean in the village and perennial crops such as mango, orange and pine apple are thriving well in the region.

Plantations for producing firewood are also established and over 100,000 saplings have been nurtured and 100 acres of forest plantations have been conserved.

Livestock breeding tasks are also being carried out on a commercial scale in Palawpakae village tract including Hsaikkaung village.

emerged Hsaik-kaung-Kyauktalone-Katku road, Hsaikkaung-Lwaiput road, Hsaik-kaung-Nyimu road and Hsaikkaung-Pinsone road. The State-owned 25-KV generator and four self-reliant generators supply electricity to locals.

In the past, locals faced difficulties in transportation but now thanks to running of bus lines people have easy access to other regions.

In the rail transportation sector, locals can

lodge, the five rural development tasks are being carried out successfully in Banyin village, six miles from Hsaikkaung.

Naungmon village is famous for its production of quality strain paddy. People are now witnessing development of Naungmon village.

Realizing the goodwill of the government, residents in Shan State are cooperating in development drives and thus every village has enjoyed fruits of development projects.— MNA

25-KV generator and four self-reliant generators supply electricity to locals.

sonnel, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, students and officials.

First, Hsiseng Township PDC Chairman U Yin Htwe, Headmistress Daw Nan Shwe Kyar and Chairman of School Board of Trustee U Khun Than Htoo cut the ribbon to open the

mistress.

On behalf of villagers, U Khun Aung Khin spoke words of thanks. The new school building was built at a cost of K 9.5 million.

In the past, there was only one basic education middle school. After establishing the model village, there emerged one BEHS and one BEPS and the number of students in-

officials went right down to the grassroots level and held roundtable discussions. They gave talks on health and rural development. In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, people living in Hsaikkaung village are now enjoying fruits of rural development undertakings carried out by the government and the people harmoniously.



A specialist gives treatment to a patient in Hsaikkaung village, Hsiseng Township.— IPRID

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Italy seeks three more arrests in CIA kidnap case

MILAN, 2 Oct — An Italian court has widened a probe into the alleged kidnapping of an Egyptian terrorism suspect by the CIA, issuing arrest warrants for three US citizens including a diplomat, a judicial source said on Friday.

The new warrants, issued earlier this week, bring the total number of suspects to 22. The first warrants — all for US citizens — were issued in June, when the case sparked a diplomatic row.

Italian prosecutors say US secret services took imam Hassan Mustafa Osama Nasr, also

known as Abu Omar, from Milan to Egypt in February 2003 for interrogation, a process known as "rendition". There are suspicions he may have been tortured.

The CIA has declined to comment on the case and the Italian Government has said it was not aware of the kidnap plot.

Officials at the US Embassy in Rome had no immediate comment on Friday.

None of the three citizens — all named in local newspapers on Friday — were traceable in Italy, the source said. Italian newspapers said the diplomat was now working in Mexico City.

US warplanes start

NATO airspace patrol over Baltic states

RIGA, 2 Oct — US warplanes started airspace patrol over the three Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania on Friday after taking over the NATO mission Friday from Germany.

At a ceremony held at the Zokniai Airbase in northern Lithuania, the country's Defence Minister Gediminas Kirkilas announced the NATO patrol succession

Three US F-16 fighter jets arrived in Lithuania on Friday to be joined by another two Saturday to take off on patrol missions over the Baltic airspace. The mission involves almost 100 US servicemen, nearly

doubling the number of NATO troops previously deployed in the country, according to reports reaching here.

US warplanes came two weeks after a Russian SU-27 fighter bomber crashed in Lithuania in September in violation of the country's airspace, triggering fear about NATO's capability of providing enough air protection.

The Russian SU-27

warplane was flying with other Russian jets from St. Petersburg to Russia's Baltic enclave of Kaliningrad through a neutral air corridor near the Lithuanian border. The plane deviated from its course, flew into Lithua-

nian airspace, and minutes later crashed into a field about 190 kilometres northwest of the capital Vilnius. The Russian pilot ejected from the aircraft and was not injured.

MNA/Xinhua

Canadian woman seeks for huge compensation from tobacco firms

OTTAWA, 2 Oct — A Canadian woman has filed a lawsuit seeking for compensation of 17.8 billion Canadian dollars (14.5 billion US dollars) from three Canadian tobacco giants, local media reported on Saturday.

Cecilia Letourneau filed the lawsuit Friday in Quebec Superior Court on behalf of nearly 1.8 million smokers in the province of Quebec, and targeted Imperial Tobacco Canada, Rothmans Benson and Hedges and JTI MacDonald, the reports said.

The lawsuit followed Thursday's Supreme Court decision giving the

British Columbia Government the right to sue tobacco companies to cover smoking-related healthcare costs, and would likely to trigger similar actions in other provinces.

Letourneau claimed that she, along with other smokers in Quebec, had been misled about the dependence on nicotine.

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Japanese astronaut Soichi Noguchi, who orbited the earth on a Discovery mission, waves to a gathering at a Tokyo theater, on 1 Oct, 2005. Noguchi, a mission specialist, and other astronauts spent 15 days in the space aboard shuttle Discovery. They are to make a 'victory parade' in Noguchi's home town of Chigasaki.—INTERNET

Russia-US crew and tourist blast off into space

BAIKONUR (Kazakhstan), 2 Oct — A Russia-US two-man crew and the world's third space tourist blasted off from Earth on Saturday, bound for the orbiting International Space Station.

The cigar-shaped Soyuz rocket lifted off into a clear blue sky at 0354 GMT from the Baikonur Space Centre on a piece of Kazakh steppe that Russia rents from its ex-Soviet neighbour. It is scheduled to dock with the station in two days.

On board the Russian spacecraft were US Commander William McArthur, Russian Flight Engineer Valery Tokarev, and American entrepreneur Gregory Olsen, who is due to spend about a week in orbit, while the crew face a daunting six-month stint.

"The crew are feeling well. The flight is going

according to plan," Russian space authorities said in a statement broadcast at the mission control centre outside Moscow.

At the moment Russia bears the responsibility for ferrying people and supplies to the 100-billion-US-dollar station after NASA grounded its shuttle fleet in July, having failed to fix a technical problem that killed seven astronauts in 2003.

Although the Soyuz launch went according to

plan, one small hitch remains. McArthur, in theory, has only a one-way ticket.

Roskosmos, Russia's space agency, meets its obligations to fly NASA astronauts at the end of this year and with the shuttle potentially out of action, the United States needs to cut a deal with Moscow to allow him to fly home on the Soyuz.

The snag is that trade sanctions linked to US fears that Russian technology and know-how could

help Iran develop nuclear weapons mean NASA cannot pay Roskosmos. US lawmakers are considering lifting the ban. Nobody expects McArthur to spin round space forever.

Meanwhile, Olsen, rich even to afford a reported 20-million-US-dollar ticket, will spend his time in space conducting experiments before hitching a ride back to Earth with the outgoing US-Russian crew.

MNA/Reuters



Indian men take part in rehearsals for the 'garba' dance ahead of Navratri festival in the western city of Ahmedabad, India on 1 October, 2005. —INTERNET

10th planet Xena has moon named Gabrielle

WASHINGTON, 3 Oct — Xena, the possible 10th planet in our solar system, has its own moon, a dim little satellite called Gabrielle, its discoverers reported.

Astronomers who reported Xena's discovery in July said they detected Xena's sidekick on September 10 using the Keck Observatory on Mauna Kea in Hawaii. Their findings will be submitted to the *Astrophysical Journal Letters* on Monday.

"Since the day we discovered Xena, the big question has been whether or not it has a moon," Michael Brown, of the California Institute of Technology, said in a statement. "Having a moon is just inherently cool — and it is something that most self-respecting planets

have, so it is good to see that this one does too."

Xena, known formally as 2003 UB313 but nicknamed for the warrior princess of television fame, and Gabrielle orbit the sun out beyond Pluto in a band known as the Kuiper Belt, a swath that is home to comets, asteroids and other space rocks. The possible 10th planet moves in a highly eccentric orbit, tilted some 45 degrees above the orbital plane of the other planets. Its orbit is also elliptical, zooming in as close as 3.5 billion miles (5.6

billion kilometres) from the sun and moving out to as far as 9 billion miles (14.5 billion kilometres) away.

Earth orbits rather consistently at 93 million miles (150 million kilometres) from the sun.

It takes Xena 560 Earth years to complete one trip around the Sun, compared to Pluto's 250 years.—MNA/Reuters

Global sea levels could rise 30 centimetres by 2100

BERLIN, 2 Sept — World sea levels could rise 30 centimetres (12 inches) by the end of the century and freak weather will become more common due to rapid global warming, according to a new study by a leading German research institute.

The Max Planck Institute for Meteorology in Hamburg said computer models it had created showed the average global temperature could rise by as much as 4.1 Celsius by 2100, melting sea-ice in the Arctic.

"Our research pointed to rapid global warming and the shifting of climate zones," said project leader Erich Roeckner. "Our climate models predict warmer and drier summers for Europe, with warmer and wetter winters."

The German researchers said that polar bears may no longer be able to wander from one ice floe to the other in the Arctic, while ships may increasingly choose to navigate

through northern passages around Siberia and Canada.

The German study's release comes just days after US scientists said the Arctic ice shelf had melted for the fourth straight year to its smallest area in a century, driven by rising temperatures.

Most scientists believe greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide that is released mainly from cars and utility smokestacks, cause global warming by trapping solar heat in the atmosphere.

Guy Brasseur, director of the Max-Planck Institute for Meteorology, said the report aimed to provide politicians with the information they needed to make crucial decisions.

The findings are to be included in a report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a group of scientists that advises the United Nations.

Brasseur told Reuters that Europe would suffer more summer droughts and storms. A general decrease in rainfall throughout southern Europe would have a dramatic impact on agriculture.

Klaus Toepfer, head of the UN Environment Programme, said in an interview with German broadcasters NDR that he was extremely worried about the study's results and stressed the need for urgent action against climate change.

MNA/Reuters

Scores of students missing in China after typhoon

BEIJING, 3 Oct — Sixty-seven Chinese military students were missing on Monday after torrential rain from a typhoon rushed down a hillside and swept away their school buildings, state radio reported on Monday.

Three other people were confirmed dead in a landslide caused by the latest typhoon to hit China this year, the official Xinhua news agency said.

Typhoon Longwang, which raged across Taiwan on the weekend before moving on to China's adjacent Fujian Province, had also destroyed 5,400 residences.

The military students were washed away when two buildings at their school collapsed under the pressure of flood water pouring down a hillside, state radio said.

Military and civilian rescuers were searching for them.—MNA/Reuters

Stampede at South Korea concert kills 11

SEOUL, 3 Oct — A massive crowd surged at a music concert in South Korea on Monday, killing 11 and injuring more than 50 others, news reports said.

More than 5,000 surged to enter one of the gates at a stadium in the southern city of Sangju, and those waiting at the front fell and were crushed, the organiser of the concert, the broadcaster MBC, said in a news report.

Wight of the 11 killed were elderly or children, MBC said.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Real's Brazilians overwhelm Mallorca

MADRID, 3 Oct— Real Madrid's Brazilian contingent overwhelmed Real Mallorca 4-0 in the Bernabeu on Sunday and helped move the team up to third in the Primera Liga.

England midfielder David Beckham put in another eye-catching performance setting up three of the goals.

Brazilian striker Ronaldo scored the opener after 32 minutes and compatriot Roberto Carlos volleyed a spectacular second just before the break.

Roberto Carlos made it three with a free kick after 66 minutes and another Brazilian, Julio Baptista added a fourth 13 minutes from time. Mallorca, the league's bottom club, had defender Sergio Ballesteros sent off for a second

yellow card offence in the 76th minute.

Celta Vigo missed out on the chance to return to the top of the standings when they were held to a 1-1 draw in Cadiz earlier in the day. Getafe remain top with 14 points after they beat Valencia 2-1 on Saturday, a point ahead of Celta in second.

Osasuna are fourth level on 12 points with Real but with fewer goals scored. Barcelona are fifth with nine points after coming from behind to draw 2-2 at home to Real Zaragoza on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters

Maldini double sends Milan up to second place

MILAN, 3 Oct— Two first-half goals from captain Paolo Maldini took AC Milan to a 2-1 victory over Reggina on Sunday moving them up to second place, just two points behind leaders Juventus.

Champions Juventus are at home to challengers Inter Milan later on Sunday in the biggest game of the Serie A season so far. Fiorentina are level on 13 points with Milan after a 3-2 home victory against fellow Tuscans Livorno who scored both their goals in the final four minutes.

AS Roma suffered their second home defeat of the campaign with a 3-2 loss to 10-man Siena. To add to the pain of defeat all the goals from the visitors, including Francesco Colonnese's 90th minute winner, came from former players of capital rivals Lazio.

Emiliano Bonazzoli scored twice for Sampdoria in their impressive 4-1 win away to Messina.

Maldini, who last week set a record for Serie A appearances, had managed just 27 goals in 20 seasons and had never previously scored twice in a game.

The 37-year-old defender opened the scoring in the fifth minute with a well-taken solo goal. Maldini burst into the area from the left, 'nutmegged' a Reggina defender before driving a shot with his less favoured right foot into the far bottom corner of the net.—MNA/Reuters

Gothenburg beat Assyriska to join pacesetters Djurgarden

STOCKHOLM, 3 Oct— IFK Gothenburg came from two goals down to beat hosts Assyriska 3-2 on Sunday and move level on points with Djurgarden at the top of the Swedish First Division standings.

However, Djurgarden, who have a game in hand and lead on goal difference, can pull away when they play Halmstad on Monday.

With the scores level at 2-2 with three minutes remaining, Gothenburg sealed victory with Stefan Selakovic's late strike. The west coast city club have 46 points after 13 wins and seven draws in

24 games. Djurgarden, champions in 2002 and 2003, also have 46 points, having secured 14 wins and four draws in 23 outings.

Kalmar are third on 39 points, ahead of Helsingborg on goal difference.

The final round takes place on the weekend of 22-23 October.

MNA/Reuters



Robert Pires (L) of Arsenal breaks a tackle from Jermaine Pennant of Birmingham during a Premiership match at Highbury in north London. Arsenal won 1-0.—INTERNET



Chelsea's Frank Lampard (R) scores from a penalty, after a foul against teammate Didier Drogba during their Premiership match against Liverpool at Anfield football grounds. Chelsea won 4-1.—INTERNET

Chelsea go nine points clear, Arsenal sneak win

LONDON, 3 Oct— Champions Chelsea charged nine points clear at the top of the Premier League with a 4-1 demolition of Liverpool at Anfield on Sunday.

Goals by Frank Lampard, Damien Duff, Joe Cole and Geremi gave the rampant London side their eighth win in eight league matches and left European champions Liverpool a staggering 17 points behind them with less than a quarter of the season gone.

At Highbury a late, deflected shot by substitute Robin van Persie gave Arsenal a much-needed 1-0 victory over 10-man Birmingham City.

However, Arsenal still trail Chelsea by 11 points. The leaders have 24, followed by Charlton Athletic and Tottenham Hotspur on 15. Manchester United have 14 points, Arsenal 13 and Liverpool only seven, albeit with two games in hand.

Elsewhere, Everton remained rooted to the bottom after a 2-0 defeat at Manchester City, struggling Aston Villa lost 3-2 at home to Middlesbrough and Wigan Athletic beat visiting Bolton Wanderers 2-1.

Wednesday's Champions League game between Liverpool and Chelsea at Anfield had ended goalless but the deadlock lasted only 27 minutes on Sunday.

Liverpool defender Djimi Traore clumsily felled the outstanding Didier Drogba to concede a penalty which Lampard threaded under the home team's Spanish goalkeeper Jose Reina.

Lampard's England teammate Steven Gerrard pulled Liverpool level nine minutes later with a fierce angled drive.

It was only the second goal Chelsea have conceded in their 10 competitive matches this season and they hit back

like champions.

Drogba fooled Sami Hyypia down the left flank and fed Duff who slid his shot into the corner of the net to make it 2-1 two minutes before the interval.

Drogba was gain the creator of their third just past the hour. The Ivory Coast striker broke into the area and his effort fell to a just-onside Cole who swept the ball home.

The victory became a rout eight minutes from time when Cameroonian Geremi crashed Chelsea's fourth high into the net with the Liverpool defence asleep.

Arsenal dominated an incident-packed match at Highbury in which Birmingham lost captain Kenny Cunningham after 24 minutes for hacking down a goal-bound Freddie Ljungberg.

Defiant City goalkeeper Maik Taylor then saved a Robert Pires penalty and followed that with a string of fine stops, the best of which came after 52 minutes when he turned a point-blank Ljungberg shot past the post.

Taylor was beaten nine minutes from time, however, when Dutchman van Persie lashed in a 20-metre shot which veered off Stephen Clemence's boot and wrong-footed the prone Birmingham keeper.

"It was a question of taking our chances and being patient," said Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger.

"Credit to Taylor, he was outstanding today. Only the type of goal we scored would have beaten him."—MNA/Reuters

Tomescu wins women's world half-marathon gold

OTTAWA, 3 Oct— Romania's Constantin Tomescu beat a world class field to win the 14th IAAF women's world half-marathon title in Edmonton, Canada on Saturday.

Tomescu led from the start in cold, wet conditions to finish in 1:09:17, ahead of favourite Lornah Kiplagat of the Netherlands (1:10:19) and Kenya's Susan Chepkemei (1:10:20).

The Romanian ran the first five kilometres in 16:05 just ahead of Kiplagat and Chepkemei, but extended her lead to win by one minute and two seconds.

The 35-year-old, who won the marathon in Chicago last year and took the bronze at this year's worlds, was never challenged, leaving the East Africans to battle for the minor medals.

"The gold medal is great and I am very happy," said Tomescu. "The rain was very cold on my legs but I like this weather." — MNA/Xinhua

China invests 6 m yuan to promote classical arts on campus

BEIJING, 3 Oct— China will put six million yuan (740,000 US dollars) in promoting classical arts among college students this year, a senior official with Ministry of Education said here on Saturday.

From this year on, the Chinese Government will annually host performance and exhibitions of classical arts on campus free to the students, said Yang Guiren, director in charge of university students' artistic education.

The activities this year will focus on Chinese musician Xian Xinghai and great music master John Strauss, he added.— MNA/Xinhua

Radio, TV coverage reaches all administrative villages in Tibet

LHASA, 3 Oct—Recalling the time 20 years ago when he carried the hulking box from village to village and showed people something named

"colour TV", He Ren of Tibet TV Station feels bitter-sweet.

When Tibet TV Station celebrates its 20th anniversary this September,

TV and radio coverage has reached every corner of the plateau.

Currently, all the 7,333 administrative villages in China's Tibet Au-

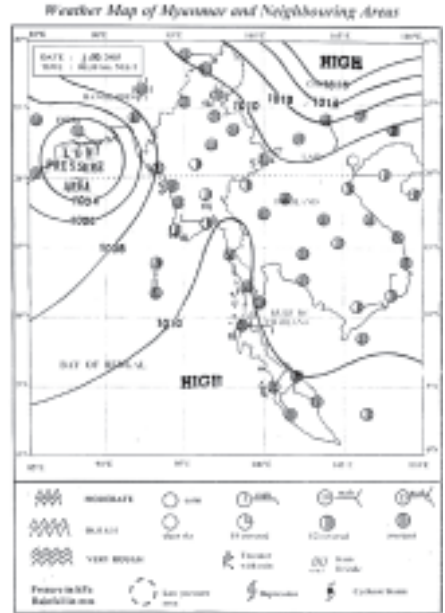
tonomous Region have access to radio and TV, thanks to a nationwide radio and TV coverage extension project launched in 1998. The Chinese Government started the project in Tibet in 1999 and has invested a total 180 million yuan (22.2 million US dollars) to expand TV coverage to every village. However, with an average altitude higher than 4,000 metres, the sparsely-populated "roof of the world" is the most difficult area in which to carry out the project.

MNA/Xinhua



56 couples from east China's Shanghai Municipality, Jiangsu Province, Zhejiang Province and other places attend a group wedding ceremony in Kunshan, east China's Jiangsu Province, on 1 October, 2005. Lots of couples chose to get married on Saturday, China's National Day.

INTERNET



WEATHER

Monday, 3rd October, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, Mandalay, and Ayeyawady Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kayah and Mon States, scattered in Kachin, Shan States, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Loikaw (1.54) inches, Kawthong (0.79) inch, Machanbaw and Thaton (0.70) inch each and Minbu (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 2-10-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 3-10-2005 was 20°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 3-10-2005 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 2-10-2005 was (5.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 3-10-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (4) mph from North at (10:20) hours MST on 2-10-2005.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 4-10-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Shan and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and scattered 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: Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-10-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-10-2005: Partly cloudy.

Radio Myanmar

Tuesday, 4th October
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music:
-Barbie girl
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music:
-Sunshine
- 8.50 am National news & Slogan
- 9.00 am Music:
-Spiderwebs
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music:
-Day all your love on me
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music
-Since Imetyou baby
-Why baby why
-Hoveyou baby
- 9.00 pm English Speaking course, level III, Unit (14)
- 9.15 pm Article
- 9.25 pm Weekly sport reel
- 9.35 pm Music for your listening pleasure
-Reach (Gloria Estefan)
-Send me an angel
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Tuesday, 4th October
View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံယာဇ္ဇာယာ နာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင် ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌာရ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တီပီဂူကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
- 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
- 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
- 5. ကဗျာပန်းညွှန်
- 8:00 am
- 6. Song of yesteryears
- 8:10 am
- 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:20 am
- 8. နိဗ္ဗာန်ရေလိန်းတံခါး
- 8:30 am
- 9. International news
- 8:45 am
- 10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်သွားရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ပထမနှစ် (သတ္တဗောဓအကျိုးပြု) (သတ္တဗောဓ)
- 4:45 pm
- 4. Dance of national races
- 4:50 pm
- 5. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ တေရသမ အကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာ နိုင်ကြရန် (ဓမ္မ ပူဇော်) (အခြေခံ ပညာ ၅-၁၀ နှစ်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:05 pm
- 6. ထာဝစဉ် နေ့လယ် မြန်မာ့ဂီတ (အတီးပညာကာလဆရာများနှင့်) (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 5:20 pm
- 7. နံစားနားဆင်တေးဇာတ်ဝင်
- 5:30 pm
- 8. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုး ပြည်အကျိုး
- 5:40 pm
- 9. Sing and enjoy
- 7:05 pm
- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်ရှင်ဆော့ပြေး ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်ဆိတ်ကလေး" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)
- 6:30 pm
- 11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
- 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
- 13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်လေ့ ကားထစ်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:35 pm
- 14. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 7:45 pm
- 15. စီးပွားတိုးတက် ပြောင်းလဲရေးလက်
- 8:00 pm
- 16. News
- 17. International news
- 18. Weather report
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သောခရုပြည်" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 20. The next day's programme

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected installation of iron beams at the main bridge in a watercraft.

To meet the traffic needs, Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is being constructed 2,000 ft upstream of Inn-wa Bridge.

The main bridge is a reinforced concrete type and its iron reinforced type approach bridges also have concrete floor. Upon completion, the four-lane Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) will be 5,614 ft long.

The first iron beam of the bridge was installed on 11 April last year. The bridge needs a total of 1,126 metres of iron beams, and so far 640 metres of iron beams have been installed.

The bridge is being constructed by the Public Works. After inspecting the bridge construction, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted engineers of the bridge construction project.

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party also inspected the construction of road around Taungthaman Lake and development of Mandalay in a motorcade. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gives instructions on durability of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon).—MNA

Success in sports source of national pride and it indicates high standard of culture and development of nation
Champion Selected Myanmar Youth Soccer Team honoured

YANGON, 3 Oct — A ceremony to honour the Selected Myanmar Youth Soccer Team who won AFF U-17 Youth Championship-2005 was held this afternoon at Sedona Hotel here.

Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development

Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony and presented prizes to players of the team.

It was also attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee,

members of Myanmar Olympic Committee, deputy ministers, departmental officials, officials of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar War Veteran's Organization, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child
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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers a speech at a ceremony to honour the Selected Myanmar Youth Soccer Team who won AFF U-17 Youth Championship-2005. —MNA