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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Better transport of Dawei-Myeik-Kawthoung Road contributes to regional development

Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends opening of Myoma Market, Hospital in Khamaukgyi

YANGON, 6 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, senior military officers and departmental officials, the Patron of Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Taninthayi Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and members, arrived at Khamaukgyi of Kawthoung District on 3 October morning.

They attended the ceremony to open self-reliant Myoma Market in Khamaukgyi. Executive Officer of the town U Nyi Nyi reported on construction of the market, and handed over documents related to the market to in-charge of Township Development Affairs Committee U Moe Zaw Oo. Next, U Nyi Nyi and U Moe Zaw Oo formally opened the market.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party also attended the ceremony to open Khamaukgyi Hospital and set up the medical trust-fund. Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Deputy Director-General (See page 7)



SPDC Member Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects the progress of constructing an edible oil mill of SI Co Ltd. — MNA



SPDC Member Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects weighing of a vehicle of Yuzana Co Ltd. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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The duty of teachers

Teachers are the role models in Myanmar society and has a special place in it. They are obligated not only to educate their students but also to nurture them in such a way that they can become good, polite and cultured persons. In fact, a teacher is many things. There are many things a teacher can and should do for the good of his or her students by setting good examples to them.

A ceremony to mark the World Teachers' Day was held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall in Yangon on 5 October and it was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, also Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee. In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said, "In Myanmar society, it is a conviction that the dignity of teachers is endowed with noble attributes. It is a very adorable custom that people regard Parents as first and foremost teachers and Teachers as one of the five infinities together with Lord Buddha, the Dhamma, the Sangha and the Parents."

The Government has been making endeavours for uplift of the education standard of the citizens through the Education Promotion Programmes. In so doing, it has taken into account the vital role of teachers and their pioneering quality and dignities.

Teachers will have to train students who will shoulder the future State duties, to become brilliant persons. They should also enable students to apply their knowledge in socio-economy of the regions, and play a leading role in developing the social community and improving the social standard of the regions.

As teachers are entrusted with the most delicate and highest responsibilities of human society, they should work with zeal and perseverance and dedicate their lives to producing intellectuals and intelligentsia, good citizens and outstanding persons on whom the nation can rely. Parents and people should acknowledge the endeavours of the teachers.

Teachers should adhere to their ethics to become models of the society and try to win public respect. They should also teach their students to become clever, polite and outstanding persons possessing patriotism and Union Spirit.

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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

U Tin Win accredited to Austria

YANGON, 6 Oct— The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Germany, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Austria. — MNA

Foreign Minister sends a message of congratulations to Japanese counterpart

YANGON, 6 Oct— Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, U Nyan Win has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Nobutaka Machimura, re-elected as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan. MNA

Bangladeshi Ambassador calls on Forestry Minister

YANGON, 6 Oct — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung received Ambassador of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Union of Myanmar Mr M Khairuzzaman at the Ministry of Forestry yesterday morning.



Also present at the call were Director-General U Than Swe of the Planning and Statistics Department, Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanma Timber Enterprise, Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing and Deputy Director-General

U Aye Myint Maung of the Forest Department. MNA

Forestry Minister receives Bangladeshi Ambassador Mr M Khairuzzaman. FORESTRY

Air Bagan Golf Tourney postponed to 20-23 October



YANGON, 6 Oct—The first leg (Myitkyina) of Air Bagan Golf Tournament to be held under the auspices of the Myanmar PGA and the Myanmar Golf Federation with the sponsorship of Air Bagan Ltd is put off from 13-16 October to 20-23 October.

The tourney comprises two categories — professional level and amateur (handicap 0-12). Those wishing to join the tournament may get registered at Northern Star Gold Club.

The Air Bagan Ltd will sponsor the tournament together with the co-sponsors — Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Myanmar Treasure Resort Hotel, Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Srixon, Max Myanmar Co Ltd, and London with the arrangements by HAN Event Management.

The contestants are to contact HAN Event Management, 15 (A), Kanbawza Street, Bahan, Yangon, (ph: 09-99-72554, 542989) not later than 4 pm on 10 October. — MNA

Prizes of radio quiz awarded to winners

YANGON, 6 Oct — Myanma Radio and Television airs the salient points of ASEAN through the ASEAN in Action programme at 9.45 am every Saturday.

The ASEAN quiz for the programme in September 2005 took place at MRTV on 4 October and enthusiasts took part in it.

In the quiz, Nan Hsi Kham stood first Kengtung; Ma Mi Mi Thwin of Taunggyi, second; Ma Wint Wah Phyo of Thonze in Thayawaday Township, third and Ma Winma Than won a consolation prize. The prizes were awarded to the winners by the officials.



Winners of ASEAN quiz seen after the prize presentation ceremony. —H

MNA

BIMSTEC nations agree to look into regional grid, gas pipeline

NEW DELHI, 5 Oct—The BIMSTEC group of seven South and South-East Asian countries on Tuesday agreed to look into the possibility of setting up a trans-regional gas pipeline and a power transmission network as part of efforts to enhance energy cooperation and ensure energy security in the region.

The representatives of Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multisectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) at its meeting here also agreed to evolve a common regulatory framework for grid interconnections and strengthen cooperation in hydro, non-conventional as well as research activities.

The first meeting of the ministers and officials from BIMSTEC — which includes India, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Myanmar and Thailand — today adopted a Declaration and a Plan of Action for greater energy cooperation in the region.

The group has agreed to the concept of a power

exchange and grid interconnections by developing country to country grid interconnections to enable flow of electricity across the region.

It has also been agreed to study the possibility of a Trans-BIMSTEC gas pipeline network, Power Secretary of India, R V Shahi, said after the meeting.

Separate task forces would be set up to examine the feasibility of setting up a regional grid and pipeline network but gave no timeframe or cost estimates that the projects could involve, said Shahi.

MNA/PTI

US soldier killed by roadside bomb in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 6 Oct—A roadside bomb hit a US Army patrol in the Iraqi capital Baghdad, killing one soldier.

The attack occurred in northern Baghdad, said a US military spokesman. The victim was not immediately identified pending notification of his relatives.

The attack raised to at least 1,944, the number of US military members who have died since the beginning of the US-led invasion of Iraq in March, 2003.

Internet

Growth rate of fixed assets investment slows down in Guangdong

GUANGZHOU, 5 Oct—The investments in fixed assets in south China's Guangdong Province totalled 373.82 billion yuan (about 46.09 billion US dollars) in January-August period, up 16.3 per cent from the same period last year.

But the growth rate was 1.5 percentage points lower than that of January-July period, the provincial statistical bureau said.

MNA/Xinhua



Air Force helicopter team Druw rehearses for India's Air Force Day in New Delhi on 6 October, 2005. The Indian Air Force celebrates its 73rd anniversary on Saturday, 8 October.—INTERNET

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Bus, train fares to increase in London

LONDON, 5 Oct—The cost of cash tickets for travelling on London's bus and underground network will increase in 2006, the city's mayor said on Tuesday, in a bid to force commuters to use the cheaper and faster Oyster smartcard instead.

Under the new pricing, a single zone one cash ticket will cost three pounds, up from two, but it will cost 1.50 pounds with an Oyster card. A cash single for zones two to six will cost three pounds but just one pound with Oyster and the cash single fare on buses and trams will increase from 1.20 pounds to 1.50 while Oyster single fares will be frozen at one pound in the morning peak or 80 pence at all other times.

Mayor Ken Livingstone said the use of the cards, which can be electronically charged, made journeys quicker and cut the time commuters spent queuing for tickets.

"This proposed fares package focuses on halving the number of cash journeys made in 2006, to speed up journeys and improve the efficiency of the network," Livingstone said at the City Hall on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters

Action needed to tackle Britain's literacy problems

LONDON, 6 Oct—Urgent action is needed to address the problem of British children entering secondary school with poor literacy skills, the education watchdog said on Wednesday.

A report from Ofsted said standards of English had improved since 2000 but were still below government targets and there remained problems, particularly among boys.

"There is an urgent need for schools to improve the literacy skills of pupils who enter Year 7 (the first year of secondary school) with attainment below level 4 (the standard expected)," the report by the Office for Standards in Education said.

Ofsted said English was one of the best taught subjects but the rate of improvement in the quality of teaching had been slow.

It said 30 per cent of lessons in primary schools were no better

than satisfactory, saying the quality of teachers' assessment was the weakest element.

"This is unlikely to raise pupils' standards significantly, particularly for those who enter school with low levels of literacy," Ofsted said.

The gap between boys and girls was also said to be significant and to widen as children progressed through school, while there was evidence that many pupils were reading less widely for pleasure than before.

"We must ensure that the standard of teaching continues to improve and that pupils receive the help they need," said Miriam Rosen, Ofsted's director of education.

MNA/Reuters

Nine charged in Calif with \$25,000 Katrina fraud

LOS ANGELES, 5 Oct—Nine people in California have been charged with defrauding the American Red Cross out of at least 25,000 US dollars in donations intended for victims of Hurricane Katrina, law authorities said on Tuesday.

The nine, all residents of Bakersfield, in central California, were either working as temporary staff at a Red Cross call centre or were friends with someone employed there.

US Attorney McGregor Scott told journalists that 25,000 US dollars in fraudulent losses have been documented so far but that he expected the total to "grow dramatically."

"It is beyond the pale that there are those who would seek to capitalize on the tragedy wrought by Hurricane Katrina and the generosity of so many who donated relief funds," said Scott, in Fresno, California. The nine are charged with participating in a wire

fraud scheme and could face prison terms of up to 20 years each. They will appear in federal court in Fresno on Wednesday.

According to prosecutors, four of those accused were employed at an American Red Cross call centre in Bakersfield that was set up to handle claims for assistance from the thousands of those made homeless by Katrina. The other five were friends or relatives of employees — all of them hired through a temporary staff agency.

The defendants, who range in age between 19 to 44, are accused of manipulating systems set up by the Red Cross to verify genuine Katrina claimants to

obtain cheques for themselves or their friends.

Scott said Red Cross officials became suspicious and referred the matter to the FBI. Some of those arrested were pictured on video cameras cashing or attempting to cash cheques at Western Union offices in Bakersfield, according to affidavits in the case.

The American Red Cross said last week that it was committed to being "a good steward of the public's generosity" but acknowledged that fraud was unfortunately part of life following major disasters. It said it knew of 261 cases of alleged fraud in connection with Hurricanes

Katrina and Rita and would continue to operate a zero-tolerance policy in all such cases.—MNA/Reuters



US soldiers conduct an overnight raid in the city of Tikrit, 170 kms north of Baghdad on 5 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

US citizen faces trial for DVD piracy

LOS ANGELES, 5 Oct— An American who served behind bars in China for distributing pirated DVDs on the Internet was taken into custody upon his arrival in the United States on charges of selling counterfeit goods, US officials said on Monday.

Randolph Hobson Guthrie, who arrived at Los Angeles International Airport on Friday by a flight from Shanghai, was due in a downtown courtroom on Tuesday for a bond hearing while awaiting trial on federal charges in Mississippi.

Guthrie and another US citizen, Abram Thrush, were convicted last April in China. It was described as a result of the

first piracy investigation conducted jointly by the US Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Chinese law enforcement authorities.

The case began when ICE agents bought counterfeit DVDs in September 2003 at a Mississippi flea market.

The cooperative investigation led a court in Shanghai to convict Guthrie of selling and dis-

tributing more than 840,000 dollars' worth of pirated movies on DVDs via the Internet, involving buyers from more than 20 nations, including the United States. Chinese prosecutors contended that since October 2002, Guthrie had illegally sold a total of about 180,000 pirated DVDs around the globe through eBay and a Russian-based web site, www.threedollardvd.com, ICE officials said.

MNA/Xinhua



International Grandmaster Michael Adams of England thinks before moving against Peter Leko of Hungary during the seventh round of the World Chess Championship at the Potrero de los Funes Complex in the Argentine province of San Luis, on 5 October, 2005. —INTERNET

UN security worker shot dead in Somalia

NAIROBI, 5 Oct— Gunmen shot dead a UN security officer outside his home in southern Somalia in the latest assassination linked to foreign targets in the Horn of Africa nation, the world body said on Tuesday.

"He had just been dropped off by his driver when he was shot and killed by two people," Sandra Macharia, spokeswoman for the UN Development Programme's Somalia operation, told Reuters.

The Somali worker, Mohamuud Musse Gurage, 42, was killed on Monday night in the Lower Juba area of Somalia, she added, prompting a pullout of some UN staff in the area.

Foreigners or Somalis with foreign links have been among the targets, and Islamic militants have been blamed for some of the attacks. Western security agents view Somalia as a potential haven for extremist groups such as al-Qaeda.— MNA/Reuters

Car bomb kills two Colombian children, one man

BOGOTA (Colombia), 5 Oct— A car bomb killed two children and their uncle as they walked along a mountain road in rural southern Colombia, police said on Tuesday, blaming the deaths on a bungled attempt by Marxist rebels to kill security force members.

The car bomb that exploded late on Monday was probably left on the side of the road near the town of Florida, in Cauca Province, by the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, as a trap for passing military patrols, police said.

But it exploded when the boy and girl, aged eight and nine, and their uncle, all members of a native Indian community, went up to the car while on a walk to visit a relative.— MNA/Reuters

1,943 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct—As of Thursday, 5 Oct, 2005, at least 1,943 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,513 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,804 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,404 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

WHO sees "global epidemic" of chronic disease

GENEVA, 5 Oct— Developing countries can tackle a "global epidemic" of chronic disease by adopting cheap measures that have helped cut heart disease deaths in some rich nations by up to 70 per cent, the World Health Organization (WHO) said.

In a report published on Wednesday, the WHO said nearly half of all deaths from heart disease, cancer, respiratory infections, strokes and diabetes —to which about 35 million people will succumb this year — were preventable.

The report, "Preventing Chronic Diseases — a Vital Investment", said developing countries, where most such deaths occur, must copy Western nations by discouraging tobacco use and curbing salt, sugar and saturated fats in food.

"Today we have a major epidemic and we know that if nothing is done, it will evolve rapidly and

even more dramatically," Catherine Le Gales-Camus, WHO assistant director-general of non-communicable disease, told a news briefing.

The WHO, a United Nations agency, said its goal was to prevent the deaths of 36 million people by 2015, by reducing death rates from chronic disease by 2 per cent each

year.

"It is achievable. We want to stop people dying at an early age, prematurely and painfully, from a preventable condition," said Robert Beaglehole, WHO's director of chronic diseases and health promotion.

Eighty per cent of all heart disease, stroke and type 2 diabetes cases, and

over 40 per cent of cancer cases, could be prevented, the report said.

Chronic disease also has a huge economic impact. The WHO estimates that such illnesses will cost China 558 billion US dollars over the next decade, the Russian Federation 303 billion US dollars and India 237 billion US dollars.— MNA/Reuters

Dutch FM questions Iraq invasion

AMSTERDAM, 6 Oct— Foreign Minister Bernard Bot today questioned for the first time whether US-led troops should have invaded Iraq and said diplomacy might have achieved more.

The Netherlands backed the US-led invasion of Iraq, but today Mr Bot was asked in parliament if the invasion was sensible.

"That is a question you can legitimately ask, looking back, and it's possible that the answer will be that it wasn't sensible and that

using diplomatic means we could have achieved more," Mr Bot said.

Mr Bot later extended his remarks, telling Dutch television network NOS that he had been referring to the absence of weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, and a list of questions posed to Iraq.

"If we had had answers to the questions that were on the table, if Saddam Hussein had answered the 200 questions, answered them honestly, then we would have a better insight into the situation and might have had to take another decision," Mr Bot said.

The United States largely justified the invasion by charging that Saddam Hussein possessed weapons of mass destruction and was actively pursuing nuclear arms.—Internet



Iraqi policemen secure the site where a car bomb exploded in central Baghdad on 5 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

Four held as French terror probe widens

PARIS, 4 Oct — French police made new arrests on Monday in a broadening investigation into Islamist militants suspected of plotting to attack a Paris airport and the capital's metro system, Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy said. He linked the latest arrests to the arrest of four people last week who were later charged with terrorism offences.

"It's a continuation of the same inquiry. It's the same network," Sarkozy told RTL radio. No further details were immediately available from the Interior Ministry.

French television said anti-terrorist police and agents from the DST domestic intelligence agency had detained four people near the town of Montargis, some 60 miles south of Paris, in a series of dawn raids. — MNA/Reuters

British police arrest three over Black teen's murder

LONDON, 5 Oct — British police arrested three people on Tuesday in connection with the July murder of a Black teenager in Liverpool.

Two men, aged 31 and 18, and a 34-year-old woman were arrested on suspicion of perverting the course of justice over the murder of Anthony Walker, Merseyside police said.

Walker, 18, was killed with an axe in a Merseyside park.

Two men have already been charged with Walker's murder and a total of 12 people have been arrested in connection with the killing.

A Merseyside police spokeswoman said the three people arrested on Tuesday morning were being questioned at a local police station.

The 31-year-old man and the woman are from Kirkdale and the 18-year-old man is from Huyton, the spokeswoman said.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq rebuilds oil refinery unit crippled by war

LONDON, 5 Oct — Iraqi crews have rebuilt a 70,000-barrels-per-day oil refinery unit, despite regular attacks, helping to plug shortages that cost over five billion US dollars a year in fuel imports, oil officials said on Tuesday.

The crude distillation unit, one of three at the northern Baiji refinery, has re-opened after a total rebuild and is now operational, they told Reuters.

"It is back up and domestic output has risen as a result," said the official, adding that a second unit at Baiji is due for maintenance within six months. The official, who declined to be named on security grounds, did not reveal how much Baiji was producing overall. Baiji's output shrank sharply over the last 25 years due to wars and a crippling embargo.

"It has been a long

road, but the crews showed resilience that has been the hallmark of the Iraqi oil industry since the war with Iran in 1980," he said.

The refinery and a power station nearby have been under attack regularly since the US-led invasion that removed Saddam Hussein and his Baath Party from power in 2003.

Pipelines feeding the refinery from the Kirkuk oilfield to the east and those that carry its output of gasoline and other fuels to Baghdad have been also sabotaged. Mortar rounds and Katyusha rockets have also hit the complex.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam to explore salt mines in Laos

HANOI, 4 Oct — Vietnam will invest some 3.5 million US dollars in exploring and exploiting salt mines in Laos' central Khammoune Province.

"We're surveying salt reserves on a 10-square-kilometre area in Khammoune. The industrial salt to be mined will be consumed in Vietnam or exported," investor of the newly-licensed project, the state-owned Vietnam Chemical Corporation, told Xinhua on Monday.

The three-year project will help increase salt output of Vietnam which is estimated to produce some 900,000 tons of salt for domestic con-

sumption this year. The country exported over 29,000 tons of salt, mainly to Japan, South Korea and Laos in the first seven months of this year.

Laos attracted 1.3 billion dollars' worth of foreign direct investment this fiscal year, lasting from October 1, 2004 to September 30, 2005, up from 500 million dollars last year. Biggest investors were from China, Vietnam, Thailand and France. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi man examines a blood stained police patrol car in Kirkuk, Iraq, on 3 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

Bombs explode at Bangladesh courts, two killed

DHAKA, 4 Oct — Two people were killed and nine wounded when bombs exploded on Monday at three court buildings in Bangladesh, police said.

One man died in Chandpur, 106 miles southeast of the capital, Dhaka, police superintendent B M Harunur Rashid said by telephone. He said three people, including a lawyer, were wounded, and that two people suspected of carrying the bomb were detained. Another man was killed and six were wounded in a bomb blast at a court building in nearby Laxmipur Town, police

said.

And one or more bombs went off at a court in the port city of Chittagong, police said. There was no immediate word on casualties.

Police said they were checking a report of bomb blasts in one or two other places. Some 500 small bombs exploded across Bangladesh on August 17, killing two people and wounding about 100.

Authorities blamed

the attack on Jamaat-ul-Mujahedin, an Islamist militant group they banned last February, along with another radical group, Jagrata Muslim Janata.

Local reporters said the suspects detained following Monday's blasts in Chandpur and Laxmipur said they were members of Jamaat-ul-Mujahedin. Police said they were interrogating them.

MNA/Reuters

US soldier describes more abuses in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 5 Oct — US Army captain who has reported new allegations of detainee abuse in Iraq has met with Senator John McCain and staff aides on the House Armed Services Committee and given them additional accounts of abuse in Iraq that other soldiers had sent him in recent days, according to congressional aides.

In a brief interview after his half-hour meeting with McCain on Tuesday, the captain, Ian Fishback, declined to describe the new information he gave the senator or, in a separate meeting, to the House aides.

But Fishback said that since he and two other former members of the

82nd Airborne Division accused soldiers in their battalion in Iraq last month of routinely beating and abusing prisoners in 2003 and 2004, several other soldiers had contacted him and asked him to relay to lawmakers their own experiences.

But a senior House aide who met with Fishback said the officer read a letter from a sergeant describing detainee abuse in Iraq and allowed the staffers to read the document before taking it back.

The aide, who asked not to be identified because Fishback told them the information in confidence for use in a possible congressional investiga-

tion, declined to give details of the abuse.

In separate statements to the organization Human Rights Watch, Fishback and two sergeants recounted how members of the First Battalion, 504th Parachute Infantry Regiment, had repeatedly beaten Iraqi prisoners, exposed them to extremes of hot and cold, and stacked them in human pyramids at Camp Mercury, a forward operating base near Falluja.

The abuses reportedly took place from September 2003 to April 2004, before and during the abuses at the Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad.

Internet

People perform a dragon dance in a river to celebrate the opening of a temple fair in Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province, on 3 October, 2005.

INTERNET

Kuwait keen to boost cooperation with Iraq

KUWAIT CITY, 5 Oct—Kuwaiti First Deputy Premier and Interior Minister Sheikh Nawaf Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah held a meeting on Monday with visiting Speaker of the Iraqi National Assembly Hajem al-Hasani, stressing the importance of enhancing cooperation between Kuwait and Iraq in all arenas.

Sheikh Nawaf said the formation of the Iraqi National Assembly and the drafting of the new Iraqi Constitution were "important steps on the way to achieve democracy in Iraq". He said that Iraq's stability was essential for the stability of the whole region, and hoped stability, security and prosperity would prevail in Iraq.

Al-Hasani, who arrived in Kuwait on Monday after his official visit to Jordan, hailed the Kuwaiti support for the Iraqi people, saying that Iraq was moving towards restoring order, security and stability.

Earlier Monday, Sheikh Nawaf received UN Secretary-General's Special Envoy to Iraq Ashraf Jehangir Kazi.

The Kuwaiti Minister hailed the role of the United Nations on the international arena in general and in Iraq in particular, voicing Kuwait's support for the Iraqi people in their effort to restore peace and stability to their country and hoped for even better bilateral ties.

MNA/Xinhua



Miss Universe 2005 Natalie Glebova gives a traditional Thai greeting known as a 'Wai' during film advertisement in Bangkok on Thursday, 6 Oct, 2005.

—INTERNET

Singapore aviation sector urged to ease travel amid stricter security

SINGAPORE, 5 Oct—The aviation sector should streamline travel procedures amid increasingly tight security measures against terrorism, said Singapore's Transport Minister Yeo Cheow Tong on Tuesday.

Speaking at an international aviation conference here, Yeo stressed the need for the aviation sector to "find the appropriate balance — the balance between safeguarding security versus the smooth facilitation and clearance of passengers through our airports".

Despite soaring oil prices, the global aviation industry enjoyed a robust growth in air travel last year, he said, adding that the security threats had put an increasing strain on both airports and airlines on maintaining a high level of service for their customers.

"So unless we devise new and better ways to cope with the rising travel demand and the increased security requirements, we risk turning passengers off with long waiting times, flight delays, overcrowding and safety fears," the minister warned.

Yeo called on airlines, airports, aviation authorities, border control and security agencies to play their part in re-examining travel processes and initiating improvements.

"To promote efficient and hassle-free travel, airlines, airports, aviation authorities, border control and security agencies must therefore all play their part to re-examine the issues and processes, and initiate improvements,"

he said.

Yeo also announced that to improve check-in efficiency, Singapore's Changi Airport will introduce a do-it-yourself check in from next year.

He added that to facilitate border control, the airport will also use biometrics as an automatic, fast and highly reliable way of processing passenger arrivals and departures.

Echoing Yeo's sentiments, aviation experts pointed out that the financial strains caused by the implementation of stricter security measures can only be alleviated if airports and governments collaborate to harmonize and coordinate such activities.

Andrew Drysdale, regional vice-president of the International Air Transport Association, said that since 11 September attacks in the United States, the extra security measures have cost airlines 5.6 billion US dollars a year. More than 25 experts from various international organizations and over 100 airline and airport participants from more than 40 countries and regions are gathered here with the aim of making the air travel experience for passengers a seamless process.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan's Malaysia Embassy evacuated after mail scare

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Oct—Japan evacuated its Malaysian Embassy on Tuesday after the mission received a suspicious item by mail, an embassy spokesman said.

"We received a suspicious mail. We reported to the police and there was an announcement to evacuate the building," spokesman Satoshi Tamai said by mobile phone from outside the embassy.

The building in the diplomatic enclave of Kuala Lumpur was cleared at about 0600 GMT and the road outside sealed off by police, he said. He said he did not have any more details.

MNA/Reuters

Gambia cuts ferry tariffs to end Senegal dispute

BANJUL, 5 Oct—Gambia said on Tuesday it would reduce tariffs for ferry crossings of the Gambia river, ending a transport dispute with neighbouring Senegal which had disrupted West African regional trade, officials said.

Senegal, which almost surrounds finger-shaped Gambia, had stopped trucks from crossing the border after the Gambia Ports Authority imposed a sharp increase in ferry tariffs in August.

The Ports Authority, announcing the tariff cut in a statement on Tuesday, said it would take effect on 10 October and was being made to mark the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which begins this week. More than 85 per cent of

Senegalese and Gambians are Muslim.

The border with French-speaking Senegal was fully re-opened on Tuesday, an official in English-speaking Gambia said. Muslims believe that good deeds are rewarded tenfold during the fasting month of Ramadan, the holiest period in the Muslim lunar calendar.

The transport blockade had deprived Gambians of building materials, fruit and vegetables, and hampered trade and transport links with Senegal's southern neighbours, Guinea and Guinea-Bissau. Gambia is a narrow strip of land stretching some 220 miles eastward along the Gambia river from West Africa's Atlantic coast.

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A Chinese youth depicting a cartoon character walks around among visitors at 2005 Animation Comics Games Carnival on 5 Oct, 2005, in Shanghai, China.—INTERNET

Iraqi police release detained British national

NAJAF (Iraq), 5 Oct—Iraqi police released a British citizen on Tuesday, a day after detaining him near the Saudi border with an armed group, a police official said.

The Briton, identified on his business card as Colin Peter Wanley, appeared at a police news conference in the southern city of Najaf on Tuesday after his release.

"Ten people were arrested yesterday close to the Iraqi-Saudi border. One of them was British," said Saadoun al-Jabiree, an Iraqi border police spokesman

Those detained had eight Kalashnikov assault rifles, two pistols, ammunition, radios and GPS satellite navigation equipment, he said. Wanley and two Iraqis were released while the other seven were still being held, he added.

Jabiree said Wanley was working for a water treatment company, identified on his card as Ammtech International Consultants Ltd.—MNA/Reuters

Thailand tightens tourist security after Bali bombs

BANGKOK, 5 Oct—Thailand tightened security around popular tourist spots and strategic infrastructure, including ferry piers, on Tuesday following the weekend bombs on Bali, officials said.

"We have been doing everything we have to do and we are adding extra efforts to those, but I can't tell you what they are," Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra told reporters before a Cabinet meeting in the northeastern province of Kalasin. Defence Minister Thammarak Isranagura said he was seeking 30 million baht (730,000 US dollars) from state oil giant PTT Exploration and Production PCL so the Navy could boost patrols around oil and gas wells in the Gulf of Thailand.

On the popular resort island of Phuket, police set up

more checkpoints around beaches and sent more plainclothes officers to look for anything suspicious, Phuket city police chief Colonel Paween Pongsirin told Reuters by telephone.

"Phuket is a very sensitive place for our tourism industry so we can't allow anything to happen," Paween said. "Uniformed and undercover police are patrolling round the clock in a bid to prevent any attack possibility." Mosques, ferry piers, beaches and tank farms were being watched closely, he said.—MNA/Reuters

Better transport of Dawei-Myeik-Kawthoung Road...

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Dr Ye Myint of Health Department cut the ribbon to open the archway of the hospital.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected units of the hospital. At the ceremony to set up the medical trust-fund of the hospital, the commander gave a speech.

In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the Government is carrying out five rural development tasks for equitable development of rural and urban areas. No one can deny that progress has been made in the region than the past. Furthermore, local people are to take part in the regional development.

Health staff are to

cal trust-fund, Dr Nyan Min accepted one generator worth K 700,000 and K 1 million for medicines donated by U Htay Myint (Yuzana Co Ltd); K 500,000 by U Saw Jack-Daw Khin Khin Soe (Annawa Soe Fisheries Co).

The hospital is located in Ward 1 of Khamaukgyi. It is 120 feet long and 64 feet wide 16-bed hospital. The hospital was built at a cost of K 45 million.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected Khamaukgyi Police Station and BEPS in Ward 4. In Ward 4, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with local people and gave necessary instructions.

They oversaw

developed more than the past. Better transport of Dawei-Myeik-Kawthoung Road contributes to regional development.

The poor transport areas lagged behind in development in the past. Local people need to participate in their regional development tasks.

The Head of State stressed the need for Taninthayi Division to become a reliable region. Therefore, remarkable progress has been made in the region.

He noted that there are plenty of fishery products at Taninthayi coastal region as well as natural resources at Taninthayi mountain range. However, produc-



SPDC Member Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects self-reliant Myoma market in Khamaukgyi, Kawthoung District. — MNA

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and the commander presented 20 boxes of soap and other gifts for Tatmadaw families to Col Kyaw Phyo of local station.

Patron of Taninthayi Division WAO Chairperson of Taninthayi Divi-

Maung Swe Tin and Managing Director Daw Mya Thida Swe Tin conducted them round the mill. At Crude Oil Mill of Yuzana Co Ltd, they inspected functions and production process of the mill.

Chairman of Yuzana

MCWSC to Chairperson Daw Tin Tin Nwe.

Director Dr Mya Hlaing and officials of Yuzana Co Ltd donated K 3.6 million for the medical trust-fund of Khamaukgyi Hospital to an official. Similarly, Director U An Ban and officials handed over two motor cycles for the hospital to officials.

In Aungba Model Village in Kawthoung Township, they viewed health care services provided by specialists to local people. Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected the port of Aungba Model Village and the village library.

At Aungmingala Monastery, they donated alms and 20 bags of rice to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Uttama. Lt-Gen Maung Bo donated K 1 million for construction of the monastery, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe K 200,000 and U Htay Myint K 300,000. Later, they went back to Khamaukgyi. —MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Deputy Director-General Dr Ye Myint formally open the archway to People's Hospital in Khamaukgyi, Thaninthayi Division. — MNA

take proper care of health to the local people. Only when departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people will participate in health care services of the region, will health standard improve. In addition, local people are to actively guard against internal and external destructive elements.

At the cash donation ceremony for the medi-

progress of building the Park in Khamaukgyi.

At Khamaukgyi Station Hall, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with Tatmadawmen and family members, departmental officials and social organization members. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that as the Government is striving for equitable development of rural and urban areas, Khamaukgyi Town has

tion of paddy is lowest level. Concerted efforts are to be made for boosting production of paddy. At present, the Government is striving for development of the nation.

Therefore, local people are to harmoniously take part in the regional development tasks. Departmental personnel and social associations are to organize the local people in carrying out development tasks.

sion MCWSC Daw Tin Tin Nwe presented K 1 million to the chairperson of MCWA of the local station.

At Crude Oil Mill of SI Co Ltd, U Maung

Co Ltd U Htay Myint reported on progress in growing oil palm of Yuzana Co Ltd and Annawa Tun Co Ltd. Next, he presented K 1 million for the Division

Japanese Embassy donates X-ray machine to YGH

YANGON, 6 Oct — Japanese Embassy in Yangon donated Fluoroscopy X-Ray Machine to Yangon General Hospital here today.

Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr

Nobutake Odano explained the purpose of the donation and presented the machine worth US \$ 89,000 to Director-General of the Health Department Dr Tin Win Maung, Medical Superintendent

of the hospital Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha spoke words of thanks.

The donation ceremony was held at the Out Patient Department of the hospital.

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Minister visits yachters to SEA Games

YANGON 6 Oct — Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint visited Myanmar yachters undergoing training for 23rd SEA Games at Inya Lake today. President of Myanmar Yachting Fed-

eration U Moe Myint and officials briefed the minister on progress of the training programme.

The minister greeted the yachters individually and urged them to undergo training with

zeal and perseverance to bring honour to the nation after winning victory in the games.

He then viewed the yachters undergoing training on Inya Lake in a powered-vessel. — MNA

Mandalay Mayor inspects beautifying tasks

YANGON, 6 Oct — Mandalay City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Bri-Gen Phone Zaw Han, accompanied by officials, in-

spected sanitation and beautifying tasks in Chanmyathazi on 29 September.

The mayor and party inspected the sanita-

tion tasks for the proper flow of water drainage on both sides of the roads in the township and gave necessary instructions to the officials. — MNA



Medical Superintendent Dr Chit Ko Tin accepts a set of Air Sep worth K 1,748,500, marking first birthday of Naw Phu Phu El, for Yangon Children's Hospital donated by grandparents U Tun Aung Myint-Dr Yin Yin Mya and parents U Saw Hla Moe-Daw Naw La Say Wah on 6 October. — NLM

If one is truly human one has to uphold whatever little honour one possesses

Hnin Aye Khaing

There is a Myanmar saying that goes "It is all right if you don't want to help, but please don't disturb". I have realized that former Czech president Vaclav Havel and Bishop Desmond Tutu do not want at all to give a helpful hand to Myanmar, that is taking all possible measures based on self-reliant efforts to be on the correct path towards development, but are making one-sided accusations against the nation. The two are not willing to help Myanmar, and it does not matter. But they should not disrupt Myanmar from taking steps for her progress. Although they have no wish to help Myanmar national people, they are pretending to have goodwill to the people. Indeed, it is just in the interests of a certain person and a handful of people in the nation. It is apparent to everyone that their words are in contrast with their deeds.

The two men issued a report urging the UN Security Council to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar.

Just as I took a glance at the cover, I guessed they are such kind of persons who have a bias against Myanmar. It is because at the beginning of the report, they said they did not want to call the nation "Myanmar". They said they used the name "Burma" instead of "Myanmar". And they excused that why they did not use the term "Myanmar" was because NLD leaders did not accept to call the name of the nation as "Myanmar". The group, that often stated that NLD won the majority of votes in the 1990 elections, is still intransigent to call "Myanmar" for the reason that it can win the favour of their foreign masters who are providing assistance for it only if it is against the ruling government. With the intention of promoting the role of the group, the foreign masters said that the name "Myanmar" is used just for the sake of the government, so they could not use the name "Myanmar" and they would continue to use the name "Burma".

The year 1990 was just two years after the 1988 unrest in which anarchy was rampant across the nation. At that time, the majority of the national people could not distinguish exactly who were good and who were bad. Therefore, many people failed to cast votes. Most of the voters were just willing to see a political change in the nation. The Tatmadaw Government held fair and free multi-party general elections on 27 May 1990. At the time, the population of adults stood nearly 21 million (20,818,313), and only over 15 million (15,112,524) cast votes. NLD won 7,934,632 votes, accounting for 31 per cent of the nation's adult population. At that time, the nation's population was close to 40 million. So it is unwise to assume that NLD won the support of the majority of the people. Experienced senior people were not in favour of that political party because the leader of that party never gave any hint when she was abroad that she would play a leading role in the future of her motherland. She never thought of or made any preparations to do so and she spent her entire time abroad as she liked. She returned to the nation when her mother's days were numbered. But her visit coincided with general deterioration of the nation's situation, and was pushed onto the stage to be the public leader. In fact, she was one of the victims found in the historic events.

The majority of the members of the National League for Democracy are those who used to be members of various parties and got out of those parties, or

those who were seeking opportunities so that their hopes of playing a leading role again in politics would come true since their dismissals. They chose her as their leader with the intention of using her name as a stepping-stone, and not because of her leadership ability.

She was just an inexperienced one without self-control, and did not get well with those who promoted her. They were quarreling one another even when they were not in power. To my dismay, responding to the query "How much do you know about Myanmar affairs?" in an interview, she said in an ostentatious tone that she knew Myanmar affairs so much that she felt disappointed. I do not think even a person, who loves his mother country and is knowledgeable about political affairs and likes reading, will do so. A person who will have to lead a nation must be serene and in self-control, but should not be conceited. And such a person is required to decide what he or she should do in the affairs of the nation, instead of dancing to the tune of the masters.

Besides elderly persons, the youths are not in support of that political party. Today's youths like reading and are therefore knowledgeable. They said that the democracy leader could speak English very well, but all her speeches lacked essence. They said it was just an accident she became the leader of that party. She was rather conceited, they said, adding that they did not think it was wise she treated others in an oppressive way.

Neo-colonialists eyed her due to one ability that she obeys their words and relay them to the world and implements their policy exactly. Thus, they do not need to demonstrate some activities by themselves in the world. All her activities are to the liking of their masters.

A book that is as thick as a treatise cannot provide enough space to state all the evils of the party members. It is very clear to everyone that the members of that party rely on foreign nations, and they never hesitate to tarnish the image of the nation for the sake of their own, and say and act to the liking of their foreign masters.

The name "Myanmar" is an archaic word, so I would say the decision to rename "Burma" into "Myanmar" helps enhance the prestige of the nation.

Before the Christ, the People's Republic of China, a close friend of Myanmar, and Pyus, who established city states in Myanmar, exchanged goodwill delegations and cultural troupes. The people who are descendants of Pyus are later known as Myanmarans. Ancient Myanmar treatises state that Myanmarans are posterity of Pyus.

Chinese people called Myanmarans "Myanrant" for long. Some ancient Chinese treatises mentioned the people in the territory of Myanmar as "Myan". Whenever Myanmar writers paid visits to China, local people called and mentioned the guests in Chinese with the pronunciation of "Myanrant" that means Myanmar.

The first paragraph of Chapter (1) of the Constitution of the Union of Myanmar says "Myanmar (original dictation) is a Sovereign Independent Republic. It is to be known as the Union of Myanmar." It was stated in the constitution for the independent Myanmar.

Here, there might be a complaint that in Myanmar, it is called Union of Myanmar, but in English, Union of Burma. It is because the colonialists mentioned Myanmar with wrong pronunciation and wrongly stated it. Later, the nation was known as "Burma". So, other nations also called and mentioned Myanmar as Burma. The capital city of the People's Republic of China was renamed from Peking to Beijing. Similarly, Siam was renamed Thai-

land, and Ceylon, Sri Lanka.

I happened to hold talks with a friend of mine, who was collecting Aungmye State lottery tickets, about those, who loyally serve the other country rather than their own, and are lackeys of neo-colonialists. With documentary evidences, he said when Myanmar was under subjugation of the colonialists, the State Lottery Office was established on 1 June 1938, and it was put into service on 13 June the same year. Then, the words "Government of Union of Myanmar" were embodied on each lottery. In colonial days, the national lottery was held 13 times, he said.

I learnt that in the period of the fascists, the State lottery was opened on 15 November 1942. Each state lottery ticket carried the words "Government of Union of Burma". Myanmar launched anti-fascist resistance in March 1945. Then, the colonialists entered the nation again. On 30 January 1947, the 14th State lottery was launched. From the 14th time to the period Myanmar regained independence, the colonialists mentioned as Government of Union of Myanmar on each state lottery ticket.

Here, what is important is that it just needs to write the name in Myanmar correctly. Foreign nations called and mentioned the name of the nation wrongly as they liked, and so, maybe the name of the nation was a wrong one with different pronunciation. However, it must be renamed into original name when the nation becomes a sovereign one. But, if a person or an organization prefers to call "Myanmar" in Myanmar and "Burma" in English, he or she or the organization is the one that prefers speaking in English to speaking in Myanmar, and does not love the motherland and because they are not genuine Myanmar.

Surely, those who never hesitate to resort to any means to oppose Myanmar, who lack dignity, and who do not care for being regarded as persons of lower social class will continue to call Myanmar whatever they like.

It is impossible for the people to have the same conviction and conception. If a person wants to point out a conviction or conception of a nation that is different from his, he will have to call the nation in its original name or the new one. Bishop Desmond Tutu and former Czech president Vaclav Havel who have recently issued the exaggerated report are not the ones who point out other's conviction and conception objectively. It is apparent the two are of narrow-minded as they are intransigent to call the Union of Myanmar but are still calling Union of Burma to the liking of the elements who are under their influence. So, one can guess that the report must not feature correct items and objective points. They are totally obstinate to mention Myanmar as it really is with the intention of helping the one they like to come into power.

Refutation

The two have ill will towards Myanmar. They say that even Afghanistan, which the US has invaded, alleging the nation to be hosting terrorists, has less faults than Myanmar. They have invented six unjust faults on our nation. Now I will refute all the six lopsided faults one by one.

The first one says that the present Myanmar government removed an elected government; and that also in 1962, the military junta overthrew the government elected by popular vote. The truth was that the elected prime minister himself had requested the then commander-in-chief of the Armed Forces to assume the State responsibility in 1958. The Tatmadaw while discharging the State duties held an election. The AFPFL (Clean) and the AFPFL (Stable) took part in the election, and the former won a landslide victory. But soon, grumbles about the political atmosphere of Myanmar that was becoming terribly hot came out from the cracks within the ruling party. Because the ruling party was split into U. Bo. Thakin factions. As the disputes and divisions within the ruling party was a danger to the nation, there occurred another coup in 1962.

The persons who controlled the State authority in 1962 and the ones who held the election in 1990 are of the different age bracket and generation. But Tutu and Havel wrote in their report that as if the Tatmadaw

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held the election only in 1990 after controlling power for a long time. So I clearly say that their accusation is wrong.

Since about a year before the election, the Tatmadaw government had explained for many times that after the election it would transfer the State power to the government that emerged according to the new constitution. The Tatmadaw also made it clear that a new constitution should not be drawn by a single party or organization; that it should be drafted according to the wishes of the entire people including all parties, people from all walks of life, and various nationalities. With the participation of the representatives of all groups and people concerned including those of the NLD, the government held coordination meetings beginning 1992 to organize the National Convention. The convening of the National Convention began in January 1993 with a good start. Later, the NLD representatives under the influence of neo-colonialist instigation, started to disturb the Convention on own will. They left the Convention on 29 November 1995. In line with the seven-point Road Map, the Tatmadaw government resumed the National Convention that had been adjourned since 1996. The Tatmadaw is holding the National Convention with the lofty aim of transferring the State power to the government that is elected in accord with the new constitution.

Ironically, Tutu and Havel are very good at seeing the present situation from an objective point of view. The two's second accusation says that Myanmar is guilty as she is responsible for the frays and conflicts between rival groups. But those conflicts are the results of the colonialists who spread the disease of antagonism and disputes among the peoples of every colony they were going to lose. I would like to suggest the two to study history.

As for me I feel sad for Tutu. Because of his age, Tutu would have a lot of experiences in various fields. It is sure that for many times, he would have felt much displeasure and unhappiness for seeing racial discrimination. Besides, he is a bishop. So, with respect, I would like to advise him to have sympathy and mercy to those who are trying to overcome various kinds of difficulties and sufferings. Finding fault with others is opposite to having sympathy and mercy to mankind. I feel sorry for the bishop as he is speaking words blaming the persons of a country in accordance with the West group's wish, while forgetting to consider his own image.

Sure, we do have some conflicts between different groups in our nation. But such sectarian conflicts are the trademarks, resulting from the blemishes of the past occupiers, of all former colonies. The occupiers since they seized a nation and then drove a wedge among the national people, applying gentle means to stir up racial or sectarian prejudices to cause raging hostility and conflicts in the colony. It was the work of every colonialist.

In Myanmar, the colonialists intensified their perpetration of dividing the nationalities when the granting of independence became a must for them and was just around the corner. Thus, violent fictional conflicts broke out in the nation soon after she proclaimed independence.

Successive governments had tried to organize the national races to enable them to overcome their differences. Of them, the present government is the most successful one in this drive. The 17 national race armed groups that rose against the previous governments have returned to the legal fold in the time of the present government. Today, they are working for the regional and national development joining hands with the government.

Of the smaller groups that had made peace with the government, some of them unconditionally surrendered their arms. This is good news for one and all since this constitutes putting an end to conflicts and ensuring peace in the country.

In the past, it was difficult to travel from one region to another. Today, peace prevails all over the country, except certain areas, of course.

Why do such exceptions exist? It is interesting.

It is usually the desire of the colonialists that they would like to keep under their domination or influence the former colonies, which they granted independence since there was no alternative. The colonialists and their minion nations would keep on troubling every nation that fail to bow to their domination. They would not like to see unity of national races in the Union of Myanmar. That is why they are trying to sow discord among the national races.

These days ways and means to destroy unity of the people are many and varied. Due to the instigation and incitement of the media, one can be misled into believing that life in foreign nations looks like some kind of a paradise. Things become different only when one practically gets there. Be that as it may, Myanmar society does not accept the unnatural or unrealistic progress. Flattery and intimidation are their tactics. They would wage propaganda war with intent to sow discord among the national races. They are ready to provide arms or military training sneaking into the border, if need be, to achieve their goal. Who are those people?

The government has repeatedly tried to achieve national reconsolidation. With a rise in the number of meetings discussing to make peace, representatives from both sides have become somewhat like close relatives. Despite such intimacy and close relationship, what are the reasons behind? The final stage of signing the agreement was wrecked time and again. This has been due to the perpetration and incitements as well as to their close ties with the lackeys of the colonialists in the past. When conflicts arise between the splinter groups, fighting usually breaks out. Think about it. When the opposing group gives trouble to the public, the government troops have to go to war to protect the lives and property of the people. It is natural for the people to turn to the government troops in the face of danger. It is what it should be. During the 1988 incident, the government troops did not intervene but kept a watchful eye. But with little respect for the troops, the rioters got wild and committed ruthless acts going so far as killing people and destroying State-owned property.

During the days that followed, all those who took part in the demonstrations and bystanders, too, were greatly alarmed. I remember what my younger sister remarked then. She said she was at ease when she learned about the taking over of responsibilities by the Tatmadaw although she had to live in panic and in fear earlier. She knew no politics but she did know who were dependable.

Those who did not know the truth about the alleged conflict between the government and the nationalities would think that what Tutu and the former Czech president stated in their report to be true. The Tatmadaw members who have taken responsibility to protect the people have to fight the enemies who were cruel to the innocent national races earning their honest living. Only the will those national people live in peace.

Those who set the compatriots against each other would be pleased with the problem they had caused. The ordinary nationalities on their part are fed up with their brethren who were still armed, for, peace is what they truly want.

The Tatmadaw members would never remain indifferent to the brutalities and cruelties of those elements. They have to crush such elements regardless of whatever or whoever they are. Those who are blaming the Tatmadaw discharging duty for the sake of security of nationalities would not say that it was tolerance of the Tatmadaw if it had not taken any action; they would say that the Tatmadaw did not pay any attention to the well-being of the nationalities.

It has been age-old Myanmar tradition to build the nation on self-reliance exerting utmost efforts. No one extended any help when we did so in the past. Why they take interest in Myanmar all of a sudden at present is that they want a country in a geographically strategic area to be under their influence. It is a sure thing.

If the colonialists as well as their minions have real goodwill, they should not see only their own interest alone. They should help the nationalities of Myanmar to earn their living peacefully, instead of trying to cause unrest among the national people. I would like to tell

them (colonialists and minions), "Please do not disturb us, just leave us alone if you have no wish to help."

They are so childish to attack our country through the media when things do not go their way and to say that they are going to help us only when the nation yields to their demands. They are like a child showing a pastry to another child saying that he will give him the pastry only if the latter child carries him on his back to the football ground. I am afraid, but their acts are torturing us mentally.

The third point of the accusation reaffirms the arrogant behavior of Tutu and ex-Czech President Havel in attacking Myanmar through media. They say that Myanmar's situation is even worse among the nations with worst human rights records. They are trying to corner the nation through every means. Myanmar are the people who were living under their own kings before the Christ was born. They have also kept in the fore the Four Cardinal Virtues and have been brought up under the teachings of the Dhamma. Meanwhile, the elements are trying to realize their aim of pouring bad blood among the nationalities.

At the same time, there are some people of the big nations and also the fox-like persons depending on some citizens of the powers who do not care whether the words are logical or illogical. It seems that it is enough for them to give trouble to a nation even when there is one or two persons who believe the fabrications. And with that tactic they have given trouble to a number of nations since years ago.

Honest and sincere persons are credulous. But the persons who try to cause conflicts among the people of other nations will have to pay for their sins one day.

Will the persons who are safeguarding the nation destroy what they have done? In our nation, we all assume it is the national duty to keep "non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, perpetuation of sovereignty and emergence of a new constitution" in the fore. So, in no way we will commit inhuman acts against our race. Foreigners who have stayed in Myanmar and known about her very well will never believe those fabrications saying that Myanmar has terrible human rights abuses. We also do not believe the lies.

As national races are sincere, they may be deceived and frightened easily. And as soon as there appear confusion and doubts among the national people, the perpetrators will find a way to interfere in Myanmar's internal affairs.

I have respect for Tutu and Havel, because sincere persons are easy to be deceived. I presume that you both are under the influence of fabrications and hearsay. Since childhood, we Myanmarans have been taught to have sympathy and respect for women according to their age. But there may be few exceptions. But even those persons will not commit terrible crime against humanity as mentioned in your report. Because we the Myanmar people never label any one terrorist or criminal based on racial prejudice and colour discrimination.

From my point of view, the accusation concerning the forced labour comes out due to differences in the way of life. In Myanmar all able-bodied persons are always ready to help others or participate in social welfare tasks.

Sadly, the accusations made by Tutu and Havel are based on false propaganda but not on facts. The forced recruitment of minors for combat is not the practice of the Tatmadaw. It is only the act of the underground gangs including Ywet Sit's SSA-S. They both will know best whether they actually did not know the true situation or knowingly made the accusation.

In every accusation, they cited Myanmar as the worst of its kind. So rather than refuting the accusations, we should concentrate our mind on trying to find out the answer to the question — Why do they want to see the destruction of Myanmar more than the destruction of other nations?

(To be continued)

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Commander, Ministers supervise development of townships in Rakhine State

YANGON, 6 Oct — Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Thein, accompanied by the president of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and officials, met with the chairman of Rakhine State Merchant Association and members and entrepreneurs at Bandoola Yeiktha in Sittway on 1 October.

In Maungtau, the commander and the ministers gave instructions to secretaries and executives of District and Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations at Maungtau District USDA Office.

On 2 October, the commander and the ministers met with departmental personnel, merchants, entrepreneurs and social organization members at Thiri Mingala Hall.

The commander gave

a speech and the ministers gave instructions on border trade and regional development matters.

Departmental officials, merchants and industrialists reported on departmental tasks, development of export and import and requirements. Chairman of Maungtau District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Yan Myo Aung gave a supplementary report.

President of UMFCCI U Win Myint and executives explained matters on border trade. The ministers attended to the needs.

After the meeting, the commander and the minister proceeded to Taungpyo Letwe by boat and inspected the border bridge linking Myanmar and Bangladesh.

At Taungpyo Letwe Hall, they called on departmental personnel, local people and members of social organizations. They explained regional development matters.

Next, they viewed thriving 100 acres of monsoon paddy plantations in Kyeeaganbyin Village-tract and 100 acres of model paddy plantation in Myothagyi Village-

tract in Maungtau Township.

In the evening, they paid homage to Maha Kyan Buddha Image at Myoma Monastery and donated alms to the Sayadaw.

The commander and Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe met with the secretary and executives of Township USDA at its office.

On 3 October, they oversaw cultivation of 12 kinds of monsoon paddy at 100 acres of land, Shweyinaye paddy plantations, and 40,000 acres of rubber saplings of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise in Gandama Village in Buthidaung Township.

At U Ottama Hall in Buthidaung, they heard reports on functions of departmental personnel and merchants.

The ministers instructed them to boost domestic products, and increase export items.

In Rathedaung, they attended the ceremony to inaugurate the reinforced concrete jetty built by the Township Development Affairs Committee.

The executive officer



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Thein inspect newly-inaugurated reinforced concrete jetty in Yathedaung. — MNA

of Township Development Affairs Committee reported on construction of the jetty. The commander presented gifts to the engineer who led construction tasks. They viewed the jetty with the length of 48 feet and width of 38 feet. They also looked into completion of Mayyu Hall and two storey-building at Rathedaung BEHS.

At the office of Township USDA, they met with the secretary and executives. Similarly, they called on departmental officials and social organi-

zation members at Township PDC Office. The commander fulfilled the requirements.

On 4 October, the commander and the ministers met with departmental officials, UMFCCI, Rakhine State Merchants Association, Rubber Entrepreneurs Association and Fisheries Entrepreneurs Association at the city hall in Sittway. UMFCCI President U Win Myint, Chairman of Rakhine State Merchants Association U Bo Thein and entrepreneurs discussed functions of their

organizations and future tasks.

The ministers gave instructions on enhancement of agricultural and livestock breeding sector of Rakhine State and promotion of export items and development of border trade.

On 4 October, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein inspected offices of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading and Border Trade Department in Sittway and gave necessary instructions to officials. — MNA

Industry-2 Ministry displays machine parts for government and private industries

YANGON, 6 Oct — Industry-2 Ministry organized a display of machine parts manufactured by its factories this morning at the ministry here.

The ceremony opened with the address of Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin saying that as smelting technology, lathe, mould and die, finishing machines, rubber processing methods and electronic technologies are developing with greater momentum, means should be found to manufacture machine parts required by the ministry, based on the newly acquired technologies and innovations. The show will help integrate the experiences and expertise of senior technicians of ministries, research findings and innova-



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin delivers a speech at the ceremony to display machine parts manufactured by the Ministry of Industry-2. — MNA

tions of academics of universities and entrepreneurs of industrial zones into advanced and effective production process in the practical field, the minister said.

The show displays ministry-manufactured machines and parts for its industries and other government and private organizations, he said, adding, the ministry has been repairing, maintaining and manufacturing its machines with parts produced by its own industries for over 30 years. He said, it has been producing machines and parts for industries of ministries and organizations for many years. Up to previous month, it had produced 5,082 items of machine parts worth K 47.5 million for government and private industries. The machines displayed at the show in-

clude electronic and electrical apparatus, hydraulic parts, meters and other measuring equipment. After studying the machines, the visitors should select the items they would like to manufacture at their own factories in cooperation with experts. Industry-2 Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw explained programmes to manufacture more machines and parts by local industries.

Guests including Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauung Lwin, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, officials, technicians and industrialists studied machine parts displayed at the show. Industry-2 Ministry officials also replied to queries raised by the visitors. — MNA



Departmental heads, experts, industrialists and guests observe machine parts. — MNA

Progress of Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry Farming Special Zone inspected



Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects Yangon Division's farming zone in Hmawby Township, Yangon North District. —MNA

YANGON, 6 Oct — Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Commander of Yangon Command, accompanied departmental officials, inspected Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry Farming Special Zone near Nyaungnapin Village of Hmawby Township yesterday afternoon.

Those in charge of respective zones reported on zone-wise production of vegetables, broiler and layers and fish and maintenance of roads.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee for Special Zone Commissioner U Hla Soe of General Administration Department briefed the commander on the sites for construction of wooden bridges along roads in the zones and the road to Kalihtaw Dam and supervision to limit overload vehicles on the main roads in the zone.

Entrepreneurs reported to the commander on requirements of agriculture and livestock breeding tasks.

After hearing the reports, the commander said that it is necessary to make preparations for supply of adequate water for agricultural purpose in coming summer. Necessary assistance will be provided to the entrepreneurs for better transport in the zones and power and water supply.

Ministries and national entrepreneurs put land under 28 items of vegetables in the special zone. So far, 5,850 acres of land have been put under vegetable plantations. Furthermore, the entrepreneurs are carrying out breeding of over 900,000 broilers and raising of over 200,000 layers. At 515 acres of ponds, over 1.4 million of fish are being bred.

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Rules on Armed Forces Day Commemorative Painting and Sculpture Contests announced

Yangon, 6 Oct — Hailing the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March 2006, the Painting and Sculpture Contests and Exhibition Organizing Sub-committee under the Poem and Arts Competitions Organizing Work Committee chaired by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung announced rules on the Arts and Sculpture Contests.

The Painting Contest will be divided into six categories — the pre-primary level (school children from Pre-Primary School, the primary (junior) level (KG, first and second standards), the primary (senior) level (third and fourth standards), the middle school level (fifth to seventh standards), the high school level (eighth to tenth standards and technical and agricultural schools) and the open level (university, college, institute, State School of Fine Arts, amateur and professional contestants).

Contestants can participate in only the open class of the Sculpture Contest. But, they may take part in the two events—the open class (plaster) and the open class (wood). All the contestants including amateurs, professionals and students may take part in both contests.

In the pre-primary and all basic education levels of the Painting Contest, the size of the entry must be 20" x 15" presented by any colour and system. The entry must be endorsed by respective principals with the name of contestant, standard, school, full address and three passport size photos. The entries are to be sent to the Education Planning and Training Department at 123, Natmauk Street, Bahan Township, not later than 23 February 2006. The works are to be sent to the Painting and Sculpture Contests and Exhibition Organizing Sub-committee, Tatmadaw Convention Hall, U Wisara Road, not later than 1 March 2006.

The size of entries for the open division painting contest must be 30" x 20" size work presented by any colour and system. Name, Citizenship Scr-

tiny Card Number, and full address must be sent with three passport size photos. The entries must be own creation. The works are to be sent to the Secretary of Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Association (Central) of 187, east wing of Bogyoke Market, Pabedan Township, not later than 1 March 2006 or the Secretary of the Painting and Sculpture Contests and Exhibition Organizing Sub-committee, Tatmadaw Convention Hall, U Wisara Road, here, from 1 to 3 March 2006.

The entry for the wood and plaster events of the Sculpture Contest must not be higher than 36 inches and circumference not larger than 24 inches. The work must be own creation. The entry is to be attached with the name, Citizenship Scrutiny Card number, full address and a brief biography and three passport size colour photos.

Any title can be given to the entry. The entries must be the ones that have not entered the contest and exhibition yet. The entries are to be sent to the Secretary of the Painting and Sculpture Contests and Exhibition Organizing Sub-committee, Tatmadaw Convention Hall, U Wisara Road, not later than 3 March 2006.

All the entries must reflect 12 Objectives of the State, objectives of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day and 12 fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

Entries for the open class painting and sculpture contests are to be sent to the Secretary of Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Association (Central) of 187, east wing of Bogyoke Market, Pabedan Township, not later than 1 March 2006 or the Secretary of the Painting and Sculpture Contests and Exhibition Organizing Sub-committee, Tatmadaw Convention Hall, U Wisara Road, here, from 1 to 3 March 2006.

Apart from the entries, other paintings and sculptures may be sent to be displayed at the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition. They must also reflect the 12 Objectives of the State,

East wind, go back east West wind, go back west

- * Myanmar myself
I depend on myself, I look after my own brood
My knowledge, my word, my religion
My place, my root, I lay my domain
Without having to do, lay claim
From afar, without equal status
I will wind forceful, don't come and blow
East wind, go back east
West wind, go back west
- * I watch my enemy, I defend my Mother
My area, my domain, I beautify it
I play my tune, I keep my tempo
My method, my system, I must love
Without having anything to do, lay claim
From afar, without equal status
East wind, go back east
West wind, go back west.

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Teachership courses on reproductive knowledge opened in Yangon South District

YANGON, 6 Oct — Teachership training multiplier courses on disseminating reproductive knowledge organized by Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association were opened yesterday in Twantay, Kawhmu, Kungyangon and Dalla townships in Yangon South District.

At the opening ceremonies of the courses, Vice President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and Chairperson of the Supervisory Committee for Yangon Division MCWA Daw Khin Thet Htay briefed about the course and presented cash assistance amounting to 1,518,000 each to the respective township MCWAs. Officials of the MMCWA also accepted the membership applications at the ceremonies. — MNA

Family health care course for housewives opened

YANGON, 6 Oct — Under the leadership of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, the family health care course for housewives, organized by Yangon East District MCWSC, was opened at Aung Kyaw Hall of Basic Education High School No 6 in Botahtaung Township on 4 October.

First, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Khin Thet Htay gave a speech.

Next, Chairperson of Yangon East District MCWSC Daw Nan Shwe Yin handed over 2,000 permanent membership applications to Secretary Dr Hla Myint.

Deputy Director-General Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin of Traditional Medicine Department explained matters related to the training course.

After the opening ceremony, Division Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay and party viewed round the booths of traditional medicines.

Altogether 56 trainees are attending the four-day course. — MNA

objectives of the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day and 12 fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

In addition, the works may reflect the ancient Myanmar Tatmadaw, historic matters of the Tatmadaw which occurred in the periods of Pre-Independence and State Peace and Development Council, and its endeavours in safeguarding and developing the State. The other paintings and sculptures are to be sent directly to Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road from 1 to 5 March 2006.— MNA

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DONATE BLOOD

India's "Akash" missile test fired

BALASORE, 5 Oct— *Akash*, India's surface-to-air missile, was test fired twice at the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur-on-sea in the eastern Indian state of Orissa on Monday.

The multi-target missile with a striking range of 25 kilometres was directed at an object attached to a Pilotless Target Aircraft (PTA) on both occasions, defence sources said.

The sleek 5.6-metre long missile, with a launch weight of 700 kilos and capability to carry a warhead of 60 kilos, blasted off from a mobile launcher at 12.50 pm.

It was fired at the target for the second time at around one o'clock, the sources said.

The test was conducted to prove its consistency during the entire flight, the sources said.

The Army and the Indian Air Force, who would be using the missile, had wanted it to demonstrate consistency during the entire flight.

The sophisticated missile, which uses an integral ramjet rocket propulsion

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S Koreans query procedures after concert stampede

SANGJU (South Korea), 5 Oct— Angry relatives in this sleepy South Korean country town on Tuesday questioned safety procedures at the stadium where 11 people were killed and 90 injured in a stampede to see a holiday music concert.

A preliminary police investigation showed the accident occurred when one of the main gates was opened earlier than others for the unreserved-seating concert that had attracted a crowd of about 10,000.

People rushed to the open gate, causing a surge that quickly turned into a stampede, according to police. Elderly people and children at the front of the line were trampled.

"No big event has come to this city for more than 10 years. That is why so many people wanted to go out to the concert," said a 45-year-old male resident of the town about 155 miles southeast of Seoul.

Relatives complained there were not enough safety personnel, police and rescue officials on hand. The area where the stampede took place was sealed off by police on Tuesday and workers were busy scrubbing the pavement.

Three of the injured were in critical condition and there was a chance the death toll could rise, police said.

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Tender Documents are available at the Office of the Managing Director, Myanma Railways, No. 357/361, Merchant Street, Botataung Township, Yangon during office hours on payment of US\$ 100 for ICB No. 10/MR/OPEC(E)2005-2006(III) and US\$20 for ICB No.11/MR/OPEC(E)2005-2006(III) respectively.

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Bali needs three months to recover from blasts

DENPASAR (Indonesia), 5 Oct— In spite of improved security and concerted efforts by trade associations and the government, Indonesia's resort island of Bali needs at least three months to recover from Saturday's explosions which have killed 27 people and injured 122 others so far, said representatives from tourism-related sectors here on Tuesday.

The associations of hotels, travel agencies and airlines would be mobilized soon to help the tourism-oriented island to regain its vigor, said Bagus Sudibya, chairman of the Association of Indonesian Tours and Travel Agencies. For travel agencies, more promotion about the security of Bali needed to be done to draw customers, said Sudibya at a Press conference.

Certain "political decisions" by the central government could also play an important role to encourage Bali to shed off the shadow of bombings, he said. "We have good confidence in tourists, especially those from Australia, who are expected to return here soon," he added. As to the sector of hotel, Robert Kelsall, representative of the Bali Hotels Association, said more security measures would be adopted by local hotels to ensure guests that here is safe.

"For example, we plan to deploy more centrally-controlled TV systems to monitor the surroundings and guarantee that every admission is no problem," he said.

Meanwhile, the local police were expected

to train community people so that they could possess certain professionalism to be alert against terrorism, he added. Representative from national carrier Garuda, Uun Setiawan said that the giant airliner would join hands with other small-scale fliers to help

the influx of travellers into Bali to return to normal.

"At present, Garuda's service between Indonesia and Australia is still normal, around 30 flights a week," he said, adding that the booking of tickets for other flights of his company was also okay.

MNA/Xinhua



Miss Asia contestants of China, from left, Tiffany Yang, 2nd runner-up Anna Zhai, winner Kitty Wang and Kammy Kang perform at the 2005 Miss Asia Pageant contest in Hong Kong on 4 Oct., 2005.—INTERNET

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Aviation industry strives to improve against high oil costs

NAIROBI, 5 Oct—The global aviation industry is striving to improve efficiency as it is expected to lose 7.5 billion US dollars this year due to skyrocketing oil prices, the world aviation body has said.

Visiting Director General and CEO of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Giovanni Bisignani said the forecast is based on an average oil price over the 12 months of 2005 of 57 dollars per barrel.

"Oil is once again robbing the industry of a return to profitability," Bisignani told a news conference in Nairobi late Monday.

He urged the African airlines which he said will experience minimal losses this year to shorten routes, reduce costs and introduce electronic ticketing in order to stay in the competitive business.

The IATA boss said efficiency gains, high load factors and fuel surcharges are helping mitigate a portion of the impact of the extraordinary price of fuel.

"The airline battle to reduce costs, increase yields and improve efficiencies is effective well beyond expectations," said Bisignani. "We are trying to do as much as we can in order to introduce more efficiency

in the industry. We are negotiating with our navigation service providers to see how they can match the costs the airlines are experiencing and their efforts," he said.

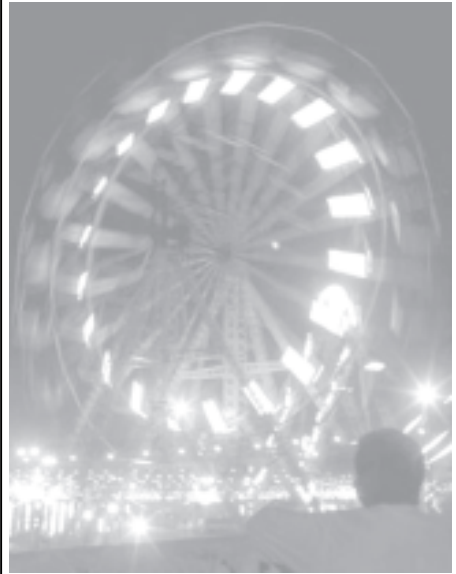
Bisignani said the aviation industry would achieve one billion dollars in shorter routes, saying the discussions are underway with governments to ensure that this was realized as a means of improving efficiency.

He said IATA, which represents over 250 airlines globally, has taken a leading role in developing industry standards and providing education opportunities for the expansion of electronic ticketing and specifically interline electronic ticket.

Bisignani emphasized the tremendous potential for efficiency gains in air traffic management, and the associated environmental benefit.

He lauded the Kenyan Government's expansion plan of the Jomo Kenyatta International Airport that will include construction of a second runway.

MNA/Xinhua



An Indian man looks at a giant Ferris wheel during Navratri festival celebrations in New Delhi on 5 October, 2005. —INTERNET

Trio win physics noble for shedding light on optics

STOCKHOLM, 5 Oct—Two Americans and a German won the Nobel Physics Prize on Tuesday for optical research giving extremely accurate measurements that could one day be used in deep space travel or three-dimensional holographic television.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded the prize to Roy Glauber and John Hall and Germany's Theodor Haensch for studying light and harnessing lasers to create a "measuring stick" to gauge frequencies with extreme precision.

Such precision will one day be needed for "navigation on long space journeys and for space-based telescope arrays", the Academy said, while Haensch, the youngest of the winners at 63, said it could even lead to "3D holographic television".

Hall, 71 and from Colorado, said he might use his share of the 10 million Swedish crown (1.29 million US dollars) prize money to endow a scholarship in science and technology.

Harvard University's Glauber, 80, said he was woken at home in Massachusetts by a call from an Academy official but he first thought it was a joke. "I could scarcely believe hlm," He told a news conference at Harvard.

MNA/Reuters

Finns develop microchip to detect heart problems

HELSINKI, 5 Oct— Finnish researchers are developing a microchip that keeps track of heart activity under the patient's skin and can alert doctors to any health problems, but testing it on humans could still be some way off.

The working group, led by professor Jukka Lekkala at Tampere University of Technology, has been working on a wireless device for measuring health data for several years and is planning to test the prototypes of the chip on cows later this year.

"We have a couple of prototypes now. We will implant them in cows at the end of the year. We still have to find suitable coating materials," Lekkala told

Reuters.

"Testing these devices on humans is not part of this research project, and we don't have a clear time frame for when this could happen," he added.

The devices can measure electrocardiogram signals, heart rate or other health parameters and transmit the data, and could also be used to send an alarm in case urgent treatment is needed. — MNA/Reuters

British farmers see 2005 wheat crop down 3.5%

LONDON, 6 Oct — British wheat production should fall to 14.9 million tonnes in 2005, down 3.5 per cent from last year, Britain's National Farmers Union (NFU) said on Tuesday.

The NFU said wheat yields were expected to be up 3 per cent, with the drop in production reflecting a decline in plantings in all regions this year.

Britain's farm ministry last week estimated Britain wheat area dropped 6 per cent for the 2005 crop. "The drop in the area reflects the difficult economic conditions many farmers are facing with increasing energy costs and the rising price of fertilizer," said Arthur Hill, chairman of the NFU Combinable Crops Board.

"Unless the economic outlook improves, we may see further reductions in planting for 2006," he added. Britain grain analysts expect that some marginal wheat area will not be planted for the 2006 harvest due to low grain prices and rising energy and fertilizer costs.— MNA/Reuters



A Cambodian man rides on his buffalo during an annual buffalo racing ceremony at Virhear Sour Village in Kandal Province, 50 kms (31 miles) northwest of Phnom Penh, recently.—INTERNET

Endowed chair in Indian music set up at UCLA

LOS ANGELES, 5 Oct— Consolidating the nearly 50-year-old tradition of Indian music teaching at the University of California, an "endowed chair in Indian Music" with a pledge of one million US dollars was set up here on Sunday to mark Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary.

The chair was inaugurated at a concert featuring sitar maestro Shujaat Khan, accompanied by Abhiman Kaushal on the tabla. The duo started with "Aheer Bhairavi" and finished off with the Father of the Nation's favourite "Vaishnav Jana..." in raga "Alihal Belawal".

Khan is the son of the legendary Vilayat Khan and has been teaching the sitar at the university since 1996. The Sambhi Chair, part of the School of Arts and Architecture at the University of California (UCLA) seeks to ensure that the study of Indian music will continue at the UCLA and support teaching and

research activities of a distinguished faculty member by underwriting graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

"Dr Sambhi's pledge — to my knowledge is the largest ever private gift for Indian music study to a university and has enormous value for the field of ethnomusicology, which has for a half century championed the teaching of Indian music, as well as other musical traditions from around the world, in American universities," Daniel Neuman, Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor of UCLA and a scholar of Indian music, said. —MNA/PTI

SPORTS

Eriksson confident of England topping their group

MANCHESTER (England), 5 Oct—Sven-Goran Eriksson is convinced his underperforming England will finish top of Group Six and avoid the “disaster” of failing to qualify for the World Cup finals.

England looked to be comfortably on their way to Germany until last month's shock 1-0 defeat in Northern Ireland left them needing to beat Austria on Saturday and Poland next week to qualify as group winners.

Should they fail, Eriksson's men could still book a ticket to the finals as one of the two best runners-up or via the playoffs.

“We're playing for a ticket to the World Cup,” Eriksson told a news conference on Tuesday. “We know we can play in the playoffs as the situation is today, but we don't want to do that. We want to try to win the group.”

“We have to play bet-

ter football and win two games — and I'm very positive that we can do that. For England, not reaching the World Cup would be a disaster.”

Despite his optimism, Eriksson also made it clear England need to move up a gear after starting their season with a 4-1 friendly defeat in Denmark and continuing with an unconvincing 1-0 qualifying win over Wales and the defeat in Belfast.

The Swede said: “We have two huge games to play...and we know we can play much, much better than we have so far this season — and we have to.”

Reluctant to once

again analyse the defeat by Northern Ireland, using a controversial 4-3-3/4-5-1 formation, Eriksson said: “It was bad. It was sad. And that's it.”

Speaking at Old Trafford, which will be hosting their next two qualifiers, Eriksson said he would “probably” revert to a 4-4-2 system and also gave his full backing to central defender Rio Ferdinand.

Criticized in the media and by some fans, the Manchester United defender has been below par in some games this term and is fighting to keep his place in a three-way race with John Terry and Sol Campbell.

MNA/Reuters



Nicole Vaidisova of the Czech Republic returns a forehand to Rika Fujiwara of Japan during the second round of the AIG Japan Open Tennis Championships in Tokyo on 6 October, 2005. Vaidisova won the match 6-4, 6-2.

INTERNET

Crespo happy for Brazil to take favourites role

BUENOS AIRES, 5 Oct—Argentina striker Hernan Crespo said he was happy for rivals Brazil to be considered as favourites to win the 2006 World Cup.

Crespo remembered that Argentina arrived at the previous World Cup as favourites, only to be knocked out in the first round, while Brazil started as dark horses and went on to win a fifth world title.

“It's best not to talk about Argentina as favourites,” he told reporters on Tuesday. “Let's see how they (Brazil) handle the pressure this time.”

“When we were the candidates at the other World Cup, we didn't do

well, so it's best not to have to go with that sort of pressure.”

“Brazil are the ones with the best chances.”

Argentina beat Brazil 3-1 in a World Cup qualifier in June in Buenos Aires, when Crespo scored twice, but Brazil hit back to win 4-1 in the Confederations Cup final three weeks later when Crespo was being rested.

The two South American giants have already made sure of their places in Germany.

Argentina are at home to Peru, already eliminated, in a World Cup qualifier on Sunday and away to Uruguay three days later when they complete their 18-match programme.

“Even if we're already qualified, there are no easy matches and they're all useful for something,” said Crespo.

Argentina will be looking for a significant improvement on their last game, when they lost 1-0 in Paraguay.—MNA/Reuters



Sin Un-Jin of South Korea performs with the ribbon during team competition at the Rhythmic Gymnastics World Championships in Baku on 5 October, 2005.—INTERNET

Registration doubts add new twist to Messi saga

MADRID, 5 Oct—Argentine teenage prodigy Lionel Messi could again find himself barred from appearing for Barcelona due to arguments over the validity of his playing licence.

A lawyer acting for Deportivo Coruna told the Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) on Tuesday that Messi should not be allowed to play because he was granted Spanish citizenship after the August 31 deadline for registration of players.

Lawyer German Rodriguez Conchado argued the 18-year-old should not be allowed to appear for Barcelona until the new registration period opens on January 1, 2006.

A spokesman for Primera Liga Deportivo Coruna, who play Barcelona in the next round of league matches on October 15, attempted to distance the club from the matter.

“The letter is not the official position of the

club,” Rafael Carpacho told Reuters. “The lawyer was merely informing the federation about the problems over the status of the player.”

Later on Tuesday a lawyer acting for Primera Liga Alaves said they would also be calling for the player's licence to be annulled.

Messi was prevented from playing for Barcelona in the league at the start of the season because the club had already filled its permitted quota of three non-European Union players.

Last week he was granted Spanish citizenship and went on to play in Barca's 2-2 draw at home to Real Zaragoza in the league.

If Messi's registration is declared to be unsound

then Zaragoza could try and get the result of the game overturned on the grounds Barcelona fielded an ineligible player.

The case would in all likelihood drag on for many months because all parties could appeal to the RFEF, then to the Spanish Committee for Sports Discipline (CEDD) and even to the civil courts.

Barca president Joan Laporta told sports daily *Marca* on Monday that he believed there was an organized campaign to prevent Messi from playing for the club.

“Some have tried to create confusion over the affair and I've seen evidence of ill-will from some people who had planned to take action to ensure Messi will not play,” he said.

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Chicago White Sox batter Tadahito Iguchi (15) from Japan and Boston Red Sox catcher Jason Varitek (R) watch as Iguchi's three run home run in the fifth inning gives the White Sox a 5-4 lead in the American League Division Series in Chicago on 5 October, 2005. White Sox won the game 5-4 and leads the series two games to none.—INTERNET



Two women in Taipei battle strong winds from Typhoon Longwang by holding onto a pole recently.

INTERNET

သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ သီတင်းကျွတ်ကာလနှင့် တန်ဆောင်တိုင်ကာလများတွင် မြောက်အိုး၊ မိုးရွာနှင့် ချောင်း(ရွာ၊ဒိုင်း)၊ ဖိစောက်ခြင်းဖြင့် ပြည့်သွားအထိတ်တလင့်ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ မသော သူများက ရုပ်ရွာ အေးအမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် လုံခြုံရေးကို ထိခိုက်အောင် လုပ်လာနိုင်ခြင်း တို့ကြောင့် ငြောက်အိုး၊ မိုးရွာနှင့် ချောင်း(ရွာ၊ဒိုင်း)တို့ ဖိစောက်ခြင်းတို့ ကာကြမ်းရမည်။

၂။ ယင်းသို့ တာမြစ်တာသော်လည်း ယမန်နှစ် ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ် သီတင်းကျွတ်ကာလနှင့် တန်ဆောင်တိုင်ကာလများတွင် မြောက်အိုး၊ မိုးရွာနှင့် ချောင်း(ရွာ၊ဒိုင်း)များအား-

(က) ထုတ်လုပ်ရောင်းချသဖြင့် အရေးယူမှု(၂၀၇)မူတွင် တရားခံ (၂၀၀)ဦးအား အနည်းဆုံးထောင်ဒဏ်(၂)နှစ်မှ အများဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ်(၃)နှစ်အထိ အမှတ်အရေးယူခဲ့သည်။

(ခ) ဖောက်ခြင်း၊ ပစ်လွှတ်ခြင်းများပြုလုပ်သဖြင့် အရေးယူမှု (၁၀၇)မူတွင် တရားခံ (၁၆၀)ဦးအား အနည်းဆုံးထောင်ဒဏ် (၂)နှစ်အထိ အမှတ်အရေးယူခဲ့သည်။

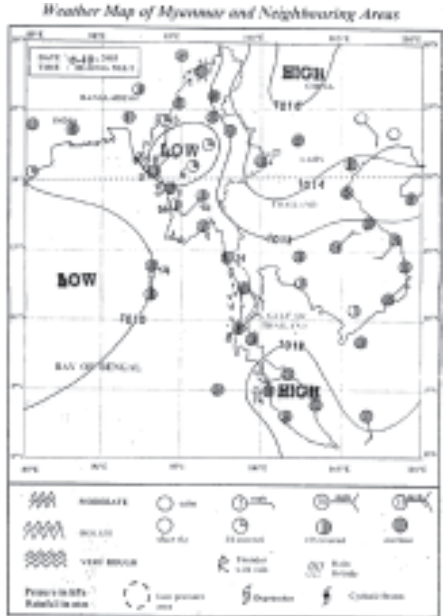
၃။ သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ယခုနှစ် ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ် သီတင်းကျွတ်ကာလနှင့် တန်ဆောင်တိုင်ကာလများတွင် မြောက်အိုး၊ မိုးရွာနှင့် ချောင်း(ရွာ၊ဒိုင်း) များအား ထုတ်လုပ်ရောင်းချခြင်း၊ ပစ်ဖောက်ခြင်းများ ပြုလုပ်ပါက ယခင်နှစ်များကဲ့သို့ အောက်ပါအတိုင်းအရေးယူသွားမည် ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေး နိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

(က) ထုတ်လုပ်ခြင်း ရောင်းချခြင်းများပြုလုပ်ပါက တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ အများဆုံး ထောင်ဒဏ်အထိ အမှတ်မည့် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(ခ) ပစ်လွှတ်သည့်နေရာမှ အနီး၊ အဝေး အနိမ့်နှင့် အမြင့် တို့တွင် ပေါက်ကွဲစေ တတ်သော မြောက်အိုး၊ မိုးရွာနှင့် ချောင်း(ရွာ၊ဒိုင်း)ဖောက်လှုပ် တည်ဆဲ ဥပဒေအရ အများဆုံးထောင်ဒဏ်အထိ အမှတ်မည့် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(ဂ) သတိပေးသည့်ကဲ့သို့ ထိုက်တန်စွာဆောင်ရွက်ပေးမည်။

ရန်ကင်းတိုင်းအေး၊ ရမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ



WEATHER

Thursday, 6 October, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, southwest monsoon had withdrawn from the whole country. Weather has been partly cloudy in Shan State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, widespread in Chin and Mon States and Yangon Division and scattered in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaikkami (3.15) inches, Thandwe (2.20) inches, Thaton (1.85) inches, Hakha (1.65) inches, Kanbalu (1.57) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.22) inches, Bago (0.95) inch and Meiktila (0.23) inch.

Maximum temperature on 5-10-2005 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 6-10-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 6-10-2005 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 5-10-2005 was (6.4) hours approx. Rainfalls on 6-10-2005 were (1.22) inches at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (95.00) inches at Mingaladon, (96.22) inches at Kaba-Aye and (100.20) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Northwest at (00:35) hours MST on 6-10-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 7-10-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, light rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-10-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-10-2005: Generally fair weather.

Britons are Europe's most prolific shoplifters

LONDON, 6 Oct — Britons are the most prolific shoplifters in Europe, a survey published on Wednesday showed.

They stole 3.58 billion pounds (6.29 billion US dollars) of goods from their nation's shops last year, the equivalent of 1.59 per cent of British retail turnover.

Razor blades were the most stolen item followed by alcohol and toiletries, according to the British-based Centre for Retail Research.

Finland had the second worst shoplifting problem followed by Portugal and Greece while the Swiss were the most disciplined shoppers, the survey

showed. Theft accounted for 0.89 per cent of Swiss retail turnover.

In all, Europeans stole 30.8 billion euros (36.72 billion US dollars) worth of goods from their stores last year — 71.5 euros per person.

Customers were blamed for 48 per cent of the thefts, staff for 29 per cent and suppliers for 7 per cent.

The survey covered 423 retailers in 24 countries, accounting for 20 per cent of European retail turnover.

MNA/Reuters



Friday, 7th October Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Girls & Boys
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -This time its forever
- 8.50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -An apple a day
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Come on, come on
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music: -It's only love -Breathe again -You're still the one
- 9:00 pm World of music: -Songs from Japan, Korea, Israel, Hungary, Italy
- 9:15 pm Article/Music
- 9:20 pm Music at your request: -My love -Run to you -Too many lovers
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Friday, 7th October View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ဂေဟစနစ် မင်းကုန်း ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချမ်း အဘိဓမ္မာဟာရဋ္ဌဂရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မာဟာရ သဒ္ဓမ္မဓမ္မာတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မသာဓကပါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိမိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ဖရိုတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am 5. အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲ

- 8:00 am 6. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:10 am 7. အကဖြင့်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am 8. မြန်မာ့စီးရထားစွမ်းအား ကျောက်ရေတွင်းခုံးကျော်တံတား
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 pm 10. English for Everyday Use
- 3:20 am 1. တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်(၂၀)ကြိမ်မြောက် တပ်မတော်ကကွယ်ရေးဦးစီးချုပ် ဝေးအသက်(၂၀)နှစ်နှင့်အောက် တပ်မတော်(ကြည်း၊ ရေးလေ) ဘောလုံးမြှင့်ပွဲ (ပထမအကြိမ် ခိုလ်လွှဲ)
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. Song of national races
- 4:45 pm 4. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ တေရသမ အကြိမ်(သုကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့စီးရထား ကျေးဇူး အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတိုးမြှင့်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာ နိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလ ပေါ်ဆားနှင့်တော်တောင်းထား) (ပညာရှင်အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသမီး)
- 6:00 pm 5. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညာတံရှင်
- 6:30 pm 6. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 7. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 8. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ဝတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)
- 7:35 pm 9. Songs of yesteryears
- 8:00 pm 10. News
- 12. International news
- 13. Weather report
- 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မခွဲအတူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 15. The next day's programme

DHF control campaign launched

YANGON, 6 Oct — The Health Department of the Ministry of Health and Yangon City Development Committee launched a campaign to prevent Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon East District, on 4 October.

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, USDA CEC Member (Yangon Division In-charge) Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo viewed the preventive measures against DHF being carried out in the township.

The commander and party viewed measures to drain mosquito breeding stagnant waters, to keep surroundings clean and spray insecticide, and hold the educative talks on health.

Simultaneously, the preventative measures against DHF were carried out in Mingaladon, Insein, Hline and Dagon Myothit (South) townships on the same day.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo visit local people carrying out mass activities against dengue haemorrhagic fever in Mingala Taungnyunt Township. — MNA

1,183 gem merchants arrive

YANGON, 6 Oct — The 2005 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium continued at Myanmar

Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, today.

A total of 1,183 gem merchants — 525 gem merchants of 87 companies from 10 countries and 658 local gem merchants of 277 local companies — arrived at the Gems Emporium.

This morning, they checked jade, gems and pearl lots. More gem merchants will arrive till 9 October. Today and tomorrow, the merchants may put bidding forms into the tender boxes.

Pearl lots will be sold on 8 October, gem lots on 9 and 10 October and jade lots on 11, 12, 13, and 14 October through tender and competitive bidding systems.

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Merchants inspect jade lots. — MNA

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The year 1990 was just two years after the 1988 unrest in which anarchy was rampant across the nation. At that time, the majority of the national people could not distinguish exactly who were good and who were bad.

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Merchants examining jade lots at 2005 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium. — MNA



A pair of cut jade stones at the emporium. — NLM