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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

Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends ceremony to enshrine religious objects into Siri Verosana Pagoda and Htidaw hoisting and consecration ceremony in Bago

YANGON, 7 Oct — A ceremony to enshrine religious objects into Siri Verosana Pagoda in conjunction with the ceremony to hoist Htidaw atop and consecration ceremony was held at the pagoda near Mazin Dam in Oktha Myothit, Bago Township, at 8.10 am today, attended by Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

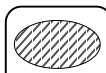
Also present on the occasion were Joint-Secretary of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Yenangyoung Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tejaniya and member Sayadaws, members of the State

Central Working Committee of the Sangha, members of Division and Township Sangha Nayaka Committees and 108 invited monks, Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye; Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo; Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann; Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of Prime Minister General Soe Win; Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein; wives of SPDC members, Chair-

man of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and wife, senior military officers, departmental heads, members of the pagoda construction committee, wellwishers, religious organizations and guests.

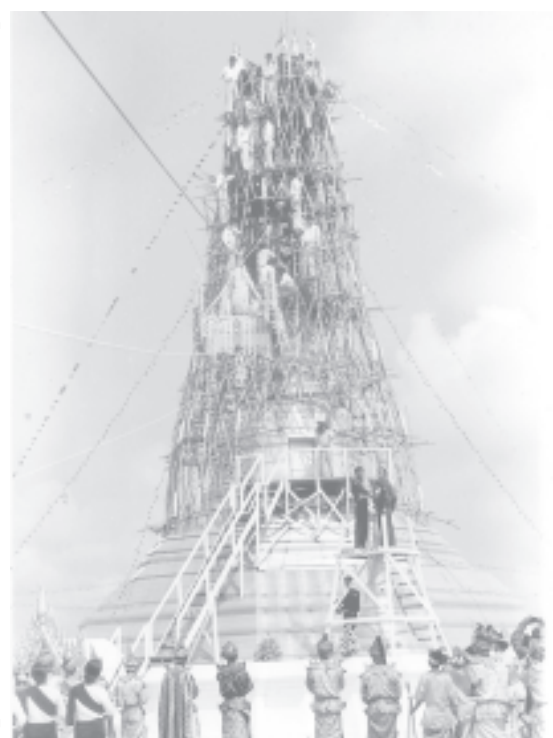
Maha Nayaka of Thudhamma Nikaya of Bago Township Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dhammalinkara Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Visuddha administered the Nine Precepts.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered Seinbudaw (diamond bud), religious objects for the upper reli-



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Senior General Than Shwe and party hoist Seinbudaw atop the pagoda.

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quary, robes and alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Visuddha.

Daw Mya Mya San donated Hngetmyatnaw, robes and provi-

sions to a Sayadaw. Daw Khin Than Nwe also presented religious objects and donations to a Sayadaw.

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Myanmar cannot stop all those who illegally enter the nation, and nor does the US. Myanmar is taking all possible measures to put an end to poppy cultivation in the nation. But some persons have local national races grow poppy in the mountains and valleys. As soon as poppy plantations are found out, they are destroyed before long.

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HNIN AYE KHAING

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Bring glory to the State through success in sports

In the world today, the sports standard of the world nations is very high along with the efficiency, techniques and fitness of athletes.

In reviewing the sports of Myanmar it can be seen that Myanmar athletes have not only influenced events of South-East Asian Games but in the Asian Games and the Olympics Games. Especially, soccer and track and field events in South-East Asian Games, Myanmar athletes left various milestones.

Nowadays, in accord with the one of the social objectives— uplift of health, fitness and education standard of the entire nation— the government is taking systematic measures for uplift of the standard of Myanmar Sports.

On 3 October, Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony to honour the Selected Myanmar Youth Soccer Team which won Champion in the AFF U-17 Youth Championship-2005 held at Sedona Hotel in Yangon and presented prizes to players of the team.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said that correct techniques, hard training, fitness, healthiness and perseverance are the key to success. He urged the youths to continue to work hard with mindfulness and diligence to be able to maintain the momentum of achievements.

With the encouragement of the government and the people, Myanmar sports teams are winning victories gradually.

Selected Myanmar Youth U-20 Team became the champion in ASEAN U-20 Youth Championship-2005— the highest in the age-wise soccer events. The U-17 team managed to win the championship for the second time.

As success in sports is a national pride and indicates the high standard of sports of the nation, the State has honoured the athletes. The national entrepreneurs, taking responsibilities for the respective sports, have also encouraged the athletes and this can be seen as one of the improvements of Myanmar sports arena.

At a time when the State and the entire people have come out in support of players to uplift Myanmar sports standard, Myanmar athletes, on their part, are to continue their efforts with perseverance to bring glory to the nation.

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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

Workshop on upgrading State Sasana Universities held



Chancellor of Sitagu World Buddhist Academy Sayadaw Dr Ashin Nanissara addressing workshop on upgrading State Sasana Universities of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.— MNA

YANGON, 7 Oct — The workshop on upgrading State Sasana Universities of the Ministry of Religious Affairs was held at International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, here, this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Magway Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara and member Sayadaws, academic and management Sayadaws of ITBMU, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, directors-general and officials.

The minister delivered an opening speech. Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for

Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana supplied on the agenda of the workshop.

Next, the paper-reading session followed. Chancellor of Sitagu World Buddhist Academy Sayadaw Dr Ashin Nanissara gave an Ovada Katha, Head of Department of ITBMU Dr U Ardiccavamsa, Visiting Professor U Kyaw Zaw, Dr Ashin Punnobhasa of Sitagu, Visiting Professor Dr Min Tin Mon, Rector Bhaddanta Vannita of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Mandalay), Additional Head of Department of SPSU (Mandalay) U Myint Swe and Dr Ashin Osadhasara of Sitagu read the papers.

The paper-reading session continues tomorrow.— MNA

Indian Ambassador calls on Chief Justice

YANGON, 7 Oct — Ambassador of the Republic of India Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra called on Chief Justice U Aung Toe at his office at 10 am today.

Also present at the call were Director-General U Soe Nyunt of Supreme Court and Head of Office U Myint Thein.— MNA

Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra calls on Chief Justice U Aung Toe.— MNA



Book of Sarpay Beikman Readers Association in circulation

YANGON, 7 Oct — The Sarpay Beikman Readers Association has distributed the 2002 Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winning book titled Nu-Nu-Nge-Nge-Kalay-Aywe Stories written by Hsu Labh Tun to its members in Yangon and districts. Members in Yangon may take out the book from the association at 529/531, Merchant Street, here, and copies of the book have been sent to members in the districts.

Anybody, organizations and libraries may join the association with K 1,500 deposit in advance. The association will subtract value of books from the money. The association will send books to members in districts by postal service, by waterway, by air and by train.

Those wishing to join the association may contact the Secretary of the association, at 529/531, Merchant Street.— MNA

Putin to honour British team who rescued Russian sub

LONDON, 6 Oct — Russian President Vladimir Putin will present medals on Wednesday to members of the British team which helped rescue seven Russian submariners from their trapped vessel in August.

Commander Ian Riches and a team of Royal Navy contractors flew to Russia's Kamchatka Peninsula with a *Scorpio* underwater robot and freed a Russian AS-28 mini-submarine trapped 190 metres under the Pacific Ocean.

The Royal Navy were called as Russia did not have suitable equipment for the rescue.

The Russian submarine crew had been trapped underwater in a snarl of fishing nets and cables for 76 hours.

Putin, in London for talks with Prime Minister Tony Blair, will present the Order for Maritime Services to Commander Riches and remote vehicle operators Stuart Gold and Peter Nuttall.

He will also give the Order of Friendship to the British Naval attache in Moscow Captain Jonathan Holloway and to Royal Air Force Squadron Leader Keith Hewitt, the captain of the C17 aircraft that flew out the team and its equipment.

MNA/Reuters

ထုတ်ကုန်နှစ်ဆ တိုးမြှင့်ကြ

Bali police questioning 39 witnesses for blasts

DENPASAR, Bali, (Indonesia), 6 Oct — Bali's police were questioning 39 witnesses for Saturday's string of bombings that have killed 27 people and injured 122 others so far, while certain evidence was tested from seven crime scenes, a police officer said here on Tuesday.

Results were still awaited from the questioning and the analysis of evidence, said Sunarko, assistant to Head of the Public Relations Division of Bali Provincial Police, while confirming that no one had been arrested in connection with the explosions.

The evidence included detonator, cables, jeans, white clothes, sandals and other instruments, said Sunkarko, declining to specify the locations of the crime scenes.

In addition, the shattered bodies of the three suicide bombers were being examined by the forensic team, he added.

He also called for the public to provide information about the bombers whose photos were displayed nationwide on Monday.

They were new faces to the police, he said at a Press conference at the local government's media centre.— MNA/Xinhua

US increases to 152,000 troops for Iraq referendum

WASHINGTON, 7 Oct — The US military has increased its force in Iraq to 152,000 troops, about 14,000 above its usual level, to provide extra security for the 15 October constitutional referendum, the Pentagon said on Thursday.

US commanders in recent weeks had stated the US force would be increased by lesser numbers ahead of the referendum because of what they called the increasing capabilities of Iraqi security forces.

This now is one of the highest US troop totals in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion. The usual level of US troops in Iraq is about 138,000. "There are about 152,000 US (troops) in Iraq today," Army Brig Gen Carter Ham, deputy director for regional operations for the military's Joint Staff, told a Pentagon briefing.

"There's still a bit more coming and some that will leave, but that's a pretty good number, I think, for where we'll be through the referendum," Ham added.

US leaders have predicted that militants waging a bloody guerrilla war that already has cost more than 1,900 US lives will try to use violence to disrupt the referendum.

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Vietnam to host int'l industrial trade fair

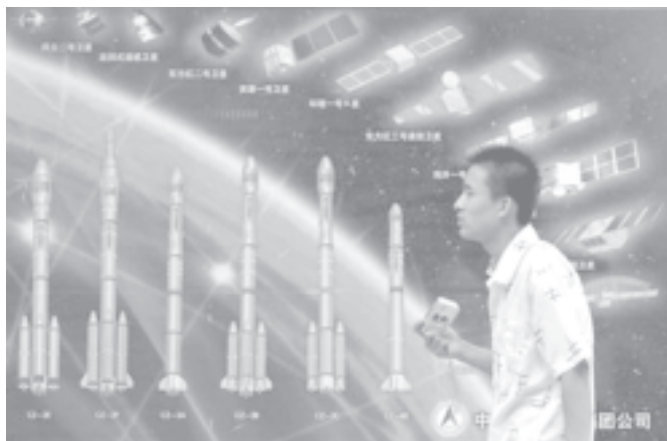
HANOI, 6 Oct — An international industrial trade fair will be held in Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City this month, with the expected participation of some 40 enterprises from China, Germany, France, Italy, South Korea, Japan and Thailand.

The 9th international industrial trade fair, EPM Vietnam 2005, slated for 11-14 October, will feature products, technologies and services of the industries of construction, energy, rubber, plastic, ceramics and food processing, the fair's organizer, the German Hannover Messe International GmbH, told Xinhua on Thursday.

The four-day event co-organized by the AFC International Exhibition Fair Corporation has so far attracted 100 local and foreign companies, the group said.

The 8th international industrial trade fair was held in capital Hanoi in December 2003.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese man walks past an illustration showing various space rockets and satellites on exhibit at a local Beijing park in China on 6 Oct, 2005. China's next space mission, Shenzhou VI, is tentatively due to launch on 13 Oct, weather permitting, and return five days later, a state media report said.—INTERNET

New York subway system on alert

NEW YORK, 7 Oct — New York City's subway system went under heightened alert on Thursday after officials received information from the FBI about a "specific threat," Mayor Michael Bloomberg said.

A well-placed US military official told CNN on Thursday that the same intelligence also led to a raid against suspected al Qaeda operatives in Iraq.

There were indications that a terrorist attack on New York's subway system is possible "in the coming days," said New York Police Commissioner Raymond Kelly. Both he and Bloomberg declined to give further details, citing security concerns.

No arrests have been made in Manhattan, but operations continue outside the city, Kelly said, without mentioning where.

And Bloomberg said that officials "do not have any reason to believe" that any of the plotters "are in New York at this point in time"

"There is a possibility that this particular threat may be resolved in the coming days," said Mark Mershon, assistant director of the FBI's New York field office.

It was the first specific

threat against the city's subway system, Bloomberg said. But the threat did not mention specific subway stations, he said. "It was more specific as to target," he said. "It was more specific as to timing, and some of the sources had more information that would lead one to believe that it was not the kind of thing that appears in the intelligence community every day."—Internet

Car bomb blasts near convoy of Afghan, foreign troops

KABUL, 6 Oct — A suspected suicide car bomb exploded near a convoy of Afghan and foreign troops on the outskirts of the southern city of Kandahar on Wednesday, but none of the soldiers was hurt, the Afghan Army said. General Muslim Amid, Afghan Army commander for the south, said the attack on the airport road was "probably" carried out by a suicide bomber. The explosives had been placed inside a car. A spokeswoman for US-led foreign forces said the blast occurred outside a base of Canadian troops in Kandahar, but had caused no casualties or damage.

Sergeant Marina Evans said it appeared to have been caused by an "ineffective improvised explosive device". The blast came a day after six Afghan civilians were killed in a bomb blast in the far south of Kandahar Province at the Spin Boldak border crossing with Pakistan. More than 1,000 people, most of them militants but including more than 50 US soldiers, have been killed in Taliban-linked violence in Afghanistan this year, the bloodiest period since US-led forces toppled the Taliban government in 2001.—MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi farmer tells a US Marine, left, and an Iraqi soldier, right, that he has no illegal weapons caches on his land in Haditha, Iraq, on 6 Oct, 2005, as his family listens around him.—INTERNET



A resident looks at the destruction of a bridge caused by heavy rains from Hurricane Stan in the town of Tapachula in the southern Mexican state of Chiapas on 6 October, 2005. —INTERNET

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Tammy plows into Florida

MIAMI, 6 Oct— Tropical Storm Tammy, the 19th storm of an unusually active Atlantic hurricane season, came ashore in northern Florida on Wednesday and brought heavy rain and high waves to parts of the US Southeast coast.

Tammy took shape near the same area where hurricanes Katrina and Rita formed over the past two months, but moved in a northerly direction parallel to the Florida coast rather than west into the Gulf of Mexico.

At 8 pm (0000 GMT), Tammy was near Jacksonville, Florida, after making landfall near Mayport, the US National Hurricane Centre in Miami said.

The storm was moving northwest

at 14 miles per hour (22 kilometres per hour) and its maximum sustained winds of 50 miles per hour (80 kilometres per hour) were expected to gradually weaken overnight.

Tammy could bring up to five inches (13 centimetres) of rainfall to north Florida, southeast Georgia and parts of the Carolinas. Rainfall could reach 10 inches (25 centimetres) in places, the hurricane centre said.

MNA/Reuters

US soldier among 21 killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 Oct— Guerillas using suicide and roadside bombs killed at least 21 people, including a US soldier, on Thursday in the latest of a series of attacks aimed at wrecking Iraq's constitutional referendum next week. The attacks came as Iraqis began picking up copies of the draft constitution that they will vote on 15 Oct after the country's Shiite-led parliament ended a bitter dispute with Sunni Arabs about how the referendum will be conducted.

Under US and UN pressure, parliament on Wednesday reversed its last-minute electoral law changes, which would have ensured passage of the new constitution but which the United Nations called unfair.

Sunni Arab leaders who had threatened a boycott because of the changes said they were satisfied with Wednesday's reversal and are now mobilizing to de-

feat the charter at the polls. But some warned they could still call a boycott to protest major US offensives launched in the past week in western Iraq, the Sunni heartland Thursday's two deadliest attacks in Baghdad involved suicide car bombers.

A man wearing an explosives belt got onto a minibus carrying 14 people - including policemen heading to the police acad-

emy, and detonated his payload, said Police Capt Abbas Ali. The bomber, who sat next to the driver, struck as the bus passed a police patrol at the intersection where the academy is located, about 400 yards from the Oil Ministry.

At least nine people were killed and nine others wounded, Ali said. The bus was left a burned-out husk.

Earlier, in Karrada, another part of eastern Bagh-

dad, a suicide car bomb exploded near a convoy of private security contractors, killing three bystanders and wounding six others, police Maj Mohamed Yunis said. One of the four white sport utility vehicles in the convoy was damaged, but none of the foreigners in them was hurt. —Internet

Ex-Marine alleged of stealing documents from Cheney's office

WASHINGTON, 6 Oct— A former US Marine has been arrested for allegedly stealing classified documents from Vice President Dick Cheney's office when he worked on the Vice-President's staff, media reports said on Wednesday.

Leandro Aragoncillo, a naturalized American citizen born in the Philippines, worked at the White House from 1999 to 2001 and was assigned to the Vice-President's Office under both Al Gore and Dick Cheney, ABC News reported.

Aragoncillo, 46, worked at the White House for almost three years and took a job at the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) as an intelligence analyst in July last year, the report said. — MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bomb shows Afghan dangers during NATO visit

KABUL, 6 Oct— NATO leaders seeking to resolve differences over a plan to take control of the war on Islamic militants in Afghanistan visited troops on Wednesday as a suicide bombing underscored the dangers to foreign forces.

NATO, which currently leads a peacekeeping operation in Afghanistan, plans to expand its operations in the guerilla troubled south next year and then to take command of

US-led foreign forces battling the Taliban-led insurgency.

The United States, which has about two-thirds of the foreign troops in Afghanistan and is looking to

cut its commitment given pressures in Iraq, has been trying to get European allies to take on more of the burden of the war against Afghan militants.

But NATO allies France, Germany and Spain last month rejected the US call, insisting NATO should stick to peacekeeping.

France reiterated on Tuesday it opposed combining NATO-led forces and US-led troops in Afghanistan under one command, putting it at odds with visiting Afghan President Hamid Karzai. NATO is now exploring a so-called "dual-hatted" solution to the command arrangements that would give one commander overall control of operations but would strictly separate peacekeeping and counter-insurgency work. — MNA/Reuters



A US soldier examines a minibus destroyed by a suicide bomber in Baghdad Iraq, on 6 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

US says four Marines die in Iraq bomb attack

BAGHDAD, 7 Oct— Four US Marines were killed in a roadside bomb explosion during combat operations in Gharma near Falluja, the military said on Friday.

A military statement said the deaths occurred on Thursday but gave no further details. It said names were being withheld pending notification of the families.

Falluja, about 50 km (30 miles) west of Baghdad, is a stronghold of Sunni Arab opposition to US occupation and the Shi'ite-led government.

The attack brought to at least 1,946 the number of US military casualties in Iraq since President George W Bush ordered the overthrow of Saddam Hussein in 2003.

MNA/Reuters

Iran rejects Britain's accusations of involvement in Iraq

TEHRAN, 6 Oct— Iran on Wednesday rejected Britain's claims on Tehran's involvement in attacks to British soldiers in southern Iraq and weapon smuggling to that country, terming it as a "lie".

Earlier in the day, Britain accused Iran's Revolutionary Guard of supplying explosives technology to guerillas in Iraq who have killed several British soldiers in a wave of attacks this year.

In a swift response, Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi said, "Britain's conspiracies have been revealed and its scandal in Iraq has made

London make up this lie."

London also claimed there is evidence that Iran was in contact with Sunni Muslim rebel groups fighting foreign forces in Iraq.

Asefi asked the British side to present their documents if they have any, asserting that "for sure there is no document because the British themselves are the cause of continuation of insecurity and instability in Iraq and a source of crisis in that country and are trying to blame others for what they do".

The spokesman stressed that Iran's policy toward Iraq is positive and all Iraqi officials have admitted Iran's constructive role there. — MNA/Xinhua

Two new species of flying reptile found in China

LONDON, 6 Oct — Remains of two new species of 120-million-year-old flying reptiles have been found in a fossil rich area of northeastern China, an international team of scientists said on Wednesday.

The creatures belong to a group of reptiles called pterosaurs, or winged lizards, that evolved the ability to fly and had previously only been discovered in Europe.

"We report two new pterosaurs that are referred (related) to European groups previously unknown in deposits of northeastern China," Dr Alexander Kellner of the National Museum in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, said in a report in the science journal *Nature*.

The findings gives scientists a further opportunity to examine the relationship between birds and pterosaurs.

The fossils of the species were unearthed at Jehol in the west of Liaoning Province in China where remains of dinosaurs, fish and early bird species have also been found.

The remains include a partial skeleton as well as a skull and jaw of a reptile lying on its right side. The fossils shows the flying reptiles had pointed teeth and a wing span of about 2.4 metres.

Fossils of about 40 pterosaurs and more than 1,000 birds have been found in the area.

Pterosaurs lived from about 228 million to 65 million years ago. Their size ranged from those of a small bird to a creature with a wing-span of up to 18 metres or 59 feet. They had hollow bones, thin bodies, large brains, crests and long beaks.

Flight in pterosaurs evolved separately from birds. Scientists had thought that the creatures glided on the wind, but research has shown that large species could fly. Some species had a hair-like covering on their

body. Kellner and colleagues in China also compared the distribution of flying reptiles and birds in the area of China where the fossils were found.

They concluded that birds were more diverse and outnumbered pterosaurs. Birds also tended to stay in inland regions while flying reptiles dominated coastal areas. —MNA/Reuters



151 sky divers from eight Jump Planes set a World Record for formation skydiving in Perris, California with a "151-way" jump recently. The Record jump by the women of "Jump for the Cause" set occurred on 18th jump of the week. The group's previous record was a "131-way" in 2002.—INTERNET

"Stan" kills 162 in Mexico, Central America

TECPAN, 6 Oct — Huge mudslides, flooding and torrential rains from Hurricane Stan have killed at least 162 people in Central America and southern Mexico, rescue workers said on Wednesday.

Relentless rain pounded mountain villages and urban shanty towns across the impoverished region, and hillsides collapsed under four days of downpours.

The death toll more than doubled on Wednesday when rivers burst their banks in southern Mexico, and emergency teams found dozens more victims buried under banks of mud in remote Guatemalan towns.

By the evening, the death toll in Guatemala stood at 79 people, but the government said that figure could rise. Unconfirmed reports said hundreds may have been killed in an isolated region in the west of the country.

Entire families were missing after a river of mud, trees and rocks descended on the hill town of Tecpan, west of the capital, destroying more than 30 flimsy homes.

"A lot of people could not get out," said Samuel Cif, a local peasant.

Two dead children were found and villagers were too scared of more landslides to dig for other victims. Clothing, trees and the roofs of houses were strewn around and heavy rain still pounded the area.

The tragedy brought back memories of Hurricane Mitch, which killed some 10,000 people in 1998 in Central America, mainly in Honduras and Nicaragua, with mudslides and flooding.

Stan dumped half the amount of water on Guatemala in five days that Mitch brought in only three, meteorologists said.

Coffee production was likely to be hit in Guatemala and Honduras just as the harvest is beginning, producers said.

Swollen rivers washed away three large concrete bridges and ripped apart houses and buildings when they burst their banks at the city of Tapachula, in Mexico's Chiapas State.

Tens of thousands of people fled their homes in Chiapas and the neighbouring state of Veracruz after Stan, now reduced to a tropical depression, swept in from the Atlantic this week.

It came ashore on Tuesday near the city of Veracruz as a Category 1 hurricane with winds of nearly 80 miles per hour (128 kilometres per hour).

MNA/Reuters

Gunmen kill five Iraqi Oil Ministry security guards

KIRKUK, 6 Oct — Gunmen shot dead five Iraqi Oil Ministry security guards who were driving to the northern city of Kirkuk on Thursday, police said.

Lieutenant Jawaad Abdullah said they were shot in the town of Uthaim south of Kirkuk. The attack came a day after a car bomb critically wounded six security guards for the state-owned North Oil Company in Kirkuk, an oil centre.

In Baghdad, a suicide bomber in a car killed 10 people and wounded eight others when he blew himself up near the Oil Ministry.

Earlier this week, the oil minister survived an apparent assassination attempt when a bomb exploded beside his motorcade in Baghdad.

MNA/Reuters

Ten killed, eighteen missing in China mine flooding

BEIJING, 6 Oct — Ten people died and 18 were missing when a coal mine in China flooded, Xinhua news agency said on Wednesday.

It said the cause of the flooding in the mine in the southwestern province of Sichuan on Tuesday was being investigated. China has the world's deadliest mining industry and accidents are common.

On Tuesday, an explosion in a coal mine in the northwestern region of Xinjiang killed two people and trapped 12. At least 43 people were killed the day before after a blast in a mine in the central Heman Province. Floods, explosions, collapses and other mining accidents killed more than 2,700 people in the first half of this year.

MNA/Reuters

Bomb-maker killed in Turkish shop blast

ISTANBUL, 6 Oct — A bomb exploded in a shoe shop in the Turkish city of Istanbul overnight, killing the man making it and wounding seven other people, Turkish media reported on Wednesday.

"According to the first indications, the explosion happened as a bomb was being made," state-run Anatolian news agency quoted Istanbul police chief Celalettin Cerrah as saying.

Police suspect the bomber and two of those wounded in the blast were members of the outlawed Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) which has fought a bitter 20-year campaign for Kurdish self-rule in southeastern Turkey that has killed some 30,000 people.

The blast went off in a shoe shop in the basement floor of the Oral Business Centre on the European side of Istanbul. The shop owner and a number of other people have been detained, Anatolian said.

MNA/Reuters



A television grab shows policemen standing outside a shopping arcade after an explosion in the basement of the building in Istanbul on 4 October, 2005. INTERNET

India calls for total elimination of nuclear weapons

UNITED NATIONS, 6 Oct — Warning against the possibility of weapons of mass destruction falling into the hands of terrorists, India has called for total elimination of nuclear weapons in a “progressive and systematic manner” under global and “non-discriminatory” regime to guard against further proliferation.

Addressing a committee of the General Assembly on Tuesday, the Indian delegate to the UN Inderjit said the non-proliferation framework remains beset with “crisis” and to address this issue, it is necessary for nuclear weapons states to reaffirm their commitment to nuclear disarmament.

But simultaneously, he also called on all states to implement “fully and in good faith” the obligations they have accepted. Though Inderjit did not refer to any country by name, diplomats said the formulation obviously referred to Iran which has accepted obligations under the NPT and is involved in a confrontation with the US and Europeans over its programme to enrich uranium.

He said dealing with growing proliferation concerns in an inclusive manner consistent with the UN Charter and international law would reinforce the commitment to and facilitate achievement of nuclear disarmament.

“We believe that nuclear disarmament and non-proliferation are inter-linked and are mutually reinforcing. Only total elimination of nuclear weapons will provide the assurance that there will be no further proliferation,” he said. While pursuing the goal of nuclear disarmament, Inderjit said, there is a need to take some interim measures to reduce the danger, including “de-alerting” nuclear weapons.

“There is an urgent need to adjust nuclear doctrines to a posture of no-first-use and non-use against non-nuclear-weapons states. India’s nuclear posture is characterized by responsibility, predictability and a defensive orientation,” he added. But, Inderjit said it is important to ensure that proliferation issues do not hamper cooperation in peaceful uses of nuclear energy with States whose “non-proliferation records are beyond doubt”. —MNA/PTI

Bomb near Iraq Oil Ministry kills at least ten

BAGHDAD, 7 Oct — A suicide bomber in a car blew himself up near Iraq’s Oil Ministry in Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least 10 people and wounding eight, police said.

One police source said he believed all of the casualties were Oil Ministry employees.

“As they were entering a bus at a parking lot the suicide bomber rammed his car into it,” said the official. But another police official said the victims were employees at a nearby police academy.

Earlier this week, the oil minister survived an apparent assassination attempt when a bomb exploded beside his motorcade. —MNA/Reuters



Local residents walk through police between police cordon surrounding the seafood cafes where bombs exploded at Jimbaran beach, Bali, Indonesia,

on 6 Oct, 2005.

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Explosion, fire reported at Texas plastics plant

HOUSTON, 7 Oct — Explosions and fire damaged a plastics plant on the central Texas coast on Thursday, and a spokesman for the company it was unknown whether there were any injuries.

State officials said three explosions were reported heard at Formosa Plastics Corp’s complex in Port Comfort, Texas, and it was not known whether chemicals had been released as a result of the blast. Area residents were asked to stay indoors as a precaution. Point Comfort is on the central Texas coast, about halfway between Corpus Christi and Galveston. In an interview with a Hou-

ston television station, Formosa spokesman Rob Thibault confirmed an explosion occurred around 3:30 pm CDT (2030 GMT). “We don’t know how large, and we don’t know if there are any injuries yet,” Thibault said. Flaring and columns of black smoke were visible on the horizon, according to video images. The plumes were visible from Victoria, 30 miles inland. —MNA/Reuters

EU satellite navigation system may run out of cash

BERLIN, 6 Oct — A funding row could permanently ground Europe’s planned Galileo satellite navigation system, the head of Italy’s space agency has told a German newspaper.

Galileo, the European Union’s answer to the US Global Positioning System (GPS), is designed to help motorists navigate, assist search and rescue operations and monitor crops and livestock when it goes into service in 2008.

“If we do not find a solution over the allocation of additional costs by the end of October, the whole Galileo project is in question,” Sergio Vetrella, president of the Italian space

agency ASI, told Die Welt newspaper in an article made available in advance of publication on Thursday.

Vetrella said he was particularly concerned by what he saw as delaying tactics by the Germans, the paper said.

Die Welt said Germany was delaying contributing to extra costs of up to 430 million euros (514.2 million US dollars) required for the starting phase of the project in 2006.

According to the German Aerospace Centre, Germany is keen first to settle how the work will be divided, Die Welt said.

Germany wants a site near Munich to be home to the Galileo control centre, Italy wants the centre to be near Rome, while the French and Spanish favour locations in their countries.

Vetrella said the parties had to agree a basic outline by the end of the month.

Otherwise, the programme may not start as planned in early 2006, leading to additional costs.

MNA/Reuters

Unknown illness claims six more lives in Toronto

OTTAWA, 6 Oct — Six more seniors of a Toronto nursing home have died from an unknown respiratory illness, raising the death toll to 16, Canadian officials said on Wednesday.

“All of these elderly individuals had been previously identified as cases and had underlying medical conditions,” said Dr. David McKeown, Toronto’s medical officer of health.

“There have been no new reported cases in the last 24 hours,” he said.

Public health officials said the cause for the outbreak at the Seven Oaks Home for the Aged in the city’s east end remains unknown but that they are continuing testing. They maintained that the situation is under control. So far, 70 residents, 13 employees and five visitors have been affected. A total of 38 are in hospital, 34 of them are residents, two are staff, and two are visitors to Seven Oaks. — MNA/Xinhua

Four small bombs hit US interests in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES (Argentina), 7 Oct — Four homemade bombs exploded on Thursday at US-owned banks and a Blockbuster video store in Argentina in what appeared to be a protest against US President George W Bush’s visit next month, police said.

No one was hurt in the early morning attacks targeting two Citibank branches and another belonging to BankBoston in towns outside the capital, Buenos Aires. But damage at the Blockbuster store was considerable.

Pamphlets that read “No to Bush in Argentina!” were found in the debris, signed by unknown groups including the “Che Guevara Anti-Imperialist Comando”, said Oscar Rodriguez, police

chief in the suburb of San Miguel.

Vandals also smashed windows at a Ford car dealership, police said. US interests, particularly banks, are often targeted in Argentina by groups that plant small bombs on the eve of visits by US or International Monetary Fund officials.

Bush will visit the coastal Argentine city of Mar del Plata on 4-5 November for a summit of heads of state of the Americas. — MNA/Reuters



A US soldier views the scene after a suicide bomber blew himself up aboard a bus in Baghdad on 6 October, 2005.

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Information Minister receives Thai guest

YANGON, 7 Oct — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Vice-President Mr Makin Petplai of Shin Satellite Public Co Ltd of Thailand at his office at 4 pm today.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information, officials and the head of office.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Vice-President Mr Makin Petplai of Shin Satellite Public Co Ltd of Thailand at his office. — MNA

Industrialists visit machine parts exhibition

YANGON, 7 October — The exhibition of the machine parts of the Ministry of Industry-1 was opened at the hall of the industry on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin, directors-general, managing directors and directors of the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Industry-1, advisors, officials, technicians, industrialists and guests.

Deputy Minister Bri-Gen Thein Tun made a

speech on the exhibition and requirements for the production of machine parts as import-substitute products. Next, those present viewed round the machinery parts.

Afterwards, the coordination meeting continued and technicians and industrialists took part in the discussions for more production of machine parts from local industrial zones. Later, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun gave a resolution remark.

The machine parts will be put on display from 9 am to 4 pm on 8 up to 9 October and the applications of technicians and industrialists for producing spare machine parts will be accepted during those days.

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273 pearl lots to be sold at Mid-Year Gems Emporium

YANGON, 7 OCT— Altogether 1,436 gem merchants—701 foreigners from 145 companies of 11 countries and 735 locals from 305 companies—are attending the 2005 Mid-Year Gems Emporium being held at the Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here.

The foreign merchants are 577 from the People's Republic of China, four from Singapore, 90 from Thailand, ten from Japan, one from Sri Lanka, five from Canada, three from India, two from Republic of Korea, two from Italy, three from Australia and four from Malaysia.

Merchants at home



Local and foreign merchants observe lots of jade at the Mid-Year Gems Emporium. —MNA

and abroad observed jade, jewellery and pearl lots put on display there today.

Under the 2005 Mid-Year Gems Empo-

rium programme, altogether 273 pearl lots including pearl lot No 253 which comprises 113 pearls of world market quality will be put on sale

tomorrow.

Pearl lots of the 2005 Mid-Year Gems Emporium attract more foreigners than those of the previous emporia, and more foreign merchants will arrive here until 9 October.

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Pearls lot (No 253) with the highest floor price seen at the Mid-Year Gems Emporium.

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Participation of the people...

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At Dhammawizaya Monastery, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports on construction of the monastery by officials. Next, he paid homage and donated provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indaçakka.

They went to the hall of Bokpyin Station where Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with Tatmadawmen and family members of Bokpyin Station.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented soap for Tatmadawmen and family members and Commander Maj-Gen Maung Swe foodstuff to Brig-Gen Thura Thet Oo Maung of Bokpyin Station. Chairperson Daw Tin Tin Nwe presented cash to the funds of the Station's MCWA to Chairperson Daw Nan Laung Ngin. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted Tatmadawmen and family members. — MNA

Minister for Industry-1 receives entrepreneurs from HK

YANGON, 7 Oct — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received President Mr Wong King Wah and party of Wai Hung Machineries & Trading Ltd of Hong Kong at his office at 4.30 pm yesterday.

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

Launching ceremony of World Disaster Report-2005 held

YANGON, 7 Oct — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivered an address at the launching ceremony of World Disaster Report-2005, organized by International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and Myanmar Red Cross Society, at Grand Plaza Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

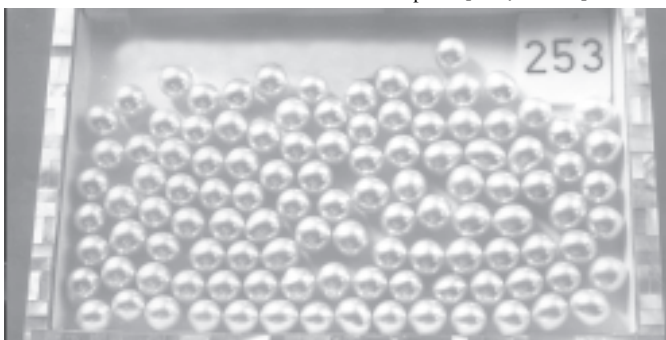
Speaking on the occasion, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said that the Union of Myanmar will insert its functions concerning disasters in 2005 into the 2006 World Disaster Report. In the introduction session, the paper on MRCS in the Disaster Management of MRCS, that on Dialogue Presentation of Irrigation Department, that on National Disaster Preparedness and Response Management of Health Department, that on Fire Disaster of Fire Services Department and that on Common Natural Disaster in Myanmar of Hydrology and Meteorology Department will be read.

All the participants are to discuss health and social matters and disease control tasks related to the disaster. Disaster Preparedness and Response Division of MRCS is conducting training courses on prevention against the disasters, preparedness and response and management matters. Disaster Assessment Response Teams are to be formed in the rural areas to be able to take preventive measures against natural disasters.

MRCS provided nine relief items with the assistance of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies to tsunami victims in Taninthayi and Ayeyawady Divisions and some regions of Rakhine State. In this regard, officials of Township Red Cross Society and members rendered necessary assistance to the tasks in relief measures.

In conclusion, the minister urged MRCS to cooperate with departments concerned and NGOs for continuously taking preventive measures, preparedness and response tasks. Ms Joanna Maclean of International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies Office gave a speech. Next, those present were presented with Focus on Information in Disasters with the use of slides.

Later, the second session of the World Disaster Report-2005 followed. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Health, Ambassador and Charges d'Affaires ai of foreign missions in Yangon, President of MRCS Dr Hla Myint and executives, resident representatives of UN agencies, representatives of International Committee of the Red Cross and officials. — MNA



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

Hnin Aye Khaing

(Continued from yesterday)

Oh! A lot of lopsided accusations on Myanmar. They are all groundless, and it sticks out a mile. Every nation has faced the problem of relocating people. In many cases, a nation has to use the cultivation lands and residential areas for constructing important buildings, dams and bridges that serve the interest of the majority. The people of those areas are always relocated to an appropriate place. But for the hardworking persons, any place is their home. They can settle at any place and earn their living well. Only those who are afraid to work are always thinking of finding someone to rely on.

I think it was around 1975. Agricultural land had to be seized in Japan for building Narita Airport. Farmers staged protests against the government throughout the construction period of the airport. And when the airport was completed, a large number of people staged a lie-down protest in and around the airport compound. But what happened later? Force had to be used to remove the protesters. In the end, Narita Airport was opened. Sometimes houses have to be dismantled to make way for roads and other facilities for the benefit of the people. But everyone is happy when the road is completed, because it facilitates the flow of goods and passengers. Such problems often occur in many countries. If Tutu and Havel have a sense of shame, they should stop their way of finding fault with others. Every time our nation refutes an accusation, they try to find another fault with her.

They often said, "Burma is unique" and accused the nation of violating human rights. But what about the act of invading Iraq, without the UN sanction? And yet, one of the self-invented justifications, with no real essence, of the invasion is to save Iraq people. What about the Abu Garib prison scandal? What about the detainment of people in a prison on Cuba island? Are the atrocious acts of the troops of the big nation unique too? As no lawsuit has been filed against the detainees, nobody can ascertain whether they are guilty or not. There may be many detainees who are not subject to any charges. It seems that the big nation has accepted the theory of arresting any dark-skin person living in the Middle East. What about the people who are being shackled in the prison on Cuba island, where the climate conditions are harsh? Who can say for sure every detainee is a terrorist? It is not the work of gentlemen, who value human rights, to put innocent people under severe conditions.

The accusations concerning the lack of political freedom in Myanmar, and the act of constantly

disturbing politicians, and torturing and murdering them are nothing more than nonsense, based on rumours and hearsay. In our country, everyone can do whatever he believes within the framework of law. But don't commit any acts that may terrify the public or cause public unrest, because no country tolerates those kind of acts.

Tutu and Havel, as you have accused us of disturbing and torturing politicians every time, I would like to ask you "Do you say anything about the closure of religious buildings of immigrants in western nations, the freeze of their funds, and the arrest of people on suspicion alone?" Because of their religion alone, the lives of youths born and brought in Britain are no easy. Whether they are terrorists or not they cannot enjoy the rights fully.

In Myanmar all politicians have rights to speak, live and work freely. They can make telephone conversations or interviews freely. The authorities will not take any action against them, if their acts are within the framework of law. But in any nation, megalomaniacs are fond of making exaggerations beyond the limit.

I have one more thing to tell them concerning their accusation of the existence of child soldiers in our nation. According to the law of military recruitment, no person who has not reached the age of 16 is allowed to join the armed forces. He should have the consent of his parents, and testimonies of the ward authorities and the police station concerned. Because of the law and the rules, it is clear that there cannot be any child soldier in the nation. There might be minors who had become child combatants once at our juvenile care centres. Whenever the Tatmadaw crushed the illegal camps of underground armed bands under the command of drug barons, the Tatmadawmen found and saved minors who had been brought to the camps under forced recruitment. As those children were being brought to the camps before they could talk well, it was impossible for the Tatmadaw to send them back to their villages.

The report of Tutu and Havel also said that two minors who ran away from Myanmar to Thailand told authorities that they were deserters who were forcibly recruited into the army. Who can be certain that they were child soldiers? No child soldier has any markings saying that he is one. They may be telling lies so that they can stay at an expatriate camp.

True Myanmarers possessing Myanma characters will not tolerate any person who slander the nation or race. We have passed through various eras and situations, while serving the majority's interest together with our own. We have been living in peace according to the motto — Serving majority's interest will bring success to the doer also.

But the arrival of the media age has made people consider leaving their sincere lives after learning about a lot of new things they never have had seen or heard in their life. The people become excited with the wish to leave their native land in search of new places which they think will offer many bright opportunities. We all know about media. The media can entice people by showing only the good parts of a place and scare them by screening only the bad parts. Some foreign media are so dutiful in showing the bad parts of Myanmar, trying to telecast people living in poverty. But there are also people facing abject poverty in rich countries. As the poor of New Orleans had to work so hard just to earn their living, most of them were not able to leave the city in time, although warning about the Hurricane Katrina was issued two days in advance. While the poor were suffering from Katrina, their President was relaxing in his own ranch.

Many people do not know or understand the abject condition of the poor of the rich nations. Most of the persons who are well versed in English language readily referred to things popular in foreign nations. Persons who have heard about only the high salaries in foreign nations never consider the cost of going there, the risks of living in those countries and the depression they are going to suffer from as their lives will be calculated by money. Living in the mother country is like staying in the embrace of the mother. Those foreign media fail to explain the immediate dangers of living in a foreign country.

Among such naive people are artless youths from far-flung areas and rural and urban areas, especially those who want to be rich in a short time. Mostly, they intend to earn much money abroad, then pay gratitude to their parents, and do business in their motherland. But they have no intention to live abroad for the rest of their life under the exploitation. In the nation are so many articles based on true stories featuring a variety of troubles and difficulties of those who earned money abroad. However, gullible persons are very eager to go abroad on business, giving excuses that they cannot earn much money at home.

There are similar people in Britain. According to a story in a Reader's Digest magazine, a British lady who earned money in a developed nation met her tragic end there. Myanmar needs to make increased efforts to be economically strong. However, there are still many people who superficially think of earning much money abroad in a short time instead of considering a long-term plan and making sustained efforts to do business at home. That is the reason why the number of those, who are anxious to go abroad on business, is on the rise. Most of such people work illegally in foreign countries to the liking of rapacious capitalists in the neighbouring countries who eye such cheap labourers.

If a foreign country does not want to accept fugitives, they should not persuade those from Myanmar who are willing to go abroad. And they should not accept such persons. But they should scrutinize background history and curricula vitae of those who ask for political asylum. In fact, the expatriates used to be those who wanted to flee Myanmar due to their personal affairs. Situations favoured them to enter certain nations. Those foreigners who accepted and welcomed renegades conducted interview programmes with them, exploiting the situation to launch a political attack on Myanmar. Mostly, they asked leading questions. Once interviewed, the absconders said ill of Myanmar, where they had been living for their whole life. I feel pity to such persons who made a wrong choice as they have to speak ill of their motherland just for their survival in a foreign country.

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Now, Myanmar is making efforts with might and main to wipe out the dangers of narcotic drugs. The Buddhist culture and customs of Myanmar are totally against abuse of narcotic drugs. In a bid to eliminate narcotic drugs in the nation, there broke out armed conflicts many times between the government troops and the troops of those who were doing well in business of cultivating poppy. A number of Tatmadaw and police members sacrificed their lives in the battles. Myanmar is taking various ways and means to develop border areas and to ward off narcotic drugs in the nation such as cultivation of poppy-substitute crops, opening of vocational training centres, and holding educative talks on dangers of narcotic drugs.

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Regarding the fourth accusation in the report that says about 700,000 people fled Myanmar, no authorities in foreign nations have confirmed this up to now.

To cease illegal emigration of fugitives, onus is both on Myanmar and on the countries, in which the fugitives are now staying. Some big nations are repatriating the illegal migrants with the use of various ways. Those who fled Myanmar in the 1988 incident were granted political asylum. But among them are those who illegally emigrated due to personal affairs.

A friend of mine who lives in a border area said that there were hardly farmers in her native region. Capitalists from a neighbouring country offered well-paid jobs, so, many youngsters from the region went to the country. About one year later, I came across my friend. My friend said the people who went to the neighbouring country had returned home. They were well-paid but their bosses added yaba tablets to the drinking water for the workers. So, they could work several days in a row without taking any sleep. But, in the end, they were laid down in bed. Then, they were unjustly sacked because they were illegal workers. However, such workers who returned home were already addicted to yaba. Then, some persons who sold yaba in that country sold such kind of stimulant tablets in border areas of Myanmar. Later, even many youths who had never got out of their villages in border areas became addicted to stimulant tablets.

So, I would say only those who wanted to earn much money through shortcut went to such nation that welcomed such naive ones. Unless such nation accepts illegal immigrants, I do not think, they will dare enter the nation. But, they did because they could enter that nation and return at any time.

It seems to me, Tutu and the former Czech president have a poor eye sight. It is because the fifth accusation said Myanmar stood first in the world in producing narcotic drugs. It might be that they took the other side for Myanmar side while they viewed the border line. The Golden Triangle Region is said to be the region that produces poppy most in the world. But, it was beyond my reach why the two men made such accusation.

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Myanmar cannot stop all those who illegally enter or leave the nation, and nor does the US. Myanmar is taking all possible measures to put an end to poppy cultivation in the nation. But some persons have local national races grow poppy in the mountains and valleys. As soon as poppy plantations are found out, they are destroyed before long. However, up to now, Myanmar cannot produce narcotic drugs like Ephedrine because it cannot produce precursor chemicals used for production of such narcotic drug. But, why such narcotic drugs are there in Myanmar and why the nation is still producing such narcotic drug? It is easy to produce Ephedrine if precursor chemicals are available. Certain persons are inciting such situation to produce narcotic drugs in the nation with the intention of creating instability in border areas. I am sure Tutu and the former Czech

president know which nation abuses narcotic drugs most in the world and what nation is doing well in business through dirty business including trade of narcotic drugs. They practise double standards, so they are turning a blind eye to that.

Before blaming our nation for producing narcotics, they should ask themselves who financed the drug-producing business and where these financiers were from. When the drugs were produced within the borders of our country, they cried out that they had to impose sanctions on our nation as they could not tolerate its production of narcotic drugs. It was unfair, unjust!

No one in Myanmar had never before heard of a narcotic drug called yaba, let alone to produce it. It was introduced into our country only after it has been used widely in a nation. When we said this, we are afraid that it would be like putting the cart before the ox. Desmond Tutu and Vaclav Havel must know well about it as they "have big eyes and ears". Then why are they slandering us? It must be because they just want to please big nations that are trying to install a puppet government of their own choice in Myanmar.

After levelling accusations at us about narcotic drugs, they went on to say that HIV/AIDS is so rampant in Myanmar that the disease is threatening other nations. This time also, Tutu and his friend made a mistake in looking at the map and could not pinpoint the area where there are so many cases of HIV/AIDS. We do not deny that there are cases of HIV/AIDS on our soil. However, it is not so uncontrollable as they have said. It is because there is no sex trade in our country as in others. Nor are there titillating strip clubs or striptease shows. The nations that have sex industry attract a lot of tourists. And tourist industry is booming there especially because of dirty businesses.

I have read the book entitled "Disposable People", which is about human trafficking and sex industry. This book won high praise from Tutu himself. In the book, flourishing sex trade of a nation is mentioned in detail.

Female Myanmar workers who had gone to that nation and worked there returned home HIV-positive and the disease began spreading in our country. What they said amounts to that we Myanmar people intentionally spreading the disease. They should not have said so.

In our country, talks on spread of AIDS and how to prevent it are often given to schoolchildrens by health experts and school teachers. Before, parents and children never discussed sex as we consider it shameful to do so and discussions about it are against our culture.

We, too, have been doing our utmost for the intellectual development in our own way. Tutu and the Czech ex-president have been one-sided in referring our people to be so naive and so ignorant persons just consuming insufficient amount of food while blaming the government for everything. Many people share my view more or less. I would not say that everything is perfect and complete here. Even in your countries, can you say that all are enjoying peaceful life? Your people could not spare time to seek the refuge of the Buddha and the Dhamma since they have to work very hard to earn their living in the day time and try to visit places of entertainment in the evening. Can you two say that all that your respective governments do is all correct? Is it just and fair to make their young men fight against the Iraqi young men in order to get hold of the oil so that they will become richer and richer? The parents of the young men from the west do not know for what purpose their sons have fought till death; they know that their sons have risked their lives not to serve the interests of the people. Are they fighting for a just cause? I think I should have the right to ask this question.

In those countries, democratic governments are

in power. The governments have won seats and gained power after giving a great deal of election campaign promises. But are the majority of the people of these countries willing to send their children away? In spite of the protests and demonstrations, their children are being sent away to be killed.

Tutu is now in his senior years and he has bitter experiences because he is coloured himself. A person like Tutu should not take part in suppressing our people. He would know that disunity and disintegration could follow if he does. Please do not force Myanmar to face a similar fate of Iraq. We do not believe that we will be able to develop the nation only when we receive the help of others. Just give us a chance to develop ourselves.

You have been discussing the matter of the elected group too much. But, it was a thing of distant past. The state of affairs and the people then were different. Much has changed for the better. It was in a state of disorder. The people then were very angry because of the killings and the dreadful scenes. The people were not their usual self at the time. They did not know whom to choose. As years have passed, quite a large number of people disapprove of the persons they have chosen for their words and deeds. Tutu and his friend would know this.

The group led by such persons is now in disorder. Throughout history, we tried to rebuild the nation on self-reliance and there was always success. The interference in the internal affairs, the attacks with the use of media and the breeding of the traitorous elements and making them shout are indeed the acts harming the people of Myanmar.

At a time when we are striving for progress on self-reliance, there are attempts to push the puppet woman onto the stage. They would not impose sanctions or cut aid if they sincerely want to help us. We have to face the problem of sanctions when we prepare to advance. Putting a stop to the assistance of medicines has been an act committed intentionally to create problems. They wished to go to every part of the country including the remote areas at will if they were to give aid. It was their intention to move about with no restrictions in the country and do whatever they liked. Otherwise they would not give us aid. It is certainly not the humanitarian spirit.

We do not think of the well-being of the nation and the people for the present only while letting strangers to come and go as they wish or allowing disgrace to the nation's history. After reading a propaganda letter, we revered Dr Seagrave who opened a hospital in an area in the north-east. We had our respect for him then. Before long, we learned that the man happened to be a CIA agent, according to the news coming from the West. This is no fabrication. We learned it after reading the news magazines from the West.

There was another doctor named Thomas Duli. He was a handsome young man who wrote well. He won the respect of many who thought highly of him. People were sad when he died of cancer. But he was known to be a CIA agent. It was reported in the news magazines published in the West.

Because of such experiences, we could not afford to allow strangers to move about as they wish in the country just because they are helping us. If they sincerely wish to help us they should allow us to build our nation by ourselves. They have no right to go here and there. They have not yet recovered the losses they suffered after invading a nation with the use of force. Then why are they targeting our country to give trouble? If you are plotting to penetrate Myanmar which is in transition to democracy charting own way, I would say that it is the ill will of yours bent on destroying the country.

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Sayadaw Bhaddanta Visokda invests the Nine Precepts to Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party and the congregation. — MNA

Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends ceremony to enshrine religious objects into Siri Verosana Pagoda ...

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Daw Khin Lay Thet offered religious objects for the upper reliquary, robes and alms to the Sayadaw. Similarly, Daw Than Than Nwe and Daw Khin Khin Win donated religious objects for the upper reliquary, robes and offertories to the Sayadaw. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Commander

Maj-Gen Ko Ko also presented religious objects for the upper reliquary and provisions.

Joint-Secretary Mandalay Wizatayon Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Visarindabhivamsa delivered a sermon and the congregation led by Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party shared merits gained.

After that, Daw Kyaing Kyaing conveyed



Seinbudaw, Daw Mya Mya San Hngetmyatnadaw, Daw Khin Than

Nwe and party religious objects and tiers of Htidaw.

While conveying the Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw, religious objects and tiers of the Htidaw round the pagoda, vocalist Daw Yi Yi Thant sang the song, composed by Deputy Director of Yangon Division Religious Affairs Department, to the accompaniment of the drum troupe of Fine Arts Department.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party conveyed the

carried religious objects and tiers of Htidaws of encircling zedis to the designated places.

At 9.09 am, Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party sprinkled scented water on tiers of the Htidaw and conveyed them atop the pagoda.

Next, they sprinkled the Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw with scented water and conveyed them atop the pagoda.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko kept religious objects to

manders fixed tiers of the Htidaw atop the pagoda. They also installed the Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw atop the pagoda.

At that time, members of the Sangha recited Jayanto Bodhiyamule three times.

At the same time, tiers of the Htidaw were hoisted atop four encircling zedis.

Later, the two commanders performed the rituals of golden and silver showers in commemoration of the suc-

Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw, religious objects and tiers of the Htidaw to the pandal. Officials and guests also

middle and upper reliquaries. Afterwards, they sprinkled scented water on the reliquaries.

Next, the two com-

successful completion of the ceremony.

Members of the Sangha consecrated the (See page 11)



Daw Mya Mya San offers the Hngetmyatnadaw to a Sayadaw. —MNA



Daw Khin Than Nwe offers the Shwepankhaing to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Daw Khin Lay Thet offers religious objects for the upper reliquary to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Daw Than Than Nwe offers religious objects for the upper reliquary to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party convey the Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatadaw and tiers to be hoisted atop the pagoda. —MNA

Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends ceremony...

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Pagoda. Next, the ceremony ended with three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Çiram Titthatu. Afterwards, Daw Kyaing Kyaing performed

the rituals of golden and silver showers to mark successful completion of the ceremony. Next, Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party visited round the pagoda and of-

fered flowers to the Buddha Image. Afterwards, Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party offered 'soon' to the Sayadaws at Myinzuthaka Monastery. —MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe enshrines religious objects into the upper reliquary. — MNA

Road accidents on significant decrease in capital

YANGON, 7 Oct — A coordination meeting on ensuring smooth and secure transport in Yangon Division took place at the office of Yangon Command, addressed by Chairman of the supervisory committee for ensuring smooth and secure transport in Yangon Division Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe. Speaking to the meeting, the commander said the committee is taking measures to reduce road accidents and to ensure the convenience of the passengers in the capital Yangon by holding

weekly meetings. As a result, traffic accidents have been reduced significantly, and there have been more and more people who follow and respect traffic rules and regulations. Next, he called for the public cooperation in taking the measures. Later, departmental officials, members of the supervisory committee and chairmen of motor car lines reported on measures being taken to reduce road accidents and giving educative talks on traffic rules and regulations to the public and students. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe made concluding remarks. The meeting was also attended by military

region commanders, Yangon Division PDC Secretary Lt-Col Myint Kyi, chairmen of district PDCs, heads of department of universities and colleges, chairmen of bus lines and departmental officials. —MNA



Daw Kyaing Kyaing offers the Seinbudaw to a Sayadaw. — MNA



Daw Khin Khin Win offers religious objects for the upper reliquary to a Sayadaw. —MNA

MWAF General Secretary meets German guests

YANGON, 7 Oct — Dr Paul Pasch (Division for International Cooperation Department for Asia and the Pacific, Head of South East Asia Desk) and Prof Dr Michael von Hauff, (Economist) of Germany called on Gen-

eral Secretary of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Prof Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun at the office of MWAF on 29 September. At the meeting, General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun clarified functions of MWAF, tasks

being undertaken for the development of education and health of women. Present on the occasion were Joint-General Secretary Daw Khin Htar May and Secretariat member Dr Daw Thet Thet Zin. — MNA

USDA Secretary-General receives resident representatives of UN agencies

YANGON, 7 Oct — Resident representatives and officials from UNRC UNDP, UNICEF, FAO, WHO, UNODC, UNHCR, UNFPA and UNAIDS called on Union Solidarity and Development Association Secretary-General U Htay Oo at the office of USDA Headquarters on New University Avenue in

Bahan Township today. Also present at the call were USDA Joint Secretary-General U Zaw Min, member of Central Executive Committee U Soe Tha and secretaries from Kayin State, Shan State (South) and (North) USDAs. At the meeting the Secretary-General explained aims and func-

tions of USDA, regional development tasks, five rural development tasks, rural power supply work, and social affairs tasks. He answered the queries raised by those present. USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo and representatives of UN agencies posed for a documentary photo. —MNA



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo receives resident representatives of UN agencies at the office of USDA Headquarters. — MNA

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(TENDER NO. 18(T) MPE/LPG (2)/ 2005-2006)

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by the Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of Mixed LPG (2,000 ± 5%) Metric Tons.
2. Tender closing Date: (25-10-2005) at (12:00) noon.
3. Tender Documents and detail information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, No. (23), Min-Ye-Kyaw-Zwa Road, Yangon, during office hours commencing (10-10-2005) on payment of one hundred (100) FEC per set.
4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender documents officially from Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director,
Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise

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MV SEA BRIGHT VOYNO (725)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA BRIGHT VOYNO (725) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 9.10.2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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“Stealth” frigates deal eludes France, Italy

PARIS, 6 Oct—A last-minute failure to agree on a major defense deal to build “stealth” frigates at a Franco-Italian summit on Tuesday threw the fate of Europe's largest single naval construction project into confusion.

The two NATO allies backed away from signing the 11-billion-euro (13.12 billion US dollars) deal to build the 27 frigates to modernize their navies that should have crowned talks between President Jacques Chirac and Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

Delegates said the two sides also failed to make progress in long-running discussions over whether Italy's state power firm Enel should be allowed into the French energy sector or whether their national airlines should deepen existing ties.

In an embarrassing setback, French officials were forced to retract a statement that the frigates deal had been signed after apparently discovering a last-minute hitch in negotiations. Neither side explained why the deal had not been signed as expected.

Plans to announce the

deal unravelled behind the scenes even as Chirac was highlighting its benefits in a joint post-summit news conference with Berlusconi.

“We are going to put in place our project for multi-purpose frigates,” Chirac said, adding that the venture reflected strong defence ties which also include a deal to allow each side to use the other's airspace to prevent terrorism.

Italian Defence Minister Antonio Martino played down the significance of the delay. “The signing slipped back because of a small technical problem,” he said, adding that he hoped the deal would be signed soon.

French defence industry officials put the blame on the Italian side and said they would press ahead with their own part of the plan, which could create 2,000 French jobs.

MNA/Reuters

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Frenchman, Americans win Nobel for organic chemistry

STOCKHOLM, 6 Oct— Frenchman Yves Chauvin and Americans Robert Grubbs and Richard Schrock won the 2005 Nobel Chemistry prize for the synthesis of molecules to produce cheaper, cleaner chemicals and drugs to combat major diseases.

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences awarded them the 10 million crown (1.29 million US dollars) prize for work in metathesis, where molecules “dance round and change partners” to create new molecules.

“Imagination will soon be the only limit to what molecules can be built,” said the Academy citation, calling metathesis “an example of how important basic science has

been applied for the benefit of man, society and the environment”.

The Academy said the discoveries of the three men laid the groundwork for research which could lead to the creation of drugs to treat diseases like Alzheimer's, Down's Syndrome, HIV/AIDS and cancer.

Metathesis, which means “changing places”, refers to the reorganization of groups of carbon

atoms — carbon being present in all organic life.

Chauvin, who is 74 and works at the French Petroleum Institute, provided the “recipe” for this in 1971. Schrock, who is 60 and works at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Grubbs, who is 63 and works at the California Institute of Technology, developed effective catalysts for the reaction.

MNA/Reuters

Terrorism biggest threat to Philippines security

MANILA, 6 Oct— Terrorism has become the biggest threat to the country's security compared to the secessionist and various criminal elements, a government official said on Tuesday.

Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes said at a Press conference that terrorism is the No.1 among the threats to the republic since it is “really clear and present”.

“We've seen (terrorist attacks) in Bali. We have also reports that some of terrorists are probably here so there is clear and present danger of terrorist attack,” said Reyes.

Dozens of people and over 200 others were injured in the bombing on Saturday night in Bali, Indonesia, which was suspected of being conducted by the Indonesia-based

southeastern terrorist network, Jemaah Islamiyah (JI).

Reyes downplayed the reports that two JI terrorists behind the Bali bombings have been trained in the southern Philippine islands of Mindanao. “We don't necessarily believe all reports that come in but we are verifying them.”

On the current presence of JI operatives in the country, Reyes said: “We cannot prevent them from coming back, but if there are reports on it (JI's return to the Philippines), we will verify it and will

run after them again.”

The JI is being blamed for a number of attacks in Indonesia and the Philippines, including the December 30, 2000 bombings in Metro Manila.

Reyes said that JI terrorists have been dislodged from their training camps in Mindanao as a result of a series of military pursuit operation in 2000.

However, a latest military pronouncement indicated that at least 30 to 40 JI militants are still currently operating in the country.

President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo on Monday issued an order to form a new national anti-crime task force headed by Reyes to “address heinous crimes, high-profile crimes and other crimes as may be directed by the President.”

“Part of the reason why we are here is to integrate intelligence collection and monitoring. The recent Bali bombing is a good enough warning that terrorism is with us and will be with us for many years,” Reyes said.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian police declare full alert nationwide after Bali blasts

JAKARTA, 6 Oct— The Indonesian police has gone on top alert after Saturday's Bali bombs, with provincial police chiefs across the country tightening security in a bid to capture the Bali perpetrators and prevent further attacks.

Police spokesman Inspector General Aryanto Boedihardjo said National Police chief General Sutanto had instructed all provincial police chiefs to go on full alert. Jakarta police earlier increased their security status to full alert on Sunday after the devastating blasts.

“It's up to each regional police chief to prepare their personnel to beef up the security around the country,” Aryanto was quoted Tuesday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying. He said the police were teaming up with immigration offices to prevent suspected bombers from fleeing Indonesia.

Officials said the latest bombs show marked similarities to the earlier Bali bombings in 2002, which killed 202 people and were blamed on Malaysian fugitives Azahari bin Husin and Noordin Moh. Top. Both are believed to be members of the Jamaah Islamiyah terror group.

“We can't be sure yet if the bombers are related to them (Azahari and Noordin), but if we look at the pattern of how they always employ suicide bombers to carry out their plan, I have to admit that they are similar,” Aryanto said.

However, police could still not be absolutely cer-

tain that the three severed heads found at the bomb sites belonged to the bombers, he said.

“We need to confirm this with the forensics lab as we have found traces of bomb materials in their corpses,” Aryanto said.

He said police were also analyzing the bomb materials to verify if they were similar to the explosives used in previous blasts.

Aryanto said police had been doing their best to prevent bomb attacks in the country after President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono issued a warning of possible attacks in September and October.

“We had tightened the security in closed buildings, such as hotels and malls when the warning came out, but what can we do if the blast happens in open areas like these did? These areas are very vulnerable to attacks,” Aryanto said. He urged restaurant owners and the public to take security measures to anticipate similar incidents in the future.

“We certainly can't put a wall around those open places. It will not be comfortable, especially for holidaymakers. That's why we need everyone's help in this case, so that we can prevent more attacks in the future,” Aryanto said. — MNA/Xinhua

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Exercise training may ease chronic back pain

NEW YORK, 6 Oct—For workers with disabling back pain, a supervised exercise programme combining resistance training to strengthen the muscles of the lower back with exercises designed to improve flexibility and coordination may help them return to work, a study shows.

A look back at 314 consecutive individuals with chronic back pain attributed largely to work-related causes who participated in the 8- to 15-week exercise programme showed that many of them saw improvement in their ability to move and had less pain.

The active exercise programme worked better than popular passive back pain remedies such as ultrasound, electrical stimulation and hot packs.

"Restorative exercise was effective in improving self-reported functional

ability and reducing pain intensity in a sample of patients with spinal complaints," Dr Vert Mooney of the Spine and Sport Foundation in San Diego, told the annual meeting of the North American Spine Society in Philadelphia. After completing the rehabilitation programme, the workers demonstrated a modest but significant 13 per cent improvement in functional ability, which may be enough to send them back to work, Mooney said in a statement issued by the Society.

MNA/Reuters



Sony Corp's Bravia liquid crystal display televisions line up on the stage at CEATEC Japan 2005 exhibition in Chiba, east of Tokyo, on 5 Oct, 2005.

INTERNET



A worker mows the lawn next to the Palau de les Arts (Palace of the Arts) Reina Sofia in Valencia, Spain, on 6 October, 2005. The building designed by Spanish architect and engineer Santiago Calatrava will open to the public on 8 October.—INTERNET

Global disaster death toll soared in 2004

GENEVA, 6 Oct—The death toll from natural disasters soared in 2004 to around 250,000, due largely to the Indian Ocean tsunami, three times that of the previous year and 10 times more than in 2002, according to a report on Wednesday.

The figure was also three times the annual average for the decade 1994-2003, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said in its latest World Disasters Report.

Around 232,010 people are known to have died or gone missing in the December 26 tsunami which struck 13 countries around the Indian Ocean, hitting Sri Lanka, Indonesia and Southeast India particularly hard. However, the number of people affected by natural disasters around the world in 2004 fell to 146 million, well down on the 258 million average of the previous decade, according to the Federation, the largest disaster relief network.

The biggest single cause of disasters in 2004 was flooding, with some 110,000 people affected in Bangladesh, India and China.—MNA/Reuters

Child dies in Wales E coli outbreak

LONDON, 6 Oct—A five-year-old boy has died after contracting E coli food poisoning in an outbreak which has hit 161 people in Wales, mainly children, the hospital treating him said on Tuesday.

Mason Jones, from Deri, near Bargoed, Caerphilly, died on Monday night at Bristol Royal Hospital for Children where four other children are being treated for E coli infection. He had been admitted on 27 September, 11 days after the outbreak of the potentially fatal bug was first detected. He was the first to die from the outbreak, which has spread to children at 38 schools in South Wales and subsequently to their parents and relatives. The source of the outbreak has yet to be confirmed but the Food Standards Agency has linked it to meat supplied to schools by Bridgend firm John Tudor.

Schools, local authorities and other catering outlets supplied by the firm have been told not to use any of the firm's meat products in case they are contaminated. Symptoms of E. coli include severe diarrhoea and vomiting and can prove fatal for the very young and old. Bristol Royal Hospital said one of its other young patients being treated for E coli, aged 12, was about to be discharged, while the other three, aged eight, four and two, were doing well.—MNA/Reuters

Toyota to buy 10% of Fuji Heavy from GM

TOKYO, 6 Oct—Toyota Motor Corp will buy a 10-per-cent stake in fellow Japanese auto maker Fuji Heavy Industries Ltd from US rival General Motors Corp. to become its top shareholder, Japanese media reported on Wednesday.

GM owns 20 per cent of Fuji Heavy, the maker of Subaru cars. The reports from national broadcaster NHK and business daily *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* came minutes after Toyota said it would hold a news conference at 6:30 pm (0930 GMT) to announce a basic agreement with Fuji Heavy for a business tie-up.

Dogged by huge pension and health-care liabilities, as well as sliding US sales, GM has been struggling to repair its operations and balance sheet amid cut-throat competition in the auto sector. The US auto maker could use the cash as financing becomes more expensive following the downgrade of its debt to junk status this year by three top ratings agencies.

GM bought its stake in Fuji Heavy, which is known for its edge in all-wheel-drive technology, in December 1999, but analysts have recently questioned the value of that alliance as Subaru battles its own drop in sales.—MNA/Reuters



Miss Asia winner Kitty Wang of China, centre, poses with first runner-up Hong In Young of Korea, left, and second runner-up Anna Zhai of China, after winning the 2005 Miss Asia Pageant contest in Hong Kong on 4 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

1918 flu virus reconstructed for potential future pandemic

LOS ANGELES, 6 Oct—Scientists have partially reconstructed for the first time the Spanish flu virus that killed 20 to 50 million people worldwide in year 1918, and discovered why the virus could be so lethal.

This finding, appearing in the 7 October issue of the journal *Science*, will provide essential information for flu drug and vaccine research, and help contain a potential flu pandemic in the future, experts said on Wednesday. The Spanish flu virus is more closely related to avian flu viruses than other human flu viruses. Scientists have predicted that it is only a matter of time before an avian flu outbreak occurs in humans and develops into a global pandemic.

Therapies against a new flu strain would need to disarm the parts of the virus that do the most damage to the body. In order to learn which components of the virus would be the best targets for such therapies, Terrence Tumpey of the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention and colleagues revisited the 1918 Spanish flu virus.—MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand hits to return the ball against Jarkko Nieminen of Finland during the men's singles quarterfinal match of the Japan Open Tennis Championships in Tokyo, on 7 Oct, 2005. Nieminen beat Srichaphan 2-6, 7-6, 7-5. —INTERNET

Dutch coach warns Nistelrooy over self control

NOORDWIJK (Netherlands), 7 Oct— Netherlands coach Marco van Basten said he had to reprimand Ruud van Nistelrooy after the Manchester United striker kicked a teammate in training on Wednesday.

Van Nistelrooy apologized for the incident in which he kicked defender Ron Vlaar when he was on the ground as the squad prepared for their World Cup qualifier against the Czech Republic on Saturday in Prague.

The Dutch need just a point to book their place in next year's finals in Germany.

"We train always on the knife edge with a lot of emotion but I explained to Ruud that it is important that we control our emotions and treat teammates with respect," van Basten told a news conference on

Thursday. "Saturday will be an important match for both teams and the Czechs will do whatever is needed to win."

Van Nistelrooy, who was booked in the 4-0 win over Andorra last month after a provocative celebration in front of an Andorran defender, said: "I spoke with the group and apologized to the player."

"Sometimes I have a problem to keep my self control, it happens to me. In training I give everything."

Van Basten will travel to Prague with a 20-man

squad. "We planned to travel with 19 players but because (Jan) Kromkamp is doubtful I added an extra player," he said.

"If Kromkamp is not able to play Nigel de Jong will be his logical replacement."

Van Basten is unbeaten in 14 matches as national coach since he took over from Dick Advocaat in 2004, but he says the Czechs will be dangerous even with five players missing through injury.

"With almost a complete second team they beat Germany in the final

group match at Euro 2004, so they are still able to reach a high level," said van Basten.

"But missing the two physical strikers, (Jan) Koller and (Vratislav) Lokvench, might give them some problems because they had a system adjusted to these players for three years now."

Netherlands have 28 points from 10 matches with the second-placed Czechs on 24. The Dutch finish their qualification campaign against Macedonia in Amsterdam on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Brazil rest Ronaldo, Ronaldinho, Kaka for Bolivia match

TERESOPOLIS (Brazil), 7 Oct— Ronaldo, Ronaldinho, Roberto Carlos, Cafu and Kaka will be among eight players rested by world champions Brazil for Sunday's World Cup qualifier away to Bolivia.

Coach Carlos Alberto Parreira announced on Thursday that Brazil, who have already made sure of their place in Germany, would also leave goalkeeper Dida, defender Juan and midfielder Emerson at home for the game.

Parreira had initially named a 26-man squad for the match in La Paz at 3,600 metres above sea level.

"We will take the chance to observe some players who haven't been playing and will now get the chance to show what they can do," Parreira said.

"Despite the game being at altitude, I'm confident that this team will put on a good performance and

can win the game."

Parreira added that Brazil, who are second in the 10-nation South American World Cup qualifying group with 30 points from 16 games, could still overhaul arch-rivals Argentina, who are one point ahead.

"Brazil must always think about being first, for our ego, for our position in world football," he said. "We have to win our last two games and hope that Argentina slip up."

MNA/Reuters



Giant striker Peter Crouch, pictured (L) going head to head with Manchester United's Alan Smith, is favourite to start up front alongside Michael Owen in England's must-win World Cup qualifier against Austria here on Saturday and the 24-year-old is determined to seize the opportunity presented by his first competitive start for his country. —INTERNET

Boca top in Argentine championship at halfway stage

BUENOS AIRES, 7 Oct— Boca Juniors have entered the second half of the Argentine Apertura championship at the top of the standings ahead of the "Superclasico" against arch-rivals River Plate in 10 days' time.

Boca beat Tiro Federal 2-1 at home on Wednesday night to stay two points clear of second-placed Argentina's Juniors, who won 3-1 away against San Lorenzo. River Plate, who had halted an alarming slide with a 3-1 home win over Independiente last weekend, returned to their recent losing ways when they went down 2-1 at modest Olimpo. River are 10 points adrift of Boca in 11th place.

Argentina's biggest derby at River's Monumental stadium is not until 16 October. There is no league football this weekend because of World Cup qualifiers. Midfielder Daniel Bilos scored both goals in Boca's victory at Tiro Federal while David Ramirez struck both for Olimpo to sink River. Veteran striker Silvio Carrario also scored twice in Argentina's win at San Lorenzo. —MNA/Reuters

Nistelrooy determined to stay with United

NOORDWIJK (Netherlands), 7 Oct — Ruud van Nistelrooy is determined to see out his contract with Manchester United and is prepared to extend it after 2008.

At the Dutch World Cup team training camp on Thursday, he denied all rumours about a possible transfer to Real Madrid.

"I'm not interested in a transfer, not this year and also not during my contract till 2008," van Nistelrooy told Reuters.

"And I hope I will play in Manchester after that."

Some media in Britain suggested earlier this week a move to Real might be on the cards at the end of the season.

But van Nistelrooy explained: "My agent (Rodger Linse) has en-

sured me that he did not say anything about Real Madrid. The story started in some English newspapers but we have already set it straight."

The striker is with the Dutch squad preparing for their World Cup qualifier against the Czech Republic on Saturday.

He said: "I am completely fit and that is the most important for me. I can do what I want on the pitch and am no longer bothered by physical problems."

"Last season I had some spells when that I could show it but they

were not often enough."

United trail Chelsea in the standings but van Nistelrooy said: "The only thing we should do is give our best in the remaining 31 matches and hope Chelsea will drop some points."

"It is no use looking at the standings before every match because that won't help you at all."

Earlier on Thursday, Netherlands coach Marco van Basten said he had reprimanded van Nistelrooy for kicking a teammate in training on Wednesday. Van Nistelrooy said he had apologized.

MNA/Reuters



Ferrari's Formula One driver Rubens Barrichello of Brazil returns to the Ferrari team pit as he wraps up a practice session for Sunday's Japanese Grand Prix race at Suzuka Circuit in central Japan on 7 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

Gerat white shark crosses Indian Ocean—and back

JOHANNESBURG, 7 Oct—A great white shark has astounded scientists by swimming from South Africa to Australia and back in a journey that sheds new light on the murky world of the ocean's most feared predator.

The epic voyage of — named Nicole after the tagged female shark | Australian actress Nicole



CASH DONATED: In memory of late parents of both sides, U Khin Maung Win-Daw Hla Than and family of Room-4, Building-3, Industry-1 Staff Quarters on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Bahan Township donate K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the Home accepts the cash donation.—H

Kidman — will be described in the Thursday edition of the US journal *Science*. In the first transoceanic and longest ever recorded trip by a shark, Nicole swam an astonishing 12,400 miles (more than 20,000 kilometres) — and experts reckon she did it for love.

"We suspect that she went for reproductive reasons," Dr Ramon Bonfil of the Bronx Zoo-based Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) told Reuters by telephone.

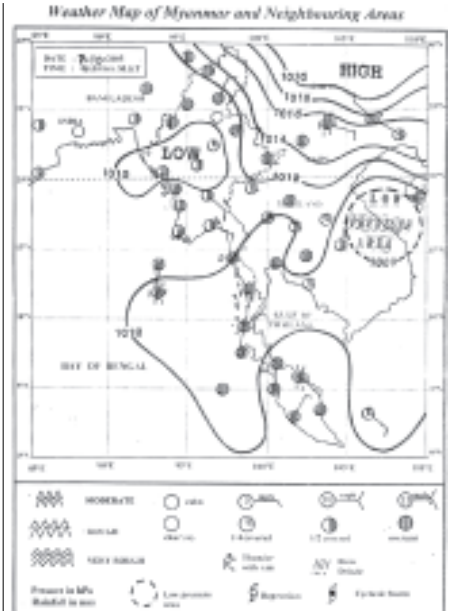
"There's plenty of food around South Africa and she would be using too much energy to just go to Australia to feed. Of course we can't prove this at this stage, it is just a

hunch," said Bonfil, lead author of the study.

Nicole's tag recorded data on time, temperature, water depth and light levels — but not whether she mated.

Bonfil said her path was remarkably straight — after veering a few hundred kilometres south of South Africa's coastline towards Antarctica, she arced east and northeast to Australia.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Friday, 7 October, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were PyinOoLwin, Thaton and Mawlamyine (0.32) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 6-10-2005 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 7-10-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 7-10-2005 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 6-10-2005 was (9.4) hours approx. Rainfalls on 7-10-2005 were nil Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 East at (12:50) hours MST on 6-10-2005.

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

Special features: According to the observation at (06:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Gulf of Tonking, South China Sea and moved into westwards.

Forecast valid until evening of 8-10-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Rakhine, Kachin, Chin States and upper Sagaing Division and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-10-2005: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-10-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 8 October
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music:
-Tell me how to make your smile
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music:
-The rhythm of rain
- 8.50 am National news+12 Objectives & People's Desire
- 9:00 am Music:
-Closer to you
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
-Think about love
-Time will tell
-All my life
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
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Saturday, 8th October
View on today

7:00 am

- 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေယျာရဋ္ဌဂုဗ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေယျာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဓမ္မာတိတ၊ တီပီဂူကရေ၊ မေဗျာဇ္ဇာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိမိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- 2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- 3. Morning news

7:40 am

- 4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

- 5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

- 6. Musical programme

8:10 am

- 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

- 8. မင်းလှရေလှောင်တံခွန်

8:30 am

- 9. International news

8:45 am

- 10. Grammar made easy

11:00 am

- 1. Martial song

11:15 am

- 2. Musical programme

11:30 am

- 3. News

11:45 am

- 4. Games for children

12:05 pm

- 5. Round up of the week's TV local news

12:35 pm

- 6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"စောရတီစွာနှင့်မိစ္ဆာစွမ်းခါး" (အပိုင်း-၄၄)

1:10 pm

- 7. ကြားမြင်သူတို့ ဖြည့်စွဲစရာ

1:20 pm

- 8. "ပတ္တလားပိတောက်"

(ဦးအောင်မြင့်၊ စောခိုင်(ရှမ်းပြည်)၊ ညိုအုန်း၊ ရှမ်းပုံကြီး၊ ခင်ဦးသာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ထူးအောင်-မြင့်၊ နို(ရီ))

1:45 pm

- 9. ရုပ်ရှင်ပညာပေးသော ဖွင့်ပိမဓန

ကျေးလက်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး (အပိုင်း-၁)

2:00 pm

- 10. Dance of national races

2:15 pm

- 11. "သွယ်လမ်းမရှိတဲ့ ဥပဒေ"

(မင်းခေါ၊ ခင်စာမြည်ကျော်၊ ကေရီကျော်ကျော်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ယုန်ကျော်)

2:20 pm

- 12. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:30 pm

- 13. (၂၀)ကြိမ်မြောက် အစုတောင် အချာအားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်ပည့် မြန်မာအားကစားသမားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ပြသ)

2:45 pm

- 14. International news

3:20 pm

- 1. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်(၂၀)ကြိမ်မြောက် တပီတော်ကာကွယ်ရေးဦးစီးချုပ်ပလားအသင်း(၂၀)နှစ်နှင့်အောက်တပီတော်(ကြည့်:၊ ရေ၊ လေ) ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ ချိတ်ကိုင်ပွဲအားလုံးအစီအစဉ် (ဒုတိယအကြိမ် နှိုင်းယှဉ်) (အရှေ့တောင်တိုင်း၊ မြောက်ပိုင်း၊ အရှေ့တောင်၊ အထူးတော်-ရေ ဘောလုံးအသင်း)

5:15 pm

- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

5:30 pm

- 3. အေးသင်္ဃာတော်အဖွဲ့အစည်း

ရုပ်ရှင်သံကြားသံခန်းစာ

-ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဘောဇာအထူးပြု) (ဘောဇာ)

5:45 pm

- 4. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:55 pm

- 5. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ တေရသမ

အကြိမ်(၁၃)ကြိမ် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ

ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအကအရိုး၊

အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာနိုင်

ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့်

တော်ယောင်ဆောင်) (ပါသနာအောင်)

(အချိုးသား)

6:05 pm

- 6. ထာဝန်စွာ မြန်မာ့ဂီတ(အတီး

ပညာဘာသာရပ် ရွေးကောက်

(အပိုင်း-၅)

6:15 pm

- 7. Musical programme

6:30 pm

- 8. Evening news

7:00 pm

- 9. Weather report

7:05 pm

- 10. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"မိန်းလွဲမေတ္တာကန်သာယာ"

(အပိုင်း-၁၃)

7:35 pm

- 11. Musical programme

7:45 pm

- 12. ဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှုအလှူပန်းချား

ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး

8:00 pm

- 13. News

- 14. International news

- 15. Weather report

- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"ထာဝန်စွာ မြန်မာ"

(အပိုင်း-၁၄)

- 16. The next day's programme

Participation of the people essential for regional development

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects oil palm plantations, development tasks in Karathuri, Bokpyin

YANGON, 7 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, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments concerned, the Patron of Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Taninthayi Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee and members left Khamaukgyi on 4 October morning and proceeded to Oil Palm Plan-

tation of Annawa Tun Co Ltd in Chaungkapy Village of Bokpyin Township.

They viewed growing of oil palms at the plantation. Annawa Tun Co Ltd has grown 92,000 oil palm saplings at its plantation.

At Karathuri of Bokpyin Township, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with departmental officials and social organization members at the combined office of the General Administration Department, and gave instructions on efforts to be made for development of the town and self-sufficiency in food.

At the combined office, the women's affairs discussion and the ceremony to present as-



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects crude oil mill of South Dagon Co in Bokpyin Township. —MNA

istance to needy children were organized by Taninthayi Division

WAO and Taninthayi Division MCWA.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented education and health aids to Executive Officer U Aung Min Kyi.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife Daw Tin Tin Nwe, Patron of Division WAO and Chairperson of Division MCWSC, and party gave away education and health assistance to officials.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party oversaw development of the town by car. On arrival at Crude

Palm Oil Factory of South Dagon Oil Mill Co Ltd in Bokpyin Township, Managing Director of the company U Aung Htwe reported on growing of oil palms, construction of the crude oil mill and its running task. Deputy General Manager U Win Tin of Myanma Perennial Crops Enterprise gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party viewed round the factory.

At Basic Education High School in Bokpyin, they inspected the multimedia classrooms.

In the afternoon, they went to the combined office of General Administration Department of Bokpyin and met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

Chairman of Bokpyin Township PDC U Thein Win briefed them on social, economic, health, education and agricultural sectors of the township. Departmental officials also reported on their respective sectors.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that participation of the people is essential for regional development. He urged them to organize the local people to take part in the regional development tasks.

Next, he inspected free medical treatment being given by specialists of the medical team under the leadership of Taninthayi Division WAO and MCWSC at Bokpyin Township Hospital.

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Specialists of a medical team under the leadership of Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee provide health care services to locals free of charge at Bokpyin Township Hospital.



Patron of Taninthayi Division Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee and party hold a round-table discussion with local women. —MNA

Untimely rainfall warning

YANGON, 7 Oct—According to the observation at (06:30) hours MST today, a low pressure area has formed over Gulf of Tonking, South China Sea and moved westwards. Under the influence of this low pressure area, scattered to widespread rain or thundershowers are likely in Eastern, Central and Lower Myanmar areas within next (48) hours commencing tonight.

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