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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

## Yangon Command wins 21st Defence Services C-in-C's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament U-21

### Secretary-1 presents trophy to Yangon Command

YANGON, 11 Oct —Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman of Tatmadaw Sports and Physical Education Administration Board Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein watched the final match of the 21st Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament Under 21 at the youth training centre in Thuwunna this evening.

Present were directors of Directorates of the Ministry of Defence, military attachés, officials of the Ministry of Sports, guests, Tatmadaw members and families and football fans.

Yangon Command beat Tatmadaw (Navy) 1-0 at the final.

Brig-Gen Zin Yaw of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Air) presented prizes to players of No 55 LID and Tatmadaw (Navy) which stood third and second respectively.

Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented award for fair play to Yangon Command. Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun also presented prizes to players of Yangon Command individually.

Next, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, the Secretary-1 presented the trophy to Yangon Command team.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents the trophy to Yangon Command U-21 team that wins 21st Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein watches the final match of Commander-in-Chief's Trophy Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Football Tournament. — MNA

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Grow new items of crops to earn more foreign exchange**

Increased agricultural production plays a pivotal role in enhancing the socio-economic status of the people and therefore the government is taking all the necessary steps and rendering assistance to farmers to boost the production of the agricultural sector.

It calls for adequate water supply, agricultural technologies and extension of cultivated acreage to boost the production of the agricultural sector. There are 25 million acres of farmland in the whole nation and there are still vast area of arable virgin and vacant land. Efforts are being made to boost the production of the agricultural sector not only increasing the production of the current cultivated acreage but also by extending the cultivated acreage.

With the assistance of the government, the farmers are essaying to meet the targeted yield of the ten major crops. In an attempt to boost the per-acre yield and to increase the cultivated acreage, large areas of land are being reclaimed and national entrepreneurs are being invited to work on the newly-reclaimed farmland.

The government is also providing assistance to farmers in order that they can grow marketable crops more and more. For example, in Magway region, Pakokku plains and Bagan-NyaungU region, onion is being cultivated on farmland on both sides of the canals of the already-built dams. The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is providing agricultural technology, quality strains and pesticides to the farmers.

Now that the national entrepreneurs are in a position to enhance the agricultural economy, they are required to grow not only seasonal crops but also such perennials as rubber and oil palm on the farmland they are allowed to work on. There is always a good demand for agricultural produce, especially rubber and palm oil, in the world market. Therefore, the government is encouraging the extended cultivation of rubber and oil palm.

Now the nation is not only sufficient in agricultural produce but also able to export the surplus. Last year, mango and onion were exported and a considerable amount of foreign exchange was earned.

Therefore, we would like to call on farmers to extend the cultivation of new items of crops to earn more foreign exchange.



With the patronage of both parents, U Ngwe Lin-Daw Moe Moe Oo and nephew Maung Tin Min Htut of Thingangyun Township donate K 102,000 to the three-storey hospital through joint treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board. — (H)

**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

**Construction Minister addresses work coord meeting**

YANGON, 10 Oct — Ministry of Construction held a work coordination meeting at the office of Public Works on Shwedagon Pagoda Road here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Ministers U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, directors-general and managing director of departments and enterprises under the ministry, departmental heads, superintending engineers from states and divisions and project engineers.

Addressing the meeting, the minister said those responsible officials are to take measures for construction and renovation tasks with accelerated momentum

as the open season is setting in. He added engineers are to supervise the work for maintaining the roads and bridges by applying their technical knowledge. Only then will it benefit the State as well as their department. Systematic measures also need to be taken for minimizing loss and wastage. Steps will be taken step by step to upgrade earth roads to gravel ones and then tar ones. Officials are to use quality materials in building bridges, urged the minister.

Later, superintending engineers reported on conditions of construction projects, supply and use of funds and fuel to the minister, who then gave necessary instructions. — MNA

**Ministry of Finance and Revenue holds work coordination meeting**



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses the work coordination meeting. — F & R

YANGON, 10 Oct—The third work coordination meeting for 2005 of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue took place at the meeting hall of the ministry in Yankin Township here this morning with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, directors, general managers, officials of Myanma Economic Banks from states and divisions and others.

In his address, the minister said that the meeting was to discuss the strengths and weaknesses of

works implemented in 2005-2006 fiscal year, and those present were to present measures and tasks to be implemented; that integrated and well-coordinated efforts are to be made for success of finance and revenue services which contribute much to development of national economy; that those who are engaged in finance and revenue undertakings are to try their utmost out of sincerity for national development.

Afterwards, officials from departments and enterprises under the ministry took part in the discussion.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.

The meeting continues tomorrow.

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**I & P Deputy Minister back from Geneva**

YANGON, 10 Oct —The delegation led by Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung yesterday evening arrived back here after attending the 56th UNHCR Executive Committee Meeting held in Geneva, Switzerland.

Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa welcomed the delegation at the Yangon International Airport.

Director General of the Immigration and National Registration Department U Maung Maung Than and Director U Khin Soe also arrived back on the same flight.

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Deputy Minister U Maung Aung and party being welcomed back at the airport. — I & P







Rescue workers search for bodies in Balakot on 10 Oct, 2005. Rescuers struggled on Monday through the shattered ruins of the Pakistani city worst hit by the weekend earthquake but in most cases they were searching for bodies, not survivors. —INTERNET

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## Hu sends condolences to Indian counterpart over deadly quake

**BEIJING, 10 Oct** — Chinese President Hu Jintao on Sunday sent a message of condolences to his Indian counterpart Abdul Kalam over the massive earthquake that caused heavy casualties and damages in the South Asian country.

Hu, on behalf of the Chinese Government and people and in his own name, offered condolences to the victims' families and the injured, and expressed deep grief over those who were killed in

the disaster.

On the same day, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao and Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing also extended condolences to Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and

Foreign Minister Natwar Singh respectively over the deadly earthquake which hit the South Asia region on Saturday morning.

Some 300 people, including 36 Indian troops, have been reportedly killed in the Indian-controlled Kashmir, while another 900 are said to be undergoing medical treatment in various hospitals.

The epicentre of the earthquake, measured 7.6 on the Richter Scale, was located in Muzaffarabad, 95 kilometres north of Islamabad and 115 kilometres northwest of Srinagar, the summer capital of Indian-controlled Kashmir.

MNA/Xinhua

## Malaysia to send rescue team to Pakistan

**KUALA LUMPUR, 10 Oct**— The Malaysian Red Crescent Society (MRCS) will send a team to Pakistan to assist earthquake victims, local media reported on Sunday.

MRCS Chairman Nordin Abdul Razak said the 12-member team, consisting of four doctors and eight relief workers, is expected to leave for Pakistan late Sunday.

MRCS sources said the Malaysian team will be joined by the Red Crescent teams of Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines, and Indonesia in Pakistan.

The MRCS also urged Malaysians to donate to help the victims. —MNA/Xinhua

## Bangkok on standby for possible flood

**BANGKOK, 10 Oct** — Despite having confidence that the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) officials can fend off both tides and floods, Bangkok Governor Apirak Kosayodhin has ordered additional sandbags and flood relief officials to be on a standby on Sunday.

Speaking after inspecting preparations made by BMA officials to battle possible flooding in Bangkok as a result of the expected seasonal seawater surge, Apirak said the water level in key canals in the

capital had been lowered by between 50-100 centimetres the level of the seawater while 2.3 million sandbags had been raised to a height of 2.1 metres alongside the Chao Phraya River and several canals.

According to the *Thai News Agency*, an additional 300,000 sandbags have been kept on reserve and they will be used for raising embankments' height by another five centimetres if necessary.

MNA/Xinhua

## Poll shows fading support for Iraq war

**WASHINGTON, 11 Oct**—Public support for US involvement in Iraq continues to fall. By two to one, Americans reject financing the war through an increased federal deficit, and 62% would finance paying for the rebuilding of the Gulf Coast by cutting spending in Iraq.

More than half of Americans think Iraq is not secure enough to hold its constitutional referendum in just under a week, and many doubt that country will ever become a stable democracy.

Public opinion is now fairly solidly against the war in Iraq. More than half of Americans—55%—think the US should have stayed out of Iraq (the highest figure to date), while 41% think taking military action there was the right thing to do. As the war began, Americans overwhelmingly approved of US action against Iraq; 69% said the US did the right thing in taking military action (the highest level of support in our polls for the war). Support for the war waned in 2004. In addition, almost two thirds of Americans think the result of the war with Iraq wasn't worth the loss of American life and

other costs; 32% think it was.

In previous polls, adding Saddam Hussein's name to the question has caused opinion toward the war to become more favourable. That isn't the case in this poll. Now, the percentage that says removing Saddam Hussein from power was worth the costs has fallen to 34% — nearly the same percentage that says the result of the war was worth the cost.

Most Americans also would like to see US troops out of Iraq as soon as possible. Now, 59% want US troops to leave, up from 52% last month and 40% earlier this year. Only 36% think troops should stay in Iraq as long as it takes for that country to become stable.

Democrats and Republicans find themselves on different sides of the issue. 61% of Republicans want the US to stay in Iraq

for as long as it takes, while 73% of Democrats want US troops out as soon as possible. 62% of independents also want US troops to leave. It is noteworthy, however, that 36% of Republicans, and 45% of Conservatives, would like to see US troops out of Iraq.

Internet

## Militant group kills two Iraqi guards

**DUBAI, 10 Oct** — Islamic militant group Army of Ansar al-Sunna said it shot dead two Iraqis abducted while guarding oil facilities, according to a video posted on the Internet on Sunday.

The two hostages, one of whom had bruises on his face, were questioned about their jobs before being taken outdoors and shot. The video, whose authenticity could not be verified immediately, was dated 6 October. "This is the confession of two members of the (national guards) who protect oil facilities, whose revenues infidels use to finance their operation in Iraq," the group said in an accompanying statement. The group said it had abducted the two men during clashes on Thursday

with security guards at oil facilities in the northern city of Kirkuk, adding that its fighters had killed 10 others. Guerrillas have assassinated oil officials and sabotaged crude pipelines as part of a campaign aimed at toppling the US-backed

Iraqi Government. Army of Ansar al-Sunna, one of the main Sunni Muslim guerrilla groups, has claimed responsibility for attacks against US forces and the Iraqi Government and killed several hostages.

MNA/Reuters

## Roadside bomb kills US soldier in western Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 10 Oct** — A roadside bomb killed a US Marine during a US-Iraqi military offensive in western Iraq, the US military

said on Sunday. The Marine, assigned to the 2nd Marine Division of the Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward), was killed on Saturday in the city of Ramadi, some 110 kilometres west of Baghdad, the military said in a statement. About 500 US Marines and 400 Iraqi troops were conducting an offensive, called Operation Mountaineer aimed at guerrillas before Iraq's 15 October constitutional referendum, the statement said.

The name of the victim was being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it said. About 1,950 US servicemen have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003. —MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers arrest a man after a roadside bomb explosion on a main highway in Baghdad on 10 Oct,

2005.

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## Russian submarine successfully test-launches ICBM

Moscow, 10 Oct— A training intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) has been successfully launched by a Russian nuclear submarine in the northern Barents Sea early on Saturday, the *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported.

The submarine, *Borisoglebsk*, test-fired a nuclear strategic missile cruiser in the Barents Sea at 01:30 Moscow Time on Saturday (2130 GMT Friday), the Defence Ministry said.

The test of an RSM-54 missile was to assess the possibility of extending the service life of such missiles, the ministry said.

The warhead of the ICBM travelled more than 6,000 kilometres and successfully hit the target at the Kura training range in the far-east Kamchatka, according to Navy spokesman Igor Dygalo.

Navy Commander-in-Chief Ad-

miral Vladimir Masorin said the launch "confirmed the high degree of readiness of the naval strategic nuclear forces and the reliability of the Navy control system".

This is the sixth sea-based ICBM launch this year, the ministry said.

*Borisoglebsk* is a Project 667BDRM submarine, whose public name is *Dolphin*. Seven such submarines armed with 16 RSM-54 ICBMs have been built since 1981.

The 167-metre-long submarine with 140 crew aboard can submerge to a maximum depth of 650 metres, the *ITAR-TASS* said.

MNA/Xinhua

## China ships first batch of relief to quake-hit areas in Pakistan

BEIJING, 10 Oct — China shipped its first batch of relief materials to earthquake-hit areas in Pakistan on Sunday noon, according to China's Ministry of Commerce.

This batch of relief is a part of China's humanitarian aids to Pakistan including 6.2 million US dollars worth of relief materials and funds.

The Chinese Government sent a 49-member international rescue team to earthquake-hit areas in

Pakistan for humanitarian aids on Sunday morning.

An earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter Scale hit Pakistan at 11:50 am on Saturday (Beijing Time). The epicentre was located about 95 kilometres northeast to Islamabad, capital of Pa-

kistan. The earthquake, believed the strongest ever occurred since the founding of Pakistan, caused destruction of different extents to central and northern parts of Pakistan. The quake has killed over 19,000 people and injured 40,000 others, Pakistani military spokesman said on Sunday.—MNA/Xinhua

## Pre-vote bombers strike Iraq, dozens dead

BAGHDAD, 11 Oct — Two car bombs killed dozens of Iraqis on Tuesday, four days before a referendum on a constitution that has divided the nation along sectarian lines. A suicide car bomber hit Iraqi soldiers in a part of Baghdad where Sunni Arab guerrillas have been active and killed five including two civilians, the Interior Ministry said. Initial police reports indicated at least 25 people were killed, though emergency teams were prevented from reaching all the casualties because of the threat from guerrillas.

In Tal Afar, a town in the northwest near the Syrian border that was the target of a major Iraqi and U.S. offensive against guerrillas last month, a suicide car bomb exploded in a market, killing at least 30 people and wounding 45 police said. — MNA/Reuters



US soldiers stand guard near destroyed vehicles after an aborted attack on an Iraqi checkpoint in Baghdad on 10 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

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A Chinese worker transports relief goods bound for Pakistan at a Beijing airport on 10 Oct, 2005. — INTERNET

Hoax causes French police to evacuate Eiffel Tower

PARIS, 10 Oct— French police briefly evacuated tourists from the Eiffel Tower on Sunday following an anonymous bomb threat that proved to be a false alarm, police said.

A spokeswoman for Paris police said the famous landmark was evacuated around 1330 GMT after a caller said there was a bomb. The public was allowed back some 90 minutes later.

It was not immediately clear how many people had been on the 324-metre (1,063-foot) structure at the time of the alert.

Around six million people a year climb the Eiffel Tower, a symbol of the French capital that was built in 1889 for the International Exhibition of Paris commemorating the centenary of the French Revolution.

The tower weighs 10,100 tons and was the world's largest building until 1930. — MNA/Reuters

## Death toll rises for US reservists in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct— The National Guard and Reserves are suffering a strikingly higher share of US casualties in Iraq, their portion of total American military deaths nearly doubling since last year.

Reservists have accounted for one-quarter of all US deaths since the Iraq war began, but the proportion has grown over time. It was 10% for the five weeks it took to topple Baghdad in the spring of 2003, and 20% for 2004 as a whole.

The trend accelerated this year. For the first nine months of 2005 reservists accounted for 36% of US deaths, and for August and September it was 56%, according to Pentagon figures.

The Army National Guard, Army Reserve and

Marine Corps Reserve accounted for more than half of all US deaths in August and in September — the first time that has happened in consecutive months. The only other month in which it even approached 50% was June 2004.

Casualties in Iraq have shifted toward citizen soldiers as their combat role has grown to historic levels. National Guard officials say their soldiers have been sent into combat in Iraq in numbers not previously seen in modern times — far more than were sent to Vietnam, where active-duty troops did the vast majority of the fighting.

Charles Krohn, a former Army deputy chief of public affairs, said the reservists are taking up the slack for the highly stressed active-duty Army.

Forty-five percent of all Guard and Reserve deaths since the start of the war — 220 of the 487 total — occurred in the first nine months of 2005, according to Pentagon figures. The deadliest month was August, when 49 Guard and Reserve members died.—Internet

## Car bomb kills two in southern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Oct— A car bomb went off on Sunday outside a house used by an Iraqi Shiite militia in the southern city of Basra, killing two people and wounding three others, an Interior Ministry source said.

"A booby-trapped car exploded at about 7:30 am (0430 GMT) outside a three-storeyed building in central Basra. The building houses members of the Badr organization," the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

"The blast killed two people, including a child, and wounded three others," the source said.

The attack came as tensions rise among the rival Shiite factions as well as between Shiites and the British troops in Basra, some 550 kilometres south of Baghdad.— MNA/Xinhua



## Beijing makes emergency plan against winter air pollution

BEIJING, 10 Oct—The Municipal Environmental Protection Bureau has made an emergency plan to prevent heavy air pollution in Beijing's winter, said Vice-Director Du Shaozhong here on Sunday.

The plan was made after wide consultations with government departments and companies and it will be launched when there emerges heavy air pollution for two consecutive days.

According to the plan, the government will organize special street cleaning and sprinkling work when it is in effect and factories with huge pollutant emission will be ordered to reduce their production. As of Sunday, Beijing has seen 190 days with blue sky this year, eight days more than the same

period last year.

But Du said "Viewing from the weather changing trend in Beijing's past few winters, the situation is not very promising."

He said air pollution in Beijing is growing increasingly complex and the emergency plan is important to cope with the plight.

The official said the bureau will pay special attention to curbing smoke pollution from burning coal for heating use in the winter.—MNA/Xinhua

## Thaksin to file second libel suit against media group

BANGKOK, 10 Oct—Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra will file two more libel suits against a company owned by the family of media tycoon Sondhi Limthongkul, demanding another 500 million baht (12 million US dollars) in compensation, his lawyer said on Monday.

The criminal and civil libel cases would be filed on Tuesday against Manager Media Group PCL and the publisher of the *Phujadkarn* daily newspaper for a defamatory report quoting an influential Buddhist monk who criticized Thaksin.

"They published distorted facts so we are suing them for defaming the Prime Minister," Thaksin's chief lawyer Thana Benjathikul told *Reuters*.

Last month, Thaksin filed two libel

suits against Sondhi — once a staunch supporter of the Prime Minister — his co-host and his production house for slandering officials in a television show since taken off the air. Thaksin's lawyers are seeking 500 million baht in damages.

The suits said Sondhi and co-host Sarocha Pornudomsak had accused Thaksin of being disloyal to the monarchy. The accusation was made during a current affairs show aired on state-run Channel 9 on 9 September.—MNA/Reuters



Officers look at a Syrian airplane, which had flown to Baghdad for the first time in 12 years, at Damascus airport on 10 Oct, 2005.

INTERNET

## UN 60th anniversary concert raises funds for malaria

GENEVA, 10 Oct—Yousou N'Dour, Neneh Cherry and Peter Gabriel were among musicians from five continents whose weekend concert for the UN's 60th anniversary raised funds to combat malaria, which kills an African child every 30 seconds.

Blending voices, languages and cultures, Brazil's Gilberto Gil, Belgium's soul queen Axelle Red and Indonesia's Anggun took the stage to boost awareness of the scourge.

The sold-out "United for Malaria" event, held at the Geneva Arena, raised enough funds to buy 50,000 insecticide-treated bednets for two

coastal areas of Tanzania with high child mortality rates from malaria, UN officials announced.

United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan, making a surprise appearance near midnight on Saturday, thanked all the musicians for "putting their energy and talent in the service of this cause".

"Malaria can be

beaten, the means exist. Together we can change the world and prolong the vast movement of solidarity reflected in this evening's concert," Annan told the cheering crowd of some 8,000.

The mosquito-borne disease strikes up to 500 million people a year, killing two to three million, 90 per cent of them in Africa. Some 3,000 children die each day from malaria worldwide, according to the UN, which aims to halve the toll by 2010.

"We want to draw attention to this tragedy. We are going to continue this programme to eradicate the scourge," declared Senegal's N'Dour, who organized the "Africa Live" anti-malaria concert in his home town of Dakar last March. MNA/Reuters

## At least 30 Iraqis killed by car bomb in N Iraq

BAGHDAD, 11 Oct—At least 30 Iraqis were killed and over 30 others wounded on Tuesday when a car bomb hit a market in the northern Iraqi town of Tal Afar near the Syrian border, police said.

The bomb was detonated by remote control at about 11 am (0800 GMT) and the massive explosion rattled the busy marketplace in the town, some 390 km north of Baghdad and 100 km from Syria. The US military believed Tal Afar had long been a haven for foreign guerillas infiltrating into Iraq through the Syrian border.

Several offensives have been launched to rid the region of guerillas.

Violence has surged in the run-up to the 15 Oct referendum on a draft constitution, which has torn the war-ravaged country further apart along sectarian lines.

Shiites and Kurds, who have dominated the government since its formation in April, are two major driving forces behind the draft, while Sunni Arabs, who used to enjoy privilege under Saddam Hussein but felt sidelined in the new government, have fiercely opposed the document and vowed to veto it in the referendum.

Internet

## 22 still listed missing after last week's triple Bali blasts

JAKARTA, 10 Oct—At least 22 people remained missing one week after the triple bombings in Indonesia's resort island of Bali as no progress has been achieved on probes into the 1 October blasts which left at least 23 people dead and more than 140 others injured, local media reported on Sunday.

Among the missing persons are 13 Indonesians and nine foreigners, including three Japanese, two Americans, two Danes, one Irish and one Briton, the web site of *Jakarta Post* said.

Two Germans, previously listed among the missing persons have since been reported safe.

Dr Lanang Rudiarta, director of Bali's Sanglah General Hospital said in Denpasar, Bali, that there were various possibilities in connection with the listed missing persons who were not among the hospitalized individuals.

Rudiarta said one possibility was that they were alive and had already left Bali, but have not contacted their families yet.

But he said they also

could have been killed in the blasts, adding that "it also can be that they are among pieces of body parts and tissues, and making them beyond identification".

Indonesian police ear-

lier admitted that their probe into the blasts was stalled, including their efforts to identify three severed heads suspected to be of the suicide bombers.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi policemen secure the area of a suicide car bomb attack together with US soldiers in Baghdad, Iraq, on 10 Oct, 2005.

INTERNET

## All this needs to be known

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

## UN officials highlight plight of elderly worldwide

NEW YORK, 10 Oct — Observing that 10 per cent of the elderly worldwide live on less than one dollar per day and 80 per cent do not have a regular income, the United Nations has asked civil society groups to mount pressure on governments to give priority to the needs of this growing population group.

Addressing representatives of around 400 non-governmental organizations (NGOs) here Saturday, UN General Assembly President Jan Eliasson called for "solidarity between generations to remove artificial borderlines between young and old, North and South."

Speaking on the occasion, UN Assistant Secretary General Jomo Kwame Sundaram warned that the number of elderly people in the world is all set to quadruple by 2015 and if something is not done to help them, poverty will

swell at a commensurate rate.

Analysing current trends, he said many traditional support mechanisms, like the extended family, have eroded, leaving large numbers of grandparents vulnerable. Compounding these pressures, grandparents are now increasingly caring for their grandchildren.

In Zimbabwe, Namibia and South Africa, over 60 per cent of all orphans are taken in by grandparents who generally receive no state assistance to cope with the added economic burden, he said. While

many antipoverty schemes target specific population groups, Sundaram said, "older women and older men largely remain invisible to many policy makers and development agencies."

MNA/PTI

## Over 3 mln Chinese travel by air during Golden Week holiday

BEIJING, 10 Oct — More than three million Chinese travelled by planes during the week-long National Day holiday, which ended on Friday, an official with the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC) told *Xinhua* on Saturday.

From 1 to 7 October, CAAC dispatched 26,459 domestic flights carrying 3.03 million travellers, up 6.8 per cent and 17.5 per cent year-on-year, respectively, statistics from CAAC showed.

On 1 October, the National Day, alone, CAAC dispatched a record 3,423 flights. The airports in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou handled a total of 971,000 passengers, 160,000 more than in the same period of last year, the official said.

China now has three "Golden Week" holidays — Spring Festival, International Labour Day, and National Day. The holiday scheme, initiated by the Chinese Government in 1999, aims to boost domestic demand, stimulate consumption, and restructure the economy. As the prolonged holidays have turned out to be "golden" for the economy, they have become known as "Golden Weeks". — MNA/Xinhua

## US prepared to cut its farm subsidies by 60%

WASHINGTON, 10 Oct — The United States is prepared to cut its most trade-distorting farm subsidies by 60 per cent in the next five years and eventually eliminate them but wants deeper cuts by the European Union and Japan, US Trade Representative Rob Portman said on Sunday.

Striking a deal to cut rich nations' agricultural supports and tariffs is seen as vital if world trade talks are to make progress in lowering barriers on goods and services globally and agree on a blueprint for doing so at a World Trade Organization meeting in Hong Kong in December. Washington has been

under pressure for weeks to come forward with a plan but US negotiators have been loathe to move without more progress on how much other countries would cut their farm tariffs to open their markets to American farmers.

In an opinion piece to be published in the *Financial Times* on Monday,

Portman said the United States wanted to see steep tariff cuts during the next five years, starting from 55 per cent up to 90 per cent in the highest tariffs in rich countries. In a second stage, tariffs should be brought down to zero, he said in the article, the text of which was obtained by *Reuters* in advance of pub-

lication.

Portman and other American trade officials will host a meeting on Monday in Zurich of their counterparts from the European Union, Brazil, India and a dozen other key World Trade Organization members.

"A ground-breaking result in agriculture is not in and of itself a sufficient outcome," Portman said. "There must also be complementary advances in trade in manufactured goods and services. The US is ready to make tough decisions on agriculture but we cannot do it alone."

The United States also will urge the elimination of export subsidies — already agreed under a framework agreement struck last year — by 2010, Portman said.

MNA/Reuters



Firefighters tackle a blaze at Southend Pier in south east England on 9 Oct, 2005. The fire destroyed part of the pier, the world's longest at 1.34 miles (2.2km). — INTERNET

## US to move Marine HQs from Okinawa to Guam

TOKYO, 10 Oct — Japan and the United States has agreed in principle on a string of measures concerning the relocation of US troops and facilities in Japan, including moving the headquarters of a Marine force in the Okinawa prefecture to Guam, a Japanese newspaper reported on Sunday.

Under the agreement, the headquarters of the US Marine Corps' III Marine Expeditionary Force will be moved to Guam from Camp Courtney in Okinawa, the Yomiuri Shimbun quoted sources as saying. More than 4,000 Marines and other concerned people are currently stationed at Camp Courtney.

The US side conceded to the relocation on the condition that Japan shoulders the costs of constructing housing and other facilities for the command in Guam.

The two sides also would cut the number of Marines presence of about 18,000 troops by 3,000 to 5,000, the report said. — MNA/Xinhua

## Quake result of sub-continent moving northward

Islamabad, 10 Oct — The devastating earthquake which struck Pakistan and PoK was a direct result of the Indian sub-continent's shift towards the north and its collision with the Eurasian continent, the US Geological Survey Sunday said.

"Earthquakes and active faults in northern Pakistan and adjacent parts of India and Afghanistan were the direct result of the Indian subcontinent moving northward at a rate of about 40 millimetres per year and colliding with the Eurasian continent," USGS said in its report on Saturday's quake which killed thousands in Pakistan, Jammu and Kashmir in India and Afghanistan.

This collision is causing upliftment that produces the highest mountain peaks in the world, including the Himalayan, Karakoram, Pamir and Hindu Kush ranges.

As the Indian plate moves northward, it is being pushed beneath the Eurasian plate, the USGS said.

Much of the compressional motion between these two colliding plates has been and continues to be accommodated by a slip on a suite of major thrust faults that are at the Earth's surface in the foothills of the mountains and dip northward beneath the ranges, it said.

"These thrust faults have a sinuous trace as they arc across the foothills in northern India and into northern Pakistan," Pakistan's APP news agency quoted USGS as saying. — MNA/PTI



A Spanish member of United Firefighters uses a sniffer dog to look for mudslide survivors in Panabaj, Guatemala on 9 Oct, 2005. The firefighters were unable to find signs of life at the site, where up to 1,400 Maya Indians died when rains linked to Hurricane Stan caused tons of mud and rocks to rip through the village. — INTERNET



## Joint efforts pledged to combat global bird flu threat

**BANGKOK, 11 Oct** — Thailand, the United States and the World Health Organization (WHO) on Monday agreed to join hands in combating the looming influenza and avian flu outbreak that will raise havoc at a global level, the *Thai News Agency* reported.

At the meeting on International Partnership on Avian and Pandemic Influenza (IPAPI) here, top public health officials from Thailand, the United States and leading international organizations discussed joint measures to prevent the influenza and bird flu and agreed to form a network to fight the epidemics.

According to the WHO, once the H5N1 virus that causes bird flu mutates, over one billion people around the world could be affected, potentially killing up to seven million people. It will also inflict a loss of 30 billion US dollars to the world economy.

WHO Director-General Dr Lee Jong

Wook said every country should prepare itself for the influenza outbreak.

“Avian influenza will hurt the world more than SARS, so there is every need for surveillance, early warning and prevention against the mutation of the H5N1 virus”, he was quoted as saying. US Secretary for Health and Human Services Michael Leavitt said the United States wants to see joint action from all countries in building a prevention network, in particular prevention of animal-to-human transmission and human-to-human transmission.

He also pledged full support for Thailand’s undertaking in this

area.

Thailand’s Public Health Minister Suchai Charoenratanakul reiterated the country’s readiness to host the regional stock of anti-influenza virus medicine.

He added Thailand is willing to cooperate in the joint study and development of anti-flu vaccine.

Since late 2003, bird flu epidemic has been discovered in 10 Asian countries, resulting in the deaths of more than 60 people.

Besides, the H5N1 virus is expected to aggravate the global influenza outbreak, which occurs once every 10-50 years.

MNA/Xinhua



Salvadoran villagers carry a dugout canoe to higher ground so that it won't get washed away by flash floods in the swamped streets of Dolores Apulo, on the shore of Lake Ilopango, El Salvador on 9 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

## Youth underneath rubbles rescued after 36 hours in Pakistan

**ISLAMABAD, 11 Oct** — A young man was rescued alive on Sunday evening from underneath the rubbles of a ten-storey building 36 hours after a strong earthquake tore down the tower of over ten storeies on Saturday morning.

As Ubaid, 20, was brought out unscathed from the mountain of rubbles by the rescue team, friends and relatives of people trapped under the debris of Margalla Towers in Islamabad suddenly had

something to cheer about, according to local Press reports.

Their already waning hopes of retrieval of their relatives still lying under the rubbles.

There was outburst of joy coupled with

several rounds of loud applause by hundreds of people present at the site.

Earlier, a boy of 15 was also retrieved from under the debris after 27 hours of the incident.

MNA/Xinhua

## Amazon rainforest suffers worst drought in decades

**MANAQUIRI (Brazil), 11 Oct**— The worst drought in more than 40 years is damaging the world’s biggest rainforest, plaguing the Amazon basin with wildfires, sickening river dwellers with tainted drinking water, and killing fish by the millions as streams dry up.

“What’s awful for us is that all these fish have died and when the water returns there will barely be any more,” Donivaldo Mendonca da Silva, a 33-year-old fisherman, said.

Nearby, scores of piranhas shook in spasms in two inches of water — what was left of the once flowing Parana de Manaquiri River, an Amazon tributary. Thousands of rotting fish lined its dry banks.

The governor of Amazonas, a state the size of Alaska, has declared 16 municipalities in crisis as the two-month-long drought strands river dwellers who cannot find food or sell crops.

Some scientists blame higher ocean temperatures stemming from global warming, which have also been linked to a recent string of unusually deadly hurricanes in the United States and Central America.

Rising air in the north Atlantic, which

fuels storms, may have caused air above the Amazon to descend and prevented cloud formations and rainfall, according to some scientists.

“If the warming of the north Atlantic is the smoking gun, it really shows how the world is changing,” said Dan Nepstadt, an ecologist from the Massachusetts-based Woods Hole Research Institute, funded by the US government and private grants.

“The Amazon is a canary in a coal mine for the earth. As we enter a warming trend we are in uncertain territory,” he said.

Deforestation may also have contributed to the drought because cutting down trees cuts moisture in the air, increasing sunlight penetration onto land.

Other scientists say severe droughts were normal and occurred in cycles before global warming started.

In the main river

port of Manaus, dozens of boats lay stranded in the cracked dirt of the riverbank after the water level receded. Pontoons of floating docks sit exposed on dry land. People drive cars where only months ago they swam.

MNA/Reuters

## Guatemala villagers lose hope for mudslide victims

**PANAJAJ (Guatemala), 11 Oct** — Maya Indian villagers gave up hope on Monday of finding up to 1,400 victims buried under a huge mudslide triggered by Hurricane Stan, even as sniffer dogs led a final, almost certainly futile search for miracle survivors.

More than a dozen vultures circled over the huge lake of mud that wiped out the village of Panabaj five days ago and firefighters choked on the thick

stench coming from it.

A Spanish search and rescue team used sniffer dogs to look for survivors but they held out very little hope. “I

don’t think there is any hope of finding anyone alive, but we are going to try,” said Spaniard Francisco Tole-dano.

MNA/Reuters

## Boy, 9, swims from Alcatraz to aid “Katrina” victims

**SAN FRANCISCO, 11 Oct** — A 9-year-old California boy swam to San Francisco from Alcatraz Island on Monday, becoming the youngest person to complete the 1.4-mile swim in San Francisco Bay.

Johnny Wilson of Hillsborough, California, raised about 30,000 US dollars for victims of Hurricane Katrina with his grueling swim. He had trained for it in San Francisco Bay’s chilly waters but faced rough winds and choppy waters on Monday. “It was a lot harder,” Wilson said. “It was a lot wavier.”

The youngest person before Wilson to have completed the swim to San Francisco from Alcatraz Island, once home to one of the most notorious US prisons, was a 10-year-old girl, who accomplished the feat a few weeks ago.

The prison was built on the island because the strong currents and cold waters made escapes risky. Two prisoners drowned in escape attempts and five other escapees were unaccounted for before the facility was closed in 1963. — MNA/Reuters



Members of the media surround British artist Rachel Whiteread as her new installation ‘The Unilever Series: Rachel Whiteread’ is unveiled in the Turbine Hall at the Tate Modern art gallery in London on 10 Oct, 2005. — INTERNET

## Industry-1 Minister leaves for KL

YANGON, 11 Oct— At the invitation of Tan Sri Musa Hitam: Eminent Person of Malaysia, a Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and party left here by air this morning to attend the 2nd Meeting of The ASEAN-China Eminent Person's Group, to be held on 12 and 13 October in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister for Rail Trans-



Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung being seen off by officials before departure for Malaysia. —MNA

portation Maj-Gen Aung Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun, departmental heads and families. MNA

## 'Soon', light, water, joss-sticks and candy to be offered

YANGON, 11 Oct— A ceremony to offer 'soon', light, water, joss-sticks and candy Organized by Buddha Pujaniya Light (9900) Offering Association (Insein) will be held in Inlay Phaungdaw U Buddha Image Chamber in Shan State on December school holidays.

Those who sold voting tickets of the association and winners of Buddha statuette prizes will be taken there free

of charge. Those who wish to participate in the feast are to contact the association's office in Insein Township.

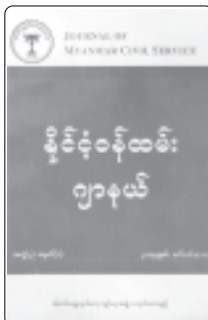
Well-wishers are to contact U Soe Min (Singu Soe Min) Tel 01-640487, U Bo Kyi (Dr Bothanmani-Taung-dwingyi) Tel 01-640489, U Sai Phone Htoo (Sai Phone Htoo Photo Studio) Tel 01-292644 or 294606 for donations.

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## Journal of Myanmar Civil Service Vol 3 No 1 comes out

YANGON, 11 Oct— Civil Service Selection and Training Board has published Journal of Myanmar Civil Service Vol 3 No 1. It depicts comprehensive personnel affairs, an article written by Dr Than Nyun, Chairman of the CSSTB, facts about personnel affairs at home and abroad and ASEAN Human Resources Centres and other interesting articles by members of CSSTB, directors-general, rectors and scholars.

Those wishing to buy the journal can contact Civil Service Selection and Training Department, Strand Road, Yangon (Ph 378329).



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## Artistes from States and Divisions arrive

YANGON, 11 Oct — The artistes who will take part in the 13th Myanma Traditional Cultural Performing Art Competitions arrived here yesterday. They are 35 from Kayin State, 177 from Ayeyawady Division, 44 from Yangon Division and 100 from Bago Division.

They were accommodated at No 1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung) by officials of the Reception and Accommodation Sub-committee.

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Artistes and managers from Yangon Division to take part in Performing Arts Competitions arrive at No 1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung). —MNA

## Cultivation of 50,000 acres of onions coordinated

YANGON, 11 Oct —A coordination meeting on cultivation of 50,000 acres of onions in accord with the guidance of the Head of State was held at the Ministry of Commerce yesterday.

Present were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Managing Director of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading U Min Hla Aung, President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, Chairman of Crop Growers Association U Win Aung and entrepreneurs.

In his speech, Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein said onion was to be cultivated in vacant lands in states and divisions in accord with the guidance of the Head of



Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein addresses coord meeting for cultivation of onion. —MNA

State. Onion was in good demand in foreign markets. Cultivation of onion contributes towards regional development and it also benefits growers, he said.

He said any entrepreneurs in states and divisions may contact the Ministry of Agriculture

and Irrigation and the Ministry of Commerce and the respective State and Division Peace and Development Councils would also provide assistance to them.

President of UMFCCI U Win Myint and Chairman of Crop Growers Association U

Win Aung explained functions and procedures for cultivation. Entrepreneurs and officials took part in the discussions.

Inquiry can be made at UMFCCI (phone 243151), Crop Growers Association (phone 503515) or MAPT (250221).—MNA

## Sprucing up of Mandalay City inspected

YANGON, 11 Oct— Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Secretary U Maung Pu and officials on 30 September inspected No 1 Water Treatment Plant at Katkyawgwe in Mandalay Division, sanitation tasks along Strand Road from Shangalaykyun to the Shwekyetkya Pagoda, around Kandawgyi region, along Thingazar Creek, progress in construction of tanks of the water treatment plant, reconstruction of drains along 23rd Street, and all-round renovation of Maha Loka Marajin Pagoda.

On 1 October, the

mayor looked into the upgrading of eight-lane Strand Road from Shangalaykyun to

Shwege, and tasks for maintenance of Katkyaw Sluice Gate. On 3 October, he viewed the un-

blocking of drains along 66th Street and gave instructions on beautifying the city. —MNA



MCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han inspects maintenance of eight-lane circular road in Mandalay. MNA



## Malaysian FM concludes visit

YANGON, 11 Oct— After paying an official visit to the invitation of U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, Malaysian goodwill delegation led by Datuk Seri Syed Hamid Albar bin Syed Jaafir Albar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia and wife left here by air this morning.

They were seen off at the Yangon International airport by U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs and wife, officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr. Rizany Irwan Bin Muhamad Mazin, Charge d' Affaires of the Malaysian Embassy in Yangon. Malaysian Foreign Minister and party yesterday called on Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win received and yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife hosted a dinner in honour of Malaysian Delegation at Traders Hotel yesterday evening.—MNA



Foreign Minister U Nyan Win sees off Malaysian delegation at Yangon International Airport. —MNA

## Chairman of Work Committee for MTCPAC holds coord meeting with judges of central, state and division levels



No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan addresses the coord meeting for holding Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

YANGON, 11 Oct — A coordination meeting with Chairman of Work Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and judges of central, state and division levels was held at Padonma Theatre in Sangyoung Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Work Committee for Organizing Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan, Chairman of Subcommittee for Holding the Competitions Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Ngwe Tun and members, artistes, chairmen of panel of judges and officials.

First, Col Tint Hsan and Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Ngwe Tun made speeches on the occasion.

Chairmen of panel of judges Daw Tin Tin Mya, Wunna Kyaw Htin U Sein Aung Min, U Kyaw Swa (Writer Chit Oo Nyo), U Ye Dwe, Bogalay Tint Aung and Gita Lulin U Ko Ko held discussions on disciplines of the competitions and marking systems.

Next, judges of central, state and division levels gave suggestions on the occasion. Afterwards, Col Tint Hsan gave necessary instructions and made concluding remarks.

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## Respects paid to older war veterans

YANGON, 11 Oct—The Organizing Committee of the Mingala Taungnyunt Township War Veterans Organization held respect-paying ceremony (2005) in conjunction with the presenting of cash assistance to outstanding students at No 1 Basic Education High School in the township on 9 October.

The chairmen of the Township Peace and Development Council and the township WVO delivered speeches. Respects were paid and cash and kind

*Lt-Col Aung Myint (Retd) addresses respect paying ceremony in conjunction with the presenting cash assistance to outstanding students.*

wvo.

presented to 90 war veterans aged above 70. Next, cash assistance was provided for children of the organization members who passed matriculation examination with one to six distinctions. — MNA



## C-in-C (Air)'s C'ship shield volleyball tourney commences

YANGON, 11 Oct—The 2005 Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Championship Shield Volleyball Tournament commenced at the district gymnasium in Meiktila yesterday morning.

It was attended by Commander of Flying Training Base Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin, Commander of local station Col Soe Win, senior military officers, Commander of Ground Training Base Col Thura Khin Maung Win, officers and other ranks, local authorities and guests.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin delivered an introductory address and opened the tournament.

Next, the opening matches were held. — MNA

## Myanmar Police Force Day observed in Myitkyina

YANGON, 11 Oct — A ceremony to mark the 41st Myanmar Police Force Day organized by Kachin State Police Force was held on 1st October at City Hall in Myitkyina with an address by Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of the Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint.

At the ceremony, outstanding members of the Kachin State Police Force and family members were awarded.

After the ceremony, the commander went to Khemarhiwun Monastery at Khemarthiri Ward in Myitkyina and attended to the needs for construction of a pagoda within the precinct of the monastery.

Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint also inspected the construction of the building of the abbot training school in Myitkyina, repair work of roads and rubber nursery near the command.

The commander also attended the prize presentation ceremony of No 4 Basic Education High School in Myitkyina.— MNA

## 295 drug-related cases exposed in September

YANGON, 11 Oct — Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and Customs Department managed to expose a total of 295 drug-related cases in September 2005.

The drug-related cases exposed were 61.5962 kilos of opium in 40 cases, 505.643 kilos of heroin in 113 cases, 0.0019 kilo of morphine in one case, 0.4049 kilo of opium oil in seven cases, 4.9994 kilos of low grade opium in nine cases, 0.8377 kilo of marijuana in nine cases, 76191 stimulant tablets in 67 cases, 0.0001 kilo of stimulant powder in one case, 2.312 kilos of speciosa in 11 cases, 0.0381 kilo of stimulant ice in one case, 1826 tablets of ecstasy in three cases, one diaciphen case, 150 tablets, 2532 litre of chemical liquid in two cases, 750 kilos of chemical powder, 10 cases for failure to register and 10 others.

In connection with the cases, action was taken against 601 persons— 503 men and 98 women. — MNA

## Computer Training Course of CSSTB concludes

YANGON, 11 Oct — Basic Computer Training Course No 4/2005 organized by the Civil Service Selection and Training Department under the Civil Service Selection and Training Board concluded yesterday.

At the concluding ceremony held at the office of CSSTB here, Vice Chairman of e-National Task Force Member of CSSTB U Aung Myint made concluding remarks and presented certificates to the trainees. — MNA

# Open letter to Mr Vaclav Havel and Bishop Desmond Tutu

*Maung Nyattra*

Gentlemen, I would like to ask you "Do you know that according to political science, deception will be rampant all over the world without Abhidhamma, which means reflections of man's mind on material world?"

To elaborate my statement, man is to view the things in the right perspective, and only then will his views be right. If one's views are in contradistinction to what things really are, it will not be in conformity with Abhidhamma, and supposing, at that time one expresses one's views, they will be lies because the views are far away from the truth.

I have to refute the accusations in the report "Threat to the Peace: A Call for the UN Security Council to Act in Burma" the two men submitted to the UN on 20 September, in order that you two can notice the adverse effects.

In the report, you accused that the coup of the Tatmadaw harms stability and peace of the nation. That is a statement in contrast with true events.

The truth is that whenever the nation faced situations that harmed its peace, stability, and sovereignty, the Tatmadaw had to take over State's power for restoration of peace and stability, and ensuring non-disintegration of the Union and perpetuation of sovereignty. But that is unlike the coups in some countries, for which commanders-in-chief of defence services manipulated respective nations to seek their self-interests.

Just after the World War II, Myanmar and its people were in dire poverty due to the colonialists' exploitation of natural resources for 123 years, practice of land ownership system, and falling under subjugation of the fascists. In consequences of sheer poverty, lagging behind in development, and bitter experiences and abhorrence to the rule of the colonialists, the majority of the people fell under the influence of socialism initiated by leftist opportunists who dreamt of eliminating capitalism and introducing socialism in the nation. And all the political parties were dominated by left-wing socialism. Such a wrong view of politics did generate a wrong conviction that the independence, that the nation regained through negotiations with the British government, was just a sham and the collusion of the national capitalists and the colonialists, followed by an uprising to topple the AFPFL government and to introduce socialism. National races, who had fallen victim to the divisive acts by the colonialists many years ago, also rose against the government, culminated in multi-coloured armed insurgency.

To make matters worse, Communists and Pyithu Yebaws (PVO) broke away from the AFPFL, just a group of parties, and national races chose armed struggle line. Being incapable of restoring State power any longer, the then government offered the post of deputy prime minister to the commander-in-chief of Defence Services in 1949. Then, the deputy prime minister together with the prime minister had to take a leading role in crushing the armed revolt to restore

the State power.

In 1958, the AFPFL government split into two groups — AFPFL (Stable) and AFPFL (Clean). Then, the Caretaker Government led by the then commander-in-chief of Defence Services was formed to restore peace and stability and to organize elections.

The elections took place in 1960. The Tatmadaw Government handed over State power to the winning party, Pa-Hta-Sa government, in 1961. However, the Pa-Hta-Sa government split itself into two groups — U and Bo group and Thakhin group — and was not in a position to restore State power at all. Moreover, Shan Sawbwas (chieftains) plotted a scheme to secede from the Union and to join the SEATO led by the US. For that reason, the Tatmadaw had to take over State power for ensuring non-disintegration of the Union and perpetuation of sovereignty.

In the 1988 unrest, the then Dr Maung Maung government was incapable of restoring State authority any longer, and the NLD leaders of today then were not in a position to take responsibilities for restoration of peace and stability. In consequence, anarchy reigned supreme across the nation, left-wing Burma Communist Party cells raided police stations to seize State power, anarchists were robbing State-owned property and committing violent murders on innocent people, under the circumstances the people aren't oppose their acts. Unavoidably, the Tatmadaw took over State power for restoration of tranquillity and peace and perpetuation of sovereignty.

In those incidents, it was apparent that they were to be the coups of the Tatmadaw. But in essence, the Tatmadaw had to take up State duties because at those times, there was no individual nor political party that could take a leading role in the nation's political sector.

The second accusation says that the internal affairs of Myanmar have negative effects on stability of the region and neighbouring countries.

Since the rule of the AFPFL government, in the times of successive governments of Myanmar, certain nations have been accepting and abetting anti-government groups of fugitives. However, Myanmar governments have tackled the problems in line with the UN principles, and the principles of the neutral policy of non-aligned countries. So, up to now Myanmar has never created a situation that caused border incidents between Myanmar and any of her neighbours.

Following the 1988 incident, the Tatmadaw Government opened reception camps in border areas to receive the students and renegades returning from abroad. The majority of them returned home, but the minority did not due to the threats and deceptions of the insurgents.

At that time, some neighbouring countries provided assistance for the anti-government groups as they had no effective economic and political undertakings of the government, and the anti-government elements were shouting democracy. But, later they no longer supported the insurgents owing to their notice of the government's achievements in constructing

economic, political and social foundations in the nation and understanding of apparent nature of the anti-government elements. Nowadays, they are joining hands with the government in the economic and transport sectors and security of border areas. The Tatmadaw Government is cooperating with members of ASEAN and BIMST-EC as well as the People's Republic of China for the development in the economic and transport sectors through Mekong Region Development Plan. The trade and cooperation with neighbouring countries are on the increase. So, this accusation lacks right perspective.

The third accusation says Myanmar's situation is worse than the racial conflicts and genocide in African nations.

Internal conflicts in the African nations of very poor economy are due to rivalry for profits, resulting from economic decline based on racial antagonism and genocide. For instance, Congo, the third largest country in Africa, has a population of over 50 million and is rich in hardwood, diamond, gold, oil, and uranium in abundance. After the World War II, Mobutu Sese Seko assassinated president Lumumba and seized State power. That was followed by the armed struggle line led by Kabila, who then came to power. Later, there arose armed insurgency against Kabila government. At that time, there were three fronts between the rebels and Kabila supporters, between national races in eastern Congo and Tutsi ethnic people, and between Rwandan and Ugandan troops that supported the rebels and Zimbabwean, Angolan and Namibian troops that supported the government.

According to the historical researchers, all the foreign troops had intention of seizing the reserves of precious stones of Congo. Since the period of colonialists, no war as violent as that one has broken out in Congo, and the region has stood as the largest battlefield in the history of Africa. So, the war has been called as the First War of Africa. The wholesale slaughter of national races was the most barbarous of its kind in the world.

Myanmar is home to diverse national races that have been living in unison in the same land through thick and thin and drinking water from same sources for thousands of years. They are national brethren who were absolutely united in the fights against the colonialists and the fascists. There can be no war among the national races due to the religion. It is because Buddhism is indeed a teaching to be practised, but not an ism. In Buddhism are social ethics such as four cardinal virtues, Five Precepts, Eight Precepts, and Ten Precepts, and so in general, Buddhists disapprove of cruelty, brutality and barbarism.

The instigation of the colonialists led to armed conflicts that occurred among the national races for a certain period. However, of 18 national race armed groups, 17 groups have returned to the legal fold. Now, they are not only joining hands harmoniously with the government in border areas development undertakings but also attending the National Convention to draft a State Constitution needed for a brighter future of the nation. The remaining group met with the government for the reunion. But, instigation of neo-colonialists has caused disruption to the drive for advancement.

So, their statement that the situation of Myanmar is worse than racial conflicts and rivalry for profits among national races in Africa has brought disgrace to the two men rather than to the Tatmadaw Government.

Regarding the problem on human rights, there has emerged an accusation "Licence to rape". If hundreds of Shan women had come under sexual

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insults committed by Tatmadaw members and hundreds of thousands of Shan nationals had lost their lives with their property destroyed, the Tatmadaw Government could not have made peace with national race armed groups; and community peace and stability could not have restored and under such circumstances SSA-S remnants would not need to forcibly recruited local national youths.

The remaining facts in this regard were clarified by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 29 September 2005.

Soon after its assumption of State responsibilities, the Tatmadaw introduced the market-oriented economic system and multi-party democracy system in the nation for democratic transition. In 1990, it held the elections and urged the political parties to draw a State Constitution to implement the election results. But, there arose a refusal to do so. The Tatmadaw therefore organized the parties and held the National Convention. Freedom, equality and justice, which are the essence of democracy, are included in the six objectives of the National Convention. However, Daw Suu Kyi claimed that the National Convention was just a sham, and said that she disagreed to the attendance of U Aung Shwe and party members to the NC and their participation in the discussions. And she said there was the need to choose either dialogue or utter devastation. Then, making a demand for negotiations, the NLD walked out of the NC, thus causing the delay of the proceedings of the Convention.

The reasons why she held negative attitude expressing the word of utter devastation are:—

1. The Tatmadaw saved the nation and the people from the dangers of anarchy due to the mass demonstrations in 1988, and opened

the door for the practice of the market-oriented economic system. Nevertheless, the NLD clings on to the conviction that the programmes the Tatmadaw had been carrying out for democratic transition, the ultimate desire of the people, caused a great hindrance to democracy campaign and we are just the coup of the Armed Forces or establishment of dictatorship.

2. The regarding of the Tatmadaw Government as the dictatorship misled the people into assuming that all the Tatmadaw Government's efforts to implement political, economic and social objectives were aimed at prolonging the military dictatorship. Consequently, it was attracting the practice of the policy of confrontation, defiance and opposition to the Tatmadaw Government through mass demonstrations. Then, it prompted an invitation to international economic sanctions, mass unrests, opposition to the Tatmadaw Government's drive for political, economical and social improvement and transition to democracy, and assumption of anarchy as democracy campaign that violently harms community peace, tranquillity, national solidarity, the market-oriented economy, and democracy affairs.
3. Misconceptions were that democracy campaign would achieve success only after the downfall of military dictatorship, and that despite the absence of infrastructures necessary for democratic transition, democracy could be practised immediately by directly copying western democracy and toppling the Tatmadaw Government.
4. Anti-government groups' misconceptions and acts are considered to be correct, and the groups are claiming as if the ruling government's efforts to ensure proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system and implementation of the State's seven-point Road

Map to flourish genuine democracy were unnecessary.

It is indeed crystal clear that such evil acts really cause a hindrance to the nation's democratic transition and are designed to help a certain party and a handful of people come into power. During the 17-year period, the people have provided no support to the anti-government group at all, depicting that the people distinguish constructive efforts and destructive acts.

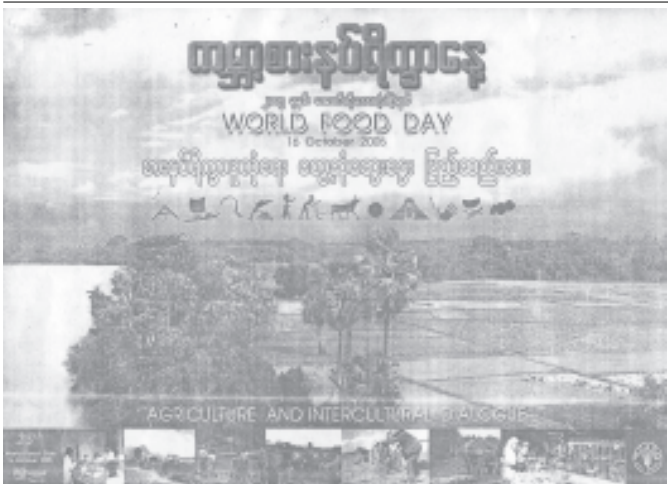
The report is just a stereotype view of democracy, stating untrue events as true ones and turning the authentic situation of the nation on its head, thereby causing adverse effects on Myanmar's efforts to transform itself into a democratic nation.

As a matter of fact, your report has won only the support of a handful of people, not the entire national people. Such a handful of people are strongly opposed to the Tatmadaw Government's drive for peaceful transition to democracy and are resorting to various means to come to power such as confrontation against the present government with the intention of grabbing State power without a State Constitution, armed strife, terrorist acts, and calling for economic sanctions and pressure on the nation so that the nation and the people will be in dire straits and to incite mass demonstrations. They are committing destructive acts to destabilize the nation, harm national unity and introduction of the market-oriented economic system and to decrease productive forces so as to come to power. However, they are always blindly following the dictates of their foreign masters and their allies.

In conclusion, I would like to present a Myanmar saying "Praise of a foolish man brings disgrace".

Translation: MS

Kyemon: 11-10-2005



## MWVO organizes Advanced Organizing Course

YANGON, 11 Oct — Advanced Organizing Course No 7/2005 of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization was opened on 3 October at the training school of MWVO in Patheingyi Township.

Member of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han delivered an introductory address at the ceremony.

Altogether 49 MWVO members are attending the one-month course. — MNA

## To Havel and Tutu

- \* As our Buddha had exhorted  
For you who are far from Buddha to ponder  
Take this as having been written  
For you who are away from Buddha to ponder.
- \* Friends, teachers, everyone and  
Learned persons, all people  
Should not believe just what's heard  
Incorrect news, dirty schemes  
To dissect and beware  
That was the essence, of Kalama Sutta  
As was exhorted by Him.
- \* If you want to tell the truth  
Find out the situation as is  
And only if you personally see  
The situation as is  
That word as is heard  
Should only be taken as truthful.
- \* Without knowledge of the truth  
Without seeing what is right or wrong  
If you say just something else  
Wrong will be said, and you'll be wrong  
And become bereft of law.
- \* The colonial danger from the West  
Nobel laureate, that honour  
And one who was a president  
The two infidels  
Those who possess unclean sight and hearing  
Will be given new title world infidels  
They will have to be named thus.

Po Than ( Pike Kyone)

## သတိပေး နှိုးဆော်ချက်

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# Study finds pacifiers reduce sudden infant deaths

**WASHINGTON, 10 Oct** — Infants should be put to sleep on their backs only, not their sides, and pacifiers can be used to help prevent sudden infant death syndrome, US pediatricians said on Monday.

Revised guidelines from the American Academy of Pediatrics issued on Monday also discourage parents from sleeping with their infants at all, saying babies are safer in their own cribs.

SIDS, the sudden, unexplained death of an infant in the first year of life, is the third leading cause of infant mortality in the United States, causing the deaths of 2,500 infants each year.

Campaigns to encour-

age parents and other caregivers to put babies to sleep on their backs instead of their tummies slashed the death rates from SIDS, also known as crib death or cot death, in countries such as Britain and the United States in the 1980s and 1990s.

"Studies have found that the side sleep position is unstable and increases the chances of the infant rolling onto his or her stomach. Every caregiver should use the

back sleep position during every sleep period," the academy said in a statement.

"Infants may be brought into bed for nursing or comforting, but should be returned to their own crib or bassinet when the parent is ready to return to sleep. However, there is growing evidence that room sharing (infant sleeping in a crib in parent's bedroom) is associated with a reduced risk of SIDS." — MNA/Reuters



This image released by the European Space Agency (ESA) on 9 Oct, 2005, shows a view of the main control room at ESA's Spacecraft Operations Centre in Darmstadt, Germany, prior to the launch of the CryoSat satellite on 8 Oct. —INTERNET

## Miss Uganda to participate in Miss World contest in China

**KAMPALA, 10 Oct**— Praise Akankwata, a finalist journalism student at Makerere University, was selected as Miss Uganda 2005/2006 on Saturday and will represent Uganda at the Miss World contest in China in November, according to a local report on Sunday.

Ms Akankwata, 22, beat 14 other girls to the crown in a tight contest held here on Saturday.

At five feet seven inches, she stood taller than most contestants and was confident, articulate and bright. She takes over from 20-year-old Barbara Kimbugwe.

Akankwata, who loves swimming, modelling and doing charity work and is a part-time model with Downtown Models, said she is capable of winning the world title.

"They are girls like me so why can't I be Miss World?" Akankwata said after winning the title of Miss Uganda. — MNA/Xinhua



A Northeast China tiger receives treatment of removing a tumour from her neck at a hospital in Harbin, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 9 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET



Japan's prototype supersonic jet attached on the back of a rocket takes off as exhaust flames shoot out from the rocket booster at Woomera rocket range in the South Australian desert on 10 Oct, 2005, in this handout photo released by the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). —INTERNET

## China says Mount Qomolangma stands at 8,844.43 metres

**BEIJING, 10 Oct**— The summit rock of Mount Qomolangma is 8,844.43 metres above sea level, China's surveying and mapping department announced here on Sunday. The newly measured height is 3.7 metres shorter than the measurements of 8,848.13 metres, a figure obtained during the previous measurement in 1975, said Chen Bangzhu, director general of the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping (SBSM). "The improved technology has made the data of current measurements more precise," he added.

The rate of precision for the measurement of Mount Qomolangma's summit rock is within a margin of 0.21 metre, and the ice and snow layer at the mountain summit is 3.5 metres in thickness, Chen said at Sunday's Press conference. The datum have been obtained after arduous field survey and through thorough calculation and checkout, Chen said. The SBSM began designing the measurement campaign late last year and Chinese mountaineers climbed up to the summit of Mount Qomolangma at 11:08 am of 22 May, 2005. The measurements were then conducted at the six control points by means of theodolites and laser rangefinders lasting for 48 hours. Surveyors at the mountain summit measured the thickness of the ice and snow layers under the survey marker with radar altimeter. — MNA/Xinhua

## Japan launches outback supersonic test flight

**SYDNEY, 10 Oct** — Japan launched a test flight of a supersonic jet in the Australian outback on Monday in the hope of taking another step towards a successor to the Concorde.

The Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA) said the prototype supersonic jet was launched on the back of a rocket from the remote Woomera rocket range in the South Australian desert on Monday morning.

"The rocket and the experimental aircraft has been separated and measurement flight has started," the space agency said in a statement. JAXA plans to hold a news conference later in the day to announce whether the test flight was

a success or not.

A previous test in 2002 ended disastrously when the unmanned prototype dived to earth and exploded in the Australian desert.

The 2005 flight at Woomera, an abandoned British rocket testing range populated with kangaroos and located in some of Australia's harshest desert, was delayed several days due to bad weather.

According to the test flight plan, the 11.5-metre (38 feet) dart-like model jet will soar to about 20

kilometres (12 miles) above the earth on the back of a rocket. It will then detach, reach more than twice the speed of sound and glide back to earth on a parachute.

Data gained through the test will be used in joint research by Japan and France towards a next-generation supersonic jet following an agreement between the two nations in June, though the test itself is not a result of the agreement.

No budget projections

have yet been made for the entire project, but the costs are considerable.

Japanese developers hope that a new supersonic jet could some day make the trip from Tokyo to New York in just under six hours — less than half the current time. But doubts have been raised about whether the project will ever be commercially viable given that the Concorde, which was retired two years ago, never managed to turn a profit.

MNA/Reuters

# SPORTS

## President hails Angola's qualification for World Cup

LUANDA, 11 Oct— Angolan President Jos Eduardo dos Santos said on Sunday that the national soccer team's victory in Kigali, Rwanda, was "sweaty, deserved and fair".

"Let the world recognize the merit of the strong... and of those who can win," dos Santos said at the welcoming ceremony of the Angolan team, who booked its ticket to Germany 2006 World Cup finals after beating Rwanda 1-0 on Saturday.

"Today it is a moment of happiness and feasting, the Angolan people welcome their representatives with joy for the quest attained in Kigali," said the

President. "Let us pay homage to the winners with a toast for their health and so that they can achieve new conquests and more significant."

Jos Eduardo dos Santos was accompanied by his wife, Ana Paula, Prime Minister Fernando da Piedade Dias Santos, and the first deputy Speaker of the National Assembly, at the ceremony held at Luanda International Airport's protocol halls. —MNA/Xinhua

## Rooney promises to control his temper

MANCHESTER (England), 11 Oct— England striker Wayne Rooney vowed on Monday to curb his volatile temperament at next year's World Cup.



Rooney

Rooney will return to face Poland on Wednesday after being suspended for the 1-0 win over Austria on Saturday which helped England to qualify for the finals.

Aware he will be a

marked man in Germany, the teenager told a news conference at Old Trafford: "In the past, my temperament has let me down a couple of times.

"But I'm a young lad and I want to learn from that. I don't think there'll be many problems in the future. I'm an experienced player and I want to prove that."

Rooney, who turns 20 on October 24, will get a chance to prove that on Wednesday when he faces the same Danish referee who sent off him for Manchester United earlier this season.

Kim Milton Nielsen dismissed the striker after being sarcastically applauded by Rooney for having given him a yellow card in a Champions League game against Villarreal on 14 September.

Asked about the risk of another red on Wednesday that would rule him out of England's first group game at the finals, Rooney as-

sured: "I don't think there'll be any chance of that.

"I think he's a good referee. He's been refereeing for years and has done a good job, so there's no problem there."

However, Rooney sees no need to change the hard-tackling style which characterises his game and which manager Sven-Goran Eriksson is anxious to keep.

"I go into each game I play wanting to win," he said. "One hundred and ten percent committed."

Rooney also denied any problem with England captain David Beckham, with whom he had a much-publicised spat on the pitch during last month's 1-0 qualifying defeat in Northern Ireland.

"Things happen, people have disagreements and that's it," Rooney said. "It's forgotten about before you leave the stadium. It's all been blown out of proportion." —MNA/Reuters



Eri Hayakawa of Japan falls at the finish line during the women's Chicago Marathon on 9 Oct, 2005. Despite falling, Hayakawa finished in fifth place.—INTERNET

## Eriksson says Ferdinand will prove me wrong

MANCHESTER (England), 11 Oct— Sven-Goran Eriksson believes Rio Ferdinand will use England's World Cup qualifier against Poland on Wednesday to prove he was wrong to have axed the central defender against Austria.

Ferdinand's recent dip in form for England and Manchester United had led Eriksson to drop him from the starting line-up on Saturday in favour of Sol Campbell and John Terry.

The blow, delivered at Ferdinand's Old Trafford club ground, was unexpectedly softened in the second half when Campbell suffered a hamstring injury that will also rule him out on Wednesday. Ferdinand came on as a substitute.

"He will start," Eriksson said of his plans for the 26-year-old against Poland.

"When you take decisions like this, with great players who have never sat on the bench before, you can get two different reactions.

"One is head down, even worse, sad, whatever it is. Or you have the opposite - 'I will show you that you're wrong'. 'Rio will show me that I was wrong. I'm 100 per cent sure of that.'"

Ferdinand's return will be among several changes after Saturday's 1-0 win helped them secure a place at the finals, the latest setback being a shin problem which has ruled out midfielder Steven Gerrard for up to three weeks.

Phil Neville is among several alternatives available, but Eriksson may opt for central defender Ledley King.

When Eriksson re-shuffled his pack after David Beckham's dismissal against Austria, it was King he chose to send on as a shield in front of the back four.

On Wednesday, he could free up fellow midfielder Frank Lampard to attack the Poles. —MNA/Reuters

## Vieira apologizes for poor performance in Switzerland

CLAIREFONTAINE (France), 11 Oct— France midfielder Patrick Vieira has apologized for his poor performance in the 1-1 draw against Switzerland in a World Cup qualifier on Saturday.

The Juventus player, usually a consistent performer for his country, put in one of his worst displays in 82 internationals.

"I'm blaming myself," Vieira told a news conference at the French squad's training headquarters on Sunday.

"I was terrible during the first half and I was not exactly good in the second," he said.

"It didn't take me long to realise that I was having a bad day. I only needed a couple of passes and a few body checks to know how bad I felt," he said. "Then I tried to do my best from there."

Vieira made no excuses for his display and refused to confirm press reports that he is nursing a groin injury. —MNA/Reuters

## Kenya's Limo wins Chicago Marathon with best time of year

WASHINGTON, 11 Oct— Kenya's Felix Limo beat countryman and defending champ Benjamin Maiyo to take the title of the Chicago men's marathon on Sunday, clocking the fastest time for this year, 2 hours 7 minutes and 04 seconds.

Deena Kastor of the United States won the women's crown with a time of 2:21.24, only 5 seconds ahead of Romania's defending champion Constantina Tomescu.

The 25-year-old Limo surged ahead in the final meters before the finish line ahead of Maiyo (2:07.11) and Daniel Njenga (2:07.14). Two-time former winner Evans Rutto of Kenya took fourth place in 2:07.30.

Limo ran the fastest time of the year bettering the 2:07:26 posted by Martin Lel of Kenya in London.

Kastor, the bronze medalist in the event at the Athens Olympics last year, pulled ahead of Romania's Constantina Tomescu, the defending champion and the newly-crowned world half marathon champion.

MNA/Xinhua

## Davenport sees off Mauresmo to claim 50th title

FILDERSTADT (Germany), 11 Oct— Lindsay Davenport beat Amelie Mauresmo 6-2, 6-4 in the Filderstadt Grand Prix final on Sunday to claim the 50th singles title of her career.

The top-seeded Davenport has won five tournaments this year, following victories in Dubai, Amelia Island, New Haven and Bali. She also finished runner-up at the Australian Open, Wimbledon, Tokyo indoor tournament and Indian Wells.

"I was really excited to get 50 titles. It means a lot to me," the American, who goes home to California before returning next weekend to play in Zurich, told reporters.

"It's been a really great week. I felt I played really well at certain times and been able to win some good matches." Davenport was barely troubled in the opening set, giving up just

four points in five games after Mauresmo, the third-seeded Frenchwoman, had held for 1-0.

Her big forehand had Mauresmo on the defensive, especially in the first set, and the American broke to love in the third game.

Mauresmo frequently came to the net but left herself exposed to Davenport's passing shots and she found it difficult to deal with the weight and depth of the American's groundstrokes. A strong return allowed Davenport to break again for 4-1, and her only tense moment came as she served for the set and had to save two break points.

Mauresmo hit a forehand long on the first and Davenport closed out the set with another high volley.

"Whenever you're out there playing a final, the best start you can get off to, it only helps you," Davenport said. "I was able to get up that first break at 2-1 and then I played really, really well for a stretch of games."

Mauresmo competed much better in the second set, returning more effectively and striking fine volleys.

Her enterprise eventually paid off and she broke Davenport to lead 4-2, but the American reeled off the next four games to clinch victory.

MNA/Reuters



Maria Sharapova holds her award from the Russian Tennis Federation for the Russia's best player in 2004/5, during a news conference in Moscow, on 10 Oct, 2005. Sharapova arrived on a rare visit to her native country to attend this week's Kremlin Cup in Moscow.—INTERNET



# One US soldier killed, one injured in firefight in S Afghanistan

**KABUL, 11 Oct**— One US soldier was killed, another was injured on Sunday during a firefight with suspected Taliban in Afghanistan's southern province of Zabul, US military said on Monday.

"The unit was conducting offensive operations with Afghan National Army (ANA) soldiers near Shinkay area of Zabul when they were attacked with small arms and fragmentation grenades," it said in a news release.

"The wounded soldier was medically evacuated to a nearby forward operating base for treatment and is currently in stable condition," it added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Suicide bombing kills 6, injures 5 in south Afghanistan

**KABUL, 11 Oct**— A powerful explosion, apparently a suicide attack rocked Afghanistan's southern Kandahar Province Monday morning, leaving six dead and five others injured, said the police.

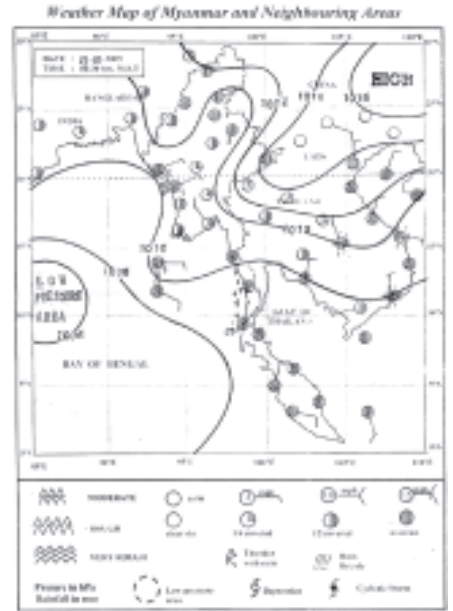
"The blast, apparently a suicide attack took place in front of Agha Shah, a pro-government former commander at around 10 o'clock, leaving six dead including Shah and injuring five others," senior police official Abdul Hakim Khan told Xinhua.

This is the second attack of its kind in the volatile province which is the former stronghold of Taliban militants over the past two days. The first explosion, which targeted a car on Sunday, killed the suicide attacker and injured four Britons in the city. The number of casualties is feared to rise as

rescue operation is going on—MNA/Xinhua



Afghans load an airplane with aid for victims of Pakistan's deadly earthquake, at Kabul airport on 10 Oct, 2005. The consignment included four tonnes of medicines, blankets and tents. — INTERNET



### WEATHER

Tuesday, 11 October, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin, Kayin, and Mon States, Magway, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in upper Sagaing Division and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (0.98) inch, Kalay (0.78) inch and Kanbalu (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 10-10-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 11-10-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 11-10-2005 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 10-10-2005 was (8.6) hours approx. Rainfalls on 11-10-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (95.20) inches at Mingaladon, (96.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (100.55) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from East at (12:25) hours MST on 10-10-2005.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Southwest Bay persists. Weather is generally fair in the East Central Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 12-10-2005:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Chin and Rakhine States and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-10-2005:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 40%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-10-2005:** Partly cloudy.




U Thein Ngwe from Computer Section of The New Light of Myanmar Daily donates blood for his 41st time at Yangon General Hospital in honour of 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions on 11 October — H



Wednesday, 12 October  
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music:  
-Brighter day (Kelly Lieoenna)
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music:  
-Hey you (Aaron Carter)
- 8.50 am** National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:  
-Call it love (Deuce)
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music  
-Here I go (2 Unlimited)
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music  
-Tell it to your heart (MLTR)  
-Take a bow (Medonna)  
-More than I can say (Leo Sayer)  
-I won't say I'm in love (Belinda Calesle)
- 9:00 pm** Variations on a tune  
"Seasons in the Sun"  
-Fortunes, (Kingstand Trial, Westlife)
- 9:15 pm** Article
- 9:25 pm** Music at your request  
-We've got it going on (BCB)  
-Close to you (Fun Factory)  
-Go (Jucy)
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL



**Wednesday, 12 October**

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<p><b>7:00 am</b></p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b></p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b></p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b></p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:50 am</b></p> <p>5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:00 am</b></p> <p>6. မြန်မာ့အသံ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက</p> <p><b>8:10 am</b></p> <p>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:20 am</b></p> <p>8. ပေါင်းလောင်း-ရေလှောင်တစ်ခုနှင့် လျှပ်စစ်ဓာတ်အားပေးစက်ရုံ</p>	<p><b>8:30 am</b></p> <p>9. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b></p> <p>10. Let's Go</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b></p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b></p> <p>3. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လုံခြုံရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယနှစ်(စာတည်းအထူးပြု) (စာတည်း)</p> <p><b>4:45 pm</b></p> <p>4. Song of national races</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <p>5. ၂၀၀၅ ခုနှစ်၊ တေရသမ အကြိမ်(၁၃ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များ လေ့လာ နိုင်ကြရန် (ကာလပေါ်တေးနှင့် ဓမ္မတီဟောင်းတေး) (အဆင့်မြင့် ပညာအဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား)</p> <p><b>5:15 pm</b></p> <p>6. Strong and healthy Myanmar</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b></p> <p>7. Classical songs</p> <p><b>5:45 pm</b></p> <p>8. ရုရှယုံနဲ့လင် အာဆီယံအစီအစဉ်</p>	<p><b>5:55 pm</b></p> <p>9. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာပွဲ</p> <p><b>6:15 pm</b></p> <p>10. သုတနဲ့လင် ရွှေညွှန်ရင်</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p>11. Evening news</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b></p> <p>12. Weather report</p> <p><b>7:15 pm</b></p> <p>13. Variety spectacular</p> <p><b>7:35 pm</b></p> <p>14. Musical programme</p> <p><b>7:45 pm</b></p> <p>15. ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <p>16. News</p> <p>17. International news</p> <p>18. Weather report</p> <p>19. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ ဝင်ပြုအစီအစဉ် "ယဉ်ကျေးမှုဝန်ကြီးဌာနအဖြစ်" (မင်းသမီး-သင်းသင်းအေး၊ လှူဒါန်းတော်-မိနီသီ၊ ကြယ်သီ၊ မီးသီး၊ ပန်းသီး)</p> <p>20. The next day's programme</p>
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# Performing Arts Competitions Leading Committee Chairman meets managers, competitors from States, Divisions

YANGON, 11 Oct— A meeting between the Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and members of the organizing committees, the sub-committees, managers from the states and divisions and competitors was held at the meeting hall of the Reception and Accommodation Sub-Committee Office, No 1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung) this evening with an address by Chairman of the Leading Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

First, the managers from the states and divisions were introduced to the commander.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivers an address in meeting with members of the organizing committees, the sub-committees, managers from the states and divisions and competitors.—MNA

Next, the commander made a speech, saying that the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held on a grand scale with the seven objectives; arrangements have been made for the convenience of the

artistes from the states and divisions during their stay.

The commander stressed the need for the artistes to take part in the competitions with full artistic skills, and handsome prizes will be given to the winners.

He expressed his

honour to the managers from the states and divisions who made strenuous efforts for the artistes to be able to participate in the central levels and called upon them to uphold national culture and character.

Afterwards, Vice-

Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung reported on the competitions.

Later, officials of the committee and sub-committees presented work carried out.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the chairman.

After the ceremony, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and officials inspected hostels of the competitors, messes, dispensary and commodity shops there.—MNA

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*The instigation of the colonialists led to armed conflicts that occurred among the national races for a certain period. However, of 18 national race armed groups, 17 groups have returned to the legal fold. Now, they are not only joining hands harmoniously with the government in border areas development undertakings but also attending the National Convention to draft a State Constitution needed for a brighter future of the nation.*

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# Jade lots on sale through tender system

YANGON, 11 Oct— The 2005 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium launched sale of jade lots through tender sys-

tem at the Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here starting 8 am today.

Patron of the Central

Committee for Organizing Myanmar Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, and Chairman of the Central

Committee Deputy Minister U Myint Thein cordially greeted the gems merchants buying jade lots through tender system.

Up to 3 pm, a total of 289 jade lots were sold. In the evening, the sales continued.

Altogether 2,040 gems merchants — 813 locals and 1,227 foreigners from 13 countries — are attending the emporium.

The sales of jade lots through tender system continue tomorrow.

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Gem merchants view jade lots displayed at the Gems Emporium.

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