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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

Prime Minister to attend 2nd China-ASEAN Expo, 2nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit

YANGON, 14 Oct— At the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, will be attending the 2nd China-ASEAN Expo and the 2nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit to be held in Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China in the near future. —MNA

Objectives of 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism;
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage;
- To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts;
- To preserve Myanmar national character;
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths;
- To prevent influence of alien culture; and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

Alien thoughts and culture are entering nation in waves through the door of culture and economy including the media and the Internet
Alien cultural domination can be warded off only with patriotism

Propagate nationalism through strength of literature and fine arts to keep spirits of national people mature

Yangon, 13 Oct—The following is a translation of the speech delivered by Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

State level officials, specially invited guests, diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies, judges and contestants, I wish you all health and

happiness and uplift and safeguard national prestige, while preserving our traditions and culture.

The Union of Myanmar has been standing tall with fine historical traditions as she has firmly set up a grand and high level cultural heritage full with essence since the early period of history.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses opening ceremony of 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Lend ourselves to the task of industrializing the nation

It hardly need be emphasized that industrial development plays a pivotal role in our endeavours to develop and modernize our nation. At a time when we are having to rely on ourselves in building the nation, we are required to try to be able to produce import-substitute machinery spare parts.

Today, Myanmar has been enjoying rapid development in industry and technology. Therefore, in accordance with the guidance of the State, every effort will have to be made to be able to produce not only spare parts but also machines at home.

For industrial development, industrial zones have been established across the nation and foundry plants, press shops, forging shops, forging machines and heat treatment shops are developing steadily. Moreover, mould and die workshops and CNC lathes are now in a position to produce quality items.

And as a result of the development of electrical and electronic engineering in the nation, ways and means should be sought to produce electrical and electronic accessories needed by various ministries.

Innovations will have to be made with the help of faculty members of universities, including technological universities, national entrepreneurs of industrial zones and by combining experiences and skills of experts from various ministries with the findings of researchers.

The Ministry of Industry-2 has been producing spare parts for cement factories of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Kyangin and Kyaukse, fertilizer factories of the Ministry of Energy in Sale and Kyawswa, rubber products for the Ministry of Electric Power and 29 private factories and workshops.

To spur increased production and wide use of home-made machinery spare parts and accessories, demonstrations are being staged by various ministries, and industrial experts and industrial entrepreneurs are taking part in these demonstrations as of 1 October.

Therefore, we would like to call on all those concerned to try to the best of their abilities to unitedly lend themselves to the task of industrializing the nation. Only then will a modern and developed nation emerge.



Mr Fuji Hiromasa of Bangkok presents K 200,000 to the medical fund to Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of Hninzigon Home for the Aged.—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

Oil lights to be offered to Shweguni Pagoda in Monywa

YANGON, 13 Oct — A ceremony to offer 900 oil lights to Shweguni Pagoda in Monywa Township organized by the pagoda board of trustees will be held on the night of 17 October.

Sayadaws will also deliver sermons at the pagoda on the nights of 16, 18, 19, 20 October.

MNA

U Nay Win accredited to Denmark

YANGON, 14 Oct— The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Nay Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Denmark. — MNA

Coord meeting of Finance & Revenue Ministry continues



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses coordination meeting of Ministry of Finance and Revenue.—F&R

YANGON, 13 Oct — The second day of the third work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue continued at the ministry this morning, attended 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, managing directors, directors, general managers and officials of Internal Revenue Department and Myanmar Economics Bank.

After hearing reports on the future plan and progress of works, the minister gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the deputy minister gave a supplementary report. Next, the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.

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Understanding Networking Fundamentals Course on 31 Oct

YANGON, 13 Oct — For those who have passed matriculation exam or BEHS completion certificate holders, the part time 9-week course on Understanding Networking Fundamentals 5/2005 will open at the National Management College on Monday, Wednesday and Friday starting from 31 October and the course 6/2005 on Saturday and Sunday starting 5 November.

Those wishing to attend the course may apply for admission together with personal data like the name of applicant, father's name, citizenship scrutiny card No, religion, roll No of passing matriculation exam, copy of matriculation exam passing certificate or endorsement of respective school heads on completion of BEHS, full address, endorsement of ward peace and development council and one license photo, addressing National Management College on Merchant Street in Botahtaung Township between 18 and 28 October.

The list of entrees will be announced at the college and further details can be inquired at the college through Tel: 01-292566, 01-515292 and 01-504566.—MNA

On-job training course for law officers opened

YANGON, 13 Oct — An opening ceremony of the On-job Training Course (1/2005) for Law Officers (Grade-4) was held at the Attorney-General's Office this morning. At the ceremony, Attorney-General U Aye Maung delivered an address and presented awards to three outstanding trainees — Daw Aye Nu Khaing who won best trainee award and best training award, Daw Thet Thet Zaw secured first award in study and Daw Aye Aye Khaing bagged second award in study in Basic Civil Servant (Junior) No 29 in Phaunggyi.

It was attended by Deputy Attorney-Generals Dr Tun Shin, U Myint Naing and U Han Shein, Director-General U Mya Nyein, directors, deputy directors, course instructors and trainees. Altogether thirty-six trainees are attending the 13-week course.

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Free treatment for eye disorders

YANGON, 13 Oct — Australian eye specialists will give free medical treatment to eyes disorders from 15 to 27 October at Popa Hill Jivithhana Hospital in Kyaukpadaung Township.

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Chinese watch a giant TV screen, showing Chinese astronauts Fei Junlong (L) and Nie Haisheng walking to the launch tower of the Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre in northwest China's Gansu Province, at Beijing's railway station on 12 October, 2005.—INTERNET

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Police arrest nine in huge British smuggling ring

LONDON, 12 Oct—British police arrested nine people suspected of being involved in one of Europe's largest people smuggling rackets in a series of dawn raids on Tuesday.

Police said the arrests followed a two-year investigation into the ring which brought illegal immigrants, predominantly from Turkey, into London from mainland Europe.

Police described six of

the people arrested as the "leading members" of the Turkish-Kurdish smuggling network.

"This morning's operation represents the most significant action taken by the Metropolitan police service against a London-based human smuggling network," Detective Chief Superintendent Bill Skelly said.

The head of the Specialist Crime Directorate, Assistant Commissioner Tarique Ghaffur, described the ring as a "huge organized criminal network".

"Our commitment is in taking out such networks and this operation is the latest in our collaboration with a growing number of

law enforcement agencies in Europe to work robustly to achieve this mission."

Police raided 12 addresses in London and one in Lincolnshire, east England, arresting seven men and two women.

A 10th person was detained over immigration offences.

Police, who described the smuggling system as very sophisticated, said the migrants using the system have paid between 3,000 pounds to 5,000 pounds to come to Britain. London police said they had worked closely with police in France, the Netherlands, Denmark, Italy and Belgium during the investigation.—MNA/Reuters

Rocket hits Kabul prior to Rice's visit

KABUL, 12 Oct—Few hours before US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice's arrival in Kabul, a rocket hit the city left one person injured early Wednesday morning.

The rocket hit Wazir Akbar Khan District of the city, where many foreigners and agencies are located, around 04:15 am (local time), a witness told *Xinhua*. One policeman was badly injured during the blast, whose blood was spread at the site.

The injured was taken to the hospital while Afghan police and the International Security Assistance Forces have blocked the way to the scene.

No body has claimed the responsibility for the attack so far. Rice, who is on her central Asian countries' tour, will talk with Afghan President Hamid Karzai on the bilateral issues, regional issues including war on terrorism, US support to Afghanistan and situation in the region.—MNA/Xinhua

Official Pakistan quake death toll now 25,000

ISLAMABAD, 13 Oct — The number of people who died in the earthquake that devastated northern Pakistan at the weekend stands at 25,000 and is expected to rise, the government said on Thursday.

Information Minister Sheikh Rashid Ahmed said 15 to 20 percent of the area hit by Saturday's 7.6 magnitude quake, including the Neelum and Jhelum Valleys in Pakistani Kashmir, had yet to be reached to check casualty figures.

"The Cabinet today was told that 25,000 people had been killed and this figure could rise further," Ahmed told a news conference after a Cabinet meeting.

Another 1,200 people have been confirmed dead across the border in

Indian Kashmir.

Some local officials and politicians in Pakistan say deaths could exceed 40,000 and local authorities and aid groups were very concerned about the areas not yet visited. Determining the number killed in the quake was complicated by the remoteness of the affected villages and towns, and international and local media have been full of conflicting reports.

The earthquake was the most powerful to hit the region in a century.—MNA/Reuters

Vietnam eyes stronger ICT development

HANOI, 12 Oct—Vietnam's information technology and communication (ICT) is set to post annual growth of 20-25 per cent by 2010, and over 20 per cent in the following years, according to the country's Ministry of Posts and Telematics.

Under a strategy on developing the local ICT by 2010 with a vision to 2020 recently approved by the government, the industry is to reach revenues of six-seven billion US dollars in 2010 and some 15 billion dollars in 2015. Stronger application of ICT, including e-commerce and e-government, will be seen in the coming years.

The ICT is to reach every corner of

Vietnam by 2010 with high-quality and low-cost services. By the year, every 100 residents will have 32-42 telephones, over 10 personal computers, and 8-12 Internet subscribers, of whom, 30 per cent will use broadband Internet services.

Vietnam's information technology (IT) industry has also posted high growth rates in recent years. Its IT market stood at 685 million dollars in 2004, up 33 per cent against 2003. Specifically, the hardware market grew 32.9 per cent, and the software and service market 33.3 per cent, according to the Ho Chi Minh City Computer Association.—MNA/Xinhua

1,964 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct—As of Wednesday, 12 October 2005, at least 1,964 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,528 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians. The *AP* count is ten higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Wednesday.

The British military has reported 96 deaths; Italy, 26; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,825 US military members have died, according to *AP*'s count. That includes at least 1,419 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet

Singapore to maintain current monetary policy

SINGAPORE, 12 Oct—Singapore said on Tuesday that it will maintain its current monetary policy of allowing a "modest and gradual" appreciation of Singapore dollar with inflation projected to rise in 2006 due to higher oil prices.

"MAS will maintain its current policy of a modest and gradual appreciation of the NEER policy band which has been adopted since April 2004," the Monetary Authority of Singapore

(MAS), the country's central bank, said in a statement.

Singapore's monetary policy involves managing its national currency which is traded against a basket of currencies of its major trading partners, and the actual band, known as the nominal effective exchange rate (NEER), is undisclosed to prevent speculation in the currency.

In April this year, the central bank maintained

the policy of a modest and gradual appreciation of the NEER policy bank which has been adopted since April last year. This policy stance was reiterated in July this year, following the announcement of changes to the exchange rate systems in China and Malaysia.

Singapore's inflation is expected to increase to 0.5-1.5 per cent next year from 0.0-0.5 per cent this year, the MAS said.—MNA/Xinhua



Shiite women walk through a market for last minute shopping before the upcoming constitutional referendum in the Iraqi city of Kerbala, 110 km (70 miles) south of Baghdad, on 12 October, 2005.—INTERNET

Vietnam may test bird flu vaccines on human next year

HANOI, 12 Oct— Vietnam is likely to test vaccines against bird flu virus H5N1 on humans in 2006, after successful tests on fowls, according to Vietnam News Agency (VNA) on Tuesday.

The National Institute for Hygiene and Epidemiology on Monday submitted its proposal on the issue to the Scientific Council of the Ministry of Science and Environment and the Health Ministry, the institute's Nguyen Tran Hien said, adding that his institute is actively preparing for the tests, as well as the production of the vaccines.

The institute began researching the vaccines on human beings last April. Before testing on poultry, tests on monkeys also showed positive results, he said.

To prevent possible bird flu in the approaching winter, localities nationwide are facilitating the vaccination of poultry against bird flu viruses, including the deadly strain H5N1. Vietnam will import an addition of 260 million doses of vaccines from China for usage this month.

To date, 28 cities and provinces nationwide have vaccinated 27.6 million fowls, including 16.9 million chickens.

The Institute for Tropical Disease in Hanoi said bird flu viruses may resist the medicine named Tamiflu, but noted that in such case, a bigger dose of the medicine and longer treatment time will be given to bird flu patients.

To early detect infections among humans, the Vietnamese Health Ministry is proposing the World Health Organization assist the country in establishing surveillance systems at 800 hospitals nationwide.

In addition, Vietnam is intensifying the detoxification and disinfection of fowl farms in localities nationwide, especially those having large flocks of chickens and ducks. —MNA/Xinhua

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Thai Air Force airmen load medicines for Pakistan earthquake aid onto a C-130 airplane at an air force base in Bangkok on Thursday, 13 Oct, 2005.

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At least seven killed in heavy rains in eastern US

WASHINGTON, 12 Oct— At least seven people were killed in heavy rains sweeping eastern United States over the weekend, with hundreds forced to evacuate and power supply to many others knocked out.

In the northeastern state of New Hampshire, two young people were killed when a car plunged into flood water from a washed-out bridge, and another person was seen swept away in a river, news reports said on Monday.

In the state of New York, a six-year-old boy slipped into a river and was swept away along with his mother's boyfriend who had tried to save him.

A 19-year-old girl was killed in Pennsylvania when she tried to drive through a flooded roadway, and a toddler died in New Jersey after suffering head injuries when his parents' car went out of control.

Flood waters forced at least 30 residents to evacuate on Saturday and cut off electricity to as many as 6,000 homes and businesses in New Jersey, and over 200 others to flee their homes in Vermont, the reports said. Meanwhile, a powerful snowstorm hit the west-central state of Colorado over the weekend, knocking out power to about 25,000 customers in Denver, the state capital, forcing authorities to close a major east-west highway across the state, and triggering rock slides in the foothills. —MNA/Xinhua

Eating fish regularly delays dementia

CHICAGO, 12 Oct — Eating fish at least once a week slows the toll aging takes on the brain, while obesity at midlife doubles the risk of dementia, a pair of studies concluded on Monday.

Omega-3 fatty acids contained in fish have been shown to boost brain functioning as well as cutting the risk of stroke, and eating fish regularly appears to protect the brain as people age, the six-year study of Chicago residents said.

"The rate of (mental) decline was reduced by 10 per cent to 13 per cent per year among persons who consumed one or more fish meals per week compared with those with less than weekly consumption," wrote Martha Clare Morris of Rush University Medical Centre in Chicago. "The rate reduction is the equivalent of being three to four years younger in age," she added in the report published online by the *Archives of Neurology*. The protective effect from eating fish was evident even after researchers adjusted for consumption of fruits and vegetables.

Alzheimer's disease and other causes of dementia are growing problems around the world, particularly in developed countries with aging populations.

In another study published in the same journal, Swedish researchers from the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm concluded that obesity, high blood pressure, and high cholesterol levels at midlife each doubled the risk of dementia later in life.

Subjects who suffered from all three of the health problems at midlife multiplied their risk of developing dementia six times compared to people free of the risk factors, she said.

Nearly 1,500 subjects who have been part of a study that began in 1972 were reexamined. The 16 per cent who were obese at midlife were at double the risk of dementia compared to the one-quarter of those with normal weight at midlife and the half who had been slightly overweight. "Midlife obesity, high systolic blood pressure, and high total cholesterol were all significant risk factors for dementia, each of them increasing the risk around two times," study author Miia Kivipelto wrote. —MNA/Reuters

Blast shuts northern Iraq oil pipeline

TIKRIT, 12 Oct— An explosion shut down an oil pipeline near the northern city of Beiji on Wednesday, a police official said.

The pipeline transports oil from the northern oil centre of Kirkuk to refin-

eries in Beiji, from where it is pumped via the country's export pipeline to the port of Ceyhan, Turkey.

The blast occurred early Wednesday at Fatiha, 10 miles northeast of the Beiji refinery, said Mattshar Abdullah, who works on a special Iraqi police force set up to guard oil pipelines and refineries.

The Kirkuk-Beiji pipeline is critical to Iraq's oil export operations. Once Beiji refinery's crude oil needs are met, excess amounts are pumped through a separate export pipeline to Turkey.

That line is only intermittently open, however, since incessant guerilla sabotage has shuttered it regularly since the US-led invasion in 2003.

Internet

Cambodian King signs to dissolve Supreme Border Council

PHNOM PENH, 12 Oct— Cambodian King Norodom Sihamoni on Monday signed a royal decree to dissolve the Supreme National Council on Border Affairs (SNCBA). The dissolve was suggested by Prime Minister Hun Sen and the National Assembly President Prince Norodom Ranariddh, said the decree. It did not give more reason.

In his letter to King Sihamoni on Sunday, Prime Minister Hun Sen said that after meeting with Prince Norodom Ranariddh, president of the FUNCINPEC Party, both of them maintained that it is unnecessary to keep the SNCBA because the Senate, National Assembly and the royal government have the capacity and responsibility to safeguard the national sovereignty and territory integrity and to deal with the the border issues.

At the same time, the National Authority on Border Affairs (NABA) was already established by the government. The seven-member SNCBA was established in May under the decree of the King, and former King Norodom Sihanouk was named chairman of the border council.

Other members include Vice-Chairmen Senator Chea Cheth and lawmaker Princess Norodom Vacheara, as well as Minister of Council of Ministers Sok An representing the government and Say Chhum of the Cambodian People's Party, You Hockry of FUNCINPEC Party and Sam Rainsy, president of the Sam Rainsy Party. —MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis collect parts from a vehicle used in a car bomb attack against an Iraqi Ministry for Governorate Affairs convoy in El Yarmouk area, western Baghdad area, on 12 October, 2005. —INTERNET

Pickled vegetable imported from China safe for consumption

SEOUL, 12 Oct—“Kimchi”, or pickled vegetable, imported from China proved to be safe for consumption as its lead content was found to be within an international standard, South Korea’s food safety watchdog said again on Monday.

A recent investigation of 58 kinds of kimchi circulated in local markets, showed Chinese brands having an average lead content of 0.05 ppm (parts per million), compared with 0.02 ppm for domestic products, said (South) Korean Food and Drug Administration (KFDA) in a news release.

The figures were not only lower than 0.12 ppm to 0.57 ppm that a South

Korean opposition lawmaker recently claimed Chinese kimchi has, but also even lower than the international standard of 0.1 ppm, it said.

It was the second time for the KFDA to unveil its probe results of the comparison between kimchi imported from China and produced locally since late September.

The results came after the lawmaker claimed

in late September that imported kimchi from China contain at most as five times as the local-produced ones and harmful to the health of local people.

The lawmaker’s claim caused panic among South Korean people, since kimchi is one of the South Korean people’s most favourite food that they eat almost every meal.

MNA/Xinhua



An earthquake survivor family stand in front of their destroyed house in Poonch, 250 km (156 miles) northwest of the northern Indian city of Jammu, on 11 October, 2005.— INTERNET

Pakistani Kashmir faces disease after quake

MUZAFFARABAD (Pakistan), 12 Oct — Malaria and other diseases are breaking out in Pakistani Kashmir where health services are in ruins after an earthquake wrecked hospitals and killed many doctors, a senior health official said on Tuesday.

Corpses and sewage had contaminated the river Neelum, the main source of drinking water in the provincial capital Muzaffarabad, officials said.

“Health services have totally collapsed here and malaria, gastroenteritis and water borne diseases have already spread in worst-hit areas of the city,” Khawaja Shabir, provincial director-general of health, told Reuters.

He said the situation was only likely to worsen because of the polluted water and the many dead bodies still stuck under buildings that collapsed in Saturday’s 7.6 magnitude quake. The United Nations warned of risks of cholera and pneumonia.

Shabir was working in his office when the quake struck and spent three hours trapped under rubble before being saved. He said 80 per cent of his staff died and his office destroyed.

“We’re helpless in handling it on our own as right now we don’t have a single hospital left in Muzaffarabad, no medicine, no paramedic staff,

nothing,” he said.

UN officials said as many as one million people had been left homeless by the quake, which officials said may have killed as many as 40,000 people. They said two million children were among perhaps four million affected by the disaster.

The World Health Organization said in a statement that a massive health relief effort was needed and would be part of a UN appeal being launched on Tuesday in Geneva.

“We need to coordinate a massive health relief effort to ensure people get urgent care and to prevent a bad situation getting even worse,” said Alan Alwan, the WHO’s newly named representative for health action in crises.

“Medical supplies, water and sanitation supplies and cash donations will help the most,” added Alwan, who was leaving Geneva later in the day for Islamabad. — MNA/Reuters

Kuwait plans to expand international airport

KUWAIT CITY, 12 Oct — Kuwait has planned to expand its international airport, whose capacity will be increased “step by step” to 55 million passengers a year from five million in 2004, local daily Arab Times reported on Monday.

“The first step will be equipping the airport to receive 11 million passengers every year. This will be followed by the stage where the airport will be prepared to receive 20 million passengers a year,” sources from Kuwaiti Civil Aviation Department were quoted as saying.— MNA/Xinhua

Annan calls for expansion of microfinance

GENEVA, 12 Oct — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Monday highlighted microfinance’s role in poverty eradication.

“Microfinance is an idea whose time has come,” Annan, who is on a visit in Switzerland, said at a microfinance symposium held here.

A small loan, a savings account, an affordable way to send a pay-cheque home, can make all the difference to a low-income family or to a small-scale enterprise, and with access to microfinance, people can take real strides towards breaking the vicious circle of poverty and vulnerability, said Annan.

The UN chief stressed that microfinance today is real business, and not charity. “It can help to build markets, and show that profits and principles can reinforce each other.” Although microfinance is not as widespread as it could or should be, Annan said the situations is changing and a new mindset is taking hold.

“Where once the poor were commonly seen as passive victims, microfinance recognizes that

poor people are remarkable reservoirs of energy and knowledge.

And while the lack of financial services is a sign of poverty, today it is also understood as an untapped opportunity to create markets, bring people in from the margins and give them the tools with which to help themselves,” he said.

The World Bank and the International Monetary Fund have embraced microfinance as part of their strategy for alleviating poverty, and the United Nations has proclaimed 2005 to be the International Year of Microcredit.

“Our collective challenge is to sustain this momentum, and to meet the growing global demand for increased access to financial services,” said Annan.

He said the potential is significant and called on financial institutions to invest robustly in microfinance.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippines seizes shipment of elephant tusks

MANILA, 12 Oct— Philippine Customs officials on Tuesday seized almost a ton of elephant tusks worth more than 500,000 US dollars at Manila Airport. Nestor Gualberto, head of Customs security, said the 850 kilos (1,800 pounds) shipment had arrived from Kenya last month in seven metal boxes labelled “rough stones.”— MNA/Reuters

Thailand to host workshop on regional wildlife law enforcement

BANGKOK, 12 Oct— Thailand will host a meeting later this month on developing an ASEAN regional network to protect endan-

gered plants and animals, Thai News Agency reported on Tuesday.

The gathering, slated for 17-21 October, aims at building the regional wildlife law enforcement initiative adopted during last October’s conference in Bangkok among parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species, or CITES, Natural Resources and Environment Minister Yongyuth Tiypairat was quoted as saying.

Strategies to ensure the sustainable co-existence of humans and endangered species of plants and animals will be discussed among CITES law enforcement officials from members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

MNA/Xinhua



A South Korean Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team moves onto a ship during an anti-terrorism drill at a port in Pusan, about 420 km (262 miles) southeast of Seoul, on 13 October, 2005.—INTERNET

Countering media with media: national duty of literary world

A media person

Recently, I have read in certain journals two significant articles revealing all the perpetration of the persons in collaboration with some foreign radio stations to cause confusion in Myanmar literary and journalism world. Writing the articles can be said the act of countering media with media — the right practice for all the men and women of letters of Myanmar. In reality, persons with nationalism should write such articles on own volition to counter the perpetration. It is not the time for all the persons, especially those who always come first for opportunity, but ever hesitant to work for national cause, of the journalism and literary profession to stay idle when some foreign radio stations are making attempts to meddle in the Myanmar literary world. If we do not refute the slanders at present, it will be too late and some might presume them as the truth later. It is the duty of every individual possessing nationalism to make refutation, based on objective conditions, against slanders.

Look what a man by the pen name 'Ko J' did recently. He made slanders to cause confusion in the Myanmar literary and journalism world. He is nothing more than a person writing nonsense even in sports journals. A seasoned sports writer once criticized him for always making mistakes in mentioning the names of athletes and the countries they represented. People of the literary world in Mandalay and Yangon know best about his fraud in the publishing business of Ko Tun Oo of Mandalay (now Tun Oo publishing work). He went to Cambodia for journalist training and sought political asylum abroad. But what political sacrifices had he made in Myanmar to seek political asylum abroad? There is nothing to admire him for he is just a person with no political history. Can a man asking for political asylum and financial assistance from others tell the truth? It is a common knowledge that Ko J is living by his wits engaging in mean jobs of hatching fabrications. It is not beyond the knowledge of the authorities the local connections Ko J has made to create fabrications from Maesot. But the authorities have no will to reveal the names of informants. Sadly, some of the informants are thinking themselves so smart. Our nation has the law including the Secret Act which prohibits irresponsible acts against the state. At the press meet No 6/2005, the authorities had already exposed the persons making contacts with foreign radio stations that are attacking and opposing the nation to incite internal trouble.

Thein Win, in-charge of local network of the Network for Democracy and Development (NDD)

conducted news gathering course and other illegal courses for Wai Lin, Than Oo (a) Ko Ye, Myint Lwin and Win Myint, who were natives of Bago. Thein Win also provided them with financial assistance and satellite phone, and used them as above-ground hard-core group based in Bago in 2003. But the authorities exposed the gang the same year.

Wai Lin, Than Oo (a) Ko Ye, Myint Lwin and Win Myint were sending the exaggerated news reports they received from unreliable sources to their boss Thein Win through the phone just to earn as much as income they could. They confessed that they always made exaggerations in the interviews with BBC.

To which degree does the government have to tolerate the informants sending fabrications to Ko J of RFA?

Ko J's acts are meant to cause quarrels between persons of literary and journalism world, earning their living through sincere means, and staff of the Press Scrutiny and Registration Office under the Information Ministry. Ko J, are you trying to pour bad blood between the office and the literary and journalism world as you do not wish to see harmony between them?

Ko J you made a fabrication concerning the meeting of Director Maj Tint Swe of the office, the publishers and the editors on 15 and 16 September this year at the office. You should ask the men and women of letters to know how much they were angry with you for your fabrication. And that was not the first time the director met with the persons of the literary world to help fulfil their needs. Two months after he became the director, Maj Tint Swe met with publishers and editors on 18 August for the same purpose. The meeting was attended by Dr Thein Myint (Eleven International), U Ti Nyein (Ngwepinle journal), Maj Wunna (Retd) (Interview journal), U Ko Ko (Flower News journal), U Myat Khaing (Achit, Maha, Gita and Kaungthadin journals), U Aung Soe Thu (Gita Kaba journal), and U Thaug Su Nyein (7 Days journal). The director fulfilled all their requires at the meeting. No complaints came out then. As the second meeting the director invited more publishers to extend his work of fulfilling their requirements. U Kyaw Oo (Parami publishing house), U Aung Than Kyaw (Pyinnya Shwedaung publishing house), U Kyin Wan (Nwemoehsaung publishing house), U Kyaw Hlaing (Setana publishing house), Daw Kay Khaing Soe (Shwethamin publishing house), U Nyan Pwint (Zeyamy publishing house), U Arka Aung (Aung Myin publishing house), U San Oo (Seikku Chocho publishing house), U Ko Gyi (Thein Min publishing house), U Aye Lwin

(Shwepadetha publishing house), U Maung Myo (Kyaungnitkaung publishing house), Dr Tha Tun Oo and U Thet Lwin (Today publishing house), U Aung Myat Kyaw (Sarpeylawka publishing house), U Shwe Baw Phyo (Shwe Myanmar publishing house), and U Myo Aung (Pyisone publishing house) attended the meeting.

U Soe Nyunt (Yapyi publishing house) did not attend the meeting, with illness, and Daw Moe Thida (Soe Soe publishing house) was also absent from it, saying she was away from Yangon. Ko J you can openly ask the persons who attended the meeting whether the director was threatening them or trying to help them at the meeting.

In reality, the act of saying that a news report was received from a person on conditions of anonymity is like a loathsome black magic. On 16 September, the director warmly invited the chief editors and executive editors of local periodicals and met with them and opened opportunities to present their difficulties. The attendance registration list of the meeting is available, and there is nothing to hide.

U Myint Soe (Myanmar Times), U Khin Win (International Affairs journal), U Aye Lwin (Kumudra journal), U Nyi Nyi Moe (7 Days journal), U Tin Aung Khaing (International Affairs journal), Ko Tar (Style Thit journal), U Hein Latt (Popular journal), Daw Wa Wa Swe (Today), U Maung Myo (Idea journal), U Win Nyein (Alindan journal), U Myat Khaing (Maha, Achit journals), U Ko Ko-Setmu (Flower News journal and Tech Digest), U Lin Naing Oo (Alindan journal), U Kyaw Min Swe (Living Colour), U Myo Nyunt Maung (Khit Myanmar journal), Dr Thein Myint (Eleven Media), Dr Khin Moe Moe (Pyi Myanmar journal), U Zeya Myat Khaing (Maha Gita journal), and Mar Jay (Eleven International) attended the meeting.

Of them, who did you contact, Ko J?

A slander Ko J created was as follows:

"Some of the persons who attended the meeting told RFA that the director met with editors of about 20 local journals. After explaining the policy of the Press Scrutiny and Registration Office, he scolded them. An editor who attended the meeting told RFA about the discussions made by the director."

Who is that editor? Why did he try to disguise his voice at the interview? All the persons of the literary and journalism world know that the so-called editor has told lies and exaggerations.

The persons who Ko J has made contacts with dared not mention their real names or other facts as they are telling lies. The RFA also aired the voice of what it said was a woman staff member of a publishing house who spoke on conditions of anonymity. Who is that woman? Why did not she mention her name? Ko J should have considered having sympathy to Daw Wa Wa Swe (Today) and Dr Khin Moe Moe (Pyi Myanmar publishing house), the only two women at the meeting. It is not strange that Ko J is airing slanders as he is a destructive element in disguise.

The then Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung had already set a tradition of inviting persons of the literary and journalism profession to attend to their needs. The office then was under the Home Affairs Ministry. Home Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo during his meeting with the persons of the professions told them that they can send letters to him if they had any requirements to present. Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan has been opening wider opportunities for the persons of the profession to obtain more help from the officials concerned. Thanks to those

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Recently, I have read in certain journals two significant articles revealing all the perpetration of the persons in collaboration with some foreign radio stations to cause confusion in Myanmar literary and journalism world . Writing the articles can be said the act of countering media with media — the right practice for all the men and women of letters of Myanmar. In reality, persons with nationalism should write such articles on own volition to counter the perpetration. It is not the time for all the persons, especially those who always come first for opportunity, but ever hesitant to work for national cause, of the journalism and literary profession to stay idle when some foreign radio stations make attempts to meddle in the Myanmar literary world. If we do not refute the slanders at present, it will be too late and some might presume them as the truth later. It is the duty of every individual possessing nationalism to make refutation, based on objective conditions, against slanders.

Film artistes urged to strive for enhancement of Myanmar movie standard

Myanmar Movie Day observed, respects paid to senior persons in Myanmar movie field



The ceremony to pay respects to doyen artistes in progress. — MNA

YANGON, 13 Oct — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended the ceremony to observe Myanmar Movie Day and to pay respects to senior persons in Myanmar movie field, at the office of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon

Countering media with media...

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efforts, the art of literature and journalism is flourishing in the nation. More people numbering in the thousand have applied for publishing permits despite the slanders. Can your slanderous voices from abroad stop our literary and journalism world from running, Ko J?

Myanmar already has the publishing law. But has any person faced action for violating the policy of the Press Scrutiny and Registration Office? If action has to be taken against all violations, there will be no periodical left in Myanmar. The publishing houses make one way or another to go against the rules of the office. But the office always pardons their violations when the persons concerned of the publishing houses come to it and apologizes for their wrongdoing. Ko J you have never mentioned the flexible practices of the office despite the existence of the law.

Besides, the office has to act as a mediator to attend to the complaints filed by departments and individuals against the local periodicals. The office is trying to reduce the extent of the problems till they are being solved. If there is no PSR Office, it is sure that the periodicals will face legal law suits filed against them by departments and individuals. The office even opens on weekends to carry out its work for the facilitation of the private publication industry.

But the office knows that there are a handful of bad guys in the periodical industry. They try to trick the office to make more profits. In the past there were cases in which actions were taken against the wrong doers for their frauds in the publishing business.

Ko J you can carry on your job of exaggerating news reports and slandering the nation if you do not wish to see the harmony between the office and the persons of the profession. But the literary and journalism world will not be moved by your slanders. You should study what Nay Zaw Naing, the one who left the nation earlier than you, has written in the DVB website.

In the website, he wrote, "There are short-lived and inefficient politicians who make surrenders, and the swaggerers like me who tried to draw the curricular of the Myanmar political history."

Hence, the people of the profession are now countering the slanders of the vermin like Ko J with media as suggested by Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan. It is the duty of the persons of the profession.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan shakes hands with an artiste. —MNA

on Wingabar Road in Bahan Township this morning.

It was also attended by directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information, patrons of MMPA, members and guests.

First, Chairman of organization U Kyi Soe Tun gave a speech. Next, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Patrons of the or-

ganization Film Director U Tin Yu and Film Director U Myint Soe cut the ribbon to open the ceremony to observe Myanmar Movie Day.

In his address, the minister said that he was glad to cordially meet with the seniors and those in the movie world. He praised active and harmonious cooperation of those in the movie world for organizing the ceremony. He urged them to

Doyen artiste film director U Khin Zaw speaks words of thanks at a ceremony to pay respects to doyen artistes. MNA



unitedly carry out tasks for development of the Myanmar movie. Today is an auspicious day when Myanmar Movie Day is to be observed as preservation of a good tradition. He added that honourable persons should be awarded, and he stressed the need to maintain its good tradition.

He noted that Myanmar was second to India to launch its movie industry in Asia region. However, he said, Myanmar movie is not yet (See page 10)

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Only when the national races are in a spirit of common views and stand will they be able to firmly and resolutely confront and repulse the influence and domination of the aliens

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Throughout the thousands-year-old history and till now, the national brethren of Myanmar, living in unity and amity, have been handing over the cultural heritage they have further strengthened and enriched and added more value to it from generation to generation as a well-preserved legacy.

Thanks to the traditions and culture born of the experience of the race throughout history and the power of nationalistic fervour and national pride to cherish and safeguard high-standard cultural heritage, Myanmar people were imbued with physical and spiritual prowess, and built states where unity and nationalism prevailed. In addition, Myanmar was able to stand shoulder to shoulder with neighbours in all military, political, diplomatic and cultural terms.

Because of those sound cultural foundations, the Myanmar people have been able to stand with dignity, while safeguarding and restoring the national characters and traits together with the national culture they have nurtured as a separate entity different from all other cultures of the world.

The long-preserved high standard culture of Myanmar can be found and studied at ancient pagodas and other religious edifices, excavated old city states, personal items and in ten kinds of traditional arts and crafts, including paintings, wood and ivory carvings, sculpture and stucco art.

The essence of the spiritual part of culture covering the gentle and delicate art, civilized and polite customs, social ethics interwoven with Buddha's teachings, and deep art of thinking including the social, religious and administrative branches can be studied and discovered only through literature, poems, other letters, and performing arts.

The Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been held in connection with the national task of handing down the fine traditions and capabilities that have uplifted Myanmar as the race enjoying high level of dignity throughout the different stages of history to the new generation, and to effectively use the powerful might of the performing arts to uplift the nation and the race.

The Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts are flourishing widely with deep essence in all four branches — marionette, drama, ancient and saing (Myanmar orchestra).

Each of the four branches is developing separately with its own style, nature, art and history, while interacting and supporting one another.

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Each of the performing arts branches is with its own glory covering the stateliness, style, melody and energy.

The noble deeds including justice, morals, fidelity, sympathy and loving-kindness, rooted in Myanmar society for many years, and the Myanmar traditions and customs and the noble Myanmar spirit under the domain of the sense of shame to do misdeeds and the Four Cardinal Virtues are engraved in Myanmar cultural performing arts.

Myanmar theatrical plays and Myanmar marionette plays reflect Myanmar characters and virtues such as the essence of traditions and culture and the delicate essence of the performing arts, in addition to the high-level administrative and judicial systems of Myanmar society that existed under its own kings, the principles of equality, diplomacy and military strategies.

Vidhura drama the contestants will have to present at the competitions shows the wise decision made by court minister Vidhura with his power of knowledge, sincerity and selflessness. Moreover the theme of the drama shows the fact that good deeds of tolerance and loving-kindness and the practice of saints to be loyal friends can teach the people a good lesson. Thus, it also confirms the fact that Myanmar people cherish and value the power of modesty and knowledge.

The restoration and uplift of the Myanmar drama and marionette plays and performing arts, which have strong artistic power of influence, and invaluable cultural essence, will help enhance the artistic skill in the respective branches, the public organizational power of the arts, and the people's ability to appreciate the artistic pleasures.

Furthermore, the competitions will harmoniously vitalize the foundation of nationalism to preserve and uplift national culture among the people.

All will have to preserve the traditional culture in its original style as it reflects the significant characteristics of the people and the nation. Likewise, the task to perpetuate national trait or national character, mode of dress, language, culture and customs and social norms should be conducted through preservation of national culture and race.

The dignity of Myanmar will disappear on the day the national entity and character disappear.

Hence, the government has laid down a firm objective to preserve and protect cultural heritage and national character from vanishing forever.

In this age of globalization, the alien thoughts and culture are entering the nation in waves through the door of culture and economy including the media and the Internet, with ICT as the vehicle.

The alien cultural domination can be warded off only with the spirit to love and cherish our own traditions and culture.

Nowadays, some youths thinking highly of alien culture that is against Myanmar culture are going with the tides and are addicted to decadent behaviour and mode of dress.

If this situation is ignored, honest and sincere youths will fail to value and cherish their own culture, and one day we will have to face the extinction of our own race.

The performing arts competitions will make some youths, who are unaware of the values, standard, system and essence of our culture, realize its values, standard, system and essence and inspire them to study and understand its depth and profoundness. One's level of appreciation rises as much as one knows the value of culture. When one feels the depth of its essence one will certainly hold it in esteem.

The Government has laid down political, economic and social objectives and has been accordingly taking all possible measures to see that the Union of Myanmar stands tall in the international

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community keeping in tact her national character and prestige.

In striving for the harmonious and all-round development of education, health, social and economic sectors, it has been exerting its efforts on spiritual uplift of the people of the nation.

To keep the spirits of the national people mature, firm and high, it is necessary to enhance national pride, preserve and promote national culture and vitalize and propagate the nationalism, the spirit of national solidarity and

Union Spirit with the strength of literature and fine arts.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance that the performing arts competitions are to be organized grandly the way the Union Day celebrations are held so that complete and rich cultural resources could be put to most beneficial use in promoting the image of the nation and the people, guarding against penetration of alien culture while enabling national brethren to cordially meet at the performing arts competitions, collectively preserve, pro-

mote and cherish the cultural traditions, then only, he added, will they have common views and stand and can patriotism be strengthened for national solidarity.

As much as the performing arts competitions can exhibit and make all understand and realize the similarities of the cultural traditions, customs and traditional performing arts of all the national races and how this national heritage has been preserved for generations, one and all will appreciate the subtleties, values, high standard and fine traditions of Myanmar performing arts.

Only when the national races are in a spirit

of common views and stand will they be able to firmly and resolutely confront and repulse the influence and domination of the aliens of different traditions and cultural traits in accord with a saying, Blood is thicker than water. Hence, I would like to urge all to guard against the penetration of alien culture, external instigation and manipulation by strengthening patriotism, the love for the nation and Union Spirit while preserving and promoting national culture.

In conclusion, all the artistes are urged

- * to strive for firm and continued flourishing of the national character of Myanmar people, cultural traditions and human values with the help of performing arts,
- * to make the new generation youths realize the profound historical background of Myanmar people, the prestige and glory of the ancestors and the high cultural standard in order that they will be inspired to take pride in the national prestige and safeguard national interests thereby enhancing national strength with the help of performing arts,
- * for the culture and arts to keep the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit ever alive to see that stable, peaceful, prosperous, consolidated and enduring Union stands tall always.

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Member of the Panel of Patrons for Organizing the Competitions Maj-Gen Myint Swe gave an account of preparations for the competitions, saying that the competitions have been held in accord with the traditions since 1993 annually.

The competitions are being held from 13 to 31 October under the seven objectives:

- to vitalize patriotism and nationalism
- to preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- to perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts
- to preserve Myanmar national characters
- to nurture spiritual development of the youths

- to prevent influence of alien culture, and
- to strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.

In order to satisfy the wishes of the maestros, the Vidhura Jakata drama contest will be held on a grander scale than previous years with a view to regenerating the art of Myanmar drama.

In the marionette competition, "Zaw-hnint-mintha" dance is prescribed at the amateur level, and "Min-ku-tha Jakata" at the professional level.

A total of 2,482 contestants are contending for the prizes. All necessary arrangements have been made for enabling the contestants, who love and preserve the cultural heritage of the nation, to take part in the competitions in peace in accordance with the lofty



Culture Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung formally opens performing arts competitions. — NLM

objectives. He urged the contestants to participate in the events with peace of mind.

Member of the Panel of Patrons Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung formally opened the competitions.

The Secretary-1 cor-

dially greeted the diplomats, military attaches and guests.

The second session followed at the venue. U Hla Win and Daw Thida Swe of MRTV acted as masters of ceremonies.

The patron of the Leading Committee deliv-

ered the opening speech. (reported separately)

The artistes presented an entertainment programme of a dance and song composed by Gita Lulin U Ko Ko in honour of the 13th Performing Arts Competitions.

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Singing, dancing, song composing and music contests of Performing Arts Competitions commence at designated places

YANGON, 13 Oct — The first day programmes of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions were held at the designated venues today. Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Organizing Committee for the Competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-

Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Chairman of the Work Committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan and members, officials of the sub-committees, maestros and people enjoyed the competitions.

At the multi-purpose hall of the National Museum, Chairperson of the Panel of Judges for Singing Contest Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya of (See page 10)



Maung Aye Kyaw of Rakhine State taking part in singing contest (basic education level age 10-15) — NLM



Daw Cho Thandar Lin taking part in dancing contest (professional level) of performing arts competitions. — NLM



Singing, dancing, song...

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Myanma Radio and Television, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khaing and members supervised the singing contest.

In the morning programmes, 13 contestants from States and Divisions took part in the professional level women's religious song contest. In the afternoon, 14 students from

will be held at the same venue.

At the National Theatre, seven contestants competed in the professional level women's dancing contest and 12 boys in the basic education level (15-20 age) boys' dancing contest.

Chairman of the Panel of Judges Wunna Kyaw Htin U Sein Aung Min and members super-

Arts this morning. Nine schoolgirls took part in the basic education level (5-10 age) girls' song composing contest, and 13 persons from States and Divisions in the professional level song composing contest. Chairman of the panel of judges Bogale U Tint Aung and members made supervision for the contest.

At Padonma Theatre, 10 competitors participated in the higher education level (men's) and



Contestants participate in basic education level (5-10 age group) song composing contest.— MNA

States and Divisions participated in the basic education level (10-15 age group) boys' old and modern song contest. On 14 October, the higher education level women's religious song contest and the basic education level (5-10 age group) boys' old and modern song contest

vised the dancing contest. The amateur level women's dancing contest and the basic education level (5-10 age) boys' dancing contest will be held at the National Theatre tomorrow.

Similarly, the song composing contest was held at State School of Fine

(women's) harp contest, four contestants in the basic education level (15-20 age) boys' harp contest, and seven girls in the basic education level (10-15 age) girls' harp contest. The panel of judges led by Harpist Pyapon U Thein Han Gyi supervised the music contest. On 14 Oc-

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to set a certain standard due to various reasons. Hence, not only the country but also those in the movie world missed some opportunities, he said. In conclusion, he urged all to harmoniously strive for enhancement of the Myanmar movie standard to seize the opportunities for the nation and those in the movie industry.

Next, the ceremony to pay homage to the seniors in the movie world followed. Officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization read out the list of the seniors and members of the organization, amount of cash donation, and the list to provide cash assistance monthly to the older persons of the movie industry.

Afterwards, the

minister, departmental heads and members of the organization paid homage to the senior artistes of the movie world.

On behalf of the seniors, film director U Khin Zaw gave a speech. After the ceremony, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted the seniors and wellwishers who served those present at the ceremony with refreshment. — MNA

ကျေးရွာတိုင်း ကိုယ့်အားကိုယ်ကိုးစာကြည့်တိုက်များ ထူထောင်ဖို့၊ ပိုင်းဝန်းကူညီဆောင်ရွက်ဖို့။

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ကျေးလက်နေပြည်သူများ ပညာဗဟုသုတတိုးပွားစေရန် ကျေးရွာကိုယ်အားကိုးစာကြည့်တိုက်များအတွက် စာအုပ်များကို ပြန်ကြားရေးနှင့် ပြည်သူ့ဆက်ဆံရေးဦးစီးဌာန ခရိုင်/မြို့နယ်ရုံးများသို့ လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ကြပါသည်။

ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန
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tober, the basic education level (10-15 age) boys' solo orchestra contest and the basic education level (5-10 age) boys' solo orchestra contest will be held the same venue.

Likewise, the xylophone contest of the music competition was held at Kanbawza Theatre this morning. Seven boys competed in the basic education level (15-20 age) boys' xylophone contest, six girls in the basic education level (15-20 age) girls' xylophone contest, and seven women in the amateur level women's xylophone contest. Chairman of the panel of judges Gitalulin U Ko Ko and party supervised the xylophone contest. On 14 October, the amateur level (men's and women's)



Ma Yin Yin Khaing of Mon State taking part in higher education level women's harp contest.— MNA

violin contest and the basic education level (15-20 age) boys' and girls' violin contest will be held at Kanbawza Theatre. MNA

အများပြည်သူသိရှိရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ နယ်စပ်များမှ တရားမဝင် တင်သွင်း၍ ဖမ်းဆီးရမိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ဆေးများမှ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်း (မရှိ)သော ဆေးဝါးများဖြစ်ပါကြောင်းနှင့် ဆေးဝါးများမှ အရည်အသွေးအာမခံချက် မရှိပါကြောင်း အသိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

စဉ်	ဆေးအမည်	ထုတ်လုပ်သည့် ကုမ္ပဏီအမည်	နိုင်ငံ
၁	Dexamethasone Tablet (Dexamethasone 0.5 mg)	New Life Pharma Co., Ltd	Thailand
၂	Pekquine Injection 5 cc (Chloroquine Phosphate 325.5 mg eq. to Base 200 mg, Lignocaine HCl 50 mg)	Liwinner Pharmaceutical Limited Partnership	Thailand
၃	Chloroquine Injection 250 mg/2 ml (Chloramphenicol 125 mg, Lidocaine HCl 30mg)/2ml	ANB Laboratories Co., Ltd	Thailand
၄	Sinaxmol Tablet	ဖော်ပြထားခြင်း မရှိပါ	ဖော်ပြထားခြင်း မရှိပါ
၅	Zardine Tablet	ဖော်ပြထားခြင်း မရှိပါ	ဖော်ပြထားခြင်း မရှိပါ

၂။ အများပြည်သူများသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်းမရှိသော ဆေးဝါးများကို ဝယ်ယူ သုံးစွဲခြင်းမပြုကြရန်နှင့် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားသော ဆေးဝါးများကိုသာ စူးစမ်းဝယ်ယူ သုံးစွဲပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

၃။ ဆေးဝါးတင်သွင်းခြင်းမရှိသည့် ကုမ္ပဏီ၊ ဆေးဝါးရောင်းချသည့် ဆေးဆိုင်များသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ တွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်းမရှိသော ဆေးဝါးများ၊ ဆေးဝါးအတု၊ စံမညီဆေးဝါးများ တင်သွင်းခြင်းဖြင့် ရောင်းချခြင်း လုံးဝမပြုလုပ်ရန်နှင့် လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း မရှိပါက သက်ဆိုင်ရာ အာဏာပိုင် အဖွဲ့အစည်းက တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

As for human resources number of ophthalmologists increase from 130 to 200 2005 World Sight Day observed

YANGON, 13 Oct — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint attended the ceremony to observe 2005 World Sight Day, jointly organized by Health Department and World Health Organization, at International Business Centre on Pyay Road, here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Health, medical superintendents, WHO Resident Representative Dr Adik Wibowo and officials, representatives of UN agencies, officials of social organizations and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said that in 1999 February, the Director-General of WHO declared and launched World Sight Day and WHO member countries have been celebrating every 2nd Thursday of October as World Sight Day. At present, there are estimated 45 million blind people globally and the number of blind persons will double in year 2020. The aim of the World Sight Day is to eliminate avoidable blindness and to promote blindness prevention activities.

As Myanmar is a WHO member country, we are actively participat-



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint speaking at World Sight Day ceremony.— MNA

ing in the health plans laid down by WHO.

In Myanmar, World Sight Day was launched on 10 October 2000. Regarding improvement since launching of World Sight Day in 2000,

four new Prevention of Blindness secondary centres were established at Kyaukpadaung, Gangaw, Myaing and Taungdwingyi in 2001 in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. New district level eye centres were also established at Bhamo, Loilem and Hinthada. The new centres were fully equipped with microsurgical instruments.

As for human resources number of ophthalmologists were increased from 130 to 200. Ophthalmic nurses refractionists and mid-level eye care personal were also trained. Basic health staff and voluntary health workers were also trained on Primary Eye Care regularly.

In Myanmar, Tra-

choma was the main cause of blindness in 1960s. Trachoma control programme was launched in 1964 and after 30 years of activities active trachoma rate was brought

division eye centres and basic health services are very important for the success of blindness prevention.

In conclusion, the aim of World Sight Day,



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and party view educative booth.— MNA

WHO
Resident
Representative
Ms Adik
Wibowo.
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down from 43 per cent in 1960s to about 1 per cent at present days.

Therefore, it is necessary to promote treatment of cataract and glaucoma and at the same time to control prevalence of trachoma. Moreover, inter-country meeting on prevention of children blindness, which is one of the objectives of vision 2020, was held at Traders Hotel in 2003 and a paediatric ophthalmic centre was established at Yangon Eye Hospital.

Cooperation between, prevention of blindness teams, state and

prevention of avoidable blindness will be achieved only by cooperation of Governmental departments, WHO, NGOs and all the people.

Next, WHO Resident Representative Dr Adik Wibowo gave a speech. After the ceremony, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and guests viewed round the educative booths to mark the World Sight Day in the hall.

The motto of the World Sight Day for this year is "Vision 2020-The Right to Sight. Elimination of Avoidable Blindness." — MNA

Ophthalmologists team gives treatment of eye patients in Kawkaireik

YANGON, 13 Oct — As a gesture of hailing the World Sight Day, an ophthalmologists team led by Deputy Director (Treatment) Dr Kye Myint and Ophthalmologist Prof Dr Kan Nyunt of Eye Specialist Hospital made a field trip to Kawkaireik of Kayin State from 10 to 12 October for giving treatment to eye patients there.

At Kawkaireik District Hospital, they provided treatment to 504 local patients and performed surgical operations on 80 patients free of charge.



Ophthalmologists providing health care services to an eye patient in Kawkaireik.— HEALTH



Ophthalmologists give treatment to eye patients in Kawkaireik. — HEALTH

While in Kawkaireik, authorities of Kayin State and Kawkaireik District Peace and Development Councils, personnel of Kayin State and District Health Departments, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, members of Women's Affairs Organizations, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Red Cross Brigade participated in the health care services of the ophthalmologists team.

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Mid-Year Gems Emporium continues

YANGON, 13 Oct — The 2005 Mid-Year Gems Emporium continued today at Myanma Gems Mart here, and merchants bought a total of 28 jade lots through competitive bidding.

Altogether 340 jade lots were sold yesterday at the emporium, which attracts 2,051 gem merchants from home and abroad. The sale of jade lots will continue tomorrow.

Patron of Central Committee of the Gem Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Committee Chairman Deputy Minister U Myint Thein visited the emporium this afternoon and greeted gem merchants. — MNA

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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 Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading
 No. 302/304, Pansodan Street, Yangon
 INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER**

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading, for export of the following rice and rice products in as it is position-

Sr No.	Commodity	Tonnage
1.	Ngakywe White Rice 100%	278
2.	Glutinous Rice 10% Broken	360
3.	Glutinous Rice 25% Broken	532
4.	Broken Rice A1 & Extra (Glutinous)	35
5.	Broken Rice A1, 2 (Glutinous)	110
6.	Broken Rice B2,3,4 (White)	19
7.	Broken Rice B2, 3, 4 (Yellow)	123

2. Tender documents are available at Warehousing, Handling and Export Department, second floor at Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading, Head Office by the price of 1500 kyats per set.

3. Further details can be inquired at Warehousing, Handling and Export Department of MAPT and closing date of bid will be on 21 October, 2005 at 1630 hr.

Supervising Committee of Tender
 Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading
 Ph: 254031, 254023, 251826, 246337

**Uganda earns more
 from coffee exports
 in 2004/05**

KAMPALA, 12 Oct— Uganda earned 162.1 million US dollars from export of 2.50 million 60-kilo bags of coffee in 2004/05 coffee year ending on 30 September, according to Uganda Coffee Development Authority (UCDA).

UCDA on Tuesday said in a monthly report that the earning of 2004/05 coffee export saw a 40-per-cent increase compared to 115.7 million dollars during the year of 2003/04. Uganda exported 2.52 million bags of coffee in 2003/04.

"This year's overall performance in quantity was 20,000 bags down compared to the June 2005 projection of 2.52 million bags. This drop in volume is attributed to coffee wilt

disease and unfavourable weather." said the report.

"On the other hand, the increase in value was a result of the general improvement in coffee prices on the world market experienced during the year in response to global supply deficit," the report said, adding that "reduction in coffee production has been reported in major coffee producing countries: Brazil, Vietnam, etc." — *MNA/Xinhua*

**Vietnam faces paper stockpile due to
 cheaper imports**

HANOI, 12 Oct— Vietnam had 28,500 tons of paper in inventory in the first nine months of this year, mainly because of an influx of imports with lower prices, the Trade Ministry said on Tuesday.

The main reason for the situation is Vietnam's heavy reliance on imported pulp, the key material for paper production. Last year, it imported 200,000 tons of pulp or around 75 per cent of its total need.

Other contributing factors include increasing prices of fuels and other inputs in the world market and outdated technologies used by Vietnamese paper enterprises. The situation will worsen next year when Vietnam is to slash paper import tariffs to 5 per cent from current 15-

10 per cent under the ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) Free Trade Area, local experts said.

An encouraging sign for the local paper industry is emerging as two foreign firms want to team up with a local partner to establish the biggest paper pulp joint venture in Vietnam.

"The New York-based International Finances Development Corp, the Sweden-based Industrial Project Services Patents and a Vietnamese firm, the Hiep

Phuoc Paper Company in Ho Chi Minh City, are seeking licence for building a factory with annual capacity of 450,000 tons of pulp in our province," the Department of Planning and Investment of central Phu Yen Province told *Xinhua*.

Investment for the project is estimated at 1.1 billion US dollars, including some 900 million dollars for construction and 200 million dollars for plantation of 150,000 hectares of forests.

Vietnam, which has to import 70-80 per cent

of its pulp and various kinds of high-quality paper, has yet to attract any foreign-invested projects in pulp production and afforestation.

The country, which imported 461,000 tons of paper worth 245 million dollars last year, imported 421,000 tons of the product valued at 261 million dollars in the first 9 months of this year, posting year-on-year rises of 22.9 per cent and 47.6 per cent respectively, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

**Kenyan dog gets award for baby
 rescue**

NAIROBI, 12 Oct — The dog that rescued a baby from a Nairobi forest in May has been honoured by an American organization, local newspaper reported on Tuesday.

The dog, named Mkombozi, has won 1,000 US dollars prize and a certificate for saving baby Angel from the city's Lenana forest.

The North Shore Animal League America's Elisabeth Lewyt Award is given to animals that perform heroic and compassionate deeds. It includes a 500-dollar cash prize, which another organization, Purina, doubled to make 1,000 dollars, newspaper *Daily Nation* reported.

The league has also awarded the Kenya Society for the Protection and

Care of Animals a matching plaque and a check in recognition of the organization's rescue and care of Mkombozi.

The award comes four months after the dog delivered the baby girl from the forest and carefully dragged her to its owner's home.

Four-month-old Angel, the name christened by Kenyatta National Hospital staff, is now at a children's home.

"As a symbol of the award, North Shore Animal League America is sending the remarkable dog and her guardian

Mary Adhiambo a plaque describing this incredible deed as well as a 500-dollar check," *Daily Nation* cited a report on Google's web site on dogs.

The awards were received on behalf of the family by Josephat Ngonyo of Youth for Conservation.

On the certificate is inscribed: "You make a difference. America North Shore Animal League is proud to present to Kenya and to Mkombozi, the dog who saved the life of a baby in Kenya".

— *MNA/Xinhua*

**Convicted 2002
 Bali bombers
 transferred
 to island jail**

JAKARTA, 12 Oct— Indonesian police on Tuesday transferred three convicted Bali bombers in death row from a state prison in Bali to an isolated jail on Nusa Kambangan Island in Central Java, a local television said.

The inmates — Amrozi, Imam Samudera and Ali Ghufron — were transported by armoured vehicles to the Ngurah Rai Airport amid tight security, as shown by television footage aired by Jakarta-based Metro TV.

The police said the transfer was made for security reasons. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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EU bans live bird imports from Turkey

BRUSSELS, 12, Oct — The European Commission, the executive arm of the European Union (EU), on Monday banned all imports of live birds and feathers from Turkey following an outbreak of avian influenza last week.

According to the Commission, lab tests in Turkey have already confirmed that it was an outbreak of avian flu which killed 1,700 out of 1,800 turkeys on a farm in north-western Anatolia.

All the surviving birds on the farm were destroyed after the outbreak.

But the exact strain of the virus is not yet known, and scientists have yet to ascertain whether the strain is of high or low pathogenic avian flu.

The Turkish authorities are expected

to send samples to the EU's laboratory in Weybridge, Britain in order to find out exactly which virus is at stake and whether it is the H5N1 strain, which has affected humans in Asia.

In the meantime, the EU has banned all imports of live birds and feathers from the country. The EU does not import poultry meat from Turkey because of the animal health situation in the country.

MNA/Xinhua



Giant pandas drink milk at China's Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre in Wolong National Natural Reserve, in southwest China's Sichuan province, in this 21 February, 2005 file photo. China's Taiwan Affairs Office on 13 October, 2005 presented pictures and resumes of 11 pandas in the running to be sent as a gift to Taiwan.—INTERNET

Study says fewer Britons poorer in old age than feared

LONDON, 12 Oct — Britain's pensioners will have less money than they expect when they retire but will not be as badly off as had been feared, according to a study on Tuesday.

Research from independent think-tank the Institute for Fiscal Studies showed 9.8 per cent of people between 50 and the state pension age risk having inadequate incomes.

The state pension age is 65 for men and 60 for women.

The IFS findings compare favourably with estimates of between 38 and 43 per cent for those between 46 and the retirement age by the government's Pension Commission, which issued a preliminary report into the state of the British pensions system in October 2004.

The IFS said many individuals will still not receive as much income from their pensions as they expect, unless they significantly change their behaviour over the next few years.

Next month the Pensions Commission will produce its long-awaited second report on how Britons should be saving for their retirement. The report is also expected to outline proposals for reforming the state pension system.

Gemma Tetlow, one of the authors of the IFS report, said: "Our analysis shows that amongst older workers, at least, the fraction retiring with inadequate resources may not be as high as the first (interim) report of the Pensions Commission estimated.

"Within the group currently aged between 50 and

the state pension age, we predict that around 730,000 individuals in England will have retirement income that is lower than the benchmark used by the Pensions Commission."

The data used by the IFS to calculate pensioners' incomes includes detailed information about the value of state and private pensions, housing and other wealth, as well as expectations of inheritance and the length of people's working lives.

Tetlow added: "We find that many individuals may not receive as much income from private pensions as they expect, unless they plan to change significantly their behaviour over the next few years." — MNA/Reuters

"007 secret" safe so far as James Bond casting looms

LOS ANGELES/LONDON, 12 Oct — Aplyt enough for the world's most famous spy, the decision on who replaces Pierce Brosnan as the next James Bond remains a mystery just weeks, possibly days, ahead of an official announcement.

Shooting of the 21st Bond film, "Casino Royale", is due to begin in January, and British media and countless Bond fan sites have for months been reporting leaks, rumours and gossip about who will be next to don the "007" tuxedo.

Some media portray the delay in casting as a crisis that could cause costly production delays.

Only five actors have played Bond since Sean Connery took on "Dr. No" over 40 years ago. Dozens of actors have been linked with the role in recent months, including Englishmen Clive Owen and Jude Law, Australia's Hugh Jackman and Croatia's Goran Visnjic.

Daniel Craig is a favourite as the finishing post nears.

For the filmmakers there is more at stake than

how to prepare a martini (shaken, not stirred).

Not only is Bond a national institution in Britain, but one of history's most profitable film franchises. It has netted nearly 4 billion US dollars in ticket sales of which Brosnan's four films grossed 1.5 billion US dollars, industry figures show.

The next film's Hollywood backers, Sony Pictures Entertainment and Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc. and EON Productions, which is making "Casino Royale" next year, have remained silent on who will take over as the super-spy.

"The decision hasn't been made yet. They are casting and that takes however long it takes," was the reply from an EON spokeswoman clearly tiring of fielding the same

question. Producers and directors familiar with casting an iconic action hero like Bond say a relative unknown is most likely.

Avi Arad, who runs Marvel Studios with its "Spider-Man" and "X-Men" movies, said the main criterion for his heroes was simply an ability to act, and that big stars were unnecessary for such a strong brand name as Marvel.

Brosnan has said he would be willing to play Bond for a fifth time, and experts believe that Sony, mindful of the Irishman's box office clout, would welcome him back.

But web sites devoted to all things Bond say producer Barbara Broccoli wants fresh blood, with "Casino Royale" returning to the start of the spy's career on Her Majesty's secret service.

MNA/Reuters

Mozambican police arrest 15 railway saboteurs

MAPUTO, 13 Oct — Mozambican police have arrested 15 people in connection with sabotage and theft of railway property in the north of the country, local media reported on Monday.

The people arrested include 13 Mozambicans, one Tanzanian and a South African national.

All are accused of stealing assets of the Mozambican port and rail company, CFM, in the northern Mozambican province of Nampula, in order to sell them as scrap metal.

The police have also seized three pickup trucks used to transport the sabotaged rails, as well as the equipment used by the thieves to cut the rails.

The police are promising to do all in their power to bring to justice everyone involved in this crime, while CFM says the company will press for all those involved in sabotaging the railway to be brought to trial. — MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela probes two top officers for drugs link

CARACAS (Venezuela), 12 Oct — The Venezuelan Government is investigating two National Guard officers after Washington revoked their US visas on suspicion they were involved in drug trafficking.

Defence Minister Orlando Maniglia has ordered National Guard General Frank Morgado, the former head of an anti-drug unit, and General Alexis Maneiro, probed for possible links to narcotics smuggling, state news agency ABN reported.

"This is to determine whether anyone here is guilty or not," Armed Forces Inspector General Melvin Lopez said, according to an agency report late on Monday.

The United States announced the visas action against Morgado, Maneiro and another officer in August shortly after President Hugo Chavez suspended cooperation with the US Drug Enforcement Administration, accusing its agents of spying.

Venezuela has asked the United States to present evidence the officers are linked to illegal narcotics.

The drugs squabble has the latest blow to already fraying ties between the United States and Chavez, a former Army officer who has riled Washington by attacking US policies and strengthening relations with Communist Cuba.

Chavez promises to fight poverty with a self-described socialist revolution he says is an alternative to the failure of US capitalism.

Venezuela, the world's No. 5 oil exporter, is a top supply route for cocaine flowing from Colombia to Caribbean islands and Europe. Some experts estimate as much as 300 tons of cocaine a year is shipped through Venezuela from Colombia.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

France, Serbia and Montenegro, Sweden qualified for World Cup finals

LONDON, 13 Oct — France, Serbia and Montenegro and Sweden qualified for World Cup finals on Wednesday after winning their final World Cup qualifiers, while Czech Republic, Switzerland, Slovakia, Spain and Turkey confirmed play-off spots, Denmark, Greece and Russia are out.

France topped the group after thrashing Cyprus 4-0 at the Stade de France with Zinedine Zidane, Sylvain Wiltord and Vikash Dhorasoo scoring in the first-half and Ludovic Giuly adding a fourth late on.

Serbia and Montenegro beat bitter Balkan rivals Bosnia-Herzegovina 1-0 to qualify for next year's World Cup finals at the expense of Spain.

Victory left Serbia top of Group Seven ahead of Spain, whose 6-0 win over San Marino gave them a play-off place.

Serbia's goal came from former Chelsea striker Mateja Kezman, who scored from point blank range on seven minutes.

Switzerland pipped the Republic of Ireland to a play-off place in Group Four after drawing with the Irish 0-0 at Lansdowne Road.

Slovakia secured a play-off place by holding Russia to a goalless draw in their final Group Three qualifier.

Slovakia finished ahead of Russia on goal difference after both teams, who drew 1-1 in Moscow in September 2004, ended the qualifying campaign with

23 points. Portugal had already won the group to qualify automatically.

Reaching the playoffs is Slovakia's biggest soccer success in its 12-year history as an independent state.

They could now face the Czech Republic in the playoffs, with Spain or Turkey the other options.

Turkey and the Czech Republic maintained their hopes of reaching the finals but Greece, surprisingly crowned European champions 15 months ago, were eliminated.

With Ukraine wrapping up top spot in Group Two last month, Turkey made sure of finishing second with a 1-0 win in Albania to move to 23 points.

Denmark finished third after a 2-1 win over Kazakhstan and Greece were fourth following their 1-0 home win over Georgia.

The Czech Republic beat Finland 3-0 in Helsinki with goals from Tomas Jun (6), Tomas Rosicky (51) and Marek Heinz (58).

The win gave the Czechs (27 points) second place ahead of Romania, but behind the Netherlands who finished on 32 points after a 0-0 home draw with Macedonia.

Sweden, who were almost certain of going through from Group Eight before they started against Iceland in Stockholm, made sure of their place when they recovered from 1-0 down to seal a 3-1 victory. —MNA/Reuters

Lampard strike seals top spot for England

MANCHESTER (England), 13 Oct — A superb late strike by Frank Lampard gave England a 2-1 World Cup qualifying victory over Poland and top place in Group Six on Wednesday.

Both sides had already qualified for the finals but Lampard's volley made a much-criticized England team group winners and left Poland to head to Germany as one of Europe's best runners-up.

Captain Michael Owen gave England, showing their best form of the season, a deserved lead after

44 minutes but Poland substitute Tomasz Frankowski volleyed an equalizer in first-half stoppage time.

Owen then turned creator as England attacked on the break, lofting a cross into Lampard's path for the midfielder to fire past keeper Artur Boruc in the 81st minute.

Victory, which left the hosts on 25 points to Poland's 24, was no more than England deserved for taking the game to a side they had also beaten 2-1 in Chorzow a year ago.

England paid a high price for being caught out of position by Frankowski but manager Sven-Goran Eriksson, under fire in recent weeks, will be more than satisfied with both the performance and the result.

Freed from the burden of qualifying and fed up with two months of criticism at their poor performances, England hit the accelerator from the start.

Lampard swung in a series of free kicks and corners, Wayne Rooney ran straight at the Poland defence and Shaun Wright-Phillips soon warmed to the task of replacing suspended skipper David Beckham on the right flank. —MNA/Reuters



Argentina's Pablo Aimar grapples with Uruguay's Gustavo Varela (7) during their South American FIFA World Cup 2006 qualifier in Montevideo. Uruguay will face Oceania champions Australia in a World Cup play-off next month after clinching fifth place in the South America zone qualifiers with a 1-0 win. —INTERNET

Armenia end campaign with 3-0 win over 10-man Andorra

ANDORRA LA VELLA, 13 Oct — Armenia ended their World Cup qualifying campaign on a high with a 3-0 victory over 10-man Andorra on Wednesday that lifted them off the bottom of Group One.

Armenia, whose only other win came against the same opponents in March, finished in sixth place in the group with seven points from their 12 matches, two ahead of Andorra.

It was a disappointing end to what has been Andorra's most successful campaign in their short history in international competition.

The team from the tiny Pyrenean principality beat Macedonia 1-0 at home a year ago to claim their first points in an official qualifying match.

They then earned a 0-0

draw away to the same opponents in February and won another point with a goalless draw at home to Finland last month.

Although they held the visitors for most of the first half they self-destructed in an unfortunate five-minute spell just before the break.

Midfielder Oscar Sonejee turned a cross from the left into his own net in 39th minute and defender Ildefons Lima received his marching orders soon after for spitting at an opponent.

Andorra suffered another setback at the start of the second half when Aram Akopyan smashed home a volley at the far post after a quickly taken corner. Things went from bad to worse just after the hour when Ara Akopyan made it 3-0 with a virtuosic individual goal.

The Armenia striker received the ball with his back to goal on the edge of the area, turned inside a defender, skipped past another and rifled home into the top corner to complete an emphatic win.

MNA/Reuters



Mexico's Francisco Rodriguez (R) goes head to head with Dwight Yorke of Trinidad and Tobago. Stern John scored twice to lift Trinidad and Tobago to a 2-1 victory over regional powerhouse Mexico, keeping the 'Soca Warriors' fighting for a 2006 World Cup berth. —INTERNET

Newspapers cry foul at FIFA's World Cup photo limits

LONDON, 13 Oct — Newspaper owners from around the world on Wednesday slammed new restrictions on publishing World Cup soccer photographs online.

FIFA, soccer's world governing body, is banning digital images from appearing on newspaper web sites and other electronic media until one hour after matches finish during next year's World Cup in Germany.

The publication embargo comes as mobile phone and online services increasingly are willing to pay for exclusive content, especially sports-related, to build their customer bases.

"This is a severe curb on the freedom of editors to inform their readers," said Timothy Balding, head of the Paris-based World Association of Newspapers (WAN), which represents about 18,000 newspapers through dozens of global trade groups.

"Editors the world over will be simply unable to provide readers with the information they have come to expect in the instant-news epoch," he added.

MNA/Reuters

Playoff-bound Norway ease to 1-0 win in Belarus

MINSK, 13 Oct — Substitute Thorstein Helstad's second-half goal handed Norway a 1-0 win over Belarus in their World Cup Group Five qualifier on Wednesday.

Second-placed Norway (18 points), who were already guaranteed a playoff berth behind group winners Italy (23), dominated the first half and striker Steffen Iversen went close in the 22nd minute.

Belarus, who ended the campaign in fifth place on 10 points, struggled without injured playmaker Alexander Hleb of Arsenal.

Jan Gunnar Solli set up the only goal when Belarus keeper Vasili Khomutovsky saved his shot and Helstad knocked the rebound into the net.

MNA/Reuters

Germany scrape 1-0 win over China with Frings penalty

HAMBURG (Germany), 13 Oct — A Torsten Frings penalty early in the second half gave Germany a 1-0 win over China in an uninspiring friendly on Wednesday.

Frings converted in the 51st minute for the World Cup hosts after Bernd Schneider had fallen inside the box under challenge from captain Li Weifeng.

China, who missed out on World Cup qualification, had failed to put away two clear chances at the end of the first half.

Germany had a good spell after the goal but the game soon slipped back into mediocrity.

Coach Juergen Klinsmann, under fire after poor recent results, could at least be satisfied with Germany's first clean sheet in eight matches dating back to the 3-0 win over Tunisia in the Confederations Cup. —MNA/Reuters

စိတ်ကြွေးသွပ်ဆေးဝါးအန္တရာယ် နှိုးဆော်ချက်

စိတ်ကြွေးသွပ်ဆေးသည် လူ၏စိတ်ကို ပြောင်းလဲစေ သော ဆေးဝါးတစ်ခုဖြစ်သဖြင့် ၁၉၉၀ ခုနှစ် မှစ၍ ဆေးဝါးဆိုင်ရာ ကုလသမဂ္ဂညီလာခံ၏ ထိမ်းချုပ်ကွပ်ကဲမှုအရ တားမြစ် ထားသော ဆေးဝါးတစ်ခု ဖြစ်သည်။

စိတ်ကြွေးသွပ်ဆေးကို သုံးစွဲပါက အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။

- ♦ နှလုံးခုန်မြန်ခြင်း၊ သွေးတိုးခြင်း၊ ဆေးအလွန်အကျွံ သုံးစွဲပါက တက်ခြင်းနှင့် ရုတ်တရက်သေဆုံးတတ်ခြင်း
 - ♦ ကိုယ်ပူရှိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ ချွေးထွက်များခြင်း၊ အပူလွန်ကဲခြင်း ဖြစ်ပြီး သေဆုံးတတ်ခြင်း
 - ♦ စိတ်ကြွေးသွပ်ဆေးကို စွဲလန်းသွားပြီး ယုံစွဲရလျှင် မနေနိုင် ဖြစ်လာခြင်း
 - ♦ အအိပ်အနေနည်းလာခြင်း၊ မည်သို့တစ်ဦးတစ်ယောက်မှ ပြောဆိုခြင်းမရှိဘဲ နားထဲတွင် ခြိမ်းခြောက်သော အသံများ ကြားလာတတ်ခြင်း
 - ♦ ကဏာမငြိမ် ယောက်ယက်ခတ်လှုပ်ရှားမှုများခြင်း၊ သည်း မခံနိုင်ခြင်း၊ မထင်မှတ်ဘဲ ကြမ်းတမ်းသော အမှုအရာ ဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း၊ ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ရှိ လူများက မကောင်း ကြံစည်နေသည်ဟု ထင်ယောင်ထင်မှားဖြစ်ကာ ရာဇဝတ် မှုများ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ခြင်း
 - ♦ ရေရှည်သုံးစွဲရာမှ သုံးစွဲမှုကို ရင်ဆိုင်လိုက်လျှင် စိတ်ဓာတ် ကျ၍ သတ်သေချင်စိတ်ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ စသည့် ရောဂါများ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။
 - ♦ လူမှုရေးပြဿနာများအနေနှင့်
 - မူးယစ်ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူခံရခြင်း
 - ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်၌ သိက္ခာကျဆင်းခြင်း
 - မိသားစုအတွင်း ဆက်ဆံရာတွင် အဆင်မပြေခြင်း၊ မိသားစုများ စိတ်ဆင်းရဲခြင်း
 - မိမိ၏ လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများတွင် မှားယွင်းသော ဆုံးဖြတ်ချက်များ ပြုလုပ်တတ်ခြင်း
 - ရာဇဝတ်မှုမကင်းသည့် အပြစ်များ ပြုလုပ်တတ်လာ ခြင်းစသည့် ပြဿနာများနှင့် ကြုံတွေ့ရမှု ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
- သို့ပါ၍ စိတ်ကြွေးသွပ်ဆေး သုံးစွဲမှုကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်တဲ့ ရောဂါများ၊ လူမှုရေးပြဿနာများမှ ကင်းဝေးစေရန် စိတ်ကြွေးသွပ် ဆေးကို လုံးဝရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- စိတ်ကြွေးသွပ်ဆေးကို သုံးစွဲမိနေပါကလည်း ဆေးဖြတ်ရန် ကြိုးပမ်းပါ။ သတ်မှတ်ထားသော ဆေးရုံများတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးဝါးကုသမှု ခံယူပါ။

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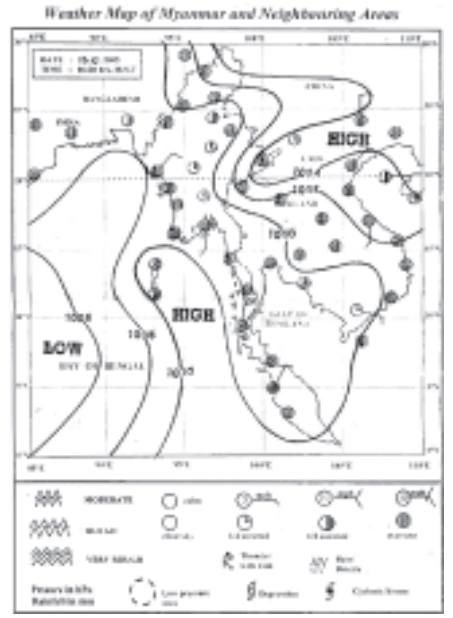
Flood death toll in southern Vietnam rises to 49

HANOI, 13 Oct — Floods in Vietnam's southern Mekong Delta have claimed 49 lives since the beginning of the flooding season in mid-August, local newspaper *Youth* reported on Wednesday.

Of the victims, 36, mainly children, were drowned. The floods have damaged nearly 6,850 houses in the delta.

Floods and whirlwinds sparked by a low tropical pressure in the central region late last week have also killed 15 people, left five others missing, and caused property losses of nearly 18.2 million US dollars.

Last year, natural disasters killed 232 people and left 38 missing, injured 187 others, destroyed 4,200 houses and 3,000 hectares of rice, and killed over 2,000 cattle and 170,000 poultry in Vietnam, causing a property loss of over some 57 million dollars. —MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 13 October, 2005
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Mon State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (1.06) inches, Thaton and Yangon (Mingaladon) (0.43) inch each, Kawthong and Mogok (0.39) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 12-10-2005 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 13-10-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 13-10-2005 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 12-10-2005 was (6.7) hours approx. Rainfalls on 13-10-2005 were (0.43) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.12) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (95.63) inches at Mingaladon, (96.42) inches at Kaba-Aye and (100.67) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from East at (11:25) hours MST on 12-10-2005.

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 North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 14-10-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Mon State, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-10-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-10-2005: Partly cloudy.

ခရစ်တော်၌ အိပ်ပျော်ခြင်း

ဒေါက်တာဦးညွန့်ဝင်း (Dr. Wilfred Law)
 မျက်စိအထူးကုဆရာဝန်ကြီး
 အသက် ၇၈ နှစ်

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ကျန်ရစ်သူမိသားစု



Friday, 14 October

View on today

- 7:00 am
 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am
 5. လှပစရာပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
- 8:00 am
 6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
 7. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:20 am
 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:30 am
 9. International news
- 8:45 am
 10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
 3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm
 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
 5. အစောသင်တန်းသို့လေ့လာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယအပိုင်း (သရုပ်)
- 5:15 pm
 6. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm
 7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းစား ဂီတစား
- 5:45 pm
 8. "လက်တွေ့ပြချင်လို့" (မြို့နေစဉ်၊ မြတ်ကောသီအောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်နိုး)
- 5:55 pm
 9. Musical programme

- 6:05 pm
 10. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညွှတ်ရှင်
- 6:30 pm
 11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
 13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ဝတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)
- 7:35 pm
 14. Song of yesteryears
- 7:45 pm
 15. ဝမ်းပရေရောင်တမ်း စိမ်းတိန် (ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်တောင်ပိုင်း)
- 8:00 pm
 16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ် ဆရာသမားအကြိမ် (၁၃ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို အက၊ အဇာ၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "မခွဲအတူ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
21. The next day's programme



Friday, 14 October
 Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: -One kiss at a time
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: -If you still love me
- 8:50 am National news & Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Love bug
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music -Be my girl
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -Please be the one -Willow -Walk in glory
- 9:00 pm World of music songs from -Germany, Brazil, Spain, France, Netherlands
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request -I remember you -Angle of mine -Sleeping child
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions launched



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein among the audience enjoying entertainment of artistes at the opening ceremony of 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA

YANGON, 13 Oct—The opening ceremony of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township here this morning.

It was attended by Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of the Secretary-1, Chairman of the Leading Committee Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, ministers and their wives, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the chairman of the Civil Service Selection and

Training Board, the chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the mayor, senior military officers, deputy ministers, chairmen and members of the Leading Committee, work committee and subcommittees, diplomats of foreign embassies in Yangon, charges d' affaires, military attaches, resident representatives of UN agencies, officials, departmental heads, social organizations, members of the central panel and state/division boards of judges, managers and contestants of the teams, and guests.

The first session of the opening ceremony took place at 6.15 am at the venue. The chairmen and members of respective committees, guests, managers and contestants of state/division teams, members of cultural troupes from 14 states and divisions, contestants of 16 teams, and damsels of the University of Culture took positions at the designated places.

Daw Tin Tin Mya and Daw Thida Swe of Myanma Radio and Television emceed the first session.

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A total of 2,482 contestants are contending for the prizes. All necessary arrangements have been made for enabling the contestants, who love and preserve the cultural heritage of the nation, to take part in the competitions in peace in accordance with the lofty objectives.

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The Press Scrutiny and Registration Office, has to act as a mediator to attend to the complaints filed by departments and individuals against the local periodicals. The office is trying to reduce the extent of the problems till they are being solved.

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A MEDIA PERSON

Health Minister visits blood donation

YANGON, 13 Oct — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint together with Director-General Dr Tin Win Maung of Health Department and officials visited the blood donation of British Embassy staff led by British Ambassador Ms Vicky Bowman at the National

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint visits British Ambassador Ms Vicky Bowman donating blood at Yangon General Hospital. — HEALTH

Blood Unit of Yangon General Hospital on Bogyoke Aung San Street this morning. First, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint cordially greeted the British Ambassador and party.

At the Apheresis Machine room, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint together with Medical Superintendent Dr Nu Nu Tha, National Blood Unit in-charge Dr Thida Aung and officials viewed blood donation of the British Ambassador and 10 embassy staff, and presented gifts to them. — MNA

