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## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of congratulations to Chinese President

YANGON, 15 Oct—On the occasion of the successful launch of the People's Republic of China the second manned spacecraft Shenzhou-6 on 12th October 2005, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Hu Jintao, President of the People's Republic of China. — MNA



Little boy Maung Min Hsan Linn of Ayeyawady Division presents performance at the basic education level boys' dancing contest (aged 5-10). — MNA



Ma San San Maw (a) Hnin Aye Hlaing of Yangon Division performs in the amateur level women's dancing contest. — MNA

### 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

## 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue



Maung Htet Arkar of Yangon Division performs in the basic education level boys' (aged 10-15) traditional drum circle contest (individual). — MNA

ant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya of Myanma Radio and Television, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khaing and members supervised the singing contest at the National Museum.

A total of 13 contestants from States and Divisions took part in the higher education level women's religious song contest, and 14 children in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' classical and modern

song contest. On 15 October, the professional level men's classical song contest and the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' classical song contest will be held at the same venue.

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Maung Wunna of Mon State sings in the basic education level boys' (aged 5-10) singing (classical/modern songs) contest. — MNA

YANGON, 14 Oct—The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the second day at the designated places today.

Present on the occasions were Member of

the Panel of Patrons of the Organizing Committee for the Competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win

Maung, Chairman of the Work Committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan and members, officials of the sub-committees, maestros and people.

Chairperson of the Panel of Judges Assist-

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Equip the people with patriotism and nationalism through artistic skills

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance that the performing arts competitions are to be held grandly the way the Union Day celebrations are held so that 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 meet at the competitions, preserve, promote and cherish the cultural traditions; that only then, will they have common views and stand and can patriotism be strengthened.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the opening ceremony of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place at the National Theatre in Yangon on 13 October 2005 with an address by Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said that 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, modes of dress, language, culture and customs, social norms should be carried out through preservation of national culture and race.

In accord with one of the four social objectives—uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character, the government has been safeguarding national trait or national character.

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.

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

The performing arts competitions will be able to vitalize nationalistic spirit and preserve and uplift national traditions and culture among the people.

This being so, we would like to call upon all the participants to equip the people with patriotism and nationalism, while striving for flourishing of nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit through their artistic skills.



U Hla Kyi- Daw May May Sein and family presents K 105,000 to Treasurer U Aung Than of Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. — 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

### Ministers attend Machine Spare Parts Exhibition

YANGON, 13 Oct — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Research and Co-operation Committee and Coordination Committee for Full Capacity Running of State-owned Factories Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min attended the machine spare parts exhibition at Locomotive Shed (Insein) this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauung Lwin and U Pe Than, heads of department and officials, industrialists, experts and researchers of Myanmar Engineering Society and guests.

First, Minister Col Zaw Min said that the exhibition was opened with two objectives—(1) to enable the factories and industries under the departments of the ministries to run with full capacity and (2) to research industrial development and to un-



Ministers, deputy ministers and guests view display of machine spare parts.—MNA

dertake cooperation tasks. With two objectives, industrialists were to take cooperative measures in manufacturing of machine spare parts essential for the factories and industries.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min delivered an address on the occasion, saying that Myanmar Railways, Road Transport, Transport Planning Department, Road Transport Administration Department and Central Institute of Transport and Communications were under the Ministry of Rail Transportation. These departments

were to fulfil the requirements of the people in transportation and to carry out safety measures for vehicles and road accidents.

Afterwards, technicians, industrialists and researchers viewed the machine spare parts at the exhibition where 349 items of spare parts produced by factories and departments of the Ministry of Rail Transportation, 431 by the ministry and industrialists and 493 by industrialists were put on display.

A total of 180 technicians and industrialists and officials of the ministries

came to observe the machine spare parts. The exhibition continues up to 22 October. Similarly, the Ministry of Electric Power will hold its exhibition at Hlawga Power Station tomorrow.

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and the Ministry of Education will jointly hold their exhibition at Science Materials Factory at the corner of Parami and Mindhamma Roads on 14 October. Similar exhibitions will be held to attract private industrialists and businessmen. —MNA

### Wellwishers donate cash and kind for construction of Vipassana Pagoda in India

YANGON, 14 Oct — The second cash donation ceremony for Vipassana Pagoda being built near Mumbai, India, was held at Dhamma Hall of Dhammazawti Vipassana Yeiktha on Ngadatgyi Pagoda, Bahan Township, this morning.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Director-General Dr Myo Myint accepted US\$ 20,000 donated by Daw Hmi Hmi Lin and family of Inya Road in Kamayut Township and US\$ 1,000 by Daw Soe Soe and family; US\$ 1,000 by Daw Ye Mar; K 1 million each by Brig-Gen Win Tin (Retd)-Daw Ni Ni Tin of Parami Thazinmyaung Road, Daw Ahmar and family, and Daw En Sein and family of Lanmadaw Township; K 300,000 each by U Yin Phan-Daw Nu Nu and family of Mayangon Township, U Myat Hla-Daw Aye Aye and family of Anawrahta Housing Estate, U Soe Tint-Daw Myint Myint Kyi of Pyidaungsu Yeiktha in Dagon Township, and U Kyin Tha Mani-Daw Bumar Devi and family of Kamayut Township; K 220,000 by U Tun Kyi-Daw Hla Shwe and family of Lanmadaw Township, K 200,000 by U Hla Tun-Daw Kyin Hmway (a) Daw Aye Aye and family of Pazundaung Township; K 150,000 by U Win Myint-Daw Khin Myo Yin and family of Botahtaung Township; K 150,000 by U Shwe Than-Daw Nu Nu Khin of Yankin Township; K 140,622 by U Maung Shwe-Daw Ni Ni Shwe and family of Bahan Township; K 130,000 by Daw Kyin Kyin Lay and family of Letpadan Township; K 120,000 by Daw Than Than Myint and family of Thuwunna; K 110,000 by U Tin Pe-Daw Phwa May of Taunggyi; K 101,000 by

Daw Htar Htar and family of Lower Pazundaung Road; K 100,000 by U Kyaing San Shwe-Dr Khin Win Sein, son Thiha Shwe and daughter Aye Thida Shwe under the auspices of grandfathers and grandmothers of both sides and cash donations from other wellwishers.

Today's donations from 54 wellwishers amounted to K 9,658,809, US\$ 22,200, one quartz necklace, one pearl necklace and one ruby hand chain. — MNA



Minister for Religious Affairs accepts cash donations of wellwishers for Vipassana Pagoda in Mumbai.—MNA



# France, Russia vow to boost ties

**PARIS, 13 Oct — French and Russian foreign and defence ministers said on Tuesday that the two countries will work to boost bilateral relations and Russia's ties with Europe.**

Senior officials from the two countries made the remarks at the fifth meeting of the Russian-French Security Cooperation Council.

"We have many practical actions in bilateral ties. We hope that these actions could exist within the European actions, following the example of what's between NATO and Russia. Cooperation is to be pre-viewed in different sectors, especially within the

European Defence Agency (EDA)," French Defence Minister Michele Alliot-Marie said at a news conference.

French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy and Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov also attended the news conference.

Ivanov hailed good relationship between France and Russia, say-

ing that he hopes Russia be associated to the EDA.

The French and Russian ministers also discussed issues such as fight against terrorism and the Iran's nuclear programmes.

The biannual Russian-French Security Cooperation Council was set up in the summer of 2002 by Russian President Vladimir Putin and French President Jacques Chirac. *MNA/Xinhua*



Workers build a highway near a wind farm in the Gobi desert, in China's northwest Gansu Province on 12 Oct., 2005.—INTERNET

## Nobel member quits over 2004 prize

**SWEDEN, 14 Oct —As many await the announcement of this year's Nobel literature prize, the Swedish Academy confirmed one of its members had quit in disgust at last year's choice.**

Decrying the 2004 winner's award-winning books "violent pornography", academician Knut Ahnlund's resignation and criticism of Austrian author Elfriede Jelinek appeared timed to gain maximum impact.

In a signed newspaper article, Ahnlund said giving the prize to Jelinek - which surprised even Austria - "caused irreparable harm to the value of the award for the foreseeable future". He called Jelinek's writing "whingeing, unenjoyable, violent pornography".

Ahnlund did not explain why he had waited a year after the prize went to Jelinek to quit, but academy head Horace Engdahl suggested it was timed to spoil this year's announcement.

"This very possibly has something to do with the fact that this week the academy will announce this year's winner," Engdahl said. There was no immediate response from Jelinek.

The world's top literary award, worth \$1.3 million and given by the Swedish king in December, is usu-

ally announced on one of the first two Thursdays in October.

Unlike the Nobels for peace, medicine, physics, chemistry and economics,

the literature prize date is only announced two days beforehand. The website said on Tuesday that it was scheduled for Thursday afternoon.—*Internet*

## Suicide car bomb hits US military convoy in western Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 13 Oct — A suicide car bomb struck a US military convoy in western Baghdad on Wednesday, causing casualties, an Interior Ministry source said.**

"A suicide bomber rammed his explosive-packed vehicle into a US military convoy in Ghazaliyah District, but casualties were not known as the US troops sealed off the area," the source told *Xinhua*.

A Iraqi police patrol was also attacked on its way to the scene when a roadside bomb went off, wounding three policemen aboard, the source added.

Also on Wednesday, another suicide car bomb struck a convoy of Saad al-Hardan, Minister of State for Provinces affairs, in Baghdad's western district of al-Yarmouk, wounding seven people, including four of his bodyguards, police said.

Earlier reports quoted a source from Baghdad

## Britain's jobless rises for 8th month in September

**LONDON, 13 Oct — The number of Britons out of work rose for the eighth month running in September, the longest stretch of increases since the economic slump of the early**

1990s, official figures showed on Wednesday.

The Office for National Statistics said unemployment rose by 8,200, more than double that predicted by analysts. August's rise was also revised higher to 2,700 from 1,600 previously. Annual average earnings growth in the three months to August, meanwhile, remained steady at 4.2 per cent, as expected, in a sign that the recent jump in inflation is still not feeding through to wages.

The figures are likely to boost expectations that the Bank of England will cut interest rates again in the next few months though Governor Mervyn King stressed this week that the central bank is still maintaining an open mind about the future direction of policy.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Missing Thai Army helicopter found

**BANGKOK, 14 Oct — A Royal Thai Army helicopter was found Thursday hours after disappearing while flying over Wang Chai District in driving rain, the Bangkok Post reported on Friday.**

The two-seat Jet Ranger helicopter, carrying the commander of the Pha Muang task force, his close aide and two pilots, left Phitsanulok Province at about 3:00 p.m. and was seen for the last time on the radar screen at 5:50 pm.—*MNA/Xinhua*



An Iraqi soldier secures a street in Baghdad on 14 Oct, 2005.

INTERNET

## France criticizes US plan in WTO talks

**PARIS, 13 Oct — French Foreign Minister Philippe Douste-Blazy denounced on Tuesday the "unrealistic demands" made by the United States to relaunch negotiations on agriculture in the World Trade Organization (WTO).**

The French Minister also criticized the European Union is ready to reduce by 70 per cent its internal subsidies to farmers and by 60 per cent its tariff in the ongoing WTO negotiations, according to Mandelson.

US Trade Representative Rob Portman proposed on Monday to reduce by 60 per cent the subsidies to American farmers and asked in return the European Union and Japan to cut their own

support by 83 per cent.

The European Union is ready to reduce by 70 per cent its internal subsidies to farmers and by 60 per cent its tariff in the ongoing WTO negotiations, according to Mandelson.

"The United States has made announcements through the Press yesterday (Monday) in the agriculture area. These announcements have to be accompanied by concrete reforms as the European

Union has done," Douste-Blazy told a news conference in Paris.

"These declarations by our US partners must not in any way be conditioned by unrealistic demands on others, especially on the very sensitive issue of access to the agriculture market," he said.

He also said that it was out of the question for France to go further than what is stipulated by EU's Agricultural Common Policy.—*MNA/Xinhua*

# Singapore leaders hail China's successful launch of spacecraft

SINGAPORE, 13 Oct—Singaporean leaders on Wednesday hailed the successful launch of China's second manned spacecraft *Shenzhou-6*, saying that it is an impressive achievement and a historic occasion for China and the whole world.

In his congratulatory letter to Chinese President Hu Jintao, Singapore's President SR Nathan said that on behalf of the people of Singapore, he extended his warmest congratulations to Hu and the people of the People's Republic of China on the successful launch of China's second manned space mission.

"This is a proud moment for all Chinese," he said, adding that "the scientific and technological advances that have taken place since China's historic first manned space mission on 15 October 2003 are clearly evident". He wished Hu continued success in leading China

towards greater heights in space exploration.

Meanwhile, Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong also sent a congratulatory letter to his Chinese counterpart Wen Jiabao.

"This second mission builds upon the success of China's first manned space mission on 15 October 2003, and reflects the remarkable progress made by China in the field of space exploration within the short span of two years. It is an impressive achievement and a historic occasion for China and the world," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Bush approval rating dips to 39%

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct — President George W. Bush's job approval rating has fallen to a new low of 39 per cent in an NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll released on Wednesday.

Bush's approval rating dipped in the poll below a mid-September ranking of 40 per cent. The survey also found only 28 per cent of respondents believed the country was headed in the right direction, NBC reported.

Bush's political challenges have been piling up in recent weeks, from criticism over his handling of Hurricane Katrina, to growing unease over rising gas prices to conservative discord over the nomination of Harriet Miers to the US Supreme Court.

Many conservatives are outraged that Bush picked the White House insider with no judicial experience instead of a judge with clear-cut conservative credentials who could be counted on to move the high court firmly to the right.

Twenty-nine per cent of people surveyed said Miers was qualified to serve on the highest court in the United States, while 24 per cent thought

she was not qualified and 46 per cent said they did not know enough about her, NBC said.

The poll also found that strong majorities did not believe that recent charges against former House Republican leader Tom DeLay of Texas or a federal investigation of Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, a Tennessee Republican, were politically motivated, NBC said.

DeLay has been indicted in Texas on money-laundering and conspiracy charges linked to campaign financing. Frist is being investigated over a stock sale.

With the 2006 congressional elections a year away, 48 per cent of respondents said they preferred a Democratic-controlled Congress, compared with 39 per cent who said they preferred Republican leadership, NBC said.

The nine-point difference was the largest

margin between the parties in the 11 years the NBC News/Wall Street Journal poll had been tracking the question, NBC said.

The poll of 807 adults was conducted from Saturday to Monday and had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.4 percentage points. — MNA/Reuters

## 1,966 US soldiers killed in Iraq since beginning of the war

WASHINGTON, 13 Oct—As of Thursday, 13 October 2005, at least 1,966 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 1,530 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is 10 higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Thursday.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,827 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,421 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers. —Internet

## Venezuela expels US missionaries suspect of spying

CARACAS, 13 Oct—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Wednesday ordered to expel all US missionaries of the New Tribes Mission whom were suspect of spying for the United States.

In a village of the southern state of Apure, Chavez said the New Tribes Mission sent strategic information to the

United States when he was attending ceremonies for the "Day of Indigenous Resistance".

"The CIA, the New Tribes take sensitive information, strategic information and exploit the Indians here in our own home," said the President.

Chavez said the missionaries have electrical machines, wireless communication and even landing strips for aircraft that avoid Customs while local Indians live in difficult conditions.

"We don't want New Tribes here, we're an old tribe. ... Enough with colonialism," Chavez said.

The operations of the New Tribes Mission violated Venezuela's "national sovereignty," the President stressed.

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A Kashmiri girl receives an inoculation against diphtheria from a Turkish Red Cross member in earthquake-devastated Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan-controlled Kashmir on 14 Oct, 2005. — INTERNET

## Power outage hits parts of downtown Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 13 Oct—A blackout hit downtown government buildings, Chinatown and adjacent areas in Los Angeles on Tuesday, the third significant electrical failure in the city since mid-September.

The blackout cut power to as many as 1,000 customers and affected City Hall, the Los Angeles County Hall of Administration and police headquarters at Parker Centre, said the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

By late morning, power had been restored to about one-quarter of the affected customers. The cause is under investigation. — MNA/Xinhua

## Strong earthquake jolts Indonesia's Aceh

JAKARTA, 13 Oct — A strong earthquake measuring 6.1 on the Richter Scale rocked the Indonesia's province of Aceh on Tuesday evening, causing panic but no casualties reported, the meteorology agency said on Wednesday morning.

The quake struck at around 10:05 pm local time and was centred at 4.7 north Latitude and 95.2 east Longitude, about 33 kilometres below the sea floor and 90 kilometres southwest of Banda Aceh, the capital of the province, official of the Meteorology and Geophysics Agency named only Wijayanto told *Xinhua*.

He said that the quake caused no casualties or damage, but create panic among residents because of fear of possible tsunamis. —MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi Interior Ministry special forces soldier checks a vehicle in Baghdad, Iraq, on Thursday, 13 Oct, 2005. US and Iraqi forces stepped up security across Iraq on Thursday in an effort to reduce guerilla attacks.

INTERNET



## Indonesia sends humanitarian aid to Pakistan

JAKARTA, 13 Oct—Indonesia sent 12 tons of food, medical supplies, and emergency relief to Pakistan here on Wednesday for the victims of the devastating earthquake that killed tens of thousands of people, Indonesian military Commander General Endriartono Sutarto said.

The General said that a *Hercules* loaded with military tents, blankets, instant noodles, biscuits and medical supplies was heading to the quake-stricken region. "A *Hercules* flew to Pakistan to give assistance for the victims of the quake," he told reporters at the airport. "The aids include field hospital, drugs, and doctors, as well as some equipment to help the people from the disaster," he said.

The humanitarian mission was led by Indonesian Minister of People's Welfare and Poverty Alleviation Alwi Sihab, said Sutarto. — *MNA/Xinhua*



*Vishwanathan Anand of India studies the board before the game against Alexander Morozevich of Russia during the thirteenth round of the World Chess Championship in Argentina's San Luis Province on 13 Oct, 2005.*

INTERNET

## Two new cases of legionnaires' disease found in Toronto

OTTAWA, 13 Oct — Two more cases of legionnaires' disease have been discovered near the Toronto nursing home which has seen 17 of its residents dead, health officials said Wednesday.

But officials were quick to say that they do not fear a larger spread of the disease because the new cases were likely infected outside the Seven Oaks Home for the Aged during the height of the outbreak, only they were not diagnosed until more tests were done.

"The new round of testing has turned up two cases that were previously not identified," Jean Long of Toronto Public Health told Canadian Press.

Long said the new cases live or work in the vicinity of Seven Oaks. He said they may have walked near a ventilation system outside the nursing home or past a construction site working on a water main and infected the disease. Legionnaires' disease is transmitted through particles in water supplies or ventilation sys-

tems and is not communicable. Experts do not believe there were any other infections elsewhere, Long stressed.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Hurricane Stan kills 42 in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 13 Oct — The Mexican presidency confirmed on Wednesday that 42 people have been reported dead since Hurricane Stan hit the country last week.

Twenty nine of the deaths occurred in the most-affected southern state of Chiapas, according to the official statistics. During a visit to a Red Cross supplies-collection centre, Mexican President Vicente Fox said that a lot of work remains to be done and encouraged people to keep on collecting basic goods for shelters.

He thanked the Red Cross for having collected over 190 tons of medicine, water, blankets and other goods for tens of thousands of people affected by torrential rains brought by Stan. "For many more days, perhaps weeks, the shelters will continue operating," he said, adding that humanitarian aid is also needed in isolated rural zones, many of them inhabited by indigenous communities.

*MNA/Xinhua*

# Vietnam calls for int'l community support to combat bird flu

HANOI, 13 Oct— Vietnam has appealed for greater support and assistance from international organizations and foreign countries regarding the fight against bird flu, local newspaper *Vietnam Agriculture* reported on Thursday.

At a meeting with representatives of international organizations and diplomatic corps in Hanoi capital on Wednesday, Vietnamese Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung informed them about his country's emergency plan to cope with a potential bird flu epidemic among poultry and humans and its willingness to share up-to-date information about bird flu situations, calling for them to offer more

relevant suggestions and financial and technical assistance.

Vietnam will strengthen its veterinary and healthcare systems, and intensify investment in bird flu research, although it has detected no new outbreak since late August. The country plans to vaccinate people against bird flu on a trial basis next year.

Up to 91 Vietnamese people have been infected with bird flu since the

disease started to break out in the country in late 2003. Of them 41 have died.

To prevent possible bird flu outbreaks in the approaching winter, localities nationwide are facilitating the vaccination of poultry against bird flu viruses, including the deadly strain H5N1.

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

Vietnam is also intensifying the detoxification and disinfection of fowl farms in localities nationwide, especially those having large flocks of chickens and ducks. Such northern provinces as Ha Tay, Vinh Phuc and Bac Ninh plan to reestablish poultry quarantine checkpoints along main roads to monitor the transport of fowls among localities.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Norway's coalition to pull troops from Iraq

OSLO, 13 Oct— The left-leaning coalition preparing to form Norway's next government said Thursday it planned to withdraw Norwegian troops from Iraq and from US-led operations in Afghanistan.

The three-party Red-Green bloc, which is set to take power next week, also said it would raise taxes and allow continued oil exploration in the fragile Arctic ecosystems of the Barents Sea.

The Nordic country has 20 soldiers in Iraq - 10 in staff-officer positions

within the British and Polish contingents, and 10 involved in training Iraqi forces.

The Labour Party leader, Jens Stoltenberg, the 46-year-old prime minister-designate, said shortly after the election last week that he had informed President George

W Bush of the plans to withdraw troops from Iraq.

As the coalition presented its political platform on Thursday, Stoltenberg confirmed it would go ahead with those plans and also stop contributing special forces to the US-led "Enduring Freedom" operation in Afghanistan when their mandate expires in January. Instead, the government will step up its participation in NATO operations there. Norway has about 400 troops in Afghanistan, mostly in the NATO-led international security force headquartered in Kabul. It also has special forces serving under US command, but the military has declined to reveal their exact number or duties. — *Internet*

## US soldier opens fire on fellow troops

NASHVILLE (Tennessee), 14 Oct — A US soldier opened fire on a group of fellow soldiers during a morning exercise session at Fort Campbell, Kentucky, on Thursday but no one was

injured at the Army base.

The soldier, whose name was not released, "is in custody after firing shots at a physical training formation" but no one was wounded, Fort Campbell said in a statement.

It provided no

other details but said the matter was under investigation.

The facility, on the Kentucky-Tennessee border about 60 miles northwest of Nashville, is home to the 101st Airborne Division that has served in Iraq.

*MNA/Reuters*



*An Iraqi boy looks at a damaged Iraqi Ministry car after it was hit by car bomb attack in El Yarmouk area of western Baghdad recently.*

INTERNET



A Bangladeshi flower vendor buys garlands made from tree leaves, to use with flowers during the month of Ramadan, at a market in Dhaka on 13 October, 2005. —INTERNET

## Britain says Iran training Iraqi bombers

**LONDON, 12 Oct — Britain has accused Iran of running training camps to teach militants how to carry out roadside bomb attacks on British troops in southern Iraq, according to newspaper reports on Wednesday.**

London believes Iran's Revolutionary Guard has taught Shiite militia members from Iraq how to make armour-piercing devices, the Daily Mirror reported, citing an unnamed defence source.

"There is evidence that there are teaching camps in Iran, Lebanon and maybe Syria," the source was quoted as saying. "It means up to 10 Iraqis at a time are being taught their trade before returning and teaching a further 50 similar minded people."

Eight British soldiers have been killed by roadside bombs since May.

The source told the Daily Mirror British soldiers in Iraq have for the first time found two similar unexploded roadside bombs and are checking them for forensic evidence.

A separate report in the Independent newspaper, said officials were searching for an "Iranian signature", while the popular Sun said the devices had advanced infra-red detonators.

A defence ministry spokesman in London said there would be no immediate comment on the reports. — MNA/Reuters

## Britain agrees to pay for police station damage in Basra

**LONDON, 13 Oct — The British Government has offered to pay compensation for the casualties and damage caused in Basra, Iraq when two British under-cover soldiers were freed three weeks ago, according to the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) on Tuesday.**

During clashes on 19 September, British Army stormed a police station where it was thought the men were being held. Several Iraqis were killed or wounded when the walls were knocked down as well as during a violent demonstration thereafter in the Iraqi city.

The British consulate and a committee of Basra's provincial council issued a joint statement on the offer, but no details as to the sum of money involved are given, BBC reported. The statement also expressed regret for the casualties on both sides.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indian PM vows new life for Kashmir quake victims

**URI (India), 12 Oct — India's Prime Minister on Tuesday pledged to rebuild the lives of thousands of people in Indian Kashmir whose world was destroyed by South Asia's earthquake, declaring it "a national calamity".**

The weekend tremor, South Asia's worst in a century, has killed at least 1,244 people in Indian Kashmir and may have killed up to 41,000 in Pakistani Kashmir and Pakistan.

Singh announced 110 million US dollars in extra federal aid — taking the total package to almost 145 million US dollars — after touring the worst-hit areas along the ceasefire line

separating Indian and Pakistani Kashmir.

"I'm sure we will once again help you to start a new life," Singh said in a public address in Uri, a once bustling riverside trading town all-but destroyed by Saturday's 7.6 magnitude quake.

"I assure the people of Jammu and Kashmir that money will not be a constraint in meeting the le-

gitimate rehabilitation needs," Singh later told reporters in Srinagar, the summer capital of the mainly Muslim Indian state. "I know there is much to be done yet. Those who are dead can't return, but I want to assure you at this hour of grief that the one billion population of India and the government of India is with you."

MNA/Reuters

## Japan, Indonesia start second round FTA talks

**TOKYO, 12 Oct — Japan and Indonesia on Tuesday kicked off their second round of negotiations in Tokyo aimed at establishing a free trade agreement.**

Deputy Japanese Foreign Minister Mitoji Yabunaka and former Indonesian ambassador to Japan Soemadi Brotodiningrat represent about 150 delegates at the four-day meeting, which covers trade in goods and services, investment and bilateral cooperation among other issues.

The two countries, which launched the first round of official FTA talks in July, had agreed to hold FTA talks every two months. Both Japanese and Indonesian officials have indicated their goal of ending the negotiations in less than two years.

According to *Kyodo News*, during the first FTA talks in Jakarta, Japan asked Indonesia to explain its investment regulations and reduce or eliminate tariffs on vehicles and automobile parts.

Indonesia requested that Japan should recognize the country as being free of foot-and-mouth disease, so that it can export meat and dairy products to Japan, *Kyodo* said, adding that Tokyo wants to secure access to oil and other natural resources in Indonesia by strengthening its economic ties with Jakarta. — MNA/Xinhua

## Japan to send SDF troops, choppers to Pakistan for quake relief

**TOKYO, 12 Oct — Japan will dispatch Self-Defence Force troops and transport helicopters to Pakistan for disaster relief in response to Pakistani President General Pervez Musharraf's request after Saturday's earthquake, Japanese Defence Agency chief Yoshinori Ono said on Tuesday.** "We are considering dispatching at least two to three transport helicopters as soon as possible, perhaps within this week," Ono was quoted by *Kyodo News* as saying at a morning Cabinet meeting.

Japan's Defence Agency director-general said the helicopters will be delivered to Pakistan on C-130 aircraft. Japanese Government on Monday dispatched a disaster relief team to carry out rescue work in Pakistan. The 21-member medical team, including doctors, nurses and pharmacists, will operate in devastated areas for about two weeks.

MNA/Xinhua

## Wen Jabao wishes astronauts successful mission

**JIUQUAN, 12 Oct — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Wednesday had a brief meeting with the**

two Chinese astronauts who are going to board Shenzhou-VI, the country's second manned

spacecraft, and he wished them a success in their space mission.

"I'm here to see you off with enormous warmth, on behalf of the Party Central Committee, the State Council and the Central Military Commission as well as General Secretary Hu Jintao," said Wen.

The Premier said he believes the astronauts will accomplish the glorious and sacred mission.

"You will once again show that the Chinese people have the will, confidence and capability to mount scientific peaks ceaselessly," he said.

Two astronauts, Fei Junlong and Nie Haisheng, will start China's second manned space mission soon Wednesday morning. The first Chinese manned spacecraft, Shenzhou-V, carrying astronaut Yang Liwei, was put into orbit two years ago.

MNA/Xinhua



Indian Kashmiri earthquake survivors wait for relief material. With tens of thousands of their homes destroyed by last weekend's earthquake, survivors in mountainous Indian Kashmir need to be quickly moved to camps for the winter, officials warn.

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# Favouring a monkey without knowing its real character

*Hein Htet Soe*

Terrorist acts have killed and destroyed and are killing and destroying lives and property of the people of Myanmar. The terrorist gangs under the names — NCUB, NCGUB, FTUB, ABSDF, SSA-S and VBSW — are hatching plots to ruin the interest of Myanmar and her people, with the help of their masters, while taking refuge at Myanmar-Thai border and in some big countries of the West.

Those gangs are shouting at the top of their voice to deceive the international community to come to believe that their destructive acts are meant for flourishing of democracy in Myanmar. They in reality are trying to get into and dominate the UN and its subordinate agencies, with the help and support of global neo-colonialists to put political and economic pressures on Myanmar.

They in collusion with the so-called politicians and MPs who are servants and under the influences of global neo-colonialists have made attempts to trick the UN Security Council to pave the way for the international community to interfere in the Myanmar's internal affairs and to expel the nation from the ASEAN.

Under the arrangements and directives of global neo-colonialists, fugitives and terrorists of Myanmar are trying to deceive the UN agencies, the ASEAN and the ILO to oppress and manipulate Myanmar in her political and economic affairs, with groundless excuses.

Together with the report — Threat to the Peace: A Call for the UN Security Council to Act in the Burma — of former Czech President Vaclav Havel and Bishop Desmond Tutu, the so-called group by the name "MPs of ASEAN nations" issued a report demanding the ASEAN to expel Myanmar from the Association. Actually, the reports are nothing more than an evil plot of the worst of its kind that is unrealistic and bearing negative views, devoid of any sense of dignity.

Why? Because the false accusation concerning the Tatmadaw's forced recruitment of over 70,000 child soldiers is the result of the plot made by a colonialist spy agency under the guise of an NGO in collusion with 20 or so fugitives and deserters. The slander regarding the drug trafficking case is in contrast with the objective conditions of Myanmar. In addition, the slander ignores Myanmar's self-reliant efforts to wipe out the problem of narcotics as a national task. The truth is that the UNODC report indicated a 73 per cent decrease in the poppy cultivation in Myanmar during the period from 1996 to

2004. Moreover, Myanmar has 19 times torched and destroyed narcotic drugs whose value would be at US\$ 14.661 billion in the presence of diplomats and the national people. The nation has already declared some of its former poppy growing areas drug free zones. She has also signed the MoU with other countries of the Mekong Subregion to make the whole subregion a drug free zone.

The repeated fabricated accusations on violation of democracy and human rights in Myanmar show the conspirators' ill will towards the country. Myanmar has the lovely tradition of helping one another in social undertakings in urban as well as in rural areas. They, out of goodwill, build roads, bridges, lakes and religious buildings through collective efforts and lend a helping hand in funeral services. The accusations branding our fine traditions as forced labour and human rights violations are just slanders the perpetrators are referring to the social norms of the West as the standard practice of human beings.

The Myanmar government and the people laid down the seven-point Road Map and are implementing it for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state, the ultimate goal of the nation. Myanmar is now in the process of successfully holding the National Convention, the foundation of the Road Map. Over 1,000 delegates in which 60 per cent of them are national races delegates and 40 per cent representatives of political parties and people from all walks of life are actively holding discussions and laying down basic principles for framing a new constitution. The country and the government are making practical efforts for democratization process. They are launching the democracy transition not only as a show.

At the same time, the politicians of the so-called group of ASEAN MPs who are pressing their respective governments to expel Myanmar from the Association unless the Myanmar government accepts the demand of releasing leaders of the National League for Democracy and the so-called political prisoners and the dialogue. But the demands are no more than the act of beating about the bush.

The principle — Non-interference in the internal affairs of one another — is clearly stated in the fundamental principles of the ASEAN, and the UN Charter firmly states the principle — Mutual respect for the independence, sovereignty, equality, territorial integrity, and national identity of all member nations.

It is an undeniable fact that the government after taking control of the internal situation permitted formation of political parties for flourishing of democracy in the nation. It held a free and fair election on 27 May 1990. It also issued the Notification No 1/90 inviting all political parties to come forward and make coordination with it for shaping a peaceful and stable future. But sadly, the NLD with excessive pride strongly rejected the government's proposal saying that it would not follow the government's plan. The NLD demanded convening of the parliament and the transfer of power first, and the holding of the National Convention second. While insisting the demand, it held a clandestine meeting at the embassy of a certain western nation to set up a parallel government, a crime, the NLD cannot hide.

First the NLD attended the National Convention sponsored by the government to draft a new constitution. But later, it started to oppose the National Convention and then walked out of it on own volition under orders of its colonialist masters. It is an unforgettable misdeed of the NLD.

The NLD went so far that it even formed the illegal so-called Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Committee, and sent an ultimatum to the government to call the parliament within 60 days. It launched opposition against the government by forming the Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Committee without the existence of the parliament and issued an announcement saying that the party could not agree to and acknowledge the existing laws and bylaws. However, there are a lot of evidences that the government exercised much patience and tolerance to solve the problem and control the tense situation created by the NLD.

Some western powers, the so-called ASEAN MPs and the Nobel laureates are inflicting slanders on Myanmar, while totally believing and relying on the information sent to them by fugitives, expatriates and terrorists, without studying the above-mentioned conditions in an objective way. It is time they had the correct vision after amending their stand and attitude, instead of always seeing Myanmar from the negative point of view.

NCUB, NCGUB, FTUB, ABSDF, SSA-S and VBSW under the guise of democracy advocates are committing terrorist acts inside Myanmar while taking refuge at Myanmar-Thai border and in some western nations. Those gangs murdered innocent people, hijacked passenger planes, hatched plots to assassinate State leaders and high level officials including the late Lt-Gen Tin Oo, in which a university teacher was killed by a parcel bomb, and plotted to blow up some Myanmar missions abroad, seized the Myanmar Embassy and a hospital in Thailand, and blew up bombs at Dagon Centre, Junction-8 and Yangon Trade Centre in the city.

In this age, the common enemy of all nations and peoples of the world is terrorism that is totally in contrast with democracy. In this context, the powers which practise and advocate democracy, politicians and eminent persons should not believe all the slanders sent to them by the NCUB, NCGUB, FTUB, ABSDF, SSA-S and VBSW. They should not launch lopsided and unjust accusations against Myanmar, without thoroughly analyzing the information the gangs have sent to them. If they do so, they will be like favouring a monkey without knowing its real character with shame and disgrace as the answer.

(Translation: TMT)

Kyemon: 14.10.2005.

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## Vidhura drama contest begins

YANGON, 14 Oct— Vidhura drama contest of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts competitions commenced at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this evening. Pantra Aung Phyo Hein drama troupe representing Sagaing Division started Vidhura drama contest today.

Among the audience were member of panel of patrons of the performing arts competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, leading committee Vice-Chairman Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, work committee Chairman No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan, members of the committees and subcommittees, doyen artistes and leader of the panel of judges of the contest U Chit Oo Nyo and members.

Vidhura drama contest continues tomorrow in which Maung Nyan Win's troupe representing Yangon Division will take part.

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## 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.



Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, watches Vidhura drama contest at the National Theatre. —MNA

## 13th Myanmar Traditional...

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At the National Theatre, 12 women took part in the amateur level women's dancing contest and 15 contestants in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' dancing contest. Chairman of the Panel of Judges Wunna Kyaw Htin U Sein Aung Min and members supervised the dancing contest. On 15 October, the amateur level men's dancing contest and the basic education level (10-15 age) girls' dancing contest will be held at the Theatre.

At State School of Fine Arts, 16 persons competed in the amateur level women's and men's song composing contest,

and another 13 persons in the basic education level (10-15 age) song composing contest. The contest continues tomorrow. The contest was supervised by Chairman of the panel of judges Bogale U Tint Aung and members.

At Padonma Theatre, 11 participants took part in the basic education level (10-15 age) men's solo orchestra contest, and eight contestants in the basic education level (5-10 age) boys' solo orchestra contest. Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Hla Myaing and party supervised the solo orchestra contest. On 15 October, the higher education level (men's) team orchestra contest will be

held.

At Kanbawza Theatre, 12 persons of States and Divisions competed in the amateur level men's violin contest, two girls in the amateur level women's violin contest, four in the basic education level (15-20 age) boys' violin contest, and four girls in the basic education level (15-20 age) girls' violin contest. Chairman of the panel of judges Gitalulin U Ko Ko and party supervised the violin contests. Tomorrow morning, the professional level (men's and women's) Donmin contest and the basic education level (10-15 age) boys' and girls' Donmin contest will continue at the same venue.

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Song composing contest at amateur level in progress.

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## Cash donated to Zalun Myoma Pariyatti Monastery

YANGON, 14 Oct— Wellwishers donated K 182,500 to the funds for offering "soon" to 100 members of the Sangha of Myoma Pariyatti Monastery in Zalun yesterday.

At the second cer-

emony to present cash donations to the funds, U Tin Aung and U Myo Khin presented K 110,000; Daw Tin Tin Htwe (Insein), K 50,000; Chief Editor U Maung Maung Than of Golden Land Journal

and members, K 17,500; and Daw Htay Htay Myint of Union Solidarity and Development Association (HQ), K 5,000 through Township USDA Secretary U Hla Khaing.

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Girls' violin contest (aged 15-20) at basic education level in progress.

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## Work Committee, Subcommittee and team managers hold meeting

YANGON, 14 Oct— On behalf of the chairman of the Work Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions, Vice-Chairman of the Re-

ception Committee Commandant of No 1 Transit Centre Lt-Col Tin Kyaing, sub-committee members and managers of the State and Division teams held a coordination meeting at No 1 Transit

Centre (Bayintnaung), here, this evening.

They discussed tasks related to sector-wise of the competitions.

Later, Lt-Col Tin Kyaing attended to the needs.—MNA



## Matters coordinated for ensuring smooth, secure transport in city



Maj-Gen Myint Swe speaks at the meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport. — MNA

YANGON, 14 Oct — The work coordination meeting of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport was held at Yangon Command Headquarters this evening, attended by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

First, the commander made a speech and officials reported on measures being taken for traffic safety, action being taken against those who violate traffic rules and regulations and progress of converting into CNG vehicles. After hearing the reports, the commander attended to the needs and the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the commander. — MNA

## Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister receives Indian delegation

YANGON, 14 Oct — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint received an Indian delegation led by Mr VK Duggal, Secretary of the Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India at the ministry this evening. Also present at the call were Deputy Director-General of the Political

Department Daw Than Than Htay, Director-General of Consular and Legal Affairs Department U Pe Than Oo and Director of International Organizations and Economic Department U Myint Soe, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhaskar K Mitra and officials of the embassy. — MNA



Deputy Foreign Minister U Maung Myint receives Indian delegation led by Mr VK Duggal, Secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs of the Republic of India at the ministry. — MNA

## Doh Kyeywa Journal comes out

YANGON, 14 Oct — Doh Kyeywa Journal for October put into circulation. Included in the journal are prevention of environmental pollution of birth place of Lord Buddha, Lighting Festival and tea Lord together with articles, short stories, stories, humours, cartoons poems and pieces of news.

The journal is available at the Information and Public Relations Department, Sarpay Beikman Bookshop, Wah Moe Aung Bookshop and Tun Oo Bookshop in Mandalay.

Manuscripts and advertisements may be sent to No 30-32, 10th street, Lamadaw Township, Tel: 371342, 252452 and 379768. — MNA

## Home Affairs Minister receives Indian Secretary of Ministry of Home Affairs

YANGON, 14 Oct — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received Secretary Mr V K Duggal and party of Ministry of Home Affairs of India at his office this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi of Myanmar Police Force, Director-General U Myat Ko of General Administration Department, Deputy Director-General U Maung Win and Head of Office U Kyaw San.

The Indian Secretary and party were accompanied by Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar K Mitra and staff of the Indian Embassy. — MNA



Home Affairs Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo receives Secretary Mr V K Duggal and party of Ministry of Home Affairs of India at his office. — MNA

## 11th State-level Myanmar-India Civil Authorities Meeting held

YANGON, 14 Oct — An Indian delegation led by Secretary Mr V K Duggal of the Ministry of Home Affairs of India arrived here by air yesterday evening to attend the 11th State-level Myanmar-India Civil Authorities Meeting.

They were welcomed at the airport by Director-General U Myat Ko of General Administration Department and departmental officials, Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar K Mitra and embassy staff.

The 11th State-level Myanmar-India Civil Authorities Meeting was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda

Road, here, this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi of Myanmar Police Force, Director-General of GAD U Myat Ko, directors-general of ministries concerned, senior military officers and departmental officials.

The Indian delegation led by Secretary Mr V K Duggal of the Ministry of Home Affairs was accompanied by Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar K Mitra and embassy staff.

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The 11th State-level Myanmar-India Civil Authorities Meeting in progress at Traders Hotel.

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## All this needs to be known

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

## Measures for boosting agricultural production discussed

YANGON, 14 Oct—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo held a meeting with staff of the Myanmar Agriculture Service yesterday at MAS (Head Office) in Kanbe, Yankin Township, here.

Also present were departmental heads, general managers, state/division managers and service personnel.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister

stressed the importance of agricultural development for the strong economy of the nation. Rice being the staple food, all necessary assistance is to be provided for achievement in producing the crop. Arrangements are to be made from now for cultivation of summer paddy according to the availability of water. He instructed the officials to seek all possible ways for supply of water, calling

for systematic use of water, effective use of fertilizers, extended cultivation of suitable cash crops, distribution of high-yield strains, and efforts to transform the nation into an industrialized one.

State/division managers reported on measures taken for boosting agricultural production. The minister provided assistance to meet the targets. — MNA

## Spare parts, machine...

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Deputy Minister U Myo Myint elaborated on spare parts and machine parts for machinery used in factories and construction sites under the Min-

istry of Electric Power.

An industrialist dealt with tasks for production of parts.

Next, the ministers, the deputy ministers, departmental heads, techni-

cians and industrialists observed 336 kinds of parts displayed by the MEPE and 219 parts by the Hydel Electric Power Department, and held a general round of discussions for the production of parts. — MNA

## Teachership Course on Reproductive Knowledge opened

YANGON, 14 Oct—The Teachership Course on Reproductive Knowledge, organized by Yangon East District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee under the supervision of Yangon Division MCWSC, was held at Yankin Education College in Yankin Township this morning.

Chairperson Daw Khin Thet Htay of Yangon Division MCWSC ex-

plained enhancement of health care services for maternal and children and dissemination of reproductive knowledge to the people.

Next, Daw Khin Thet Htay accepted K 1 million for the training donated by industrial zones in Yangon East District; K 1.1 million by automobile producers and K 200,000 by (U Thein Maung)-Daw Pa Pa of Sandi Traditional Medicine Industry.

Yangon East District MCWSC Chairperson Daw Nan Shwe Yin handed over 1,000 permanent membership applications to Yangon Division MCWSC Secretary Dr Hla Myint. Next, they viewed activities of the educative training courses jointly organized by UNFPA and MMCWA in Laydauntkan Model Village and Lower Shandeyi Village.

A total of 88 trainees from 13 townships of the district are attending the Teachership Course on Reproductive Knowledge up to 20 October.

On completion, the trainees must go right down to the grassroots level for holding multiplier courses. — MNA

## Wood-based technical training course concludes

YANGON, 14 Oct—The conclusion of wood-based technical training courses Nos 5 and 6, conducted by the Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association, took place at the Wood-based Technical Training School on Panglong Street in Dagon Myothit (North) yesterday morning.

Chairman of the association U Aung Lwin delivered a speech. Principal U Kaung Yin gave an account of the courses. The chairman and the vice chairman of the association presented gifts to course instructors.

Officials presented prizes to the outstanding trainees and completion certificates to the trainees. — MNA



CEC member of Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association presents a completion certificate to a trainee. — MNA

## Information Minister receives Chief Correspondent of NHK



Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Chief Correspondent Ms Miki Ebara of Japan Broadcasting Corporation NHK Bangkok Bureau at the ministry. — MNA

YANGON, 14 Oct—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Chief Correspondent Ms Miki

Ebara of Japan Broadcasting Corporation, NHK Bangkok Bureau at the ministry this afternoon.

Also present at the call were departmental heads and the head office of the ministry.

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## Press conference on winning two gold medals in the Brewing Industry International Awards (BIIA) contest-2005 held

YANGON, 14 Oct—Myanmar Brewery Ltd held a press conference on winning two gold medals in the Brewing Industry International Awards (BIIA) contest-2005 held in Germany at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda

Road here this afternoon. It was attended by media persons, Myanmar Brewery Ltd Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung Aye, General Manager David Ton, Deputy General Manager Lt-Col Maung Maung Sein (Retd),

officials and guests. At the press conference, officials of the brewery explained matters related to winning the two gold and answered the queries raised by the journalists.

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Press conference on winning two gold medals in the Brewing Industry International Awards (BIIA) in progress. — MNA

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## Honouring 13th Performing Arts Competitions

# Dramatic performance of Vidhura Jataka

*Dr Khin Maung Nyunt*

In the 13th Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions being held, Vidhura Jataka has been chosen for drama competition. Vidhura is the ninth of the ten penultimate lives of the Buddha. Its main theme is the perfection (virtue) of wisdom (Panna). While residing at the Jetavana Vihara in Savatthi, Lord Buddha narrated Vidhura jataka in 314 gathas (Pali verses).

The synopsis of Vidhura Jataka is as follows:-

There ruled in Indapathanagara Kingdom in Kuru Mahajanapada, King Dhananjaya Korabya. He had a wise minister named Vidhura. When the King died his son Korabya succeeded him to the throne.

The new King was fond of playing dice. One day as he was keeping sabbath and meditating in the royal park, his friends of previous lives, Sakka Deva, Naga Deva and Garuda Deva visited him. They were also keeping sabbath and meditating. The four friends began arguing as to whose sila (moral precept) was nobler and higher. They agreed to refer the matter to Vidhura, the wise Minister. Vidhura gave his fair judgment that the moral precepts of the four friends were equally noble and high.

The four friends were very happy. Sakka Deva rewarded Vidhura with a white garment, Garuda Deva gave him a gold flower, Varuna the Naga Deva presented him a ruby and King Korabya gave him an elephant and a horse. On return to his Kingdom, Naga Deva was asked by his queen Vimala Devi as to whereabouts of the ruby. Naga Deva explained what had happened. His queen desirous of hearing dhamma teaching of Vidhura, told Naga Deva that she was ill because she wanted Vidhura's heart.

Naga Deva assigned his daughter Irandati to look for her future husband who could bring Vidhura's heart. The daughter went to the Kata mountain, looking for her future husband. Punnaka, the commander of the Ogre Kingdom met her and he fell in love with her at first sight. The daughter agreed to marry him if he could bring Vidhura's heart to cure her mother's illness. The

two went to Naga Deva.

Naga Deva promised to marry his daughter to Punnaka if Punnaka could bring him Vidhura's heart. Punnaka promised he would get Vidhura's heart for him. Punnaka then went up to the Kingdom of Catumaharajaka to see his uncle Kuvera Deva. Punnaka obtained his uncle's consent to all his plans. Punnaka went up to Mt Vepulla to take ruby from there and went to King Korabya.

To play dice with King Korabya, Punnaka, the ogre commander assumed himself as a youth named Kaccayana. He and King Korabya began to play dice. The wager was that if Kaccayana lost the game he would give the King the ruby and Manomaya Sindhava flying horse he brought with, and if the King lost the game he would give Kaccayana anything he wanted except his queen and Kingdom.

At the game, the guardian goddess of the White Umbrella who happened to be the mother of the King in the previous existence sided with the King helping him to win. Kaccayana (Punnaka) knowing that the guardian goddess was helping the King cast a stern look at her whereby the guardian goddess ran away. Therefore in the final round, the King lost the game. Punnaka the winner took away Vidhura as his wager.

To get Vidhura's heart he must be put to death. Therefore Punnaka let Vidhura hold the tail of the flying horse he was riding and galloped through forests and mountains. But Vidhura's moral precepts and virtues protected him from all dangers. When Punnaka was about to hurl him down into a ravine, Vidhura asked Punnaka why he so wanted to kill him. Punnaka explained to him everything. Vidhura told Punnaka to listen to the sadhunara dhamma he would preach before killing him. Sadhunara dhamma has four principles—(1) observance of good traditions and precedents of old generations (2) Continuing dana [giving or charity] (3) Abstaining from womanisation and avoidance of involvement in evil consequences and (4) Avoidance of wronging [sin against] one's true friends. After hearing the Sadhunara dhamma from Vidhura, Punnaka realised his wrongdoings and became repentant. He prom-



*Wood carving in an old temple depicting love scene between Punnaka and Irandati.*

ised to send Vidhura home safe and sound. But Vidhura requested Punnaka to take him to Naga kingdom.

Vidhura preached Sadhunara dhamma to Naga Deva and his queen who felt peaceful, happy and vowed to observe moral precepts. Then daughter was married to Punnaka. Vidhura was sent home.

On arrival at the court of King Korabya, Vidhura was welcomed by the King whom Vidhura explained what had happened and presented the ruby which Punnaka gave him as a gift. Vidhura lived till his ripe age, preaching dhamma to the court. When he died, he became a deva in the celestial kingdom of Tavatimsa.

In winding up his narration of Vidhura Jataka Lord Buddha explained who became who in their last lives. Vidhura became Prince Siddhartha, his wife Anozha Devi became Yasodhara. Naga Deva became Maha Thera Sariputta, Garuda Deva became Maha Thera Moggallana, Sakka Deva became Maha Thera Anuruddha. King Korabya became Maha Thera Ananda, Punnaka the ogre commander became Angulimala, Manomaya Sindhava flying horse became Kandaka horse of Prince Siddhartha, Naga queen Vimala Devi became Khema Bhikkhuni, and Irandati the Naga daughter became Kisa Gotami.

Like the remaining nine jatakas of the ten penultimate lives of the Buddha, Vidhura Jataka is not only re-enacted in Myanmar traditional dramatic performances but also it is depicted in Myanmar traditional visual arts such as carving, sculpture, painting, moulding, casting, plaster art, lacquer art, etc which adorn religious monuments, temples, and monasteries. Through visual and performing arts Buddha's teachings and moral instructions are imparted to the people, from highest level to the grassroot.

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1. Sealed tenders are invited by Agricultural Mechanization Department, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation for the supply of Lubricants. (in Myanmar Kyats)
  2. Tender closing Date: (28-10-2005) (12:00) hr.
  3. Tender documents are available at Agricultural Mechanization Department (Head Office) Bayintnaung Road, Insein Township Yangon, during office hours starting from (21-10-2005). (For more information, contact phone 01-682626, 01-682242)
  4. Only tenders purchased from Agricultural Mechanization Department will be accepted.
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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV ZHE HAI 315 VOY NO (031)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV ZHE HAI 315 VOY NO (031) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16.10.2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the bylaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Experts say Chinese start real space lives

BEIJING, 13 Oct — With Chinese astronaut Fei Junlong aboard the *Shenzhou-6* spacecraft entering the orbital capsule from the re-entry capsule, the Chinese people began space lives in its real sense, experts said here Wednesday.

Nie Haisheng, another *Shenzhou-6* astronaut, in exchange, moved to the orbital module later.

The move across capsules in spacecraft, the first of its kind undertaken by Chinese astronauts in space since the launch of the manned *Shenzhou-5* in 2003, enables the crew, on China's second manned space mission, to shake off heavy space suit and conduct experiments and scientific research in work clothes.

"Orbital capsule is the place for astronauts to live and work during their space flight," said Wang Yongzhi, chief general designer of China's Manned Spaceflight Programme, noting that the astronauts aboard the *Shenzhou-6* will conduct a series of experiments during their multi-day mission.

"This is a significant breakthrough of China's space technology since the successful spaceflight of manned spacecraft *Shenzhou-5*," Wang said.

During this first multi-manned and multi-day spaceflight of *Shenzhou-6*, astronauts' normal life and activities, such as eating, drinking, sleeping and excreting, must be

assured, said Yang Liwei, China's first astronaut and now deputy commander-in-chief of the astronaut system of *Shenzhou-6* Manned Space Programme.

Yang said the two astronauts aboard the *Shenzhou-6* were accessible for such foods at the orbital capsule as rice, vegetable and meat, which can be heated up, for such beverage as coffee, orange juice and green tea, and also for some spices.

Sleeping bag and the excrement collecting facility are also provided in the orbital capsule. "This living system need to be tested by this spaceflight," Yang said.

Compared with *Shenzhou-5*, China's first manned spacecraft orbiting the Earth two years ago, more than 110 technical modifications have been made for the 9.2-metre-long *Shenzhou-6*.

"This is the first time for *Shenzhou* spacecraft to apply the whole system, and the successful flight this time would indicate that China's technology in *Shenzhou* spacecraft is close to be matured," said Zhang Bainan, chief designer of the spacecraft system. — MNA/Xinhua

Indian Kashmir landslide kills quake rescue troops

JAMMU (India), 13 Oct — At least six Indian soldiers on a rescue mission in earthquake-hit Kashmir were killed by a landslide triggered by rain, a military officer said on Wednesday.

The rockslide wiped out part of a patrol walking along a track, Colonel Hemant Juneja said.

The incident happened on Tuesday in Kupwara, one of the

worst-hit areas in Indian Kashmir, where officials say more than 1,200 people have died.

"We have fanned these foot patrol parties in different directions to provide relief and rescue operations in inaccessible areas," Juneja said.

Many villages in India's only mainly Muslim state can be reached only by foot or primitive dirt tracks that become almost impassible with

rain even at the best of times.

Saturday's earthquake, South Asia's worst in a century, cut many villages off and autumn rains are now beginning to make access even more treacherous.

As tens of thousands of earthquake survivors camp outside with no shelter and little food or water — and many with just the clothes they had on when they fled —

weather officials are forecasting rain, snow and falling temperatures.

"We are extremely worried about the winter setting in," the head of India's home department, VK Duggal, said in New Delhi.

Authorities have pledged to provide supplies, but so far have only 5,000 of the estimated 30,000 tents they need.

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**Bank Holiday**  
All Banks will be closed on 17<sup>th</sup> October (Monday) 2005, being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.  
Central Bank of Myanmar

Kidney disease outlook improving in diabetics

NEW YORK, 13 Oct — New research suggests that the number of type 1 diabetics with the most advanced form of kidney disease — end-stage renal disease or ESRD — may be lower than previously estimated. The research also suggests that the outlook with regard to ESRD in diabetic patients has improved over the years.

In ESRD, the kidneys lose their ability to filter waste products from the blood and excrete them in the urine.

People with ESRD need kidney dialysis or a kidney transplant to stay alive.

ESRD is one of the most severe complications of type 1 diabetes and diabetes is the most important cause of ESRD. "Yet, data on patients' risk of developing ESRD are sparse," Dr Patrik Finne from the University of Helsinki and colleagues note in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* this week.

To investigate, they used the Finnish Diabetes Register to identify all 20,005 patients younger than 30 years of age diagnosed with diabetes in Finland between 1965 and 1999. During follow-up lasting a maximum of

37 years and a median of 17 years, 632 patients developed ESRD and 1,417 died.

The investigators report that the cumulative incidence of ESRD was 2.2 per cent 20 years after diagnosis and 7.8 per cent 30 years after diagnosis, which is lower than previously published estimates.

The risk of ESRD did not differ markedly by gender, was lower for those diagnosed with diabetes in "more recent years" and was lowest (3.3 per cent at 30 years) in children diagnosed with type 1 diabetes before 5 years of age.

"Children who get diabetes before the age of 5 years appear to be initially protected against ESRD," Finne noted in comments to *Reuters Health*. "But this difference disappears when they get older. When these patients were 33 years old, about 5 per cent had ESRD regardless of age at diagnosis of diabetes."

Summing up, Finne said their work suggests that "the risk of developing ESRD has dropped by more than half since 1965-1969," probably due to advances in diabetes therapies.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam to construct big hydroelectric plant

HANOI, 13 Oct — Vietnam will start construction of Son La hydroelectric plant with a capacity of 2,400 megawatts, the biggest of its kind in Southeast Asia, in late November, according to the country's largest electricity producer on Wednesday.

The first turbine of the plant in northern Son La Province is scheduled to become operational in late 2010, the state-owned Electricity of Vietnam (EVN) said, noting that all of its six turbines will annually generate an average of 10 billion kilowatts hours.

Vietnam will face electricity shortage in the next few years, the corporation said, predicting that the shortage may stand at 1.1 billion kilowatt hours in 2006 if no urgent measures are taken.

To deal with the possible shortage, the EVN will expand some thermoelectric plants in northern Quang Ninh Province and southern Can Tho City, accelerate construction of half-done power works, and import more electricity from China.

By actively constructing more thermoelectric and hydroelectric plants, Vietnam hopes to increase its electricity capacity to 25,000-26,000 megawatts in 2010 from the current

11,400 megawatts, meeting demand for its socio-economic development. Now, 95.4 per cent of communes and nearly 91.3 per cent of households in Vietnam have access to the national electricity grid, the EVN said. — MNA/Xinhua

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### Three Alaska volcanoes showing signs of unrest

**ANCHORAGE (Alaska), 13 Oct—** Anchorage residents could see a cloud of steam over the weekend from a volcano 75 miles away — one of three Alaska volcanoes showing signs of unrest.

The three volcanoes, including two located on remote Aleutian islands distant from any population centres, are setting off frequent tremors and minor bursts of ash or steam, seismologists said on Tuesday.

Cleveland Volcano, 900 miles southwest of Anchorage, had a small eruption on Friday, said the Alaska Volcano Observatory, which monitors Alaska's more than 40 active volcanoes.

Its ash plume rose to a

height of nearly 15,000 feet above sea level, observatory scientists said.

A cloud of steam from the 11,070-foot Mount Spurr was visible from Anchorage over the weekend.

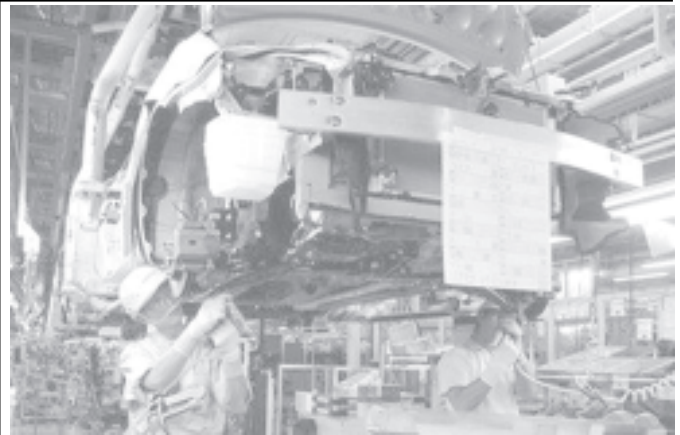
Cleveland Volcano has had periodic but minor ash emissions and some debris flow caused by melted snow, said Dave Schneider, a US Geological Survey volcanologist and acting scientist-in-charge at the Alaska Volcano Observatory.

Ash emissions from Cleveland Volcano "are a lot easier to see now than they were in the summer because you have fresh snow," Schneider said.

Cleveland Volcano, which comprises the western half of uninhabited Chuginadak Island, last erupted in 2001. The closest community, 45 miles to the east, is Nikolski, an Aleut village of 36 people.

The other volcano showing unrest is 5,925-foot Tanaga Volcano.

MNA/Reuters



A Toyota Prius sedan is assembled at Toyota's Tsutsumi plant in Toyota city, central Japan. Toyota said on Thursday it will notify about 75,000 Prius owners in the United States about a potential software glitch that may cause the popular hybrid cars to suddenly stall or shut down.—INTERNET

### Russian space tourism getting good prospects

**Moscow, 13 Oct—** Russia's space tourism has good prospects as more people around the world aspire to make a space trip, head of the Russian Federal Space Agency Anatoly Perminov said Tuesday.

"We have potential space tourists from many countries lining up, including our own countrymen. The problem lies in the number of spacecraft that can fly them to space," Perminov was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying at a Press conference.

Asked about the flight of US millionaire scientist-tourist Gregory Olsen on a Russian spacecraft, Perminov said Olsen's

example shows that many people are willing to fly into space.

However, deputy head of the Federal Space Agency Nikolai Moiseyev said the next space tourist has yet to be chosen.

"Many people are window-shopping but so far nobody is lining up to the cash countre," he joked.

The future of human space flights largely depends on commercial flights, Head of *Energia* rocket and space corporation Nikolai Sevastyanov told the news conference. He added that "from tourism we are advancing to commercial cosmonauts".

Sevastyanov said that after new-generation spacecraft appears, the requirements to the physical state of cosmonauts will

be less stringent, thus space tourists will be counted by hundreds. Early on Tuesday, the Russian spaceship carrying Olsen, the world's third space tourist, and two outgoing crew members of the *International Space Station* returned successfully in Kazakhstan, ending the third trip to the orbiting laboratory.

Olsen, along with Russian cosmonaut Sergei Krikalev and US astronaut John Phillips, soared into the sky on 1 October on a *Soyuz* ship from the Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan. After landing, they underwent medical checks and were to be shuttled by helicopter to a local staging point and on to Moscow later Tuesday for further examinations.

MNA/Xinhua



Potential buyers crowd on a floor of wide flat-screen televisions at a gleaming new nine-story electronics store at famed Akihabara electronics and electric shopping district in Tokyo on 13 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

### Microsoft sees 3 "critical" Windows security flaws

**SAN FRANCISCO, 13 Oct—** Microsoft Corp warned users of its Windows operating system on Tuesday of three newly found "critical" security flaws in its software that could allow attackers to take complete control of a computer.

The world's largest software maker issued patches to fix the problems as part of its monthly security bulletin. The problems mainly affect the Windows operating system and Microsoft's Internet Explorer Web browser. Computer security experts urged users to download and install the patches,

which are available at [www.microsoft.com/security](http://www.microsoft.com/security). "Symantec recommends that users apply the updates as quickly as possible and refrain from opening unknown attachments or clicking on suspicious links that arrive via e-mail or instant messages," said Oliver Friedrichs, senior man-

ager at security software company Symantec Corp.. Microsoft said one vulnerability exists in its Internet Explorer Web browser, which an attacker could exploit to take over a PC by running software code after luring users to malicious Web pages.

Other possible attacks taking advantage of "criti-

cal" security flaws in the Windows operating system could come through opened mail attachments.

MNA/Reuters

### Cuban teacher completes 1,800 km walk through Cuba

**HAVANA, 13 Oct—** Cuban Amaury Echevarria Nistal, 30, on Tuesday said he has finished a 1,800-kilometre walk through the country from the east to the west.

He arrived on Monday in Cape San Antonio, in the western tip of Cuba, 90 days after he set off from Punta de Maisi at the east of the country on 11 July.

He followed the "Route for History Expe-

dition" along with his girlfriend and several young people joined them along the way.

Echevarria Nistal conducted cultural activities in almost all the localities he visited. He also held meetings with local

youths. He told the Press the walk enabled him to become a better teacher and he could add his experience while telling his students about the country's history.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese fireman tries to put out a fire at a packing material company in Luquan, north China's Hebei Province, on 14 October, 2005. The cause of the fire is still under investigation, local sources said. —INTERNET

## SPORTS

**Blatter says Rooney needs more discipline**

LONDON, 14 Oct — FIFA president Sepp Blatter on Thursday urged Sir Alex Ferguson and Sven-Goran Eriksson to get tough with Wayne Rooney.

Manchester United and England striker Rooney was sent off in Europe for United last month and banned for England's game against Austria.

"When you play at the level he plays he should be called to order," Blatter was quoted by BBC Radio Five Live as saying.

"His managers should be tough on him. He could go on for 15 years but discipline and respect is essential."

Blatter also hinted the seedings for the 2006 World Cup finals will be based purely on world

rankings.

The system previously used by FIFA takes into account the average world rankings during the past three years as well as performances at the past three World Cups.

Using those criteria, England are level with France in seventh place, two behind Argentina and Italy, but just one ahead of the Netherlands.

Eriksson's side have slipped to 11th in the world rankings and have one friendly against Argentina before the draw for next year's tournament on 9

December.

In addition, Blatter criticized wealthy clubs for buying up the world's top players only to leave many of them on the bench.

Blatter said: "We should intervene here. A club should not have more than a certain number of players in their professional squad.

"And on the field of play they should have at least six players eligible for the national team of the country where the club is playing."

MNA/Xinhua

**Greeks want German coach to stay in national team**

ATHENS, 14 Oct — Despite failing to lead the European champions to next year's World Cup, the German coach of Greek national football team Otto Rehhagel still gets support from most Greeks.

Rehhagel, affectionately known as "King Otto", who steered Greece to a surprise EURO 2004 victory last year, enjoys great popularity among Greek players, sports officials and fans.

Greek Football Association has already offered Rehhagel an extension until 2008 but the 67-year-old, whose contract expires at the end of the year, has not made any clear-cut decision on whether to stay or move on.

"As my wife Beate always says 'never take a decision in the heat of the moment', he said.

"I will continue coaching, that's for sure. I just don't know where," Rehhagel told German television. "I will discuss it with the FA and I don't know what will come out of these discussions."

Asked whether he had anything left to prove in Greece, he said: "I have

nothing to prove to anyone anyway, only to my wife."

Players, officials and newspapers have all called for Rehhagel — to stay. There's widespread speculation the 67-year-old will leave before his contract ends December 31.

A nationwide television poll released minutes after the last European zone World Cup qualifiers on Wednesday which ended Greece's hopes of going to Germany, showed a staggering 88.8 per cent of Greeks in favour of Rehhagel staying on.

Greek Football Association chief Vassilis Gagatsis was optimistic Rehhagel would stay.

"I am waiting for his answer of our offer to stay on until 2008 and I think it will be positive," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

**Pauleta sets record in Portugal 3-0 win versus Latvia**

LISBON, 14 Oct — Pedro Pauleta scored two goals in two minutes for Portugal during the 3-0 victory versus Latvia, in a European qualifier for the Germany 2006 World Cup.

Now he has also marked a record in Portuguese soccer having scored 42 goals in his participation with the national team, breaking the record of Eusebio, that has stood for over three decades.

Pauleta (Paris Saint-Germain, France) scored first 18 minutes into the match and then again two minutes later.

The third goal for Portugal came through Hugo Viana.

Portugal has now won their ticket to Germany 2006, after Saturday's victory over Liechtenstein and Wednesday's win over Latvia. — MNA/Xinhua



Mobbed: Portuguese Pauleta (C) lies on the ground as his teammates pile on top of him to celebrate his goal against Latvia during their 2006 World Cup qualifier in Porto. — INTERNET

**Pan Song wins men's over 100-kilo judo title at National Games**

NANJING (East China), 14 Oct — Pan Song of Liaoning defended his title in the men's over 100-kilo category event at the 10th National Games here on Thursday.

Pan Song, who will turn to 30 next month, grabbed the gold in the men's heavyweight category by pinned down Chinese Army's Wei Xiangjun.

It was a fight of revenge as Pan lost to the 18-year-old Wei in the final of the qualification tournament this April, also with ippon.

Pan won a bronze medal at the 1999 World Championships which still remains as the best result for Chinese men's judokas in major international competitions. Zhou Xiaogang from Henan beat Wu Yuepeng of Hebei with ippon to take the bronze medal.

MNA/Xinhua

**Gansu judoka wins gold in National Games**

NANJING (East China), 14 Oct — Gansu's Jia Xueying ruled out a third judo title attempt in a day for Liaoning delegation as the 22-year-old beat Luan Huiying on ippon for the women's open category championship of the 10th National Games here on Thursday.

It took Jia just 25 seconds to trounce the giant-killer Luan, who overcame the sole favourite here Tong Wen from Tianjin on ippon after the match was halted for more than three minutes by the referees on duty to turn a waza ari rule for Jia into a decisive ippon.

"I'm so excited to win the gold. It's an unexpected victory. I've lost to Luan in the qualifications, and the only edge I hold over her is that I've nothing to lose," said Jia, the single female judoka of Gansu for the National Games. Tianjin's Tong Wen, the sole hot favorite for the last NG gold medal of women's judo event, has to settle for a bronze medal after losing her semifinal against Luan on surprising ippon within half a minute.

The 24-year-old Tong, who firstly caught eyes on international stage of judo in 2003 when she first won a world championship in Osaka at the women's over 78-kilo category, last month claimed her second world title in Cairo. In the third-place final, Tong beat Xu Lihui from Heilongjiang on ippon to take the bronze.

MNA/Xinhua

**Top-ranked Sharapova escapes defeat in homeland debut**

MOSCOW, 14 Oct — World number one Maria Sharapova escaped defeat and advanced to the quarterfinals in her first match in Russia at the Kremlin Cup Wednesday when her opponent retired after getting hurt during the race.

Sharapova lost the opening set 1-6 to Germany's Anna-Lena Groenefeld and was losing 1-4 in the second set when Groenefeld sprained her left ankle. Groenefeld struggled back to the court in tears after minutes of on-the-spot treatment, but soon had to retire after losing her serve.

Crowds chanted "Masha, Masha" to urge Sharapova on as the Russian player, who left her homeland 11 years ago to pursue her career in the United States, was falling behind. After the lucky win, Sharapova said it was not a real victory. "That's not the way I like to win matches, but anything can happen in tennis," Sharapova said.

"I don't recall any other match like this in which I

would be losing but which would still end in my favour," she said.

The top seed said she

was not in good shape after a two-week break from matches and, in Wednesday's match, did not

approach the ball in the right way, which led to numerous unforced errors.

MNA/Xinhua



Maria Sharapova of Russia returns to Anna-Lena Groenefeld of Germany during their Kremlin Cup match in Moscow, on 12 October, 2005.

INTERNET



# London tube line closed over brake safety fears

LONDON, 4 Oct— London commuters faced major disruption on one of the British capital's busiest underground lines on Thursday after drivers

walked out, saying the trains were unsafe.

The protest on the Northern Line followed the failure on Wednesday of an emergency brake

system designed to prevent trains from passing red signals.

Wednesday's failure was the fifth incident on the Northern Line over the

last month, unions said.

London Underground gave no indication when the line, which carries 700,000 people every weekday, will reopen.

"There is no service throughout the entire line due to signalling system problems," Transport for London said.

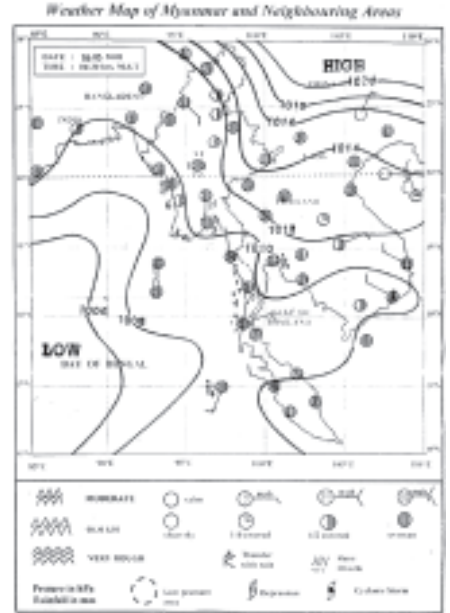
The shutdown came a week after Mayor Ken Livingstone announced plans to boost London Underground fares by as much as a third.

Train drivers' union ASLEF and the Rail, Maritime and Transport (RMT) union said they would support any members who refuse to work on safety grounds. "Our members have the legal right to refuse to undertake duties that would put themselves or the travelling public in danger," RMT secretary Bob Crow said in a statement on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters



**CASH DONATED TO SOUTH OKKALAPA BEPS NO 29:** The stone plaque bearing education goal was unveiled at No 29 Basic Education Primary School in South Okkalapa Township on 12 October morning. Wellwishers of the stone plaque U Thet Lwin-Daw Thida Aye (member of School Board of Trustees) hand over documents related to the stone plaque worth K 140,000 and U Zaw Myo Naing-Daw Mi Mi Khaing and family K 50,000 for the school to Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Aung Tha Tun and Secretary U Wan Ni. — ဖ်



## WEATHER

Friday, 14 October, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division and Kayin State, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Chin State, scattered in Kayah State, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Heho (2.52) inches, Shwegyin (1.92) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.06) inches, Hmawbi (0.91) inch, Taungoo (0.83) inch, Pynmana (0.79) inch and Magway (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 13-10-2005 was 96°F. Minimum temperature on 14-10-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 14-10-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 13-10-2005 was (2.8) hours approx. Rainfalls on 14-10-2005 were (1.06) inches at Mingaladon, (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (96.69) inches at Mingaladon, (96.54) inches at Kaba-Aye and (100.67) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from East at (15:20) hours MST on 13-10-2005.

**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 15-10-2005:** Weather will be partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Shan, Kayah and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-10-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-10-2005:** Partly cloudy.

**Weather outlook for third weekend of October 2005:** During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Yangon Division and isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Mandalay Division.



Saturday, 15 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
- 7:55 am  
5. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am  
6. Musical programme
- 8:30 am  
7. International news
- 8:45 am  
8. Grammer Made Easy
- 11:00 am  
1. Martial song
- 11:15 am  
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am  
3. News
- 11:40 am  
4. Games for children
- 12:00 noon  
5. Round up of the week's TV local news

- 12:25 pm  
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
"စောရဝိဇ္ဇာနှင့်မိစ္ဆာဇွင်း၏"  
(အပိုင်း-၄၆)
- 1:05 pm  
7. ငြားမြင်သူတို့ ပြည့်ဝစေရေး စာပဒေသာ
- 1:20 pm  
8. "မိန့်မြတ်ပြောရောင်လင်း"  
(သူမောင်း ရှုပ၊ ဖိုးသောကြာ၊ မေသောဦး၊ ခင်ပြည့်စုံ)  
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-သူမောင်)
- 2:20 pm  
9. "အမြင်သစ်အသွင်သစ်တို့ကျော်စွာ"  
(ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်တောင်ပိုင်း၊ လဲရွား၊ မြို့နယ်၊ မတ်လန်းကျေးရွာ)
- 2:30 pm  
10. Dance of national races
- 2:35 pm  
11. "ရွှေပွင့်သုမမောစေရောင်"  
(ဖိုးသီဟ၊ ဆုပန်ထွာ၊ နန်းကလျာလှိုင်)  
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-စောရွှေလှိုင်)
- 2:45 pm  
12. International news
- 4:00 pm  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm  
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm  
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm  
5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လိပ်ညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ်(ပထဝီဝင်အထူးပြု) (ရတနာဓဓာ)
- 5:15 pm  
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:25 pm  
7. နားထောင်ဖွယ်သုတေသန
- 5:30 pm  
8. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm  
9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 6:00 pm  
10. Games for children
- 6:15 pm  
11. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm  
12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm  
13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm  
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
"မိန်းလှမေတ္တာကန်သာယာ"  
(အပိုင်း-၁၅)
- 7:35 pm  
15. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm  
16. ဝင်ငွေရရှိသော ရေထဲက ရတနာ (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm  
17. News
- 8:00 pm  
18. International news
- 8:00 pm  
19. Weather report
- 20. ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ် ဆာဗာဆေအကြိမ် (၁၃ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အဇေ၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ထာဝရရုစံသွ" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 22. The next day's programme



Saturday, 15 October

- Tune in today:**
- 8.30 am Brief news
  - 8.35 am Music: -Reality
  - 8.40 am Perspectives
  - 8.45 am Music: -I need love
  - 8.50 am National news, 12 Objectives & People's Desire
  - 9:00 am Music: -Together again
  - 9:05 am International news
  - 9:10 am Music: -Beautiful life -Stay -Girl power
  - 1:30 pm News / Slogan
  - 1:40 pm Music at your request -Smile -Love is all around -Closer to you
  - 9:00 pm ASEAN review -News from ASEAN
  - 9:10 pm Article Myanmar Culture
  - 9:20 pm -Thidingyut, the month of light festival... Souvenirs
  - 9:30 pm -Moon song -Sweet violet -I hear music
  - 9.45 pm News/Slogan
  - 10.00 pm PEL

# Spare parts, machine parts to be manufactured domestically

YANGON, 14 Oct—The exhibition of spare parts and machine parts to be manufactured at home for machinery and machines the Ministry of Electric Power uses took place at Hlawga Natural Gas-fired Power Plant of the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise on Pyay Road in Mingaladon Township here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Chairman of the Myanma Industrial Development Research and Cooperation Committee and the Committee for Ensuring Full Capacity Running of State-owned Factories Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin, members of the committees, departmental heads, technicians, industrialists and guests.

Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut delivered an introductory speech, calling for innovative measures through the study of spare parts and machine parts on display.

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Ministers and deputy ministers observe samples of spare parts and machine parts at the exhibition conducted by the Ministry of Electric Power. — MNA

## Production of home-made spare parts and machine parts explained



Minister Dr Chan Nyein addresses the ceremony to exhibit samples of spare parts and machine parts to be manufactured domestically by Ministry of Education and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries. — MNA

YANGON, 14 Oct — For ensuring development of the industrial sector, the Head of State had given guidance to manufacture and use home-made machine parts and machinery that were imported in the past, and to strive to export them. In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the ceremony to explain production of spare parts and machine parts of the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries was held at Science Equipment Factory and the hall of Universities' Press of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) at the

corner of Parami and Mindhamma Roads, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Research and Cooperation Committee and Chairman of Coordination Committee for Full Capacity Running of State-owned Factories Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, deputy ministers, departmental heads and private industrialists.

First, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein gave a speech on production of home-

made spare parts and machine parts.

On behalf of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Managing Director U Khin Maung Aye reported on matters related to the exhibition.

Manager of Science Equipment Factory U Khin Maung Nyunt briefed them on manufacturing of spare parts and machine parts for the factory and the press, and explained matters concerning machinery at the factory and home-made machine parts.

Next, the ministers, the deputy ministers and party inspected spare parts and machine parts displayed by the Minis-

try of Education and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

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## Sales of jade lots continue

YANGON, 14 Oct — Patron of the Leading Committee for Myanma Gems Emporium Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister U Myint Thein attended the sales of jade lots of Mid-Year Myanma Gems Emporium at Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road, here, this morning.

Gem merchants purchased 72 jade lots through competitive bidding from 3 pm to 12 mid-night yesterday. A total of 100 jade lots were sold yesterday and 36 jade lots today.

Altogether 2,053 gem merchants — 1,236 merchants from 13 countries and 817 of local companies — are attending the gems emporium. — MNA



Gems merchants buy jade lots through competitive bidding. — MNA