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## True patriotism

- \* It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- \* Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

Myanmar will continue to strive for the success of the FAO aims, while playing her own role as an active and cooperative participant, with her individual strength and as a member of international organizations.

**Over 800 million people still facing malnutrition resulting from food shortages  
Myanmar, an agro-based nation, enjoys food sufficiency  
Paddy production nearly reached 1.2 billion baskets in 2004-2005  
Success goes beyond local food sufficiency, contributing to global food sufficiency**



Prime Minister General Soe Win addresses ceremony to mark World Food Day.— MNA

YANGON, 16 Oct — Prime Minister General Soe Win delivered an address at the ceremony to mark the World Food Day at International Business Centre on Pyay Road, here, this morning, and presented prizes to officials of outstanding townships and farmers.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the Mayor, the deputy ministers, ambassadors and charges d'affaires of foreign missions in Yangon, resident representatives of UN agencies, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, members of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fisheries Sciences, departmental heads, officials of the Central Committee and Work Committee for Organizing the 2005 World Food Day, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, journalists, repre-

sentatives of outstanding townships and winners, private entrepreneurs and guests.

First, Prime Minister General Soe Win delivered an address. He said:

May I first express pleasure for having this opportunity to deliver an address at the World Food Day ceremony.

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

Monday, 17 October, 2005

**Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut**

Today is the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut or the Abhidhamma Day, a day of religious significance for Buddhists all over the world, marking the end of Buddhist Lent. During the Lent, members of the Sangha go into retreat or are confined to their respective monasteries for serious meditation or study of religious scriptures.

As the Myanmar month of Thadingyut falls in the open season every year, usually, the weather is fine and pleasant in the whole country, and on the surface of lakes are the blossoming lotus flowers of five different species that add extra beauty to the landscape.

After attaining seven vases, the Buddha ascended the celestial abode of Tavatimsa, and His aim was to repay the gratitude to celestial being, Santusita, His mother in the previous existence, by means of preaching the Abhidhamma for three months. His preaching of the Abhidhamma for all the celestial beings began on the Fullmoon Day of Waso and completed on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.

According to scriptures, after having preached Abhidhamma at the celestial abode of Tavatimsa, Lord Buddha returned to the human abode in the evening on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut. To mark His return from the Tavatimsa, Buddhists in Myanmar offer multi-coloured lights to Him for three days—on the day before the Fullmoon Day, on the Fullmoon Day and on the day after the Fullmoon Day.

As it is the day of religious significance, Buddhists read or recite the Abhidhamma verse which teaches them to stay away from greed, anger, delusion and evil desires. It also help them find the correct way to Nibbana, eternal peace and happiness.

They also offer flowers, lights, water and joss sticks to the pagodas, practise meditation, keep Sabbath and do meritorious deeds.

It is an age-old tradition for the young to pay respects to parents, grandparents, elders and teachers to show their reverence and it is an act of merit long recognized by Buddhists as a social asset. It is an occasion for joy and merriment for all while elderly perform deeds of merit at pagodas and monasteries on the Fullmoon Day.

Thadingyut is indeed an auspicious occasion for Buddhist devotees and each and everyone has to celebrate the occasion by upholding and preserving the fine traditions.



Maung Aung Htaik-Ma Aye Khaing Mon of Dawbon Township present K 100,000 to Vice-Chairman Lt-Col Kyaw Shein (Retd) of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administrative Board 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

**Oil lights offered to Shwedagon Pagoda**



Oil lights offering ceremony in progress at Shwedagon Pagoda.—MNA

YANGON, 16 Oct —Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees organized the ceremony to illuminate Shwedagon Pagoda at its north-west corner of the platform this evening.

It was attended by members of the pagoda board of trustees, office

staff, members of religious associations and pilgrims.

They conveyed oil lights round the pagoda. Next, they offered flowers, water, oil lights and joss sticks to the pagoda. Later, they shared merits gained.

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**Paddy harvesting in Okpo Township**

YANGON, 16 Oct —The harvesting of 1,354 acres of paddy was held at Myaseinyaung cultivation camp near Balar Village in Okpo Township yesterday.

A total of 1,354 acres of paddy was grown in 2005-2006 fiscal year by five companies and Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading of the Ministry of Commerce.

The five companies include Pyae Sone Win Naing Co, X Glory Co Ltd, Cho Zaw Co, Myanma Thiha Co and New Sea Wealth Co Ltd.

Leader of Supervisory Committee of Myaseinyaung cultivation camp (Balar area) Deputy General Manager of MAPT U Win Myint reported on reclamation of vacant and fallow lands, cultivation of paddy in the reclaimed farmlands and arrangements for triple cropping.

The average per acre

yield is over 80 baskets. Deputy General Manager of MAPT U Win Myint and members viewed the harvesting.

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**Commander, Mayor inspect arrangements for keeping Yangon city clean and beautiful**

YANGON, 15 Oct — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected arrangements for keeping Yangon city clean and beautiful and sanitation works for proper drainage today.

The commander and the mayor inspected placing of tiles on the pave-

ment along U Wisara Road in Sangyoung Township, along Gyatawya Road in Bahan Township, paving of Myanma Gonyi Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township and sanitation work this morning.

They gave instructions on early completion of work and fulfilled the requirements.

Tatmadaw members of Yangon Command carried out sanitation work in Myawady Yeiktha and Nawarat Yeiktha.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect placing of concrete tiles at platform along U Wisara Road.—MNA

**UMFCCI President leaves for PRC**

YANGON, 16 Oct — The president of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents U Aung Lwin and U Thaug Tin, CEC member U Tun Aung and

Executive U Myo Thant left here by air yesterday evening to attend the 2nd China-ASEAN Business & Investment Summit and the 2nd China-ASEAN Trade Fair to be held from 18 to 22 October in Nanning in

Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China. The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by General Secretary of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing and officials.—MNA



UMFCCI President U Win Myint and party seen at the airport before departure for China. UMFCCI



# Hu calls for efforts to help developing countries' development

BEIJING, 15 Oct — Chinese President Hu Jintao on Saturday called for vigorous efforts to help developing countries accelerate development, in a speech at the opening ceremony of the G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting.

Hu said that for developing countries as a whole, economic development and the improvement of people's livelihood are the most pressing issues top on their agenda, and that supporting the developing countries in accelerating development is also instrumental for sustaining balanced and orderly world economic development.

"It is, therefore, imperative for us to enhance the North-South dialogue, proceed with the gradual establishment of a new type of long-term and all-inclusive North-South partnership, and achieve a win-win result through securing mutual benefits and reciprocity and drawing on one another's successful experience," he said.

Hu also urged efforts to improve the development assistance mechanism and encourage more development resources to

be diverted into developing countries.

"The developed countries should earnestly honour their commitments in poverty reduction, financial assistance and debt relief, and work out and put into practice new financing mechanisms to accelerate the development of developing countries, the least

developed ones in particular," he said.

The developing countries, on their part, must work even harder to improve their domestic economic climate, use development assistance more effectively and buildup competitiveness through their own efforts and cooperation with others, he said.

The international community must set up an effective oversight regime, implement the agreements and achievements reached on development issues at the recent UN summit celebrating its 60th anniversary, and ensure the fulfillment of the Millennium Development Goals, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korean health officials inspect a rice field frequented by migrating birds in Sosan, about 81 miles southwest of Seoul, on 14 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

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## Cyprus accuses US of supporting Turkish Cypriots secessionism

NICOSIA, 15 Oct— The Cyprus Government on Friday accused the United States of promoting secessionism on the island by a planned meeting between US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Turkish Cypriot leader Mehmet Ali Talat.

Government spokesman Kypros Chrysostomides told the Press that such a meeting does not enhance efforts to create a climate that will lead to reunification and the right settlement of the Cyprus problem.

Jane Zimmerman, charge d'affaires of the US Embassy in Nicosia said on Thursday that US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was prepared to meet Mehmet Ali Talat in his capacity as the leader of the Turkish Cypriot community.

Chrysostomides denounced that through their stance, the Americans promote secessionism and support Talat's "illegal ambitions" and the Turkish Cypriot community's goals to maintain division.

Meanwhile, the spokesman said the Cyprus Government is ready to participate in a new effort to resume the dialogue on the Cyprus question, as soon as UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan extends an invitation.

Cyprus has been divided into Greek Cypriot south and Turkish Cypriot north since 1974 when Turkey sent troops to take control of the island's northern third in response to a Greek-inspired coup.

MNA/Xinhua

## Guerillas launch several attacks in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 16 Oct — A roadside bomb exploded near a polling station in western Baghdad on Saturday morning as it opened for voting in Iraq's constitutional referendum, and one policeman was wounded, police said. No citizens were injured.

The explosion occurred just as the heavily guarded centre was opening at 7 am, and no voters were there yet, said police Lt Mohammed Kheyon.

Violence also was reported in Ramadi, 70 miles west of Baghdad, and near the southern city of Basra city, police said.

In Ramadi, fighting erupted at about 7 am between a small group of guerillas and US troops patrolling the mostly empty streets of the city, said police 1st Lt Mohammed Al-Obaidi. It was not immediately clear if anyone was wounded in the fighting.

Internet

## China starts selecting women taikonauts

BEIJING, 15 Oct — China has begun to work on standards to select women taikonauts, Chinese term for astronauts, for future space missions, an official with the China Space Centre said.

Chen Shanguang, director of the China Astronaut Research and Training Centre, or simply China Space Centre, said that women taikonauts are being trained to carry out space missions.

Studies about the impact of space flight on

women have been initiated, he said. And a large number of experiments will be conducted to tell the differences between men and women in space.

As women taikonauts have different requirements about environment and life ensurance in a

spacecraft, Chinese researchers will have to make extensive studies, such as developing new space suits and devices to collect the excrement of women. China's Air Force Aeronautics University welcomed 35 women pilot trainees for the eighth

time in July this year. Experts say the country's first group of female fighter pilots may grow out of them and the first female Chinese taikonaut may be selected.

"My dream is to become China's first female fighter pilot and first female taikonaut," said Tao Jiali, a student from southwest China's Sichuan Province to the university.

MNA/Xinhua

## Spanish police seize second ship loaded with cocaine

MADRID, 15 Oct — Spanish police have seized three tons of cocaine hidden in a Panamanian-flagged cargo ship off the Canary Islands and arrested 16 people, the government said on Friday, a day after a similar haul.

On Thursday, police announced they had stopped a fishing boat carrying 3.5 tons of the drug from Venezuela, bound for Spain.

Police started investigating the Canary Island-based owner of the cargo ship, *Ivy I*, more than a year ago. He and his girlfriend are among six people arrested in Las Palmas and Madrid. The Russian captain and another nine crew members were also

detained.

The government said it was rare to find a regular cargo ship being used to transport drugs. The 80-metre (260-foot) long vessel was officially bringing cargo from Africa to Portugal.

Police suspect the crew planned to transfer the bundles of cocaine while still in international waters off the coast of Spain or Portugal to fast launches, which would

bring it ashore.

Spain's coastline is a favourite entry point for illegal drugs into Europe, particularly the northwestern region of Galicia with its numerous coves and inlets.

Portuguese police in June seized 4.2 tons of cocaine bound for Spain in a warehouse east of the capital Lisbon, in the biggest haul of the drug in the European Union this year.

MNA/Reuters



Two Iraqi men cycle past US Marines securing in Fallujah, Iraq, on 15 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET



A shelter for flood-affected people is seen at Katakali in Gaibandha District, 240 km (149 miles) north of the capital Dhaka, on 14 October, 2005.

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## WHO calls for stepping up moves against bird flu

**GENEVA, 15 Oct —** The spread of the deadly bird flu virus to poultry in new areas on the fringes of Europe has increased the chances of human cases, the World Health Organization said on Friday.

The United Nations health agency called for intensified surveillance of flocks and humans.

But in a statement posted on its web site, it said that all evidence indicated that the H5N1 virus still does not spread easily from birds to infect humans.

"The spread of H5N1 to poultry in new areas is of concern as it increases opportunities for further human cases to

occur," the WHO said.

"The WHO advises countries experiencing outbreaks in poultry to follow certain precautions, particularly during culling operations and to monitor persons with a possible exposure history for a fever or respiratory symptoms," it said.

European bird flu experts were to hold an emergency meeting in Brussels on Friday. — MNA/Reuters

## Iranian FM says Iran to resolve N-issue through peaceful negotiation

**BEIJING, 15 Oct —** The visiting Iranian Foreign Minister Maouchehr Mottaki said here on Friday that Iran is still determined to resolve the nuclear issue through peaceful negotiation with the concerned parties.

Mottaki made the remark at a Press conference in the Iranian Embassy in Beijing. According to a Chinese-language translation of his remarks made in Persian, the Foreign Minister said that Iran will continue to seek an appropriate resolution of the nuclear issue within the framework of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Since becoming an IAEA member, Iran has cultivated good cooperation with the agency, said Mottaki, noting that Iran has maintained good exchange and communication with all IAEA members, including the three EU nations of Britain, Germany and France.

On late Tuesday, the Iranian Foreign Ministry issued an official statement announcing that Teheran was prepared to restart nuclear negotiations

with the IAEA and all of its members, including the European Union (EU), without conditions.

The statement, quoted by the semi-official Mehr news agency on Wednesday, also said that Teheran would seek to observe "a balanced approach to rights and commitments and to welcome the negotiations under the current circumstances".

The nuclear negotiations between Iran and the EU have been stalled since Teheran in early August defiantly resumed its highly sensitive uranium conversion activities, the preparatory step for uranium enrichment, which has also brought the Iranian nuclear issue to a radical deadlock.

The IAEA on 24 September adopted a resolution drafted by the EU which urged Iran to fully

suspend all of its activities related to uranium enrichment before November and warned of referring the case to the UN Security Council otherwise.

Iran also welcomes other countries to make proposals for the resolution of the nuclear issue, Mottaki said, stressing that Iran opposes and has no intention to engage in any projects for the development of nuclear weapons.

Mottaki said Iran's projects for the peaceful

utilization of nuclear power is transparent, highlighting that the Iranian people have the rights of peaceful and just use of nuclear power. He also expressed the willingness to invite foreign enterprises to participate in Iran's peaceful development of nuclear energy.

"Foreign companies, whether it is state-owned or private, is welcomed to our nuclear projects," Mottaki said.

MNA/Reuters

## Moderate quake jolts Tokyo, no tsunami warning

**TOKYO, 16 Oct —** A moderate earthquake jolted Tokyo and its vicinity on Sunday afternoon, causing buildings in the capital to shake, but no tsunami warning was issued and there were no immediate reports of damage.

Tapan's Meteorological Agency said the quake had a preliminary magnitude of 5.1 and was centred in southern Ibaraki prefecture, north of Tokyo. The earthquake's focus was 10 km (25 miles) underground.

The quake set off alarm in convenience stores and left displays of goods in disarray.

Trains in the Tokyo area and surrounding regions were generally run-

ning as normal, although some were running at lower speeds as a precaution, national broadcaster NHK said. There was no effect on Tokyo's Narita Airport, the broadcaster said.

Subway services in Tokyo were halted briefly, but have now resumed at lower speeds, NHK said.

Japan is one of the world's most earthquake-prone countries, with a tremor occurring at least every five minutes.

Located in the "Ring of Fire" are of volcanoes and oceanic trenches partly encircling the Pacific Basin, the country accounts for about 20 percent of the world's earthquakes of magnitude 6 or greater. Every year, there are up to 2,000 quakes that can be felt by people.

MNA/Reuters

## Baltimore firefighter dies in Iraq

**BALTIMORE, 15 Oct —** A Baltimore Fire Department lieutenant was killed in Iraq last week while serving with the Maryland Army National Guard, city Fire Department officials confirmed on Saturday.

Fire Lt Brian Conner, 32, of Baltimore was in Iraq with the 243rd Infantry Division when he was killed on Thursday, said Fire Department spokesman Kevin Cartwright. No further details about Conner's death were available on Saturday night.

Conner, who joined the Fire Department in 1993, had been an emergency vehicle driver before being promoted to lieutenant, Cartwright said. His first assignment was as a firefighter recruit with Truck Company 9. — Internet

## Vietnam wants early launch of first satellite

**HANOI, 15 Oct —** Vietnam is endeavouring to conclude negotiation with relevant countries on the orbit of its first communication satellite within this year, according to sources at the Vietnam Posts and Telecommunication Corporation on Friday.

Due to the orbit issue, Vietnam could not put the medium-sized satellite named *Vinasat* into space in 2005 as expected, the sources said, adding that after the negotiation is completed, the country will open a tender for satellite production and relevant activities. Most potential bidders come from the United States, France, Japan and Russia.

*Vinasat*, planned to

have 25-30 transceivers with lifespan of around 15 years, will span its coverage over Vietnam, other Southeast Asian countries, and parts of China and Japan. "*Vinasat* may not be for rent," the sources said, noting that Vietnam now has to use satellite services provided by foreign companies from Thailand, Indonesia and Russia.

Vietnam has yet to re-

veal details about the time and cost for manufacturing and launching *Vinasat*. Some local experts said that the satellite could be produced within two years, and that the total cost might reach 270 million US dollars.

*Vinasat* will be Vietnam's second space item since the country's first astronaut took part in a Soviet space mission in 1985. — MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers stand outside a building in Baghdad, recently. — INTERNET



## Hu calls for full implementation of CPC session spirit

**BEIJING, 15 Oct**— Chinese President Hu Jintao called on both the governments and the branches of the Communist Party of China (CPC) at various levels to study and carry out the spirit of the fifth plenary session of the 16th CPC Central Committee which closed on 11 October.

The studying and implementing of the spirit is one of the country's key political tasks and will remain to be so in the upcoming future, said Hu, who is also general secretary of the CPC Central Committee.

The governments and Party branches should substantially lift their capabilities on implementing the scientific concept of development, handling the overall situation, balancing the relations between different interest groups and being creative and pragmatic, said Hu.

All such efforts, he said, should be made according to the general requirements of promoting scientific development, lifting innovation capabilities, improving related

systems and push forward harmony in the whole society.

"We should seize and make full use of the current strategic opportunity period to promote China's economic and social development, which will play a decisive role in laying a sound basis for China's development in the next decade," he said.

One of the key points

in implementing the session's spirit lies with introducing advanced development concepts, making clear development ideas, innovating development modes and improving development quality so as to move China's development into a people-centred and comprehensively sustainable track, said Hu.

MNA/Xinhua



A veterinary worker sprays a disinfectant solution in the flamingos' enclosure at Bucharest Zoo on 14 Oct, 2005.

INTERNET

## Rocket fired at prefecture in Corsican City

**BASTIA (France), 15 Oct**— A rocket was fired at the offices of the top French representative in the Corsican City of Bastia in the early hours of Friday, causing limited damage.

It came two weeks after a rocket was fired at the Ajaccio prefecture amid protests over a government plan to privatize a loss-making ferry company linking Corsica to mainland France.

Those protests stirred nationalist sentiment on

the island where there is a history of political tension with the French Government.

Friday's attack also appeared to bear out fears expressed on Thursday by Interior Minister Nicolas Sarkozy who paid a lightning visit to Corsica a day earlier.

"Certain small groups of clandestine separatists could carry out even more irresponsible attacks," Sarkozy warned.

MNA/Reuters

## 1,970 US troops killed in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 15 Oct**— As of Saturday, 15 Oct, 2005, at least 1,970 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 1,531 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

Since 1, May 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,831 US military members have died, according to *AP's* count. That includes at least 1,422 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Internet



A policeman looks on as workers clean the street near a blast crater at the site where two bombs exploded near a shopping centre in Ahvaz, near Iran's southwestern border with Iraq on 15, Oct 2005. Two bomb blasts Saturday at a shopping centre in Ahvaz, near Iran's southwestern border with Iraq, killed two people and wounded at least 50 others, state television reported.—INTERNET

## Explosives seized from rebel group hideout in northern Philippines

**MANILA, 15 Oct** — About 100 kilos of explosive chemicals were discovered from a hideout of the New People's Army (NPA) rebels in the northern Philippines, the military said on Friday.

Army spokesman Major Bartolome Bacarro said that military intelligence operatives and bomb experts on Thursday seized the "black powder granules" in two boxes from the house in Tanay Town of Rizal Province, but he did not disclose what the rebels might attempt to do with the explosive materials.

However, he said the NPA has been assembling improvised explosives to ambush the troops and top-

ple military and civilian facilities.

The clashes between the NPA and the government troops became increasingly frequent after the rebel group ordered more attacks against the military facilities, as the retaliation to the government's decision to suspend an immunity agreement between two sides, subjecting scores of NPA members to the arrests and prosecutions.

MNA/Xinhua

## At least 27 killed in India boat capsized

**LUCKNOW, India 16 Oct**— At least 27 people drowned and 13 were missing when an overcrowded boat capsized in the Ganges River in northern India, authorities said on Sunday.

The accident happened on Saturday in Ballia District in the densely populated state of Uttar Pradesh.

"The boat was overloaded with more than 70 people in it. Passengers panicked when water started seeping in and some people jumped into the river shaking the boat which toppled and capsized," district administrator Alli Kumar said.

He said 27 bodies had been recovered while 32 people managed to swim to safety. Rescue workers were still hunting for the rest.

MNA/Reuters

## Peru Machu Picchu mudslides strand 3,200 tourists

**LIMA (Peru), 15 Oct**— Mudslides caused by heavy rains in Peru's southern Andes stranded 3,200 tourists at the Machu Picchu Inca citadel on Thursday as mud and rocks blocked the railway in and out of the site, train operators said.

The nationalities of the tourists were not immediately known, but no one was thought to be injured, Peru Rail spokeswoman Joanna Boyen said.

Peru Rail said it was working to clear the railway line and planned to

return tourists to the nearby city of Cuzco via a minor road on Thursday.

Mudslides are relatively common in Peru's rainy season, which runs from September to February.

Six people were killed

in April last year by mudslides caused by unusually intense rains in Machu Picchu Pueblo, the village which is the starting point for the 500,000 tourists who visit the Inca citadel every year.

MNA/Reuters

## Virus blamed for stomach flu in Houston shelters

**NEW ORLEANS, 15 Oct** — A virus that thrives in crowded, unsanitary environments may have caused an outbreak of stomach flu among Hurricane Katrina survivors and relief workers in Houston, health officials said on Thursday.

A medical clinic set

up at Houston's Reliant Park treated more than 1,000 people with diarrhoea, vomiting or both symptoms between 2 September and 12 September, according to a report released by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

MNA/Reuters

## The Significant and Noble Day of Abhidhamma (The Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Mahapavarana Day)

*Ba Sein (Religious Affairs)*

The Significant and Noble Day of Abhidhamma (the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, Mahapavarana Day) falls on 17th October in 2005.

In the fourth week, after attaining the enlightenment, the Buddha began to contemplate and review the Dhamma (the truth) he had realized near the Bodhi tree.

On his seventh Vasa (Seven Years) of enlightenment, the Buddha, out of compassion for the devas and brahmas, went to the Tavatimsa Devaloka (Celestial abode) where He preached the Abhidhamma Pitaka (Basket of Ultimate things) for a full three months to His deceased mother who was reborn as Santusita Deva, and also to the other devas and brahmas assembled there, hoping to make them realize the four ultimate things for which a Knowledge of Abhidhamma is absolutely necessary because it deals with the highest and ultimate sense of things springing into being as facts as distinct from mere names.

After preaching Abhidhamma (Ultimate Truth) to His deceased mother, Santusita Deva and other Devas and Brahmas for a full three months, the Buddha returned to the human abode on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut. According to the Pali Text, three decorated stairways of silver, gold and ruby beginning from the top of the great Mount Meru to the gate of Sankassa town on earth were created as a token of paying deep homage to the Buddha who returned to the human abode. The Buddha took the middle stairway accompanied by Devas and Brahmas who took right stairway and left stairway. All Devas and Brahmas from the Tavatimsa Devaloka (Celestial abode) paid deep homage to the Omniscient Buddha for a full three months from 1st Waning of Waso to Fullmoon of Thadingyut. According to the Vinaya rules of the Buddha, the period of a full three months from 1st Waning of Waso to Fullmoon of Thadingyut (round

about from mid-July to mid-October) is retreat-period of Buddhists. During retreat-period, all buddhist monks must have to go away from their residences (monasteries, temples) not more than seven days. Especially, they have to fulfil their religious duties (Ganthadhura and Vipassanadhura) during the retreat-period more than before. All Buddhist monks have followed and practised the said Vinaya rules since over 2500 years ago.

When the Buddha descended from Tavatimsa (Celestial abode), the Devas and Brahmas accompanied Him putting up white sacred umbrellas and fanning Him. At that time, because of unlimited miraculous powers, supernormal powers and glory of the Buddha, the whole earthlings could see the magnificent celestial abode, and also the Devas and Brahmas could see hundreds of thousands of millions of people greeting and paying deep homage to the Buddha who descended at the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Mahapavarana Day).

The Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut (Mahapavarana Day) has been marked by Buddhists as the significant and noble day of Abhidhamma since then (over 2500 years ago). On the auspicious occasion of the Abhidhamma (Mahapavarana Day), in remembrance of the Buddha, members of the Sangha recite Abhidhamma discourses and multifarious Buddhist devotees offer lights, water, flowers, incense, fragrant scents, fruits and other offertories. And also, Dhamma talks on Abhidhamma (Mahapavarana) Day are held. On this noble day, most Buddhists keep Nine Precepts for their meritorious deeds dedicating to the attainment of noble stage of Nibbana (supreme bliss).

The Pali term *Abhidhamma* is composed of *Abhi* which means subtle or ultimate, and *Dhamma* which means truth or doctrine. The Abhidhamma, therefore, means subtle or ultimate truth or doctrine. The

Abhidhamma Pitaka consists of the four ultimate things; Mind (Citta), Psychicfactor (Cetasikas), Matter (Rupa) and Nibbana. It is the most important and most interesting thing to a deep thinker. It is subdivided into seven books.

When the Buddha had preached Abhidamma for a full three months to His deceased mother who was reborn as Santusita Deva and to other Devas and Brahmas at the celestial abode, He said to the king of the celestials that He would return to the human abode. Therefore, the king of the celestials created and arranged three stairways of silver, gold and ruby beginning from the top of the great Mount Meru to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode.

Sending forth the six coloured rays emanated from His body, the Buddha descended by the middle stairway of ruby to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode (on earth). The Devas (Celestial beings) accompanied the Buddha from the right side stairway of gold playing musical instruments and fanning the Buddha. The Brahmas (higher celestial beings) accompanied the Buddha from the left side stairway of silver putting up white umbrellas.

At the time, when the Buddha returned from the celestial abode to the human abode, the highest Brahma realm, Ekamanta, the lowest Aviji (Apya planes of miserable existences), the four cardinal points, the ten directions and thousands of worlds were clearly visible without any blockage and barrier because of unlimited miraculous powers, supernormal powers and glory of the Buddha.

People could see the whole celestial abode of Devas and Brahmas, and all celestial beings in turn viewed more than hundreds of thousands of millions of people who were welcoming and paying deep homage to the Buddha. There was no one that did not wish and pray to become a Buddha, the most noble wish after witnessing the most surpassing splendour.

Up to this day we can visualize the most surpassing splendour and significant event of the Omniscient Buddha descending to the earth from the great Mount Meru accompanied by Devas and Brahmas to the gate of Sankassa Town of the human abode.

On the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, we all Buddhists generously offer lights, water, flowers, scents, fruits, food and other various kinds of offertories to pagodas and monasteries and also pay respect to teachers, parents and elders. These meritorious deeds dedicate to the attainment of the noble stage of Nibbana through the most surpassing splendour and significant event of the Omniscient Buddha descending to the human abode from the celestial abode on the Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut.

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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.

## Vidhura Drama Contest continues



Culture Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and party at Vidhura drama contest at the National Theatre. — MNA

YANGON, 16 Oct — The Vidhura Drama Contest of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the

third day at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street this evening. Ngamyiya Tin Thein Drama Troupe re-

presenting Mandalay Division participated in the Drama Contest.

Among the spectators were member of the

panel of patrons of the Organizing Committee 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 Re-

gion Commander Col Tint Hsan, members of the work committee and sub-committees, maestros and enthusiasts.

Leader of the panel of judges U Chit Oo Nyo and party supervised the contest.

The competition

of the Vidhura Drama Contest scheduled tomorrow is postponed to 18 October evening. Maung Moe Min and troupe representing Yangon Division will take part in the contest on that day.

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### Performing Arts Competitions continue...

(from page 16) (aged 15-20) girls' dancing contest. Chairman of the Panel of Judges Wunna Kyawhtin U Sein Aung Min and members supervised the dancing contest.

Likewise, seven persons participated in the amateur level men's dobat contest at Padonma Theatre, and seven in the basic

education level (aged 10-15) boys' dobat contest. U Sein Ba Maw and members of the panel of judges supervised the contest.

At Kanbawza Theatre, 13 contestants competed in the amateur level men's xylophone contest, and nine girls in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' xylo-

phone contest. Today's music contest was supervised by Chairman of the panel of judges Gitalulin U Ko Ko and party.

The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions scheduled on 17 October, Fullmoon Day of Thadingyut, are postponed to 18 October.

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### Coord meeting for performing arts competitions held



Members of Working Committee and Sub-Committees of 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions meet. — MNA

YANGON, 16 Oct — The work coordination meeting of the Chairman of the Working Committee of 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and members, Sub-Committee members and team managers of

States and Divisions was held at No 1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung) in Hline Township this evening, with an address by Chairman of Working Committee Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint Hsan.

Next, the Work Committee, Sub-Committees and team managers discussed sector-wise competitions, and Work Committee Chairman Col Tint Hsan fulfilled the requirements.

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Maung Pyi Sone Tun (a) Thar Chaw of Kayin State participates in men's higher education level dancing contest. — MNA



Ma Pan Ei Phyu of Taninthayi Division participates in girls' basic education level religious song contest (aged 10-15). — MNA



# Government has been launching conservation programme according to the law to prevent prawn and fish depletion and biodiversity deterioration

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As Myanmar is a UN member, she has been firmly supporting and adhering to the aims and policies of the UN Principles. It is a common knowledge that the nation lays down the principle "cooperation with the UN" as the cornerstone of her foreign policy according to her sincere belief in the UN that the global body has the ability to ensure international peace and security and speed up the development pace of all member nations.

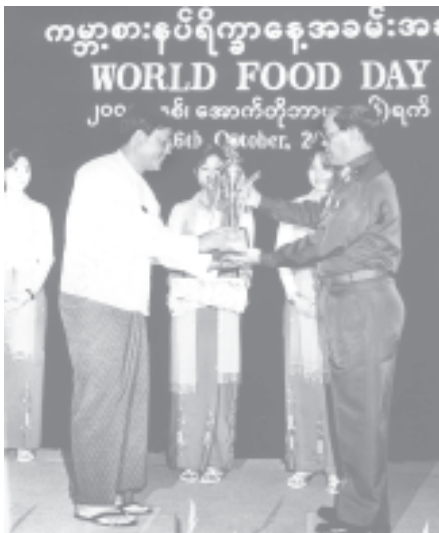
At the same time, Myanmar has been actively and conscientiously cooperating with the UN subordinate bodies — the

has been a nation making utmost efforts with goodwill to further improve and cement her friendly relations and cooperation with all the nations of the planet, friendly neighbours and regional countries, in addition to her active participation in the international and regional organizations.

Today commemorates the founding of the Food and Agriculture Organization, which has turned 60 years as the United Nations itself, and which has become matured with various kinds of experiences and different situations it has witnessed during the period. Every year, the world nations including Myanmar observe



Prime Minister General Soe Win views the booths opened at the celebration of World Food Day. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win presents award for Ayeyawady Division for its best performance in production of monsoon paddy to an official. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win awards U Khin Maung Win of Zayathkin village-tract, Kyaukdaga township for his best performance in production of monsoon paddy. MNA

UNDP, the UNICEF, the FAO, the WHO and the UNODC and UN High Commission for Refugees — in the service of the entire global peoples' interest.

All in all, Myanmar

the World Food Day on 16 October, the day on which the FAO was founded.

Throughout its long existence, the FAO has already striven together with its member nations to realize the body's lofty

aims of freeing the entire mankind from hunger, ensuring adequacy of sustenance and improving the rural living standard. We all should continue to work harder to achieve greater success year after year,

while reviewing and measuring the extent of success we have achieved so far in realizing the aims.

Myanmar will continue to strive for the success of the FAO aims, while playing her own role as an active and cooperative participant, with her individual strength and as a member of international organizations.

Of the over six billion peoples of the planet, over 800 million are still facing malnutrition resulting from food shortages. And the global rich and poor gap is still wide. We on our part will have to narrow the large gap between the rich and the poor as possible as we can.

Moreover, we believe that owing to the above-mentioned reasons, this year's motto for the World Food Day 2005 has been designated "Agriculture and Intercultural Dialogue". And it is with close friendship and goodwill, the FAO and other interna-

tional organizations will have to coordinate to find a way for implementing practical development programmes.

Myanmar, an agro-based nation, enjoys food sufficiency. The nation's agricultural industry is the most basic economic sector that has opened opportunities for socio-economic development of the citizens and rural progress in addition to providing food for the people of Myanmar. It is true that we will be able to strengthen peace and stability of the State only if there is economic progress. Moreover, only with the prevalence of internal peace and stability, we will be able to strengthen and uplift the national economy, the socio-economy and other development undertakings.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win greets diplomats of foreign embassies at the World Food Day celebration. — MNA



# Government has set up peaceful and sound environment and foundation for future generations

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Hence, Myanmar is giving priority to development of the agricultural sector in conjunction with the long-term progress of fish and meat sector and forestry sector that are related to agricultural industry. Seventy per cent of the nation's population of 54 million are relying mainly on agricultural sector, livestock breeding sector or forestry sector to earn their living. We see the efforts to develop the roles of the sectors and their production capacity as practical endeavours for development of rural areas where the majority of people live.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe once said, "As we are an agro-based nation, and the majority of people living in rural areas are poor, the nation will witness progress only if we can carry out the rural development task effectively. We will have to encourage the rural people to run farming business in addition to their agricultural work in ensure Reduction of Rural Poverty." With this guidance, he has laid down the five rural development tasks.

Now, we have been in the fifth year of carrying out rural development undertakings, seeing it as a part of the project for national progress. The five rural development tasks have interactions between one another, and harmony is required in implementing them. The essence of our rural development tasks is the same as the global poverty alleviation programmes.

We would like to reiterate that the giving of priority to the rural development tasks is the right choice politically and economically. As the tasks serve the majority's interest our nation is witnessing tangible results as well as the narrowing gap between the rural and the urban. In the sector of producing rice, the staple food of Myanmar, the nation saw her paddy production exceeding one billion baskets in 2000-2001, and nearly touched 1.2 billion mark in 2004-2005. According to estimates, the nation's paddy output will pass more than 1.2 billion baskets in the very near future. It is a great success for the nation in her history of agriculture to set a record after the record paddy output.

The success goes beyond our local food sufficiency to the degree of contributing to global food sufficiency to a certain extent, because of the rise in the volume of surplus rice.

The government on its part has been laying down and implementing systematic programmes to increase crop per acre yield, to extend sown acreage, to reclaim more land, and to win markets where the nation's new agricultural products find a competitive edge.

Similarly, the meat and fish sector that is related to



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presents award to U Man Kyaw Shein of Thabawngu village, Kangyidaunk township. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung presents the third prize to a local resident of Ingapu township, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

agriculture, is also enjoying rapid development with the government's assistance. The government is distributing quality strains and exerting efforts with added momentum for well-rounded development and advancement of the fish and meat sector. It is also paying special attention to increasing investment in fish and meat sector and the upgrading the manageable-scale

cally extracting timber, with priority given to ecological conservation and afforestation, ensuring a balanced nature and climate, and the protection of diverse flora and fauna species. It is also systematically carrying out forest development projects covering the task of conserving and generating forests, establishing and protecting natural parks and forest plantations and conserving and protecting watershed areas in addition to implementing the dry region greening project in all parts of the central regions of Myanmar.

Because of the national strength, systematic self-reliant efforts and correct aims, all the citizens are enjoying food sufficiency, and the rural areas are witnessing annual improvement in health, education and social standards. Furthermore, the government has set up a peaceful and sound environment and foundation for the future generations. In the international field, Myanmar has been joining hands with her neighbours, the ASEAN family, regional countries and UN agencies and extending her constructive cooperation in the global affairs to produce more food, conserve the environment, ensure regional peace, stability, security and progress, and boost economic cooperation.

In this age, the emergence of a peaceful, stable and united world rest on constructive coordination and cooperation of global countries and fair assistance for the developing countries.

Only if there are international coordination and cooperation, mutual understanding and sympathy and assistance, will injustice and disunity the world is seeing resulting from poverty and hunger, rich and poor gap, technological divide and status discrimination disappear. Consequently, a world of plenty, equality, harmony and tranquillity will also emerge.

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FAO Resident Representative Mr Tang Zhengping reads the message of FAO Director-General. MNA

farms at villages to advanced commercial-scale farms. Thanks to the government's endeavours, the nation can now export its surplus fish and meat in addition to satisfying local sufficiency. We would like to pledge that we will work harder for our nation to stand firmly as a global food supplier.

While striving to develop the fish and meat sector, the government has been launching a conservation programme according to the law to prevent prawn and fish depletion and bio-diversity deterioration. In the forestry sector, the government has been systemati-



FAO Resident Representative Mr Tang Zhengping presents a prize to Maung Shamway LadoungKhaung of No 3 BEMS, Myitkyina, Kachin State, who won first prize in the World Food Day commemorative essay contest. — MNA

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In conclusion, I would like to urge all the global countries and international organizations concerned to make practical efforts through constructive coordination and cooperation to ensure greater food sufficiency and regional development for emergence of a hunger-free world in accordance with the motto of the World Food Day.

UNFAO Resident Representative Mr Yang Zhengping read out the message sent by the FAO Director-General.

Next, a video documentary was shown to the audience.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Soe Win presented prizes for outstanding performance in monsoon paddy production prizes to the repre-

sentative of Hinthada Township and farmer U Khin Maung Win of Kyaukdaga Township, prize for fish breeding through cage system to U Htay Myint of Yuzana Co Ltd of Patheingyi Township, and the first prize for establishment of special teak plantation to Kyangin Township.

The Prime Minister cordially greeted the ambassadors and charges d'affaires, resident representatives of UN agencies and officials.

They viewed agricultural equipment and booths opened by Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, FAO, Ministry of Forestry and Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in the hall.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo gave away

prizes to Kyaiklat Township and U Ba Aye of Namhkam Township for summer paddy production, and Taunggyi Township and U Saw Maung of Hsihseng Township for maize production.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Thein presented outstanding performance livestock and fisheries prizes to U Mahn Kyaw Shein of Thabawngu Village in Kandyidant Township, U Than Lwin of Ngwesar Pale Co Ltd of Kyimyindine Township, U Zaw Lay of Fisheries and Marine Products-2000 Ltd of Botahtaung Township, U Tun Aye of Shwe Yamon Co Ltd of Hline Township, U Aung Naing of Asia Winner Co Ltd of Botahtaung Township, Dr Thein Sein of

Taunggyi Township, U Sai Lin of Yangon Division, U Win Maung of Kyaukse Township and U Khin Maung Win of Meiktila Township.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung awarded second and third prizes to Nattalin and Ingapu Townships for establishment of special teak plantation.

FAO Resident Representative Mr Tang Zhengping gave away prizes to winners in the essay contest.

Mayor Brig-Gen

Aung Thein Lin also presented prizes to winner persons and townships for their outstanding performance in production of groundnut and sesame.

Deputy Minister for A&I U Ohn Myint presented prizes to winner persons and townships for production of sunflower.

Likewise, President of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fisheries Sciences U Tin Hlaing, Vice-President (Agriculture) Dr Thein Myint, Vice-President

(Livestock & Fisheries) Dr Min Soe and Vice-President (Forestry) Dr Nyan Tun, Secretary U Tin Htut Oo, Joint-Secretary (Livestock & Fisheries) Dr San Aung, and Joint-Secretary (Forestry) U Soe Win Hlaing gave away prizes to the outstanding townships and persons. Departmental heads under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries presented prizes to the outstanding townships and persons. — MNA

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## Multimedia classrooms opened at BEHS No 1, North Oakkalapa Township

YANGON, 16 Oct — Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of the Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and also Commander of Yangon Command, this morning attended the opening of multimedia classrooms of Basic Education High School No 1 in North Oakkalapa Township.

Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and departmental heads under the ministry, No 2 Military Region Commander Col Tin Tun, Yangon Division PDC Secretary Lt-Col Myint Kyi, Yangon East District PDC Chairman Lt-Col



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe unveils signboard of multimedia classrooms of North Okkalapa BEHS No 1.—MNA

Maung Maung Shein, Secretary of Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association U Aye Myint, the township education officer, the school head,

teachers, members of social organizations and donors were also present.

The deputy minister, headmaster U Aung Moe and Patron of the school board of trustees U

Ba Myint formally opened the classrooms, and the commander formally unveiled the signboard of the classrooms. Next, the commander and party were conducted round the video room, language-lab, computer aided instruction section, domestic science room and documentary photo room.

Addressing the ceremony to hand over the multimedia classrooms donated by wellwishers, Maj-Gen Myint Swe said the government is taking measures to promote national education for the emergence of human resources that will help to shape a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Now is the time when the

world's nations with the advancement in technologies are paying emphasis on education sector. That is why students are required to learn and know modern technologies in order to catch up with the developing world. Only then will they become intellectuals and intelligentsia. In addition, students should be trained to be equipped with the sense of preserving Myanmar traditional customs, national character and patriotism, he said.

Then the commander thanked the wellwishers for donating the multimedia classrooms.

Afterwards, donors presented K 1.9 million for the purchase of teaching aids to be used in classrooms to the commander, the deputy commander and Director General U Bo Win of the Education Planning and Training Department. Later, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min expressed thanks to the wellwishers. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects multimedia classrooms of North Okkalapa BEHS No 1.—MNA

### All this needs to be known

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



# Commander, CEC member attend AGM of Bago Division USDA

YANGON, 16 Oct — Patron of Bago Division Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and CEC member Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, together with Bago Division (East) USDA Secretary U Saw Maw Tun, executives and representatives of social organizations, attended the ceremony to unveil the signboard bearing genuine patriotism in front of the Bago Township USDA Office in Bago this morning.

CEC member Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min unveiled the signboard.

At Thiri Hantha Hall in Bago, the commander and the minister attended the Annual Gen-



Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko addresses Annual General Meeting 2005 of Bago Division (East) USDA.— RAILWAY

eral Meeting 2005 of Bago Division USDA. First, USDA member students of Bago BEHS No 3 sang songs.

The commander and the CEC member gave speeches.

Next, Bago Division (East) USDA Secretary U Saw Maw Tun submitted the annual report.

The commander presented prizes to the

winners. The CEC member gave away prizes to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination for 2004-05 academic year.

Afterwards, the commander and the CEC member gave encouragement to USDA members who donated blood at Bago General Hospital and presented gifts to them.

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CEC member of USDA Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min unveils signboard bearing "True Patriotism".— RAILWAY

# Mandalay Division WAO Chairperson makes field trip to Meiktila

YANGON, 16 Oct — Chairperson of Mandalay Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Than Than Nyunt and members donated medicines and nutritious food to 20 older persons in Shwe Ku Village and Hsinchedine Village in Wundwin Township, Meiktila District on 9 October. They provided stationery for 20 students and presented books to village library. They also

accepted the membership applications of She Ku Village WAO.

Chairperson Daw Than Than Nyunt gave talks on facts about WAO; In-charge of Organizational Department Daw Thanda Phone Win on its tasks; and IP Thida Shein on matters related to prevention against human trafficking.

They also held round-table discussion with local people.

Mandalay Division WAO Chairperson Daw Than Than Nyunt visited a team of specialists providing medical treatment to locals and offered pairs of glasses to those with eye disorder. At Nabe Kan Model Village, they donated books, stationery, medicine and nutritious refreshments to students and older persons and accepted membership applications.

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Mandalay Division WAO Chairperson Daw Than Than Nyunt presents medicines and snacks to older persons of Nabe Kan Model Village in Wundwin Township.— MNA



Mandalay Division WAO Chairperson Daw Than Than Nyunt explains aims and functions of MWAFF in Shwe Ku Village in Wundwin Township.— MNA



Mandalay Division WAO Chairperson Daw Than Than Nyunt presents exercise books and stationery to students of Shwe Ku Village in Wundwin Township.— MNA

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.**

## Young people become mainstay for China's space programme

**BEIJING, 15 Oct—** Young scientists and engineers are playing an increasingly important role in China's space programme, and behind China's successful launch of its second manned spacecraft are a group of them 48.7 years of age on average.

Wang Yongzhi, 73, chief designer of China's manned space programme, said these young people grew up along with the progress of the programme and have become mainstay of the undertakings.

From 1955 when Qian Xuesen, father of China's space programme also known as Tsien Hsue-sen, returned to China from the United States till 2005 when China launched its second manned space vehicle Wednesday morning, five

generations of space scientists and engineers have contributed to the realization of Chinese people's centuries-old dream of flying in space.

Ninety-four-year-old Qian, the leader of China's rocketry programme, belongs to the first generation space scientists, and Wang Yongzhi, who once studied in the former Soviet Union, is a representative of the second generation space scientists. Wang has witnessed the development of China's space programme from the

launch of *Shenzhou-1* to *Shenzhou-6* spaceships.

Qi Faren, former chief designer of the country's manned spacecraft, and Huang Chunping, former commander-in-chief of the rocket system, are regarded as representatives of the third generation cultivated by China itself. They gave their places to Zhang Bainan and Liu Yu in 2004, both in their forties and some 30 years younger than Qi and Huang.

One of the major

achievements of China's manned space programme over the past dozen years is a group of young space scientists have grown up, said Wang. Among members of the fifth generation, who contributed to the development *Shenzhou-6* space vehicle, are aged below 35 years, and some of them are only 32 years old.

"Give them another 20 years, you can't imagine what miracle they will have made," said Wang.

MNA/Xinhua

## Space technologies closely related to human life

**BEIJING, 15 Oct—** Space technologies developed in decades-long research are closely related to human life as many have been used or will be used to improve our life, said a leading Chinese space scientist here Saturday.

Many space technologies have been used in our daily life, said Hu Wenrui, an academician with the Chinese Academy of Sciences.

For example, meteorological satellite helps human forecast natural disasters in advance and communications satellite communicates the whole world into a "global village".

"Space astronomy, purely scientific part of space sciences, works to discover how universe operates and evolves, to help humans understand basic concepts about universe. Such findings will directly change our knowledge system. It's closely linked with everyone," said Hu.

Space Sciences fall into five categories, namely, space astronomy, space physics, moon and broader space exploration, geoscience, life science and micro-gravity science.

Life science and micro-gravity science, seemingly far away from daily life, has profound impact once relevant technologies are applied, said Hu, who is also an academician

with the International Academy of Astronautics.

He said that protein, basic substance to form life, is barely understood by humans, who only know the functions of a certain type of protein, but not its structure. Less than one hundredth of millions of proteins in a human body have been found out.

In a micro-gravity space environment, protein can develop large crystal for structural analysis. Successful analysis of one protein, if applied to medicine development, can greatly shorten a new medicine R&D time and improve its quality.

In making alloy, space material science is highly helpful. drops blending two liquids are found to move according to the law of capillary traction, which can be controlled under micro-gravity circumstances to produce highly-even alloy.

Noting that three men went to space as tourists, Hu said: "Our exploration of the space has dual purposes.

MNA/Xinhua

## Russian police tackle town's last rebel holdout

**NALCHIK (Russia), 15 Oct—** Russian security forces said on Friday they had all but wiped out the remnants of a rebel force that tried to storm a Caucasus Town in an attack that raised doubts about the Kremlin's control in the region.

One small group of rebels was still holed up in a prison administration building in Nalchik about 30 hours after militants attacked police and government offices in Nalchik in a string of simultaneous assaults on Thursday morning. Police said it was an isolated incident. They were now focussing on hunting down any gunmen who may have ditched their arms and tried to sneak out of the city, set in the foothills of the towering Mount Elbrus, by melting into the local population.

Separatists from nearby Chechnya, who have been fighting against Moscow rule for a decade, said they staged the raid with support from local sympathizers.

Russian President Vladimir Putin, who came to power in 2000 by talking tough on Chechnya, ordered his security forces to

cordon off Nalchik after the attack by at least 100 rebels and kill any gunmen who resisted.

"The events in Nalchik demonstrated with new, shocking force the fragility of what the authorities ... have been calling 'peace'", *Izvestia* newspaper said in an editorial. "We have to admit: there is a war going on in the Caucasus."

Sporadic gunfire that could be heard on Thursday had died down. The only sign of rebel resistance in Nalchik, a grid of dusty tree-lined streets with ramshackle single-storey houses, was at the prison administration building. Local residents said gunmen were occupying the basement and the ground floor, trapping workers in the building on the upper floors. Police had cordoned off the street.

MNA/Reuters



A pelican plays in its enclosure in the Wildlife Rehabilitation and Breeding Centre in the city of Stara Zagora, eastern Bulgaria, on 14 October, 2005.—INTERNET

## "Shenzhou-6" fulfils planned experiments in second day's flight

**BEIJING, 15 Oct—** *Shenzhou-6* has excellently fulfilled all the planned experiments in its second day's flight, and the anti-disturbance experiments aboard the spacecraft proved successful, experts said here on Thursday night.

The two astronauts, Fei Junlong and Nie Haisheng, had carried out a series of anti-disturbance experiments in the capsules since Thursday morning, including closing and reopening the internal capsule door, moving between the orbital

and re-entry capsules, taking on and off space suits, and testing the condensation water extraction system.

These experiments were conducted with exaggerating movements in a bid to test the effects of their actions to the space-

craft. The results proved that the spacecraft was fully capable of enduring all the disturbance, and then astronauts would be allowed to move in a relatively free way, said Zheng Songhui, consultant of the spacecraft system.

Chinese first astronaut Yang Liwei, who piloted the first Chinese manned spacecraft, *Shenzhou-5*, two years ago, flew about 600,000 kilometres in space, in 21 hours and 23 minutes.

MNA/Xinhua

## CIA to manage all US human spying

**WASHINGTON, 15 Oct—** The White House has approved a plan to name Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) Director Porter Goss as the manager of all US human intelligence-gathering, John D Negroponte, director of national intelligence, announced on Thursday.

Negroponte also announced the formation of a new National Clandestine Services (NCS) group within the CIA to coordinate and evaluate intelligence.

"I am confident that with the creation of the NCS, the US Government will have a more cohesive and truly national human

intelligence capability," said Negroponte, whose office would retain oversight of US human intelligence but not be involved in day-to-day management decisions.

Human intelligence refers to information collected from people, rather than from technical sources such as electronic

intercepts.

The CIA reached separate agreements earlier this year on coordinating foreign intelligence with the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Pentagon, which have intensified their intelligence activities abroad since the 11 September, 2001, terror attacks. —MNA/Xinhua

## Turkish PM eats chicken to help avert bird flu panic

**ANKARA, 15 Oct—** Anybody for chicken salad? Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan has joined a campaign to reassure his public that poultry is still safe to eat despite the outbreak of a deadly strain of bird flu on a farm in western Turkey.

Friday's newspapers showed Erdogan breaking his Ramadan fast on Thursday evening by tucking into a chicken salad and even offering some to a photographer recording the scene. "(I hope) you will now change your

headlines," the *Sabah* newspaper quoted Erdogan saying as other officials, including the speaker of Turkey's Parliament, Bulent Arinc, also ate chicken. The Muslim world is currently marking the holy month of

Ramadan, which involves abstaining from all food and drink from sunrise to sundown. Erdogan is a pious Muslim whose ruling Justice and Development Party has its roots in political Islam.

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The new iPod with video capabilities plays an episode of the TV show 'Desperate Housewives.' Hollywood's actors, directors and writers unions said they would vet Apple's new iPod portable video player so members get their share of residuals.—INTERNET

### Australian 4WD drivers fatter and more conservative

CANBERRA, 15 Oct— People who drive large four-wheel drive vehicles are more likely to be fat, conservative men who dislike homosexuals, a major survey of driver attitudes in Australia has found.

The research by think tank, the Australia Institute found the typical city driver of a large four-wheel-drive vehicle was a man in his 40s or 50s, with an above average income, and who would describe themselves as a rugged individual.

However, it said luxury four-wheel drives were more likely to be driven by diet-conscious women with high incomes who used their vehicles in cities rather than the country.

"Members of this group are more than twice as likely as the general population to say 'I was born to shop'," the institute said, adding that they were also more image conscious and less likely to be overweight.

The research is based on a survey of more than 24,000 people, which focused on large four-wheel drive vehicles and the more expensive luxury models.

Despite rising petrol prices, Australia's automotive industry has reported continued strong sales of sports utility vehicles, more commonly known in Australia as four-wheel drives, with

sales up 6.9 per cent over the 12 months to August 2005.

Four-wheel drives make up about 18 per cent of Australia's new car market, an increase of 135 per cent in eight years, with most of the rise due to demand from city dwellers who have no plans to ever take their vehicles off-road.

The research said the attitudes of those who drive large four-wheel drive vehicles in cities were more conservative and less community minded, and 51 per cent believed homosexuality was immoral compared to 43 per cent of the wider population. MNA/Reuters

### Gene may be linked to Tourette's Syndrome

WASHINGTON, 15 Oct— Researchers said on Thursday they have found a gene that helps cause Tourette's Syndrome, but that many other genes are also likely to be involved in the complex disorder.

Tourette's may affect as many as one in 100 people and is marked by muscle and vocal tics including repeated sudden movements or vocalizations. Children with Tourette's also often have attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder or depression.

In a report published in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*, Dr Matthew State of the Yale University School of Medicine and colleagues at several other institutions said a gene called SLITRK1 appears to contribute to some cases of Tourette's.

"This finding could provide an important clue in

understanding Tourette's on a molecular and cellular level," State said in a statement. "Confirming this in even a small number of additional TS patients will pave the way for a deeper understanding of the disease process."

State and colleagues looked for unusual patients with a clear genetic anomaly. They found a boy who was the only member of his family with Tourette's, and who had a gene inversion on chromosome 13. A gene inversion occurs when a section of chromosome appears to have broken off and flipped before being reinserted.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese doctors conduct a caesarean operation on a lion at a zoo in Shenyang, northwest China's Liaoning Province, on 14 Oct, 2005. Doctors took out three lion cubs, all dead, after four hours of operation.

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### Digital music player sales up sharply by 2009

NEW YORK, 15 Oct— Global sales of digital music players are expected to jump to nearly one billion units a year in 2009, driven by consumers' desire for the pocket-sized devices and falling costs for flash memory components, research firm IDC said on Thursday.

IDC predicted that annual sales of compressed audio players will reach 945.5 million units worth \$145.4 billion in 2009, up from 224.9 units worth \$46.7 billion in 2004. IDC defines these devices as everything from portable MP3 players to DVD devices and phones that can play music compressed by software.

The portable flash player category, which in-

cludes products such as Apple Computer Inc's iPod Nano and Dell Inc's DJ Ditty, is expected to grow to some 124 million units in 2009 from 26.4 million in 2004.

"The portable MP3 player category has seen the most growth in popularity and Apple has been a very important driver of that," said IDC analyst Susan Kevorkian.

MNA/Reuters

### Mars rover lab in Calif to cut jobs, missions

LOS ANGELES, 15 Oct — The California space laboratory that guided NASA's Mars rover missions has begun laying off workers in anticipation of a budget shift away from planetary expeditions, a spokesman said on Thursday.

The Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena expects to shed 5 per cent to 8 per cent of its work force of 5,400, or about 300 contractors and employees, spokesman Blaine Baggett said.

The JPL saw two missions cancelled as a result of the budget realignment by NASA Administrator Michael D. Griffin, who plans to spend more

money on missions to study Earth from space, Baggett said.

"We do Earth missions as well, so down the line we may get some of that (money)," Baggett said.

Cancelled were the Prometheus mission to explore the icy moons of Jupiter, and the 2009 launch of a Mars telecommunications or-

biter. The job losses were not related to President George W. Bush's goal of returning astronauts to the moon and setting up a moon base as a waystation for deeper space travel, Baggett said.

The last time the laboratory cut jobs was in 1999, he said.

MNA/Reuters



A large saltwater crocodile shows aggression as a boat passes by on the Adelaide River 60 kilometres (35 miles) from Darwin in Australia's Northern Territory, on 15 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

# SPORTS

## Tactician Mourinho turns Bolton into 5-1 losers

LONDON, 16 Oct — Jose Mourinho gave Bolton Wanderers a painful lesson in tactics on Saturday, his halftime changes turning a Chelsea deficit into a 5-1 drubbing of the northern side.

Four goals in nine minutes shared between Didier Drogba and Frank Lampard at the start of the second half and a fifth 15 minutes from time ensured the champions kept their 100 per cent start to the season and completed a year undefeated in the Premier League.

The crowd singled out Mourinho with chants of "Stand up for the special one", but the Portuguese coach said he preferred their support to go to the players.

"We all did our work well but the players were out there. We won the match on the pitch," he said. Mourinho hurried down the tunnel three minutes before halftime, with his multi-national side, most of whom had returned only on Thursday from in-

ternational duty, looking rattled by Bolton, who had gone ahead through a fourth minute Stelios Giannakopoulos goal.

"I went to prepare the diagrams on the board," Mourinho said. "We made only one man change but in tactical terms it was a big difference."

Mourinho took off Spanish full back Asier del Horno and replaced him with an extra attacker in Eidur Gudjohnsen. Chelsea poured forward and, after Drogba's first goal in the 52nd minute, Bolton were out of it. "He changed the system which we expected," Bolton boss Sam Allardyce said. "We knew they would come out with a bit more tempo about them...but we didn't expect them to steamroller us." Mourinho explained he

had spent some time considering which defender to take off. "Ricardo (Carvalho) and (William) Gallas are the fastest and when you play only three at the back you want the fastest," he said.

MNA/Reuters



South Korean Grace Park, seen here in June 2005, emerged with the halfway lead in the 850,000-dollar Samsung World Championship, while schoolgirl golf sensation Michelle Wie made her second professional round a gem.—INTERNET

## Juventus beat Messina to maintain perfect start

ROME, 16 Oct — Serie A leaders Juventus maintained their 100 per cent winning start to the season with a 1-0 victory at home to Messina in Serie A on Saturday.

The result, which made it seven straight league wins for the champions, consolidated their position at the top on 21 points, eight ahead of their nearest rivals AC Milan and Fiorentina who visit Cagliari and Lazio respectively on Sunday.

Even without injured midfielder Patrick Vieira Juve were strong favourites to beat Messina.

The Sicilians had not won all season and had conceded eight goals in their last two games.

Juventus took the lead in the 24th minute thanks to a superb solo effort by Alessandro Del Piero.

The striker, who also performed impressively during Italy's 1-0 win over Moldova in a World Cup qualifier in midweek, received the ball just inside Messina's half.

He held off a challenge by midfielder Andre Zoro and dodged past a defender before curling a shot round goalkeeper Marco Storari.

The visiting keeper did better in the second half, parrying long-range efforts by Pavel Nedved and Mauro Camoranesi, though the woodwork came to his rescue when David Trezeguet hit the post shortly after replacing Del Piero.

Messina's best chance came when striker Arturo

Di Napoli forced goalkeeper Christian Abbiati to save at his near post with an angled shot 20 minutes from time. Juve's victory took them to within one win of equalling the record for the best-ever start to a Serie A season, which stands at eight consecutive wins held jointly by the Juventus sides of the 1930-31 and 1985-86 seasons.

They will match that record if they beat Lecce away on 23 October.

Earlier on Saturday, a hat-trick by Italy striker David Di Michele gave Udinese a nervy 3-2 Serie A win over Siena as they finished the match with 10 men. Udinese dominated the first half but slowly lost control of the contest and midfielder Christian Obodo was sent off in the 88th minute for apparently lashing out at a member of the medical staff sent onto the field to help him.

MNA/Reuters

## PSV displace AZ Alkmaar at top after 3-0 win

AMSTERDAM, 16 Oct — Philip Cocu scored twice to inspire PSV Eindhoven to a 3-0 win over previous leaders AZ Alkmaar on Saturday and put the champions on top for the first time this season.

The Dutch international opened his account two minutes before the interval when he gave keeper Henk Timmer no chance. Alkmaar were reduced to 10 men after a second booking for Ron Vlaar nine minutes before time and a minute later Cocu made it 2-0 from close range. Minutes later Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink sealed victory with his first goal this season.

Guus Hiddink's team were making an impressive start to a tough spell as they travel to AC Milan in Champions League action on Wednesday and host Ajax Amsterdam a week on Sunday.

PSV are top with 19 points after eight matches, one more than Feyenoord, who are at home to Groningen on Sunday. Alkmaar have slipped to third, also with 18.—MNA/Reuters

## Wigan beat Newcastle to go second

LONDON, 16 Oct — Wigan Athletic's impressive start to their debut season in the Premier League continued on Saturday when a 1-0 home victory over Newcastle United took them into second place behind Chelsea.

Jason Roberts scored the game's only goal five minutes before halftime, slotting a right-footed shot through Newcastle goalkeeper Shay Given from the right side of the penalty area. Newcastle had loud appeals for a penalty waved away when Michael Owen was hauled back in the box, while Alan Shearer thought he had equalized in the second half but his header was ruled to have not crossed the line.

Wigan, who had Lee McCulloch sent off late on for a foul on Belozoglu Emre, moved up to second place on 16 points from eight games before Saturday's six later kickoffs.

"We are here to stay up," Wigan boss Paul Jewell told Sky Sports. "Everything else is a bonus. We know we're in a fight, but we've made a good start."

MNA/Reuters

## English Premier League match reports

LONDON, 16 Oct — Brief reports of English Premier League matches played on Saturday:

### Liverpool 1 Blackburn Rovers 0

Liverpool claimed their first win in five league games but had to work hard against a Blackburn side who played the last hour with 10 men after Georgian international defender Zurab Khizanishvili was sent off for a professional foul.

Liverpool had all the possession after that but were unable to make it pay against some spirited Blackburn defending until 15 minutes from the end when striker Djibril Cisse drove home a free kick.

### Sunderland 1 Manchester United 3

Sunderland's mini-revival came to an end but United were a little fortunate to take all the points.

Sunderland made most of the running until Park Ji-sung fed Wayne Rooney to score five minutes before halftime.

United gradually took control after the break and Ruud van Nistelrooy got the second in the 76th minute. They suffered a few scares after Sunderland's Stephen Elliot drilled home eight minutes from time before Italian teenage substitute Giuseppe Rossi got the third.

### Tottenham Hotspur 2 Everton 0

Tottenham's best start in the Premier League continued against a toothless Everton side who remain rooted to the bottom after their worst.

Egypt striker Mido broke the deadlock after 58 minutes with a glancing header and Jermaine Jenas scored his first goal for the club as Tottenham climbed to second.

Everton rarely looked capable of add-

ing to their solitary goal in eight league games that have produced just three points.

### West Bromwich Albion 2 Arsenal 1

West Brom celebrated a famous victory as they came from behind to beat an Arsenal team struggling to click.

Still without injured striker Thierry Henry, Arsenal took the lead from an unfamiliar source when Swiss defender Philippe Senderos volleyed in after 17 minutes for his first goal for the Gunners.

MNA/Reuters

## Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Italian MotoGP world champion Valentino Rossi on a Yamaha lifts his wheel after qualifying for the Australian Motorcycle Grand Prix at Phillip Island, on Saturday, 15 Oct, 2005. Rossi qualified in second place for Sunday's race.—INTERNET



# Top Bush aide questioned for hours in leak probe

WASHINGTON, 16 Oct— US President George W Bush's top political adviser, Karl Rove, testified at length on Friday for a fourth time before a grand jury investigating the leak of a covert CIA operative's identity, as prosecutors neared a decision on whether to bring charges.

Rove spent 4-1/2 hours at the federal courthouse and was told by prosecutors they had yet to decide whether he should face charges, Rove's attorney, Robert Luskin, said. Legal sources said that could soon change.

Friday's testimony appeared to be Rove's last

opportunity to convince grand jurors that he did nothing illegal following the disclosure that he had spoken to two reporters about CIA operative Valerie Plame and her diplomat husband, Joseph Wilson, despite earlier White House denials.

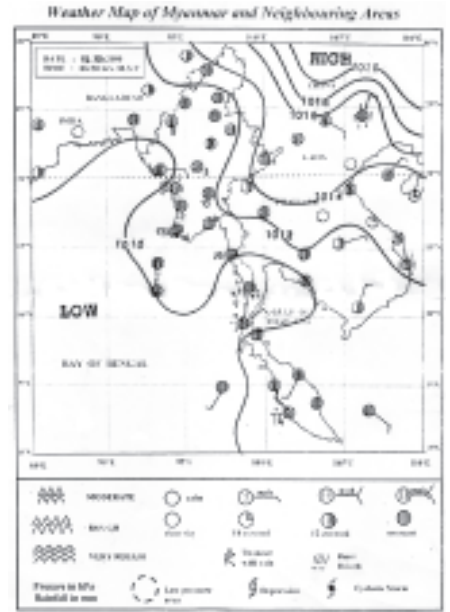
Prosecutors have told Rove, the most pow-

erful and controversial political strategist in Washington, that they cannot guarantee that he would not be indicted.

Two years ago, the White House assured the public that Rove and Vice President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, Lewis Libby, had no role in the Plame leak. Since then, reporters have identified Rove and Libby as their sources.

Judith Miller, a *New York Times* reporter who was jailed for 85 days before reaching an agreement to reveal her source, testified twice before the grand jury about three conversations she had with Libby.

MNA/Reuters



## WEATHER

Sunday, 16 October, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division and Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Shan, Chin States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kachin State and lower Sagaing Division and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Homalin (3.50) inches, Kawthong (1.93) inches, Meikhtila (1.34) inches and Mogok (1.18) inches.

Maximum temperature on 15-10-2005 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 16-10-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 16-10-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 15-10-2005 was (6.5) hours approx. Rainfalls on 16-10-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, (0.27) inch at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (96.77) inches at Mingaladon, (96.81) inches at Kaba-Aye and (100.67) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Northeast at (15:30) hours MST on 15-10-2005.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Southwest Bay become unimportant. Weather is partly cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 17-10-2005:** Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Chin States, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy 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 light rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-10-2005:** Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-10-2005:** Generally fair weather.



Workers gather near the site of a bomb blast, where two bombs exploded in Iran on 15 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET



**Monday, 17 October**  
**Tune in today:**

<p><b>8:45 am</b> 7. Islands of Dhamma</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b> 4. ဘုဒ္ဓအာရုံစဉ်း (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ) တီထွင်ရေး၊ ဓမ္မဘူတာဝါရီက၊ ဝိအိပ်(ရုံ)၊ တီထွင်ရေး၊ မဟာဂန္ဓာရုံကျောင်းတိုက်၊ မရမ်းကုန်းမြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကင်းတိုင်းထဲမှ ရုပ်တုပေါ်သထန်လမ်းယူဆောင်တည်ခြင်း။</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b> 1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b> 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b> 3. ရန်ကင်းတိုင်း၊ အမှတ်(၃) အခြေစိုက်ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးချုပ် (အဋ္ဌမအကြိမ်) ဓမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်ရည်ပုစေခွဲ (ပထမဆင့်) အထက (၁) သန်လျင် (အမျိုးသား) ဝတ်ရည်အဖွဲ့။</p> <p><b>4:55 pm</b> 4. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လုပ်ညွှန်ရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယနှစ်(ရုက္ခဗေဒဗျူဟာ) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)</p> <p><b>5:10 pm</b> 5. ဘေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်</p> <p><b>5:15 pm</b> 6. Dance variety</p> <p><b>5:20 pm</b> 7. ဝါကျွတ်တေးများ</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b> 8. Song and dance of national races</p> <p><b>5:35 pm</b> 9. Musical programme. (The Radio Myanmar Music Troupe)</p>	<p><b>5:45 pm</b> 10. Industrial achievement</p> <p><b>5:55 pm</b> 11. ဓမ္မပူဇော်တေးအစီအစဉ်</p> <p><b>6:05 pm</b> 12. ဘုန်းတော်ထင်ရှား ရှင်တော်မဟာမုနိဘုရား</p> <p><b>6:15 pm</b> 13. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်လွင်ဆော့ပြေး ပုဂ္ဂလိကတို့လေး" (အပိုင်း-၃၁)</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> 14. Evening news</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> 15. Weather report</p> <p><b>7:05 pm</b> 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အရူစီလောကားလမ်းလေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၅)</p> <p><b>7:45 pm</b> 17. သံတဂူဆရာတော် အရင်ဉာဏ်သရဏ် အဘိဓမ္မာ အစီအစဉ်ဓမ္မတရားတော်</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 18. News</p> <p><b>8:05 pm</b> 19. International news</p> <p><b>8:10 pm</b> 20. Weather report</p> <p><b>8:15 pm</b> 21. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်လွင်ဆော့ပြေး" (အပိုင်း-၁)</p> <p><b>8:20 pm</b> 22. Summit ဆုံမှ Summit</p> <p><b>8:25 pm</b> 23. မင်းကျွန်း ဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်အဖွဲ့ဖျက်နှင် ဓမ္မဉာဏာဝဇာနည်များဖြင့် တရားတော်</p> <p><b>8:30 pm</b> 24. The next day's programme</p>	<p><b>8:30 am</b> Brief news</p> <p><b>8:35 am</b> Music: -Come and get your love... Real Macay</p> <p><b>8:40 am</b> Perspectives</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b> Music: -Why not?... Hikery Daff</p> <p><b>8:50 am</b> National news/Slogan</p> <p><b>9:00 am</b> Music: -There you'll be... Kelley Alanne</p> <p><b>9:05 am</b> International news</p> <p><b>9:10 am</b> Music: -Bake</p> <p><b>1:30 pm</b> News/Slogan</p> <p><b>1:40 pm</b> Lunch time music -Without your love -Come clean... Hilary Daff</p> <p><b>9:00 pm</b> Feature "The month of lighting festival"</p> <p><b>9:10 pm</b> Article</p> <p><b>9:25 pm</b> Vocal Gems -Love of a life time... Fire House -Stand by your side...Celine Dion</p> <p><b>9:45 pm</b> News/Slogan</p> <p><b>10:00 pm</b> PEL</p>
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**Four political objectives**

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconciliation
- \* 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

# Performing Arts Competitions continue Contestants from states, divisions exhibit skills

YANGON, 16 Oct—The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the designated venues for the fourth day today.

It was attended by member of the panel of patrons for organizing the competitions Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, member of the Panel of Patrons Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung Minister

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

Altogether 16 contestants from States and Divisions took part in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' religious song contest, 14 persons in the professional level men's classical and modern song contest.

At the National Theatre, 10 contestants participated in the higher education level men's dancing contest and 16 girls in the basic education level

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Maung Ye Tun Aung and troupe taking part in basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' dobat contest. — MNA



Ma Shun Yupa Toe of Chin State participates in basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' xylophone contest. — MNA

for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein, 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.

At the multi-purpose hall of the National Museum, Chairperson of the Panel of Judges Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya of Myanmar Ra-

## Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium concludes

YANGON, 16 Oct — Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium 2005 organized by Leading Committee for Myanmar Gems Emporium continued sale of jade lots through competitive bidding at the Myanmar Gems Mart starting 3 pm yesterday. At 10.45 pm, a total of 100 jade lots were sold. Altogether 155 jade lots were sold yesterday. Mid-

Year Myanmar Gems Emporium successfully concluded.

A total of 205 pearl lots and a total of 45 gems lots were sold on 8 and 9 October, and a total of 1,534 jade lots were sold from 11 to 15 October through competitive bidding and tender system.

Altogether 2,053 gems merchants — 1,236

of 343 companies from 13 countries and 817 of 327 local companies purchased jade, gems and pearl lots at the emporium.

2005 Mid-Year Myanmar Gems Emporium had sold more jade, gems and pearl lots than those in previous years and a greater number of gem merchants from abroad attended it. — MNA



Sales of jade lots at Mid-year Myanmar Gems Emporium in progress on final day. — MNA