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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.



Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and guests view sale of fish and prawn produced by Asia Prosperity Manufacturing Co Ltd. — MNA

### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

### Four economic objectives

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

### Four social objectives

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

## Ngwepinle Fishes and Crustaceans Trading Zone opened in Hlinethaya Township

**Emergence of zone creates opportunity for exporting marine products of high quality**

YANGON, 18 Oct—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence attended a ceremony to open the Ngwepinle Fishes and Crustaceans Trading Zone of Asia Prosperity Manufacturing Co Ltd, being held at Ngwepinle Industrial Zone in Hlinethaya Town-

ship this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Chairman of Yangon City De-

velopment Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, heads of department, marine entrepreneurs at home and from abroad and guests.

First, Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Managing Director of Ngwepinle Livestock

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Lt-Gen Tin Aye delivers a speech at the inauguration of Ngwepinle Fishes and Crustaceans Trading Zone of Asia Prosperity Manufacturing Co Ltd. — MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Build more roads and bridges to enhance people's socio-economic status

It is to enable the national people to travel from one place to another easily and smoothly, to pave the way for trade and economic development and to enhance the socio-economic status of the entire people that the State Peace and Development Council has been building new roads and river-crossing bridges the length and breadth of the nation.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, also Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee to Ensure Smooth and Secure Transport, accompanied by responsible officials, inspected the already-completed Panhlaing bridge that links Hlinethaya Township of Yangon North District and Dalla Township of Yangon South District and the bridge being built across the Twantay canal on 17 October.

In his meeting with responsible personnel at the construction site of the Twantay bridge, the Secretary-1 said that the Twantay bridge was being constructed on the Hlinethaya-Dalla-Twantay road, that it would contribute to regional development as well as socio-economic status of local people and that it was necessary to speed up the construction of the bridge, meeting the set standard with minimum loss and wastage.

The Panhlaing bridge is built across the Panhlaing river, linking Hlinethaya Township and Dalla Township. It is going to be inaugurated soon. The Twantay bridge is to be built across the Twantay canal and to be 3570 feet long. On completion, these two bridges will enable people to travel from townships in Yangon North District and Yangon South District to townships in Ayeyawady Division and vice versa.

The government is building a network of roads and bridges for easy and smooth flow of goods and passengers and so far there is a total of 207 bridges that are 180 feet and above long. Due to the efforts of the government in the transport sector, the transport infrastructure is improving and we believe that development of the transport infrastructure will surely cement friendship and unity among the national people and enhance their socio-economic status.

### Archaeological training school to be opened in Pyay

YANGON, 18 Oct — The Department of Archaeology under the Ministry of Culture is building an archaeological training school in the ancient city of Srikestra, Hmawza village-tract, Pyay, Bago Division (West), with a view to nurturing archaeologists and enabling enthusiasts to learn the subject of archaeology as a post-graduate degree. So far, lecture halls and administration-related buildings have been completed and post-graduate diploma course will commence on 7 November 2005.

The diploma course for the year 2005-2006 will be conducted with the co-sponsorship of the Department of Archaeology and the University of Culture (Yangon). The course lasts one year after which 'Post Graduate Diploma in Applied Archaeology' (PFDA) will be presented.

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## People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### U Tin Win accredited to Finland, Poland

YANGON, 19 Oct— The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Tin Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Federal Republic of Germany, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Finland.

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### U Hla Myint presents credentials to Emperor of Japan

YANGON, 19 Oct— U Hla Myint, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Japan, presented his Credentials to His Majesty Emperor Akihito, Emperor of Japan, on 7 October, 2005, in Tokyo.

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### Officials leave for PRC

YANGON, 18 Oct—A delegation of 81 entrepreneurs led by U Tin Ko Ko, Executive of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, left here by air yesterday evening to attend the 2nd China-ASEAN Expo to be held from 19 to 22 October in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and officials.

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Executive U Tin Ko Ko of UMFCCI and party seen at the airport before their departure for PRC. UMFCCI

### Shwegabya Pagoda in Bago Township consecrated



Consecration ceremony of Shwegabya Pagoda in progress. —H

YANGON, 18 Oct— A ceremony to consecrate the ancient Shwegabya pagoda in Sagalaykyin village, Bago Township, took place yesterday afternoon at the pagoda. The ceremony was graced by the presence of members of Sangha led by Joint Secretary Sayadaw Dwipitakadhara Aggamahapandita Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee.

After opening the ceremony with three-time recitation of Namo Tassa, the congregation offered provisions to the members of the Sangha. Next, Sayadaw Dwipitakadhara Aggamahapandita Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa delivered a sermon. Afterwards, the Sayadaw handed documents on the pagoda and religious buildings to officials of the pagoda. The ceremony ended by performing rituals of golden and silver showers.—MNA

### SPEI's Thet Paing Toe booked on trip to XXIII SEA Games

YANGON, 18 Oct — A Triathlon qualifier including swimming, cycling and long distance races for XXIII SEA Games was held on 16 October morning. All

participants had to take part in 1500-meter swimming contest in Kandawgyi Lake, 20-meter cycling race from Kandawgyi to Thilawa and 10-kilo metre long distance from Thilawa to Thaketa roundabout.

Thet Paing Toe from Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon) clinched the first place in the triathlon qualifier, followed by Khin Maung Than from Sports and Physical Education Institute (Yangon). Four participants took part in the triathlon qualifier. Thet Paing Toe was booked on a trip to XXIII SEA Games.

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# Russia says US bases in Central Asia should leave

Moscow, 17 Oct — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said on Sunday that US military bases in Central Asia, traditionally a Russian sphere of influence, should go once the security situation in Afghanistan stabilizes.

When asked about Moscow's position on US bases in Central Asia, Lavrov said in an interview on state television that as the situation improved in Afghanistan — where US forces are battling an upsurge in the Taliban attack — "bases probably will not be

necessary".  
"Of course, as soon as the threat of terrorism decreases — and it remains, but it practically no longer requires active military movements — and as the threat declines, then it will be correct to return to the previous situation."  
US troops moved into

Central Asia, establishing airbases in Uzbekistan and Kyrgyzstan, when they overthrew the Taliban government in Afghanistan in 2001 and started to hunt for Osama bin Laden.

More than 1,000 people, most of them militants but including more than 50 US soldiers, have

been killed in Taliban-linked violence this year. Russia is seeking to take advantage of cooling relations between key Central Asian states and Washington, which some of the region's governments suspect of involvement in fomenting popular revolts.—MNA/Reuters

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# China says it has a better vaccine for bird flu

BEIJING, 17 Oct — China has developed a new and better vaccine for use on birds against the avian influenza strain that scientists fear could cause a global pandemic among humans, state media said on Saturday.

The vaccine had the advantage of fighting another common bird disease, as well as the H5N1 influenza strain that has spread from Asia to Europe, state television reported. It identified this as avulavirus APMV-1, also known as Newcastle disease.

"What's more, the new vaccine is safer, more convenient to use and cannot kill new born chicks," it said, listing attributes that made it more attractive to farmers than a vaccine they were already using.

For example, the new vaccine could be applied by spraying.

"In addition, the cost of the new vaccine in mass production is only one fifth of that of the

previous vaccine."

The country was preparing to put the vaccine into mass production, Xinhua new agency reported.

The H5N1 bird flu strain emerged in Hong Kong in 1997, resurfaced in 2003 in South Korea and has since spread to other Asian countries and Europe. It was confirmed on Saturday in Romania.

The disease has infected 117 people and killed 60, according to the World Health Organization, which believes it is only a matter of time before it develops the ability to pass easily from human to human, possibly causing a catastrophic pandemic.

MNA/Reuters

## Two RAF Harriers damaged in Afghan rocket strike

KABUL, 17 Oct — Two RAF Harrier jets have been damaged in a rocket attack by Taliban guerillas on an airfield in southern Afghanistan, a spokesman for US-led foreign forces said on Sunday.

There was no casualties in Friday's rocket attack on Kandahar Airport, where the two British aircraft, part of a fleet of planes led by the US military, were hit, he said.

"The planes were in the parking area and were slightly damaged, but they may be flyable soon," Colonel Jim Yonts, a spokesman for the US military, told Reuters.

Yonts confirmed that the strike was the first to have caused damage to planes inside Kandahar Airport since US-led troops overthrew the Taliban government in 2001 after it refused to hand over Osama bin Laden, architect of the 11 September attacks on US cities.—MNA/Reuters



Kashmiri men load a boat with relief supplies to be delivered to the villages across the Neelum River for the victims of the deadly earthquake, near Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan-administered Kashmir, on 17 October, 2005.

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# Latin American summit backs Cuba despite US concern

SALAMANCA (Spain), 17 Oct — Leaders from Spain, Portugal and Latin America, ignoring US concern, backed a strong call on Saturday for an end to the US blockade of Cuba and for the suspected bomber of a Cuban airliner to be tried.

The 22-nation Ibero-American summit stood by a resolution urging an end to the US embargo on Cuba despite an unusual public expression of concern by the US Embassy in Madrid.

"We ask the government of the United States of America ... to put an end to the economic, commercial and financial blockade that

it maintains against Cuba," a final statement said.

Spain's opposition Press pounced on the resolution as a diplomatic "own goal" for Socialist Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who irritated Washington soon after taking office last year by pulling Spanish troops from Iraq. Zapatero said the Cuba statement was simi-

lar to past UN resolutions and described his government's relations with Washington as "suitable, correct, fluid".

The leaders also approved a Cuban-backed resolution on terrorism in which they supported steps "to achieve the extradition or bring to justice the person responsible for the terrorist attack on a Cuban de Aviacion plane in October

1976 which killed 73 civilians." The resolution is a reference to Luis Posada Carriles, a former CIA operative who Venezuela wants extradited from the United States and put on trial over the bombing.

A US judge has ruled that Posada, who has denied involvement in the attack, may not be deported to Cuba or Venezuela, saying he faced the threat of

torture.

Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque, leading the Cuban delegation in the absence of veteran Communist leader Fidel Castro, hailed the resolutions earlier this week as a victory for Cuban diplomacy.

The US Embassy in Madrid had earlier publicly announced its concern over the two resolutions favouring Cuba.—MNA/Reuters

# Massachusetts city threatened by bulging dam

BOSTON, 18 Oct — Police closed off the southern Massachusetts city of Taunton on Tuesday and evacuated 2,000 people from their homes after a 100-year-old timber dam strained by record rainfall bulged and threatened to break.

Massachusetts emergency management officials said the Whittendon Pond Dam in Taunton, a city of 49,800 people about 33 miles south of Boston, could fail any time in the next 24 to 48 hours after record rainfall swelled rivers and ponds across northeastern United

States last week. "It's basically bulging," said Peter Judge, spokesman for the Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency. "Obviously the flooding we've had is something it has not had to face in recent years," he added. "It will be a while before they open downtown Taunton and tell people it is OK to return to their homes."

The National Weather Service issued a flash flood advisory that said the situation was "extremely dangerous" and "life threatening." A makeshift shelter was

opened for residents who live along a river downstream from the dam.

Torrential rain and floods swamped cities across the northeastern United States last week, washing out roads, triggering mudslides, leading to power outages and forcing hundreds of people to flee their drenched homes.

Massachusetts Gov Mitt Romney declared a state of emergency in Taunton and has estimated the week of rain and floods likely caused \$6.5 million in damage in Massachusetts.—MNA/Reuters



US soldiers arriving to secure an area after five US soldiers were killed when a bomb exploded next to their vehicle in Ramadi recently.—INTERNET

## Russia brushes aside critics of Iran nuclear support

Moscow, 17 Oct — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Sunday brushed aside criticism of Moscow's support for Iran's nuclear energy programme, saying Russia will bow to no country.

"Iran, like any other country, has the full right to develop its peaceful nuclear energy," Lavrov said in an interview on state television.

He said no country had the right to stop Russia's support for a civilian nuclear reactor at Bushehr in Iran.

"No one, including the United States, will challenge our right to continue building the atomic electricity station in Bushehr," he added.

Some US officials have called on governments to freeze nuclear

projects with Iran but others, such as US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, have said they are not pushing Russia on the Bushehr plant.

Russia, one of the key players in the diplomatic moves around Iran's nuclear programme, has repeatedly sought to weaken Washington's attempts to bring Iran's case to the UN Security Council, which could impose sanctions.

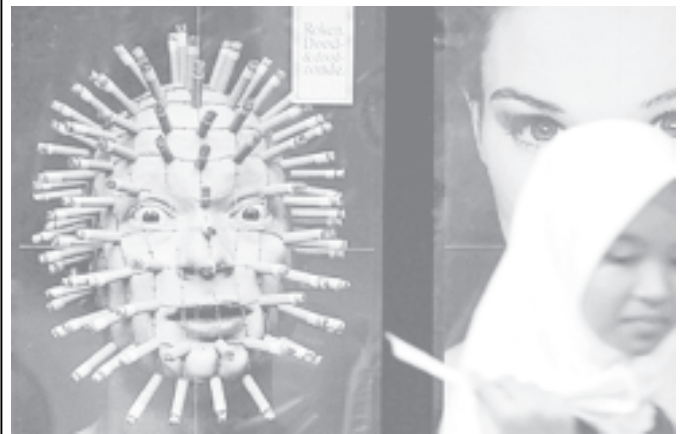
Rice failed on Saturday to win Russia's support for referring Iran to the Council should the

Islamic republic refuse to resume talks over its suspected nuclear arms programmes.

Rice flew to Moscow on a surprise visit to press President Vladimir Putin to commit to backing a referral, which implies the potential for international sanctions, if Iran continued to defy the west, diplomats said.

MNA/Reuters

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A woman walks past anti-smoking posters at an exhibition on the ill effects of smoking in Kuala Lumpur on 17 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

## CIA leak reporter asked about any Cheney role

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct — A federal prosecutor questioned *New York Times* reporter Judith Miller about whether Vice-President Dick Cheney himself was aware or authorized her discussions with his chief of staff, Lewis Libby, about a covert CIA operative, Miller said on Saturday.

Miller also disclosed for the first time that the notebook she used for an interview with Libby in July 2003 contained the name "Valerie Flame," a clear reference to Valerie Plame, the covert operative whose outing triggered a sweeping criminal investigation that has shaken the Bush Administration.

Miller told federal prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald, who could bring indictments as early as next

week, that she did not think Libby was the source of the "Valerie Flame" reference in her notebook but that she could not recall who gave her that information. Plame's diplomat husband, Joseph Wilson, asserts that White House officials outed his wife, damaging her ability to work undercover, to discredit him for accusing the Administration of twisting intelligence to justify the Iraq war in a *New York Times* opinion piece on 6

July, 2003.

Libby and President George W Bush's top political adviser, Karl Rove, are among those who could face charges for talking to reporters about Plame, the lawyers say.

But Miller's account of her testimony to the grand jury suggests Fitzgerald is not only interested in Libby's role in the leak, but also in learning whether he received any direction

from Cheney. During her testimony to the grand jury, Fitzgerald asked whether Cheney was aware of what Libby was doing and saying.

Fitzgerald also asked her "if Mr Libby ever indicated whether Mr Cheney had approved of his interviews with me or was aware of them. The answer was no," Miller wrote. Fitzgerald also questioned Miller about whether a letter she received in jail from Libby last month might have been an attempt to shape her testimony to the grand jury.

In that letter, Libby said Miller should testify about their conversations, but noted that the other reporters who have done so have made clear "they did not discuss Ms Plame's name or identity with me."

Miller said that surprised her "because it might be perceived as an effort by Mr Libby to suggest that I, too, would say we had not discussed Ms Plame's identity."

MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters

## Straw-powered plant to be built in Shanxian County

JINAN, 17 Oct — China has begun to build its first straw power plant in Shanxian County, east China's Shandong Province, said the project's investor, China Biologic Power Group Ltd (Hong Kong).

The plant, with an installed capacity of 25,000 kilowatts, is projected to generate 156 million kilowatt-hours of electricity per year.

The project has a total investment of about 223 million yuan (27.53 million US dollars) and is expected to start operation in June 2006.

Shanxian, a major producer of farm produce in Shandong Province, has an abundance of straw and crop stalks. They are usually burned beside the fields or on nearby highways, not only causing serious pollution to the environment but also posing a potential hazard to drivers and pedestrians.

However, the seemingly hard-to-deal-with straw can be turned into alternative to conventional fuels. With the completion of the new power plant, 200,000 tons of crop stalks will be consumed yearly, saving some 100,000 tons of coal a year.—MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi soldier talks to a man wounded in a drive-by shooting in Baghdad on 15 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

## Ahmadinejad suspects British role in Iran blasts

TEHERAN, 17 Oct — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said on Sunday he suspected Britain played a role in twin bombings that killed five people in southwestern Iran on Saturday, the ISNA students news agency reported.

"We are very suspicious about the role of British forces in perpetrating such terrorist acts," ISNA quoted Ahmadinejad as saying during a Cabinet meeting on Sunday.

His comments heightened a war of words between Teheran and London, which has repeatedly accused Iran of links to a spate of guerrilla attacks against British troops in southern Iraq in recent days.

The British Embassy in Teheran earlier on Sunday denied any links to Saturday's bombings outside a shopping mall in the oil town of Ahvaz, close to Iran's border with Iraq, in which more than 80 people were wounded.

Iranian officials had pre-

viously accused British forces in southern Iraq of training and aiding Arab separatists blamed for a series of other bombings and unrest in the southwestern Khuzestan Province earlier this year.

"Our people are used to these kind of incidents, and our intelligence agents found the footprints of Britain in the same incidents before," Ahmadinejad said.

MNA/Reuters

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## 1,976 US troops killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 17 Oct — As of Monday, 17 Oct, 2005, at least 1,976 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 1,533 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The *AP* count is 14 higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Monday.

The British military has reported

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

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,837 US military members have died, according to *AP*'s count. That includes at least 1,424 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.—Internet



Romanian sanitary workers spray disinfectant on a train coming from Romania's region where bird flu was detected in Fetesti, 150km (93 miles) east of Bucharest on 17 October, 2005. Romania recorded no new cases of bird flu after a mass cull of poultry on Monday.

INTERNET

## Putin says Russia, US have common interests in fighting terrorism

Moscow, 17 Oct—Russia and the United States have many common interests in fighting terrorism and settling regional issues, Russian President Vladimir Putin told visiting US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice at his Novo-Ogaryovo residence near Moscow on Saturday.

"Russia has many common interests with the US and with the Central Asian states in fighting terrorism and settling the situation in Afghanistan," Putin said when meeting Rice, who arrived in Moscow late Friday night, the *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported.

Before Moscow, Rice had completed a lengthy Central Asian tour, visiting Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Kazakhstan and Afghanistan. She then visited Paris, where she announced that Iran's nuclear issue would be on top of the agenda

during her talks with the Russian leadership.

Prior to meeting with Putin, Rice had 90-minute talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Saturday. Her last visit to Moscow was in April, when she came to prepare US President George W Bush's visit to Russia to attend the celebration ceremony of the 60th anniversary of World War II victory. Rice is expected to leave Moscow for London later in the day, the *Interfax* said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Firecrackers greet return of Chinese taikonauts

BEIJING, 17 Oct—China's second manned spacecraft returned on Monday after orbiting the Earth for five days as patriotic fervour gripped the nation and the media hailed the mission as a symbol of China's technological prowess.

Astronauts (taikonauts) Fei Junlong, 40, and Nie Haisheng, 41, were flown to Beijing where they were given a hero's welcome after their *Shenzhou 6* space capsule touched down in the remote steppes of the northern Chinese region of Inner Mongolia.

The two men were in good health after orbiting

the Earth 76 times covering two million miles. State media hailed the mission as a breakthrough marking China's emergence as a major technological power.

Soon after the craft touched down at 4:33 a.m. (2033 GMT), barely half a mile from its target, jubilant residents in Fei's and

Nie's home towns set off firecrackers and performed traditional dragon and lion dances, banging gongs and drums.

"The Motherland is so great!" the official *Xinhua* news agency quoted Fei's father as saying. Fei's mother wept on learning of his safe return.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Major earthquake could occur in New Delhi

NEW DELHI, 17 Oct—Delhi is sitting on a potential killer tremor, that can pull down like a pack of cards the several high-rise buildings dotting the skyline here as the city comes under highly seismic Zone-4 category. The Zone indicates that earthquake measuring up to 6.5 on the Richter Scale could strike the city and its periphery and this intensity could cause severe damage to the buildings that do not

conform to the earthquake resistant norms.

"Possibility of earthquake in Delhi cannot be ruled out, as it comes under Zone-4. And the intensity could go up to 6.5 on the Richter Scale," Director of Earthquake Risk Evaluation Centre of India Meteorological Department A K Shukla told *PTI*.

However, the Himalayan range, Jammu and

Kashmir, Northeastern states and Andaman and Nicobar Islands are the most earthquake vulnerable areas in the country and could witness high intensity tremors up to eight magnitude, Shukla said. These areas come under Zone five, he said.

Shukla said the categories of zones have been finalized on the basis of previous historical data and the geological characteristics of the place.

If the previous data is any indication, Delhi has already witnessed six high-intensity quakes between 1720 and 1996. The capital region was struck by a quake measuring 6.5 on Richter Scale on 15 July, 1720. This was followed by another severe quake of 6.8 intensity on 1 September, 1803.

*MNA/PTI*

## Six US servicemen killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 17 Oct—Five US soldiers have been killed by roadside bomb in Ramadi, west of Baghdad, the US military said in a statement.

The statement gave no details beyond saying the soldiers were assigned to the 2nd Marine Division.

A marine also died in a bomb blast on Saturday in the town of Saqlawiyah, 75km west of Baghdad, the US military added. The soldiers' deaths came as 10 million Iraqis headed to the polls to vote on a referendum on a draft constitution.—*Internet*

## Dozens of Iraqis die in US air strikes

BAGHDAD, 17 Oct—US warplanes and helicopters have bombed two villages near the city of Ramadi where witnesses say at least 39 civilians have been killed, while the US Army says the air strike has killed an estimated 70 fighters.

On Sunday, a group of about two dozen Iraqis gathered around the wreckage of a US vehicle destroyed the previous day by a roadside bomb. The people were hit by the US air strikes, the military and witnesses said.

The air strike hit the crowd which had gathered around to look at the wreckage of the vehicle and to pick pieces off it—as often occurs after an American vehicle is hit. The vehicle was destroyed on election day.

Chiad Saad, a tribal leader, and several witnesses who refused to give their names to pro-

tect their security, said 25 civilians were killed in the attack.

Basim al-Dulaimi, a doctor at Ramadi hospital, said he had received

25 dead and eight wounded and said relatives had told him the victims had been hit in aerial bombardments.

*Internet*

## Child found alive eight days after Kashmir quake

ISLAMABAD, 17 Oct—A young Pakistani girl was pulled alive out of the rubble of the Kashmir earthquake on Sunday, eight days after it pulverized a wide region and killed nearly 40,000 people. Interior Minister Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao had told *Reuters* earlier that four children had been found alive near Balakot, the worst-hit city in the North West Frontier Province neighbouring Pakistani Kashmir. But military spokesman Major-

General Shaukat Sultan said soldiers had been alerted to the girl's survival by two brothers carrying their infant brother.

The boys told soldiers their sister was trapped alive under the rubble of Snaghar, around 4 miles from Balakot, and begged for help to pull her out, he said.

"Our soldiers pulled out the girl today," Sultan said, without giving her age or giving any details of how her brother found her.—*MNA/Reuters*

Don't smoke



US soldiers walk by the wreck of a car bomb in Baghdad, Iraq, following an attack on a police patrol recently.

INTERNET

## New study says warfare wanes and terrorism rises

UNITED NATIONS, 18 Oct — Armed conflicts have dropped 40 per cent since the end of the Cold War and those that persist are killing far fewer people, says a three-year study that attempts to debunk current myths about war and peace.

But even if genocide and human rights abuses are receding, "high-casualty" attacks by terrorists are not, according to the Human Security Report prepared at Canada's University of British Columbia in Vancouver.

Nevertheless, international terrorism kills only a "tiny" number of people each year compared to those who die in war, the report said.

"We no longer have

huge wars with huge armies, major engagements, heavy conventional weapons," said Andrew Mack, an academic and former UN official, who directed the study, funded by Canada, Britain, Sweden, Norway and Switzerland.

"Today's wars are low-intensity fought with light weapons, small arms in very poor countries. They are often extremely brutal but they don't kill

that many people," he told a news conference.

The report found the total number of conflicts declined by 40 per cent since the Cold War ended and the United States and Russia stopped funding proxy wars in developing nations.

The average number of deaths per conflict also dropped from 37,000 in 1950, during the Korean War, to 600 in 2002.

Between 1991 and

2004, 28 armed struggles for self-determination started or restarted while 43 were contained or ended, the study said. In 2004, there were only 25 such conflicts — the lowest number since 1976.

Even the number of refugees dropped by 45 per cent between 1992 and 2003 as more conflicts ended.

MNA/Reuters

## Anbar deputy governor shot dead in Iraq

RAMADI, Iraq, 18 Oct — A senior member of the provincial government in the western Iraqi province of Anbar, the focus of the Sunni Arab attack, was shot dead by gunmen in Ramadi on Tuesday, a local doctor said.

Talib al-Dulaimi, a deputy governor of Anbar Province, was ambushed by gunmen in an attack that also killed his bodyguard, according to doctor Hamdi al-Rawi at Ramadi hospital.

Ramadi, 110 km (68 miles) west of Baghdad, is the capital of Anbar Province, a vast region at

the heart of the Sunni Arab attack.

US forces have conducted a series of operations against guerillas around the city and areas to the west over the past three weeks to try to impose security ahead of last Saturday's constitutional referendum in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

## Egyptian ship collides in Gulf of Suez, many saved

CAIRO, 18 Oct — An Egyptian ship carrying some 1,400 Muslim pilgrims back from Saudi Arabia and a Cypriot commercial vessel collided in the Gulf of Suez on Monday, killing one and injuring 20, Egypt's transport minister said.

He said the passenger ship had sunk after about 20 launches rescued the passengers. He said he had no details of the state of the Cypriot ship or its crew as rescue operations had focused on the passenger ship.

"We concentrated on saving lives. The boat that carried people has sunk now. Thank God that we moved all the people from there," Transport Minister Essam Sharaf said.

The passenger ship, the *Al Salam*

95, which is owned by the Egyptian company el-Salam Maritime Transport, was en route from the Saudi port of Jeddah after the passengers performed the umra, or lesser pilgrimage in Mecca.

The company's web site says the vessel had a gross tonnage of 5,857 tons and room for 2,221 passengers.

The collision took place three hours sailing time south of Suez and tugs are now pulling it towards Suez, the sources said. — MNA/Reuters

## Jakarta building blast possibly a gas explosion

JAKARTA, 18 Oct — An explosion, possibly caused by a gas canister, blew out windows in a top floor of an office tower in the Indonesian capital Jakarta on Monday, a member of the building management said.

The official, who gave his name as Andri, said the blast came from a restaurant being renovated on the 20th floor of the Sona Topas Tower on Jalan Sudirman Street, the city's main business district.

"There is a restaurant on the 20th floor and the blast occurred there... It is being investigated whether it was caused by gas," Andri told Reuters.

The building, which houses several

foreign companies, was evacuated.

Two people were injured, El Shinta radio station said. Police could not immediately be reached for comment.

Indonesia has been on alert for further bomb attacks in the wake of triple suicide bombings on the resort island of Bali on October 1 that killed 20 people.

MNA/Reuters



Water canons extinguish a fire on board a trawler, in a dockyard in Russia's Far East garrison town of Petropavlovsk-Kamchatsky on 17 October, 2005. The fire that injured six people on Monday was successfully extinguished, news agency ITAR-TASS reported. — INTERNET

## Pakistan faces second wave of quake death

MUZAFFARABAD (Pakistan), 18 Oct — Quake-hit northern Pakistan faces a second wave of deaths with thousands of injured lying untreated in the remnants of remote mountain villages as winter closes in fast, doctors and aid officials said on Monday.

Authorities are launching a house-to-house survey in Pakistani Kashmir this week to try to determine the scale of the disaster, but aid and medical workers say the dying has not stopped and it could accelerate unless more help arrives fast.

"There are going to be a lot more deaths from this earthquake," said Sean Keogh, a doctor at the British medical aid group Merlin with the confirmed death toll at nearly 40,000 and expected to rise substantially.

Keogh and a Pakistani colleague had just returned from a three-day trek down the badly hit Neelum Valley north of Muzaffarabad, the capital of Pakistani Kashmir.

The road up the valley was swept away by landslides triggered by the 7.6 magnitude quake on October 8. The Pakistani Army is struggling to cut a new road, but progress is painfully slow and it says the work will take months.

Thousands of people injured in the earthquake remain stranded in the valley and in villages cut off by landslides, high up on the slopes, Keogh said.

"There are 1,000 to 2,000 significantly wounded that need surgical treatment. Nobody knows how many are up on the slopes," Keogh said of just one area at the top of the valley, Panjkot.

He said he had seen numerous people with compound fractures, all getting infected. A seven-man Pakistani Army medical team had been flown in by helicopter but was running out of supplies fast.

"We saw rows of people in a really bad way with suppurating wounds. They need urgent treatment," Keogh said.

"Wounds are pouring puss, patients are going to get septic and die," he said. Keogh said field hospitals had to be set up in the valley, which has a population of at least 150,000 people.

"There are so many injured we're not going to get them all out by helicopter," he said. "You go up into these hills, there are loads of them everywhere and it's getting very cold. Shelter is a real problem."

"There's a big food issue, they're starting to run out, but their urgent need is shelter," he said. — MNA/Reuters



A US soldier walks at the scene of a suicide car bomb attack in Baghdad, Iraq, on 10 Oct, 2005.

INTERNET

## Common enemy penetrating into the nation through IT

*Chingya (Maubin)*

The art of Myanmar drama, part of Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts, is intended not just for entertainment but for enhancing the secular and religious benefits of the people. It has helped systematize way of social life of Myanmar society throughout the successive eras.

The report on drama dated 14th Waxing of Tabodwe in 1138 (Myanmar Era) in the time of King Bodaw Phaya said that only dramas based on historical stories such as Eindawuda, Thukundala and Ramayana and the dramas based on Buddha's life stories such as Wizaya are allowed to stage and the dramas based on fantasy are not allowed. If fantasy dramas are staged, the ministers for drama were to take action.

It was because if fantasy dramas were staged, they could mislead the audience into copying improper outlook presented in the dramas. The dramas based on Buddha's life stories and the stories associated with Myanmar traditions were to be staged.

In the time of King Mindon, there emerged famous dramas such as Paduma, Yaythe, Vijaya, Kosala, Vessantara and Maho written by Salay U Ponnya. The Myanmar dramas in olden days were aimed to entertain and to educate the people. Indeed, staging dramas based on Buddha's life stories made the people more polite and gentle.

The dramas at that time served as newspaper. At a time when newspaper was not popular yet, dramas were designed to uplift morale and morality of the people.

Vidhura Drama, the true story of Buddha, has been prescribed for the Drama Competition of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. It is one of the stories relating to ten of the previous lives of Buddha.

The purpose of Vidhura Drama Competition is to enable the people to study Sadhunara Teaching (way to progress), to taste the eight kinds of enjoyment, and to be aware of evil results of excessively enjoying sensual pleasures and gambling.

Now, the State Peace and Development Council, in its drive for national development, has been implementing the 24-region special development project, border areas and national races development project, and the five rural development tasks with the aim of ensuring equitable development of all parts of the Union. In consequence, per capita income of

national people has surged to K 160,000 in 2004-2005 fiscal year, up from K 4,000 in 1988.

The entire national people are to abstain from gambling that disrupts the interest of individuals and the nation. Nowadays, the gambling of illegal two-figure numbers game is somewhat popular in the nation.

The elements finding faults with Myanmar are levelling allegations against the nation citing the two-figure numbers game through the broadcasting stations that are under the influence of West bloc. In Myanmar, gambling is a crime that is committed stealthily. The gambling act was enacted in Myanmar in 1867 and 1884. In 1899, the Burma Gambling Act was enacted. The Myanmar society disapproves of gambling. The drama competitions of the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have educated the people to refrain from gambling.

According to the article "The Gambler Who Must" by Steye Lady in Reader's Digest magazine (March 1975 issue), in the US, there were about 50 million gamblers with the stake of 100 billion US dollars yearly. Some banks in Western countries officially appoint observers of gambling business. *Misferlein* who served for a German bank based in New York was well-known as an observer of gambling business.

The hotels in Western countries are facilitated with casinos, and casino bosses were said to have access to the White House.

Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions are held annually with a view to enhancing nationalistic fervour of the people in order that the national culture does not come under the domination of decadent alien culture that is penetrating into the nation through IT. Gambling in the illegal numbers game based on the programme of a satellite channel, a means of IT, disrupts the national interests. So, it is the common enemy of the nation.

I would like to urge the people to oppose the gambling in the two-figure numbers game entering the nation through the programme of a satellite channel, a means of IT, while taking lessons of evil results of gambling from Vidhura Drama Competition being staged in the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

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Ngamiyya Tin Thein's Drama Troupe representing Mandalay Division competing in the Vidhura Drama Contest. —MNA

## Maintain the Beauty of Myanmar Stage

(1)

Myanmar stage, existing vibrant  
From early age, music and dances  
Songs, written and sung  
Youthful, new, invented and moulded  
Lilting tune, the harp, the pipe  
Wind and clappers, pleasant  
Touches the heart.

(2)

Descended from Pyu to Sriekstra  
Hand down the path of performing  
Like variegated flowers in bloom  
Aged, for years by the thousand  
Last through oil lamp dance and marionette  
Maintaining the ancient dances  
Steps and movements, accord with tradition  
Based on it, they innovated anew  
Fresh, youthful and vibrant.  
The duet makes one merry  
Songs sung as the night begins  
As a start.

(3)

After duet is over  
The king, with throne and palace  
Appears in regal administration  
In kingly stance, words pronounced  
Exhorts "Citizens of the land  
People of all walks, are they free  
From all worry and strife, Ministers."  
Thus discussing the welfare of all  
Receive in audience, in pomp.  
Thus laying the plot, Myanmar stage  
As is the custom, includes weal and woe  
With pronouncements, lamentations  
With tradition so high  
It has survived and spread  
Strongly, the mast stands firm  
With permanence.

(4)

Myanmar stage, inventions anew  
Contemporary style, play and plot  
Drama that moves up front  
Makes headway, successful, beauty begins  
Kept performing, so that the people  
May enjoy together, the many plays  
That inject strength in them  
A new age of people loving culture dawns.

(5)

Contemporarily sculpted, young culture  
Money is the essential to bloom  
For it is compulsory  
And that spoils the stage  
Which then gets eclipsed by stage show  
As if ten suns boiling in heart  
In that heat, shouting and yelling  
Banging all instruments, explosive  
renditions  
Ear splitting Rock and Rap  
Untraditional, going after what's new  
Destroying the nest, the show is spoilt  
Unightly, one feels that way  
Where is Myanmar culture?  
The heart is bitterly torn asunder.

(6)

Today, with construction  
Our era has arrived, sparkling and bright  
With flowers abloom, fresh an unshed  
Like an art being created  
Myanmar dance, Myanmar beauty  
Based on music, correct tradition  
The state is bringing out  
The Performing Arts Competitions  
No end to accolade, the earth witnesseth  
Quakes and echoes,  
In tumultuous celebration.

Kaytu Nila (Trs)

(Honouring the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions)

## Ngwepinle Fishes and Crustaceans...

(from page 1)  
and Fisheries Co Ltd Col Myint Aung and Chairman of Asian Prosperity Manufacturing Co Ltd U Soe Tun Shein formally opened the fishes and crustaceans trading zone.

Next, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and guests inspected production process of the company, marketing and market complex and shops.

Next, the ceremony commenced at the

market complex with an address by Lt-Gen Tin Aye. Lt-Gen Tin Aye said that Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd in collaboration with local and foreign entrepreneurs established the Ngwepinle Industrial Zone in Hlinethaya Township with the aim of producing marine products of high quality and of exporting them more and more.

He said that necessary infrastructures such as electrification and installation of telephones were carried out in the zone while the requirements of entrepreneurs

are being fulfilled.

The emergence of the fish and prawn marketing zone created an opportunity for those who are engaged in fisheries to export marine products of high quality, he said and called on the entrepreneurs to make earnest efforts for further success of the fish and prawn marketing.

Afterwards, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein expressed his delight for the opening of the zone.

Next, Chairman of Asian Prosperity Manufacturing Co Ltd U Soe



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and officials formally unveil the signboard of Ngwepinle Fishes and Crustaceans Trading Zone. — MNA

Tun Shein spoke words of thanks. At the Ngwepinle Fishes and Crustaceans Trading

Zone, there are two 2-storey market complexes of international level, where producers and buyers are

able to make direct trading, and the zone is complete with full services.

MNA



Ngwepinle Fishes and Crustaceans Trading Zone in Hlinethaya Township in Yangon North District. — MNA

## Officials read papers on advance report of Myanmar census of agriculture

YANGON, 18 Oct — The opening session of the meeting of the Review and Discussion on Advance Report of Myanmar Census of Agriculture was held at Sedona Hotel here today.

Speaking on the occasion, Director-General of Settlement and Land Records Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation U Win Kyi said that the meeting clearly demonstrates Myanmar's continued efforts, the wish and determination to im-

prove her food and agricultural statistics.

The objective of the meeting is to invite the participants' comments and suggestions on the results of the Advance Report on Myanmar Census of Agriculture 2003, he said, urging the participants to continue their good work by putting further efforts in order to sustain the quality of the agricultural statistics so far achieved.

The director-general expressed belief that the discussions and idea

of the participants will be beneficial not only to the Project but also to the organisations concerned and the entire nation.

"I also believe that the meeting offers timely opportunity to review your actual situation on the food and agricultural statistics and its needs for the improvement and to take advantage of the opportunities available to receive maximum benefits from the Myanmar Census of Agriculture 2003", he said.

The meeting will

make great contributions to the agricultural sector development and food security of the country, he said.

Dr Frederick Baker of FAO in Bangkok then gave a speech. Six resource persons read papers. U Win Kyi gave the concluding remarks.

Officials of the departments and enterprises of the Ministry of A&I and UN agencies and guests were also present.

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## Education Minister receives ambassadors

YANGON, 18 Oct — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein received Japanese Ambassador Mr Nobutake Odano and Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Ju-Heum this morning at Diamond Jubilee Hall in Kamayut Township separately.

At the meetings,

they discussed cooperative activities in education sector in Myanmar.

Also present at the calls were Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt and Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and directors-generals of the departments under the ministry.

MNA

## Deputy FM leaves for India

YANGON, 18 Oct — At the invitation of Shyam Saran, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs of India, a Myanmar delegation led by U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs, left here by air this morning to attend the Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations to be held at the Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon Internal airport by Directors-General of the ministry, departmental

officials and Mr Manoj Bharti, Charge d' Affaires a.i of the Embassy of India.

Deputy Foreign Minister U Kyaw Thu was accompanied by U Nyan Lynn, Director-General of the Consular and Legal Affairs Department, U Myint Soe, Director of the International Organizations and Economic Department, Daw Myat Thida Aye, Head of Branch-1 and U Khin Maung Htay, Head of Branch-2 of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

MNA



Dr Frederick Baker of FAO Resident Representative's Office in Bangkok speaks on the occasion.

MNA



## Minister inspects hydel power projects in Bago Division



Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut and party inspect Yenwe Hydro-electric power project in Bago Division. — MNA

YANGON, 18 Oct — Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Deputy Minister U Myo Myint yesterday went to the hydel power project in Shwegyin and inspected construction of diversion tunnel, intake channel and the main dam.

On his inspection tour, the minister called for

timely completion of the project, thrifty use of materials and cooperation with other ministries.

On 16 October, they also went to Yenwe Hydel Power Project in Bago Division and inspected construction work and installation of electrical equipment. — MNA

## PBANRDA Ministry holds work coord meeting

YANGON, 18 Oct — The Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs held a meeting at the Development Affairs Department at No 245 on Thanlyansun Street in Botahtaung Township this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Than Tun and Col Tin Ngwe, directors-general, managing director, deputy directors-general and directors of the Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department, the Development Affairs Department, the Education and Training Department and the Devel-

opment Affairs Bank Ltd, directors of state/division development affairs committee, deputy superintending engineers, executive officers, engineers in charge, and coordinators of state/division regional development affairs supervisory committee.

The minister in his speech instructed the Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department to complete the projects for development of border areas as soon as possible and to effectively use the machinery, the Development Affairs Department to step up implementation of tasks for sprucing up urban areas, transport projects and rural water supply projects, especially for timely completion of safe water supply projects, rural



Minister Col Thein Nyunt addresses the coordination meeting of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. —PBANDRA

model housing project and district-to-district roads with standards, and to make efforts in the interests of the people.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Tun gave instructions on development of border areas and national races, tasks of the Education and Train-

ing Department, nationality youths development schools and vocational training centres for women in border areas, and Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe on development affairs tasks.

Officials reported on progress of work and coordination between departments, and regional supervisors on requirements of respective regions. The minister provided assistance for the regions.

Director-General of the DAD U Myo Myint presented future plans to be implemented through assessment of strengths and weaknesses in implementing tasks during the previous four-month period, and directors of state/division Development Affairs Committees, work progress. In the afternoon session, the directors of state/division Development Affairs Committees and deputy superintending engineers

reported on progress of work in respective states and divisions.

From 1 April to the end of August, the DAD has upgraded 70 miles and seven furlongs of urban roads and 102 miles and one furlong of rural roads and constructed 95 miles and six furlongs of earth roads. In addition, from 2000-2001 to August 2005, it has implemented 20,904 water supply projects in 14,540 villages. — MNA



The meeting of 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 in progress. — MNA

## Coord meeting for performing arts competitions held

YANGON, 18 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 at 5 pm today, with an address by Chairman of Working Committee Commander of No 3 Military Region Col

Tint Hsan.

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

## First Kathina robes offering of Mingala Market held

YANGON, 18 Oct — The first Kathina robes offering of Mingala Market was held at the Dhammayon of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) on Kaba Aye Hill this afternoon.

Present were members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Chief Nayaka Sayadaw of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon), lecturer Sayadaws, student members of the Sangha, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, heads of department of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, service personnel and shopkeepers.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Vice-Chancellor of the State Pariyatti Sasana Universities Sayadaw Ponnama Yamazay Kyaungtaik of Nyaungdon Abhidhaja Maha Ratha Guru Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

The minister, heads of department and wellwishers presented offertories to the Sayadaws. Chairman of the State Pariyatti Sasana Universities Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw of Aungmingala Sarthintaik of Thayet Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Agga Maha Kamahtanacariya Bhaddanta Kesara delivered a sermon.

Heads of departments and wellwishers offered Kathina robes and cash to 450 members of the Sangha. — MNA

# Performing Arts Competitions continue Enthusiasts and tourists enjoy the competitions

**YANGON, 18 Oct** — The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held with the objectives of vitalizing patriotism and nationalism; preserving and safeguarding Myanmar cultural heritage; perpetuating genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts; preserving Myanmar national character; nurturing spiritual development of the youths; preventing influence of alien culture; and strengthening national unity and Union Spirit continued on a grand scale at the designated venues for the fifth day today.

Member of the panel of patrons for organizing the competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice-

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Holding the Competitions 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 and tourists watched the competitions.

The singing contest continued for the fifth day at the multi-purpose hall of the National Museum. Chairperson of the Panel of Judges Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya of Myanmar Radio and Television, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khaing and members supervised the contest.

Altogether 15 contestants from States and



*Daw Aye Mar Thi and troupe taking part in the women's professional level orchestra contest. —MNA*

Divisions took part in the basic education level (aged 15-20) women's religious song contest and 15 persons in the amateur level men's classical and modern song contest.

On 19 October, higher education level (men) classical song contest and basic education level (aged 10-15) classical song contest will take place at the same venue. At the National Theatre, 10 contestants participated in the professional level men's dancing contest and 14 girls in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls' dancing contest. Chairman of the Panel of Judges Wunna Kyawhtin U Sein Aung Min and members supervised the dancing contest.

Higher education level (women) dancing contest and basic education level (aged 10-15) (boy) dancing contest will be held tomorrow.

Participants rehearsed songs composed on 14 October at Pantra School.

The music contest continued at Padonma Theatre today. Daw Yin Yin Nu and troupe of Yangon Division, Daw Nyo Nyo Seint and

vision and Daw Aye Mar Thi and troupe of Mon State participated in the professional level women's orchestra contest.

In the afternoon, participants from Yangon Division and Mandalay Division took part in the

U Sein Hla Myaing and members of the panel of judges supervised the contests.

Professional level (men's) and basic education level (aged 15-20) (men's) individual orchestra contest will be held tomorrow at the same venue.

At Kanbawza Theatre, four contestants competed in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boy's guitar contest; two girls in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' guitar contest; 11 persons in the amateur level (men) guitar contest; and three persons in amateur level (women) guitar contest.

Today's music contest was supervised by Chairman of the panel of judges Gitalulin U Ko Ko and party. Professional level (men and women) and basic education level (aged 5-10) violin contests will be held tomorrow. —MNA



*Ma Aye Nandar Htet of Yangon Division takes part in girls' BEHS level dancing contest (aged 15-20)—MNA*



*U Thet Win of Kachin State participating in men's amateur level classical song contest. — MNA*

troupe of Mandalay Division, Daw Hla Hla Khaing and troupe of Ayeyawady Division, Daw Hta Hta Myint and troupe of Mandalay Di-

basic education level (aged 15-20) (women's) orchestra contest and basic education level (aged 5-10) (girl's) orchestra contests.

## Objectives of 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

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- To prevent influence of alien culture; and
- To strengthen national unity and Union Spirit.



*Maung Phyo Min Zaw of Kachin State takes part in boys' BEHS level musical playing contest (aged 10-15)—MNA*

# Annual General Meeting of Mon State USDA held



USDA CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint speaks at the Mon State Union Solidarity and Development Association Annual General Meeting. — MINES

YANGON, 18 Oct — Mon State Union Solidarity and Development Association held its Annual General Meeting for 2005 at the meeting hall of Mon State in Mawlamyine on 16 October.

Present on the occasion were Member of Panel of Patrons of Union Solidarity and Development Association Patron of Mon State Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Secretariat Member of USDA Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, departmental heads at state and district levels, Secretary of Mon State USDA U Tin Soe Moe Naing, executives of districts and townships, members of social organizations, wellwishers, outstanding students and members of USDA.

First, members of Mawlamyine Township and students of No 8 and No 9 Basic Education High Schools presented Pyidaungsu and Zartiman songs on the occasion.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Secretariat Member Brig-Gen Ohn Myint made speeches on the occasion. Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint accepted cash donation presented by Secretariat Member Brig-Gen Ohn Myint. At the same time, the patron, the secretariat member and departmental heads accepted cash for Mon State USDA donated by wellwishers and the public. After that, the patron, the secretariat member and departmental heads presented prizes to the students who had clinched distinctions in the matriculation examination for 2005, the schools winning good results and the courses conducted by USDA.

In the afternoon, the secretariat member viewed progress in building of Kawkhapon Village Middle School in Mudon Township, met with faculty members, left necessary instructions on measures to be taken for building the school as soon as possible and fulfilled the needs.

After donating alms to Sayadaw of Sasana Waiponlayama Monastery, he enjoyed Myanmar Traditional Boat Race held in Mudon Township. Next, he viewed renovation of Mudon Township Sasana Hospital and fulfilled the requirements.

In the evening, following the inspection of renovation of Mon State USDA's Office, the secretariat members gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks.

The following day, the commander together with the secretariat member attended the opening ceremony of Kyaikhtyi Buddha Pujaniya Festival and 20-KW hydro electric power station, organized by USDA. On behalf of the locals, a townelder expressed his gratitude. Next, local authorities formally opened the power station by cutting a ribbon. Afterwards, the commander and the secretariat member pressed a button to turn on electricity. After that, the secretariat member presented cash donation for the power station through the commander. After presenting books for Pyoekhinthit library and mosquito nets to officials concerned, the commander and the secretariat member met with townelders. The secretariat member viewed the extended school building of No 1 BEHS in Kyaikto and left necessary instructions. — MNA

## Industry-2 Minister goes on inspection tour of Multi-purpose diesel engine manufacturing factory project (Thagara)

YANGON, 18 Oct — Accompanied by officials concerned, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin went on an inspection tour of Multi-purpose diesel engine manufacturing factory project (Thagara) of Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries in Yedashe Township, Bago Division on 16 October afternoon.

At the briefing hall, Acting Managing Director of Myanma Industrial Construction Service U Aung Kyi briefed the minister on progress in construction of industrial building and administrative buildings, arrangements to be carried out, efforts for water supply; Deputy Director of MADEI U Myo Aung on measures to be taken for construction of extended industries and workshops and General Manager U Myo Thein on growing of teak and other plants in project areas and conservation of reserve forest.

In connection with the reports, the minister gave instructions on timely completion of industrial construction services, measures to draw daily normal services for the project, arrangements to be made for security in project areas, extended cultivation of teak, other perennial trees and valuable ones in project areas.

Next, the minister inspected progress in building of foundry shop, preparedness for earth work, construction of industrial and administrative buildings and the chosen site to construct excavator manufacturing factory.

Afterwards, the minister gave instructions on construction of the buildings meeting the set standard, systematic measures for paving the roads in industrial areas, worksite safety and minimizing of loss and wastage of fuel.

After that, the minister and party left Multi-purpose diesel engine manufacturing factory project (Thagara) on 17 October and arrived here in the evening. — MNA

## Cho Min Oo emerges champion in junior snooker contest

YANGON, 18 Oct — The final match of Vegas Myanmar Snooker contest (senior and junior divisions) organized by the Myanmar Billiard and Snooker Federation and Sein Wut-hmon Co, took place in Asia Plaza Hotel on 16 October evening.

In the final match, Cho Min Oo (Yangon) beat Zeya Htet (Yangon) 3-2 and won the first prize. The second went to Zeya Htet (Yangon) and the third to Win Khaing (Yangon).

A total of 13 contestants won consolation prizes. Officials of the MBSF and the company presented prizes to the winners. The first prize was K 400,000, the second prize K 200,000, the third prize K 100,000 and consolation prize K 30,000. — H



An official of the MBSF presents the first prize to Cho Min Oo, champion of junior snooker contest. H

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**Disease threatens survivors  
of Guatemala mudslide**

**PANABAJ (Guatemala), 17 Oct—Doctors fear that overcrowding and septic water could lead to a rash of illness among survivors of a landslide that swept away their Maya Indian village this month.**

Thousands of people from Panabaj have crammed into churches and houses in the nearby village of Santiago and other towns while the government races to build temporary shelters.

"The worst problem now is the risk of epidemics," Alfonso Verdu, coordinator of Doctors Without Borders in Guatemala, said late on Saturday. "I don't think the situation in Santiago is under control."

He said doctors have seen dozens of cases of diarrhoea among survivors as well as dysentery, hepatitis A and chicken pox. Thousands of people were vaccinated against tetanus last week in the main square of the Santiago.

Panabaj sat between a volcano and Lake Atitlan's turquoise waters in spectacular countryside that draws thousands of American and European backpackers every year.

But it disappeared on October 5 under a deadly slick of mud, rocks and trees that poured hundreds of yards (metres) down the volcano after Hurricane Stan drenched the region with rain.

Police prevented people on Sunday from entering the stinking remains of the mostly buried town where authorities say there could be more than 1,000 dead, but stray dogs roamed among the ruins.

*MNA/Reuters*

**Sun shines in US northeast but  
flood alert remains**

**BOSTON, 17 Oct—Floods receded and blue skies stretched across the northeastern United States on Sunday after record rainfall for the typically crisp, dry autumn season, but rivers are dangerously swollen near hundreds of homes.**

Flood warnings remained across much of the Northeast after a week of unrelenting rain swamped cities, washed out roads, triggered mudslides and forced more than 1,000 people to flee their waterlogged homes.

"The flood waters have receded but it's not totally over yet," said Peter Judge, spokesman for the Massachusetts Emer-

gency Management Agency. "There are quite a number of rivers that remain above flood stage." But from Massachusetts to Connecticut and southern New Hampshire, the sun emerged and hundreds returned home, a day after clear skies opened over New York and New Jersey, where about 12 inches of rain had fallen since on 7 October.—*MNA/Reuters*



**"NY Times" says newspapers role in CIA leak bruising**

**WASHINGTON, 17 Oct—New York Times said on Sunday it had been bruised in the case of reporter Judith Miller, who went to jail rather than reveal a source in a federal investigation of the outing of a CIA operative.**

In a front-page report, the newspaper said that while its editors had stood behind Miller, paying millions in legal fees, they left the handling of the case up to her — "an intrepid reporter whom editors found hard to control."

Indeed, former investigative editor Douglas Frantz said Miller once jokingly called herself "Miss Run Amok," because, as she explained, "I can do whatever I want."

After spending 85 days in jail to protect the

confidentiality of a top aide to Vice-President Dick Cheney, Miller testified that the aide, Lewis "Scooter" Libby had mentioned, but did not name, Plame in three conversations.

Miller said she withheld her source until she was convinced he was freely waiving his confidentiality right.

The newspaper's editors rallied around Miller's right to protect her source, but internally the newspaper's staff was divided and tense, particularly over the way it was being scooped on its own story.

"Neither the Times nor its cause has emerged unbruised," the paper said in its report, which was accompanied by Miller's

first-person account of her grand jury testimony.

Three courts, including the Supreme Court, declined to back Miller, forcing her to go to jail to protect her source. The newspaper then came under criticism for protecting an Administration source who was trying to discredit Plame's husband, diplomat Joe Wilson, for his criticism of the Iraq war. And, the paper did not report its own story fully -- even declining to name Libby after several other news organizations had identified him.

While the paper's staff was beaten on the story of her release from jail, Times publisher Arthur Sulzberger Jr. and executive editor Bill Keller were taking her to a

Washington hotel for a massage, manicure, martini and steak dinner.

Asked what she regretted about the paper's handling of the Miller case, editor Jill Abramson said, "The entire thing."

The Times article acknowledged that Miller, 57, who won a Pulitzer prize with a Times team for articles on al-Qaeda, was a divisive figure in the newroom. Miller also noted flaws in her reporting on Iraq weapons of mass destruction, which were never found. In May 2004, the paper published a note critical of its coverage up the start of the war. The paper said Sunday five of the six articles criticized were by Miller.

*MNA/Reuters*



*A Chinese tour group watches the safe return of astronauts Fei Junlong and Nie Haisheng to Earth, after China's second manned space mission, at a large outdoor screen in Beijing on 17 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET*

**Indian mortar system lands near  
Russian Defence Minister**

**MOSCOW, 17 Oct—An Indian mortar system landed just metres from Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov and his Indian counterpart on Sunday while they watched joint military exercises in western India, Russian news agencies said.**

The mortar system, parachuted from an Indian aircraft, was shown on Russian television as it approached the ground

near the platform where Ivanov and Indian Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee were sitting, *ITAR-TASS* reported.

Journalists and soldiers were shown running for cover but Ivanov, a former spy and close friend of President Vladimir Putin, and Mukherjee remained seated.

Ivanov, sporting sunglasses and a military cap, brushed off the incident and praised the Indian Air Force for such accuracy.

"Today an artillery system of India's airborne forces landed right be-

tween two sand-dunes which is the ideal concealment from the enemy. So I raise my cap to Indian pilots," Ivanov said, *ITAR-TASS* reported.

The 120-mm mortar, fixed on a military vehicle, was dropped during "anti-terrorist" exercises at the Mahajan firing range in north-western Rajasthan.

India and Russia, the source of 70 per cent of New Delhi's military equipment, share strong ties and will hold naval exercises later in the week while Moscow also seeks closer relations with China.— *MNA/Reuters*

*South Korea's first domestically-manufactured supersonic trainer jet T-50 takes off at the Seoul Military Airport in South Korea, on Monday, 17 Oct, 2005.  
INTERNET*

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Ultra-orthodox Jews check citrons for blemishes before buying them at a special market in Mea Shearim neighbourhood in Jerusalem on 16 October, 2005.—INTERNET

### Beijing builds on-line consultation network for mental disorders

BEIJING, 17 Oct— Some residents in China's capital will consult specialists about emotional disorders on-line as of Monday. They will acquire guidance on medical treatment, medicine usage and recovery from the experts through the "face-to-face" communication.

According to sources with the municipal health authorities, Beijing has recently built its first community-based on-line consultation network for mental disorders. The network now covers 42 communities in Chaoyang District of eastern Beijing.

The sources said there are now approximately 100,000 residents above 15 years of age, or about one per cent of the city's

total population, who suffer from mental disorders in Beijing.

It is believed that the establishment of the community-based Internet "hospital" will provide easy and timely access to experts for new patients, and allow old patients to gain timely adjustments in medical treatment in line with changes in their ailments.

Beijing's latest survey

of depression and other emotional disorders found that the top three emotional disorders are depression, schizophrenia and senile dementia.

The survey also show that 71.8 per cent of the respondents lack knowledge about mental disorders.

Poor awareness delays diagnosis and professional medical treatment.

MNA/Xinhua

### Qinghai selected as China's most beautiful lake

XINING, 16 Oct— Qinghai Lake, China's largest inland saltwater lake in the northwestern Qinghai Province ranks top of China's five most beautiful lakes in a latest competition activity by the magazine of China National Geography to select the country's most beautiful places.

Located at about 3,200 metres above sea level, the lake covers 4,300 square kilometres. It has abundant fish and other aquatic creatures, which in turn attracts large flocks of birds to perch in the is-

lands of the lake. The other four of the most beautiful lakes selected by the magazine are Kanas Lake in Xinjiang, Namtso Lake in Tibet, Heaven's Pool (Tian Chi) in northeast China's Jilin Province and

West Lake in east China's Zhejiang Province.

More than 10 Chinese academicians and 100 experts formed a panel to select the most beautiful places in 15 categories. The panel also selected

China's most beautiful mountains, canyons, caves, islands, coastlines, deserts, cities, villages, waterfalls, forests, prairies, glaciers and wetlands.

MNA/Xinhua

### Baby girl brings joy in devastated Pakistani city

MUZAFFARABAD, 17 Oct— New life emerged from the ruins of devastated Pakistani Kashmir on Saturday when a woman rescued from an earthquake-devastated mountain village gave birth to a baby girl.

The woman, Naseema Bibi, was outside her home in the remote Himalayan village of Paktika when the earthquake struck a week ago, her husband said.

"I'm very happy, I have a new baby," said the father, Mohammad Munir, who had been camping out in the cold and wet with his wife and two other children since their home was destroyed.

MNA/Reuters

### PM says quake caused \$5b of damage in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 17 Oct— Around 5 billion US dollars' worth of damage was caused by the earthquake that killed at least 38,000 people in northern Pakistan a week ago, Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said on Saturday.

Aziz told a news conference there had been pledges of 500 million US dollars from abroad, while three billion rupees had been raised within Pakistan. The United Nations has raised its appeal for Pakistan to over 300 million US dollars.

He said that while relief and rescue operations were going on, a preliminary assessment of the damage had been carried out.

"The overall assessment — government, private sector and infrastructure — would be close to 5 billion US dol-

lars," said Aziz, who earlier this week said Pakistan would rebuild towns and cities.

But first it has to erect tent villages to shelter the homeless, estimated by the United Nations at one million and 2.5 million by Pakistan.

MNA/Reuters

### Poll shows most Japanese support female royal succession

TOKYO, 17 Oct— A record number of Japanese want a law on imperial succession changed to allow a woman to succeed to the throne, an opinion poll showed.

The Tokyo Shimbun newspaper said on Sunday the poll showed 84 per cent of respondents approved of the idea that an Empress could rule Japan, which the paper said was the highest proportion it had ever recorded in such a survey.

The question of succession to the throne now occupied by 71-year-old Emperor Akihito is gaining urgency

because no boys have been born into the Imperial household for four decades. The poll comes weeks before an advisory panel to Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi is expected to issue recommendations on whether to revise the 1947 law limiting accession to males and their descendants.

MNA/Reuters

### Turkish vet says chicken tests do not show bird flu

ANKARA, 17 Oct — A senior veterinarian was quoted on Sunday as saying that early tests on 1,000 chickens that died in Turkey did not point to bird flu, but officials stopped poultry transportation in the province where the chickens died.

Initial findings did not show the chickens in Agri Province died from bird flu, the state Anatolian news agency reported head of a local veterinary institute, Ufuk Dinler, as saying. Final test results are expected in five or six days, he said.

But Agri's state agriculture office director Haci Arap Sanli said that entry and exit of chickens had been stopped in the province, and the location where the chickens died was treated with disinfectant.

"Poultry in our region is not developed, and chickens brought from outside are sold here," Sanli said.

The chickens were brought from northwestern Turkey, where bird flu has been detected, before they died on Saturday in Agri, near the Iranian border.

MNA/Reuters



The Black Eagles flies in formation during the Seoul Air Show 2005 in South Korea, on 17 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

## SPORTS

## Milan beat Cagliari to keep Juventus in sight

ROME, 18 Oct— AC Milan kept up their pursuit of Serie A leaders Juventus when they cruised to a 2-0 win at Cagliari on Sunday.

The result lifted Milan to second place on 16 points from seven matches, five points behind Juventus, who maintained their 100 per cent winning start to the season by beating Messina 1-0 on Saturday. Milan's city rivals Inter also enjoyed an easy victory, crushing Livorno 5-0 at the San Siro stadium to climb to third on 15 points.

The game was less than 30 seconds old at Cagliari when Milan striker Alberto Gilardino wriggled free of three defenders and poked the ball past keeper Fabian Carini.

For a time it seemed that the home side might strike back but in the 27th minute Andriy Shevchenko effectively ended the contest, unleashing a left-footed shot that dipped underneath Carini's outstretched arms and into the bottom corner.

The Ukrainian almost got a second when he fired against the post shortly

after the restart, but throughout the second half Milan seemed more concerned with protecting their lead.

Even without first-choice strikers Adriano and Obafemi Martins, Inter had few difficulties making it four wins out of four at the San Siro.

Livorno's top striker Cristiano Lucarelli was suspended, but their real problems were all in defence as became clear after 11 minutes when Inter defender Marco Materazzi took advantage of a failure to clear a corner to volley his side ahead.

Inter doubled their lead eight minutes later when a low cross by Giuseppe Favalli threaded through a group of players to present Julio Cruz with an easy finish.

The uphill task facing Livorno assumed mountainous proportions when midfielder Francesco Coco was sent off for a foul on Ze Maria two minutes after the restart.—MNA/Reuters



Alessandro Budel (L) of Cagliari battles with AC Milan's Clarence Seedorf during their Italian Serie A football match at Sant'Elia Stadium in Cagliari. AC Milan won 2-0.—INTERNET

## Morocco coach Zaki quits after World Cup failure

RABAT, 18 Oct— Morocco coach Baddou Zaki quit on Monday after coming under fire from local media and fans over his failure to lead the Atlas Lions to next year's World Cup.

"Zaki submitted his resignation today to the Moroccan Royal Football Federation (MRFF). The MRFF leadership accepted his resignation," MRFF secretary-general Ahmed Amor told Reuters.

Morocco missed out on the 2006 finals in Germany when they failed to beat Tunisia 10 days ago, allowing their North African rivals to twice come

from behind to earn a point in a 2-2 draw and finish top of African qualifying zone Group Five.

The result at the Rades stadium outside Tunis on October 8 meant Morocco completed the 10-match qualifying campaign unbeaten but their five draws ultimately cost them dearly.

Local media argued that Zaki failed to come up with a sound strategy to lead the team to victory and the string of draws was proof of his limited coaching capabilities.

Zaki complained that fans and officials failed to support him and his squad during the campaign, dis-

tracting their efforts through repeated media criticism and reports of infighting.

MNA/Reuters

## Barakat puts Al Ahli in African Champions League final

CAIRO, 18 Oct— Two goals from Mohamed Barakat helped Al Ahli qualify for the African Champions League final with a 2-0 win in the all-Egyptian clash with Zamalek on Sunday.

Barakat gave a virtuoso performance, tormenting the Zamalek defence throughout the second leg in Cairo as Al Ahli secured a 4-1 aggregate victory.

They now play Etoile Sahel of Tunisia in the final. The first leg is in Sousse in two weeks' time and the return in Cairo early next month.

Egypt midfielder Barakat created several chances with his run-

## Ferguson says United job will be his last

MANCHESTER (England), 18 Oct— Alex Ferguson confirmed again on Monday that his job at Manchester United will be his last in football management.



Sir Alex Ferguson

The 63-year-old Scot, approaching his 19th anniversary as manager at Old Trafford, has been linked with other positions including that of Ireland coach.

"After this job, I'm finished," Ferguson told a news conference ahead of United's match against

French side Lille in Champions League Group D on Tuesday. Ferguson is refusing to give up hope of winning the Premier League despite Chelsea's huge lead at the top.

The London side are 10 points ahead of United after winning their first nine games of the season but Ferguson is still confident his side can win the title for the ninth time in his managerial reign.

"Unless Chelsea start to drop points then they are in a very strong position," Ferguson said.

"But it is still only October, so it is silly to talk of being champions. They are relentless at the moment but we are trying to stay in their slipstream."

Ferguson also feels it is harder for English clubs to win the Champions League due to their domestic commitments.

"The Premier division is very fierce all the way through the season," he said. "We play eight games in December alone. If you can keep your team fresh you have a chance."

MNA/Reuters

## Middlesbrough defender Xavier fails drugs test

LONDON, 18 Oct— Middlesbrough defender Abel Xavier failed a drugs test after the UEFA Cup tie against Greek club Xanthi on 29 September, the Premier League club said on Monday.

FIFA have suspended the 32-year-old from all competitions pending the outcome of a disciplinary investigation.

Middlesbrough said on their web site they were not in a position to make any further comment at the moment but understood Xavier would make a Press statement on Tuesday.

The former Portugal international joined Middlesbrough at the end of

August on transfer deadline day after a spell in Serie A with AS Roma.

He has played previously for Bari, German club Hanover 96 and for Everton and Liverpool in England. He also had a loan spell with Galatasaray in Turkey.

Born in Mozambique, Xavier has played more than 20 times for Portugal and hoped that joining Middlesbrough would help him earn a recall in time for the 2006 World Cup finals.

He has played six games for Middlesbrough manager Steve McClaren since arriving at the Riverside but was left out of the side that drew with Portsmouth on Saturday.

At Euro 2000, the defender was at the centre of high controversy when team mates attacked a linesman and the referee for awarding a 117th minute penalty in the semi-final with France after Xavier was judged to have handled the ball.

MNA/Reuters

## Murphy rescues a point for Charlton in London derby

LONDON, 18 Oct— Charlton Athletic climbed one place to fifth in the Premier League after Danny Murphy's second-half equaliser earned a 1-1 home draw with London rivals Fulham on Monday.

Murphy grabbed his fourth league goal of the season with a sweet half-volley in the 48th minute as Charlton took their points tally to 16 from eight games.

Fulham, who have six points from nine matches, moved up a place and out of the relegation zone to 17th.

Collins John had opened the scoring for the visitors in the 27th minute, cracking in a right-foot volley from a cross by Steed Malbranque.—MNA/Reuters



Gambrinus's Petra Kulichova, centre, tries to block BC Volgaburmash's Ilona Korstin, right, during a FIBA Women's World League 2005 match between Gambrinus Brno, Czech Republic, and BC Volgaburmash, Russia, in Samara, Russia, on Sunday, 16 Oct, 2005, with BC Volgaburmash's Chasity Melvin at left. —INTERNET

# US misses deadline to get Louisiana's evacuees out of shelters

WASHINGTON, 18 Oct — The US government missed a mid-October deadline set by President George W Bush to get all evacuees from Hurricane Katrina out of shelters, a senior Louisiana housing official said on Monday.

Helena Cunningham, president of the Louisiana Housing Finance Agency, told a Washington seminar on housing challenges arising from the disaster that as of last Friday there were still some 48,000 people made homeless by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita living in shelters, 14,000 of them in Louisiana.

The deadline set by the President to clear the shelters and that was not done," Cunningham said.

Her figure was more than double the number given last week by Coast Guard Vice Admiral. Thad Allen, the head of federal disaster relief efforts in areas affected by the disaster. He said some 22,000 people remained in shelters.

Allen, the number of people in shelters across the nation peaked at more than 270,000 on 8 September. He said the plan to empty the shelters by mid-October was delayed in part because Hurricane Rita hit so soon after Katrina.

Other speakers at the conference said there was still confusion surrounding the number and status of people made homeless by the two disasters. Katrina struck on 29 August and Rita came ashore on 24 September. Cunningham said about 125,000 people displaced by the storms were living in hotels and more than 150,000 were living with friends and family across the nation.

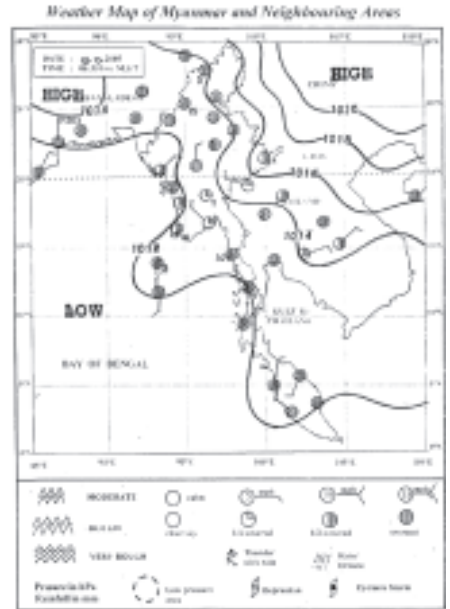
The state had so far identified 200,000 housing units that had been destroyed or would need to be demolished but its assessment work of the housing stock was incomplete.

An adviser to the


American Red Cross, Ira Peppercorn, told the conference that about 500,000 to 600,000 housing units in Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama had suffered significant damage or been destroyed. A disproportionate number housed poor people.

Speakers urged Congress to expand the federal low-income housing credit programme as the most efficient way of encouraging the construction of affordable housing for evacuees.

MNA/Reuters



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**Wednesday, 19 October**

**View on today**

**7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

**7:15 am**  
2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဝါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာဂိတိ၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ရိပ်သာ ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသဒ္ဓိ ပါဠိတော်

**7:25 am**  
3. To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**  
4. Morning news

**7:40 am**  
5. Nice and sweet song

**7:50 am**  
6. အတိပိဋကဓမ္မ

**8:00 am**  
7. မြန်မာ့အနုပညာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအတတ်

**8:10 am**  
8. အဆိုပွဲ

**8:20 am**  
9. ဆက်သွယ်ဆင့်ပွား ကျန်းမာရေးတေးဂီတ

**8:30 am**  
10. International news

**8:45 am**  
11. Let's Go

**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**  
3. Musical programme

**4:55 pm**  
4. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပေးရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ်(ရက်စောကျေးဇူး) (ရက်စော)

**5:00 pm**  
5. Song of national races

**5:10 pm**  
6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းအမွေ

**5:25 pm**  
7. Classical songs

**5:35 pm**  
8. ရွယ်လုံရေ အာရုံစူးစိုက်ရေး

**5:45 pm**  
9. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာလက်စဉ်ပွဲ

**6:00 pm**  
10. သတင်းစာနှင့် ရွှေညောင်ရင်

**6:30 pm**  
11. Evening news

**7:00 pm**  
12. Weather report

**7:05 pm**  
13. Variety spectacular

**7:35 pm**  
14. ကြားမြင်သူတို့အတွက် ဝေပေးသော

**7:45 pm**  
15. "ကြွယ်ဝတဲ့တုတ်ကျေးဇူးကုန်ကင်းရေး ကျန်းမာရေး ပညာရှင်များအသိပေး"

**8:00 pm**  
16. News

**8:05 pm**  
17. International news

**8:10 pm**  
18. Weather report

**8:15 pm**  
19. ဂုဏ်ထူးဆောင် တေးဂီတအဖွဲ့ (ဒုတိယ) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို အတတ် အရေး အတိပိဋကဓမ္မ

**8:20 pm**  
20. ရွှေညောင်ရင်ကြီး(အနုပညာဦးစီးဌာန) ယဉ်ကျေးမှု ဝန်ကြီးဌာန

**8:25 pm**  
21. The next day's programme

**Radio Myanmar**

**Wednesday, 19 October**

**Tune in today:**

**8.30 am** Brief news

**8.35 am** Music:  
-Brighter day... Kelly Liorena

**8.40 am** Perspectives

**8.45 am** Music:  
-Hay you... Aaron Carter

**8.50 am** National news/Slogan

**9:00 am** Music:  
-Call it love... Deuce

**9:05 am** International news

**9:10 am** Music:  
-Here I go... 2 Unlimited II

**1:30 pm** News/Slogan

**1:40 pm** Lunch time music  
-Tell it to your heart... MLTR  
-Take a bow Madonna  
-More than I can say... Leo Sayer  
-I won't say I'm in love... Belinda Calesle

**9:00 pm** Variations on a time  
-Seasons in the Sun (Fortunes, Kingstand Trial, West life)

**9:10 pm** Article

**9:25 pm** Music at your request  
-We've got it going on... BSB  
-Close to you... Fun Factory  
-Go... Lucy

**9.45 pm** News/Slogan

**10.00 pm** PEL

## WEATHER

**Tuesday, 18 October, 2005**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Chin State, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, isolated in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Bago Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (1.18) inches, Magway (0.79) inch, Monywa (0.79) inch, Chauk (0.91) inch, Yangon (Mingaladon) (0.63) inch, Meikhtila (0.55) inch and Minbu (0.24) inch.

Maximum temperature on 17-10-2005 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 18-10-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 18-10-2005 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 17-10-2005 was (4.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 18-10-2005 were (0.63) inch at Mingaladon, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (97.40) inches at Mingaladon, (97.44) inches at Kaba-Aye and (100.83) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southeast at (15:00) hours MST on 17-10-2005.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 19-10-2005:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, rain or thundershowers are likely scattered in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated 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:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-10-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-10-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

# Vidhura Drama Contest continues

## Drama troupe representing Yangon Division participates in the contest



*Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, and family members, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and party enjoy performance of Maung Moe Min Drama Troupe (Yangon Division) in Vidhura Drama Contest. — MNA*

YANGON, 18 Oct — Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, and family enjoyed the Vidhura Drama Contest of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street this evening.

Maung Moe Min Drama Troupe representing Yangon Division participated in the Drama Contest.

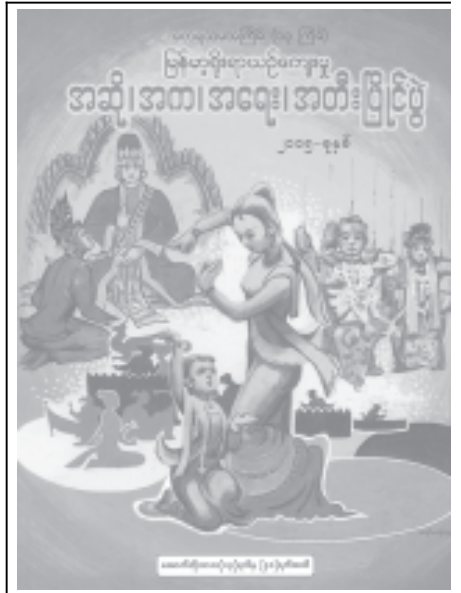
Among the spectators were Member of the Panel of Patrons of Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, member of the panel of patrons Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and wife, Member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Nyunt Swe

and wife, Chairman of the Work Committee No 3 Military Region 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.

In the Vidhura Drama Contest, Maung Moe Min acted as Vidhura, U Kan as Ponnaka ogre, Ma Ei Thinza as Anawza, wife of Vidhura, Danubyu Tin Ohn as King Kawrabya, Ma Thanda Lin as Einrandati Dragon Princess, Pantaya Hla Win Naing as Varuna King of Dragon, Ma Thabye as Vimalar Dragon Devi, U San Moe as King Galon and U Mann Kyaw as Celestial King. The screenplay was written by Director U Gamone and the troupe entertained the audience with their skills to the accompaniment of U Thiri Maung Maung Myanmar Orchestra.

Taingchit Tin Ngwe Drama Troupe of Magway Division will take part in the contest for the final and the fifth day tomorrow. —MNA



# Health care machines and spare parts exhibited

YANGON, 18 Oct — An exhibition on machines and spare parts for hospitals and public health care services was held this morning at the Central Medical Store in Dagon Township.

A total of 390 machines and spare parts of Health Department and Traditional Medicine Department under the Ministry of Health were displayed.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, officials and industrialists visited the exhibition.

MNA



*Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo inspect machines and spare parts. — MNA*

### INSIDE

*The people are urged to oppose the gambling in the two-figure numbers game entering the nation through the programme of a satellite channel, a means of IT, while taking lessons of evil results of gambling from Vidhura Drama Competition being staged in the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.*