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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Soe Win who attended 2nd China-ASEAN Expo, 2nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in Nanning, PRC

YANGON, 20 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win and the Myanmar delegation arrived back at the Yangon International Airport by air this evening after attending the 2nd China - ASEAN Expo and the 2nd China - ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China.

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They were welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army)

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy),
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Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Soe Win who participated in the 2nd China-ASEAN Expo and the 2nd China-ASEAN Business & Investment Summit. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Make concerted efforts for success of all development plans

The strength of the national economy depends on the development of the agriculture sector. Therefore, local farmers are striving for boosting agricultural production by making the best use of assistance rendered by the government and command headquarters, departments and social organizations are also engaged in farming on a manageable scale. For instance, perennials, seasonal crops and kitchen crops are being cultivated at the Kyaukni integrated farm in Taunggyi Township, Shan State (South) by damming the Byaing creek and reclaiming virgin and vacant land.

The success of the Kyaukni integrated farm is an inspiration to local farmers. More and more investments are being made at the farm to boost production in order that the products of the farm can be exported, thus contributing to the economic sector of the nation. Mango, belleric myrobalan, lychee, tea, lime, honey orange, rubber and oak trees are being cultivated. Local farmers are also supposed to grow more paddy, garlic and other cash crops suitable to the soil and climate of the region.

In striving for agricultural production, local farmers are required to use quality strains, employ suitable cultivation methods and use suitable amount of organic and inorganic fertilizers. Only then will the yield become higher, thus enhancing the socio-economic status of the local people.

Increased agricultural production will ensure not only regional self-sufficiency and development. If farmers in all states and divisions strive for boosting agricultural production, the national economy will certainly become stronger.

The government is also systematically implementing development plans and projects the length and breadth of the nation to develop human resources and all economic sectors and to bridge the development gap between states and divisions. Thanks to the successful implementation of development plans and projects, the nation is now enjoying steady economic growth. Continued efforts should be made for further growth.

We would like to call on state-, division-, district- and township-level responsible officials, departmental personnel and local farmers to make concerted efforts for the success of all development plans, including agricultural projects.

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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

Ministry of Mines holds coord meeting



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint addresses the coordination meeting of Ministry of Mines.—MINES

YANGON, 20 Oct — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivered an address at the meeting to review accomplishment of the Ministry of Mines and to coordinate measures for exceeding the target at Thiri Yadana Hall of the ministry this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, departmental heads and officials.

First, the minister gave a speech. Departmental heads and officials reported on tasks being un-

dertaken and arrangements for exceeding the target.

The minister presented prize of honour to Ma Khaing Thet Win who passed the matriculation examination with flying colours. The deputy minister and departmental heads gave away prizes and stipend to other outstanding students.

Afterwards, the minister gave necessary instructions, and explained guidance of the Head of State. — MNA

Coord meeting of Ministry of Cooperatives held



Minister Col Zaw Min addresses coordination meeting of Ministry of Cooperatives.

COOPERATIVES

YANGON, 20 Oct — The Ministry of Cooperatives held the coordination meeting at its hall on Bogyoke Aung San Street yesterday.

First, Minister for Cooperatives Col Zaw Min delivered an address.

Chairman of Central Cooperative Society U Win Sein, Vice-Chairman of Cooperative Bank Ltd U Kyaw Lin and departmental officials reported on their respective sectors.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister.

The ceremony to present prizes to outstanding students followed. The minister gave away prizes to the students who passed the matriculation examination for 2004-05 academic year with flying colours.

Officials urged to accelerate work plans as targeted

YANGON, 20 Oct — Accompanied by Joint-Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee and officials concerned, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin went on an inspection tour of Factories and Vehicles Department of YCDC in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning and made arrangements to fulfill the requirements.

During the inspection tour, member of YCDC U Nyi Nyi, Head of Factories and Vehicles Department U Min Lwin, Deputy Head U Aung Khin Zan and officials briefed the mayor on maintenance and manufacturing of concrete crushers, CNG engines, preparation for taking hold of enough natural gas to be heated for solving concrete, conversion of vehicles and garbage bans to run on compressed natural gas and diverting tar containers into zinc. In connection with the reports, the mayor gave instructions on acceleration of work plans as targeted and made arrangements to fulfill the needs. — MNA

MNA



Thousands of people queue each night at charity kitchens on 20 Oct, 2005 in Pakistan for a bowl of rice after this month's earthquake.—INTERNET

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Four British tourists die in Tanzanian plane crash

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 19 Oct — Four British tourists and their Canadian pilot died when their light plane crashed in a remote area of western Tanzania, police said on Tuesday.

The *Cessna* was completely destroyed in the crash on Sunday, regional police commissioner Boniface Mgongolwa told *Reuters* from the western Kigoma region.

"It had five people — four British people and a Canadian pilot," he said, adding that the remains of two bodies had so far been recovered.

The British High Commission in Dar-

es-Salaam said the plane had been flying from Mahale Game Park to Katavi Park.

"We have no clue what may have caused the crash," commission spokesman Andrew Massey said.

Crash investigators would arrive at the site, a forested area near Lake Tanganyika on the border with the Democratic Republic of Congo, on Wednesday, he added. — *MNA/Reuters*

"Wilma" intensifies, turns deadly in Haiti

MIAMI, 19 Oct — Hurricane Wilma triggered mudslides that killed up to 10 people in Haiti as the season's record-tying 21st storm strengthened rapidly on Tuesday and headed for the Gulf of Mexico on a path toward storm-weary Florida.

At 8 pm (midnight GMT) on Tuesday, Wilma had top sustained winds near 100 miles per hour, up from 50 miles per hour a day earlier.

Wilma was the 21st tropical cyclone of the Atlantic hurricane season, tying the record for most storms set in 1933. It was also the 12th hurricane and

tyied the record for most hurricanes in a season, set in 1969. The season still has six weeks to run.

Days of steady rain from Wilma caused mudslides that killed at least seven people and as many as 10 in mountainous Haiti, government officials said.

Wilma threatened Honduras and Nicaragua with

flooding rain, compounding the woes of Central America. More than 1,000 people in Guatemala and El Salvador were killed by landslides and floods triggered by Hurricane Stan this month. Wilma was also expected to miss the Gulf of Mexico oil and gas facilities that are still reeling from Katrina and Rita.

But frozen orange juice futures closed at a six-year high on Tuesday amid fears Wilma could ravage Florida groves that had just begun to rebound from the hurricanes

that destroyed 40 per cent of last year's crop. Wilma was about 185 miles south of Grand Cayman, the largest of the Cayman Islands, a British colony south of Cuba, the US National Hurricane Center said on Tuesday night. Wilma was moving west-northwest at 8 miles per hour and was expected to turn northwest on Wednesday. The hurricane center predicted Wilma would skirt western Cuba on Friday and curve east toward Florida's southern Gulf coast.—*MNA/Reuters*

Irish journalist believed kidnapped in Iraq

LONDON, 19 Oct — A journalist working for the British newspaper *The Guardian* is believed to have been kidnapped by armed men in Iraq, the daily said.

Rory Carroll, a 33-year-old Irishman, was on assignment in Baghdad when he disappeared, according to a statement from the newspaper.

"It is believed Mr Carroll may have been taken by a group of armed men," the newspaper said on its website.

"*The Guardian* is urgently seeking information about Mr Carroll's whereabouts and condition," the statement read.—*Internet*

Shooting flares in Russian town, one dead

Moscow, 19 Oct — Russian police on Tuesday shot dead one insurgent in a brief gunbattle as they combed the southern town of Nalchik for the remnants of a force that attacked last week, local media reported.

More than 100 gunmen linked to separatist rebels from nearby Chechnya tried to seize key buildings in Nalchik on 13 October in a chaotic raid that police say killed 90 militants as well as 35 police officers and nine civilians.

The man was killed

early on Tuesday when he and three others opened fire on a police patrol that stopped them to check their documents, *ITAR-TASS* news agency quoted police as saying. The two men with him escaped, said the agency.

The Kremlin, which has been trying with mixed results to contain a separatist insurgency in Chechnya for a decade, hailed last week's operation in Nalchik as a success, pointing to the large number of rebels killed.—*MNA/Reuters*

Rare partial lunar eclipse in India

NEW DELHI, 19 Oct — A rare partial lunar eclipse when the moon rose under the eclipsed state took place on Monday but several parts of India could not see it due to its short duration.

Besides, an overcast sky also played a spoilsport in some places.

The partial eclipse of the moon, the last this year, began at 5:04 pm and ended at 6:03 pm.

Eastern regions could see the eclipse better than western parts where the moon rises later, Nehru Planetarium Director Dr N Rathnasree said.

It was clearly visible in eastern state of Orissa.

However, foggy conditions prevented the citizens of the country's capital to see the eclipse which was over by the time sky cleared, she said.

Reports from southern city of Chennai said the eclipse was not visible due to an overcast sky.

Though eastern city of Kolkata had a similar experience, the initial phase

of the eclipse was visible in some places.

Rathnasree said "there is no evidence of eclipse affecting our lives."

MNA/PTI

South Africa collects droppings for bird flu tests

JOHANNESBURG, 20 Oct — South Africa has begun collecting the droppings of migrant birds on its east coast to test for the potentially lethal strain of bird flu, authorities said on Wednesday.

"We have a wild bird surveillance programme and we are screening migratory birds for the presence of the H5N1 virus," said Celia Abolnik, a senior researcher at South Africa's Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute.

"The first of our sites is Durban, where we are collecting droppings from migrant shore birds such as terns and plovers for testing. We will also be soon looking at sites around Cape Town," she told *Reuters*.

Many bird species from Europe and Asia spend the northern hemisphere winter in South Africa, sparking concerns about the spread of the virus, which is carried by waterfowl.

MNA/Reuters

Malta robbers snatch woman's purse, then return it

VALLETTA, 19 Oct — Two hooded gunmen who robbed a pharmacy returned an elderly woman's purse after she told them it contained the only money she had to buy medicine, *Maltese* newspapers reported on Tuesday. The two men barged into a pharmacy at Marsascala, a seaside village in the south of the island, on Monday and took 600 Malta liri 1,700 US dollars from the till after threatening the pharmacist with their guns.

One of them grabbed the purse held by the elderly woman who was waiting to be served, then handed it back after her pleading and rushed out to a waiting motorcycle. — *MNA/Reuters*



A man comforts a wounded Iraqi infant in a Samarra hospital, Iraq, following a mortar attack on 19 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

British retail hit by surge in shoplifting, violence

LONDON, 19 Oct — A surge in shoplifting, fraud and robberies cost British retailers 2.1 billion pounds (3.7 billion US dollars) in 2004 as violence and intimidation against staff increased at a worrying rate, data showed on Wednesday.

In its 12th annual retail crime survey, lobby group the British Retail Consortium said the impact of crime and the cost of measures to combat it rose 9 per cent from the previous year as losses from shoplifting rose 44 per cent to an estimated 589 million pounds.

Incidents of known theft by customers—as opposed to staff—rose to no less than 34 per retail outlet, the BRC said, despite the 710 million pounds spent on anti-pilfering measures by the industry in 2004.

Staff, too, are filling their pockets like never before, the survey suggested. The value of losses attributed to staff rose to almost half a billion pounds, a 77 per cent increase on the year before.

But BRC Director-Gen-

eral Kevin Hawkins said the most alarming trend was an upswing in violence against staff. "While this is no doubt linked to the growing incidence of yobbish behaviour generally in our society that the government has acknowledged and tackled, we need tougher policing and penalties to stop it," he said.

Verbal abuse to staff rose by 35 per cent and physical violence by 14 per cent in 2004, and the true extent of retail crime remains hidden, the BRC said. "Many smaller retailers don't bother reporting these incidents, because they think it's a waste of time. The police won't or perhaps can't do anything," Hawkins said. British retailers have spent 3.5

billion pounds on crime prevention over the past five years, with spending on security guards alone increasing by over a third in 2004. But the cost of retail crime has fallen disappointingly slowly over the period. The 1.7 billion pound value of losses in 2000 dropped steadily to bottom out at 1 billion in 2003 but bounced back up to 1.4 billion last year.

MNA/Reuters

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A Chinese seller waits for customers in a lingerie shop in Shanghai on 20 October, 2005.

INTERNET

US troops kill four Afghan police by mistake

KANDAHAR (Afghanistan), 19 Oct — US troops shot four Afghan policemen dead and wounded another after mistaking them for militants during an operation in southern Afghanistan, a senior local official said on Tuesday.

Separately, on Tuesday three Afghans working for the American security firm USPI were hurt—and one was possibly killed—by a roadside bomb in Kandahar, provincial governor, Assadullah Khalid said.

He said there were no foreigners on board the vehicle, but had no further details about the attack outside Kandahar City.

The US military in Kabul said it had no information about the killing of policemen which, if confirmed, would be the

second incident of its kind this month.

Khalid said Monday night's shootings in Maiwand District came after police fired into the air from their checkpoint.

"The US soldiers were on a hunt for Taleban on the basis of a tip-off when the shot was fired in the sky and the soldiers thought it was the enemy who fired it," Khalid said.

"They fired on them and, after overruling the checkpoint, found that they had killed four police

and wounded another by mistake," he told reporters.

Earlier this month US troops mistook some policemen for militants during a hunt in the adjacent province of Helmand, again killing four and wounding another.

The US military,

which leads some 20,000 foreign troops hunting militants in Afghanistan, confirmed that incident.

Nearly 11,000 people—most of them militants, but including more than 50 U.S. soldiers—have been killed in Afghanistan this year, the bloodiest period since 2001.—MNA/Reuters

Defence Ministry says British soldier killed in Iraq

LONDON, 19 Oct — A British soldier was killed overnight by a roadside bomb in southern Iraq, a defence ministry spokesman said.

The man died from injuries sustained in the blast shortly before midnight on Tuesday in Basra, the spokesman told AFP, adding that the incident was being investigated.

The death brings to 97 the number of Britons killed in Iraq, including 64 in hostile action since the US-led invasion in March 2003, the ministry said.

The British Labour government has cited evidence linking Iran and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah militia to "improvised explosive devices" that have cost the lives of several British soldiers in the last few months.

Teheran has strenuously rejected the charges.

Britain has deployed a total of around 8,600 army, air force, and navy personnel in the Gulf region, including 6,500 soldiers, the ministry said. The vast majority of them are in southern Iraq.

Internet



An Iraqi soldier guards a burning oil pipeline near Samarra, Iraq, after it was attacked by gunmen on 19 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

Malaysia PM's wife dies

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Oct — Endon Mahmood, the hugely popular wife of Malaysia's Prime Minister, died on Thursday, following a lengthy battle with breast cancer, national news agency Bernama said.

It quoted Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi as saying his wife had died at 7:55 am at his official residence. She was 64. Endon, as she was af-

fectionately known by most Malaysians, was a huge source of inspiration for Abdullah, and many political analysts say she encouraged him to pursue the leadership. Abdullah, 65, took power late in 2003, as the chosen successor of veteran leader Mahathir Mohamad.

The soft-spoken Endon was diagnosed with breast cancer soon after her twin sister Noraini found out she had the disease in 2002. Since then, she had made regular trips to the United States for treatment. Endon recently returned home from weeks of treatment in Los Angeles, but immediately went into hospital to guard against secondary infections, on doctor's advice.

MNA/Reuters

Spain, France to present EU with immigration plan

BARCELONA, 19 Oct — Spain and France will present the European Union with a joint plan on immigration at its next summit, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said on Monday.

Spain has been struggling to stop hundreds of African migrants climbing over the heavily defended borders into its North African enclaves Ceuta and Melilla in recent weeks.

"Spain and France will present a joint initiative at the next European Council on a global plan on immigration... which commits the EU much more than it has been up to now," Zapatero told a news conference Villepin.—MNA/Reuters

Computers donated by South Korea stolen in Iraq

SEOUL, 19 Oct — Armed Iraqis stole millions of dollars worth of personal computers and Internet equipment donated by South Korea while it was being transported near Baghdad late last month, a South Korean official said on Tuesday.

The Korea International Cooperation Agency, a government-linked aid agency, supplied the equipment for use in Iraqi universities, the official from the South Korean Foreign Ministry said.

"We have no confirmation on the identity of the militia," the official said by telephone on condition of anonymity.

He did not say when exactly the incident happened, but said that no South Korean aid workers were abducted in the heist of equipment valued at about 3.5 million US dollars.—MNA/Reuters

Is that so Maung Ka Lu? More than that Grandpa

Maung Ka Lu

Grandpa: Hey Maung Ka Lu, these days, the locals are talking much about Desmond Tutu and Vaclav Havel.

Maung Ka Lu: Yes, they are, Grandpa. The people are angry with African Bishop Tutu and former Czech President Havel for their slanderous accusations, saying as if the nation is threatening her neighbours and the world nations as well. In reality, the entire people of Myanmar are enjoying the taste of peace as 17 major armed groups of the national races and about a dozen other smaller armed groups have returned to the legal fold. The nation is also extending friendly relations with neighbours, the regional countries and the global countries, and cooperating in the affairs of the region, the ASEAN and the world. Our nation's policy of peace is ever shining because of its sincerity.

Grandpa: The two do not wish to see the all-round development Myanmar has been enjoying despite the oppositions, attacks and sanctions of some unfriendly powers from the neo-colonialist point of view. That is the reason they are attacking Myanmar, with slanderous accusations concerning the human rights, the environment and the forced labour. Every day, some foreign radio stations are asking remnant insurgents, fugitives, neo-colonialist lackeys and traitors leading questions to air fabrications with the intention of disturbing Myanmar. As once said by former minister of Kachin State U Zan Hta Hsin, what the radio stations are advocating is democracy in opposite meaning.

Lu: The general public say that they have heard the names "Havel and Tutu" several times from BBC, VOA and RFA radio stations. Because the two are always ready and proud to slander any nation when they are summoned to do so by the West. Havel is the first person to receive the Democracy and Peace Award of the NLD presented by Daw Suu Kyi. And he is the person who proposed Daw Suu Kyi for the Nobel Peace Award. Everybody knows that Daw Suu Kyi and Havel were classmates at Oxford University.

Grandpa: Czechoslovakia was divided into Czech and Slovak during the time Havel was the president. I do not know whether it was according to democracy, that the nation was divided into two. As for us, we will never accept the scheme to break up the nation into pieces under the pretext of democracy. But for the colonialists they would like to see nations falling apart under multi-parties, ideologies and aims. When a nation becomes weaker due to conflicts and power struggles, it also becomes an easy prey for the neo-colonialists.

Lu: Once you told me that the big western nations had not so many parties; and that they accepted only one ideology.

Grandpa: It has been long since England and America declared their communist parties unlawful organizations. They have only one political system, and it is capitalism. Capitalism does not embrace fair trade. It always comes together with colonialism that uses force in occupying other nations to grab all raw materials and all kinds of energy for nothing. The neo-colonialism has been invented as colonialism was not accepted by the world any more. The method of neo-colonialism is to install a puppet government in a nation to take away all

her riches.

Lu: The West bloc also has unions, Grandpa?

Grandpa: Yes, the US, the UK, Germany, Canada and Australia they are all unions. They always try to preserve their unions. President Lincoln declared "unacceptable" when southern states tried to break away from the union. Lincoln sent troops to the South in round about 1860 during the America Civil War. Anyhow, it is the endeavour to prevent the US from falling apart.

Lu: And Britain has been able to prevent Northern Ireland from breaking away from the United Kingdom. We are happy to see the perpetuation of their unions. And we also like to see the perpetuation of our own Union. The bad thing is that some nations are trying to break up other unions while trying to maintain theirs. In many places of the world they are trying to break up other unions,

Right before the 1990 election, the information committee had announced that a constitution would be framed after the election; that the state power could not be transferred to any organization without a constitution that laid down the rules and procedures permitting a particular organization to exercise the sovereign power on behalf of the people. Thus, the committee told the elected persons to make themselves ready for drafting a constitution.

with minority freedom, democracy rights and genuine federalism as pretenses.

Grandpa: Today, some nations are facing forced occupations with the excuses of freedom, democracy transition, regime change, WMD non-proliferation and anti-terrorism. The global media is reporting news about the mass deaths of the innocent peoples and lack of peace and security in those nations. How good it would be if Havel and Tutu tried to restore peace in those nations and prevent the invaders from occupying them.

Lu: Desmond Tutu is a citizen of South Africa. For a long time a handful of Whites were ruling the majority Blacks through the system of apartheid. The ones who made sacrifices to end the White rule are Nelson Mandela, the present leader Thabo Mbeki and the Black people of the country. We can ask the people of South Africa "How important were Tutu's efforts to end apartheid?" Because of the colonialist plots, peoples in many places of Africa are facing turmoil and starvation. But Tutu ignores the plight of the African peoples, but disturbing the targeted nations together with a band of mercenaries under orders of the West.

Grandpa: The democracy they are advocating is a practice involving interferences and intrigues even their own nations have never embraced. It in reality is a sham democracy to attack and remove the leaders and governments denying the West's domination, to violate all laws, and stir up violence through terrorism to put those nations under the West's domain. It is a democracy only in name. We on our part have already accepted the practice of systematically serving our own people and nation's interest and endeavouring for peace and stability of the majority as the real essence of

democracy. But what is annoying us is the branding of the conspiracies to break up the Union and to cause a blood bath as democracy.

Lu: The two are slandering the Tatmadaw government that has rescued the nation from anarchy, undemocratic, and saying that the true democracy according to them is to hand over power to the NLD that won the 1990 election.

Grandpa: Democracy means not just the election. The right to cause unrest to break up the nation, which according to their words "the right to freely disagree" is not called democracy. The famous play writer Bernard Shaw once mocked democracy saying, "Democracy is the election by the ignorant for the corrupted few". What Bernard Shaw wanted to ridicule was the killings, the practice of buying, selling and stealing votes, and of using a large amount of cash to find means to win the election, the media interferences, and the involvement of foreign spy agencies to buy votes with dollars the world as well as Myanmar have seen.

Lu: An election is held to assign duties to the elected for a term of three or four or five years. No election is held for life-long duty.

Grandpa: Right before the 1990 election, the information committee had announced that a constitution would be framed after the election; that the state power could not be transferred to any organization without a constitution that laid down the rules and procedures permitting a particular organization to exercise the sovereign power on behalf of the people. Thus, the committee told the elected persons to make themselves ready for drafting a constitution.

Lu: It is the right way. The nation would fall into the hands of aliens if the state power was entrusted to the election winners who happened to be minions of those aliens.

Grandpa: In 1992, the government representatives and the elected persons held discussions which resulted in the convening of the National Convention on 9 January 1993, with the participation of the delegates representing the people of the whole Union. The largest number of delegates were from NLD, which was about 100. After attending the Convention for about three years, the NLD delegates boycotted and left the Convention under the irrevocable order of Daw Suu Kyi. The NLD delegates who criticized the boycott as wrong were dismissed from the party.

Lu: Why did they boycott the Convention?

Grandpa: On 20 July 1989, Daw Suu Kyi was confined to her house under the restriction order as she after choosing the policy of confrontation was organizing her party to defy all laws. During the restriction, she got all the food she ordered from London through the British embassy. The government lifted the restriction order imposed on her in July 1995. When Daw Suu Kyi was under restriction order NLD CEC member led by U Aung Shwe made the decision to attend the Convention. The National Convention laid down 104 basic principles in September 1994. The NLD delegates were included in formulating the basic principles which contained a principle prohibiting the stationing of any foreign troops on Myanmar soil. Because of the principle, Madeleine Albright of the US rushed to Yangon.

Lu: She was then the US ambassador to the UN, and soon became the US Secretary of State.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Theirn Sein enjoys marionettee contest



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Theirn Sein and party enjoy competition of Ayeya Hline marionette troupe in the Minkutha marionette drama contest.— MNA

YANGON, 20 Oct — Marionette Contest of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was launched this evening at National Theatre in Dagon Township and Patron of the Leading Committee for holding the 13th Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Theirn Sein enjoyed the contest.

Today, Ayeya Hline marionette troupe representing Ayeyawady Division took part in the Minkutha Drama contest at the professional level.

Mandalay Division marionette troupe will take part in the contest tomorrow.

Among the spectators were Chairman of the leading committee Chairman of Yangon Division

Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, member of the panel of patrons of the holding competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice Chairman of the leading committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and officials. — MNA



Coord meeting for work committee, subcommittee and team managers

YANGON, 20 Oct — The work coordination meeting of the Chairman of the Work Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and committee members, subcommittee mem-

bers and team managers from States and Divisions was held at the meeting hall of No 1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung) this evening, with an address by Chairman of Work Committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan.

Next, the work committee, subcommittee and team managers discussed competitions sector-wise, and Chairman of Working Committee attended to the needs. — MNA

Work Committee Chairman Col Tint Hsan speaking at the coordination meeting.— MNA

Is that so Maung Ka Lu?...

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Grandpa: You are right. Albright ate breakfast together with Daw Suu Kyi at her house on University Avenue. And when Albright left Myanmar, Daw Suu Kyi ordered the NLD delegates to boycott the National Convention. The NLD boycotted the National Convention with the intention of stopping it. And if the National Convention stopped, the principle prohibiting the stationing of foreign troops on Myanmar soil would also become null and void.

Lu: What's the relation?

Grandpa: You are so naive. There are naval flotillas including war planes and marine commandos of a power in the eastern Atlantic, Mediterranean Sea and Indian Ocean. On the East European soil there is the NATO, which has the largest number of troops. It has over 150,000 soldiers in Iraq in the south of East Europe, and thousands of troops in Afghanistan in the east of Iran.

Lu: It also has troops in Africa, the Indian Ocean and the Gulf region in addition to its air bases in the Middle East, Uzbekistan and Tajikistan.

Grandpa: All the Pacific Ocean and Hawaii in the western Hemisphere are full with its troops. The nation has military bases on Guam and other islands in the eastern Pacific, the Republic of Korea, Japan, Australia and New Zealand. It stations its troops and bases almost all around the globe. It has very few troops in some Southeast Asian nations. But its chain of military bases and troops loses links in Southeast Asia.

Lu: Ah, I fail to notice that.

Grandpa: Our nation is a strategic country for it in Southeast Asia. If the power has a naval base on our Coco Kyun Island, it can launch blitzkrieg against the eastern or the western Hemisphere. If the big nation can deploy troops and missiles in the north of Myanmar, it can target and attack any specified country in and around the region. If the big nation's men get power in our country it will set up military bases on our soil, with good excuses. But the power is dissatisfied as the said basic principle has closed our door to its schemes in advance.

Lu: So the acts of confrontation and violation of laws including the call of the parliament by force, the instigation to cause the four 9s unrest and Dabayin incident, took place in Myanmar. Myanmar formulated the Road Map and is in the process of democracy transition. So, the power and its lackeys have nothing to complain to us.

Grandpa: But what they really want to see is not democracy, but a puppet government in Myanmar. So they are making accusations one after another against the nation to install a puppet government, build military bases to dominate the whole region militarily and to make political and economic gains. Havel and Tutu are nothing more than accomplices of the west group and its lackeys.

Lu: They are still sticking to the 1990 election results.

Grandpa: If NLD had not failed to take part in the Convention, a new constitution would have already been in effect by now. After the ratification of the constitution, a new election would be held according to it. And if the people had still liked NLD it would have won the election. But I think that the NLD knew that it was not certain

to win in the new election. So it is still sticking to the 1990 election with calculation to grab power for sure. The NLD is still away from the Hluttaw, as it is disturbing the task of writing a new constitution. The NLD is facing the results of its own acts. By the way, I think you will remember the 1992 election of Algeria.

Lu: No, Grandpa.

Grandpa: So, I will tell you about it. Algeria is an Arab nation located in northern Africa by the Mediterranean Sea. The oil-rich country had 32 million people then. Algeria held an election in January 1992. In the election fundamentalists, with the slogan to establish a republic, won all the seats. The Algerian government banned all the activities of the party and abolished all the elected representatives. So there broke out a civil war, and the president was assassinated. No power nor Nobel Award laureate demanded Algerian government acknowledge the 1992 election results, call the parliament, and transfer the power. Hence, the perpetrators including Havel and Tutu who are trying to disturb internal peace and stability are exercising the practice of double standards.

Lu: If the said power can station its troops on our soil not only our nation's peace and security, but that of the regional counties and the countries within the striking range of its missiles deployed in Myanmar will be in danger. Tutu and Havel are worthy of winning the award for destroying the world peace.

Grandpa: Really?

Lu: Oh, more than that, Grandpa.

(Translation: TMT)
(Myanma Alin: 20-10-2005)

Departmental personnel, local people to harmoniously strive for prevalence of peace, stability of nation with Union Spirit

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win oversees thriving perennial crops plantations in Hsihseng Township

YANGON, 20 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders of Taunggyi District and Township at the city hall in Taunggyi yesterday morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint, local authorities, departmental personnel and local people.

The commander reported to Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on matters related to



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win meeting with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and local people at city hall in Taunggyi. — MNA

law and order of the country for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

At the same time, the Government has laid down and is implement-

to guard against the danger posed by internal and external destructive elements for realization of the seven-point Road Map.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win

and party inspected thriving niger and seasonal crops of Pa-O farmers along Taunggyi-Phamon-Hamhsi-Kakku Road. They arrived at the 5,000 acres land reclamation

project of Shan State (South) Special Region-6 Pa-O national group in Hsaikkhaung region of Palaw Pakai Village-tract in Hsihseng Township.

Chairman of Padamya Naga Co Ltd U Nay Win Tun reported agricultural and other businesses of the company.

The commander reported on assistance provided to the national race groups for regional development. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave necessary instructions, and presented gifts to Pa-O national race leader U Aung Hkam Hti.

Next, they viewed thriving perennial crops.

In 5,000 acres of Padamya Naga Company in Palaw Pakai of Hsaikkhaung region, 2,029 acres of perennial crops are thriving.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected plantations of honey orange.

Next, they viewed sugarcane plantations being jointly undertaken by Padamya Naga Co Ltd and Shan State (South) WVO and mango plantation by Padamya Naga Co Ltd and Shan State (South) USDA in Naunglonkan field of Banyin Village-tract in Hsihseng Township.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party returned to Taunggyi.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win views plantation of perennial crops in Padamya Naga Agricultural Camp in Hsihseng Township. — MNA

Shan State (South).

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that only when peace and stability prevail in the nation, will the country be progress.

Departmental personnel and local people are to harmoniously strive for ensuring prevalence of peace and stability of the nation with Union Spirit. The Government upholding Our Three Main National Causes is joining hands with the entire people to ensure peace and stability and prevalence of

ing 12 objectives for development of all aspects of the nation with momentum. If departmental personnel in the state harmoniously participate in the tasks, not only the agriculture sector of the state but also the economic sector of the State will improve.

He urged departmental personnel to make concerted efforts for ensuring peace and stability of the State as well as development tasks. In addition, departmental officials and local people are

First leg of Air Bagan Golf Tourney opened



YANGON, 20 Oct — First leg of Myanmar Golf Tour 2005-2006, Air Bagan Golf Championship organized by Myanmar PMG and Myanma Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan, commenced at Northern Star Golf Club this morning.

Kachin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Chairman of MPGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) and Air Bagan Ltd Chairman U Te Za opened the tour.

In the first day round of professional level 18-hole event, Nay Win Myint

(Pan-West), Aung Win (YCDC, SRIXON) and Min Naing (SRIXON) led the tour with 72 strokes each, followed by Zaw Pie Oo (SRIXON), Myint Thuang (KM Golf Centre), Kyaw Swa Lin (SRIXON) with 73 strokes each.

In amateur division, Nay Bala Win Myint led the tour with 72 strokes followed by Naing Naing Lin with 74 strokes.

The tour is co-sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Myanmar Trespure Bank Resort,

Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Max Myanmar Hotel, Srixon and London, and organized by Han Event Management. The second day of 18-hole round continues at 7.30 am tomorrow. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint tees off the ball to open the Air Bagan Golf Tour in Myitkyina. — MGF

only when peace and stability prevail in the nation, will progress of the country be made.

Senior General Than Shwe...

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the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council the Yangon Command Commander, Ministers, senior military officers, Charge d'Affaires ai of the Chinese Embassy Mr Yu Boren and embassy staff, heads of department and officials.

Together with the Prime Minister, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads also arrived back on the same flight.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Senior General Than Shwe. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Charge d'Affaires ai of Chinese Embassy Mr Yu Boren and embassy staff. —MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win views Myanmar booths on display at 2nd China-ASEAN Expo. — MNA

A total of 39 booths from Myanmar displayed at 2nd China-ASEAN Expo

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National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, ministers, deputy ministers, senior officials and officials of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam, and China, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong

Keng Yong and entrepreneurs of the respective countries.

Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin extended greetings. Next, Minister of Commerce Mr Bo Xilai of China delivered an address. Afterwards, Brunei Minister for Industry and Primary Resources Pehin Dato' Dr Ahmed Jumat gave a speech.

The banquet was hosted to the Vice-Presidents, the Prime Ministers, the Deputy Prime Ministers, the Ministers, the Deputy Ministers, senior officials and entrepreneurs of the People's Republic of China and

ASEAN countries. After the banquet, they proceeded to Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre where the expo will be held, and viewed round the booths of China and ASEAN countries. Prime Minister General Soe Win visited the booths of the Union of Myanmar.

A total of 39 booths from Myanmar—30 booths of private entrepreneurs, four of cooperative societies and five of tourism entrepreneurs—are being staged at the Second China-ASEAN Expo. Furthermore, the scale model of the wall of Mandalay Royal Palace was kept open as a Myanmar booth separately. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win views booths of 2nd China-ASEAN Expo. —MNA

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Deputy Director-General of Political Department Daw Than Than Htay from Myanmar side and Minister of Commerce Mr Bo Xilai, Secretary General of Communist Party of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Cao Guo Chun, Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin, Head of State Quality Inspection Department Mr Li Chang Jiang, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Wu da Wei, Mr Guan Mu ambassador designate, and senior officials from Chinese side.

During the call, Prime Minister General Soe Win and Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong highlighted frank discussions on mutual interests among the two peoples.

Prime Minister General Soe Win said he was pleased to have an opportunity to hold discussions with Chinese Vice President Mr Zeng Qinghong.

He expressed his pleasure for the fact that China pays a serious attention to the China-ASEAN economic cooperation and the expo by the presence of the Chinese Vice President at the 2nd China-ASEAN Expo and China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit.

China invited him to the expo and the summit. So, he attended the expo and summit to express Myanmar's appreciation for the kind invitation.

He expressed his strong belief that the meeting will further enhance Paukphaw relations and mutual economic cooperation between the two nations.

He said he conveyed the warmest greetings of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe and Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Maung Aye to the Chinese Vice-President.

Myanmar is implementing the political, economic and social objectives and is in the process of realizing the seven-point Road Map for achieving the political goal.



Prime Minister General Soe Win shakes hands with Chinese Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong in Nanning.— MNA

Myanmar faced with armed insurgency for nearly 50 years. Now the government has rebuilt national solidarity and given priority to development of border areas and national races.

He said Senior General Than Shwe would like the Chinese Vice President to pass his good wishes to the Chinese President Hu Jintao.

Vice Senior-General Maung Aye invited the Chinese Vice President to pay a goodwill visit to Myanmar.

The two nations have placed emphasis on good neighbourly relations based on the five principles of peaceful co-existence, and it has helped strengthen bilateral friendship day after day. The onus is on the two sides to continue to further cement the Paukphaw relations successive state leaders of the two countries have maintained with farsightedness.

Myanmar always supports the One China Policy of the People's Republic of China.

He expressed thanks to China for the fact that China firmly stands by Myanmar as a true friend

whenever there takes place incidents in the international community that are directly related to the interests of Myanmar.

He said the PRC has been providing assistance constantly in political and economic sectors. Myanmar Government and the people thank the PRC leaders and the people for such assistance.

Last April Head of State Senior General Than Shwe met President Mr Hu Jintao of the PRC in Jakarta, Indonesia. He also met Chinese Premier Mr

Wen Jiabao and discussed bilateral cooperation and the tasks are being implemented.

In meeting with Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao, he discussed transformation of border trade to normal trade and promotion of relations between Myanmar and China. He said he would like to express brief words about the development in Myanmar. After regaining the independence, Myanmar faced with armed insurgency for nearly 50 years. Now the government had rebuilt national solidarity and gave priority to development of border areas and national races.

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Minister U Soe Tha and Chinese Minister for Commerce Mr Bo Xilai sign the contract in the presence of Prime Minister General Soe Win and Chinese Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong.— MNA



Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Chinese Minister for Commerce Mr Bo Xilai exchange notes of the agreement.— MNA

Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Soe Win arrives at Nanning, capital of Quangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China

YANGON, 20 Oct — At the invitation of Government of the People's Republic of China, Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar left here by special flight on 17 October for Nanning, capital of Quangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China to attend 2nd China-ASEAN Expo and the 2nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit.

The Prime Minister was accompanied by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister

for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Director-General of State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win and heads of department.

First, the Prime Minister was welcomed aboard the plane at Nanning International Airport by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Mr He Meng.

After descending from the plane, the Prime Minister was welcomed by Vice-Chairman of People's Congress of Quangxi Zhuang

Autonomous Region Mr Pan Qi, Vice-Chairmen of Quangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Wu Heng and Mrs Liu Xin Wen, Mr Guan Mu ambassador-designate to Myanmar and embassy staff.

Next, a member of traditional cultural dance troupe presented a bouquet to the Prime Minister General Soe Win. The Prime Minister and party was entertained with traditional cultural dances.

Afterwards, Myanmar delegation led by the Prime Minister went to Li Yuan Resort where they would put up in a motorcade.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win being greeted by Vice-Chairman of People's Congress of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. — MNA

Friendship between Myanmar ...

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the seven-point Road Map for achieving the political goal. Representatives of all walks of life of all the nationalities have been holding discussions for emergence of a constitution the most basic foundation of the Road Map. The National Convention will resume before the end of 2005. The government has made a resolve to continue implementing the future work programmes in line with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.

Chinese Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong thanked the Myanmar Prime Minister for attending the ceremony despite his enormous State duties. Mr Zeng expressed pleasure to receive the warm greetings of SPDC Chairman Senior General Than Shwe. He conveyed the cordial greetings extended to Senior General Than Shwe by PRC President Mr Hu Jintao through the Myanmar Prime Minister. Mr Zeng expressed pleasure to accept the invitation of SPDC Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Maung Aye to visit Myanmar. He would visit the country at an appropriate time.

He said that the fraternal relations between Myanmar and China always remain firm, and in addition,

both countries adhere to the five principles of peaceful co-existence. Leaders of both nations extended bilateral friendly visits in the recent years, and have enhanced mutual friendship and cooperation.

The PRC will continue to give priority to Sino-Myanmar friendly relations, trade promotion and internal cooperation. There are no difficulties and obstacles between Myanmar and China that may harm their friendship and cooperation. China always wishes to cement the existing traditional friendly ties between the two nations. He thanked Myanmar for her continuous support for the One China Policy.

Myanmar and China are successfully cooperating in hydel power sector, communication sector, and mineral sector. The agreement on soft loans for the fertilizer project will be signed after the meeting.

The government of PRC appreciates the normal trade between the two countries and encourages the cooperation of the merchants of the two countries. Chinese government expects the encouragement of Myanmar government to Chinese merchants.

Efforts of the Myanmar government for stability of the State and progress of economy meet with success and Myanmar is witnessing peace and tranquillity and economic boom.

He said that Myanmar government will continue

to implement the seven-point road map and will manage to sustain the economic growth. Under the leadership of Senior General Than Shwe, the government can overcome the difficulties and will bring progress to Myanmar.

We resent the interference of external countries in internal affairs of Myanmar and they should make a constructive approach to Myanmar. He also expressed a desire to see friendly cooperation of Myanmar and China.

After the meeting, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Minister of Commerce Mr Bo Xilai signed Framework Agreement between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the People's Republic of China on Provision of Concessional Loan at Ballroom No-10 of Nanning International Conference Center Hall. — MNA

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Meat, fish, vegetables available at tax-free markets in Yangon

YANGON, 20 Oct — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn this morning inspected tax-free markets in Yangon.

In an effort to sell basic foodstuff and household goods at reasonable prices, Ministry of Industry-1,

Ministry of Energy, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, YCDC and Yangon Command keep shops at tax-free markets in Kamayut, Dagon, Tamwe, Yankin and Mayangon townships and sell a range of meat, fish, vegetables and eggs to people directly at reasonable prices.

Moreover, private shops are also kept open at the markets, and foodstuff and kitchen utensils are also available there. — MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects the sales at tax-free markets in Dagon Township. — MNA

Educative talks given to women staff

YANGON, 20 Oct — Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation gave educative talks to women staff from the Ministry of Religious Affairs at the meeting hall of the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University this morning.

Present on the occasion were Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Thet Htay, Heads of departments of MWAFF Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo and Dr Daw Khin San Nwe, leaders and deputy leaders of working committee, wife of Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Daw Myint Myint Yi, Yangon Division WAO Chairperson and members, supportive committee members, and women staff from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and staff families.

Prof Daw Than Nwe of Law Department (Yangon University) gave a lecture on the title of women's rights according to Myanmar Customs.

Next, Daw Khin Thet Htay presented membership certificates of MWAFF and 419 brochures to the staff and their families through Daw Myint Myint Yi.

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13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue for seventh day

YANGON, 20 Oct — The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the seventh day at the designated venues today.

Present on the occasions were member of the panel of patrons for organizing the competitions Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Com-

At the multi-purpose hall of the National Museum, Chairperson of the Panel of Judges Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya of Myanma Radio and Television, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khaing and members supervised the singing contest.

Altogether 14 contestants from States and Divisions took part in the professional level men's religious song contest, and 16 persons in the basic education level



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party view Performance of a contestant in professional level marionette contest. — MNA



Ma Phyo Pyae Khin of Mon State taking part in the amateur level women's harp contest. — MNA

mand Lt-Gen Myint Swe, 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, Chairman of the Work Committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan and members, officials of the sub-committees, maestros and people.

(aged 10-15) girls' classical/modern song contest. Tomorrow, the professional level women's classical/modern song contest, and the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' religious song contest.

At the National Theatre, 10 persons participated in the amateur level marionette contest. Tomorrow, there will be the basic education level

(aged 15-20) boys' dancing contest and the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' dancing contest.

A total of 13 professional competitors practised their songs composed on 13 October at Kanbawza Theatre. Chairman of the panel of judges Bogale U Tint Aung and party supervised the contest.

At Padonma Theatre, four contestants com-

peted in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' and girls' harp contest, nine persons in the amateur level men's harp contest and four amateur contestants in the women's harp contest. Today's music contest was supervised by leader of the panel of judges Harp-

ist Pyapon U Thein Han Gyi and party. The amateur level women's orchestra troupe contest, the higher education level women's orchestra troupe contest and the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' orchestra troupe contest will be held tomorrow. — MNA



Ma May Thu Thu Tun of Chin State taking part in (aged 10-15) girls' classical/modern song contest. — MNA

Let's hand down the heritage

- * Cultural art is
A fond everyone likes
A lullaby of young days
O-o-ay, O-o-ay.
- * Child's dance movements "Cho-my-my"
The Rakhine call it "Thlai-dai"
Compete with mother and win
Put down interest with music.
- * Gauge a nation's culture
Is measured by the arts
Myanmar is known by the world
By its grand orchestra.
- * The magnificent harp of Beluwa
Knows how to play ten proses
At the foot of Buddha
He plays moderately.
- * The root of race and religion
The curved harp appeared
Grand in its own way
The wording of "Htoo-ma-cha-na".
- * In a happy mood now and then
The lovable nature of traditional ozi
The single female performer's dance
Dainty and polite Myanmar blood.
- * Foreign culture and art
These are their own tradition
With pride of lineage, our "Thakin" kind
Polite and prosperous, don't depend on others
- * What own culture we have
The entire people maintain
From bud to bloom
We are proud of it.
- * Let's hand down our heritage
let's all nationals put in our strength
Prevent permeation of foreign culture
Through the Traditional Arts Competitions.

Po Yan Naing (Kyaukkyi)

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

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Several killed as gunfight ignites Nigerian oil spill

WARRI (Nigeria), 19 Oct— Several suspected oil thieves were killed in a gunfight with Nigerian police which sparked a fire on a major gasoline pipeline near the southern city of Warri, police said on Tuesday.

The fire started on Monday when police tried to stop thieves who had punctured the pipeline to siphon gasoline into barges at Oregha Water-side in Delta State, police said.

Isiaka Pachiko, head of a task force guarding oil facilities in the area, said the thieves approached his men to cut a deal on the stolen oil, but the officials refused.

"They then opened fire and we replied, in the process the pipeline caught fire," said Pachiko.

MNA/Reuters

Time running short for quake survivors as weather closes in

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Oct— The race against time is growing shorter in quake-ravaged areas of Pakistan as freezing temperatures pose new challenges for relief workers delivering life-saving supplies to remote communities devastated by the temblor, a senior United Nations official has said.

The race against time is growing shorter and shorter as the weather closes in," with international aid efforts facing "really daunting logistical problems in delivering assistance to those in need", Kevin Kennedy, the Director for Coordination and Response for the Office of Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), said on Monday.

Because of the approaching winter, the priorities are now shelter, health and food, and gaining access to remote areas, he said.

Some 3.3 million people are estimated to be homeless, 38,000 dead, and 60,000 injured, he said, while cautioning that those figures could rise sharply once the UN gains access to all the remote areas affected by the 8 October disaster.

About one million people are expected to be "severely affected," dependent solely on outside assistance for survival. So relief operations are still

very much "at the life-saving stage at this point", he added.

There are areas above Muzaffarabad that have not yet been accessed and as temperatures drop below freezing, the risk of hypothermia for people there increases.

So far, just 20,000 of the 300,000 winterized tents needed have been delivered. An additional 150,000 tents are en route and 100,000 have been pledged, but many of those are not winterized and will have to be altered, Kennedy said.

About 12,000 patients have been airlifted out so far but large areas remain unvisited, and sanitation problems persist.

The World Food Programme (WFP) has begun to access remote hillside towns using horse packs and mules, and the UN Population Fund (UNFPA) has moved medical units to the North West to accommodate babies being born since the crisis began.— MNA/PTI

Albania will ban speedboats to stop trafficking

TIRANA, 19 Oct— Albania will ban speedboats for three years to crack down on drugs smugglers and illegal migrants, Prime Minister Sali Berisha said on Monday.

Apart from fishing trawlers and foreign yachts, all boats with outboard engines should be handed over immediately, he told a Cabinet meeting, which was attended by reporters.

"We must rid our waters of the merchants of death," Berisha said. "They are blackening the image of Albania."

The Albanian coast has long been used as a transit point for drugs smugglers and illegal migrants from Albania, other countries in eastern Europe and even as far afield as Asia, heading for Italy and western Europe.

The European Union wants Albania to do more to fight crime before signing an association agreement, a first step to membership, and Berisha's newly elected Cabinet has vowed to crack down.

Berisha said the new law would allow coast guards to fire at smugglers, and illegal migrants would be extradited

immediately.

Hundreds of thousands have left Albania in search of a better life since Communism collapsed in 1990. Initially using stolen freighters, hopeful migrants then turned to Zodiac-type speedboats, which are smaller and less likely to be detected.

Berisha was partly successful in stopping them when he was president in the mid-1990s. Former Socialist premier Fatos Nano launched a similar campaign in 2002, when officials confiscated hundreds of boats, burning a few on a beach to set an example.

Berisha apologized to those using their boats for innocent purposes, but said hiding them would bring severe penalties.

"We cannot allow criminals to endanger the lives of people, punish the country and make it notorious for what it should not be," he said.— MNA/Reuters



People leave the Palais des Festivals in Cannes, southern France. TV on mobile phones may be tiny today in terms of screen size and programme choice but it looks certain to grow rapidly in the coming years.— INTERNET

Roche says could allow others to produce Tamiflu

ZURICH, 19 Oct— Swiss drugmaker Roche, under pressure to increase output of its antiviral drug Tamiflu as avian flu reaches Europe, said on Tuesday it would consider granting other firms licences to make the drug.

The company said in a statement it was willing to discuss all options to increase output of the treatment, including granting sub-licences to produce Tamiflu for emergency pandemic use to governments and other companies.

Tamiflu is the most effective antiviral drug currently available for avian flu, and governments are rushing to buy stocks amid fears that a virus that has already claimed more than 60 lives in Asia could mutate and become even deadlier. Roche has come under pressure in recent weeks to loosen its grasp on the patents that protect the treatment. However, it has made clear that it wishes to remain the leading maker of the drug, whose sales are set to boost its profits this year.

On Tuesday, however, the company said it could allow other companies to make Tamiflu with a sub-licence.

"We would be prepared to discuss

such sub-licences to increase manufacturing of Tamiflu, provided such groups can realistically produce substantial amounts of the medicine for emergency pandemic use," said William Burns, head of the Basel-based firm's drug division.

Generic drug maker Cipla has already said it wants to begin producing a generic version of the drug for sale in emerging markets.

Roche added that the US Food and Drug Administration had approved a manufacturing plant in the United States, one of 12 production sites worldwide, to be used to produce the drug.

The company said 40 countries around the world had made orders for the drug.

Some have expressed fears over signs that the drug could become less effective over time. However, Roche said it rarely saw resistance to the drug develop in Japan, where the drug is popular.

MNA/Reuters

Argentina plans to produce own bird flu drug

Buenos Aires (Argentina), 19 Oct— Argentina plans to produce a generic version of the patented drug Tamiflu to protect against bird flu, which scientists warn could turn into a deadly human pandemic, officials said on Tuesday.

Tamiflu, developed by Swiss drugmaker Roche Holding AG, is one of the drugs the World Health Organization recommends stockpiling in case the virus mutates to spread rapidly among humans. More than 60 people have died in Asia after contracting the flu from birds.

"Many countries, Argentina among them, have built up reserves of these

antivirals. We have bought them, but this laboratory's production is not sufficient to meet world demand," Health Minister Gines Gonzalez Garcia told Reuters.

"We don't have to wait until the virus appears to say we are going to do this and produce the drug. We must have it in case the virus appears."

MNA/Reuters

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A man dressed as a mummy poses near a pumpkin display as part of the Halloween decorations outside a Hong Kong shopping mall on 19 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

Washington's baby panda named Tai Shan

WASHINGTON, 19 Oct — Only 100 days old, and already baby panda Tai Shan has his face on T-shirts at the US National Zoo, after a naming ceremony on Monday punctuated by drumbeats, a clanging gong and Chinese lion dancers.

Tai Shan, which means "peaceful mountain", got his name according to Chinese custom and as the result of a public online contest in which more than 202,000 people voted.

The 13-pound (6 kilograms) guest of honour remained in seclusion with his mother, Mei Xiang, during the ceremony outside the zoo's panda exhibit, as digni-

taries from China offered their congratulations.

"The peoples of China and the United States are brought closer together by the happiness of this panda family," said Minister Zheng Zeguang, deputy chief of mission for the Chinese Embassy in Washington. "The 100th day is an important milestone in life. Let us hope that from this day on, Tai Shan will grow stronger

and win the hearts of his American hosts."

"Tai Shan is a result of the love between the two giant pandas Mei Xiang and Tian Tian and also represents the great feeling between the American and Chinese people," Yan Xun, deputy director of the conservation department of the Peoples Republic of China, said through an interpreter.

MNA/Reuters

Germany hunts suspected Nazi mass killer

BERLIN, 19 Oct—German authorities said on Monday they were hunting for a doctor accused of killing hundreds of inmates at a Nazi concentration camp during World War II.

Aribert Heim, 91, known as "Doctor Death", worked in the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria and killed hundreds of inmates by lethal injection and torture, the Nazi-hunting Simon Wiesenthal Centre said on Saturday.

The centre said Heim may be hiding out in Spain.

MNA/Reuters

Small Africa farmers seen vulnerable to climate change

JOHANNESBURG, 19 Oct— South Africa's Environment Minister said on Monday that climate change would have its gravest impact on small farmers and many would have to switch their crops and livestock to adapt.

"It is small scale agriculture and rural farmers who will be hardest hit—especially because they are not capital intensive," Marthinus van Schalkwyk said at the start of a national conference on climate change.

"As climate change threatens our herds and crops with changes in rainfall patterns and temperature ranges, our farmers will either be forced off their land or they must stand ready with new management strategies," he said.

Food security is a huge

regional issue at the moment with around 12 million rural dwellers in southern Africa in need of food aid to see them through to the April harvest. Almost all of these people are poor, small-scale farmers.

A raging AIDS pandemic that is killing off rural workers is seen as a key reason for the food shortages but erratic rainfall during the last growing season is the other culprit — and more regional droughts are seen because of climate change associated with the emission of so-called greenhouse gases.

"Why do our crops fail and our rivers run dry more often? Although there are many variables that influence weather in the short term, when global patterns shift over many years it is climate change that emerges," van Schalkwyk said.

He said that the continent needed to begin switching crops now to be prepared.

The staple maize crop grown in much of southern Africa, for example, is not very resistant to harsh drought conditions.

MNA/Reuters

Report faults US military detainee death probes

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct— An analysis by human rights lawyers has found numerous flaws in US military investigations into deaths of prisoners in US custody in Iraq and Afghanistan, including failure to interview key witnesses or collect and preserve evidence usable by prosecutors.

The Pentagon said about 108 detainees have died in US custody in Iraq and Afghanistan since 2002, not counting those killed in guerilla mortar attacks on detention facilities.

A report by the New York-based group Human Rights First, made available on Wednesday, also faulted "scattershot" military record-keeping on prisoner deaths and failures by some commanders to report deaths in a timely way.

"We found across the board amazing flaws and failures in the way the investigations were conducted in case after case," said Deborah Pearlstein of Human Rights First. The shortcomings undermined chances for convicting US personnel who may have broken the law, Pearlstein said.

MNA/Reuters

Stallone sets stage for "Rocky" comeback film

LOS ANGELES, 19 Oct— Down but never out, actor Sylvester Stallone is forging a movie comeback for the unlikely boxing champion, Rocky Balboa, who sent Stallone's star soaring and won Oscars nearly 30 years ago, Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer said on Monday.

Stallone, 59, will reprise his role in the sixth "Rocky" film, titled "Rocky Balboa", playing the Philadelphia boxer who is lured out of a long retirement to fight a championship bout while dealing with personal tragedy outside the ring.

"Rocky Balboa" is about everybody who feels they want to participate in the race of life, rather than be a bystander. You're never too old to climb a mountain, if that's your desire,"

Stallone said in a statement.

The original "Rocky" in 1976 told of a lowly club fighter in Philadelphia who gets his one shot at the championship title and wins. It proved to be a box office smash, raking in 117 million US dollars and winning Oscars, the US film industry's top honours, for directing, editing and best film.

Stallone, who also wrote the screenplay, was nominated for best

actor but lost to Peter Finch for "Network".

Most successor films proved strong with fans as a parade of high-profile pugilists battled Rocky, including actors Mr. T and Dolph Lundgren. But "Rocky V" failed to excite fans and earned a meager 41 million US dollars at US and Canadian box offices.

MGM President Dan Taylor said he was convinced that "a whole new generation of filmgoers

(is) ready to be introduced" to "Rocky Balboa" and his life in and out of the ring.

The new film will begin production early next year and is backed by MGM, Columbia Pictures, and Revolution Studios.

MGM is owned by an investor group led by Sony Pictures Entertainment, a unit of Sony Corp. Columbia is a division of Sony Pictures, and Revolution is privately held.

MNA/Reuters



A Chinese vegetable vendor prepares her produce at an open market in Beijing on 20 October, 2005.—INTERNET

SPORTS



Bayern Munich midfielder Sebastian Deisler controls the ball during their Champions League match against Juventus. Bayern Munich were brimming with confidence after defeating Juventus 2-1 in the Champions League Group A match and believe they can repeat their 2001 triumph.—INTERNET

Rangers booted by fans after 0-0 draw

GLASGOW, 20 Oct — Rangers were booed off after being held to a goalless draw by Artmedia Bratislava in their Champions League Group H match on Wednesday.

Goalkeeper Juraj Cobej was in superb form for the Slovakian visitors with a string of fine saves, the best in the second half when he turned a 30-metre rising shot from Frenchman Olivier Bernard over the bar. Artmedia had inflicted the heaviest-ever European defeat on Rangers' city rivals Celtic in the second qualifying round with a 5-0 victory in the first leg before losing 4-0 in the second leg and home fans, expecting a comfortable

win, jeered their team at the final whistle.

Rangers and Artmedia both have four points from their three games and remain second equal behind Inter Milan, who top the standings with six points despite a 2-0 defeat in Porto.

The first chance fell in the 12th minute after a blistering run down the middle by Danish forward Peter Lovenkrands before slipping the ball left to Croatian Dado Prso, whose

angled shot from 12 metres was well blocked by the legs of keeper Cobej.

Three minutes later Cobej came to Artmedia's rescue again when Argentine front man Federico Nieto darted in from the right only for Cobej to narrow the angle and parry the low drive with his legs from about eight metres.

MNA/Reuters

Goalless Milan frustrated by PSV's defensive display

MILAN, 20 Oct — AC Milan were held to a goalless draw at home to PSV Eindhoven in Champions League Group E on Wednesday despite dominating the game.

PSV coach Guus Hiddink opted for a highly defensive tactical approach that frustrated the Italian side who had to settle for a second successive draw after their 2-2 result at Schalke 04. Milan had enough chances to win the game but the finishing from Christian Vieri and Brazilian Kaka was imprecise and PSV's Brazilian goalkeeper Gomes was in top form.

The only time PSV, beaten by Milan in last season's semi-final, really threatened was a 74th minute shot from Jefferson Farfan that was dealt with by Milan keeper Dida.

MNA/Reuters

Woodgate sparks Real's 4-1 comeback win over Rosenborg

MADRID, 20 Oct — Jonathan Woodgate put his nightmare start to his Real Madrid career behind with a goal that sparked his side's 4-1 comeback win against Rosenborg in their Champions League Group F at the Bernabeu on Wednesday.

The Englishman, who scored an own goal and was sent off on his league debut for Real last month, sent a powerful bullet header into the net after a David Beckham free kick in the 48th minute to cancel out Roar Strand's first half strike for the Norwegians.

Four minutes later Real Madrid skipper Raul put the nine-times European champions in front with a superbly worked goal, rounding keeper Espen Johnsen with some quicksilver footwork after Robinho had danced his way

through the Rosenborg Defence.

Ivan Helguera, Woodgate's partner in central defence, added a third with another great header in the 68th minute, Beckham once again providing the assist with a wonderful curling free kick from the left.

The England captain, who had another outstanding game in the Real midfield, completed the rout with a trademark strike from a free kick eight minutes from time.

MNA/Reuters

Cisse seals Liverpool win at Anderlecht

BRUSSELS, 20 Oct — A 20th-minute strike by Djibril Cisse earned holders Liverpool a 1-0 win and three more valuable points against Belgium's Anderlecht in the Champions League on Wednesday.

The striker volleyed home a corner to inflict a 10th successive Champions League defeat on the Belgian side who remain bottom of Group G without a point from their three games.

Victory for Liverpool, combined with Chelsea's 4-0 win over Real Betis, means that the two English clubs look likely to reach the next stage. They both have seven points with Betis on three. Anderlecht remain on course to finish with no points for a second successive year.

"It was a really important goal to stay in touch with Chelsea but I don't think it's finished, we have to win more games," Cisse told Sky Sports television. "It's a little bit early to say we are qualified."

The Frenchman has not been first-choice this season for Rafael Benitez's side but Wednesday's goal followed his winner against Blackburn on Saturday and he said: "It's good for me. I'm starting to play a little bit more and I'm really happy."

Playing without injured captain Steven Gerrard, Liverpool came under pressure in the second half but defended well and rode their luck when Swiss referee Massimo Busacca turned down two

Anderlecht penalty appeals.

The breakthrough for the visitors came against the run of play in the 20th minute when an unmarked Cisse latched on to a corner from Dietmar Hamann.

Liverpool had a fright after only three minutes. After a surging run by Christian Wilhelmsson, Bart Goor found himself clean through only to be denied by an outstretched Jose Manuel Reina in the Liverpool goal.

Reina was again called in to action five minutes later when he got down well to save Anthony Vanden Borre's shot.

Liverpool should have been ahead in the 12th minute when Luis Garcia fired wastefully over with the goal at his mercy after good work down the left by John Arne Riise.

The Norwegian winger went close himself five minutes later. He cut in from the left but his right-foot shot was brilliantly tipped around the post by Belgium goalkeeper Silvio Proto.—MNA/Reuters

Chelsea crush Real Betis 4-0

LONDON, 20 Oct — Goals from strikers Didier Drogba and Hernan Crespo, defender Ricardo Carvalho and winger Joe Cole earned Chelsea a 4-0 Champions League win over Real Betis on Wednesday.

The victory put last year's semi-finalists top of Group G on goal difference from Liverpool, who beat Anderlecht 1-0 in Brussels.

Betis came to Stamford Bridge to earn points but they received a masterclass in defensive organisation and attacking flair from the English champions who weathered early pressure before demonstrating their superiority.

Drogba opened the Londoners' account in the 24th minute and Carvalho made it two 20 minutes later after Betis keeper Antonio Doblaz lost balance and dropped the ball. Cole neatly rounded defender Juanito in the 59th minute for the third and Crespo got smartly on the end of a Shaun Wright-Phillips cross in the 64th to complete the rout.

MNA/Reuters



LeBron James, shown in a file picture, scored nine of his 26 points in the last 2 1/2 minutes to lead Cleveland to an 88-84 National Basketball Association preseason win over Memphis and said he's still not 100 percent.—INTERNET

11 Sept panel says White House failing to act

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — A new report by members of the former 11 September commission faults the FBI for failing to act on the panel's recommendations for preventing terrorist attacks, *The New York Times* reported on Tuesday.

The privately funded report, scheduled for release on Thursday, will also say the White House is not doing enough to defend civil liberties in the 11 post-September 11 era, the newspaper said, citing commissioners and staff members.

The *New York Times* cited some commissioners as saying a civil liberties board created by the White House lacked power and funding.

The report also takes aim at Congress for inaction on the panel's recommendation to overhaul congressional oversight of intelligence and terrorism issues, Timothy Roemer, a Democratic member of the commission told the newspaper.

The commission wrote the seminal 2004 analysis of what went wrong before and after the 11 September, 2001, attacks on New York and

Washington. The panel formally disbanded after submitting its final report in July last year, but the members continue their work as the 9/11 Public Discourse Project, which tracks implementation of the 2004 report's recom-

mendations. Last month, the former commissioners urged the Bush Administration and Congress to plug gaps in disaster response exposed by Hurricane Katrina.

MNA/Reuters

EX-Aerospatiale engineer faces "concorde" crash probe

PARIS, 20 Oct — A former Aerospatiale engineer is being investigated for involuntary manslaughter over the crash of a supersonic Concorde passenger jet in 2000 that killed 113 people, a judicial source said on Wednesday.

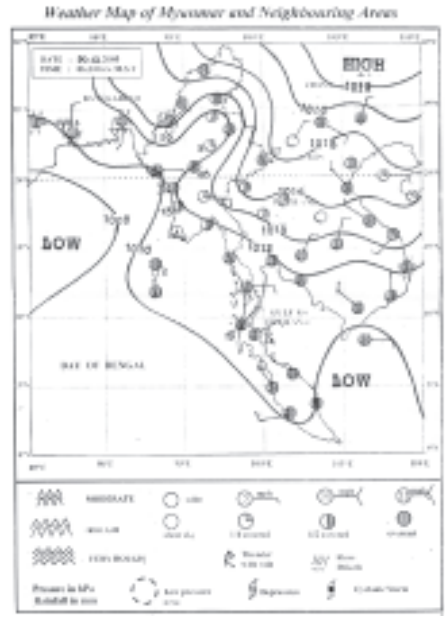
Examining magistrate Christophe Regnard informed Jacques Herubel of his decision overnight after a lengthy hearing, the source said. A judicial investigation is normally a first step towards possible criminal charges under French law.

Last month Henri Perrier, former head of the Concorde programme, was placed under investigation in March.

Herubel is under investigation for alleged negligence by Concorde constructor Aerospatiale, which is now part of plane-maker EADS, over the air-

craft's safety. A report carried out by experts for the prosecutor's office said Aerospatiale had failed to take the necessary corrective steps after more than 70 accidents involving the plane's tyres between 1979 and 2000.

MNA/Reuters



Member of Hninzigon Home for the Aged U Chit Myaing accepts K 100,000 recently donated in memory of the late U Pho Shin-Daw Mya Gyi by (U Tin Hlaing) Daw Soe Kyi and family of Mahazeyabon Ward of Aungmyethazan Township. — H

WEATHER

Thursday, 20 October, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan, Chin, Rakhine States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mawlaik (3.11) inches, Meikhtila (1.89) inches, Kalaywa (1.42) inches, Yangon (Central) (1.02) inches and Kawthong (0.79) inch.

Maximum temperature on 19-10-2005 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 20-10-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 20-10-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 19-10-2005 was (5.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 20-10-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (1.02) inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (97.40) inches at Mingaladon, (97.44) inches at Kaba-Aye and (101.85) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from South at (13:20) hours MST on 19-10-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over the Southwest Bay and adjoining West Central Bay still persists. 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 21-10-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Kayah and Kayin States, scattered rain or thundershowers are likely in Chin and Rakhine 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 to moderate in Myanmar waters.

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


Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-10-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-10-2005: Fair weather.



Friday, 21 October
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: -Angel
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: -Bicycle race
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: -Wild at heart
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: -Whatever it takes
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -One sweet day -It must have been love
- 9:00 pm World of songs from -China, Philippines, Cambodia, Thailand, India
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request -Listen to my heart -Endless love -Words
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL



Friday, 21 October
View on today

<p>7:00 am</p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:15 am</p> <p>2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဒ္ဒကာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ရှိရာ ဘိဝံသ (ဇယာဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသတ္တိပါဠိတော်</p> <p>7:25 am</p> <p>3. To be healthy exercise</p> <p>7:30 am</p> <p>4. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am</p> <p>5. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:55 am</p> <p>6. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်တေးစုည်း</p> <p>8:00 am</p> <p>7. The mirror images of musical oldies</p>	<p>8:10 am</p> <p>8. အတုမြင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:20 am</p> <p>9. တံငါတံတား</p> <p>8:30 am</p> <p>10. International news</p> <p>8:45 am</p> <p>11. English for Everyday Use</p> <p>4:00 pm</p> <p>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm</p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm</p> <p>3. Musical programme</p> <p>4:45 pm</p> <p>4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ဖုလုံမြို့သို့ကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယနှစ်(ခေတ်ဓေးကျပြ) (ခေတ်ဓေး)</p> <p>5:00 pm</p> <p>5. Song of national races</p> <p>5:15 pm</p> <p>6. အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>5:30 pm</p> <p>7. "ဓမ္မကျွတ်တံခါးခေါက်သံ" (မြိုင်နှိုင်းသားအောင်အောင်၊ စိန်နိုး၊ အရှည်ကြီး၊ အုန်းသီး၊ ရွှေအေးတို့ တောင်းရာနှိုသစ်၊ မိုးပြည်ပြည် ခောင်း၊ တင်တင်ဇှု) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်ဆက်)</p>	<p>5:45 pm</p> <p>8. Song of yesteryears</p> <p>6:00 pm</p> <p>9. သုတနံလင် ရွှေထက်ရင်</p> <p>6:30 pm</p> <p>10. Evening news</p> <p>7:00 pm</p> <p>11. Weather report</p> <p>7:05 pm</p> <p>12. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရူမိတ်ပါ" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)</p> <p>7:35 pm</p> <p>13. တညန ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းရုံးခွဲ (ဥပဒေကြီး)</p> <p>8:00 pm</p> <p>14. News</p> <p>15. International news</p> <p>16. Weather report</p> <p>17. ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ်၊ တေရာသအကြိမ် (၁၃ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အတီး၊ အရေး၊ အတီးမြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>18. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဓမ္မအထွ" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)</p> <p>19. The next day's programme</p>
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Friendship between Myanmar & PRC strengthening day after day Myanmar always supports One China Policy of PRC

Prime Minister General Soe Win

China resents interference of external countries in internal affairs of Myanmar, desires to cooperate with Myanmar in international spheres

Chinese Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong



Prime Minister General Soe Win discusses mutual interests between Myanmar and China with Vice President of PRC Mr Zeng Qinghong in Nanning, PRC. — MNA

YANGON, 20 Oct — Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar called on Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong of the People's Republic of China at the Conference Hall of Nanning International Conference Centre in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, China, at 3 pm on 18 October.

Also present at the call together with the Prime Minister were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic

Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of Government Office Col Thant Shin, Director-General of Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein, Director-General of Protocol

Department Thura U Aung Htet, Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw of the Ministry of Defence, Director-General of ASEAN Affairs Department U Aung Bwa of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Director-General of Directorate of Trade U Khin Maung Lay of the Ministry of Commerce, Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department Daw Myo Nwe of the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development,

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Prime Minister General Soe Win attends banquet to mark Second China-ASEAN Expo, and China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit

YANGON, 20 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win attended a banquet jointly hosted by the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China, the China Council

for the Promotion of International Trade, and the Government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in commemoration of the Second China-ASEAN Expo and the China-ASEAN Business and Invest-

ment Summit, at the Nanning International Conference Centre, Multi-functional Hall in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 18 October evening.

Also present at the banquet were Vice-President of the People's Republic of China Mr Zeng Qinghong, Vice-President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayngasone, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen and wife, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economics of Thailand Mr Somkid Jatusripitak, Deputy Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for

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Prime Minister General Soe Win attends a banquet to mark 2nd China-ASEAN Expo, and China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit. — MNA

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Today, some nations are facing forced occupations with the excuses of freedom, democracy transition, regime change, WMD non-proliferation and anti-terrorism. The global media is reporting news about the mass deaths of the innocent peoples and lack of peace and security in those nations. How good it would be had Havel and Tutu tried to restore peace in those nations and prevent the invaders from occupying them.