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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

Last year trade value between China and ASEAN reached 100 billion dollars
Potentials for expansion of trade and investment between ASEAN and China exist
Myanmar striving towards all-round socio-economic development, relying mostly on her own resources
Appreciates support given by ASEAN, China and other friendly countries



Prime Minister General Soe Win delivers an address at the Opening Ceremony of 2nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit.
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YANGON, 21 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win delivered an address at the Opening Ceremony of 2nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit at the Multifunctional Hall of Nanning International Conference Centre in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China, at 2.30 pm on 19 October.

Also present at the summit were Vice-President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone, Thai Deputy Prime Min-

ister and Minister for Economics Mr Somkid Jatusripitak, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister of 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, minis-

ters, deputy ministers and senior officials of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the People's Republic of China, the Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and officials, responsible officials of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, entrepreneurs of ASEAN countries including Myanmar, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong and officials.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Further strengthen Myanmar-PRC friendship and cooperation

The People's Republic of China has always been giving a helping hand to Myanmar not only in political arena but also in economic sector. Therefore, the Myanmar government and its people are most grateful to the PRC's leaders and its people for their help.

Myanmar was recently invited by the People's Republic of China to attend the second China-ASEAN Expo and the second China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in the People's Republic of China.

At the invitation of the PRC's government, a Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win attended the second China-ASEAN Expo and the second China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China, on 18 October 2005, and Prime Minister General Soe Win and Vice-President of the PRC Mr Zeng Qinghong discussed matters on mutual interests between the two countries.

In the discussion, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that Myanmar always supports the One China Policy, and expressed his 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.

Mr Zeng Qinghong said that efforts of Myanmar government for stability of the State and progress of economy are meeting with success and Myanmar is witnessing peace and tranquility and economic boom.

In recent years, the leaders of Myanmar and PRC exchanged goodwill visits and they had been able to further promote friendship and mutual cooperation between the two countries. Again, the meeting between the leaders of the two nations will further cement the existing Paukphaw friendly ties and economic cooperation between the two countries.

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.

Therefore, we firmly believe that the two countries will be able to further strengthen friendship, trade and cooperation in the international arena through the existing friendship and cooperation between the two nations.



Joint-Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi accepts K 162,500 recently donated marking her birthday by Daw Nwe Nwe and family of No 28 (B), Kyarpadonma Street, Ngwekyaryan Yeiktha, South Okkalapa Township.—H

People's Desire

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

Ministry of Health holds coordination meeting

YANGON, 21 Oct — The Ministry of Health held the coordination meeting at the hall of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) on Ziwaka Road in Dagon Township, this morning.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, departmental heads, medical superintendents, project managers and officials.

First, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivered an address.

Directors-general of Health Department, Medical Science Department, Medical Research Departments (Lower Myanmar) (Upper Myanmar) and (Middle Myanmar), Traditional Medicine Department and Health Planning Department reported on their respective matters.

Next, heads of State/Division Health Departments, rectors and medical superintendents of State/Division General Hospitals submitted their reports to the meeting.

The meeting ended with the remarks by the meeting chairman.

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Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint addresses coordination meeting of Ministry of Health.

HEALTH



First Leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour continues



YANGON, 21 Oct — The First leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation and mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd continued at Northern Star Golf Club, Myitkyina, this morning.

After the second round, Aung Win (YCDC, Srixon) shot a three-under-par 141 to enlarge his leading role. Min Naing (Srixon) fired one-under-par 143, Zaw

Zaw Latt (Srixon) 145, and Kyaw Swa Linn (Srixon) and Zaw Paing Oo (Srixon) 146 each.

In the amateur level, Nay Linn Tun stood at the leading position by firing 143 strokes. His runners-up Naing Naing Linn and Nay Bala Win Myint tied at 145 each, and Kyaw Thiha and Aung Hsan at 154 each.

The tour is co-sponsored by Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Myanmar Treasure Resort, Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Max Myanmar Hotel, Srixon and London, and organized by Han Event Management.

The third round continues at 7.30 am tomorrow.

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Nay Linn Tun participates in second round of amateur division in Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour.—MGF

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 21 Oct — The State Peace and Development Council has transferred Director-General U Nyan Lin of the Consular and Legal Affairs Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Director-General of the Political Department under the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) Dr Ko Ko Oo	Director-General
Deputy Director-General	Atomic Energy Department
Atomic Energy Department	Department
Ministry of Science and Technology	Ministry of Science and Technology
(b) Dr Myo Myint	Director
Pro-Rector	Yangon University
Yangon University	Department of Foreign Languages
Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar)	Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar)
Ministry of Education	Ministry of Education

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3rd Rehabilitation Medicine Society Conference on 29 to 30 October

YANGON, 21 Oct — The 3rd Rehabilitation Medicine Society Conference of Myanmar Medical Association will be held on 29 to 30 October at the auditorium (A) of the association at No 249, Theinbyu Street, Mingala Taungnyunt Township.

The physicians wishing to attend the conference may register on 27 to 28 October during the office hours at the association.—MNA

War in Iraq may be fuelling global insecurity, Canadian spy chief warns

MONTREAL 20 Oct — The head of Canada's spy agency strongly suggested Thursday the US-led war in Iraq is making the world a less secure place.

"Diplomacy is not my field, security and intelligence is," CSIS director Jim Judd said at a conference on intelligence studies. "And I think from a security and intelligence perspective, the conflict in Iraq may be creating

longer-term problems, not just for Iraq but other jurisdictions as well."

The head of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service said Iraq is becoming a "kind of a testbed for new techniques" for Islamic extremists, such

as suicide attacks and the use of improvised explosives.

A number of radicals from Canada - fewer than 10 - have slipped across borders to join the fighting in Iraq, Judd said during a break in the annual gathering of the Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies.

"We know of others who may be planning to," he added.

"I don't think there's anything we can do legally to prevent this."

Judd expressed concern about the dangers extremists from North America, Europe and the Middle East pose once they leave Iraq. "It raises the longer-term question of what do they bode for the future?" Judd said.

Journalist and author Peter Bergen warned that the war in Iraq could spawn a new generation of trained warriors - the "shock troops of the new international jihad" - determined to carry out terrorist attacks against the

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An Indian rickshaw puller makes his way through a flooded street in the eastern Indian city of Kolkata on 21 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

Four US troops killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 Oct— Three US Marines were killed by a roadside bomb west of Baghdad and in a separate attack a US soldier was killed in Hit, northwest of the capital, the US military said on Friday.

The latest deaths bring the number of US servicemen and women who have died in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion to at least 1,992.

The US military said the three Marines had been on patrol when their vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device. "During the subsequent engagement, Marines killed two guerillas and detained four others suspected of involvement in the attack," the statement said. The soldier killed in Hit died of wounds sustained in "an indirect fire attack", a term usually applied to mortar or rocket attacks.—MNA/Reuters

Democrats question Bush-Rove meeting on CIA leak

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — Democrats asked the White House on Wednesday for details of President George W Bush's private conversations in 2003 with top political adviser Karl Rove after conflicting reports about whether Bush was aware of any role by Rove in the outing of a covert CIA operative.

Rove and Lewis Libby, Vice-President Dick Cheney's chief of staff, are at the centre of federal prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald's investigation into who leaked the identity of CIA operative Valerie Plame, whose diplomat husband, Joseph Wilson, challenged the Administration's prewar intelligence on Iraq.

Fitzgerald is wrapping up the nearly two-year investigation but a government official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said no charges in the CIA leak investigation

were expected this week. White House officials have been discussing what to do if Rove is indicted and is forced to step down.

Bush and Cheney were interviewed last year by Fitzgerald and White House spokesman Scott McClellan said earlier this week that the prosecutor has not asked to question either the President or Vice-President a second time.

In a letter to Bush on Wednesday, Senator

Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat, asked for details about the President's conversations with Rove after *The New York Daily News* reported that the President was initially furious with when Rove conceded in 2003 that he had talked to the Press about the Plame leak.

The Daily News account appeared to contradict assertions earlier this month by sources close to the case that Rove had kept his role from Bush, assuring him in a brief conver-

sation in the fall of 2003 that he was not involved in any effort to punish Wilson by disclosing his wife's identity.

The Daily News said those earlier reports implying Rove had deceived Bush about his involvement in the Wilson counterattack were incorrect and were leaked by White House aides trying to protect the President.

"I urge you to immediately and publicly clear up the record," Schumer wrote.— MNA/Reuters

US to review Iraqi raid for civilian deaths

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — The US military will look into whether American warplanes and helicopter gunships killed civilians during a raid on suspected militants near the western Iraqi city of Ramadi, the White House said on Tuesday.

Asked for President George W Bush's reaction to the deaths on Sunday of about 20 civilians, including children, spokesman Scott McClellan disputed the reports.

"The military has said otherwise at this point," he said. "The military has review mechanisms in place, and when there are questions raised they look into those matters and so that's something that, obviously, they will look into."— MNA/Reuters



A US soldier walks by destroyed shop windows at the scene of a suicide car bomb attack in Baqouba, Iraq, on 20 Oct, 2005.

US military deaths in Iraq sharply rise to 1,988

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — As of Thursday, 20 Oct, 2005, at least 1,988 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,541 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

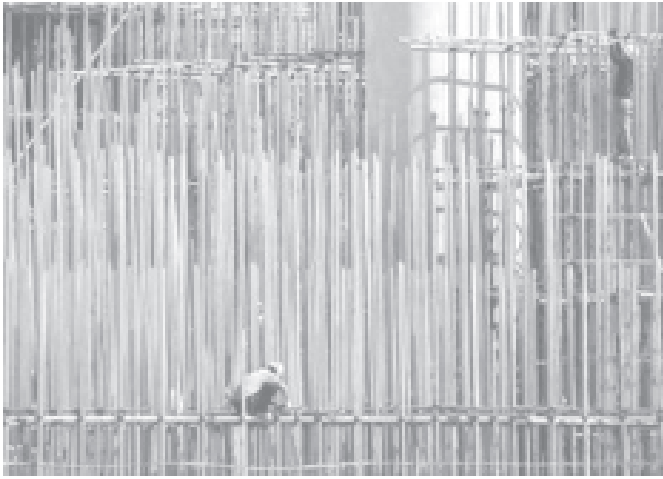
The AP count is 11 higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Thursday.

The British military has reported 97 deaths; Italy, 27; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; Hungary, Kazakhstan, Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,849 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,432 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 15,220 US service members have been wounded, according to a Defence Department tally on Thursday.

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Chinese labourers work on scaffolds at a building site for airport expansion at the Pudong International Airport in Shanghai on 19 October, 2005. —INTERNET

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Minister says India should not lose sight of true friend Russia

NEW DELHI, 20 Oct — India's federal Human Resources Development Minister Arjun Singh on Tuesday said while India tries to integrate itself with "realities of the world", it should not "lose sight" of its "true friend" Russia.

He said he foresaw resurgence in the fortunes of Russia which has witnessed more than a decade of political and economic turmoil.

"I am aware of the cynical view of some people that Russia is a gone coun-

try. I don't think so. The basic resilience of the Russian people and its culture will resurface and a resurgence is on the cards," Singh said after inaugurating an international seminar here titled 'Russia at the Crossroads: Lan-

guage, Literature, Culture and Society in the 21st Century.' "India has to see that while it goes about doing what it has to do, it does not lose sight of its neighbour across the Himalayas which has been a true friend," he added. —MNA/PTI

Rice faces tough questions on Iraq to lawmakers

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice faces tough questions by lawmakers over US policy in Iraq where more than 150,000 US troops are fighting a bloody attacks by guerillas.

Rice is set to testify on US-Iraq policy on Wednesday at a hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the same day that former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein goes on trial in Baghdad for "crimes against humanity".

Despite violence that shows no sign of abating, State Department officials said Rice was expected to stress the Bush Administration's view that progress is being made, citing last weekend's relatively peaceful referendum as an example.

The Bush Administration has come under strong criticism from Democrats in particular for not doing enough to stabilize Iraq and of botching up rebuild-

ing programmes aimed at winning over angry Iraqis after the March 2003 invasion that led to Saddam's ouster.

Wednesday's testimony follows a series of Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings in July that were aimed at improving US policy towards Iraq.

A strong focus was placed on doing a better job of training Iraqi forces so they could take over more duties from US troops and ultimately lead to their return home.

Rice is also likely to answer questions on Syria, which Washington accuses of destabilizing Lebanon and of fanning

the attacks in Iraq by allowing foreign fighters there. Damascus strongly rejects these allegations.

"It (the hearing) is focused primarily on Iraq. If there are any questions related to Syria, she'll be ready to answer them," State Department spokesman Sean McCormack told reporters. —MNA/Reuters



A group of Indonesian students carry a poster of US President George W. Bush as they shout anti-US slogans to protest a visit by US Undersecretary of State for Public Diplomacy Karen Hughes at the Syarif Hidayatullah University in Jakarta on 21 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

Guerillas torch Iraq's main oil pipeline

BAGHDAD, 20 Oct — Guerillas using explosives set fire to the main oil pipeline in northern Iraq on Thursday, officials said. Violence continued around the country, and the US military said three soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb the previous day.

The pipeline links an oil field in the northern city of Kirkuk to Iraq's largest oil refinery in Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad.

The explosion occurred at about 5 am (8 pm EDT Wednesday), setting fire to the pipeline and several oil valves about 34 miles west of Kirkuk, said firefighter Adil Mohammed. "The damage is 100 percent, and we've haven't been able to control the fire yet," he said.

Iraq has the world's third-largest known oil reserves, but the industry has been crippled by several wars, sanctions during Saddam's rule and the anti-U.S. insurgency. Oil production remains limited, curbed by decaying infrastructure and frequent militant attacks on pipelines and refineries. —Internet

Record Hurricane "Wilma" threatens Mexico, Florida

MIAMI, 20 Oct — Hurricane Wilma became the fiercest Atlantic hurricane ever recorded as it churned toward western Cuba and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula on Wednesday and threatened densely populated Florida.

The season's record-breaking 21st storm fuelled up on the warm waters of the northwest Caribbean Sea and strengthened rap-

idly into a Category 5 hurricane, the top rank on the five-step scale of hurricane intensity. Wilma was expected to miss the oil and gas facilities in the Gulf of Mexico but Florida's orange groves and sugarcane fields were at risk.

A US Air Force plane measured top sustained winds of 175 miles per hour early on Wednesday and logged a minimum barometric pressure of 882 millibars, the lowest ever observed in the Atlantic basin.

That meant Wilma was briefly stronger than any Atlantic storm on record, including Katrina, which devastated New Orleans in August, and Rita, which hit the Texas-Louisiana coast in September. —MNA/Reuters

Four Iraqis killed, three wounded in clashes, bomb blast

BAGHDAD, 21 Oct — Two Iraqi police commandos were killed and three wounded when security forces clashed with guerillas in western Baghdad on Wednesday.

The fighting broke out in Baghdad's Gazaliya District which is known as a bastion of the Sunni attack.

In Fallujah, in the Sunni province of Anbar west of the capital, two Iraqi soldiers were killed and two wounded by a roadside bomb, an Army officer said. —MNA/Reuters

Iran bans Britain, Korea trade over atomic issue

TEHERAN, 20 Oct — Iran is blocking imports of British and South Korean goods in an apparent attempt to pressure the two nations over their opposition to Iran's nuclear programme, diplomatic and industry sources said on Wednesday.

Iran said last month it could use trade to punish countries that voted for an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) resolution on referring Teheran to the UN Security Council for possible sanctions over its nuclear programme.

"We have received a verbal order from the Commerce Ministry, about a

trade ban imposed on South Korean and British companies," an official at a state manufacturing company, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told Reuters.

He said the order was due to the two countries' "hostility" towards Iran, such as over its nuclear programme which Teheran insists is purely for peaceful

purposes.

Commerce Minister Massoud Mirkazemi declined to confirm the import bans, but the semi-official ISNA students news agency quoted him as saying: "Iran's national interests should be considered all the time. This consideration is true in the case of those countries which have

an unfair policy regarding Iran." Diplomats said they had enough evidence to confirm the order.

"Basically it means that goods are being held up in Customs, letters of credit for imports are not being granted and so on," said a British diplomat who declined to be named.

MNA/Reuters

Musharraf offers to open LoC for relief work

ISLAMABAD/NEW DELHI, 20 Oct — In a far reaching move, President Pervez Musharraf Tuesday said Pakistan is ready to throw open the Line of Control to allow “any amount” of people to come from the Indian side of Kashmir to help in earthquake relief efforts, a step India promptly welcomed.

“We will allow any amount of people coming

across the Line of Control to meet their relatives and assist with the reconstruction efforts,” said Musharraf in a televised Press conference in Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistan Occupied Kashmir, worst hit in the 8 October killer earthquake.

Urging India to agree to the proposal, he said political leaders of both sides should interact

to “assist each other with reconstruction efforts”.

Reacting to Musharraf’s offer, Federal External Affairs Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna said in New Delhi “we have seen news reports. If indeed this is what has been said, India welcomes the remarks. It is in line with India’s advocacy of greater movement across the LoC.”

India, he said, was willing to facilitate the movement.

“But we wait for word from Pakistan about practical dimension of implementing this intention.”

Sarna said India has always been in favour of greater people to people contacts. He recalled that before the quake, India had made several confidence building measures like opening up of five points along the LoC to enable divided families on both sides to meet.

MNA/PTI



A Chinese worker works at an assembly line in a car manufacturing company in Nanjing, in east China’s Jiangsu Province on 20 October, 2005.—INTERNET

Russia loses control of polar ice-monitoring satellite

MOSCOW, 20 Oct — Russia has lost control over a satellite designed to monitor weather and the Earth’s surface, Roskosmos space agency said on Wednesday, reporting the second satellite problem this month.

A rocket launcher built by Russia’s state space research and production centre, Khrunichev, also failed to put a 165-million-US-dollar European Space Agency *Cryosat* satellite into orbit.

“This is already a second major failure for Khrunichev,” Roskosmos said in a statement on its web site. Roskosmos said the *Monitor-E*, developed by Khrunichev and launched in August, had failed due to problems during its manufacture and operation in orbit. Khrunichev was not immediately available for comment. Russia’s lucrative commercial space launch industry, a spin-off from its nuclear weapons programme, is responsible for putting a large proportion of the world’s satellites in orbit.—MNA/Reuters

Pakistan soldiers rescue girl nine days after quake

BALAKOT (Pakistan), 19 Oct—Pakistani soldiers pulled a young girl alive from the rubble of her home more than a week after a deadly earthquake, officials said on Tuesday, rekindling hopes that more survivors could still be found.

Six-year-old Taj-un-Nisa was rescued on Monday, nine days after the quake struck her village near the town of Balakot on 8 October.

Another young girl was found alive on Sunday at a different village near the devastated town in North West Frontier Province.

Pakistani Kashmir and the Frontier Province bore the brunt of the earthquake, and so far the death toll is estimated at over 41,000. Another 1,300 people died in Indian Kashmir.

Military spokesman Major-General Shaukat Sultan said Nisa’s parents had asked soldiers to search for the girl under the rubble of their house in Sakin Kunda Village, without knowing if she was alive or dead.

Sultan said a soldier found her under the debris. “She survived because

she was stuck under a cupboard which made some space for her,” he said.

The girl just had a minor head injury, said Dr Ijaz Nazir at the al-Khidmat field hospital in Balakot.

MNA/Reuters

Spanish judge issues warrant for three US soldiers

MADRID, 19 Oct—A judge has issued an international arrest warrant for three US soldiers whose tank fired on a Baghdad hotel during the Iraq war, killing a Spanish journalist and a Ukrainian cameraman, a court official said Wednesday.

Judge Santiago Pedraz issued the warrant for Sgt Shawn Gibson, Capt Philip Wolford and Lt Col Philip de Camp, all from the US 3rd Infantry, which is based in Fort Stewart, Ga Jose Couso, who worked for the Spanish television network Telecinco, died on 8 April, 2003, after a US army tank crew fired a shell on Hotel Palestine in Baghdad where many journalists were staying to cover the war. *Reuters* cameraman Taras Protsyuk, a Ukrainian, also was killed.—Internet



US and Iraqi soldiers stand around the remains of a car bomb that exploded in Kirkuk, Iraq, on 19 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

Britain’s paper confirms gunmen abducted reporter in Iraq

LONDON, 20 Oct—Gunmen kidnapped an Irish journalist who went missing while on assignment in Baghdad, his London-based newspaper confirmed on Thursday.

Rory Carroll, 33, was confronted as he left a house in the capital’s eastern district of Sadr City and bundled into a car, the *Guardian* said.

The Dublin-born journalist, who has been in Iraq since January, had been interviewing a family about

the start of Saddam Hussein’s trial before being abducted.

Guardian Editor Alan Rusbridger appealed to Carroll’s captors in a front page article to release him.

“We are deeply concerned,” Rusbridger wrote. “We urge those holding him to release him swiftly, for the sake of his family and

for the sake of anyone who believes the world needs to be kept fully informed about events in Iraq.”

Carroll had asked radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, whose stronghold is Sadr City, to help arrange an interview with someone who had suffered under Saddam’s regime.

MNA/Reuters

Car bomb kills four north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 20 Oct — A suicide car bomber attacked a US military convoy north of Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least four Iraqi civilians and injuring 14, police said.

There was no immediate word on any US casualties. The attack in Baquba, about 65 km (40 miles) north of Baghdad, comes as Sunni Arab guerrillas wage a bloody campaign against Iraq’s US-backed government.

In a separate statement, the US military said that a roadside bomb attack on convoy near Balad, about 50 km (30 miles) from Baquba, on Wednesday had killed three US soldiers. That attack raised to at least 1,985 the number of US soldiers who have died in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion which toppled Saddam Hussein.—MNA/Reuters

Indian humanitarian aid delivered to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 19 Oct—The third consignment of humanitarian aid from India was on Tuesday delivered to Pakistan for its quake-affected people after a train carrying nearly 150 tons of relief material, including food, blankets, tents and medicines, arrived in Lahore from Attari in North India.

The train was received at the Lahore station by Indian diplomat A V S Ramesh Chandra, who later handed over the relief material to Irfan Elahi, Director General, Emergency Relief Cell of Pakistan’s Punjab Province.

MNA/PTI

To see the tricks of colonialists

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As for some outsiders and opponents, democracy transition in Myanmar means opposing and attacking the Tatmadaw government with the misconception — democracy can be achieved only when tyranny falls — while branding it as a military junta. The West group according to its policy of dictatorship destruction and democracy installation, invaded Afghanistan and Iraq, but rather than seeing a quiet democracy transition in both countries, it finds itself unable to restore peace and stability in Afghanistan, while failing to stop the daily killings and destruction of property in Iraq. However, in an attempt to advocate the West's destructive policy, the radio stations — BBC, VOA and RFA — are airing daily news reports in various attractive forms to oppose the Tatmadaw and to portray it as a military tyranny. In its interview programme broadcast on 4 February 2005 late evening, the BBC announced that the US presented US\$ 50,000 to an ex-student as award of endurance as he had served long-term imprisonment.

In this world today, nations of the West group in creating their lackey countries are running a propaganda machine slandering the existing governments around the world through various means to make peoples of those countries hate their own governments. They are also organizing individuals and organizations having problems with their own governments, and opponents by presenting a variety of titles and awards and financial assistance to put them under their domination, while deceiving the world and the respective countries to think them as real patriots and democracy heroes. Sometimes, the West bloc nations present highest titles and awards to leaders of the governments in power with the sole intention of preventing them from taking actions against opponents who are attacking their own governments in power with conspiracies against their own nations and peoples. For example, the West awarded Nobel Peace Prize to President Gorbachev to prevent him from doing his own work of warding off the secessionist attempts to break up the Soviet Union. As Gorbachev could not do his own job, the Soviet Union broke up into 15 different sovereign states.

With this deception in mind, the colonialists are trying to organize the ex-student who once had different opinions with the government. In the interview the BBC asked the ex-student about his feeling after receiving the award.

The ex-student answered, "What reflects in my mind is the sandals that were left behind on the road during the 1988 unrest, something that reminds me of my fellow demonstrators."

The BBC then asked, "To what degree the people's wish of 1988 has been realized?"

His answer was, "Up to now, nothing has been

realized." The first error that is still causing delay in Myanmar's democracy transition is the reverse outlook on the events. During the unrest, neither the then government of Dr Maung Maung nor today's NLD leaders who took the leading role in the unrest were able to restore national peace and stability. At the time, the underground elements of the Burma Communist Party were forcing the people to seize police stations in North Okkalapa and Sagaing, a similar tactic used by the insurgents in seizing government camps and towns to grab power in 1948. The anarchists were also looting and destroying State-owned and people's property, and at the same time they were killing and beheading innocent persons with false accusations in order to scare away people from preventing their

Moreover, the government's tireless efforts for multi-sectorial development is also to realize the wish of 1988. Thus, all those wishing to develop the nation should have the correct and objective outlook rather than imaginary views. They should also study the modern political science, and the failure to do so will lead to deceiving others and themselves.

crime. Because of anarchy that ruled the nation, the Tatmadaw had no alternative, but had to take over the State duties to save the nation from the dangers of anarchists and UGs who tried to seize power.

But the opponents from inside and outside the nation and the West block have reversed the events and seen the Tatmadaw's endeavours as democracy destruction and coup.

The consequences of their wrong view have led them to see the Tatmadaw as a military junta. They are praising the persons opposing the market economy and advocating economic sanctions for eruption of a civil commotion, committing terrorist acts to cause unrest, and perpetrating confrontations to endanger State stability, community peace and tranquillity, and national re-consolidation, honouring destructionists as democracy activists, while deceiving the international community. In reality their acts will lead to reducing the productivity and opposing democracy.

Soon after taking over the State duties, the government dissolved the single party system and centralized economy in Myanmar, and paved the way for the market-oriented economy and multi-party system to flourish in the nation. In other words, the

Tatmadaw government acknowledged the people's wish and realized their wish on their behalf.

Later, it laid down the 12 political, economic and social objectives, the real essence of democracy and development. The people are now enjoying higher living standard and economic progress as never before thanks to the all-out efforts of the Tatmadaw to promote farming and industry in realizing the people's wish of 1988.

As there were oppositions to the government's advice to write a constitution to realize the 1990 election results and its pledge to assist the work, it had to play a leading role in holding the National Convention. However, it had to adjourn the National Convention due to confrontations resulting from the colonialist instigation. The Tatmadaw laid down and internationally declared the seven-point Road Map on 30 August 2003 to free the nation from facing any attempts to delay the process of constitution drawing work. The government is now in the process of holding the Convention to install a democratic republic, the genuine wish of the people.

Moreover, the government's tireless efforts for multi-sectorial development is also to realize the wish of 1988. Thus, all those wishing to develop the nation should have the correct and objective outlook rather than imaginary views. They should also study the modern political science, and the failure to do so will lead to deceiving others and themselves.

The fall of productivity during the World War I led to the rise of Nazism in Germany and Fascism in Italy and Japan, the ideologies that ignited the World War II. The downfall of global production capacity after the WW II paved the way for the imaginary opportunist leftists to set up single party dictatorship and centralized economic system in East Europe and encouraged anti-colonialist insurgencies throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America to adopt socialism. Because of the multi coloured insurgency in Myanmar, neither the ruling AFPFL party nor the opposition could control the national situation. Hence, the Tatmadaw had to take over the State duties.

History stands witness to the fact that development of capitalist economies in England and America raised the production of the two nations, followed by the flourishing of parliamentary democratic administrative systems in both.

The persons in disregard of the historical evidence are supporting terrorism, wars, insurgency and sanctions, that can decrease the productivity. They are claiming these to be the cause of democracy; in reality they are the ones who are deceiving themselves and others. So I would like to warn the people of Myanmar to see the tricks and deceptions of the colonialists.

(Translation: TMT)



Yangon Division WAO Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay makes a speech at the meeting with members of Division/District/Township WAOs.— MNA

Yangon Division WAO Patron meets Division/ District/ Township WAO

YANGON, 21 Oct — Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization met members of Division/District/Township WAOs at No 2 BEHS in Sangyoung Township this afternoon.

It was attended by Yangon Division WAO Chairperson Daw Khin Myo Thu and members, Patrons, chairpersons of District/Township WAOs and trainees who will be attending the Course No 11 on Development of Women's Role.

Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay explained the functions of Division/ District/Township WAOs for carrying out the tasks of MWAF.

Chairperson Daw Khin Myo Thu explained the directives of MWAF. — MNA

Buddha images re-conveyed to PhaungdawU Pagoda in Inlay

YANGON, 21 Oct — A ceremony to re-convey Buddha images to Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda in Inlay Lake in Nyaungshwe Township, Taunggyi District, was held yesterday and Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony.

Presiding Sayadaw of Hlinekyu Pariyatti Monastery in Nyaungshwe Agga Maha Panditta Bhaddanta Mahinda and Members of the Sangha conveyed the images to PhaungdawU Inlay Lake by boat.

At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of the Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Deputy

Win Myint and high-ranking officers paid obeisance to the Buddha images and offered robes to the images.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party enjoyed the traditional boat race in the lake and presented prizes to the winning teams. After the prize presentation ceremony, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win cordially greeted the rowers.

Next, they proceeded to Shwehintha weaving shop at Tharlay Village in Inlay Lake and viewed weaving of Inlay traditional clothes. The weaving shop produces hand-woven traditional bags, shawl and cotton cloth.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party went to Seinthamadhi goldsmith and silversmith workshop in Heya-



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win offers gold foils to the Buddha images of Inlay PhaungdawU in Nyaungshwe Township, Taunggyi District. —MNA

Ywama Village in the lake and viewed around the production process of the workshop.

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Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint presents the first prize to the winning team of men's 26-oar boat race. —MNA

NCCWC holds a coord meeting

YANGON, 21 Oct — National Convention Convening Work Committee held a coordination meeting today at the meeting hall in Kyaikkasan Ground here.

Chairman of the work committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe presided over the meeting.

At the meeting, Vice-Chairman Attorney General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thaug Nyunt and members of the committee discussed matters on reconvening the convention. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks of the chairman. — MNA



Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe speaks at the meeting of the National Convention Convening Work Committee. —MNA

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UMFCCI General Secretary receives Chinese delegation

YANGON, 21 Oct — Vice-Mayor Mr Wei Gang and party of Shweli, Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China, called on General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint-Secretary 2 U Tun Aung, CEC members and executive members of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the office of the federation here, on 18 October.

At the meeting, they discussed cooperation in border trade, investment in production of finished wood product and participation of Myanmar businessmen in Shweli Border Trade Expo to be held from 12 to 16 December at China-Myanmar border region. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win calls on Lao PDR Vice-President

YANGON, 21 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win called on Vice-President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone at Xindu Hotel in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 18 October evening.

Also present at the call 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, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, Director-General of the ASEAN Affairs Department U Aung Bwa, and Deputy Director-General Daw Than Than Htay of the Political Department.

They cordially discussed promotion of relations between the two countries and cooperation in respective sectors. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win meets with Lao PDR Vice-President Mr Choummaly Sayasone at the Xindu Hotel in Nanning. — MNA



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First, Chinese Minister of Commerce Mr Bo Xilai delivered an opening address.

Next, Chairman of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade Mr Wan Ji Fei and Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin extended greetings.

Afterwards, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong gave a speech. And, Vice-President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone delivered an address.

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win delivered an address, saying that the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit is an important mechanism for promoting trade and investment between ASEAN and China and instrumental for the realization of ASEAN-China Free Trade Area. It is very encouraging to see that this Business Summit and Expo have not only been attracting businessmen and investors from China and ASEAN countries, but also becoming a magnet for businessmen from other countries around the world, such as Japan and Korea.

As Myanmar aims to transform its agricultural economy into an industrialized one, Myanmar is effectively expanding its industrial sector

world's second largest foreign direct investment destination. The FDI flows in ASEAN also continued to increase amounting to US\$ 25.1 billion in 2004.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to highlight our bilateral trade and investment relations. China is a major trading partner of the Union of Myanmar. As Myanmar and China is linked by land, the border trade is flourishing. Myanmar also imports machinery and construction materials from China in addition to consumer goods. Myanmar is also exporting agriculture and fishery products to China. China becomes Myanmar's second largest trading partner at the present moment. In 2004, 13.85 per cent of Myanmar's export is destined to China and more than a quarter of total import to Myanmar came from it. I am confident

Myanmar economy is traditionally an agrarian one with vast natural resources. **Agriculture represents 41.2 per cent of the DGP in the year 2004/2005. However, Myanmar still has a huge potential for expansion of its agriculture sector as only 66.8 per cent of the total cultivable land area of 42.2 million acres is being utilized.** To fulfill its domestic consumption and promote exports, Myanmar is also striving to develop its fishery and livestock sector, which constitutes 9.1 per cent of the GDP.

As Myanmar aims to transform its agricultural economy into an industrialized one, Myanmar is effectively expanding its industrial sector, which currently occupies 10.6 per cent of the GDP, by establishing 18 industrial zones throughout the country. Government is encouraging and supporting local as well as foreign investors to invest in the industrial zones.

As infrastructural development is a precondition for long-term economic development, the government is paying more attention to the establishment of infrastructural facilities such as roads, railroads, reservoirs, irrigation facilities, major bridges, port facilities and hydro-electric power stations. **We appreciate very much the positive role played by the Chinese companies in the development of infrastructure in Myanmar.**

Myanmar is striving towards the all-round socio-economic development of the country, relying mostly on her own resources. I would like to express my appreciation for the support given by member countries of ASEAN, China and other friendly countries in our endeavours.

ASEAN and China will make a milestone in 2006 by celebrating the 15th Anniversary of their dialogue relations. It is the time to strengthen friendship and cooperation, promote public awareness and people-to-people contacts, and deepen understanding of the growing ASEAN-China relations and to generate new impetus for the mutually beneficial relations. This summit is one of the best examples of these mutually beneficial relations between ASEAN and China. I am confident that the next time when we meet in Nanning, we will be seeing more flourishing trade and investment relations.

Next, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economic Mr Somkid Jatusripitak delivered an address, and the Summit came to a close. — MNA

Government encouraging and supporting local as well as foreign investors to invest in industrial zones

China and ASEAN possess dynamic economies in Asia and the Pacific. **Twenty-five years of uninterrupted and sustained economic growth in China has brought significant improvement of standard of living and spending power of the Chinese people.**

Trade between ASEAN and China has also increased rapidly since the beginning of the negotiations on ACFTA in 2002. The trade volume has grown significantly with the implementation of the tariff reduction programme under the normal track of the Trade in Goods Agreement by the mid-2004.

Last year when we gathered here for the first time, we had set the target of two-way trade value between China and ASEAN to reach to 100 billion US dollars.

According to the study made by ASEAN Secretariat, the ACFTA still has potentials for expansion of trade and investment between ASEAN and China and will positively contribute to the real GDP growth of both ASEAN and China. We should utilize these potentials for the benefit of the peoples of ASEAN and China. I do believe that this Summit and Expo will serve as a vehicle for reaping these potentials.

In the area of direct foreign investment, China is very successful in attracting FDI and become the

that China will remain of our largest trading partners. **We must redouble our efforts to reach our target of Myanmar-China trade to 1.5 billion in the year 2005.**

Myanmar is also a destination for Chinese investments. China is the 11th largest foreign investors in Myanmar and has the intention to invest US Dollars 203.52 million in 25 projects. I hope that this Summit will bring more trade and investment from China to Myanmar. **One of the new areas China might have interest to invest in Myanmar is hydroelectric and oil and gas sector. Myanmar has a huge electric power potential and substantial gas reserve in offshore areas within its continental shelf.** Myanmar would like to welcome Chinese investments in production of manufacturing goods as well as in energy sector in Myanmar.

I would like to take this opportunity to brief recent developments of Myanmar economy. In order to achieve higher economic growth and better standard of living, the Government of the Union of Myanmar has been implementing five-year economic plans. **We are now implementing the third Five-Year Economic Plan covering the period of 2001/2002 to 2005/2006 and have achieved a double digit economic growth in the first four years of the plan.**

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 Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw of the Ministry of Defence, Director-General of the ASEAN Affairs Department U Aung Bwa, Deputy Director-General of the Political Department Daw Than Than Htay, and officials from Myanmar side, and Vice Chairman of Communist Party Permanent Commission of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Li Jin Zao, Vice Chairman of People's Congress of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Pan Qi, Ambassador designate Mr Guan Mu and officials

will visit to PRC sharing valuable time despite many huge tasks.

The presence of the Prime Minister at the 2nd China-ASEAN Expo and 2nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit not only brought honour to the region but also reflected firm friendship between the two nations.

The 1st China-ASEAN Expo and Vice Chairman of Communist Party Permanent Commission of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region met success thanks to the cooperation of China's friendly ASEAN members. He expressed his belief that the 2nd China-ASEAN Expo and 2nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit



Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin at Li Yuan Resort in Nanning. — MNA

Myanmar invites investors from Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Myanmar entrepreneurs will be able to discuss business with Chinese counterparts



Dinner being hosted to Prime Minister General Soe Win by Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin at Li Yuan Resort in Nanning. — MNA

from Chinese side.

Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin presented his members to the Prime Minister. Next, the Prime Minister presented Myanmar ministers, the ambassador and departmental heads to Mr Lu Bin.

Mr Lu Bin said that it was a pleasure for him to pay a courtesy call together with his colleagues on Prime Minister General Soe Win.

He said his warm welcome represented the government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and over 48 million local people. He said he thanked the Prime Minister very much for the good-

will meet greater success than the first time owing to the cooperation of ASEAN countries. Arrangements are being made for the 2nd China-ASEAN Expo and 2nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit to be grander than the first time.

He wished Myanmar to make an investment in the establishment of an economic zone in capital Nanning. He said he would like Myanmar to open Myanmar consulate-general in Nanning to be more convenient in dealing with Myanmar.

Prime Minister General Soe Win said that he was glad to find his Chinese friends in Guangxi

Zhuang Autonomous Region in good health. Upon arrival in Nanning, he had witnessed the development of Nanning.

The Prime Minister expressed belief that PRC's developments are the results of the good leadership of the Chinese government. The successful holding of the expo and the summit with the cooperation of the ASEAN is due to the sound policy of the PRC.

He lauded the PRC government for its good leadership that bears fruits of progress. As Myanmar has been in the process of striving to become a developed nation, Myanmar appreciates China's efforts

to become a developed nation. Various nationalities are living in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Myanmar is also home to various national races. Thus, the government has been giving priority to national unity and

striving for development of all parts of the nation. It has been implementing five-year projects and the annual rise in the GDP exceeds the respective targets. Like the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Myanmar is also inviting foreign investments.

China is Myanmar's second largest trading partner. The two countries are trying to promote the border trade into normal cross-border trade. Myanmar invites investors from the Autonomous Region.

As over 100 Myanmar entrepreneurs attend the expo, they will be able to discuss business with their Chinese counterparts. Myanmar will seriously consider PRC's invitation to invest in Nanning economic zone and open a Myanmar consulate in the city.

The China-ASEAN summit has helped to develop the economies of

China and the Association.

Mr Lu Bin presented documents relating to buses and farm machinery worth one million yuan to Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein.

General Soe Win and Mr Lu exchanged gifts.

Mr Lu hosted dinner in honour of the Myanmar Prime Minister and delegation at Li Yuan Resort.

Also present were ministers of the delegation, the Myanmar ambassador to PRC, the SPDC Office director-general and heads of department and Vice-Chairman of Permanent Commission of the Communist Party of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Li Jin Zao, Vice-Chairman of People's Congress of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Pan Qi, Ambassador designate Mr Guan Mu and Chinese officials.

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Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin presents bus and farm machinery worth 1 million Yuan to Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein. — MNA

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Prime Minister General Soe Win and leaders of ASEAN countries press buttons to open 2nd China-ASEAN Expo. —MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win attends...

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entrepreneurs of China and ASEAN countries, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong and officials and

correspondents of international news agencies including those from ASEAN nations. Before the opening of the second China-

ASEAN Expo, Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong of the People's Republic of China, Vice-President of Lao PDR Mr Choummaly Sayasone,

Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun San, Myanmar Prime Minister General Soe Win, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economics Mr Somkid Jatusripitak and Deputy

Prime Ministers and ministers of the ASEAN countries watered the commemorative trees planted in front of Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre.

of the second China-ASEAN Expo. Then, Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong of the People's Republic of China, Vice-President of Lao PDR Mr Choummaly Sayasone, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun San, Myanmar Prime Minister General Soe Win, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economics Mr Somkid Jatusripitak and Deputy Prime Ministers and ministers of the ASEAN countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General formally opened the second China-ASEAN Expo.

Later, the Chinese Vice-President cordially greeted the Vice-President, Prime Ministers, Deputy Prime Ministers and ministers of ASEAN countries.

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Next, Minister of Commerce of the PRC Mr Bo Xilai delivered an opening speech and Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin expressed thanks to those dignitaries for their attendance.

ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong explained fruitful results emerged from the holding of China-ASEAN Expo and summits according to the proposal of the Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao.

Afterwards, the Chinese Vice-President announced the opening



The opening of the Second China-ASEAN Expo in progress at Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre.—MNA

Coord meeting of work committee, subcommittees and team managers

YANGON, 21 Oct — The work coordination meeting of the Chairman of the Working Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions and committee members, subcommittee members and team managers from States and Divisions held at the meeting hall of No 1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung) this evening, with an address by Reception and Accommodation Subcommittee Vice-Chairman No 1 Transit Centre Station Commander Lt-Col Tin Kyaing on behalf of the Chairman of Work Committee No 3 Military Region Commander.

Next, the working committee, subcommittee and team managers discussed sector-wise matters on competitions, and Lt-Col Tin Kyaing attended to the needs.—MNA



Myanmar delegation members attending the opening of the second China-ASEAN Expo. — MNA

Professional level marionette contest continues

YANGON, 21 Oct — Marionette Contest of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued as second day this evening at National Theatre in Dagon Township.

Among the spectators were Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Chairman of Work Committee No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan, work committee and subcommittee members, literati, maestros, musicians and enthusiasts.

Today, Mandalay



Marionette Contest of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions being held. —MNA

Division marionette troupe representing Mandalay Division took part in the Minkutha Drama

contest at the professional level.

The marionette troupe continues tomorrow and Yangon Division Tawwin marionette troupe will take part in the contest. — MNA

13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in progress

YANGON, 21 Oct — The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for eighth day at the designated venues, here, today.

Present on the occasion were member of the panel of patrons for organizing the competitions member of the panel of patrons Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, members of the panel of patrons of Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Association-MAWFA Minister for Foreign Affairs' wife Daw Myint Myint Soe and members of MAWFA, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Chairman of the Work Committee No 3 Military Region Com-

mander Col Tint Hsan and members, officials of sub-committees, maestros, people and tourists.

The singing contest, supervised by Chairperson of the panel of judges Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khaing and party, was held at the multi-functional hall of the National Theatre this morning.

A total of 11 contestants from States and Divisions took part in the professional level women's modern song contests, and 14 in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' religious song contest.

Five students participated in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' piano contest at the



Maung Saw Joss Lin of Kayah State participates in boys' basic education level religious song contest (aged 10-15). — MNA

National Theatre, six in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' piano contest, and two women in the professional level women's piano contest. Competitions of the contestants was supervised by Leader of the panel of judge U Sein Thau and

party. At Kanbawza Theatre, artists competed in the basic education level (aged 5-10) song composing contest with the works that nine girls composed on 13 October. In the afternoon, 11 women and men took part in the higher education level song composing contest. Chairman of the panel of judges Bogale U Tint Aung and party supervised the contest.

The eighth day competition of the music contest was held at Padonma Theatre today. Four troupes participated in the amateur level women's troupe orchestra contest, three troupes in the higher education level women's troupe orchestra contest, and four troupes in the basic

If our walls are encroached

- * Our Myanmar nationalistic character Intended to be strengthened, with a wall of culture Is reinforced unflinching each year It has been 13 years by now.
- * It'll be a world village, it'll come And if with the bravado spirit We are complacent, and they encroach Work to multiply the weeds within That sly bunch of dirty minds They are there, we know.
- * Come, come along Those that are there, the many weeds Even those between the walls, will wither And vanish - just remember.

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(Honouring the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition in progress.)

education level (aged 10-15) girls' troupe orchestra contest. Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Sten and party supervised the contest. — MNA



Ma Yi Mon Thant of Ayeyawady Division takes part in basic education level song composing contest. — MNA



Ma Lwin Mi Tun and troupe of Mandalay Division take part in women's professional level orchestra contest. —MNA

Explosion occurs near Traders Hotel

YANGON, 21 October — An explosion occurred near the signboard of Traders Hotel at the corner of Sule Pagoda and Bogyoke Aung San streets here at about 6.45 pm today.

The blast caused no loss of life, injuries and property destruction.

The authorities concerned are trying to expose the culprits of the explosion. — MNA

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Bavaria orders poultry indoors in bird flu move

HAMBURG, 20 Oct—The southern German state of Bavaria has banned all poultry from being kept outdoors with effect from Wednesday to prevent bird flu entering the region, the state consumer protection ministry said.

Poultry must stay indoors initially until mid-December to stop contact with migrating birds which are said to be spreading the disease.

On Tuesday, German federal and state experts rejected calls from Bavaria and German farming associations for a national ban on keeping poultry outdoors. Instead, bans will be issued for farms in areas with a high risk of contact with migrating birds.

Calls for a national ban came after tests earlier this week showed a deadly strain of bird flu found in Turkey and Asia had also infected ducks in Romania, confirming the virus has reached mainland Europe.

Earlier this week Bavaria also banned all poultry markets and fairs as an anti-bird flu measure.

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. SEA BRIGHT VOY NO (727) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23-10-2005 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S GATI COAST TO COAST
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Zambia starts clinical trials of herbal "AIDS" drugs

LUSAKA, 20 Oct—Zambia has launched clinical trials of herbal medicines for AIDS, and early signs are hopeful they could help boost the body's defences, a government health official said on Wednesday.

Dr Patrick Chikusu, principal investigator of clinical trials of traditional herbal remedies, said three herbal drugs had been selected for the trials, including a remedy mixed by former Works and Supply Minister Ludwig Sondashi, a lawyer.

"We have started clinical trials for three products on human beings. The process has undergone extensive research by our team and we have met World Health Organization (WHO) specifications," Chikusu told a news conference.

"The drugs show they are able to reduce the viral load and increase CD4 cells, which defend the body, and that is why we

have proceeded with further trials. We have been using WHO 2003 guidelines on herbal remedies," Chikusu said. "They are also safe," he added.

CD4 cells are the front line of the body's immune system. One in five Zambians is infected with HIV or is living with AIDS. The country has 10 million people. Chikusu, a medical doctor, said 14 natural remedies were initially submitted for preliminary tests, but only three had made it to the final stage of clinical trials.

Health Minister Sylvia Masebo said the three drugs had been checked thoroughly to ensure they were not toxic.

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S Korea launches ambitious global stem-cell project

SEOUL, 20 Oct— South Korea launched on Wednesday an ambitious project to make the country a global hub for stem-cell storage and research, hoping to further cement its status at the forefront of cloning research.

Helped by generous government support and an absence of some of the red-tape and ethical debate that has hampered research in countries such as the United States, South Korea is fast becoming a key centre for stem-cell research.

Stem cells are master cells in the body that can develop into any cell type. Scientists are trying to learn how to manipulate them for transplants to treat diseases such as Alzheimer's or diabetes.

"The work being done here is not about getting ahead financially. It's about starting international cooperation that will go on to benefit the entire mankind," President Roh Moo-hyun said at the opening of the The World Stem Cell Hub.

Stem cells will be stored at Seoul National University Hospital and made available to international researchers under the project.

So-called stem-cell banks already exist in Britain and the United States, although South Korea hopes that its

excellence in the area will attract maximum global collaboration.

South Korea's Government had invested 30 billion won (28.5 million US dollars) in stem-cell research, said Im Jung-gi, chief executive of the hub project.

Professor Hwang Woo-suk and his team of researchers at Seoul National University made world headlines earlier this year when they created stem cells with a patient's specific genetic material, derived through cloned embryos.

The same researchers later created Snuppy, the first dog cloned from adult cells by somatic nuclear cell transfer. That is the same technique used by British researchers to create Dolly, the world's first cloned mammal, and other animals.

But the research is controversial and some religious groups and politicians oppose embryonic stem-cell research, saying the destruction of an embryo to harvest the stem cells is akin to abortion.

MNA/Reuters

Report says governments should plan more for disasters

OSLO, 20 Oct— Governments too often ignore risks of natural disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes and could save lives and billions of dollars with better planning, an international study said on Thursday.

Over the past century, the number of recorded natural disasters surged to 2,800 per decade from 100, according to the study for the International Council for Science, a non-governmental organization of experts from around the world.

"It's time to change the mindset of governments, who tend to plan too little for natural disasters," said Gordon McBean, chair in policy for the Institute of Catastrophic Loss Reduction at Canada's University of Western Ontario, who led the study.

The report said natural hazards in 2004 killed, injured or displaced millions of people while disasters caused an estimated 140 billion US dollars in economic losses.

And human suffering and costs were likely to leap in 2005 in the aftermath of last year's December 26 Indian Ocean tsunami, Hurricane Katrina in the United

States and the October 8 earthquake in Pakistan. "We can't stop hurricanes or tsunamis or other extreme events," McBean said in the report.

"But we have found a lot of evidence that policy makers may at times act in ignorance or simply disregard relevant scientific evidence of what's needed to prepare for or prevent devastation from a natural, predictable event like a hurricane."

"Investments in reducing vulnerability are almost always significantly smaller, by a factor of perhaps 2-5, than dealing with the disaster itself," he told Reuters.

Higher levees outside New Orleans could have protected the city from being swamped by the sea after Hurricane Katrina. A clearing of mangrove forests in Asia made some coasts vulnerable to the devastating tsunami.—MNA/Reuters

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A Chinese bird vendor waits for customers at a pet market in Beijing 21 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

London Film Festival starts with le Carre movie

LONDON, 20 Oct — Africa-based movie "The Constant Gardener," based on the novel by John le Carre, opens the London Film Festival on Wednesday.

More than 20 movies will be screened daily over the next two weeks, including the latest offerings from directors like Steven Soderbergh, Lars von Trier and Terry Gilliam. "The Constant Gardener," a political and romantic thriller starring Ralph Fiennes and Rachel Weisz, is set in Kenya and was directed by the man behind "City of God", Fernando Meirelles.

Le Carre, the author of "The Spy Who Came In From The Cold" and "Smiley's People" shifted from Cold War espionage to modern-day Africa for

his 2000 book. The film follows the life of a British diplomat (Fiennes) in Nairobi who goes in search of the truth behind the brutal murder of his wife (Weisz).

Closing the festival, Britain's largest, is "Good Night, and Good Luck", a film directed by George Clooney which chronicles the real-life conflict between a US television man and Senator Joseph McCarthy during the 1950s when McCarthy presided over an anti-Communist witch-hunt.

MNA/Reuters

Hardy's Trafalgar medal sets auction record

LONDON, 20 Oct — The medal awarded to Thomas Masterman Hardy, captain of Admiral Horatio Nelson's flagship HMS Victory, after the battle of Trafalgar was sold on Wednesday for a record 248,800 pounds (436,200 US dollars).

The previous record for a set of medals sold at auction was the 241,500 pounds paid in December 2001 for those belonging to Air Vice Marshal Johnnie Johnson, the British World War II fighter ace with the highest recorded number of enemy kills.

The Trafalgar medal was awarded to Hardy after HMS Victory arrived back in England following the epic sea battle on October 21 1805 off the Spanish coast in which Nelson's outnumbered ships defeated the combined French and Spanish fleet.

The battle, in which Nelson was killed by a French sniper, changed the course of history — giving Britain command of the seas for more than a century and spelling the beginning of the end for Napoleon Bonaparte's conquest of Europe. — MNA/Reuters

Peru finds headless mummy predating Incas in Lima

LIMA (Peru), 20 Oct — Archaeologists have uncovered the remains of the oldest mummy ever found in Peru's capital, Lima — a high-ranking official of the Huari tribe who lived about 1,300 years ago, researchers said on Wednesday.

The headless mummy was found in September in Lima's Huaca Pucllana ceremonial complex after studies and exploration at the site.

"He was decapitated and belongs to the Huari culture that invaded Lima," said archaeologist Isabel Flores, director of the Huaca Pucllana museum, adding the Huaris

predated the Incas, who dominated South America from Colombia to Chile until being toppled by Spanish conquerors in the 1530s.

"Judging by the clothes he is wearing, we're talking about a senior official who was buried wrapped in cloth and tied with rope made of vegetal fibre," Flores

added. The Huaris, a warrior society that conquered Peru's central Andes and coastal regions between 600 and 1000 A.D., were known for their high-quality textiles and pottery styles.

They were supplanted by Ichmas, who Flores said were likely responsible for decapitating the Huari official well after

he was buried in an attempt to erase all vestiges of a tribe that dominated them for years.

"It was an act of rebellion against the Huaris. Without doubt, this gives us valuable information about ancient inhabitants of what is now Peru's capital," she added. The mummy, which was found surrounded by tunics and food such as corn and beans, is not well preserved because of the humidity of Peru's coast. Its dried skin and bones are badly chipped and many of its ligaments are visible.

Peru has made some striking mummy discoveries in recent years. In February last year, two 700-year-old mummies were found in southern Peru by construction workers under a school. Thousands of Inca mummies were found at an ancient cemetery under a shantytown near Lima in 2002. — MNA/Reuters

Rare US misprint stamps sell for nearly \$3m

NEW YORK, 20 Oct — A group of four flawed, early US airmail stamps, originally priced at 24 cents each, sold at auction for 2.97 million US dollars on Wednesday.

An unidentified private collector bought the so-called "Inverted Jenny" stamps at the Siegel Auction Galleries in New York, the auction house said.

The 1918 stamp depicting a Curtiss JN-4H airplane was the first US airmail stamp. Only a single flawed sheet of 100 stamps showing the airplane flying upside down was ever sold.

The original sheet of "Inverted Jenny" stamps was sold for 24 US dollars to William Robey on May 14, 1918.

Robey sold the sheet a week later for 15,000 US dollars. News of the error spread rapidly, embarrassing postal officials, who already faced skepticism over the experimental airmail programme.

The sheet has since been split up and prices have rocketed to more than 500,000 US dollars for a single stamp.

The highest auction price paid for a single US postage stamp was 935,000 US dollars paid in 1998 for a one cent Z Grill stamp, the auction house said.

MNA/Reuters

High-risk Black women need breast cancer gene test

NEW YORK, 20 Oct — Genetic mutations in the breast cancer susceptibility genes — BRCA1 and BRCA2 — occur with "appreciable frequency" in African-American women with a family history of the disease, with more than one quarter testing positive for a mutation in one of these genes that indicates high risk, a study shows.

This finding supports genetic testing for BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations in high-risk African American families, study investigators report in this week's issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

"Ten years after BRCA1 and BRCA2 were first identified as major breast cancer susceptibility genes, the spectrum of mutations and modifiers of risk among many ethnic minorities remain undefined," Dr Olufunmilayo I Olopade from the University of Chicago Medical Centre and colleagues note in the article.

This is particularly true of African Americans, in whom there is a high incidence of breast cancer at a young age.

Using a unique, ethnically diverse group of high-risk families,

Olopade and colleagues characterized the predictors of BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations among high-risk individuals of European and African ancestry. They included a comparative

analysis of White, Ashkenazi Jewish, African American, Hispanic and Asian families having at least two cases of breast and/or ovarian cancer among close or moderately close relatives.

The spectrum of BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations was "vastly different" between families of African and European ancestry, the investigators report.

MNA/Reuters



Japanese researchers have unveiled the world's fastest electric sedan, the Elicia seen here, — an eight-wheeled prototype with a top speed of 370 kilometres (almost 230 miles) per hour.

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SPORTS

Schalke hold Fenerbahce in six-goal thriller

ISTANBUL, 20 Oct—Fenerbahce earned a 3-3 draw against Schalke 04 with a late equalizer by Ghana midfielder Stephen Appiah in Champions League Group E on Wednesday.

The Turkish side came from behind twice in the second half amid a 20-minute, five-goal flurry. They stay second, one point behind AC Milan who were held to a 0-0 draw by PSV Eindhoven.

The Germans remain bottom with two points from three games behind the Dutch who are level with Fenerbahce on four points.

Brazilian Fabio Luciano put the Turks ahead in the 14th minute with their first effort as he slipped behind the Schalke defence to head past keeper Frank Rost from a free kick.

Another Brazilian, Schalke midfielder Lincoln, equalized in the 59th minute, dragging the ball around two players in the penalty area before driving a powerful shot into the top right hand corner of Volkan Demirel in the Fenerbahce goal.

Three minutes later Lincoln put Schalke ahead when Soren Larsen passed across the edge of the penalty area and he fired a low shot to the right of the Turkish goalkeeper.

The Istanbul team were back on level terms

10 minutes later though when, unmarked in the area, Marcio Nobre sent a header looping over Schalke's Rost.

A horrendous mistake from Volkan allowed Schalke to take a 3-2 lead soon after when he totally missed a clearance on the edge of the area and Kevin Kuranyi tapped into an empty net.

Fenerbahce's Appiah made the score 3-3 in the 79th minute with a shot from the edge of the penalty area which looped into the top left hand corner of the Schalke goal.

The Turkish side's

German coach Christoph Daum said the draw had increased the importance of his team securing a win against Schalke in their second meeting in Germany.

"(A win in Germany) would be the optimal result, but we have seen today that will be difficult.

But I congratulate our team and fans as we came back from behind," he said.

Fenerbahce were dealt a late blow when Alex De Souza was shown a red card after a late tackle earned him a second yellow.

MNA/Reuters

Colombian rider regains Olympic bronze medal

LONDON, 21 Oct — Colombian rider Maria-Luisa Calle has regained the bronze medal she lost at last year's Athens Olympics after testing positive for a banned stimulant.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) overturned on Thursday the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) decision to strip her of the Women's Points Race medal because she had not ingested the substance which turned up in her sample.

"The parties agreed that the presence of heptaminol in the appellant's urine sample was not due to the appellant having ingested that substance but was the result of the ingestion of neo-saldina containing isometheptene, a substance which transforms into heptaminol during laboratory analyses," CAS said. —MNA/Reuters

Beckhams win right to hear "nanny tapes"

LONDON, 21 Oct— England soccer captain David Beckham and his wife Victoria won the right on Thursday to hear tapes in which a former nanny claims their marriage is a sham.

Justice Charles Gray ruled in the High Court that the couple were entitled to disclosure of the tapes of interviews with the nanny, Abbie Gibson.

Allegations by the 27-year-old nanny will be used by the *News of the World* in its defence against a libel action brought by the Beckhams over its article "Posh & Becks on Rocks" published in September last year.

Whether the high-profile celebrity action goes ahead as planned on December 5 is now in doubt. Both sides say they are considering putting it off

until next year. Following the article, the Beckhams gagged the nanny from revealing more. But they do not know what else may be on the tapes.

The judge said that, according to the Beckhams, the relevance of the tapes is that the damage they suffered by her disclosures was aggravated by the fact that she was acting in "flagrant breach of her contractual and common law duties of confidentiality in providing such information" to the newspaper.

While giving the Beckhams what they wanted, the judge rejected

bids by the newspaper to force them to hand over detailed mobile phone records and documents relating to his split with PR firm SFX, following revelations of an alleged affair with his personal assistant Rebecca Loos.

The judge said he could see no justification for imposing on the couple "the onerous burden" of providing details of Victoria's travel arrangements to and from Spain following David's move to Real Madrid, or any documents relating to what the newspaper calls "Brand Beckham".

MNA/Reuters



A Japanese woman poses in front of Tokyo R and D Co's concept hybrid sport car 'VEMAC rd408H' at the Tokyo Motor Show at Makuhari Messe in Chiba, east of Tokyo, 20 October, 2005. Dozens of concept cars featuring futuristic technologies are presented as auto makers use the event to show off their latest progress in developing cars for the next generation. —INTERNET

Late goal gives Lyon victory over Olympiakos

LYON (France), 20 Oct—A last-gasp goal enabled Olympique Lyon to extend the perfect start to their Champions League campaign with a 2-1 win over Olympiakos Piraeus on Wednesday.

Forward Sidney Govou collected a fine Juninho pass to strike from close range with a minute left and present the four-times French champions with their third victory from as many Group F games.

They have nine points, three more than Real Madrid, 4-1 winners over Rosenborg Trondheim.

The Ligue 1 leaders, who have not lost in any competition this season, need just one point from their remaining three matches to make sure of reaching the knockout stage.

"It was complicated but we showed character," said Lyon coach Gerard Houllier after Wednesday's win.

"It's the first time we have won our first three Champions League matches. I'm very proud of my players," the former Liverpool manager added.

Olympiakos, who face elimination after three defeats, thought they had earned a draw when midfielder Pantelis Kafes fired in under the crossbar with six minutes remaining. —MNA/Reuters

No risk of surgery for Ronaldo

RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Oct— Real Madrid striker Ronaldo has returned to his native Brazil for routine treatment on his ankle injury and will not have to undergo an operation, his spokesman Paulo Julio Clement said Thursday.

Clement denied media reports that Ronaldo's injury was more serious than initially thought.

"There's no chance of surgery," Clement told Reuters. "Can you imagine Real Madrid, with all their medical infrastructure, allowing Ronaldo to come to Brazil to be operated on?"

Ronaldo suffered a partial ligament tear in his left ankle during Sunday's 3-0 Primera Liga win over Atletico Madrid, during which he scored twice.

The Spanish club said that if his recovery went according to plan, he would be able to play against Barcelona on 20 November.

Ronaldo arrived in Rio early on Thursday and was whisked away from the airport in a helicopter.

"He's come to Brazil to undergo the treatment which has been stipulated by Real Madrid," said Clement. "All he is going to do is ice (treatment) and rest, so it doesn't matter where he does it."

MNA/Reuters



Sergei Samodin (R) of CSKA Moscow runs next to Marseille's goalkeeper Fabien Barthez (L) during their UEFA Group F football match in Moscow. Marseille won 2-1.

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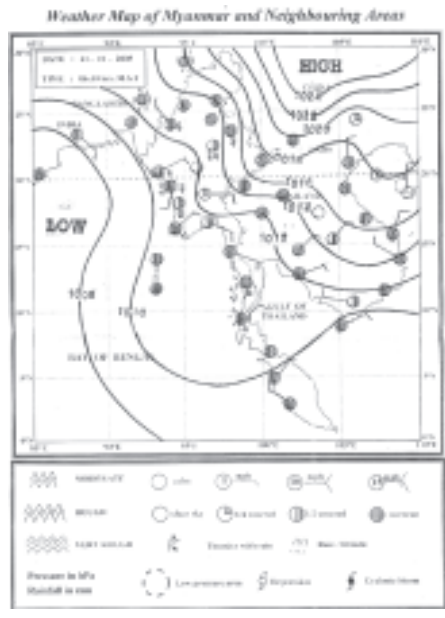
15 hurt as moderate quake jolts western Turkey

ISTANBUL, 21 Oct— A moderate earthquake shook western Turkey early on Friday, causing slight damage to several buildings and resulting in 15 casualties from the ensuing panic, the local governor said.

The Kandilli earthquake observation centre said the tremor, at 0:40 am (21:40 GMT), measured 5.9 on the Richter Scale and its epicentre was in the Aegean Sea off the coast of Seferihisar in Izmir Province.

Izmir Governor Oğuz Kagan Goksal told the CNN Turk television channel 15 people had been taken to hospital as a result of heart attacks or jumping from buildings during the quake.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Friday, 21 October, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan, Chin and Kayah States, Mandalay, Magway and Bago Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sagaing (1.06) inches, Mandalay (0.95) inch, Kyaukse (0.35) inch, Meikthila (0.27) inch and Chauk (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 20-10-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 21-10-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 21-10-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 20-10-2005 was (8.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 21-10-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 (8) mph from East at (14:20) hours MST on 20-10-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over the West Central Bay still persists. Weather is cloudy in the Andaman Sea, West Central and North Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 22-10-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Kayah States, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions and rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Kachin, Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State 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 22-10-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-10-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Weather outlook for fourth weekend of October 2005: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, 22 October
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am**
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘက္ခဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပတ္ထိတ၊ တဗ္ဗန္ဒာသိရိန္ဒာ၊ ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am**
3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**
6. အတပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 am**
7. Musical programme
- 8:15 am**
8. အတပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am**
9. International news
- 8:45 am**
10. Grammar Made Easy
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:15 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
3. News
- 11:40 am**
4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm**
5. Round up of the week's TV local news

- 12:35 pm**
6. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စောရိဗ္ဗာနှင့်မိစ္ဆာရွင်းခါး" (အပိုင်း-၄၈)
- 1:15 pm**
7. ကြားမြင်သုတ ပြည့်ဝစေရာစာပဒေသာ
- 1:25 pm**
8. "ဓမ္မောဗျန်မှ လန်းဆန်းမည်" (ကိုကိုလင်း-မောင်ထက်ထက်နီနီဦး၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မြင်မြတ်)
- 1:50 pm**
9. ဘတ်စွဲဖွဲ့ဖြိုး တိုးတက်စည်ပင် ရှမ်းမြောက်ဒေသ ကျေးလက်တစ်ရွင် (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 2:00 pm**
10. Dance of national races
- 2:10 pm**
11. Musical programme
- 2:20 pm**
12. "မမြိုင်ကွယ်ရာ" (မောင်မောင်မြင့်၊ မျိုးသန့်၊ မထူး) ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖိုးဟိန်း၊ (မန်-တက္ကသိုလ်)
- 2:30 pm**
13. (၂၃)ကြိမ်ခြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲပင်မညှိမြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြိုင်ဆင်မှုများ (သေနတ်ပစ်)
- 2:45 pm**
14. International news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အတပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:10 pm**
6. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ
- 5:20 pm**
- 5:20 pm
- 5:35 pm**
8. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm**
9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:55 pm**
10. Musical programme
- 6:05 pm**
11. "လှကားသုံးထစ်ဆင်းတဲ့အခါ" (အရိုင်း၊ မင်းသူ၊ အေးသိတာ) ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်(ဖိုးနွယ်)
- 6:15 pm**
12. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm**
13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စိမ်းလဲ့ဓမ္မောကန်သယာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
- 7:35 pm**
16. ဝင်ဆွေရီသေချာ ရေထဲက ရတနာ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:45 pm**
17. "ဖွဲ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်စေရာ ဝဲစူးတိုင်းအရှေ့မှာ"
- 8:00 pm**
18. News
- 8:15 pm**
19. International news
- 8:30 pm**
20. Weather report
- 8:45 pm**
21. ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ် တာရှားမအကြိမ် (၁၃ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အတ၊ အဇေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:55 pm**
22. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ထဝရဗုဒ္ဓ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 9:00 pm**
23. The next day's programme



Saturday, 22 October
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: -Bidi Bidi Bom Bom
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: -You're my No1
- 8:55 am** National news/Slogan
- 9:05 am** Music: -Jenny
- 9:10 am** International news
- 9:15 am** Music: -I like it -Home sweet home
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Request -Queen of the night -Someday -Waiting for you
- 9:00 pm** ASEAN review -Exchange news
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt -Thidingyut; the month of light festival
- 9:30 pm** Souvenirs -Do I love you -Happy together
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

Myanmar invites investors from Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Prime Minister General Soe Win

PRC invites Myanmar to make investment in establishment of economic zone in Nanning

Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin

YANGON, 20 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win met with Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin at Li Yuan Resort in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China, on 17 October evening.

Also present at the call 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, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, Pyithu Hluttaw Office Director-General U Myint Thein, (See page 9)



Prime Minister General Soe Win presents a gift to Mr Lu Bin. — MNA

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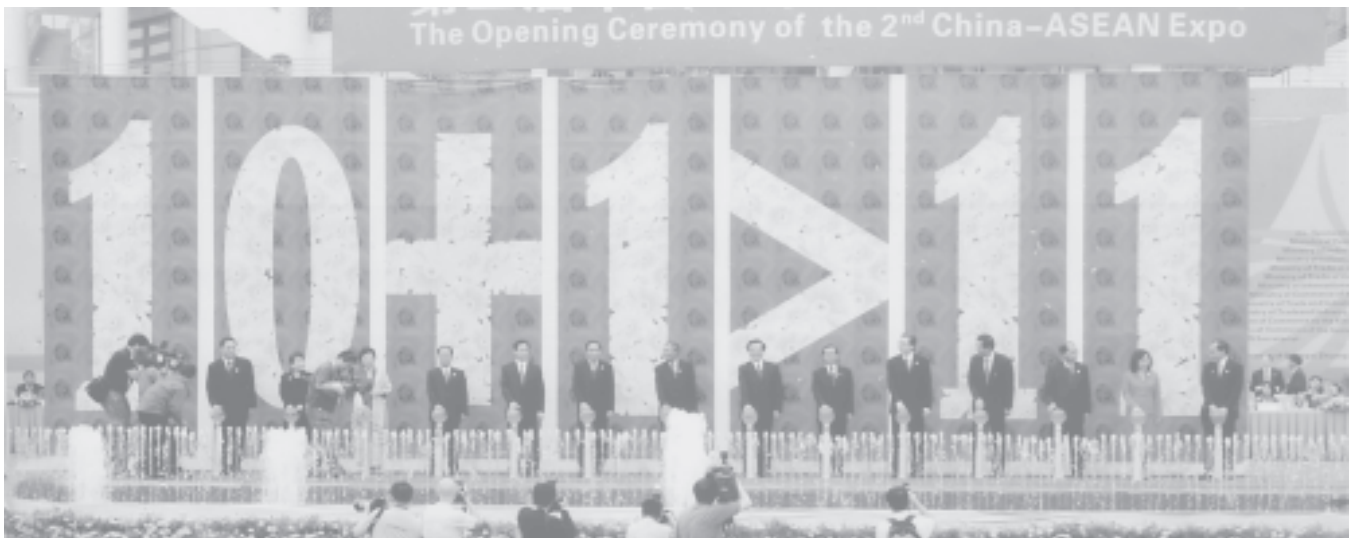
Prime Minister General Soe Win attends second China-ASEAN Expo

YANGON, 21 Oct — Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar at 11 am on 19 October attended the opening of the second China-ASEAN Expo held at Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Nanning, the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China.

Present at the opening ceremony were Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong of the People's Republic

of China, Vice-President of Laos PDR Mr Choummaly Sayasone, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun San, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economics Mr Somkid Jatusripitak, Deputy Prime Minister of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for

Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Mandalay City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department, ministers, deputy ministers, high-ranking officials and business (See page 10)



Vice-presidents, prime ministers, ministers, and the ASEAN Secretary-General formally open the 2nd China-ASEAN Expo. — MNA