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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

## China and Myanmar have set up fine tradition of Paukphaw relations for many years

## Myanmar has been taking steps for economic development practising market-oriented economic system

**Prime Minister General Soe Win receives foreign correspondents**



Prime Minister General Soe Win meets with reporters at Hall No 10 of Li Yuan Resort in Nanning.—MNA

YANGON, 22 Oct— Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win received correspondents from Xinhua News Agency, CCTV-9, China Radio

International, Phoenix TV (Hong Kong), Guangxi TV and Guangxi Daily Newspaper on 20 October morning at Li Yuan Resort in Nanning, the People's

Republic of China.

The Prime Minister replied to the queries raised by the correspondents. In connection with Sino-Myanmar relations, he said that China and Myanmar have set up a fine tradition of Paukphaw relations between the two nations for many years. The two nations have maintained good neighbourly relations in line with the five principles of peaceful co-existence. The two sides have been cooperating

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based on mutual interests for economic development. With regard to Myanmar's economic development, he said that China has enjoyed development through the open economic system.

Myanmar has been taking steps for economic development with the practice of the market-oriented economic system.

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can be carried out for national development. So, Myanmar is taking all possible measures for gaining peace, tranquillity and national solidarity, while striving for her (See page 9)

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KO LAY THU (MYINGYAN)

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Further promote Myanmar-PRC trade and investment**

The Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China share a common border, and governments and peoples of the two countries have been in close contact in a friendly atmosphere since yore. The two countries have been able to promote relations and trade and investment through Paukphaw friendly ties forged by the leaders of the two countries.

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 held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the PRC, on 19 October 2005.

In his address, Prime Minister General Soe Win said he hoped that the Summit would bring more trade and investment from the PRC to Myanmar; that one of the new areas the PRC might have interest to invest in Myanmar is hydroelectric and oil and gas sector; that Myanmar has a huge electric power potential and substantial gas reserve in offshore areas within its continental shelf; and that Myanmar would like to welcome investments of the PRC in manufacturing goods as well as in the energy sector in Myanmar.

The PRC is a major trading partner of the Union of Myanmar. As Myanmar and the PRC are linked by land, the border trade is flourishing.

Myanmar is importing machinery and construction materials from the PRC in addition to consumer goods.

Myanmar is also exporting agricultural and fishery products to the PRC. The PRC becomes Myanmar's second largest trading partner at the present moment.

In 2004, 13.85 per cent of Myanmar's export was destined to the PRC and more than a quarter of total import to Myanmar came from it. Efforts are being made to meet the target of Myanmar-PRC trade volume to 1.5 billion US\$ in the year 2005. The PRC is the 11th largest foreign investor of Myanmar and has the intention to invest US \$ 203.52 million in 25 projects.

Myanmar is striving towards the all-round socio-economic development of the country, relying mostly on her own resources, and appreciates the support given by member countries of ASEAN, the PRC and other friendly countries in its endeavours.

It is the time to strengthen friendship and cooperation, promote public awareness and people-to-people contacts, deepen understanding of the growing ASEAN-PRC relations and generate new impetus for the mutually beneficial relations.

As the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit attended by Prime Minister General Soe Win has brought about so much fruitful results we firmly believe that the PRC as well as other friendly countries will boost their trade and investment in Myanmar.

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**People's Desire**

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

**Prizes of military code of conduct and extempore talks contests awarded**

YANGON, 22 Oct — The prize presentation ceremony of Military Code of Conduct and Extempore Talks Contests of Yangon Command to mark the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day took place at the command headquarters at 5 pm on 20 October, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay.

It was also attended by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, military region commanders, station commanders, senior officers of Yangon Com-



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe presents prize to a winner in officer level military code of conduct contest of Yangon Command.—MNA

mand, Tatmadawmen and their wives, and prize-winners. Yangon Command Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint and Indaing Station Commander Col Bo Lwin presented prizes to the winners in the contests. MNA

**Yangon Mayor inspects functions of asphalt concrete mixers**

YANGON, 22 Oct — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with officials concerned looked into functions of ABC asphalt concrete mixer on Upper Pazundaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, and Dawbon asphalt concrete mixer near Ayeyawun Road in Dawbon Township this morning and fulfilled the requirements.

At ABC Asphalt Concrete Mixer and Stone Crusher in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, YCDC Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win, Head of Engineering Department (Road/Bridge) U Bo Htay and

officials briefed the mayor on preparations for using natural gas in production of asphalt concrete, tasks of daily production, and stockpiling of tar, gravel and sand.

The Mayor also inspected functions of Dawbon Asphalt Concrete Mixer and Stone Crusher in Dawbon Township, and instructed officials to supervise production of asphalt concrete to be used in maintaining the roads in the city, to gather fuel-substitute firewood and to emphasize use of CNG at the factory. MNA

**Two medical students back home**

YANGON, 22 Oct — Under the exchange of excursion programme part 1 of the students which includes in periodical works on ASEAN University and College, Ma Khine Zin Oo, third year MB student, and Ma Hsu Win Hatik, first year MB student, of Yangon Institute of Medicine-1 arrived back here by air this evening after making on a study tour in the Philippines, Vietnam and Cambodia from 3 to 20 October. They were welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport by officials from Myanma Radio and Television, Department of Education Planning and Training and family members. — MNA

**Sanitation day for school and its environs**

YANGON, 22 Oct — The Ministry of Education has been implementing the enhancement tasks for the basic education sector, and the educational development tasks are being carried out drafting education calendar for each year.

In 2005-2006 academic year, 29 October has been designated as the sanitation day for school and its environs and teachers and students are urged to participate in the five sanitation tasks on that day under the leadership of the school heads. MNA

**Pro-Golfer Aung Win still leads in Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour**



YANGON, 22 Oct — Co-organized by Myanmar PGA and Myanmar Golf Federation, the First Leg of Air Bagan Myanmar Golf Tour, mainly sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd, continued for the third day at Northern Star Golf Resort in Myitkyina this morning.

After the third round, Aung Win (YCDC, Srixon) was standing at the first position by firing 213 strokes. Min Naing (Srixon) put

his position close behind the leader with 216 strokes and Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon) with 217 in the professional division. In the amateur division, Naing Naing Lin and Nay Lin Tun shot 220 each, Nay Bala Win Myint 226 and Kyaw Thiha 228. Co-sponsors for the tour were Myanmar Brewery Ltd, Myanmar Treasure Resort, Aureum Palace Hotel Resort, Kanbawza Bank Ltd, Max Myanmar Hotel, Srixon and London, and the tour was organized by Han Event Management. The fourth and final round of the tour will be held tomorrow. — MNA

## Official says Russia could enter WTO next year

GENEVA, 21 Oct — Russia could wrap up talks on joining the World Trade Organization (WTO) by the spring of next year after more than a decade of troubled negotiations, a senior Moscow official said on Wednesday.

But to achieve that target — which diplomats said looked optimistic — discussions with current WTO member countries would have to be intensified, Moscow's chief WTO negotiator Maxim Medvedkov told reporters.

"It is our real strategic aim to complete this negotiation as soon as possible," Medvedkov said after several days of bilateral talks and discussions within a WTO working party preparing an accession agreement for Russia.

"It is clear it is possible to do it next year — perhaps in the spring. But we and our partners have to be fully engaged to achieve that."

A European trade diplomat involved in the talks said: "I would say it will take somewhat longer

than that." "But if all goes well, summer or autumn of 2006 could be doable."

The chairman of the working party, Iceland's Ambassador Stefan Johannesson, said no agreement had yet been reached on when the body would meet again, suggesting that it might not be until the start of 2006.

Russia, a major energy producer that has seen its trade weight boom amid soaring world oil prices,

is the biggest power still outside the currently 148-member WTO, which acts as a forum for international negotiations and a trade watchdog.

President Vladimir Putin has often said it is one of his top economic priorities to bring Russia into the Geneva-based body, a move that would ensure its exports would not face barriers in key markets.

MNA/Reuters

## ထုတ်ကုန်နှစ်ဆ မိုးရွာခဲ့



The Shougang iron and steel factory on the outskirts of Beijing on 20 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

## UNESCO backs cultural diversity accord, despite US

PARIS, 21 Oct — The United Nations cultural body adopted a treaty to protect and promote cultural diversity on Thursday despite opposition from the United States, which fears it will hit its film and music exports.

The Paris-based UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) overwhelmingly approved the accord, which supporters such as France say will help de-

velop linguistic and cultural diversity from the negative effects of globalization.

The convention won the backing of 148 countries and was opposed by only two, Israel and the United

States, at a UNESCO plenary meeting.

U.S. officials fear the treaty will restrict free trade and the free flow of ideas, but France hailed it as a victory that would help countries defend their national culture and arts.

It also sees the convention as a weapon to fight what many French people

regard as a threat of American cultural domination and an onslaught of Hollywood films.

"This is major progress in a world which must protect cultural diversity and organize a dialogue of cultures that respects all," French President Jacques Chirac said in a written statement. —MNA/Reuters

## Drugs swoop across Britain nets 31 suspects

LONDON, 21 Oct — Over 600 officers were involved in a major operation against suspected drug dealers on Thursday, resulting in 31 arrests, police said.

A statement by Hampshire police said officers entered 48 premises in Southampton and others in Birmingham and London in a raid that followed a year-long intelligence-led investigation.

"This is just the very first day of an operation which is fundamentally aimed at taking out a criminal network of stolen property and drugs, and ensuring that no other criminals are able to come in and fill the void," said Chief Superintendent Paul Stickler.

No further details were immediately available. — MNA/Reuters

## 18 passengers injured in Greek train derailment

ADENDRO (Greece), 21 Oct — A Greek intercity train to Athens derailed on Thursday, catching fire and injuring 18 people, including an 8-month-old baby, officials said.

An initial investigation said the train with 140 passengers aboard had been going too fast when it jumped the rails near the northern city of Thessaloniki, the government said.

The train on the Thessaloniki-Athens route, the busiest in Greece, crashed into an out-of-use station near Adendro.

A baby on the train suf-

fered serious head injuries and was in hospital for an emergency operation. All others had minor injuries.

"The initial impression is that the train had developed too high a speed," government spokesman Theodore Roussopoulos told reporters.

A fire brigade official, speaking at the accident site, told Reuters passengers had been safely removed from

the coaches and a fire that started from a petrol tank was extinguished.

Several passengers told Greek media the train had left Thessaloniki a half hour late.

The Thessaloniki-Athens route has been upgraded in recent years with new, faster trains, cutting the travel time to four hours from more than six. — MNA/Reuters

## Car bomb kills four north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 21 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 kilometres (40 miles) north of Baghdad, comes as Sunni Arab guerillas wage a bloody campaign against Iraq's US-backed government. —MNA/Reuters

## US military deaths rise to 1992 in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct — As of Friday, 21 Oct, 2005, at least 1,992 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 1,547 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is nine higher than the Defense Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Friday.

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, 1,853 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,438 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

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Demonstrators opposed to the war in Iraq wave signs as the presidential motorcade escorting President Bush passes, en route to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and dedication ceremonies for the retired Air Force One aircraft, in Simi Valley, Calif, on Friday, 21 Oct, 2005. — INTERNET



Dancer Maya Plisetskaya (L) of Russia and Tamara Rojo of Spain are applauded by Spanish Crown Prince Felipe after receiving the 2005 Prince of Asturias arts award during a traditional ceremony at Campoamor theatre in Oviedo in northern Spain on 21 Oct, 2005. The awards have been held annually since 1981 to reward scientific, technical, cultural, social and humanitarian achievements reached by individuals, work teams and institutions.—INTERNET

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## Russia to back NSG amendments on nuke cooperation with India

Moscow, 21 Oct — Russia has indicated its willingness to back US amendments to Nuclear Suppliers Group guidelines upholding the idea of enlarging civilian nuclear cooperation with India, a Russian Foreign Ministry expert has said.

“The United States of America has suggested three variants of amendments to Nuclear Suppliers Group Initial Elements.

These amendments will be considered

by Russia and other NSG member countries shortly,” Shilin said at the seminar organized by Moscow-based non-proliferation think tank PIR Centre.

On the eve of his

India visit last week, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov had said that the NSG guidelines need to be amended so as to meet India’s energy needs.

MNA/PTI

## Kidnapped Irish journalist freed in Iraq

LONDON, 21 Oct — Kidnappers released on Thursday an Irish journalist abducted while on assignment in Baghdad, a British Government source said.

Rory Carroll, 33, is “safe and well” and has contacted his family and spoken to British officials, the source said.

The Dublin-born journalist, who has been in Iraq since January for the London *Guardian* newspaper, had been interviewing a family about the start of Saddam Hussein’s trial before being abducted on Wednesday.

“He is not yet in British hands, but he has spoken to the *Guardian* and to our embassy in Baghdad,” the government source said. “He is safe and well and as far as we know unharmed.”

A spokesman for the *Guardian* newspaper confirmed Carroll had spoken to his father by telephone and they were checking reports that he had been freed.

MNA/Reuters

## Violent crime in England, Wales rises 6%

LONDON, 21 Oct — The number of violent crimes recorded by police in England and Wales rose 6 per cent in the three months to the end of June and Home Secretary Charles Clarke said on Thursday the figures needed to improve.

The opposition Conservative party said crime was “spiralling out of control” in Britain.

The Home Office, which compared recorded crime to figures from the same period last year, said the increase was due to an improvement in police recording crime and a more “proactive policing” of violent disorder.

Despite the violent crime increase, overall crime fell by 2 per cent from April to June compared with last year.

“I do accept the fig-

ures are still too high,” Clarke said in a statement. “The Government is committed to reducing violent crime and is bringing in new powers for police and local authorities to tackle violent criminals and ensure that they are brought to justice.

“(But) the statistics published today show that crime is continuing to fall and the chance of being a victim of crime is the lowest in almost a quarter of a century. This is a considerable achievement.”

The Home Office re-

leased two sets of statistics on Thursday: police-recorded crime which refers to crime in the April to June 2005 quarter and the British Crime Survey (BCS) which results from interviews conducted from July 2004 to June 2005.

The BCS statistics said the risk of being a victim of crime, at 24 per cent, was the lowest since the survey began in 1981, however it also said the fear of violent crime across the country had risen and Clarke stressed this was part of the problem.

“I recognize that the fear of crime is too high — it is not enough to reduce crime if people do not perceive that re-

duction.”

Police-recorded crime showed a 25-per-cent increase in drug offences and a 4 per cent rise in robbery while domestic burglary was down according to the BCS and police figures.

The home affairs spokesman for the Conservatives accused the government of hindering police efforts to crack down on crime.

“It is sad but no surprise that under Labour violent crime continues to spiral out of control,” Edward Garnier said.

“This government has tied our police up in so much red tape that instead of being on the streets dealing with crime they now spend half their time at their desks.” — MNA/Reuters

## Health inequalities in US kill 84,000

LONDON, 21 Oct — Health inequalities in the United States cause about 84,000 additional deaths a year, more than the equivalent of a hurricane Katrina every week, a health care expert said on Friday.

David Atkins, of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in the United States, said the images of people clinging to rooftops made it clear that being poor and Black in a poor southern state is hazardous to health.

“The gap in health between White and Black Americans has been estimated to cause 84,000 excess deaths in a year... a virtual Katrina every week,” Atkins said in an editorial in the *British Medical Journal*.

But the victims die of illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, HIV/AIDS and alcohol or drug addiction so they do not grab the public’s attention in the same way as the deaths caused by Katrina which killed more than 1,200 people.

“This may truly be a teachable moment about the impact of poverty and race on health,” said Atkins.

The chief medical office of the AHRQ, an agency that coordinates all federal quality improvement efforts and health services research in the United States, said a comprehensive plan to protect the Gulf Coast from devastating storms and hurricanes had languished for years.

Now the US Government is facing a bill for the catastrophe that is expected to rise as high as 200 billion US dollars.

Atkins called for funding to be available for prevention, not rescue, and said the infrastructure for

public health must be strengthened.

He added that the failure in basic communication after the hurricane hampered early recovery efforts.

MNA/Reuters

## Japanese police, troops conduct anti-terror drill

TOKYO, 21 Oct — Hundreds of Japanese police and military personnel conducted their first-ever joint anti-terrorism drill on Thursday, the first of several planned as Japan grapples with fears of an attack on its own soil.

Police and the Ground Self-Defence Force, as Japan’s Army is known, have carried out joint simulation drills in the past, but growing concern about the chance of an attack in the wake of incidents such as the July London bombings has prompted a higher level of response. Around 400 police officers and troops took part in the drill, which was held on the northernmost main island of Hokkaido and based on a scenario that enemy agents armed with powerful weapons had entered Japan. Television footage showed helmeted men in camouflage gear and riot police being dropped from helicopters and crouching with automatic weapons.

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier uses binoculars to keep watch during a patrol in southern Baghdad recently.—INTERNET

# US oil tycoon, two Swiss charged in Iraq oil scandal

**NEW YORK 22 Oct — US prosecutors have charged a Texas oil tycoon and two Swiss executives and their companies with paying secret kickbacks to Iraq in the UN oil-for-food programme.**

Tycoon Oscar Wyatt, the former Coastal Corp chairman, was arrested in Houston, Texas, on Friday, prosecutors said, becoming one of the highest profile figures ensnared so far in the scandal. The two Swiss nationals are being sought for extradition.

The US Attorney for the Southern District of New York charged Wyatt along with Catalina del Socorro Miguel Fuentes, alias Cathy Miguel, and Mohammed Saidji.

All three face up to 62 years in prison and heavy fines if convicted.

"Mr Wyatt has violated no laws and will vigorously defend against these charges," said Wyatt's lawyer Carl Parker in Houston.

Three companies were also charged, including the Cyprus-based oil trading companies Nafta Petroleum Company Ltd and Mednafta Trading Company Ltd, collectively known as the

Wyatt Foreign Companies.

Those firms were operated by Miguel and Saidji in close consultation with Wyatt, the statement said.

Also charged was

Sarenco, a Swiss consulting firm operated by Miguel and Saidji, prosecutors said in the statement.

"Wyatt, Miguel and Saidji obtained oil under the United Nations' oil-for-food program by paying millions of dollars in secret kickbacks to Saddam Hussein's regime.

*Internet*



*A Chinese cyclist pedals past a billboard for a new property building being erected in Beijing on 20 Oct, 2005.*

INTERNET

## Divers discover hijacked tin off Indonesia

SINGAPORE, 21 Oct — Indonesian Navy divers have discovered a shipload of refined tin worth 4.7 million US dollars that was hijacked by pirates late last month, and the owner — PT Koba Tin — is salvaging the cargo, officials said on Thursday.

The vessel *MV Prima Indah*, which was carrying 660 tons of tin produced by Koba when it was attacked en route to Singapore, was spotted last week on the sea bed off Bangka, the Indonesian island where it began its journey.

Crew members were unharmed but the incident was the second tin seizure in Indonesian waters this year. On the same route in April, pirates hijacked a cargo of at least 575 tons, estimated to be worth about 4.6 million US dollars and since retrieved by its owner.

"We don't understand why the pirates sank the ship. There are a lot of questions but we cannot speculate," said Noel Choong, who manages the International Maritime Bureau's Southeast Asian piracy reporting centre in Malaysia. A Koba Tin official on Bangka, where most of Indonesia's tin is mined and smelted, confirmed the cargo had been discovered but declined to give more details.

Koba Tin is owned by Malaysia Smelting Corp. Bhd. and is Indonesia's second-largest producer of the metal used in electronics and as a lead-free substitute in solder. State-run PT Timah, the country's top producer, has a 25-per-cent stake in Koba. "The company is now in the process of salvaging the ship and the cargo," said Choong, adding it was unclear whether the cargo was damaged.— MNA/Reuters

## Virginia oil firm admits kickbacks to Iraq

NEW YORK, 21 Oct — A Virginia oil trading company pleaded guilty on Thursday to charges of scheming to pay more than 400,000 US dollars in kickbacks to Iraq for oil purchases made as part of the defunct UN oil-for-food programme for Iraq.

Midway Trading, a Reston, Virginia-based firm, agreed to pay a 250,000-US-dollar fine in a plea deal, according to the Manhattan District attorney's office.

The kickback scheme also involved one of its trading partners, Bulf Oil, the office said. But it provided no details on Bulf Oil. The case grew out of an investigation into the scandal-ridden 64 billion US dollars oil-for-food programme launched by District Attorney Robert Morgenthau's office this year.

Also investigating corruption in the programme, which was shut down in 2003 after the US-led invasion of Iraq, are the federal US Attorney's office in the Southern District of New York, several congressional committees and a UN-appointed commission led by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker.

MNA/Reuters

## Report says some British schools only offer "mediocrity"

**LONDON, 21 Oct — Some British schools are offering "nothing better than mediocrity" and are merely coasting, the chief inspector of schools said on Wednesday.**

David Bell said there was an "encouraging picture" overall, with many schools showing improvements, to the general satisfaction of parents and pupils.

But he added that he was determined to tackle those schools that had not used inspections by the Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) to bring about changes for

the better. "There are schools that, while not in a state of crisis, are providing nothing better than mediocrity," Bell said in the watchdog's annual report. "While on the surface all may appear to be well in these schools, if we dig deeper we find ... that these schools are falling way behind in terms of providing the sort of education we find in our best schools.

"In short, they are underperforming or 'coasting' schools."

Bell said a more regular inspection system introduced this year, which will see inspectors visiting schools twice as often, would help tackle the issue. However Bell's description brought criticism from teaching union leaders. "Mediocrity is a word which is as damning as failure," said Steve Sinnott, the National Union of Teachers general secretary.

"It is a small jump for those hostile to maintain schools to ascribe failure

to the whole system. Building on success should be the message of the Chief Inspector's report, not mediocrity."

On a positive note, Bell said the percentage of schools in special measures had fallen from 1.5 per cent in 2003/4 to 1 per cent in 2004/5. Behaviour of pupils in classrooms had also shown an improvement from 2003/4.

MNA/Reuters

## Floods maroon thousands, kill 10 in eastern India

KOLKATA, 22 Oct — Tens of thousands of people were marooned by flooding in eastern India on Saturday after three days of torrential rains that killed at least 10 people, officials said.

The unseasonal rains came after the June-September monsoon, which this year triggered severe flooding in other parts of the country such as the states of Gujarat and Maharashtra in the west and Assam in the northeast.

"The situation is bad in four southern districts, but we are doing everything necessary," West Bengal state Finance Minister Asim Dasgupta said.

Officials said at least 10 people had died in the coastal eastern state due to wall collapses and electrocution in the rains and some 50,000 people were cut off by floods.

Relief officials warned the situation could get worse for hundreds of thousands of people living in the Sunderbans region, where two rivers were close to bursting their banks.

Rains also hit life in Kolkata, eastern India's main trading hub, which was flooded for a second day after the city's century-old drainage system failed to cope with the water.— MNA/Reuters



*British soldiers keep watch during a patrol in the southern Iraqi city of Basra recently.—INTERNET*

# Deceiving the world with propaganda weapon (or) the introduction written by eminent writer Zaw Gyi 36 years ago

*Ko Lay Thu (Myingyan)*

Thirty-six years ago in Myanmar, U Ko Lay (Zeya Maung), a highly respectable writer, translated the book "King Thibaw and the New York Times" into Myanmar. In the book was the introduction written by Zaw Gyi, saying that the book was a treatise to read and keep. And it was in the introduction that Zaw Gyi, who was also a well-respected writer, described the destructive force of the colonialist propaganda weapon for the Myanmar readers. Today, the world sees the neo-colonialists trying to push small nations under their domain, using advanced propaganda machine (the media) as the offensive weapon.

U Ko Lay (Zeya Maung) was a former Vice-Chancellor of Mandalay University. In 1950, he won the scholarship award jointly presented by the UN and American Chemistry Association to pursue further studies at Connel University in the US.

With the help of the in-charge of the university's Pitaka Library, U Ko Lay copied the news reports on Myanmar featured in the New York Times in the years 1879, 1880 and 1885. The news reports were believed to be fabrications hatched by and sent to the daily by the then British government. Except weekends, he spent his spare time every day copying the news reports, and in a period of three months, he completed copying over 100 pages of the reports featuring till the time King Thibaw was taken away to India.

U Ko Lay translated the copies of the news reports into Myanmar and compiled them into the book "King Thibaw and the New York Times". Bagan press published the book on 16 December 1969. We have read in the introduction the correct

and profound political views of Zaw Gyi, a doyen man of letters, written from the political point of view concerning the book as follows:

"In my view, if a reader can have the awareness to see the steps of today's colonialists, who are same as the colonialists of that era, and ward off and if necessary counter their schemes; the will to enhance his knowledge bank; and eagerness to get on well with the global community, instead of renewing his sense of intolerance, the anger and discouragement, he will have invaluable benefit from the book."

**The introduction says, "However, we should know that the incidents featured in the news reports were events of the past that had already occurred in the years 1879, 1880 and 1885; and that the news reports were written crookedly and cleverly in accordance with the wish of the colonialists."**

We also see the modern thoughts and observation of the great Myanmar writer in reviewing the colonialist attacks on King Thibaw and his subjects, with their propaganda weapon.

He wrote in the introduction, "The significance of the treatise is the news reports, supposed to be slanders the British had sent to the New York Times

during the years 1879, 1880 and 1885, on Myanmar court affairs of that particular time. I found that the writer "U Ko Lay" took the trouble to copy the news reports and translated them into Myanmar.

"So, we should assume that the slanderous news reports were aimed at misleading the world into believing that the British occupation of Myanmar of that time was just and fair." Writer Zaw Gyi reminded us about the need to have the knowledge that during the era too the fabricated news reports in the colonialists' favour were featured in the papers in a wicked and clever way.

He said, "It would not be a wrong assumption to say that the British were able to seize upper Myanmar easily because of their propaganda weapon in addition to the superior firepower.

"What kind of a weapon is the propaganda? Just find the answer to the question in the treatise.

"When we read the news reports we find their effectiveness in tricking the world. But for a Myanmar reader, he can still be filled with intolerance, anger and discouragement."

He went on to say, "However, we should know that the incidents featured in the news reports were events of the past that had already occurred in the years 1879, 1880 and 1885; and that the news reports were written crookedly and cleverly in accordance with the wish of the colonialists."

It is my wish that ordinary people study the book and take lessons from it for it is compiled by one of Myanmar eminent writers U Ko Lay, with the introduction written by another great man of letters Zaw Gyi, both with full patriotism and goodwill.

(Translation: TMT)

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## Deputy Foreign Minister arrives back

YANGON, 22 Oct — The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu arrived back here by air this morning after attending the Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations held in New Delhi, India.

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by directors-general and officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Charge d' Affaires of the Indian Embassy Mr Manoj Bharti.

While in New Delhi, Deputy Foreign Minister U Kyaw Thu called on Minister for External Affairs of India H E Shri K Natwar Singh and Deputy Minister for External Affairs of India H E Shri E Ahmad and also met with Foreign Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs of India H E Shri Shyam Saran. They discussed Myanmar-India bilateral relations and exchanged views on international and regional issues.

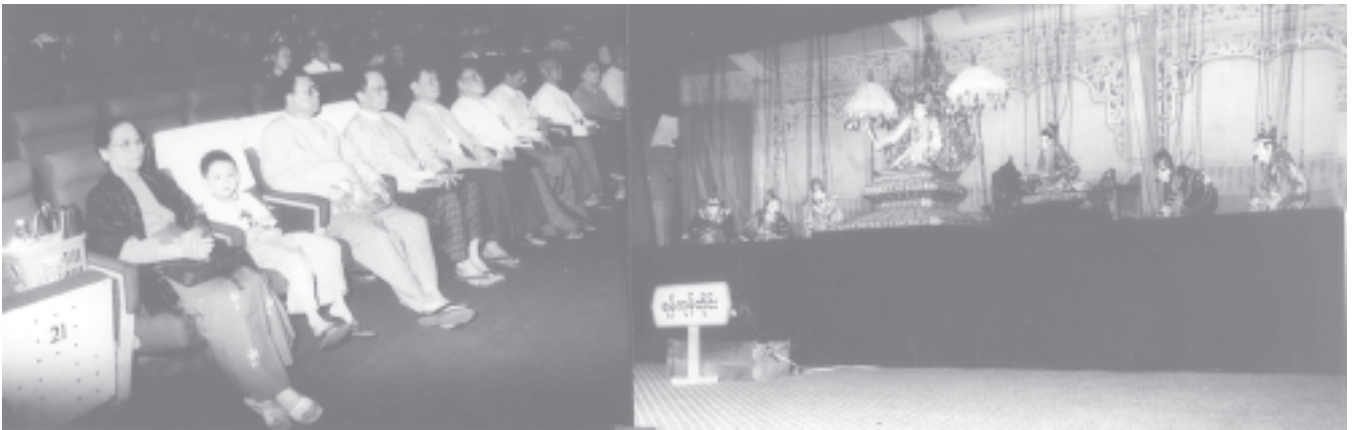
At the Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations, the two sides held comprehensive discussions on all areas of mutual interest and concern.

Together with Deputy Foreign Minister, Director-General of Consular and Legal Department U Nyan Lynn, Director of International Organization and Economic Department U Myat Soe, Head of Branch-1 Daw Myat Thida Aye and Head of Branch-2 U Khin Maung Htay also arrived back on the same flight.

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

# Minkutha Marionette Drama Contest in progress



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung enjoys competition of Tawwin Marionette Troupe representing Yangon Division in Minkutha Marionette Drama Contest at National Theatre.— MNA

YANGON, 22 Oct — The Professional Level Minkutha Marionette Drama Contest of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the third day at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this evening.

Tawwin Marionette Troupe representing

Yangon Division took part in it.

Among the enthusiasts were member of the panel of patrons for organizing the competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and wife, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Chairman of the Work Committee Commander of No 3 Military

Region Col Tint Hsan, members of the work committee and sub-committees, and maestros.

The contest was supervised by leader of the panel of judges U Ye Dway and members. Yokson Amyint Thabin troupe representing Mon State will participate in the contest tomorrow evening.

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# 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue



Ma The Nu Aye of Kayin State taking part in basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' Maha Gita song contest.— MNA

YANGON, 22 Oct — The ninth day of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions were held at the designated places,

here, today.

Members of Work Committee for Organizing the Competitions and Sub-committees, maestros, people and tourists enjoyed the competitions.

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

Twelve contestants from States and Divisions participated in the amateur level men's Maha Gita song contest, and 14 in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' Maha Gita song contest.

At the National Theatre, five men took part in the higher education



Ma Hsu Thet Thazin of Ayeyawady Division competing in basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' piano contest.— MNA

level men's piano contest, and 12 contestants in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' piano contest. Competitions of the contestants was supervised by Leader of the panel of judge U Sein Thuang and party.

At Kanbawza Theatre, artistes competed with the works of 16 contestants in the amateur level song composing contest. Chairman of the panel of judges Bogale U Tint Aung and party supervised the contest.

At Padonma Theatre, 11 competitors participated in the amateur level oboe contest, seven in the basic education level (aged 15-20) oboe contest, and one person in the higher education level

oboe contest. Leader of the panel of judges U Mya Kyi and party supervised the oboe contest.—MNA



U Yin Oo of Ayeyawady Division participates in amateur level song composing contest.— MNA



Maung Nay Win of Yangon Division seen in competition of basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' oboe contest.— MNA

# Prime Minister General Soe Win visits Nanning Wuling-Guihua vehicle Co Ltd

YANGON, 22 Oct — During its visit to Nanning, the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China, the Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Soe Win paid a study visit to Nanning Wuling-Guihua vehicle Co Ltd on 18 October morning.

General Manager Mr Mowenwei explained the manufacturing of various models of small vehicles and 12-wheel trailers and mass-production of power-tillers. The company is staffed with 130 technicians and over 1,360 workers and manufactures 140,000 power-tillers and multi-purpose tractors and more than 10,000 light trucks for agricultural purpose. The company also exports its manufactured vehicles.

Next, the Prime Minister and party studied production line at the power-tillers workshop. Chinese officials conducted them round the workshop.

After studying 12-wheel trailers, cars and power-tillers, the Myanmar delegation had a documentary photo taken together with the Chinese officials.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win views power-tillers at the workshop of Nanning Wuling-Guihua vehicle Co Ltd in Nanning.— MNA

*Prime Minister General Soe Win hears facts about power-tillers, vehicles and 12-wheel trailers manufactured by Nanning Wuling-Guihua*

*vehicle Co Ltd in Nanning.— MNA*



# Prime Minister General Soe Win enjoys Nanning traditional music and concert

YANGON, 22 Oct — Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar on 19 October evening enjoyed Nanning traditional music and concert near Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre to mark the second China-ASEAN Expo.

Also present at the concert were ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials of

ASEAN countries and China Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin and officials, officials of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, guests and local people.

Prime Minister General Soe Win was welcomed at the concert by Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin and officials. After hoisting the flag to mark the second

China-ASEAN Expo, the In-charge of the concert announced to open the Nanning traditional music and concert, followed by a display of fireworks.

Next, Prime Minister General Soe Win enjoyed the entertainment of artistes. When the Prime Minister and Myanmar delegates left after the concert, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin and officials cordially greeted them. — MNA



Prime Minister General Soe Win enjoys Nanning traditional music and concert near Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Nanning.

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## Prime Minister General Soe Win concludes visit to Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

YANGON, 22 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win and party arrived at Nanning International Airport from Li Yuan Resort at 1.30 pm on 20 October to leave Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China for Yangon of the Union of Myanmar.

Vice-Chairman of the People's Congress of the Communist Party of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Pan Qi, Vice-Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Wu Heng, Ambassador-designate to the Union of Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and embassy staff and traditional dance troupes bade farewell to Prime Minister General Soe Win and party at the airport.

Before their departure for home, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party posed for documentary photo together with those who saw them off.

The Prime Minister and party left there by special aircraft and arrived back here in the evening.

Also together with the Prime Minister, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and CEC member U Tun Aung who attended the Expo in Nanning arrived back on the same flight.

At 4 pm on 18 October, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha who accompanied the Prime Minister attended the meeting between Chinese Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong and Economic Ministers of ASEAN countries at the Conference Hall of Nanning International Conference Center in Nanning.

Also present on the occasion were Economic Ministers of ASEAN countries and China, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong and officials.

At the meeting, Chinese Vice-President Mr



Prime Minister General Soe Win seen together with officials at Nanning International Airport on his return to Myanmar. —MNA

Zeng Qinghong extended greetings. Minister U Soe Tha and Economic Ministers of ASEAN countries discussed more successes achieved in organizing the Second China-ASEAN Expo and the Second China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit as a result of the benefits of the First China-ASEAN Expo and the First China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit, and matters related to contributing towards China-ASEAN cooperation, economic, investment and commercial sectors.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, who accompanied the Prime Minister, met with Chinese Minister of Commerce Mr Bo Xilai at No 8 Hall of Li Yuan Resort

in Nanning on 18 October evening and discussed economic and investment matters.

On 19 October morning, General Manager Mr Yin Yi Min of ZTE Corporation of the People's Republic of China called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha at No 10 Hall of Li Yuan Resort in Nanning.

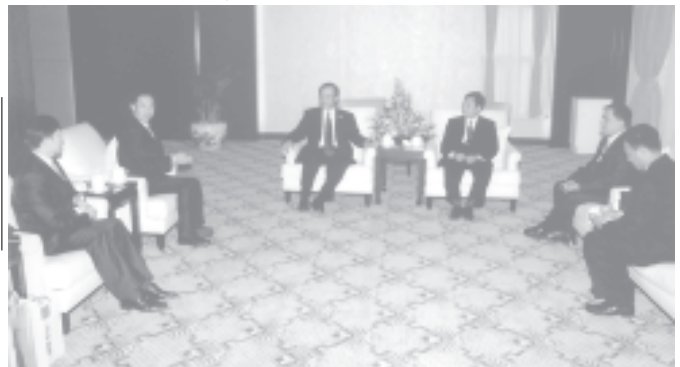
Similarly, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein met Deputy Director-General Mr Guan Mu of the Ministry of Commerce of China, and Managing Director Mr Huang Baoding of Sino Hydro Corporation Ltd of China at No 10 Hall of Li Yuan Resort on 19 October morning. They discussed commercial matters.

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Minister U Soe Tha meets General Manager Mr Yin Yi Min of ZTE Corporation at Li Yuan Resort Building-10.

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Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein meets Deputy Director General Mr Guan Mu of Ministry of Commerce and Mr Huang Baoding of Sino Hydro Corporation Ltd at Li Yuan Resort Building-10 — MNA

### China and Myanmar have set...

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development. Stability, peace and development of Myanmar will contribute towards stability and peace of the region. Regarding the Nanning Expo, he said that the second China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit was held in the Nanning Expo with the aim of promoting cooperation between ASEAN countries and China. He said he attended the expo in response to the invitation. He expressed his belief that China and ASEAN countries will shape brighter future through trade fairs and summits.

Regarding the China-Myanmar trade, he said that the two nations are trying to meet the target of trade value of 1.5 billion US dollars this year. China exports machinery, electrical apparatuses, construction materials and personal goods to Myanmar. And Myanmar exports agricultural produce, marine products, and forest products to China.

Sharing the border, the two nations have made progress in border trade. Now, plans are under way to upgrade the border trade to normal cross-border trade. Now, traders and businessmen of the two nations are engaged in the border trade.

Over 100 traders and businessmen from Myanmar are attending the Nanning Expo, and signing agreements with trade partners from other countries. Myanmar is encouraging the private sector.

With respect to foreign investments in Myanmar, he said that he witnessed infrastructures under construction in Nanning last year. He noticed that Nanning has seen further development. He said he also noticed Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region has enjoyed development in the agricultural and mineral sectors and tourism industry. Myanmar practises agro-based economic system and is rich in natural resources. He said at summit, he invited businessmen of the region to make investments in Myanmar. They may visit Myanmar to observe economic opportunities and do businesses on mutual interests. — MNA

### Committees meet on performing arts competitions

YANGON, 22 Oct — The work coordination meeting of the Chairman of the work committee for organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competitions and committee members, subcommittee members and team managers from states and divisions was held at the meeting hall of No 1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung) this evening, with an address by work committee Chairman No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan.

Next, the work committee, subcommittees and team managers discussed sector-wise matters on the competitions, and Col Tint Hsan fulfilled the requirements.

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State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils the stone plaque of Panhlaing Bridge. — MNA

**Panhlaing bridge, 208th one...**

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development project in order to develop the Union and to narrow the development gaps between one region and another. He said the government made appropriate arrangements for the regions that lagged behind in development because of poor transport. In order to bring about better foundations in a short time through better transport, the Union Highways and roads linking major cities and bridges across rivers and creeks are being built, he added.

A lot of bridges and roads were built in the regions like Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and Rakhine State which relied on only waterways in the past. Now people can go by car in no time from

one place to another, he said.

He said although Hlinethaya, Dalla, Twantay and Kungyangan are near Yangon, there was transport difficulty. Later, the government has laid down the road and bridge projects for those regions.

Three bridges, namely, Bayintnaung Bridge, Aungzeya Bridge and Shwepyitha Bridge were built to link Yangon and Hlinethaya which was established as an industrial city. Moreover, Bo Myat Tun Bridge and No 5 Highway linking Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions were built. So, the regions on the west bank of Hlaing River have developed rapidly, he added.

The regions in Yangon South District will surely develop like townships in Ayeyawady Division

due to the emergence of the bridge which is a gateway to Yangon Division. There will be progress in commodity transport, trading and travelling and Yangon West District will also develop, he said.

The government is building the nation to be a modern developed one and to stand tall among the nations of the world. The economic plans are successful yearly due to the cooperation of departments concerned, social organizations and the people under the leadership of the government. There have been better foundations and prospects, he continued.

With the development of education, health and social conditions, the people can now enjoy the better results of peace and progress. There are better

**The bridge is the 208th one which is 180 feet and above long built in the time of the Tatmadaw government. The 3,570 feet long Twantay suspension bridge is being built across Twantay Canal. On completion of those bridges, people can travel easily by car from Yangon to Twantay, Dedaye, Pyapon, Kyaiklat, Maubin, Nyaungdon and Bogalay through the bridges. It is a new route to Ayeyawady Division.**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party strolling along the Panhlaing Bridge. —MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for a group photo along with departmental personnel and local people. — MNA

foundations that can promote sustainable development and prospects for emergence of discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the Secretary-1 said.

**After taking up the State responsibilities, the Tatmadaw government built the country which had faced general deterioration to stand tall among the nations of the world on self-reliance basis. External elements holding negative views are trying to break up the country and national solidarity with the intention of seizing the power. They are also making trouble for the people and accusations on the country. People can distinguish good and bad, right and wrong and constructive act and destructive act.**

The Secretary-1 urged all the people to make continued efforts for emergence of a democratic nation with consolidated and collective force and to make economic progress with greater momentum.

He also urged local people to utilize the bridge and Hlinethaya-Twantay-Dalla Road for regional development and raising of their economic and social life and national development, to boost agricultural

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 production, economic and trade forces and to strive for perpetuation of the country and emergence of discipline-flourishing democratic nation.  
 The commander in his speech cited the guidance of the Head of State saying that only when the transport sector is fine, will the region be able to enjoy economic, social and administrative development. And that will help further cement unity among national races in the region. The roads in the region and linking other regions are to be

208 bridges above 180 feet long including Panhlaing Bridge since 1988. Yangon Division has been served with 24 above-180-foot bridges.  
 On completion of Twantay Bridge, people can directly travel from Yangon City to the townships in Yangon South District, and then to Dedaye, Pyapon, Kyaiklat and Bogale townships in Ayeyawady Division.  
 He called for maintenance of the facility for its durability. He expressed thanks to Head of State Senior General Than Shwe for permis-



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally open Panhlaing Bridge linking Hlinethaya Township and Dalla Township in the presence of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein converses with local people at the opening of Panhlaing Bridge. — MNA



Construction Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun. — MNA

fine facilities to ensure regional development. In the nation, the government has built

sion he granted for the project. He urged local people in response to the

goodwill of the government to be equipped with patriotic fervour and nationalistic spirits and to make greater efforts to serve the interests of the region and the nation.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun also delivered a speech.

The commander and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally opened the bridge.

The Secretary-1 unveiled the stone plaque of the bridge and sprinkled scented water on it.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected the fa-

cility and cordially greeted local people.

The reinforced concrete type bridge has a 28-foot-wide motorway and two four-foot-wide

walkways. It can withstand 60-ton loads. Its clearance area is 75 feet wide and 20 feet high.

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A local resident of Hlinethaya Township expressing thanks. — MNA



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### Japanese Empress muses on wedding of "Miss Never Mind"

Tokyo, 21 Oct — Japan's Empress Michiko said on Thursday she would miss support from the daughter nicknamed "Our Miss Never Mind" when she marries and leaves the imperial household next month.

Princess Sayako, 36, the youngest child and only daughter of Emperor Akihito and his wife, is set to marry Yoshiaki Kuroda, a Tokyo local government worker, on 15 November, a move that will transform her from an Imperial Highness into an ordinary Japanese citizen. "Sayako was a child who would come over to me serenely and say 'Never mind' whenever I was disappointed about a mistake I made or about something that happened unexpectedly," Michiko said in a written statement issued to mark her 71st birthday.

"How fondly we will remember and miss this tender and heartwarming 'Never mind' in the days to come," she said, adding that the phrase had led to Sayako's nickname.

The Empress, who met her husband-to-be on a tennis court, was the first commoner to marry an heir to the throne and is reported to have suffered much mental distress as a result.

Bullying by courtiers and her mother-in-law was reported to have

pushed her to the brink of a nervous breakdown at least once.

The imperial couple broke with tradition and won popular acclaim by bringing their three children up at home rather than sending them to outside tutors. They transformed the image of the monarchy by allowing television cameras to film them taking part in ordinary family activities, such as picnics.

Akihito and Michiko plan to breach the customs of what some say is the world's oldest monarchy once again next month, by attending their daughter's wedding at a Tokyo hotel. The emperor and empress have historically avoided the weddings of female family members, symbolizing the fact that they no longer have imperial status.

The Empress said she may be lost for words on Sayako's wedding day.

"I would like to tell Sayako just what comes to mind on the morning of the wedding, but like my mother before me, I may not be able to say anything at all," she wrote. —MNA/Reuters



Mazda Motor Corp President and Chief Executive Officer Hisakazu Imaki poses with the company's concept car 'Senku' at a press preview of the Tokyo Motor Show at Makuhari Messe in Chiba, east of Tokyo, 19 October, 2005. The four-seater sports car is equipped with a 13B-DI direct injection gasoline rotary engine and a hybrid unit. The vehicle is on display as the debate over clean car technology picks up pace. —INTERNET

### Heart surgery not a major cause of dementia

NEW YORK, 21 Oct— Coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) is not a major risk factor for either short-or long-term cognitive decline or dementia, according to two reports in the journal *Neurology*. The widespread assumption that a decline in cognition occurs after CABG is apparently based on studies that did not include comparable control groups.

To rectify this limitation, researchers at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, led by Dr Guy M McKhann, prospectively followed patients who had undergone CABG. One hundred forty had conventional bypass surgery, in which the heart is stopped and a heart-lung machine is used to circulate blood during the operation; and 72 patients underwent "off-pump"

bypass surgery, during which only a portion of the heart is immobilized.

In addition, 99 patients with similar degrees of coronary artery disease were treated with drugs, and 69 were healthy "control" subjects, matched to the treatment groups by age, gender and education level.

McKhann's group administered a battery of neuropsychological tests

before the study began, at three months and at 12 months after treatment. Before treatment, the three groups with coronary artery disease scored significantly lower than the healthy controls in all eight cognitive categories.

All four groups exhibited similar degrees of improvement in cognition after three months and 12 months, but those with coronary artery disease remained proportionately lower compared with the healthy controls.

"Thus," the authors write, "during this 12-month follow-up, there was no statistical evidence of cognitive decline in any of the coronary artery disease groups as compared to each other or the heart-healthy controls".

The perceived decrements in cognition can therefore be attributed to cognitive impairments as a result of cerebrovascular disease before surgery, they suggest. In the second paper, Dr D S Knopman and colleagues at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota, performed a study that included patients with dementia and healthy controls individually matched by age and gender (557 subjects in each group). —MNA/Reuters

### World's oldest first-time fathers are Italians

ROME, 21 Oct— Italian men become fathers at a later age than any other nationality, and do little or nothing to help their wives once their babies are born, statistics office Istat said on Thursday.

Italian men have their first child at an average age of 33, against less than 31 for fathers in Spain, France and Finland, Istat said.

Part of the problem was that many Italian men lived with their parents for longer than elsewhere in the world, with 40 per cent of 30-34 year-old Italian males still

staying at home. When they eventually become fathers, Italian women need not expect much help around the house, Istat said, adding that Italian men's dedication to domestic duties was "non-existent or unsatisfying".

Istat said men who married at the age of 35 were 80 per cent less likely

to want a child than those who married at 25, while women were only likely not to want children if they were older than their husbands.

By contrast with the men, Italian women have their first child at an average age of 27, six months before their Finnish counterparts.

—MNA/Reuters

### Study shows early retirement not linked to longer life

LONDON, 21 Oct— Retiring early may give people more time on the golf course or with the grandchildren but it is not associated with living longer, researchers said on Friday.

They found that people who retired at 60 and 65 years old lived to similar ages but those who stopped working at 55, some for health reasons, had higher mortality rates.

"The long-term survival of people who retire at ages 55 or 60 is no better than that of those who retire at 65, especially for those who retire at 55," said Shan Tsai, an epidemiologist with the Shell Oil Company in Houston, Texas, in a report published online by the *British Medical Journal*.

The researchers studied 3,500 employees at the company's Texas plant

who retired at 55, 60 or 65. They monitored their health for 26 years to see if people who stopped working early lived longer.

"On the contrary, mortality improved with increasing age at retirement for people from both high and low economic groups," Tsai added.

Deaths were nearly twice as high in the first 10 years after retirement for people who left work at 55 years old compared to those who worked longer.

The findings confirm the results of earlier research. —MNA/Reuters



An Indochinese tiger is seen at the national zoo in Kuala Lumpur recently. The World Wide Fund for Nature Malaysia demanded heavier punishments for illegal hunters of endangered animals after a court fined a man less than 1,900 dollars for possessing a tiger carcass. —INTERNET

# SPORTS

## Alcoyano draw Atletico Madrid in King's Cup

MADRID, 22 Oct— Third Division giantkillers Alcoyano, who knocked out Primera Liga side Real Mallorca in the previous round, have drawn Atletico Madrid in the fourth round of the King's Cup.

Alcoyano, from just outside Alicante on Spain's east coast, stunned the 2003 Cup winners 4-1 on Thursday, and were one of five Third Division sides to make Friday's draw along with Baza, Burgos, Hospitalet and Zamora.

Alcoyano will fancy their chances against an inconsistent Atletico, who were less than impressive in overcoming Third Division Las Palmas 1-0.

Former Chelsea striker Mateja Kezman rescued Atletico with a goal four minutes from time.

Burgos have drawn

Cadiz, after they edged out Racing Santander 1-0, and Baza, who beat Malaga on penalties, will play the Primera Liga's fourth-placed club Celta Vigo.

Hospitalet, who came from 2-0 down to overcome Second Division Gimnastic 4-3 with an injury-time winner, have drawn the 23-times Cup winners Athletic Bilbao.

Zamora eliminated Real Sociedad on penalties and now face Second Division Eibar.

The 2004 Cup winners Real Zaragoza needed penalties to get past

Alicante, and have landed a tricky tie against Second Division leaders Xerez.

The Primera Liga's third-placed side Getafe will play Second Division Lleida. The one-off games are to be played on November 9.

Sides with players called up for international duty the following weekend can ask to have their game moved to November 30. The nine Primera Liga sides who have competed in Europe this year do not join the competition until the next round in January. —MNA/Reuters

## Liverpool agree deal for Chilean winger Gonzalez

LIVERPOOL (England), 22 Oct— Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez says the European champions have agreed a deal to bring Chile winger Mark Gonzalez to Anfield.

Liverpool were refused a work permit for Gonzalez, who is recovering from a cruciate ligament injury suffered in May, when they tried to sign him on loan from Albacete in August.

Now Liverpool have agreed a permanent deal with the Spanish club, pending a work permit or Gonzalez' moves to obtain a Spanish passport. "We are working at getting him here as quick as possible," Benitez told reporters on Friday.

"But if we cannot use him now, we

will wait until next season when he will then have a Spanish passport.

"He is a young player, a left winger who can get to the by-line and produce the crosses for (Fernando) Morientes and (Peter) Crouch. He has a lot of pace with great skills, but the most important thing is that he is a hungry player."

Benitez said the 21-year-old, who was born in South Africa, would be fit to play "maybe in the next month".

MNA/Reuters

## Betis promise revenge against Chelsea in Seville

MADRID, 22 Oct— Real Betis believe they can beat Chelsea when the English side that crushed them 4-0 in the Champions League this week travel to Seville next month.

Chelsea's win at

Stamford Bridge on Wednesday leaves the Primera Liga side third in Group G and in desperate need of a win to keep their hopes of qualifying for the next round alive.

"When they come to Seville it will be no bed of roses for them," Betis winger Joaquin told sports daily Marca on Friday.

"In my opinion it is pay-back time because no team is unbeatable."

Betis brimmed with ambition early on, taking the game to the home side with a Juanito shot cleared off the line, before the English champions displayed a masterclass in

defensive organization and attacking flair.

Once striker Didier Drogba had opened the scoring after 24 minutes, Chelsea were unstoppable with Ricardo Carvalho, Joe Cole and Hernan Crespo adding the rest.

Betis captain Juanito said: "Now we have played against them, and know them better, so perhaps we will not leave ourselves so exposed against them."

"We can beat them if we play like we did in the opening 25 minutes."

The two sides meet in Spain on 1 November.

MNA/Reuters



Anastasia Myskina from Russia returns the ball to Elena Dementieva from Russia at the Zurich Open WTO tennis tournament in the Hallenstadion Stadium in Zurich, Switzerland, on 21 Oct, 2005. Myskina won the match 6-3, 6-7 (1-7), 6-4. —INTERNET

## Schalke captain Sand breaks nose again

FRANKFURT, 22 Oct— Schalke 04 captain Ebbe Sand has had surgery after breaking his nose for the third time in six years.

The Denmark forward suffered the injury in Schalke's Champions League game away to Fenerbahce on Wednesday and had an operation back in Germany the following day.

He will miss Saturday's Bundesliga game against VfL Wolfsburg but could be back in training in a mask as early as next week, the club said. —MNA/Reuters

## Wenger remains fearful of losing Henry

LONDON, 22 Oct— Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger says he is still scared his side could lose fellow Frenchman Thierry Henry.

The international striker is contracted to the English Premier League club until 2007, but Arsenal want him to extend his deal as soon as possible.

Former captain Patrick Vieira left Highbury in the summer and the club is dearly missing him.

Arsenal do not want their current skipper, who says he will talk about a new deal at the end of the season, to follow him.

"Of course we are scared we could lose him," Wenger said on Friday. "But if he signs an extension to his contact tomorrow he could still leave at the end of the season."

"If he says he wants to leave then who can stop him? I have no problem in talking to him about his contract in May or June, I'm not negative about it."

"I can understand the worry of the fans, I'm a fan as well. But I can't decide when he signs. We are not in a position where we look to make a profit, we want to keep our players."

Wenger gave Henry his first opportunity in football by handing him his debut at Monaco when he was 17.

The Arsenal manager is proud of what Henry has gone on to achieve, particularly following his club record breaking 186th goal during the week.

"He doesn't owe me anything," Wenger insisted. "He fits into the way we want to play and his assists tell you more about the player he is."

"He has provided goals as well scored them and I can't think of anybody else like that. The record is out of the way now and it is a huge achievement."

MNA/Reuters

## Beckham receiving injections for back pain

MADRID, 22 Oct— Real Madrid midfielder David Beckham has been receiving anti-inflammatory injections before and after games because of back pain.

"My back is always quite sore after games," the England captain told reporters after Wednesday's 4-1 Champions League win over Rosenborg.

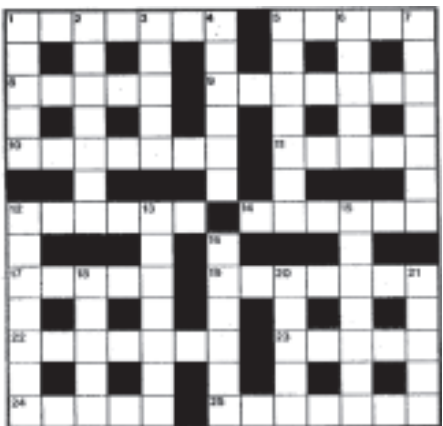
"I have been told that the position I get into when I am passing, crossing or shooting is different from others so it is going to put a lot of strain on my back."

Beckham, 30, has been a key factor in Real's recent return to form. They have won six consecutive games in all competitions and are now top of Spain's Primera Liga. —MNA/Reuters



Detroit Red Wings' Brendan Shanahan tries to get position between Anaheim Mighty Ducks goalie Ilya Bryzgalov (30) and Vitaly Vishnevski (5), both of Russia, in the third period in Detroit, on 21 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Marriage
- 5 Twist
- 8 Measure
- 9 Wash and iron
- 10 Career soldier
- 11 Male duck
- 12 Pester
- 14 Hateful
- 17 Sound
- 19 Fugitive
- 22 Soft sweetmeat
- 23 Taut
- 24 Fortune-telling card
- 25 Worked out

### DOWN

- 1 Bet
- 2 Under sedation
- 3 Perfect
- 4 In plenty
- 5 Injured
- 6 Asian subcontinent
- 7 Gathers
- 12 Advantage
- 13 Graceful
- 15 Structural
- 16 Set teeth on edge
- 18 Interior
- 20 Doomed
- 21 Correct

# Mother accused of dumping children in California bay

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 Oct — A woman accused of dumping her three small children off a fishing pier to their deaths was in jail on Thursday as dozens of rescue workers searched the San Francisco Bay for two bodies still missing.

Lashaun Harris, 23, was charged on Wednesday with killing her children near one of San Francisco's most popular tourist areas. The children were ages 6 years, 2 years,

and six months.

Police received a 911 emergency call from a passerby who saw a woman take off the children's clothing and throw them from the end of the

pier late Wednesday afternoon. Harris was arrested soon after.

"These are senseless inexplicable things that are beyond the pale of imagination," San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom told reporters at the waterfront where the crime occurred. "It makes you, frankly, sick to your stomach to think you live in a society where things like this could have happened."

As he spoke, divers in wetsuits, assisted by a red Fire Department tug boat and a jet ski, scoured the murky green waters to search for two of the bodies. Authorities say they found the body of a 2-year-old boy along the waterfront about two miles away on Wednesday evening.

A Coast Guard official

said that people would typically die after about 2-1/2 hours in the bay's 55-degree (13-degree Celsius) water. "It is my intent to find the two bodies however long it takes," Newsom said.

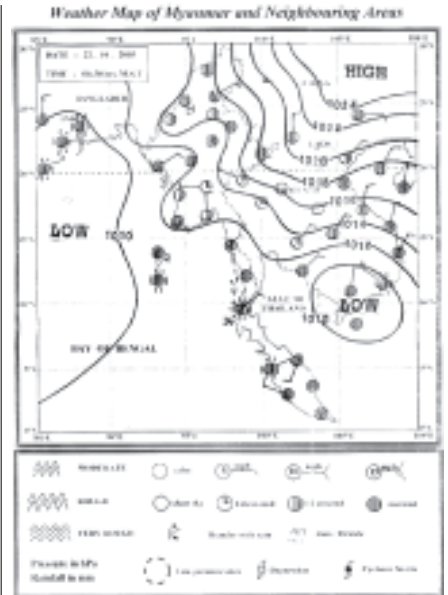
MNA/Reuters



Daw Khin Khin Thein of 19/35 of Bo Min Yaung Road in Dagon Myothit Township (North) presents K 100,000 in commemoration of her 80th birthday to Joint-Secretary U Thein Aung of Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. — H



U Ye Win, 280(B), Oakka Istroad, Ward 107, Dagon Myothit (South), donates blood for the 68th time at Yangon General Hospital in honour of 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions on 21 October. — H



## WEATHER

Saturday, 22 October, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (1.77) inches, Homalin (0.83) inch and Kyaukpyu (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 21-10-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 22-10-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 22-10-2005 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 21-10-2005 was (8.1) hours approx. Rainfalls on 22-10-2005 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 (6) mph from Southeast at (14:30) hours MST on 21-10-2005.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 23-10-2005:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kayin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**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 23-10-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-10-2005:** Partly cloudy.

## OBITUARY

### Mrs Rosalind Aye Cho Age (87)

Daughter of Mr and Mrs McGrath, daughter-in-law of U E Cho and Daw E Cho wife of Lt-Col Zeya KyawHtin, Thiri Pyanchi P E Cho Air Force (Retd), mother of Khin Sann Myint (Pearleen), and Khin Maung Cho (Ronald)-Nyunt Nyunt Khin, grandmother of Sann Sann Kyaing-Neville Daw, Khin Myat Cho-Dr Htun Thura, Khin Latt Cho, Maung Myo Kyaing, Maung Win Kyaing, great grandmother of Zara and Linn Myat passed away peacefully on 21-10-2005. Funeral service will be held at 1:30 pm 23-10-2005 at St: Augustine's Church, Inya Road, Yangon, thereafter cortege will leave for burial at Ye Way Cemetery at 15:00 pm same day.



Sunday, 23 October

View on today

- 7:00 am
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am
- 2. တီပီဂီတဇရာ၊ ဓမ္မဘူတာဝါဒီက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာ၊ ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဇာတိပြားတော်မှအပိသော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တီ ဝါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am
- 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
- 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
- 6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ပြားမဂ္ဂလာ
- 8:05 am
- 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
- 8. ကျောက်ကြီးပေါက်တံတား
- 8:20 am
- 9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
- 10. International news
- 8:45 am
- 11. Say it in English

- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am
- 2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am
- 3. Round up of the week's International News
- 11:40 am
- 4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "မောရိဇွန်နှင့်ဗိန္နာဇွန်ခါး" (အပိုင်း-၄၉)
- 12:20 pm
- 5. ဘက်စုံဖွံ့ဖြိုး တိုးတက်စည်ပင် ရှမ်းမြောက်ဒေသ ကျေးလက် တစ်ခွင် (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 12:30 pm
- 6. Myanmar Video Feature: "မဟာရာဇာ၏ အလင်းတန်း" (နေထုတ်လင်း၊ မြတ်ကောသီ အောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဒယ်နီ)
- 2:20 pm
- 7. Musical programme
- 2:30 pm
- 8. ဝင်ဆွဲတိုရို၊ ရုန်းစိုက်ရို.
- 2:45 pm
- 9. 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. ယာယာချိုအေး (၃၈)ပြား မဂ္ဂလာတေး
- 5:00 pm
- 5. အစေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ

- ဒုတိယနှစ်(စာတုဇေးအထူးပြု) (စာတုဇေး)
- 5:15 pm
- 6. Dance of national race
- 5:30 pm
- 7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:45 pm
- 8. Musical programme
- 5:55 pm
- 10. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:30 pm
- 11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
- 12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
- 12. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "စိမ်းလှစေတနာကန်သာယာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 7:35 pm
- 13. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm
- 14. မြစ်ခင်းရောင် စိုက်ပျိုးရေးစခန်း (ဘလားဒေသ၊ စပါး စိုက်သိမ်းပွဲ)
- 8:00 pm
- 15. News
- 16. International news
- 17. Weather report
- 18. ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ်၊ စာရသမအကြိမ် (၁၃ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အပျို အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းတွဲ "ထာဝရရုစံသူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၉)
- 20. The next day's programme



Sunday, 23 October

- Tune in today
- 8:30 am
- Brief news
- 8:35 am
- Music: -Cinderella (Lionel Richie)
- 8:40 am
- Perspectives
- 8:45 am
- Music: -Searching my soul (Ally McBeal)
- 8:50 am
- National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am
- Music: -Fallen Angel (EYC)
- 9:05 am
- International news
- 9:10 am
- Cultural images of Myanmar
- 9:20 am
- Music: -Simple thing (Amy Grant)
- 1:30 pm
- News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm
- Children's delight -Story for children (The fox who shared the fish) -Songs for children
- 9:00 pm
- Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm
- Article
- 9:20 pm
- Music: -Safe in these arms (Jimmy Somerville) -Love hurts (Joan Jett)
- 9:45 pm
- News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm
- PEL

# Panhlaing Bridge, 208th one which is 180 feet and above long built in the time of the Tatmadaw government Twantay suspension bridge is under construction across Twantay Canal

## Panhlaing Bridge inaugurated in Hlinethaya Township



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an opening address at the ceremony to inaugurate Panhlaing Bridge linking Hlinethaya and Dalla Townships.— MNA

port Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the attorney-general, the Yangon Mayor, the deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, local authorities, assistant engineer and officials of bridge construction special group-2, members of social organizations, local people and guests.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address. He said the government was glad to see the emergence of Panhlaing Bridge that brings about

**Pyapon, Kyaiklat, Maubin, Nyaungdon and Bogalay through the bridges. It is a new route to Ayeyawady Division. Opening the new route will surely bring about better social and economic results for Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and the whole country.**

He said the government is making continued efforts for equal development of all parts of the Union and improvement of economic life of the people with unity, peace and the lofty aims of raising the living standard of the people.

He said the government has set the goal to enable the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast with the development of other nations. Realizing the fact of the

**Opening of bridge will surely bring about better social and economic results for Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and the whole country.**



YANGON, 22 Oct — The inauguration of Panhlaing Bridge was held in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

The 1,940 feet bridge was built by bridge construction special group-2 of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and it links Hlinethaya Township and Dalla Township.

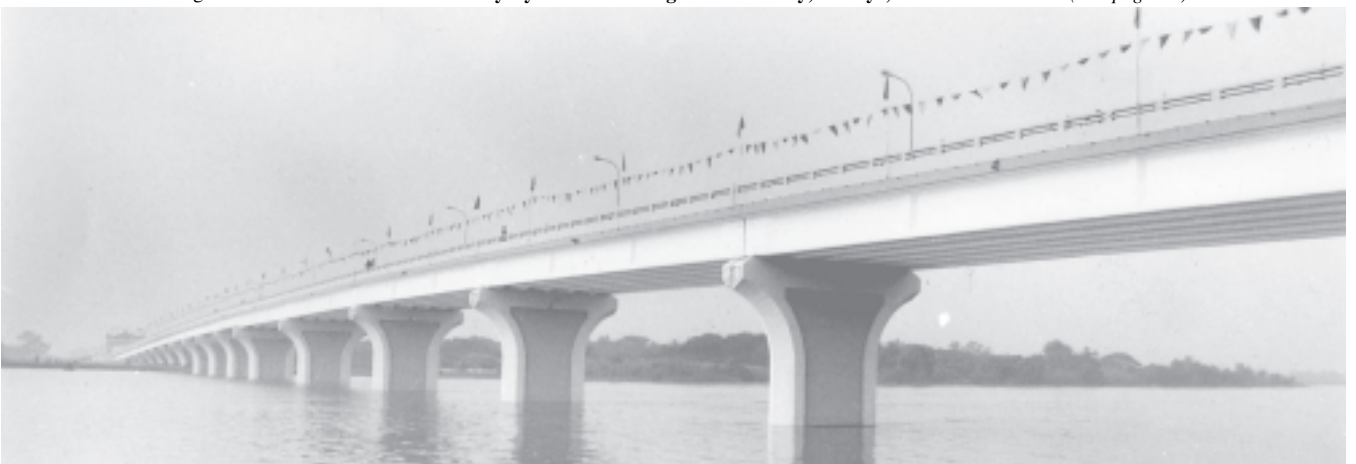
Present on the occasion were Chairman of Central Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Trans-

port Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the attorney-general, the Yangon Mayor, the deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, local authorities, assistant engineer and officials of bridge construction special group-2, members of social organizations, local people and guests.

**The bridge is the 208th one which is 180 feet and above long built in the time of the Tatmadaw government. The 3,570 feet long Twantay suspension bridge is being built across Twantay Canal. On completion of those bridges, people can travel easily by car from Yangon to Twantay, Dedaye,**

nature and historical lessons that stronger persons usually have influence on weaker ones, the government is striving for progress of the nation and its people with the firm determination to build the own national force and to be free from influence of others.

He also said the government is systematically implementing border area development project, special development region project and rural (See page 10)



Newly opened Panhlaing Bridge linking Hlinethaya and Dalla Townships.— MNA