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## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Kazakhstan

YANGON, 25 Oct— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Nursultan A Nazarbayev, President of the Republic of Kazakhstan, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which falls on 25 October 2005. —MNA

## The outcome of the process of reform will be of utmost importance for the world organization in building a more secure world

YANGON, 24 Oct — *The following is a translation of the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe to the occasion of the Sixtieth Anniversary of United Nations Day.*

“Today is the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the United Nations. We commemorate United Nations Day every year since its inception in honour of the world Organization which is of crucial importance to the future of humankind.

The United Nations Member States have witnessed the Organization’s achievements in overcoming the various threats and challenges to the people

all over the world during the past sixty years. We have also witnessed the Organization’s achievements in safeguarding the noble purposes and principles enshrined in the Charter to maintain international peace and security, and to attain cooperation in solving international economic, social, cultural and humanitarian issues. The membership of the United Nations has nearly quadrupled to 191 states since it was founded. Thus the universality of membership testifies to the legitimacy of the Organization in international relations.

The world is also seeing the Organization’s persevering efforts in facing new challenges and threats of  
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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

## It is necessary to seriously look into difficulties of developing countries especially the world’s poorest countries

## 60th Anniversary United Nations Day observed

YANGON, 24 Oct — A ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary United Nations Day was held at the Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this evening, with an address by the Secretary-1 of the State Peace and

Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

It was also attended by wife of the Secretary-1 Daw Khin Khin Win, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife, the

ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the auditor-general, the chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the chairman of Yangon City Development Committee the mayor,  
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Lt-Gen Thein Sein. addresses the ceremony to mark the 60th Anniversary United Nations Day. —MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### A shot in the arm for Paukphaw relations

In accordance with the five principles of peaceful co-existence, the Union of Myanmar has been living together in peace and friendship with her neighbours and other nations in the region. Exchange of visits between the leaders of the Union of Myanmar and their counterparts of the neighbouring nations have contributed a lot to economic cooperation, peace and development in the region.

At the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar visited Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China from 17 to 20 October and attended the Second China-ASEAN Expo and the Second China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit.

During the visit, Prime Minister General Soe Win had cordial discussions on matters of mutual interests with Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong of the People's Republic of China and Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin.

Prime Minister General Soe Win also received the correspondents of daily newspapers, radio and television stations and news agencies in China on 20 October. In his replies to the correspondents, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that the Second China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit was held with a view to promoting cooperation between China and ASEAN and expressed his belief that the summit will contribute to shaping a brighter future for China and ASEAN nations.

As Myanmar and China have common land border, border trade is thriving and steps are being taken to upgrade the border trade to normal cross-border trade. Now both countries are essaying to raise the bilateral trade value to 1.5 billion US dollars. More than 100 traders and businessmen from Myanmar attended the Second China-ASEAN Expo and signed agreements with trading partners from other nations.

Rich in natural resources, the Union of Myanmar has been practising the agro-based economic system. China is the second largest trading partner of Myanmar and Myanmar has favourable conditions for entrepreneurs from China to come and invest in the country.

We believe that Prime Minister General Soe Win's visit to the People's Republic of China will be a shot in the arm for Paukphaw relations between the two nations and will contribute a lot to bilateral cooperation in trade and investment.



Daw Tin Tin Aye and family of 87, Pyay Road, Mayangon Township, Yangon, present K 120,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged in memory of U Nyunt Han. — MNA

## 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

### Commander drives a stake for housing estate in South Okkalapa

YANGON, 23 Oct — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe this morning attended a ceremony to launch the construction of Myathida Housing Estate project in South Okkalapa Township.

At the ceremony Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn, Deputy Minister U Tin Swe, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Director-General of Department for Human Settlement and Housing Development U Aung Win and Chairman of Yangon East District PDC Col Maung Maung Shein drove the stakes and sprinkled scented water on them.

The project will be implemented by DHSHD on 17.87 acres of land covering 71 two-storey buildings.

MNA

Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe driving in the stake. — MNA



### Kathina Robe offering ceremony of Shweminwun Sasana Yeiktha on 30 October

YANGON, 24 Oct — The 23rd Kathina Robes offering ceremony of Shweminwun Sasana Yeiktha, No 70 Sasana Yeiktha road, Alae Shwegondaing Ward, Bahan Township will be held on 30 October at 8 am at the Yeiktha. — H



### General Secretary of UMFCFI receives Thai delegation

YANGON, 24 Oct — General-Secretary of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing received a delegation led by Mr Huan Tresat, Director of Office of Commercial Affairs, Chiang Rai, Thailand and Mr Rathan Veeraphan, Chairman of Joint Economic Quadrangle Chambers Committee (JEQC) at his office on 21 October.

They discussed matters on participation of Myanmar entrepreneurs in Grand Lanna & Mekong Culture Fair '05 to be held in Chiang Rai, Thailand from 21 to 25 December 2005, cooperation on boosting trade, investment and tourism, and staging arts and cultural exhibition under the cultural exchange programme at the fair.—MNA

### Air Bagan Golf Tour concludes



Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and officials awarded the winners.

Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint presented cash awards to Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon), Min Naing (Srixon) and Aung Win (YCDC, Srixon) who stood first, second and third respectively at the professional golfers event.

Air Bagan Ltd Vice Chairman U Zaw Min and Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun awarded the daily best award winners at amateur level and professional level events.

At the amateur golfers division, Naing Naing Linn stood first with 294 strokes; Nay Linn Tun second with 301 strokes and Nay Bala Win Myint third with 302 strokes.

Co-sponsors of 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.—MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint presents award to Soe Kyaw Naing (Srixon). MGF

YANGON, 24 Oct — The Fourth Leg of Air Bagan Golf Tour sponsored by Air Bagan Ltd was held at Northern Star Golf Club in Myitkyina.

After the tour, the prize presentation ceremony followed, and Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern

## China-ASEAN "tax-reduction" action benefits all parties concerned

**NANNING, 23 Oct**— The "tax reduction plan" initiated three months ago has signified that China and ten ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) countries have started to remove trade barriers.

Three months later, several thousands of non-tariff or tax-reduced products are exhibited at the on-going second China-ASEAN expo, and they have attracted more than 20,000 buyers from the world.

China-ASEAN expo has become an occasion to testify the tax-reduction plan, said Professor Li Xinguang with China International Economy and Cooperation Institute, adding that quality traditional agricultural produce, energy and electricity products from ASEAN are sure to find a vast market in China, while China's Yangtze River Delta and Pearl River Delta area are also easy to find cooperative ASEAN partners.

With China-ASEAN "Agreement on Goods Trade" implemented in July

this year, about 7,000 categories of products from both sides have been included in the tax reduction list, and all the above products will enjoy zero-tariff by 2010.

Experts hold that mechanics equipment, electric products, building materials and light industry products are in fields of cooperation with great potential for both China and ASEAN.

Li Tongyi, chief executive officer with ASEAN-China business group, said: "ASEAN countries are expected to get more profits from the Chinese market, with the already-attained trade surplus as a strong proof. He also suggested ASEAN enterprises make full preparations for the newly launched tax-reduction plan. — MNA/Xinhua

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Knocked-down power lines are seen after Hurricane Wilma hit Playa del Carmen in Mexico's Caribbean state of Quintana Roo on 22 Oct, 2005.

INTERNET

## Journalists' endanger ed at Iraq checkpoint

**BAGHDAD, 23 Oct**—Reporters in Iraq are putting new meaning into the phrase "duck and cover." According to the Committee to Protect Journalists Executive Director Anne Cooper there is a "serious and relatively new" threat.

Several of the journalists it is trying to protect have been fired on, or at least above and around, at the only media checkpoint for access to the International Zone in Baghdad.

In a letter to Commanding General George Casey, CPJ Executive Director Anne Cooper detailed two incidents this month—she says there have been several others—in which reporters for NPR and *The Wall Street Journal* had warning shots fired over their heads, with threats of worse. According to NPR senior producer JJ Sutherland came under fire on 3 October after his driver dropped him off 100 metres or so from the checkpoint. "Immediately the Iraqi guards began yelling

and shooting warning shots over my head," he says in the letter, "close enough that I could hear the snap of the bullets as they passed by," adding that he "did not see the American forces present doing anything to try to prevent [it]."

According to the letter,

WSJ reporter Farnaz Fassihi was being picked up near the checkpoint the same day when shots were fired over her head by a US soldier, and later US and Iraqi soldiers warned they would shoot her and her driver if they again stopped near the checkpoint.

Cooper says the problem is confusion over how journalists are supposed to approach the checkpoint as they try to enter the zone to cover Press conferences, conduct interviews with US and Iraqi officials, and imbed with units.

Internet

## Baghdad bomb, attacks leave 20 dead in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 23 Oct**—A man blew up his car in a Baghdad square today, killing four people in the first significant suicide bombing in the capital in weeks. More than 20 Iraqis died in a swell of violence, including a bomb that killed a police colonel.

Still, with the toll among American service members in the Iraq war approaching 2,000 dead, the US military said it has hampered guerillas' ability to unleash more devastating suicide bombings

with a series of offensives in western towns that disrupted militant operations.

In today's attack, the bomber plowed his explosives-laden car into two police vehicles in downtown Tahrir Square at

11:30 am, killing two police officers and two civilians. US troops rushing to the scene in Humvees found bystanders tending to 11 wounded.

In the past, Baghdad has been heavily battered by deadly suicide attacks, with a string of them killing nearly 700 people from 1 April to early September. —Internet

## India offers to set up relief points on Kashmir frontier

**NEW DELHI, 23 Oct**— India has offered to set up three relief centres for earthquake-stricken people from Pakistani Kashmir along a de facto border dividing the two countries, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Saturday.

"Now we will await their response before going ahead with the implementation," Navtej Sarma told reporters, adding that the relief centres would also provide an opportunity for members of divided Kashmiri families to meet.

The offer came four days after Pakistani President Pervez

Musharraf appealed to India to allow the people of Pakistan to cross the Line of Control running through the Himalayan region to help deal with the catastrophe.

India welcomed the offer but there was no immediate word on when the two sides would sit down to work out the details. — MNA/Reuters

## Blasts halt north Iraq oil exports

**BAGHDAD, 23 Oct**—Four sabotage blasts have brought oil exports from northern Iraq to a halt and it could take up to one month to carry out repairs, an oil official said on Sunday.

"The exports to Ceyhan (Turkey) have stopped completely because of four blasts that hit a main gathering centre for at least four wells," the official told Reuters. — Internet

## Official figures show 4,308 Iraqis killed since January

**BAGHDAD, 23 Oct**— More than 4,300 Iraqis, nearly 70 per cent of them civilians, were killed by guerillas in the first nine months of this year, an Interior Ministry official said on Saturday.

Figures on Iraqi casualties since the March 2003 US-led invasion have been unreliable and difficult to compile, partly because US-led forces say they do not count civilian deaths.

Several non-governmental organizations that compile figures from media reports say the number of Iraqis killed since the invasion is at least 25,000, possibly much more.

Those estimates include Iraqis killed by US-led forces as well as those who

are victims of rampant crime.

The Interior Ministry official provided Reuters with figures compiled by his own ministry as well as the ministries of Defence and Health, but the figures included only those injuries or deaths attributed to guerillas.

The figures show a total of 4,308 deaths from January to September, comprising 956 police, 376 Army and 2,976 civilians. Civilians account for 69 per cent of the total. — MNA/Reuters



Iraqi policemen look at remains of a vehicle on 23 Oct, 2005, after a suicide car bomb attack, rammed into a US military convoy at 9:15 am in the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad. — INTERNET

# Iran will not yield to US nuclear pressure

**TEHRAN, 22 Oct — Iran will stand firm against US "bullying" over its nuclear programme but will never use atomic technology to make bombs, the Islamic Republic's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said on Friday.**

"This nation is not a nation that would succumb to the impositions and bullying of the US or any other," Khamenei told worshippers in a Friday prayers sermon at Teheran University.

"The US politicians who claim Iran seeks nuclear weapons know very well that they are lying ... their purpose is to earn dominance. Human rights is of no value to them," he said to shouts of "God is Greatest" and "Death to America" from the thousands of people packed in and around the university.

Washington says Iran's 18-year cover-up of nuclear activities suggest it is trying to build nuclear weapons under cover of a peaceful atomic energy programme. Iran says it needs

nuclear energy to meet booming demand and that its top religious leaders have prohibited it from ever using atomic weapons.

"In the nuclear energy field, our purpose has nothing to do with nuclear weapons, nor would this technology ever be diverted into (making) weapons," said Khamenei, who has the last word on all state matters. "However the Iranian nation will not give up on this

technology," he added. Negotiations between Iran and the European Union over its nuclear programme broke down in August. In September the board of governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) passed a tough resolution which brought Teheran to the brink of referral to the UN Security Council for possible sanctions.

MNA/Reuters

## ဝက်ခွမ်းအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား

*Young Kashmiri earthquake survivors who lost their homes after a massive earthquake eat near their makeshift tent in Islamabad on 22 October, 2005.*

INTERNET



# Poll shows Iraqis back attacks on UK, US forces

**LONDON, 22 Oct — Forty-five percent of Iraqis believe attacks on US and British troops are justified, according to a secret poll said to have been commissioned by British defence leaders and cited by The Sunday Telegraph.**

Less than 1 percent of those polled believed that the forces were responsible for any improvement in security, according to poll figures.

Eighty-two percent of those polled said they were "strongly opposed" to the presence of the troops.—Internet

# Florida man drives miles with body in windshield

**MIAMI, 22 Oct — A 93-year-old Florida motorist hit a pedestrian, killing him and severing his leg, and then kept driving three miles to a toll bridge with the bloody corpse stuck in**

his windshield, police said on Friday.

At that point a toll-booth attendant called police in St Petersburg, Florida, where the accident occurred on Wednesday, and made the driver wait until they arrived.

The driver, "who is possibly suffering from dementia, did not realize he had been involved in a crash," the police report said. Ralph Thomas Parker told police he thought the body had dropped from above, possibly from an overpass.

The pedestrian, whose identity was being withheld until relatives were notified, was thrown head-first through the windshield of the 2002 Chevrolet Malibu, with his body resting on the roof. His severed leg landed in the street.

MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters

# Thai boy tests positive for bird flu, recovering

**BANGKOK, 22 Oct — A Thai boy whose father died of bird flu earlier this week has tested positive for the deadly H5N1 virus, but he is recovering, a hospital spokesman said on Friday.**

"The results of two lab tests were positive. Therefore, we conclude that this patient is infected with bird flu," a statement issued by Bangkok's Siriraj Hospital said. It added that the boy's temperature had returned to normal and he was eating and playing.—MNA/Reuters

# Hurricane "Wilma" targets Mexico's Yucatan resorts

**CANCUN (Mexico), 22 Oct — Lashing wind and rain pounded Mexican beach resorts on Friday and thousands of tourists hunkered down in shelters to escape Hurricane Wilma, which was hammering Caribbean resorts on its way to densely populated southern Florida.**

Heavy rain was coming down in diagonal sheets and howling winds were buckling sturdy trees. Tourists were evacuated from luxury beachfront hotels all along Mexico's "Maya Riviera" coast and the normally calm, turquoise Caribbean seas heaved and Wilma dumped rain on streets patrolled by soldiers ordering people to take cover.

Described by forecasters as extremely dangerous and at its height later on Friday expected to send a 7 to 11-foot (2.2 to 3.4-metre) surge of water over the coast, Wilma killed 10 people in mudslides in Haiti earlier in the week.

Cuba evacuated 220,000 people and residents of southern Florida stocked up on drinking water and gas to prepare for Wilma, which ham-

mered the coasts of Mexico and Belize with winds of around 150 mph (240 kph).

Mexican authorities said close to 22,000 tourists and local residents had been evacuated from low-lying coastal areas. In one gymnasium shelter in Cancun, 1,600 people spent the night on mattresses on the floor. One local entrepreneur sold T-shirts, perhaps prema-

turely, with the logo: "I survived Hurricane Wilma," at 10 US dollars each.

About 100 bored-looking foreign tourists stood talking in groups under chandeliers in the cavernous marble lobby of the Hotel Royal Porto Real, near the sea front in Playa del Carmen, another resort just south of Cancun.

MNA/Reuters

# New Singapore rules to prevent misuse of mobiles

**SINGAPORE, 22 Oct — Singapore announced new rules on Friday to prevent militants and other criminals from using pre-paid Subscriber Identification Module (SIM) cards in mobile phones.**

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Home Affairs Wong Kan Seng said three bombs in Thailand's Songkhla Province in April were detonated using mobile phones, possibly with pre-paid SIM cards. "Criminals exploit the anonymity of pre-paid SIM cards to avoid detection. Singapore must address this problem urgently as there are over 1.4 million local pre-paid SIM

cards, comprising 35 per cent of the mobile market, in circulation today," he said in a statement.

From 1 November, all sellers of pre-paid SIM cards will be required to ask for and electronically verify personal details of purchasers, said the Ministry of Home Affairs and the city-state's telecoms regulator, the Infocomm Development Authority of

Singapore. This system will replace the existing manual recording of user information. All existing pre-paid SIM card users are also required to re-register with their respective mobile service providers.

There will be a minimum age requirement of 15 years for pre-paid card buyers, and any one customer can buy up to a maximum of 10 pre-paid cards.—MNA/Reuters



A man walks on a flooded street in the aftermath of Hurricane Wilma at the resort town of Cancun in Mexico's state of Quintana Roo on 22 Oct, 2005.

INTERNET

# Australia says transparency key in ASEAN trade deal

**CANBERRA, 22 Oct— A lack of transparency over government contracts in Southeast Asia has emerged as a major roadblock to a free trade deal between the region, Australia and New Zealand, an Australian official said on Friday.**

More than 100 officials from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) will be in Canberra next week for the fifth round of trade talks with Australia and New Zealand. But Australian officials said the way some ASEAN member countries award government contracts to domestic companies has emerged as a key difference halfway through the two-year talks.

"The ASEANs have a very clear view that government procurement should not be part of these negotiations," an official familiar with the negotiations said on the condition of anonymity. Government contracts account for up to 10 per cent of gross domestic product in some

ASEAN countries but the official said bribery and corruption were a concern for Australia, which wants government procurement to be part of the trade talks.

The official said ASEAN has refused to discuss government procurement and declined to send officials responsible for the issue to the negotiations. Australia wants to use the

talks to push market transparency more than market access for Australian and New Zealand suppliers within ASEAN countries.

"These countries are at different stages of development. But there is clearly an important issue here regarding transparency and the role of transparency to facilitate and contribute to good govern-

ance," the official said. "A number of the ASEAN countries seem to have a very firm mandate just not to talk about it. One way is just to ensure you don't send the people who are responsible for this to negotiating sessions." The official declined to say which countries were refusing to discuss government procurement.—MNA/Reuters



Chinese farmer Jiang Peilan carries food made of wheat flour and featuring a rocket during a food show in Weihai, east China's Shandong Province, on 22 Oct, 2005. The Chinese characters on the food read 'Shenzhou VI spacecraft.' — INTERNET

## Police destroy package near US Capitol

**WASHINGTON, 22 Oct— Police arrested two young men and destroyed a package in their rental car in an incident that closed several streets around the US Capitol building for about two hours on Friday.**

Capitol police declined to release the names of the men or say whether the package had posed a danger. They said the rental car the men were using was registered in Florida. Police closed several streets near the Capitol building and cleared a nearby commercial office building during the incident. The Capitol and congressional office buildings were not evacuated. "The two individuals approached our officers and advised them that they believed they had a suspicious package in their vehicle," police spokeswoman Jessica Gissubel told reporters.—MNA/Reuters

## Indian scientist awarded World Food Prize for 2005

**WASHINGTON, 22 Oct— Indian scientist Modadugu V Gupta has been awarded the prestigious World Food Prize for 2005 in recognition of his work to enhance nutrition for rural poor through expansion of aquaculture and fish farming in Asia and Southeast Asia.**

The annual award widely regarded as the equivalent of the Nobel Prize in the field of food and agriculture was given to Gupta at a glittering ceremony held at the majestic Iowa State Capitol building in Des Moines recently.

Created by Nobel Laureate Norman Borlaug in 1986 for outstanding achievements in food and agriculture aimed at reducing hunger, malnutrition and rural poverty, the

award carries a proclamation by the Governor of Ohio and a citation, an original sculpture created by Saul Bass and a cash award of 250,000 US dollars.

It is funded by prominent Ohio philanthropist, John Ruan.

The first World Food Prize was awarded to M S Swaminathan in 1986, and thereafter to four other Indian scientists.

MNA/Reuters

## Aid workers among four killed in Afghan violence

**KABUL, 22 Oct — A local aid worker and two senior provincial officials were among four people killed in Afghanistan, officials said on Friday, in attacks blamed on Taleban militants.**

The employee of the Western-funded Coordination of Humanitarian Assistance (CHA) relief agency was killed in an ambush in the northwestern province of Faryab on Thursday in which his three colleagues were wounded, provincial CHA head Khan Mohammad Sameem said. Faryab's Governor, Mohammad Aamir Latif, blamed Taleban guerillas for the attack.

The ambush followed one a week ago in which five local aid workers were killed in the southern province of Kandahar.

In another attack, also on Thursday, Taleban guerillas blew up a car, killing Nafas Khan, police chief for Zaranj, the provincial capital of Nimroz in the south. A colleague of Khan was also killed in the blast triggered by a remote device, a senior provincial official said, and accused the Taleban for it.

An intelligence official was killed in a roadside bomb in the eastern province of Kunar, officials said.

Mohammad Yousof, a spokesman for the

Taleban, confirmed that militants were behind the blast in Zaranj, but had no information about the attack on CHA.

The latest surge in attacks is part of the violence that has claimed

some 1,100 lives, mostly militants, but also more than 50 US soldiers in Afghanistan this year, the bloodiest period since US-led troops overthrew Taleban in 2001.

The Taleban have

vowed to drive out foreign forces from Afghanistan and topple President Hamid Karzai's government that was installed after the militants' ouster in 2001.

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier searches an Iraqi during a patrol in the outskirts of city of Kirkuk, north of Baghdad recently. Four US military personnel have been killed in fighting in the restive western Iraqi province of Al-Anbar, the US military said.

INTERNET

## Twenty guerillas killed in western Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 23 Oct — US forces in Iraq killed 20 guerillas on Saturday near the Syrian border while conducting raids on houses believed to be hideouts for al-Qaeda foreign fighters, the US military said.**

A statement said US forces found two large caches of weapons, including rocket-propelled grenades, mortar rounds and bomb making materials, during the raids in the western town of Husayba. It said one guerilla was captured in the operation.

US forces have conducted a series of operations against guerillas in the Euphrates Valley in western Iraq, a key transit route from Syria to Baghdad.

More than 300 foreign fighters, mostly from Arab states, have been captured in Iraq by US-led troops and Iraqi security forces since the start of April, and their nationalities include Israeli, Irish and British, a senior US commander said on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters

## Police station in Greece destroyed by fire-bombs

**ATHENS, 23 Oct — A police station in the centre of Athens was destroyed in the early morning of Saturday, no one injured, police said.**

According to police, about 20 Greek young people on motorbikes launched self-made fire-bombs at the police station and then fled.

The attack resulted in

six patrol cars and one motorbike of the police station being burnt.

Considerable damage was also caused to window panes of shops and entrances of apartment buildings nearby. Police said that there was neither clue before the incident nor any claim afterwards.

It is not immediately known whether the criminals belong to any anarchist group in the country.

Although two terrorist groups, November 17 and Revolutionary Struggle, had been dismantled and most of the notorious terrorists had been brought to justice early last year, explosions of homemade bombs are quite common in Greece.—MNA/Xinhua

# Serve the national interest with national outlook

*U Pyay Kyaw*

I have been silent on politics for long. But now, the time has arrived for me to write about the issue once more. The word "politics" has evolved together with the human civilization since the latter's very early stage, during which city states began to emerge. Greeks and Romans called city states "Polis", each with one city surrounded by towns and villages under its domain.

Greeks called the authority and science to administer the city states "Politikos". Greek philosophers are the persons who discovered the political views and thoughts after studying the affairs of the city states. English has many words adopted from other European languages including Latin, Greek, French and German languages. The English adopted the Greek word "Demokratos", an administration system tested in Greece 2600 years ago, as the word "Democracy" and another Greek word "Politikos" as the word "Politics".

From the word "Politics", other English words such as politician, political, political science, political thoughts, party politics, national politics, politicize, political party and polit-bureau emerged.

Early men knew how to find food and protect their body from insects and weather by wearing clothing made from leaves or animal hides. They lived in caves or places under large trees. The basic requirements for human existence are food, clothing and shelter or social needs. They with their intellectual power tried to fulfil their social needs.

In the later periods, men learnt to know how to build huts. Groups of huts became villages, and when the population grew larger, there emerged towns, and then the city state.

According to the international law, a nation must have territory, population, government and sovereignty.

Politics is the cause for the people of every nation, especially for fulfilling the public social needs. Politics covers the task of trying to enhance the social and living standards, ensuring public peace and stability and protecting the nation against alien invasion, and building a larger number of infrastructures and protecting them.

Men while enduring and overcoming vicissitudes of life are trying to ensure security and progress for their own nation with their labour and intellectual power.

The world reaches the present stage after passing through various systems and hardships. Various types and factions of democracies, socialism, communism, capitalism, liberals and conservatives have appeared later resulting from the men's efforts to

invent new ideologies in competition to one another.

At their election campaigns, the politicians asked power after introducing their ideologies to the public and assuring them to realize their goals. Since the early period of history, the policy that assures people to the self-determination to shape their own future is called national politics. The practice of asking power to serve national interest with their ideologies is called the party politics.

It will be not proper to say that party politics is bad. But it would be difficult to say that it is excellent as some political parties instead of asking power in a proper way turned to armed struggle line after the nation had regained independence. The insurgency went on for over 40 years during which the people even the patriots who took part in the independence struggle had to live in fear and instability in the nation which had rich resources and sound foundations for progress.

During the past 50 years of the post-independence period, the ruling AFPFL as well as the Revolutionary Council government had made all-out efforts to end the evil incident, which the leftists called the civil war and the successive governments of that time called internal insurgency. As the insurgents were under the influence of foreign instigation, the nation failed to restore internal peace. But now Myanmar is enjoying unprecedented development as the Tatmadaw government since its assumption of the State duties in 1988, has been striving with might and main for progress of every nook and cranny of the nation. As they have seen the progress with their own eyes, members of the 17 armed groups returned to the legal fold.

The people can now live in peace. The nation is developing to this degree despite the internal and external disturbances. Those are sound foundations for the pleasant land promising all the basic human needs. The essence of democracy is to bring peace and progress through the public force, but not to freely make disturbance, violate laws, stage strikes and hold arms and fight back the government.

Usually, western nations have more than one political party. But in those nations, mostly, two or three major parties are winning the election alternatively, while minor parties that win only a small number of seats have no part to play. The rival parties are serving the interest of the single legally permitted political system. There will be conservatives and liberals in those powers, for just one ideology or in other words "capitalism". The western powers did have communist parties in the past. But they politicize them after announcing them unlawful.

But those powers are forcefully shaping the

small nations to accept multi-party system or pluralism. The greater freedom to disagree among the different political parties and cause conflicts and disunity of the small nations will weaken them more. For the big nations, the weaker prey is easier to catch.

Myanmar is an independent and sovereign nation. It has the right to freely shape its own future for the wellbeing of the country and the people.

This right is in accordance with the international legal practice and norms, the UN charter and the Bandung principles (of more than 100 non-aligned nations). The neo-colonialist, who are in control of the media, are issuing false allegations against Myanmar in an attempt to divert the country from its path to progress so that they would be able to dominate it.

In 1988-89, a total of 235 political parties came into being. However, most of them were in no position to continue to exist and they collapsed. So, there are only ten parties left at present—eight national race parties, National League for Democracy and the National Unity Party. It is known to all the present condition of the parties—their policy, programme, ideology and membership.

The 1947 Constitution and the 1974 Constitution are defunct today. In a nation, there must be an enduring constitution framed in accordance with the wishes and in the best interest of the people. This had been acknowledged by the existing ten political parties and accordingly they agreed in 1992 and decided to convene the National Convention. Delegates of those parties including NLD attended the National Convention when it was convened on 9 January 1993. NLD representatives as well as elected representatives of NLD totalling about 100 attended the National Convention.

In 1995, however, they boycotted the National Convention following the orders of Daw Suu Kyi. According to the National Convention procedures, a delegate ceases to be a delegate if he fails to attend it for two days in succession for no reason. It may be seen as an attempt to wreck the National Convention by the elements from inside and outside the country. When plans were made to reconvene the National Convention in May 2004, the West hinted that NLD was to participate in it. NLD said it would do so. When it was permitted to attend, it declared its decision not to attend it. At present, the West says something different. It has criticised the National Convention for the exclusion of NLD. It is direct violation of Myanmar's human rights or Myanmar's self-determination.

I will not go into details about NLD since all have known them. Much has been reported in the news and articles. Why is the West is giving the limelight to the NLD alone although there are ten political parties in Myanmar? Are they sincere to truly see the flourishing of multi-party democracy in the country? It is food for thought that it is because they are going to install a puppet government in the country.

I will cite Myanmar history. There had been numerous types of political parties, namely, rightist, capitalist democratic, liberal and conservative parties. There were also leftist socialist and communist parties as well. Regarding rightists, they had their different masters. Similarly, leftist parties, were under the influence of certain blocs and nations. What has happened to those parties? They are not on the Myanmar

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# Minkutha marionette drama contest goes on



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and officials watch Minkutha marionette drama contest. — MNA

## Serve the national interest...

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political stage. They are not in the hearts and minds of Myanmar people. This is a good lesson for them.

NLD today is seen to be most related to those from outside the nation. It is known to all that NLD has maintained contact through interviews with VOA and BBC. The policy and programme of NLD is described with one word, that is, democracy. In the outset, it was formed with Aung-Suu-Tin, the tripartite Aung (U Aung Gyi), Suu (Daw Suu Kyi) and Tin (U Tin Oo). Before long, the Aung group broke away from the party. The leftists (White and Red Communists) also left Daw Suu Kyi group. But Tin group remains firmly with the party. However, political analysts say that it remains so under the command of Daw Suu Kyi and influence of the external elements.

In the early stages of NLD, confrontation concept advocated by Maung Ko Yu (Red Flag) and the concept to defy all laws that they did not like as suggested in the poem of David Thoreau and supported by Maung Thawka and Hanthawady U Win Tin were in vogue. Daw Suu Kyi herself got down to different townships and followed the line of confrontation. But they had gone too far and some NLD youths ended up as fugitives outside the country. As known to all, those from outside give full support to the incidents.

Daw Suu Kyi herself had called for economic sanctions on Myanmar and demanded not to give aid to the country. Moreover, they insisted convening of the Hluttaw, attempted to incite the four nine's incident. Their involvement in the plots to kill people and explode bombs were carried in the news.

In the news of VOA broadcast at 6 pm on 28-9-05 the US reaffirmed its support of NLD. The US State Department issued a statement on the 17th founding anniversary of NLD. In the statement, it said it would back all the people of the world working for freedom, democracy and human rights of Daw Suu Kyi and the people of Myanmar.

The US government recognizes the founding anniversary of NLD while ignoring the remaining parties although there are ten political parties in the country. Obviously, it shows that it has strong attachments to NLD.

Myanmar today does not accept the West-designed democracy which stinks of colonialism. It has reconvened the National Convention, the first step of the seven-step Road Map, in order to build a genuine and discipline-flourishing democracy. Everyone desirous of serving the national interests need to extend a helping hand most actively while discarding destructive schemes, negative outlooks and party and individual attachments.

Translation: TMT+AK

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YANGON, 24 Oct—The professional level Minkutha marionette drama contest of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Road for the fifth day this evening.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions 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 the Sub-Committees, doyen artistes and enthusiasts.

Nyeinchan Shwepyi marionette group of Yangon Division took part in the contest.

Sagaing Division marionette group will take part in tomorrow's contest which continues for the sixth and final day.

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## Performing arts competitions continue

YANGON, 24 Oct—The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for 11th 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, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Vice-Chairman of the leading committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, committee members, officials of sub-committees, maestros, tourists and the general public.

The singing con-



Sagaing Division participates in professional level dobut contest. — MNA

test, 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 13 contestants from States and Divisions took part in the professional level men's religious song contests, and 14 in the basic education level (aged 15-20) girls classical/modern song contest at the hall of National Museum.

Fourteen contestants participated in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' piano contest at the National Theatre, eight in the basic education level women's piano contest, and four women in the amateur level women's piano contest. Competitions of the contestants were supervised by Leader of the panel of judge U Sein

Thaung and members.

At Kanbawza Theatre, nine contestants competed in the basic education level (aged 10-15) song composing contest. In the afternoon, 14 participants took part in basic education level song composing contest with the works composed on 14 October. Chairman of the panel of judges Bogale U Tint Aung and party supervised the contest.

The 11th day competition of the music contest was held at Padonma Theatre today. Three troupes participated in the professional level Dobut contest, five troupes in basic education level (aged 15-20) Dobut contest. Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Ba Maw and party supervised the contest.— MNA



Ma Ei Tin Zar Kyaw of Kachin State takes part in professional level women's piano contest. — MNA

**It is necessary to seriously look into the difficulties...**

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the vice-mayor, the deputy ministers and their wives, Dean of Diplomatic Corps Ambassador of the Republic of the Philippines Madame Phoebe A Gomez and ambassadors, Charges d'Affaires a.i. of embassies, diplomats, Resident Coordinator of the UN System Mr. Charles James Petrie, Resident Representatives and officials of UN agencies, heads of departments and enterprises concerned, representatives of social associations, local and



Secretary-I Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party and guests view the booth on the 60th anniversary of United Nations Day. — MNA



being with you to celebrate the United Nations Day. The United Nations was founded sixty years

tory. When we look back at its record, one cannot deny the vital role of the Organization in international relations. It has served humanity well.

The sixtieth anniversary is a milestone in the Organization's history. The year 2005 is not only the fifth anniversary of the Millennium Summit, but also the 10th anniversary of the Copenhagen World Summit on Sustainable Development, and the Beijing Fourth World Conference on Women.

The anniversaries of these important events remind us of the commitments made by the world leaders. Actually the implementation of the commitments made at different fora are mutually reinforcing.

At the 2005 United Nations Summit, the largest gathering of world leaders in the history of

the process of reform is an important and urgent task for all the member states.

The world leaders assessed the progress made towards the implementation of the Millennium Development Goals. Leaders from many developing countries called on their counterparts from developed countries to help them achieve a series of development goals, including reducing poverty and fighting HIV/AIDS. Many countries are of the view that to attain the Millennium Development Goals on time, it is necessary to seriously look into the difficulties of the developing countries especially the world's poorest countries such as Heavily Indebted Poor Countries which cannot achieve the MDGs because of their heavy external debt burden. Diseases such as the HIV/AIDS pandemic are beyond the control of an individual state and therefore needed to be addressed collectively.

The world leaders also recalled the outcome of the 2002 International Conference on Financing and Development at Monterrey, Mexico. They recognize that national efforts should be complemented by supportive global programmes and policies aimed at maximizing development opportunities to countries.

In Myanmar the National Development Plan, which covers the major aspects of the Millennium Development Goals, is being implemented with a view to achieving economic growth and social progress and in promoting the living standard of

the people. Border Areas Development Plan has been carried out since 1989. Special Development Zones are designated to narrow the socio-economic gap among the States and

ture sector, which employs about sixty percent of the total labour force of the country, has great potential to lead socio-economic growth and to reduce poverty.

In Myanmar learn-



Foreign Minister U Nyan Win reads the message of Senior General Than Shwe on the 60th anniversary of United Nations Day. MNA

foreign journalists, winning students of the 60th Anniversary United Nations Day Commemorative Essay, Poster and Painting Competitions and guests.

Secretary-I delivered an address. He said: At the outset, I wish to express my pleasure at

ago with the determination to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war. Today the Anniversary is celebrated with the theme "A Time for Renewal".

We are inspired by the achievements of the World Organization throughout its long his-

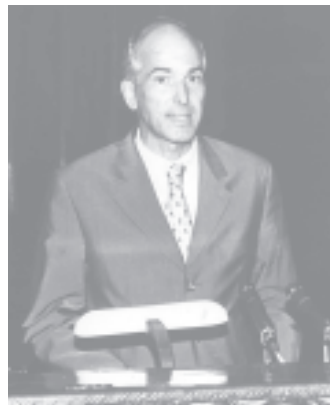


Foreign Minister U Nyan Win presents the third prize for essay contest to a student. —MNA

Divisions, and an Integrated Rural Development Plan is laid down for the period of 2001 to 2005. Myanmar agricul-

ing institutions are co-educational. Boys and girls have equal chances to pursue further studies. (See page 9)

**In Myanmar the National Development Plan, which covers the major aspects of the Millennium Development Goals, is being implemented with a view to achieving economic growth and social progress and in promoting the living standard of the people.**



Resident Coordinator of the UN System Mr Charles James Petrie reads the message of UN Secretary-General. MNA

the Organization renewed their commitments to the Charter and the various summit declarations. The 60th Summit Declaration also stressed that reform of the United Nations is imperative.

The Declaration is of crucial importance for the world organization which needs to change in order to adapt to new threats and challenges, and to continue its role as an effective global institution. The success of the



Resident Coordinator of the UN System Mr Charles James Petrie presents the first prize for drawing contest to a student. — MNA



## The outcome of the process of...

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contemporary times which did not exist and could not have been anticipated when the United Nations Charter came into force on October 24 in 1945. These include globalization, environmental degradation, extreme poverty, communicable diseases, terrorism and transnational organized crime.

In order to find solutions to the challenges and threats confronting the international community, the United Nations always seeks the advice, cooperation and recommendations of its Member States, large and small, by convening summits, international and regional conferences in a timely and effective manner.

The United Nations Millennium Declaration was unanimously adopted by the leaders of the entire world at the historic Millennium Summit of the year 2000. The Millennium Development Goals, the road map for the implementation of the Declaration, was also adopted. In the Millennium Development

Goals, United Nations Member States have pledged to eradicate extreme poverty and hunger, to achieve universal primary education, to promote gender equality and empower women, to reduce child mortality, to improve maternal health, to combat HIV/AIDS, malaria and other diseases, to ensure environmental sustainability, and to develop a global partnership for development.

Five years after the Summit world leaders met again at the high-level meeting of the sixtieth United Nations General Assembly. They reviewed the Millennium Development Goals, rededicated themselves to the Goals and agreed upon to start the ten year countdown to the target 2015.

To fulfill the targets of the Millennium Development Goals, international cooperation and assistance are essential. The gap between developing countries and developed ones is widening because of the negative impacts of globalization. Countries are more interconnected and therefore collective efforts for security and development are more relevant than ever before. The role of the United Nations is therefore more vital than ever.

The world leaders also agreed upon measures to strengthen the United Nations. In fact, Member States have witnessed efforts to strengthen the Or-

ganization's structure in order to meet the challenges of the 21st century. The United Nations Member States are desirous for changes which can address the interests of all nations. In this regard, all Member States are taking the opportunity to contribute to the process of reform. The outcome of the process of reform will be of utmost importance for the world organization in building a more secure world.

The outcome of the high-level meeting reaffirms the Charter of the United Nations and its principles and purposes, including the principles of State sovereignty, non-interference and the non-use of force in international affairs. These are principles that have withstood the test of time and essential for the maintenance of international peace and security.

Member States place high hope in the United Nations' efforts to save succeeding generations not only from the scourge of war but also from the new threats and challenges ahead of us and to promote social justice, economic progress and better standards of life.

On this auspicious sixtieth anniversary of United Nations' Day, let us renew our commitments to the United Nations' efforts to be a centre for harmonizing the actions of nations in the attainment of international peace, security and development."—MNA



Minister Dr Chan Nyein presents the third prize for poster contest to a student. —MNA

ment to the endeavours of the Organization for the benefit of humankind and pledge to fully cooperate with the Organization.

Next, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win read the message from Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe (reported separately).

Resident Coordinator of the UN System Mr. Charles James Petrie read the message from Mr. Kofi A Annan, Secretary-General of the United Nations (reported yesterday in this paper).

Next, Minister U Nyan Win presented first, second, third and consolation prizes of High School Level essay competition to 9th grader Ma Thazin Thet Su Tin of Myoma Basic Education Middle School, Kyauktan Township, 9th grader Maung Aung Myat Htut Oo of No 1 Basic Education High School, Latha Township, 10th grader Ma Khin Thazin Yadana Tun of No 3 Basic Education High School, South Okkalapa Township and 10th grader Ma Zun Yun Yadana of No 1 Basic Education High School, Kyimyindine Township respectively.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein pre-

sented first, second, third and consolation prizes of Middle School Level poster competition to 7th grader Ma Aye Myat Thu of No 2 BEHS, Latha Township, 7th grader Ma Su Hlaing Tun of No 4 BEHS, Tamwe Township, 6th grader Maung Htoo Htet Kyaw of Myoma BEHS, Kyauktan Township, 7th grader Maung Si Thu Aung of No 5 BEHS, Tamwe Township respectively.

Resident Coordinator of the UN System Mr. Charles James Petrie presented first, second, third and consolation prizes of Primary School Level painting competition to 4th grader Ma Myat Thondari Moe Myint of No 2 BEHS, Sangyoung Township, 5th grader Ma Eindray Sein Ya Tu of No 2 BEHS, Dagon Township, 3rd grader Maung Mm Thu Khant of No 1 BEHS, Latha Township and 3rd grader Maung Nyan Win of No 18 BEPS, South Okkalapa Township respectively.

The Secretary-1 and guests observed the booth to mark the 60th Anniversary of United Nations Day.

Later, the guests were entertained to a cultural performance by artistes of the Department of Fine Arts of the Ministry of Culture.

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The net enrollment ratio in primary education of 84.5% in 2005 is approaching the target 99% in 2015 of the MDGs. The literacy rate of 15-24 years old is 96.5% in 2005. To improve the quality of education teaching methodologies and assessment systems are changed. Teachers training schools have been upgraded to promote the professional skills of teachers.

Since the Women and Child Health Development project was launched in 2001, under-five mortality rate and infant mortality rate are decreasing steadily. The National AIDS Programme has been carried out with the cooperation of WHO and UNAIDS.

To ensure environmental sustainability the Myanmar Forest Policy has been laid down since 1995 and priority is given to maintenance of the area covered by forest which is 52.12% of the total land area.

The Government is also working in close cooperation with the United Nations Agencies to help meet the basic needs at the grass root level and the significant outcome in the health and primary education sectors is very encouraging.

On this auspicious occasion of the anniversary of the United Nations, we renew our commit-

## Objectives of USDA, educational...

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As part of an effort to provide free medical treatment to local people, Hlegu Township USDA set up the health care association. At the ceremony held at the BEHS, Ngasutaung Village, USDA CEC Member Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn accepted 1,000 membership applications of USDA.

Officials of Yangon Division USDA, Basic Education Department and Health Department briefed on objectives of USDA, educational activities and health care services respectively. Officials of Maternal and Child Welfare Association and Women's Affairs Organization also briefed on matters related to the organizations.

The minister, CEC

members and party also attended the opening ceremony of the library in Ngasutaung Village. The library was established at a cost of K 4 million.

Ngasutaung Village located in Hlegu Township, Yangon

North District, has a population of over 6000 and there are over 1000 households in the village.

Exchange offices and rural health unit have been established in the village. There are also a school, monasteries and

low-cost housing units at the village. As it is easily accessible to Yangon City and other townships through Hlegu, local people can transport farm produce and seasonal crops.

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An eye specialist provides medical check for a local in Ngasutaung village in Hlegu township. — YCDC

### Foreign Minister felicitates Kazakhstan counterpart

YANGON, 25 Oct— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Kasymzhomart K Tokayev, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Kazakhstan, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which falls on 25 October 2005.

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### FM signs Book of Condolences for the demise of wife of Malaysian PM



FM U Nyan Win signs the Book of Condolences for the demise of the wife of the Honourable Dato' Seri Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia. — MNA

YANGON, 24 Oct— Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win signed the Book of Condolences opened for the demise of Datin Seri Endon Mahmood, wife of the Honourable Dato' Seri

Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia, at the Embassy of Malaysia, No 82 Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road, Dagon Township at noon today.

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### Hole-in-one

YANGON, 25 Oct—U Ye Htut scored an ace from 143 yards at the No 7th hole at City Golf Resort (Ngwethawda) of YCDC on 22 October morning while playing with golf ball Tour Special No 2 using club Taylar Made Iron-8. Together with him were U Htay Hlaing (Malamyine), U Tin Soe and U Myo Maung.

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### Myanmar and Korean entrepreneurs meet

YANGON, 24 Oct — The meeting between Myanmar and Korean entrepreneurs sponsored by Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Myanmar took place at Sedona Hotel this morning.

Present were Ambassador of ROK Mr Lee Ju Heum, Commercial Attaché Mr Choi Yoon-tae, entrepreneurs of both countries and officials.

Korean entrepreneurs reported on parts of heavy machinery, iron oxide pigments used in plastics, rubber and paints, electric motors, air compressors, automatic doors,

rubber molds and car parts, various kinds of safes and equipment for livestock breeding.

Myanmar and Korean entrepreneurs discussed bilateral cooperation. —MNA



The meeting of Myanmar and Korean entrepreneurs in progress. — MNA

### Minister for Information receives foreign guests

YANGON, 24 Oct — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Mr Harish Kachroo, Director of NBG EXIM (P) Ltd of India and Mr Udomsak Douang Douangchawee, Managing Director of Toptech Millennium Co, Ltd of Thailand at his office at noon and at 12.30 pm today. Also present on the occasions were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, heads of departments and officials concerned.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Mr Harish Kachroo, Director of NBG EXIM (P) Ltd of India.

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### Flag presented to mountaineers

YANGON, 24 Oct— A ceremony to present the flag to members of Myanmar Hiking and Mountaineering Association who are to ascend Madew snow-capped mountain in Putao, Kachin State took place at the office of Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association in Mandalay on 22 October, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Chairperson of Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association wife of the commander Daw Khin Pyone Win, officials of the Ministry of Sports and Mandalay Division PDC, social organizations and mountaineers.

After giving words of encouragement, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented the flag and K 1 million donated by MOC to the mountaineers.

Next, the minister and officials accepted K 300,000 by Mandalay Division PDC, K 100,000 by the Division MCWA, K100,000 each by the Division Women's Affairs Organization and the Division Women's Sports Federation and K 800,000 by wellwishers for the Hiking and Mountaineering Association.

Next, Secretary of MHMA Dr Khin Shwe presented commemorative pennants to the minister and officials.

A mountaineer expressed thanks and the ceremony ended.—MNA

### လူတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သော ကြက်ငှက်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါ ကာကွယ်ရေးသတိပေးနူးဆော်ချက်

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၂။ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားခြင်းမရှိသေးသော်လည်း ကြက်ငှက်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါဝင်ရောက်လာနိုင်ရေးအတွက် ကာကွယ်ထားရန် အထူးလိုအပ်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။

၃။ ကြက်ငှက်များတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားသော တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါလက္ခဏာများမှာ -

- (က) ကြက်ငှက်များ ရုတ်တရက်သေဆုံးမှုများလာခြင်း၊ ဥကြက်တွင် ဥနှုန်းကျသွားခြင်း
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- (က) မွေးမြူရေးကြက်ငှက်များကို တောရိုင်းကြက်ငှက်များ၊ ဆောင်းခိုငှက်များနှင့် ထိတွေ့မှုမရှိအောင် ထားခြင်း
  - (ခ) အခြားမွေးမြူရေးမြေမှ ကြက်ငှက်များတင်သွင်း မွေးမြူမှုမပြုခြင်း
  - (ဂ) မိမိကြက်ခြံအတွင်းသို့ စည်သည်၊ သူစိမ်းများနှင့် ကလေးငယ်များအားဝင်ရောက်ခွင့်မပြုခြင်း
  - (ဃ) မည်သူမဆိုကြက်ခြံအတွင်းဝင်ရောက်ပါက သတ်မှတ်ထားသည့် ဖိနပ်၊ ဝတ်စုံ၊ ခေါင်းစည်း၊ နှာခေါင်းစည်းနှင့်လက်အိတ်များ ဝတ်ဆင်ဝင်ရောက်ခြင်း
  - (င) ကြက်ခြံတွင်းသို့ ပြင်ပရိုးများ မဝင်ရောက်ရန် ထူး၊ ပိုးသတ်ဆေးများသုံး၍ ပုံမှန်သန့်ရှင်းခြင်း
  - (စ) ကြက်ခြံလုပ်သားများ ကြက်တီးချေခိုင်းသို့ သွားရောက်မှု မပြုစေခြင်းနှင့် သွားမိပါကအဝတ်အစားနှင့်ဖိနပ်လဲ၍ ပိုးမွှားသန့်စင်ပြီးမှသာ မိမိမြေတွင်းဝင်ရောက်ခြင်းတို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
- ၅။ ကြက်ငှက်များမှ တစ်ဆင့် လူများသို့ ကူးစက်ခြင်းကို ကာကွယ်ရန်အတွက် ကြက်ငှက်များနှင့် မြေတွက်ပစ္စည်းများကို တိုင်တွယ်ပြီးနောက် ကူးစက်မှုမရှိစေရန်-
- (က) လက်ကိုဆပ်ပြာဖြင့် စင်ကြယ်စွာဆေးကြောခြင်း
  - (ခ) ကြက်ငှက်အညစ်အကြေးများမှ ရောဂါမပြန့်ပွားစေရန် ပိုးသန့်စင်ခြင်း
  - (ဂ) ကြက်ခြံနှင့် ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကို စနစ်တကျပြုလုပ်ခြင်း
  - (ဃ) ယခုကာလအတွင်း စားသောက်ဆိုင်များတွင် တောရိုင်းငှက်များကို သိုလှောင်ချက်ပြုတ်ရောင်းချမှုရောင်းကွဲခြင်း စသည် လုပ်ငန်းများဆောင်ရွက်ရန်လိုအပ်ပါသည်။
- ၆။ ကြက်ငှက်များနှင့် ထိတွေ့မှုရှိသော လူများတွင် ရောဂါကူးစက်မှု ဖြစ်လာပါက-
- (က) ပြင်ထန်စွာမျှော်ခြင်း
  - (ခ) ရောဂါဆိုးခြင်း၊ အသက်ရှူမဝခြင်း၊ အသက်ရှူခက်ခဲခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပွားပြီး သေဆုံးနိုင်ပါသည်။
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# Seminar on prevention of HIV/AIDS concludes

YANGON, 24 Oct— The seminar on prevention of HIV/AIDS, organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation concluded at BEHS No 2 in Sangyoung Township this afternoon.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation President Daw Than Than Nwe addressed the conclusion ceremony.

MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Myint, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Khin Thet Htay, heads of department of MWAF and leaders of working groups, regional organizers, joint general secretary and secretariate members, the chairperson and members of Yangon Division WAO, officials



Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation President Daw Than Than Nwe speaks at the conclusion of seminar on prevention of HIV/AIDS. — HEALTH

of the Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and guests were also present.

The seminar on prevention of HIV/AIDS held for three days begin-

ning 22 October and a total of 102 trainees attended at the seminar. — MNA

## Greening tasks inspected in Magway, Mandalay Divisions

YANGON, 24 Oct — Director-General of Arid Zone Greening Department of the Ministry of Forestry U Tun Tun and officials inspected neem plantations, growing of trees and tasks for 2006-2007 in Chauk Township, 320 acres of firewood and conservation of natural forests in Thabye Protected Forest in Seikphyu Township, greening tasks of Tuyintaung and Ngalinpoktaung in NyaungU Township and other mountains in Myingyan, Kyaukse Townships and sites for growing plants from 20 to 22 October.

The director-general discussed conservation of plantations and assigning duties in meeting with service personnel.—MNA

## True Patriotism Billboard unveiled in Myeik

YANGON, 24 Oct— A ceremony to open the Annual General Meeting 2005 of the Taninthayi Division Union Solidarity and Development Association was held in conjunction with the opening of the True Patriotism Billboard at the Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik, Taninthayi Division on 22 October.

It was attended by Patron of Taninthayi Division USDA Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, USDA CEC member Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Deputy Com-

mander Brig-Gen Hon Ngaing, division-level departmental officials, secretaries of division, district and township USDAs and executives, social organizations and guests.

First, an outstanding student formally opened the billboard in front of the Pale Yadana Hall by pressing a button.

This was followed by the first session of the annual general meeting.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein made speeches on the occasion.

After giving prizes to outstanding students

and athletes, the minister accepted K 2.2 million towards the USDA's trust fund donated by well-wishers.

Next, the secretary of the Division USDA donated K 1 million for the Women Affairs Organization Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the War Veterans Organization.

Next, the second session of the meeting followed.

Later, executives of the Division USDA reported on work being carried out in the respective sectors.

The meeting ended with the chanting of slogans. — MNA

## Buddha Pujaniya of NyaungU Shwezigon Pagoda to be held

YANGON, 24 Oct— Buddha Pujaniya of ancient Shwezigon Pagoda in NyaungU will be held from 8 to 30 November. Altogether 30 Members of the Sangha will recite non-stop religious verses from 11 to 21 November and provisions will be offered to over 200 members of the Sangha on the Full moon Day of Tazaungmon. Those wish to sell goods at the shops of the festival may deposit not later than 31 October for the old shops and 6 October for the new ones. —H

## Thirimingalar Kathina robes offering ceremony on 13 Nov

YANGON, 24 Oct— Kathina robes will be offered to 150 members of the Sangha residing at Thirimingalar Mahasi Yeiktha, Myawady Mingyi road, Dagon Myothit North, Yangon Division on 13 November. Wellwishers are invited to attend the ceremony at 9 am on that day. —H

## FEW CIA charges excepted in prisoner deaths

NEW YORK, October 24 — CIA employees or contract workers appear likely to escape criminal charges in all but one of the deaths of four prisoners in Iraq and Afghanistan, *The New York Times* reported on Sunday.

Citing current and former intelligence and law enforcement officials who spoke on condition of anonymity, the *Times* said that federal prosecutors reviewing cases of possible misconduct by CIA employees had notified lawyers they did not intend to bring criminal charges in several cases involving the handling of terrorism suspects and Iraqi guerillas.

While some cases remain under Justice Department review, the officials said they had been told the department was not preparing to bring charges against CIA employees in those cases,

the *Times* said.

The sole exception was David Passaro, who while linked to the CIA, was a contract worker, not a CIA officer. He remains the only person charged in any of the cases. Details of the CIA cases and the Justice Department reviews remain classified. The decisions are based on reviews of eight dossiers referred to the Justice Department by the CIA's inspector-general, describing possible misconduct by a half-dozen to a dozen CIA employees in the deaths and other cases, the *Times* said.

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**Iranian students rally to support government's nuclear policy**  
**TEHERAN, 23 Oct**— More than 2,000 Iranian university students and teachers on Saturday formed a human chain in front of Iran's first nuclear power plant, Bushehr plant, to show their strong support to the government's nuclear policy, the official IRNA news agency reported.

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၂။	Zinc Oxide	၄၀၀၀-ကီလို	(၁၄:၀၀) နာရီ

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**Charity programme on control of liver diseases starts in Beijing**  
**BEIJING, 24 Oct**— A nationwide charity tour for helping poor people in the prevention and treatment of liver diseases was initiated here Sunday.  
 The three-year programme is co-sponsored by the China Charity Federation and a pharmacy company under Haier Group based in Qingdao City in eastern China. It plans to assist hundreds of thousands of poor liver patients in the country.  
 The programme will offer free-of-charge diagnoses to 100,000 poor patients, distribute free medicine to 10,000 patients who are from very poor families, and give financial assistance to 1,000 families that have been impoverished owing to the liver illness of their members.  
 MNA/Xinhua

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# Bleach treatment neutralizes mold allergens

**NEW YORK, 22 Oct**—Treatment with household bleach reduces the allergy-inducing ability of mold spores, a new study shows.

Current efforts to remediate mold-contaminated buildings require replacement of contaminated materials, Dr John W Martyny of the National Jewish Medical and Research Centre in Denver and colleagues note in the *Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology*.

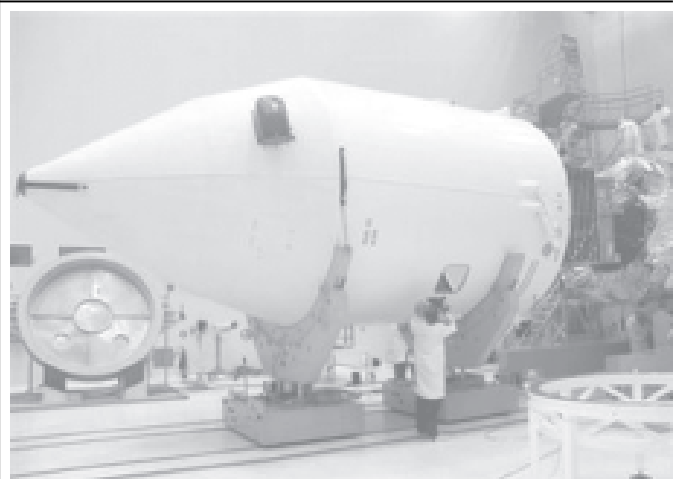
Also, the Environmental Protection Agency and many investigators argue that killing mold is not enough to reduce its allergenicity. Dilute sodium hypochlorite is known to kill mold, but it is not clear if it reduces mold's ability to produce allergic reactions. Martyny and his team conducted the current study, funded by the Clorox Co, to determine if diluted

bleach would destroy the ability of mold to produce an allergic response as well as kill the organism. Several studies, they point out, have found bleach can neutralize other types of household allergens, such as dust mite and cockroach proteins. The researchers grew *Aspergillus fumigatus* on samples of three types of construction materials, as well as in solution. The samples and cultures were then treated with dilute bleach; Tilex, a cleaning product containing detergent and bleach; or water only.

The researchers then evaluated the number of spores using scanning electron microscopy and tested for viable mold. They also checked treated samples

for antigens using ELISA and skin prick testing.

While bleach or Tilex treatment did not reduce the number of spores, surface allergens were no longer detectable in the treated samples. The surface of the spores treated with bleach or Tilex also showed changes in appearance. After adding bleach to the mold in aqueous solution, *A. fumigatus* allergens were no longer detectable by ELISA. — MNA/Reuters



Specialists conduct prelaunch checks on the European Space Agency's Venus Express probe at Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, on 21 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

## S Korea's KEPCO to build wind power plant in China

**SEOUL, 22 Oct** — Korea Electric Power Corp (KEPCO) has started work on a wind power plant in China, making it the first foreign electricity firm to enter China's wind power market, the state-run company said on Friday.

The utility giant, which supplies more than 95 per cent of South Korea's electricity, has been trying to build power plants abroad to secure fresh sources of income. China, the world's second-biggest energy consumer after the United States, suffered its worst energy crisis in 20 years in the summer of 2004, sparking a new round of power plant construction.

KEPCO and its Chinese partner, Datang Corp, held a groundbreaking ceremony early on Friday on the 57.5 million US dollars, 49-mega-

watt plant being built in Yumen, a city in the western Gansu Province, KEPCO said in a statement. The wind power plant was expected to take about a year to complete, it added.

The cost of the project would be met through 38.3 million US dollars in loans from Chinese banks and 19.2 million US dollars in paid-in capital, KEPCO said. The Korean power firm would chip in 40 per cent of the paid-in capital, or 7.7 million US dollars, it added. Datang Corp is the parent of Hong Kong's second-largest listed inde-

pendent power producer, Datang International Power Generation Co Ltd.

KEPCO and Datang also agreed in April to build a five-billion yuan (600 million US dollars) thermal power plant in central China. In the summer of last year, power cuts hit more than two-thirds of China during a heatwave after power capacity had failed to keep up with breakneck economic growth.

The wind power project marked the first time a Korean company had invested in a Clean Development Mechanism

project, KEPCO said. The mechanism allows developed countries to acquire carbon dioxide credits by investing in emission-reducing projects in less developed countries that have signed up to the Kyoto Protocol but do not have reduction targets of their own.

Since South Korea does not have reduction targets, KEPCO can sell into the market credits earned from the wind power project.

MNA/Reuters

## At least four dead as storms sweep southeast Italy

**BARI, (Italy), 23 Oct** — At least four people were killed as torrential rain battered south-eastern Italy overnight, demolishing a bridge and derailling a Eurostar train, police said on Sunday.

Three members of a family were killed as their car plunged into a ravine when a bridge collapsed near Bari, the capital of the Apulia region, while south of the city a man drowned as his car was swept away by a flood of water and mud. Early on Sunday, at least 15 people were injured when six carriages of a Taranto to Milan Eurostar train were derailed as a landslide swept away earth beneath the rail tracks, leaving the wagons overhanging a chasm. —MNA/Reuters

## Chinese businessman books quick getaway in space

**BELING, 22 Oct** — A Chinese man has paid 100,000 US dollars for a 90-minute voyage that will make him China's first tourist in space, the *China Daily* said on Friday.

Jiang Fang, president of a Hong Kong company that acts as the China agent for US-based space tourism firm Space Adventures, would experience zero gravity on one of the company's sub-orbital flights due for launch in 2007, the *China Daily* said. That same year, China plans to launch its third manned space flight, which should include the country's first spacewalk.

American millionaire Gregory Olsen returned

earlier this month from a one-week stint on the International Space Station arranged by Space Adventures at a price of 20 million US dollars.

Space fever is running high in China after safe return of its second manned space mission, the *Shenzhou VI*, on Monday and could spike again when a television show offering an insider's view of the national space programme hits screens this month. —MNA/Reuters



Smithsonian's National Zoo giant panda mother Mei Xiang checks on her cub Tai Shan after his ninth exam at the Washington Zoo, on 21 October, 2005. —INTERNET

## Narcotic use common in Crohn's disease patients

**NEW YORK, 22 Oct** — Chronic narcotic use is common in patients with Crohn's disease, and is associated with increased disease activity and decreased quality of life.

Dr Raymond K Cross, of the University of Maryland, Baltimore, and colleagues examined the prevalence of narcotic use and contributing factors in a review of 291 patients with Crohn's disease who were followed for 5 years. The results of the study are published in the *American Journal of Gastroenterology*.

Narcotic use was identified in 38 (13.1 per cent) patients. Narcotic users were more likely to be older and female. Patients who used narcotics were also more likely to have higher rates of disability

(15.4 per cent versus 3.6 per cent) and a longer duration of disease (17.0 versus 12.9 years).

Patients using narcotics used an average of 6.97 medications compared with 4.7 in the non-users, and had a higher prevalence of neuropsychiatric drug use (37 per cent versus 19 per cent). Disease activity scores were higher among patients using narcotics, and quality of life was decreased.

An analysis of the data showed a significant positive association between narcotic use and active disease, use of more than one

drug and smoking, Cross and colleagues report. "Female sex, disability, and duration of disease were not significantly correlated with narcotic use after adjusting for independent variables." The researchers conclude that Crohn's disease patients using narcotics should undergo a thorough examination to identify untreated active disease. Patients who have symptoms of intermittent partial small bowel obstruction should be assessed for subtle strictures that may be underdiagnosed by barium imaging tests.

MNA/Reuters

# SPORTS



A French team runs with their country flags on their heads in the 42 kilometers Standard Chartered Nairobi Marathon in Nairobi, Kenya on 23 Oct, 2005. Over 12,000 runners from all parts of the world participated in the richest sporting event in Kenya with a top cash prize of US\$40,000. — INTERNET

## Chelsea held by Everton, Emre fires Newcastle

LONDON, 24 Oct—Chelsea dropped their first points of the season when they were held to a surprise 1-1 draw at bottom club Everton on Sunday.

James Beattie put Everton ahead in the 35th minute but Frank Lampard equalized just after halftime to extend the champions' unbeaten run to 39 league matches and keep them nine points clear at the top of the table. A brilliant free kick by Turkish midfielder Emre Belozoglu earned Newcastle United a 3-2 win over northeast neighbours Sunderland, West Ham United beat Middlesbrough 2-1 and Bolton Wanderers defeated West Bromwich Albion 2-0 in

Sunday's other games.

Everton were dreaming of only their second win of the season when striker Beattie converted a penalty following a foul on Tim Cahill by Chelsea winger Shaun Wright-Phillips.

England midfielder Lampard continued his prolific scoring form, however, with a clinical 20-metre strike five minutes after halftime.

Chelsea dominated possession for the rest of the match but were unable to break down a disciplined Everton defence except when striker Didier Drogba had an effort ruled out for offside.

The draw ended Chelsea's nine-match winning streak since the start of the season, two short of Tottenham Hotspur's record.

Newcastle and Sunderland were level after four

goals in seven minutes shortly before halftime.

Shola Ameobi twice put Newcastle in front with headers but Sunderland hit back through Liam Lawrence and Stephen Elliott. The derby game was heading for a draw until Emre struck in the 63rd minute, curling the ball round the wall from 25 metres.

Elliott nearly equalized again six minutes from time when his deft lob struck the crossbar but Newcastle hung on to climb to 12th in the table. Sunderland stayed one place off the bottom, a point ahead of Everton.

Substitute Teddy Sheringham put West Ham ahead on 66 minutes and a Chris Riggott own goal doubled the hosts' lead before Franck Queudrue headed a late consolation for Middlesbrough.—MNA/Reuters

## Getafe crush Zaragoza 5-2 to go top in Spain

MADRID, 24 Oct—Getafe continued to defy the odds when they crushed Real Zaragoza 5-2 to go top of the Primera Liga on Sunday, while David Silva's goal put Celta Vigo second after a 1-0 win over Espanyol.

Getafe moved up to 17 points, one more than Real Madrid who play Valencia in the Bernabeu later on Sunday.

Osasuna are fourth after losing 3-0 to fifth-placed Barcelona on Saturday. Real Sociedad went sixth with a 2-0 win over Deportivo Coruna.

Forward Veljko Paunovic put Getafe in front early on and Daniel Guiza doubled the lead from the penalty spot after 20 minutes.

Guiza broke away to score a third five minutes later and Ruben Pulido headed a fourth before halftime.—MNA/Reuters

## Disputed penalty hands PSV 1-0 win over Ajax

EINDHOVEN (Netherlands), 24 Oct—Timmy Simons converted a disputed penalty in the 10th minute to hand PSV Eindhoven a 1-0 victory over Ajax Amsterdam in the Dutch First Division on Sunday. PSV moved top with 22 points from nine matches, one more than Feyenoord who visit RKC Waalwijk later in the day.

AZ Alkmaar, who will be at home to Willem II Tilburg, are third on 18 points. Ajax remained fifth, eight points behind the leaders.

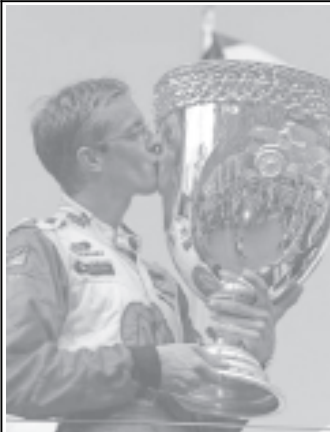
Referee Pieter Vink awarded the home team's penalty when Jefferson Farfan went down under a challenge from Urby Emanuelson and Belgian international Simons converted from the spot.

"The story of this match is the referee's decision after 10 minutes," Ajax coach Danny Blind told reporters.

"I can live with it when we are the worse side in a match but this time it proved decisive. We had some good spells and created chances but lacked the precision to convert them."

Ajax, who started with a 4-4-2 formation with Ryan Babel as central striker and Mauro Rosales on the right wing,

created their first chance midway through the opening half. Emanuelson broke through on the left but his cross was knocked over by Babel.—MNA/Reuters



Champ Car driver Sebastien Bourdais of France kisses his trophy after his second successive Champ Car world title when he won the Australian round of the series on the Gold Coast at Surfer's Paradise, Australia on 23 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

## Late equalizer rescues Hamburg from defeat

BERLIN, 24 Oct — Piotr Trochowski scored a late equalizer to salvage Hamburg SV a 1-1 draw at Borussia Dortmund and strengthen the north German side's hold on third place in the Bundesliga on Sunday.

Germany defender Christoph Metzelder headed in a cross to put Dortmund in front in the 58th minute before Trochowski, filling in for suspended playmaker Rafael van der Vaart, levelled the score from long distance in the 74th minute.

Trochowski, a former Bayern Munich youth team player, also scored in Hamburg's victory over Bayern last month.

Off to their best start in decades, Hamburg suffered their first loss of the season last week at home against VfL Wolfsburg. They are third in the table with 21 points from 10 matches, three points clear of fourth-placed Schalke.—MNA/Reuters

## Monaco suffer first Ligue 1 defeat in five games

PARIS, 24 Oct — Monaco slumped to their first Ligue 1 defeat in five games when they were beaten 2-1 at struggling Sochaux on Sunday.

The team from the principality slipped to ninth in the standings with 17 points from 12 games and trail leaders Olympique Lyon by 13 points.

Lyon thrashed bottom club Metz 4-0 on Saturday.

Promoted Le Mans continued their promising start to the season with a 2-0 win over Racing Strasbourg 2-0. Goals from

midfielders Yohann Hautcoeur and Daisuke Matsui helped the side to move up to fifth on 19 points.

Strasbourg, who have not won a game this season, remain second from bottom with just six points.

Sochaux went ahead after nine minutes through Brazilian striker Araujo Ilan, who collected a pass from midfielder Philippe Brunel before dribbling past Monaco goalkeeper Guillaume Warmuz and slotting the ball into the net.

MNA/Reuters

## Answers to Sunday's Crossword Puzzle

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Stephane Sarrazin of France steers his Subaru Impreza during the 26.20 km fourth special stage Ucciani - Bastelica of the second leg of the 2005 World Championship Tour of Corsica rally on 22 October, 2005. Sebastien Loeb of France is the current leader of the race.—INTERNET

# “NY Times” reporter in CIA case criticized in paper

NEW YORK, 23 Oct — A reporter for *The New York Times* came under sharp criticism in the pages of her own newspaper on Saturday, over her conduct related to a probe into the outing of a CIA operative.

*The Times'* executive editor was quoted in the paper as saying reporter Judith Miller appeared to have misled it about her role in the controversy, and a top columnist suggested the *Times'* reputa-

tion would be endangered if she returned from leave to her old job.

“If that were to happen, the institution most in danger would be the newspaper in your hands,” columnist Maureen Dowd

wrote in the *Times*, one of the most influential US newspapers.

The criticism contrasts with the paper's solid support for Miller as she spent 85 days in jail rather than testify before a grand jury, and it comes days before possible indictments of White House officials in the leak case.

Prosecutors are investigating who leaked the identity of CIA operative Valerie Plame to the media after her diplomat husband, Joseph Wilson, accused the administration of US President George W Bush of twisting intelligence on Iraq.

The *Times* quoted executive editor Bill Keller as saying, in a memo to staff on Friday, that Miller “seems to have misled” the newspaper about being on the “receiving end of the anti-Wilson whisper campaign.”

Keller said he wished he had insisted, once

Miller had been subpoenaed as a witness in the case, on learning more about her role.

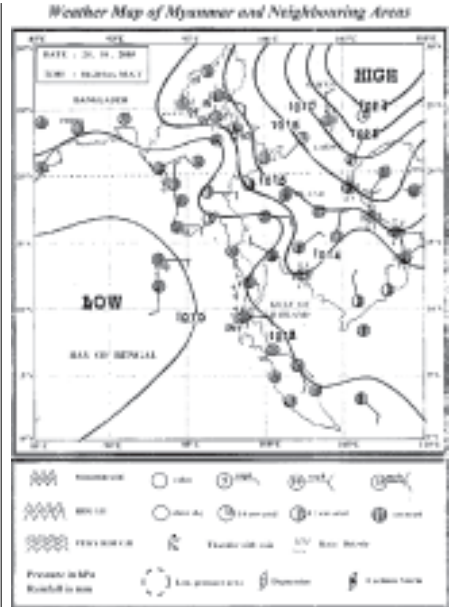
He also said if he had known the details of her “entanglement” with a senior White House aide whose identity she fought to protect, he may have been more willing to explore a compromise and would have taken more care in voicing the newspaper's defence.

Furthermore, Keller said *The Times* had been hurt by delays in “coming clean” over lapses in its reporting that supported US allegations of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, much of which was written by Miller.

MNA/Retures



Logo of the World Cup 2006 in Germany. Football's world ruling body FIFA and the 2006 World Cup organizing committee have agreed to set up an Internet ticket portal for fans desperate to get their hands on match tickets.—INTERNET



## WEATHER

Monday, 24 October, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State and Sagaing Division, scattered in Shan State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Chin and Kayin States, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bhamo (2.52) inches, Katha (2.40) inches, Mogok (2.28) inches, Lashio (1.97) inches, Kanbalu (1.85) inches, Minkin (1.81) inches, Myitkyina (1.38) inches and Shwebo (1.14) inches.

Maximum temperature on 23-10-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 24-10-2005 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 24-10-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 23-10-2005 was (8.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 24-10-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (97.40) at Mingaladon, (97.44) inches at Kaba-Aye and (101.85) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southeast at (12:04) hours MST on 23-10-2005.

**Bay inference:** Weather is cloudy in the South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 25-10-2005:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayin and Mon States, Ayeyawady Division, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin and Shan States, Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated 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:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 25-10-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-10-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

### Earthquake report

(Issue at 23:50 hour MST on 23-10-2005)  
An earthquake of moderate intensity (6.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (1670) miles Northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory, (85-miles North of Islamabad, Pakistan) was recorded at (21) hrs (38) min (24) sec MST on 23rd October, 2005.



### Tuesday, 25 October Tune in today

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music: - Shooting star... Boy Zore
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music: - Kiss the Girl... Peter Andx
- 8.50 am National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am Music: - When you wish upon a star...
- 9.05 am International news
- 9.10 am Music: - Holiday... Captain Jaek - Dreams...
- 1.30 pm News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm Lunch time music - Honey - You're not alone - Love is on the way...
- 9.00 pm English speaking course III Unit (15) Part II
- 9.15 pm Article/Music
- 9.25 pm Weekly sports reel
- 9.35 pm Music for your listening pleasure - Why do I Love you... Westlife - loving you...
- 9.45 pm News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

**Tuesday, 25 October**

View on today

<p><b>7:00 am</b></p> <p>1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b></p> <p>2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b></p> <p>3. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b></p> <p>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:50 am</b></p> <p>5. ကဗျာပန်းခွယ်ရာဉ်</p> <p><b>8:00 am</b></p> <p>6. အတပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:15 am</b></p> <p>7. Song of yesteryears</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b></p> <p>8. International news</p> <p><b>8:45 am</b></p> <p>9. Let's Go</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b></p> <p>1. Martial song</p>	<p><b>4:15 pm</b></p> <p>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b></p> <p>3. English for everyday use</p> <p><b>4:45 pm</b></p> <p>4. Musical programme</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b></p> <p>5. အခေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေးရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာပထမနှစ်(သိပ္ပံအထူးပြုအားလုံး) (ရူပဗေဒ)</p> <p><b>5:15 pm</b></p> <p>6. Dance of national races</p> <p><b>5:30 pm</b></p> <p>7. ခဲစားနားဆင် ခေးစာတံဝင်</p> <p><b>5:40 pm</b></p> <p>8. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုး ပြည့်အစွန်း</p> <p><b>5:50 pm</b></p> <p>9. Sing and Enjoy</p> <p><b>6:05 pm</b></p> <p>10. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရယ်လိုင်အားလုံး ပုရွက်ဆိတ်ပေး" (အပိုင်း-၃၄)</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b></p> <p>11. Evening news</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b></p> <p>12. Weather report</p>	<p><b>7:05 pm</b></p> <p>13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အချစ်လျှောက်ထစ်လေးများ" (အပိုင်း-၈)</p> <p><b>7:35 pm</b></p> <p>14. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p><b>7:45 pm</b></p> <p>15. ကြည့်နူးချမ်းမြေ့ ဖျော်ဖျော်ရွှင်အမျိုးသားကန်တော်ကြီးဥယျာဉ် (ပြိုင်ပွဲ-လွင်) (အပိုင်း-၁)</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b></p> <p>16. News</p> <p><b>8:15 pm</b></p> <p>17. International news</p> <p><b>8:30 pm</b></p> <p>18. Weather report</p> <p><b>8:45 pm</b></p> <p>19. ဝေပဝဂ္ဂနုနစ် တေရသမအကြိမ် (၁၃ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အတ၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>9:00 pm</b></p> <p>20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်သူလက်ဆောင်" (အပိုင်း-၄)</p> <p><b>9:15 pm</b></p> <p>21. မင်းကွန်ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်စာယိ မျက်နှာမေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်းတရားတော်</p> <p><b>9:30 pm</b></p> <p>22. The next day's programme</p>
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# Provisions, cash donated to Mental Health Hospital

YANGON, 23 Oct — Social organizations and wellwishers yesterday morning provided provisions for psychiatric disorders at mental Health Hospital and contributed cash to the fund of the hospital in Dagon Myothit (East) Township.

The donation ceremony was organized by Yangon Division Health Committee, Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization and Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

At the ceremony held at the hospital, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, Patron of

Yangon Division WAO President of Yangon Division MMCWA Daw Khin Thet Htay accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Speaking on the occasion, Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe said as part of the health care services to be provided in 2005, Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the division Women's Affairs Organization have been providing mental health care services. Psychiatric disorders were treated at hospitals in the past. Now, they can receive the treatment at mental health care clinics established in townships. Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe thanked the wellwishers for their contribution.

Today's donations

were 390 bags of rice and 232 viss of edible oil, medicines and over K 2.4 million.

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# Prime Minister felicitates Kazakhstan counterpart

YANGON, 25 Oct — General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Daniyal Akhmetov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Kazakhstan, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Kazakhstan, which falls on 25 October 2005. —MNA



Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donated by wellwishers for patients admitted to Mental Health Hospital.

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# Objectives of USDA, educational activities and health care services briefed Residents in Hlegu Township receive free medical treatment

YANGON, 24 Oct — The medical team of Yangon Division Health Department today gave free medical treatment to residents in Hlegu Township in cooperation with Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association.

The team comprises ears and nose specialists, orthopaedic specialists, dentists, obstetricians and gynaecologists, generalists and traditional practitioners.

Local residents in villages in Hlegu Township received health care treatment this morning at Basic Education High School (Branch) at Ngasudaung Village in Hlegu Township.

Central Executives Committee Members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thien Lin, Chairman of Yangon City

Development Committee, Deputy Chairman Deputy Mayor Col Maung Pa, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and officials this morning went to Ngasutaung Village in Hlegu Township, and inspected the health care services provided to local residents and regional development tasks.

They also inspected booths for medical knowledge displayed at the school in Ngasudaung Village.

Altogether 914 residents received medical treatment. While 108 patients are in Yangon General Hospital, Yangon Division USDA will render assistance to them.

The minister and USDA CEC members also attended a ceremony to establish the Phyomitta Health Care Association and presented cash assistance

amounting to 1 million for the association through an official.

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Myanmar today does not accept the West-designed democracy which stinks of colonialism. It has reconvened the National Convention, the first step of the seven-step Road Map, in order to build a genuine and discipline-flourishing democracy. Everyone desirous of serving the national interests need to extend a helping hand most actively while discarding destructive schemes, negative outlooks and party and individual attachments.

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Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thien Lin gives medicine to a child. —MNA



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint gives medicine to a child. —MNA