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

YANGON, 27 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 General Saparmyrat A Niyazov, President of the Republic of Turkmenistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Turkmenistan, which falls on 27 October 2005. — MNA

Ayeyawady Division had put 3.6 million acres of land under monsoon paddy in 2005-06 and it was 24 per cent of the sown acreage in the entire nation.

## Arrangements made for school-age children learn education

YANGON, 26 Oct — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments concerned, arrived at the mile post 17/4 on Yangon-Pathein Road yesterday morning.

Accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and officials, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than went to Basic Education High School in Hsamalauk Village of Nyaungdon Township.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attended the ceremony to open the multimedia classrooms of the school. Also present on the occasion were the commander, departmental officials, social organizations, members of the school board of trustees, local people, teachers and students.

Headmaster U Kyaw Tun and Chairman of SBT U Soe Tint opened the ceremony. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than unveiled the signboard of the multimedia classrooms of the school and inspected the



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than comforts patients undergoing treatment in Myanmar Nonyu Farmers' Hospital in Hsamalauk Village in Nyaungdon Township. — MNA

## Wanpon Dam in Namsang, Loilem District, inaugurated

YANGON, 26 Oct — Wanpon Dam in Namsang, Loilem Dis-

trict, constructed by the Shan State (South) Irrigation Department, was

inaugurated yesterday.

Chairman of Shan State Peace and Develop-

ment Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint

and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo formally

opened the dam.

At the opening ceremony of the dam, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo made an opening address. In his address, he said the agriculture sector plays a critical role in supplying food to people and implementing the rural area development tasks. It is important to supply irrigation water sufficiently for boosting the agricultural produce.

Wanpon Dam is the 179th one and it will benefit regional development. Thanks to the

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Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint unveils the stone inscriptions of Wanpon Dam. — A&I

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 27 October, 2005

## Take part in the fight against drugs with great elan

The Government of the Union of Myanmar is carrying out narcotic drugs eradication work as a national duty by taking various measures and the entire people are enthusiastically lending themselves to this task to wipe out the menace of narcotic drugs from our soil once and for all.

The 15-year narcotic drugs eradication plan and the New Destiny Project being carried out in accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe are meeting with considerable success and, as a result, there has been a remarkable drop in poppy cultivation, opium and heroin production and trafficking.

The UNODC, in cooperation with local police units and anti-drug squads, conducts annual field surveys on cultivation and production of opium in Myanmar. According to the UNODC report, cultivation of poppy in Myanmar has dropped by 29 per cent and production by 54 per cent. In the same way, the US Crime and Narcotic Centre made public that poppy cultivation in Myanmar has dropped 81 per cent and production by 84 per cent. Their statement was based on the survey carried out with the use of satellites and modern equipment.

We owe the remarkable drop in cultivation and production of drugs to active cooperation between regional authorities, members of police force and anti-drug squads and enthusiastic participation of local people.

While the government is carrying out anti-drug campaigns as a national duty, the new danger of stimulant tablets called amphetamine has cropped up. These tablets are processed not from opium, but from chemicals that Myanmar is not able to produce. These chemicals are smuggled into the country and stimulant tablets can be processed with use of cottage industry equipment.

Therefore, Myanmar is cooperating with China, India and Thailand to prevent the flow of chemicals and to fight narcotic drugs after signing agreements. Cooperation between Myanmar Police Force and Drug Control Commission of the People's Republic of China led to the seizure of 992 blocs of heroin weighing 496 kilos in September. The seized heroin was worth US \$ 62 million. We also owe the seizure to the active cooperation of police forces of Laos and Thailand.

We believe that the Government of the Union of Myanmar will relentlessly try to fight the danger of narcotic drugs with continued cooperation of her neighbours and that the entire national people will take part in the fight with great elan.

# 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

## Meeting on development of fisheries in Taninthayi Division held

YANGON, 26 Oct— The meeting on development of fisheries in Taninthayi Division was held at the Office of the Head of Taninthayi Division Fisheries Department in Myeik on 22 October.

Present were Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, departmental personnel, fisheries entrepreneurs.

The commander spoke on priority to the development of fisheries in Taninthayi Division and importance of fisheries sector.

The minister discussed boosting production and breeding of fish and prawn, protection of marine resources from depletion in accord with the rules and regulations. Those present took part in the discussions.

On 23 October, the commander, the minister and party inspected breeding of rock-fish of Pyi Phyo Tun Co under cycle system in Mawtongyi Village in Kyunzu Township. They went to the deep sea fish research farm in Pynhtataw Village. They inspected research work.

CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein met departmental officials, members of social organizations and villagers in Kyaukka Village in Palaw Township. They discussed implementation of

## U Than Tun accredited to Hellenic Republic

YANGON, Oct 27— The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Than Tun, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Italy, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Hellenic Republic. — MNA

## Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations to Turkmenistan

YANGON, 27 Oct— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Rashid Meredov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkmenistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Turkmenistan, which falls on 27 October 2005.—MNA

rural development tasks. Next, private companies and Division PDC presented cash to a local.

They also inspected primary school and measures undertaken for supply of electric power.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein explains implementation of development tasks at Kyaukka Village in Palaw Township. — L & F

## Myanmar Sanshou team making preparations for XXIII SEA Games

YANGON, 26 Oct — Myanmar sports teams are making preparations for winning victory in the XXIII SEA Games to be held in the Philippines from 27 November to 6 December. Athletes of Myanmar Sanshou Team will take part in the six classes — 45-kilo, 52-kilo, 48-kilo, 56-kilo, 60-kilo and 70-kilo— in the SEA Games. Myanmar team is likely to compete with host Philippines, Vietnamese and Thai teams.

The Myanmar Sanshou team will be led by Manager U Kyaw Kyaw and Coaches Mr Wu Kwam Choung and U Tun Tun Oo.

Thinza Soe will participate in the 45-kilos class and Yaza Khaing in the 52-kilo class in the women's event, and Pyay Han Tun in the 48-kilo class, Maung Maung Than in the 56-kilo class, Saw Khaing in the 60-kilo class and Hla Moe in the 70-kilo class in the men's event. — NLM



A Sanshou athlete under going training for XXIII SEA Games. — NLM

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## Russian FM, SCO chief meet on groups growth, cooperation

Moscow, 25 Oct — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov met on Monday with the Secretary-General of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO), Zhang Deguang, to discuss prospects for future growth of the organization and further cooperation between its member states.

Lavrov said Russia values the role the SCO plays in the region and will continue to promote its further development.

The two sides believe opportunities lie ahead for the SCO to develop into a stronger regional body, and the organization will make new strides in safeguarding regional security and stability and boosting economic cooperation between member states.

The forthcoming SCO prime ministers' meeting, set to open on Wednesday in Moscow, will give a fresh boost to the all-round cooperation, economic ties in particular, between member states of the organization, the two officials said.

The SCO groups China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan.

MNA/Xinhua

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Vietnamese women load duck feathers onto a truck at a whole-sale poultry market in Hanoi, Vietnam, on 24 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

## Americans who support Iraq war harder to find as US death toll hits 2,000

CHICAGO, 25 Oct — Finding an American who supports the war in Iraq is getting harder now that the number of US troops killed there hit 2,000.

After two years of deaths and disappointments, Americans have grown weary of the war.

Just 44 percent now believe it was the right decision compared with 74 percent of those polled shortly after the March 2003 invasion, according to the latest poll from the Pew Research Center.

"The reason we were told we went there didn't turn out to be true," said accountant Al Edwards, 26. "It's a tragedy for every single one of those soldier's families and I

think it's a shame they're dying for something a lot of them didn't believe in and a lot of people in this country don't believe in." Declining support for the war has weighed heavily

on President George W Bush's approval ratings, which are currently hovering around 40 percent, their lowest in his presidency.

Internet

### 19 die of malaria in eastern Nepal

KATHMANDU, 25 Oct— So far 19 people have died of malaria in eastern Nepal, local government confirmed on Monday.

More than 1,000 others have been affected by the disease in Kakarbhitta Town of Jhapa District, some 300 kilometres east of Kathmandu, Jhapa District administration said in a statement.

More than 100 malaria cases had come from Naxalbari in India, the statement said. Alertness against the spread of the malady in Nepal is called for, the statement said. —MNA/Xinhua

## Chopper hard landing injures US soldiers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 25 Oct— Four US soldiers were injured on Saturday when their helicopter made a hard landing in Afghan southern province of Uruzgan, according to a US military Press release.

"Four Combined Joint Special Operations Task Force service members were injured when the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter made a hard landing during combat operations in Uruzgan Province on Saturday. Three of the service members were treated and released, and the fourth is currently in stable condition at a nearby US airfield," US military said in a Press release.

"The helicopter was recovered to a nearby airfield for repair. The

cause of the incident is under investigation," it said.

After the collapse of Taliban at the end of 2001, a US-led coalition of over 18,000 soldiers remains in the country hunting

down remnants of the Taliban and other Islamic militants.

From the beginning of this year, more than 80 US troops were killed in Afghanistan.

MNA/Xinhua

## US military death toll in Iraq hits 2,000

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—The number of US troops who have died in the Iraq war hit 2,000 yesterday, a toll felt deeply at big military bases across

America that active-duty soldiers and families call home, as well as in hundreds of communities where the National Guard and reservists work, live and train.

The threshold was crossed with the Pentagon's announcement that Staff Sgt George Alexander Jr, 34, of Killeen, Tex, had died at Brooke Army Medical Center in Texas on Saturday of injuries suffered in Iraq earlier this month, when a bomb planted by guerrillas exploded near his Bradley Fighting Vehicle. Since the March 2003 invasion and quick march to take Baghdad, US forces have been dying at about 800 a year,

## "Alpha's" death toll at 11 in Haiti

PORT-AU-PRINCE (Haiti), 25 Oct—At least 11 people were killed in Haiti when record-breaking Tropical Storm Alpha brought torrential rain to the impoverished Caribbean country, officials and witnesses said on Monday.

The director of Haiti's Civil Protection Office, Alta Jean-Baptiste, said eight people were killed on Sunday across the country.

Another three people were carried away by

floodwaters that suddenly roared through the dry bed of the Riviere Froide River in the neighbourhood of Ka Louijeune, in the Carrefour district just outside of Port-au-Prince. "The river was coming down with a lot of force. I saw four people walking in the river bed. Two were carried away by the floods and the two others managed to escape," Carlo Francois, a resident of Ka Louijeune, told Reuters.

Other witnesses said a woman was also killed by the floods in Ka Janmo, a nearby community. The civil protection agency said it could only list the reported Carefour victims as "missing" until their bodies had been found. —MNA/Reuters

## Vietnam to attract more foreign investment in 2006

HANOI, 25 Oct — Vietnam is expected to lure 5.5 billion US dollars worth of foreign direct investment (FDI) next year, partly due to the stronger global FDI flow and wider opening market in Vietnam.

The country, which attracted FDI of more than 2.6 billion dollars in the first 9 months of this year, is likely to entice 5 billion dollars in the whole year, much bigger than its initial target of 4.2-4.5 billion dollars, according to the Ministry of Planning and Investment on Monday. —MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi children crawl under barbed wire left behind by US troops used as checkpoint on the outskirts of Ramadi, Iraq, on 24 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

## China, Denmark to push forward military ties

**BEIJING, 25 Oct**— Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan said here on Monday that China will promote the sound and stable development of military relations with Denmark. In a meeting with Hans Jesper Helsoe, Joint Chief of Defence of Denmark, Cao said that since the two countries forged diplomatic ties 55 years ago, bilateral relations have witnessed smooth progress, and the exchanges and cooperation between the two countries have kept expanding in all areas.

The frequent high-level mutual visits from both sides have given impetus to the development of bilateral ties, he said.

Cao, also vice-chairman of the Central Military Commission and state councillor, pointed out the military relationship between China and Denmark has also experienced new progress in recent years, adding that China is willing to join hands with Denmark in seeking a long-term development of military ties.

Helsoe said China has made great economic, social and scientific progress over the past years.

He congratulated China on its successful launch and recovery of a manned spacecraft this month, saying the success demonstrated China's achievement in astronautical technology.

Ge Zhenfeng, chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, also attended the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

## တက်ပွင့်ဒား သေဝင်ကျော်လွှား



A woman walks through floodwaters to fetch drinking water at Nachinda Village, about 150 kilometres (94 miles) northwest of Kolkata, India, on 24 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

## British lawmaker profited from Iraq oil

**WASHINGTON, 25 Oct**— US congressional investigators said on Monday they had amassed evidence that a maverick British lawmaker profited from the UN oil-for-food programme for Iraq and knowingly made false or misleading statements to Congress when he denied that.

The Senate Governmental Affairs subcommittee on investigations will hand over its findings on British Member of Parliament George Galloway to the US Justice Department and to British authorities, said panel chairman Senator Norm Coleman.

According to the report, evidence showed that Galloway personally solicited and was granted oil allocations from the Iraqi Government for 23 million barrels from 1999 to 2003. It said Galloway's wife received about 150,000 US dollars in connection with the allocations and a fund he started, the Mariam Appeal, received at least 446,000 US dollars.

Galloway has said he launched the Mariam Appeal cancer charity to help

asick Iraqi girl and for medical aid to Iraqi children. The subcommittee has suggested that he used the fund to conceal oil payments.

The report also said Saddam Hussein's government got 1.64 million US dollars in illegal "surcharge" payments or kickbacks in connection with oil allocations to Galloway and the Mariam Appeal.

In a contentious appearance before the subcommittee in May, Galloway ridiculed Coleman and rejected as "utterly preposterous" accusations that he profited from the defunct oil-for-food programme. He could not be reached for comment on the latest allegations.

The east London Member of Parliament, who was kicked out of the British Labour Party for his oppo-

sition to the Iraq war and for personal attacks on Prime Minister Tony Blair, used the hearing to criticize the US-led invasion.

"Senator, in everything I said about Iraq, I turned out to be right and you turned out to be wrong," Galloway said, adding that American soldiers had been "sent to their deaths on a pack of lies". Almost 2,000 American military have died in Iraq.

Galloway was questioned as part of the subcommittee's examination of how Iraq's former government used oil to reward politicians, particularly from Russia, France and Britain, under the United Nations scandal-plagued programme that was meant to protect the Iraqi people from harsh effects of sanctions on Saddam's government.

MNA/Reuters

## "Wilma's" surge flooding paralyzes Havana

**HAVANA, 25 Oct** — Roaring seas in the wake of Hurricane Wilma sent massive waves crashing over Havana's famed Malecon sea wall on Monday, flooding shoreline neighbourhoods and paralyzing the city of two million.

Rescuers used row boats and makeshift rafts, including inner tubes, to ferry stranded residents to higher ground as water levels rose.

Parts of the five-mile wall were hidden under the sea.

"I've never seen the

sea come in so far, not even in the storm of the century (in 1993), and it is still rising," said Edith Valdez, a 44-year resident of Central Havana.

In the Vedado District, known for its Art Deco buildings, sea water penetrated four blocks inland in some parts, flooding basements of buildings and hotels. Residents waded to safety through waist-high waters carrying a few belongings.

MNA/Reuters



A member of the Iraqi Northern Oil Protection Force secures the site of burning oil pipelines in Tari al-Baghl area, 60 kms west of the city of Kirkuk, in northern Iraq, on 24 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

## Car bomb hits Iraqi security patrol in Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 25 Oct** — A car bomb hit a joint patrol of the Iraqi Army and police in northern Baghdad on Monday, wounding two policemen, an Interior Ministry source said.

"A car bomb parked on the side of a road in al-Shaab District detonated near a joint patrol of the Iraqi Army and police, damaging a police vehicle and wounding two policemen aboard," the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

In a separate incident, one car bomb targeted a US military convoy in southeastern Baghdad, a police officer said. "A booby-trapped taxi parked on the side of a road blew up near a US military convoy in Baladiyat District," Captain Ahmed Abdullah from Baghdad Police told Xinhua. The US convoy sustained no casualty, but a civilian car was ablaze and several buildings and shops damaged by the blast, he said. Guerillas often target Iraqi security forces and government officials in a bid to cripple the Shiite-and-Kurdish-dominated government. — MNA/Xinhua

## Australians targeted in Baghdad blast

**BAGHDAD, 25 Oct**— Australian security companies were among the targets of yesterday's Baghdad bombings, a statement by terrorist group al-Qaeda claimed today. Three bombings that rocked a popular hotel complex used by westerners in central Baghdad killed at least 17 people yesterday.

An internet statement posted on a extremist website by al-Qaeda, which has yet to be confirmed, said the attack targeted the "fertile, dirty den of foreign intelligence agents, private American, British and Australian security companies and foreign contractors". "The lions of monotheism have struck at the heart of the 'safe zone' the Crusaders constructed in Baghdad to protect the secret service agents, and American, British and Australian contractors," the statement said.

The terrorist group claimed the attacks were carried out by two teams, one of which clashed with guards after firing at them with missiles, allowing one militant to infiltrate the heavily guarded compound, suggesting that a suicide bomber was involved. The statement said other team members escaped. —Internet

## Nigerian First Lady dies after surgery in Spain

**ABUJA, 25 Oct**— The wife of Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo died on Sunday after undergoing surgery in Spain, the presidency said.

Stella Obasanjo, 59, was separated from Obasanjo in the early 1990s but they got back together during his imprisonment under leader Sani Abacha later in that decade and she has served as First Lady for six years.

MNA/Reuters

## Poll shows most Americans lack confidence in leaders

**BOSTON, 26 Oct — Seventy-three per cent of Americans lack confidence in their leaders, a survey showed on Tuesday.**

The survey by Harvard University's John F Kennedy School of Government and the *US News & World Report* also showed that 66 per cent of Americans believe the United States faces a leadership crisis. The release of the poll comes as President George W Bush is struggling to stem a slide in popularity caused by the slow federal response to Hurricane Katrina, the Iraq war and soaring gasoline prices.

The nationwide telephone survey of 1,374 adults, taken from 13 September to 23 September, covered all levels of US leaders — from the White House to Congress and state and local governments.

It showed that 65 per cent of Americans are upbeat about the future of the country's leadership

and expect better leaders in the future.

The poll also showed that 64 per cent believe the country would be better off if more women occupied leadership positions, and perhaps surprisingly more men than

women believe this — 69 per cent to 61 per cent. "It's a wake-up call to leaders who enter the public sector," said Todd Pittinsky, assistant professor of public policy at the Kennedy School.

MNA/Reuters

## Two US Marines killed near Fallujah

**BAGHDAD, 26 Oct—** Two US Marines have been killed when their vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb near Iraq's western town of Amariya outside Fallujah, some 40 kilometres west of Baghdad, the US military said on Tuesday.

The military said in a statement that the two US soldiers were killed during fighting with guerillas on Friday near the town of Amariya outside Fallujah, a focus of the Sunni Arab attack against the US-backed Iraqi government.

The Marines were assigned to the Regimental Combat Team 8, 2nd Marine Division, II Marine Expeditionary Force (Forward). According to the US military, the total US military death toll has raised to 1,999 since the beginning of the US-led Iraq War in March 2003. —MNA/Xinhua



A Trenitalia Italian railway Eurostar is seen balancing on tracks after it derailed due to bad weather on 23 Oct, 2005, on the Bari-Taranto line between Acquaviva delle Fonti and Sannicandro, near Bari, southern Italy, leaving 30 people injured. —INTERNET

## Two car bombs hit Kurdish province in northern Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 26 Oct—** Two car bombs attacked a Kurdish militia office and a senior official in Sulaimaniyah on Tuesday, causing some casualties, witnesses said.

"The first attack took place at about 9:35 am (0635 GMT) when two suicide bombers rammed

their explosive-packed cars into the convoy of Mulla Bukhtiyar, a member of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan PUK," Adel Ahmed, a local journalist told *Xinhua*.

The attack occurred in Sarchanar area near Abu Sanaa Hotel, he said.

Bukhtiyar escaped unhurt in the attack, but four of his bodyguards were wounded, he added. In a separate incident, another suicide car bomb attacked a regional Kurdish Min-

istry of Peshmergah Affairs (Kurdish militia), in Sulaimaniyah, causing some casualties, Ahmed said. The guards of the building opened fire at the car, preventing it from approaching the building, which forced the bomber to blow it up at the gate, he said.

Meanwhile, the Kurdish security forces are defusing another booby-trapped BMW near Ashty Hotel in the city centre, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Canada presses softwood attack ahead of Rice visit

**OTTAWA, 25 Oct—** Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin kept up his attack on US trade policy on Monday even as he prepared to meet Condoleezza Rice later in the day on her first official visit to Canada as US secretary of state.

"Friends live up to their agreements," Martin said bluntly in calling on the United States to respect a ruling under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) on Canadian exports of softwood lumber.

When Martin took over as Prime Minister in December 2003, he pledged to improve relations with the United States, but he has taken off the diplomatic gloves in criticizing Washington's imposition of im-

port duties on Canadian softwood. "Good relations with the United States does not mean that the Prime Minister of the country should not defend Canada," he said.

Rice has been the top US diplomat since February and has traversed the globe several times over, but this is her first visit to Canada since taking her post. On her way to Ottawa, Rice reiterated the US stand that a softwood settlement should be negotiated.

"I don't think the time for negotiation has passed," she said. "We have to keep this in perspective, we are very large trading partners and there will be disputes."

Martin said he would press her over dinner on Monday night on the issue. The US position has been that while NAFTA has ruled in Ottawa's favour, the World Trade Organization (WTO) has recently ruled for Washington, saying that subsidized and dumped Canadian lumber

was threatening US producers. But Martin said of the WTO: "NAFTA trumps it." He said he would not negotiate on a trade panel victory.

MNA/Reuters

## "Wilma" kills eight in southeast Mexico

**MEXICO CITY, 25 Oct —** Hurricane Wilma has killed at least eight people and wreaked havoc on infrastructures and properties in the southeast Mexico in the past two days, local media reported on Sunday.

Wilma left seven dead in the Quintana Roo State and another one in Yucatan, and affected at least one million people, the reports said.

The hurricane also caused severe damages to houses, hotels and telecommunication facilities in Quintana Roo, Governor Felix Gonzalez was quoted as saying.

In the top resort area of Cancun alone, 300,000 people were displaced, he added.

Wilma left Mexico on Sunday morning and headed towards Cuba and south Florida in the United States with gusts at 195 kilometres per hour.

On Sunday, Mexican President Vicente Fox

visited the hurricane-hit areas in the Yucatan Peninsula and the surrounding islands.

He said he will ask the Congress to increase emergency funding to Mexico's Natural Disaster Fund

from 366 million US dollars to 1.1 billion dollars.

Last week, Wilma killed 13 people and forced the evacuation of 560,000 others in Jamaica and Haiti.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier inspects the wreckage of a car bomb after an attack against a US patrol in the eastern Baghdad district of Al-Baladeat on 24 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

## Another dies of legionnaires' disease in Toronto

**OTTAWA, 25 Oct —** Another person has died of legionnaires' disease in Canada's Toronto, raising the number of dead to 21, reports reaching here said on Monday.

An 89-year-old woman resident of the Seven Oaks nursing home in Toronto's east end died Monday morning in hospital, Toronto health officials said. Last week investigators confirmed the outbreak originated in the nursing home's air conditioning cooling tower when contaminated droplets were distributed into the air by the cooling system and then sucked into the ventilation system's air intake.—MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam eyes bigger service export by 2010

HANOI, 25 Oct — Vietnam has targeted service export earnings of eight billion US dollars or 41 per cent of its gross domestic product (GDP) in 2010, compared with respective estimated figures of 5.6 billion dollars and 38.5 per cent in 2005.

To this end, the country will increase investment in the service industry to 780-840 trillion Vietnamese dong (VND) (49.4-53.2 billion dollars), or 42-43 per cent of its total investment, between 2006 and 2010, local newspaper *Labor* on Monday quoted the Service and Trade

Department under the Ministry of Planning and Investment as saying.

The respective figures for the 2001-2005 period are estimated at 220 trillion VND (13.9 billion dollars) and 22.5 per cent. A large amount of the money has been spent on local aviation, posts and

telecommunications, shipping, banking, finance and tourism services in recent years.

Vietnam earned nearly 5.1 billion dollars from service exports in 2004, up from over 1.8 billion dollars in 2001, according to the General Statistics Office. —MNA/Xinhua

## IDB assists \$251.6m to quake-hit Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 25 Oct — The Islamic Development Bank (IDB) has agreed to provide 251.6 million US dollars as the emergency assistance to help quake affected people in Pakistan.

Pakistani and IDB officials on Sunday signed a Framework Agreement about the assistance at a ceremony here.

Through this Framework Agreement, the Pakistan Government and the IDB agreed on the ways and means of utilization of the grant, which shall be used to finance fast disbursing projects in the fields of relief to affected communities, reconstruction of essential and social infrastructures/utilities damaged or destroyed by the disaster and provide victims with medicines, food supplies and blankets with special focus on

mothers, pregnant women and children.

The loans shall be used for rehabilitation, reconstruction and construction of new social and other vital infrastructure facilities damaged by the disaster, the agreement said.

The amount allocated for lease finance shall be used for projects in the field of reconstruction of infrastructure facilities and provision of necessary equipment like roads, public utilities, telecommunications and powers.

According to the agreement, out of the 251.6 million US dollars, 1.6 million US dollars will be

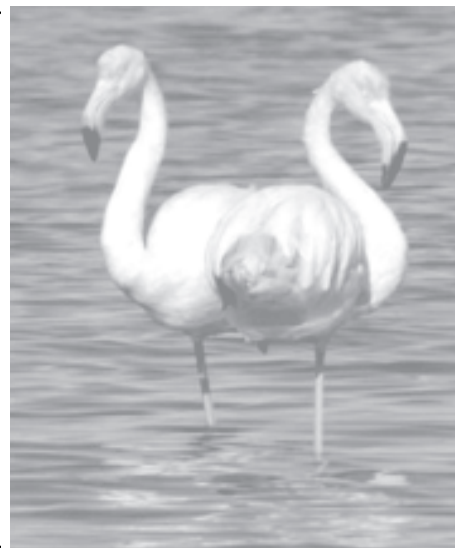
a non-refundable grant while 50 million US dollars will be treated as loan for 25 years.

Of the rest, 100 million US dollars will be considered as Lease Finance for 20 years, while another 100 million will be used for Trade Finance to import petroleum products.

MNA/Xinhua

Flamingos stand  
in the nature reserve  
of Camargue in  
Salins-de-Giraud  
near Arles,  
southern France, on  
24 Oct, 2005.

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## German DM favours restricted dispatch of German troops abroad

BERLIN, 26 Oct — Outgoing German Defence Minister Peter Struck appealed here Monday that Germany should make necessary restrictions in dispatching its troops abroad in the future.

"We cannot and will not" send troops everywhere, Struck told a security and policy forum, which was entitled Federal Troops and Society and sponsored by the newspaper *Welt am Sonntag*.

He said Germany's ability of shouldering international respon-

sibilities was limited and the capacity of the German troops was limited.

In overhauling his government's defence policies, Struck noted that it was a mistake that the Social Democratic Party-Green government did not make a comprehensive framework in diplomacy,

security and defence policy. Currently Germany has around 6,000 troops stationed abroad to conduct peacekeeping operations mainly in war-torn countries and regions such as Afghanistan and Bosnia. The number once reached 10,000.

MNA/Xinhua

## Ahmadinejad says Iran understands nuclear concerns of West

TEHRAN, 25 Oct — Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad has said that Iran understands the concerns

of the West over its nuclear programme but will not retreat from its legal right to peaceful nuclear technology, the official

IRNA news agency reported on Sunday.

"Iran understands the concerns of the West over its access to nuclear technology...Iran has taken a confidence building approach," Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying at a gathering of students here on Saturday.

However, Ahmadinejad said that the current trend of developments was "detrimental to the national security", adding that Iran was expected to "beg" others for its legal right to nuclear technology.

"Why should Iran withdraw from its inalienable right? According to which law should we beg Europe for our rights?"

Ahmadinejad asked. The President complained that the more Iran cooperated with the international community and withdrew from its right to nuclear technology, the more the West "continued its negative approach towards Iran's nuclear issue" to an extent.

Accused by the United States of developing nuclear weapons, Iran has been making efforts to prove the peaceful nature of its nuclear programme by cooperating with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) and suspending all uranium enrichment related activities since November 2004. —MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam faces higher service, goods prices

HANOI, 26 Oct — Vietnam's consumer price index (CPI) is estimated at 0.4 per cent in October, raising that of the first 10 months of this year to 7.2 per cent, according to the General Statistics Office on Tuesday.

The hike is mainly attributed to the frequent occurrence of natural disasters, the continued outbreak of bird flu, and increased prices of

imported essential goods.

It raised this month's prices of all 10 commodities and services used in calculating CPI, index of prices used to measure the

change in the cost of basic goods and services in comparison with a fixed base period, by 0.1-1.1 per cent against last month.

Specifically, cost of

housing and construction materials rose by 1.1 per cent this month, and those of food and foodstuffs 0.4 per cent. Between January and October, prices of imported essential goods, including petroleum products, steel billet, clinker, fertilizers and medicines increased over 25 percent against the same period last year.

MNA/Xinhua



Villagers fish in floodwaters at Nachinda village, about 150 kilometres (94 miles) northwest of Kolkata, India, on 24 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

## Dead British parrot had deadly H5N1 bird flu

LONDON, 25 Oct — A parrot that died in quarantine in Britain has been found to have the deadly H5N1 strain of bird flu, the Agriculture Ministry said on Sunday, and the spread of the virus meant the country was now at greater risk.

A spokeswoman for Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs confirmed that scientists had found "the

highly pathogenic H5N1 virus" in the parrot. "The closest match is to a strain found in ducks in China earlier this year," the ministry spokesman said.

The parrot, imported from Suriname, South America, was part of a mixed consignment of 148 birds that arrived on September 16, the ministry said. They were held with another consignment of 216 birds from Taiwan. —MNA/Reuters

# Be pragmatic instead of talking big

U Pyinnya

You can wave your stick, but don't hit my head,

Non-interference,  
Anti-terrorism,  
Human rights, democracy.

Above-mentioned words are worthy of being practised pragmatically by everyone at all time in the interests of the entire world people. So, these words are now very popular among the political leaders in the global nations. Surely, everyone who has heard or seen these words are ready to support. These words are featured widely on posters around the world. Without bias, one should objectively view what consequences lie behind these words on the posters.

I learnt from my teacher when I was a student that the saying "You can wave your stick, but don't hit my head" originated from the US that has enjoyed the fruit of independence earlier than any other nation. An Englishman was waving his stick while walking freely in an independent nation, and he accidentally hit with his stick an American freely walking behind him. So, the American said these words to the Englishman. It is a noteworthy remark.

There are two ways of harming someone, physically and verbally. It is required to assess the action taken in self-interest by the US government in independent nations considering the above-mentioned words. If we review the latest developments in the world, we will find that it has invaded weaker nations and is levelling accusations and imposing sanctions against some small nations, and acts at will, thus harming the interests of those nations. A few words spoken by one may represent oneself but it is necessary to weigh whether these words adversely affect any nation. However, the US in disregard of this point is acting and speaking at will, thereby losing self-respect.

The words "non-interference" are a principle prescribed for UN member nations not to provoke or interfere in the affairs of other nations. Here, aggression or interference means physical action taken against or verbal interference in internal affairs of other nations.

Any form of interference in other country's internal affairs means violating this principle. In other words, it shows total disregard for the interests of other nations, or it provokes and bullies weaker nations with the use of its superior power. The word anti-terrorism means the use of force to ward off terrorism. It seems to be in favour of the policy of neo-colonialists—a strong nation dominates a weaker nation by invading it. Behind the word "anti-terrorism" are convincing evidences of all forms of sufferings and adversities the peoples of Afghanistan and Iraq are experiencing. Without knowing the hide-outs of the terrorists at all, the invaders are using force to launch attacks in these nations at will, killing a

great number of innocent people. So, the word anti-terrorism serves as an armour for bloodthirsty murderer and militarist.

Human rights and democracy are two beautiful words the militarist bloc is widely applying to mislead the world people about its invasion and interference in the internal affairs of other nations under the pretext of anti-terrorism. It is a natural birth right that an individual, a race or a nation opposes manipulation, domination, and colonization of other individual, race or nation but wants to live independently.

It is crystal clear that the loss of all human rights of innocent people in Iraq and Afghanistan depicts the instigation and intervention of neo-colonialist intruders who are committing acts at will for their domination under the beautiful word of anti-terrorism.

Today, Myanmar is an independent and sovereign nation. The Tatmadaw is constituted with various national races. It is the Tatmadaw that was capable of helping the motherland regain her independence and that has been making unremitting efforts to protect and safeguard the nation for ensuring perpetuation of sovereignty. It has been crushing the enemies and taking organizational measures in the interests of the State. Without doubt, the Tatmadaw has taken all possible measures based on self-reliance to prevent the nation from being pushed into abyss, and to enable the nation to catch up with other global nations and to enjoy all-round development.

The acts of certain elements who fled the country and formed a democratic government in exile, sought imposition of economic sanctions on the country, approached alien spokesmen and begged military assistance from foreign nations on the pretexts of human rights and democracy are, in fact, machinations to impair national independence and sovereignty.

My advice is that there is still time enough for certain politicians leaders who have secured leadership positions to ask themselves and make amends who they are, in what positions they are, why was that, what they are doing, whether it is right or wrong, what they should do, in whose interest and what the results will be.

**Patriotic politicians who truly love the country never leave their country. They will never seek selfish gains at the expense of the people. Just see Afghanistan and Iraq. What happened to the people there? Why are there suicide bombings? Is it because they want to die or to set themselves free from servitude? Just ponder over it. What could be the consequences of the report of Havel and Tutu to the UN Security Council? Who will suffer and what lies ahead? Just try to envisage the future.**

The report has been created by the men from distant land based on their personal feelings and attachments. Ignorant of the objective conditions in Myanmar, the report has been compiled based on fantasy. Hence, it will be far from the truth although

it may have a large number of pages. Because of the report the innocent citizens may suffer untold misery.

The so-called democracy activists and the so-called refugees, who have been abroad for various reasons, are approaching foreign countries and asking them to impose sanctions on the country and terrorising the people, enabling the foreign elements to interfere in the internal affairs with intent to reduce the sovereign nation into a colony thereby doing a disservice to the people of Myanmar.

Everyone knows that Myanmar today is under the administration of the Tatmadaw and no elaboration is needed. Every person with reason and proper outlook is aware of the fact that the Tatmadaw Government, in its early stages of assuming the State duties, concentrated on ensuring the rule of law and then on restoring peace and stability and bringing about all-round development throughout. In undertaking the four main tasks, the government has implemented the programmes after laying down the 12 objectives. At present, the government has been carrying out the political programme for a democratic transition in accordance with the seven-step Road Map. It is doing so on self-reliance.

The ongoing National Convention may be seen as the key to Myanmar's democratic transition. In fact, it is time those inside and outside the country desirous of seeing a quick realization of the democratic goal, those from outside the country and politicians who have been keeping a watchful eye on the developments in Myanmar, National Convention delegates in attendance representing the political parties, national races, representatives form all walks of life and others made concerted efforts by doing their bit for the successful conclusion of the National Convention and promulgation of the Constitution that will chart the road to democracy.

Those, who are trying to disrupt the National Convention one way or another, are in fact not desirous of democracy although they are shouting for establishment of democracy in the country. What the country truly needs now is to be pragmatic, but not to talk big.

No country in the world today is independent of the armed forces (Army). Whatever political system a country practises, the armed forces or the army plays an essential role for the smooth running of the system and guarding against the internal and external dangers.

Even in the time of natural disasters, the Tatmadaw is vital for the tasks like disaster preparedness and relief.

In fact, the Tatmadaw is carrying out multifarious duties of the State in all seriousness. Whoever hurls whatever words of abuse at the Tatmadaw, it is the legal government of Myanmar at present.

It is time for self-criticism. Those who are levelling criticism against the Government should ask themselves what kind of a role they have played for the wellbeing of the country to what extent and if the work done by them is truly practical and suitable?

I would like to ask those outside the nation to review if their deeds, as well as their words, are truly applicable and practicable, not to incite internal strife using words with ulterior motives, and others relying on the external elements not to harm the survival of the people due to their attempts to serve their selfish ends.

I would like to urge them to revitalize their love for the country and extend a helping hand to the successful conclusion of the National Convention that will pave the way for the emergence of a democratic Myanmar in the near future.

( Translation : MS + AK )

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## Arrangements made for school-age children...

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multimedia classrooms and the domestic science room. The students presented souvenirs to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and Director (Education) of No 1 Department of Basic Education U Bar Bar. Next, students performed entertainment to them.

Afterwards, Headmaster U Kyaw Tun and SBT Chairman U Soe Tint reported on matters related to the multimedia classrooms. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that the Government has adopted and is implementing peace

being implemented for enabling school-age children learn education for human resource development, and basic education schools, universities and colleges have been opened. Furthermore, the Government hand in hand with the people has been opening multimedia classrooms at basic education schools. BEHS in Hsamalauk Village is one of them. He urged teachers to teach their pupils with goodwill as well as students to learn the education.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than greeted those present.

At the Farmers' Hos-

he monitored surgical treatment of patients at the theatre on TV. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented K 100,000 to the medical fund for the treatment to Chairperson of Ayeyawady Division MCWSC Daw Than Than Nwe. At the treatment programme, a nine-specialist team led by Professor Dr U Ko Ko Maung, Maxillofacial and Oral Specialist from Yangon General Hospital, provided medical treatment to 105 patients from Pyapon, Myaungmya and Hinthada Districts.

In Pathein, he attended the coordination meeting to boost agricultural production of Ayeyawady Divi-

South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, departmental officials, and local authorities.

Secretary of the Supervisory Committee Divisional Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service U Myo Wai reported on cultivation of monsoon paddy and monsoon crops in 2005-06, land utilization in the division, rain fall, growing of 10 main crops, cent per cent cultivation of targeted 3.6 million acres of monsoon paddy, production of other monsoon crops in 2005-06, growing of new paddy strains, matters related to model paddy fields, cultivation of pepper, chilli, onion and potato, the target to be set to grow 1.7 million acres of summer paddy in 2005-06 and its extension tasks and water supply. General Manager U Kyaw Yi of MAS briefed him on combined use of urea and natural fertilizers.

Next, district and township level authorities and departmental officials submitted their respective



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donates cash to Shwe Mokhtaw Pagoda in Pathein. —MNA

put 3.6 million acres of land under monsoon paddy in 2005-06 and it was 24 per cent of the sown acreage in the entire nation. Efforts are to be made for growing 1.7 million acres of summer paddy. Ayeyawady Division is at the top position in production of paddy in the coun-

pulses and beans, groundnut, sesame, sunflower and maize — as mixed-cropping. Furthermore, arrangements should be made for growing pepper and rubber against the target. Departments concerned are to provide necessary technologies to the local farmers and to make



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than visits Basic Education High School in Hsamalauk Village. —MNA

and stability and prevalence of law and order, growth of economy and human resources development in building the peaceful, modern and developed nation with realization of the seven-point Road Map. The plans are

pital in Hsamalauk Village, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than comforted cleft lip and palate patients under treatment organized by Ayeyawady Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee. At the meeting hall,

vision for 2005-2006 at the office of Ayeyawady Division PDC. It was attended by Chairman of the Division Supervisory Committee for Boosting Agricultural Production Chairman of Ayeyawady Division PDC Commander of

**Preparations are to be made for cultivation of cold season crops — pulses and beans, groundnut, sesame, sunflower and maize — as mixed-cropping.**

reports. The commander reported to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on arrangements to be made to grow double cropping, water supply and field supervision of growing summer paddy.

After fulfilling requirements, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that Ayeyawady Division had

try and it is a reliable division of the State. Therefore, all are to strive for raising sown acreage and per-acre yield. In addition, it is necessary to seek ways and means for supplying water to summer paddy fields. He added that preparations are to be made for cultivation of cold season crops —

field trips. In the evening, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party paid homage to the Buddha image at the prayer hall of Shwe Mokhtaw Pagoda in Pathein, and made cash donations.

Afterwards, he inspected all-round renovation tasks at the pagoda. —MNA

## Wanpon Dam in Namsang, Loilem District,...

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dams and river water pumping projects constructed by the government, the acreage of irrigated land rises up to over 2,400,000 acres and the acreage of agricultural

concluded.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint made an address. He said the main economy of Shan State (South) is agriculture. Crop cultivation acreage in 1988 was

over 700,000 acres and now it has increased up to over 1.4 million acres. In 1988 there were 58 dams built by the government and they benefited 85,000 acres. Now irrigated areas are over 300,000 acres and there are 141 dams.

He said the government has built Dahseik river water pumping station in Langkho Township

and Ketku river water pumping station in Hsihseng. Altogether 1,026,373 acres out of 1,128,649 have been cultivated and the rest will be reclaimed for extension of acreage.

After completing Wanpon Dam, irrigated areas will increase up to 1,000 acres in Shan State (South). Water of Wanpon dam will be used for drinking and agricultural

purpose. He called for maintenance of the dam.

On behalf of the local people, U Zeya Han of Wanpon Village thanked the government for construction of the dam. The commander and the minister cordially greeted those present at the opening of the dam.

Wanpon Dam was constructed on Wanpon Creek in Namsang Township in an attempt to sup-

ply irrigation water and drinking water to the region. It is 600 feet long and 70 feet high. It has a storage capacity of 4,580 acres feet. Its concrete conduit is 217-foot in length. The dam will irrigate 1,000 acres of land through the main canal which is over 3 miles long. Work began on the construction of Wanpon Dam in September last year. —MNA

**After completing Wanpon Dam, irrigated areas will increase up to 1,000 acres in Shan State (South).**

land increased from 23.8 million acres in 1988 to 43.1 million acres in 2005. Local farmers will be able to increase agricultural land up to 1,750 acres using the Wanpon Dam's irrigation water. The dam will supply not only irrigation water but also drinking water to the region. The dam will result in the region's agro-industry boom and the improvement of living standards of the residents, he



Wanpon Dam in Namsang, Loilem District, Shan State (South). —MNA



**Only when rural development tasks are performed effectively, will the country make progress.**

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supply and economy in rural areas with harmonious efforts.

CEC Member of USDA (Chin State in-charge) Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko arrived at Theravada Buddha Missionary in Tiddim to oversee rural development tasks and fulfil the requirements in Chin State

on the occasion, saying that with the assistance of the State and performance of USDA, Chin State had been poor transportation and communication in the past under the geographical condition. At present, Chin State has achieved appropriate development. With the programme of USDA, hydro electric power stations have been opened for electricity and

plant and gave instructions on maintenance of the power plant for a long run. The power plant was initiated by USDA in March of 2004. The cost of the power plant is K 4.15 million. The power plant can electrify 60 houses.

Next, the CEC member attended the opening ceremony of Haukpi hydro electric power plant.



CEC member Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko launches new water pipeline in Lonpi Village of Falam Township.— MNA

clothing, books, journals and magazines for Haukpi village and stationery to the students.

Next, the CEC member formally opened the

Similarly, Tiddim Township WAO held round-table discussions with the local women about salient points of MWAF, prevention of

emony. Next, an official handed over related documents to township development affairs committee.

Afterwards, the CEC member and local people



CEC member Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko present medicines for Haukpi Village of Tiddim Township to an official.— MNA

**USDA joins hands with social organizations in improving of socio-economic life of the national brethren and development of rural regions and serving the interest of the local people.**

on 18 October. Next, he paid homage to Presiding Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vinasiri and donated alms to Sayadaw.

Afterwards, the CEC member donated stationery and K 100,000 to Tharavada Buddhist Missionary in Tiddim and K 100,000 for renovation of Reed Missionary and inspected renovation of Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dhamma Beikman and made arrangements to fulfil the needs.

At the meeting hall of Tiddim Township PDC, the CEC member met with members of religious associations and priests in Tiddim and made arrangements to fulfil the needs as to religious affairs. After that he made a speech

facilities will be provided in the state.

After the meeting, the CEC member cordially greeted the priests in Tiddim. Next, he inspected thriving of 130,000 tea plants grown on 30 acres by 18 departments and attended to the needs. Upon arrival at Zalwe elecetric power station of the Ministry of Electric Power, township engineer U Lyan Khin Kham briefed the deputy minister on facts of the power station, power supply rate of 1.24 kilo-watt hour and the deputy minister gave necessary instructions.

On arrival at Haukpi Village self-reliant power plant, 7 miles, north east of Tiddim, the CEC member looked into the power

Also present on the occasion were Secretary of Chin State USDA U Aung Min, Chairman of Falam District PDC Lt-Col Htay Aung, members of districts and townships USDA, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and locals totalling 1,000.

Arrangements are being made for power supply in 72 villages in Chin State. Now, 12 villages have got power supply. Officials and locals were to safeguard the power stations.

Afterwards, Secretary of Tiddim USDA U Kham Swin Hmon briefed the CEC member on efforts for the power station. After that, the CEC member presented one 21-inch TV, one satellite, medicines,

stone plaque of the power station by pressing a button. At the same time, he cheered patients who were receiving free medical treatment given by specialists, the students who were reading books in the rural library and the students who were enjoying nutritious food provided by officials of Chin State

violence against women and human trafficking.

At Falam Township Hall, the CEC member met with leaders of religious associations and priests and extended greetings on the occasion on 20 October.

Next, the adviser of Falam Christian Church Council the priest ex-

posed for a documentary photo.

Before laying new water pipeline, there are 23 springs in Falam but there is not enough water in the summer. The cost of the new water pipeline is K 920,000. Next, the CEC member arrived at Lonpi Sasana Pariyatti Sarthintaik and paid hom-



A specialist gives treatment to a patient in Haukpi Village of Tiddim Township.— MNA

USDA and Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

pressed his thanks and presented a souvenir to the CEC member.

On arrival at Lonpi village in Falam, the CEC member attended the opening ceremony of new water pipeline and formally opened the ceremony. Present on the occasion were members of Chin State, districts and townships USDA, departmental personnel and townselders and locals.

First, Chairman of Falam District PDC Lt-Col Htay Aung explained the purpose of the cer-

age to the Sayadaw. He offered alms to Sayadaw and supplicated religious affairs. Upon arrival at Chunkyon village in Haka Township, the CEC member attended rural development aids presentation ceremony.

The CEC member said that USDA will joins hands with social organizations in improving socio-economic life of the national brethren and development of rural regions and serving the interest of the local people.

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Tiddim Township USDA Secretary U Kham Swin Mon and townselder U Tel Khant Pong formally open self-reliant hydel power plant in Haukpi Village of Tiddim Township.— MNA

# 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions go on

YANGON, 26 Oct — The thirteenth day of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions were held at the designated venues, here, today.

Present on the occasion were Member of the Panel of Patrons Chairman of the Leading Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Member of the Panel of Patrons Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Chairman of Work Committee Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint Hsan, members of Work Committee for Organizing the Competitions and Sub-committees, maestros,



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe enjoys the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' orchestra contest.—MNA

people and tourists enjoyed the competitions.

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

A total of 16 contest-

ants from States and Divisions participated in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls' religious song contest, and 14 in the professional level men's classical/modern song contest.

At the National Theatre, eight troupes took part in the amateur level men's dobet contest, and five in the basic education level

(aged 5-10) boys' ozi contest. The ozi contest was supervised by Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Ba Maw and party.

At Kanbawza Theatre, 12 contestants competed in the amateur level men's donmin contest, and three contestants in the amateur level women's donmin contest. A total of three contestants

took part in the higher education level men's donmin contest, two in the higher education level women's donmin contest, four in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' donmin contest, and five in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girl's donmin contest. The donmin contest was supervised by Chairman of the panel of

judges Bogale U Tint Aung and party.

At Padonma Theatre, four troupes participated in the basic education level (aged 5-10), and six in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' orchestra contest. Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Sten and party supervised the boys' orchestra contests. — MNA



Sagaing Division troupe participates in the basic education level (aged 5-10) ozi contest.—MNA



A contestant representing Shan State takes part in the basic education level (aged 5-10) Donmin contest. —MNA

## Myanmar booth wins Best Exhibition Award at 2nd China-ASEAN Expo

YANGON, 26 Oct — The Myanmar delegation led by President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint, Vice-President U Aung Lwin and U Thaug Tin, CEC U Tun Aung, Executives U Myo Thant and U Kyaw Kyaw Win participated in the 2nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit and 2nd China-ASEAN Expo held from 19 to 22 October in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People's Republic of China.

The UMFCCI President and party attended

the opening ceremony of the 2nd China-ASEAN Expo on 19 October. At the Expo, the scale model of the wall of Mandalay Royal Palace was kept as the Myanmar booth. A total of 28 booths from 26 Myanmar companies were displayed at the exhibition.

Furthermore, Myanmar and Chinese entrepreneurs held comprehensive discussion on trade and investment sectors. At the meeting, UMFCCI and CCI Nanning signed the MoU and the two sides of entrepreneurs exchanged notes of the agreement.

At the Expo,

Myanmar booth won the Best Exhibition Award presented by China-ASEAN Expo Organizing Committee.

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The best exhibition award of 2nd China-ASEAN Expo. MNA



## Workshop on "Looking at Types and Approaches of International Cooperation to Myanmar"

YANGON, 26 Oct — The opening ceremony of the Workshop on the "Looking at Types and Approaches of International Cooperation to

Myanmar" organized by Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program (UNDP) was held at Dusit Inya Lake Resort this morning.

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu made an opening speech and Secretary of Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies Ambassador U Nyunt Tin extended greetings.

It was also attended by deputy ministers, ambassadors, diplomatic corps, directors-general of the ministries collaborat-

ing with the UN agencies, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and heads of the UN agencies.

In the first session of the workshop, the papers focus on activities of UN and UN agencies, collaboration implementation matters were presented.

In the second and third session, representatives of UNDP, WFP, UNICEF, UNHCR and UNODC continued to present papers and took part in the discussions.

In the evening, the UN Resident Coordinator Mr Charles James Petrie hosted dinner to those present. The workshop continue tomorrow.

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## Inter-Department Sepak Takraw Tourney commences



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun speaking at Ministry of Finance & Revenue Inter-Department Sepak Takraw Tourney.— F&R

YANGON, 26 Oct—The Ministry of Finance and Revenue launched its second Inter-Department Sepak Takraw Tournament at Aung San Gymnasium here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, heads of department, officials, team managers, coaches, contestants, and staff and their family members.

The minister delivered an address on the occasion.

Chairman of Sepak Takraw Subcommittee of the Ministry Managing Director of the Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank U Than Yee donated cash to Myanmar Sepak Takraw Federation through Vice-President of MSF U Nyan Tun.

Next, MSF presented sports gear to the ministry's Sepak Takraw Committee.

On the opening day, Customs Department played against Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank. The tournament continues till 28 October.

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## Commerce Minister inspects export crops

YANGON, 26 Oct — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, accompanied by officials of the Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, arrived at Pyay Phyong Aung Company in No 4 Industrial Zone, Hlinethaya Industrial City yesterday afternoon and inspected the preparations being made to export

onion and green.

The minister and party proceeded to New Golden Gate Company and Asia World Company and looked into the preparations and storage of crops to be exported and gave instructions on extending production of quality crops. — MNA

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Afterwards, the CEC member presented clothes, traditional medicines and books for development of the rural regions, stationery for students and journals, magazines and books for the library to a local and officials. A local expressed gratitude.

Next, the CEC member viewed round the village library, nutritious refreshment being given to children organized by Chin State USDA and Township MCWA, health care service provided by five specialists to 546 patients from Chinkyon Village.

He also visited the educative talks organized by Chin State WAO and MCWA.

At the talks, Chin State WAO Secretary Daw Manh Khant Hwe and party explained facts about MWA, educational programmes on prevention of violence against women, and prevention of human trafficking.

Likewise, Joint-Secretary Daw May Yi and members gave lectures on matters on nutrition, HIV/AIDS and preventive measures, and activities of mothers and children in educational task.

On 21 October, the CEC member unveiled the signboard bearing True Patriotism in front of Vamthumong Park in Haka. It was attended by Secretary of Chin State USDA U Aung Min and executives, departmental officials, District and Township USDA secretaries and executives, members of social organizations and local people.

On 22 October, the CEC member met with leaders of religious associations, venerable persons and clerics in Haka. On behalf of the leaders of religious associations, a venerable person spoke words of thanks. The CEC member inspected thriving tea nursery of Haka Township USDA and attended to the needs.

The CEC member went to Khwayon Vipassana

Monastery in Haka and paid homage to Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jotikadhaja and members of the Sangha. Next, he presented K 100,000 for renovation of Thabatheikdi Kaba Aye Pagoda and exercise books and pencils for the monastic education school to Lt-Col Win Naing of Haka Station.

At the briefing hall of Chin State Police Force, Police Commander Police Col Nyunt Win reported on cultivation of tea plantations of the Chin State Police Force and extension of the tea plantation for 2006-07. The CEC member oversaw thriving tea plantation and gave necessary instructions.

On 23 October, the CEC member inspected two acres Pinlaung strain tea plantation of Chin State USDA near Haka-Falam Road and fulfilled the requirements. In Barlon Village of Falam Township, he paid homage to Abbot Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujana and made donations.

On 24 October, the CEC member inspected progress in construction of the youth nursery training school for children in Chin State to be opened by Religious Affairs Department in Kalay. At the nunnery in Pinlon Ward of Kalay, the CEC member donated cash to Nun Daw Chandasiri. He also donated alms to Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Tejavamta, Chairman of the Township Sangha Nayaka Committee, at Maha Withokdayon Taikthit on Wayzayanda Road in Kalay, and inspected completion of the new building of the monastery.

At the Township Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, the CEC member gave instructions to officials on sanitation of the office and its environs and growing of shade trees.

On 25 October, the CEC member left Kalay and arrived back here by air.

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## Yangon Division Women's Sports...

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K 500,000 donated by Chairperson Daw Than Than Lay of China AirLine; K 300,000 by Director Daw Htay Htay Khaing of Max Myanmar Co; K 200,000 each by Popular Plus Plastic Enterprise, Pyay Aung Construction, and U Khin Maung Than and Daw Theingi Nwe (Ray Shipping Co Ltd).

The fifth prize for Yangon Division beauty contest went to May Zar Thwin of Kamayut Township, the fourth prize to Khin Phyu Phyu Thaw of Mingaladon Township, the third prize to Phyo Ei San of Mingala Taungnyunt Township, and the second prize to Su Su San of Dagon Myothit (East) Township.

The patron presented the first prize to Han Nwe Nyein of Lanmadaw Township.

Patron of Yangon Division WSC Daw Mya Mya Lwin and officials presented the first prize for Inter-School beauty contest to Win Nandar Pyo of Kyimyindine BEHS-1, the second prize to Thuzar Win Zaw of Bahan BEHS-2, and the third prize to Pyay Phyo Han of Latha BEHS-2.

The patron presented gifts to the members of the Myanmar Body Building and Physical Culture Federation who judged the contests. — MNA



Daw Khin Thet Htay presents first prize to Han Nwe Nyein of Lanmadaw Township in 2005 Yangon Division Beauty Contest.— MNA

## Dipavali Day falls on 1 November

YANGON, 26 Oct — The Government of the Union of Myanmar today announced that Dipavali Day, which falls on 1 November 2005 (1st Waxing of Tazaungmon, 1367 ME), is a public holiday under Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Act.— MNA

## Arrangements made for local tours

YANGON, 26 Oct — Myanmar Tourism Service is making arrangements for local travellers for their convenience in travelling across Myanmar at a reasonable price.

Among the pilgrimage, regional excursion and recreation tours, arrangements are being made as individual and package tours to be able to travel the famous festivals around Myanmar including Taunggyi Dazaungdine Festival, Shwezigon Pagoda Festival in Bagan and Kyaikhtiyo Festival.

For package tour, the detailed information can be inquired through No 77-91 Sule Pagoda Road Tel: 252859 and 387002, Myanmar Information Service. — MNA

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## Japan mulls easing import ban on N American beef

**Tokyo, 25 Oct— Japan is expected to ease its two-year-old ban on US and Canadian beef imports before the end of this year as an expert panel sees risks related to mad cow disease between Japanese and North American beef as "extremely small".**

A draft recommendation report to be compiled by the research group under the Japan Food Safety Commission will include the wording, according to *Kyodo News* on Monday.

The research group is expected to present the draft as early as Monday to the commission. The commission will then accept public comments on the draft for about a month to formally compile a recommendation report.

With the formal report, the government is expected to resume imports of US and Canadian beef from

animals aged up to 20 months.

The expected beef trade resumption will come more than a year after Japan and the United States struck a basic accord in October last year on the need to lift the import ban from younger animals.

Japan has banned Canadian and US beef imports since the disease, known as bovine spongiform encephalopathy, was discovered in Canada in May 2003 and the United States in December of that year.

MNA/Xinhua

## World experts diagnose for Himalayas flooding

**LHASA, 25 Oct— More than 60 experts from various organizations and countries gathered at a seminar in the capital of Tibet Autonomous Region here on Sunday to seek solutions to floods in the Himalayas Mountains.**

Floods may incur serious losses to the people in Tibet and in the lower reaches of the rivers originating from the Himalayas region if no measures are taken to curb the natural disaster, said Gabriel Campbell, director of the International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMD).

Mountain flooding has been one of the major natural disasters that plague southwest Tibet, with the Himalayas to the south, said Dorji Cering, vice chairman of Tibet.

The official said that the Chinese Government

has paid great attention to the prevention and treatment of the calamity and Tibet is drafting a plan on the prevention and control of the flooding.

The experts, from the ICIMD, World Meteorological Organization, China's National Meteorological Bureau, and eight countries including Afghanistan, Bangladesh, India and Pakistan, will focus their discussions on the management and assessment of the risks of floods, disaster control, flooding forecast and some other areas to improve the scheme of regional flood management.

MNA/Xinhua

## Steps taken worldwide to curb H5N1 spread through wild birds

**BEIJING, 25 Oct — More countries are seeking to prevent the contagion of avian flu through the migration of wild birds as the presence of a deadly strain of the virus was confirmed on Sunday in Britain after its appearance in Russia, Turkey and Romania.**

British researchers confirmed on Sunday evening that a parrot imported from Surinam, South America, which died on 16 October, carried H5N1 bird flu.

Concerns over the disease prompted the British Government to call for a European ban on imports of wild birds from all the countries in the world. Currently imports are only banned from countries which have bird flu cases.

The parrot caught the disease while it was in quarantine with 216 birds from Asia, as some of them had died before the parrot, said British Chief Veterinary Officer Debby Reynolds.

"We will be talking urgently to stakeholders about restricting bird markets, fairs and shows," she said. She had asked for a "case-by-case risk assessment" on all birds in quarantine before they are released.

In Stockholm, a dead duck was confirmed carrying a moderate variant of the H5 avian influenza virus, not H5N1, the deadly form of bird flu that has killed more than 60 people in Asia.

Sweden's Board of Agriculture has tried to play down the case by announcing that the virus found was a low pathogenic type of the H5 and at this time of year it was not unusual for a quarter of ducks to suffer from influenza.

However, it advised poultry farmers to bring birds indoors if possible or feed them in protected areas.

In Brussels, the European Commission said it would rule on London's proposal of banning all import of live wild birds after discussions by EU farm ministers and the bloc's food security committee.

"The Commission is currently reviewing the proposal and will make a decision shortly, by Tuesday at the latest," said a spokesman.

Also on Sunday, the Palestinian National Authority banned the hunting of migrating birds, mainly quail, that pass through the Gaza Strip. The health and agricultural ministries were in touch with neighbouring countries on the issue, including Israel, Syria, Lebanon and Jordan to guard against the disease.

MNA/Xinhua

## China sees increasing number of children died of playing with fire

**XI'AN, 25 Oct— Increasing deaths of children playing with fire ring an alarm on safety education in China's schools, according to a national meeting on fire control in schools on Sunday.**

Last year, China reported 11,100 fires caused by children who played with fire, killing 126 children and injuring 80 others, Guo Tienan, director of the Fire Control Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security, told the meeting in Xi'an, capital of northwest China's Shaanxi Province.

The number of fires, death toll and injured children rose by 15.8 per cent, 34 per cent and 70.2 per cent respectively when compared with the previous year, Guo said.

Close to 40 per cent of primary and middle schools in China did not educate students on knowledge of fire control and 40 per cent of primary and middle school children play with fire, according to a survey jointly carried out by the National Statistics Bureau and the Fire

Control Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security last year.

The survey, targeting primary and middle schools in 29 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions on China's Mainland, also reveals that 51.8 per cent of the respondent students lack even the basic knowledge on fire control, one-third of the students are not aware of the danger of fire, and in boarding schools, 37.01 per cent of the surveyed students never think about how to escape when their dormitory is on fire.

To deal with the situation, the Ministry of Education and Ministry of Public Security have urged schools to educate students with knowledge on fire control and strengthen emergency measures against possible fires.

MNA/Xinhua

## Building collapse kills one, injures four in Xiangtan City

**CHANGSHA, 25 Oct— One person was confirmed dead and four others injured in a dismantlement accident that occurred last Friday morning in Xiangtan City, central China's Hunan Province, a local newspaper reported on Monday.**

The paper said at around 9:00 Friday morning, five workers were demolishing a two-storey building at Dongping Town of Yuetang District, when the roof and part of walls of the building's second storey collapsed suddenly, burying the five immediately. The buried were rescued by fire fighters and other workers at the spot around 10:40. One of the five, 47 years old, died later in hospital and the remaining four are now out of danger, according to the *Sanxiang Metropolis* newspaper.

The contractor of the house demolition project initially attempted to cover up the accident by forbidding workers to report to the local police and then hired a gang to attack the journalists who covered the news at the site, the newspaper said.

The reporters, one of them was once knocked down, were rescued by the fire fighters, the paper added.

MNA/Xinhua



A roof is torn away by high winds during Hurricane Wilma in Boca Raton, Florida, on 24 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

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Entertainer Jay-Z, left, and Magic Johnson pose for a photo before entering the launch party for the 40/40 Club in Atlantic City, NJ on 25 Oct, 2005.

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### Indian scientists develop new weapon against dengue mosquitoes

**NEW DELHI, 25 Oct—** Killing the enemy by luring it to an ambush is a well-known method of the Army. A similar strategy has been developed by scientists of the Defence Research Development Organization (DRDO) in New Delhi to destroy mosquitoes that cause dengue.

DRDO's "lure and kill" technology uses an attractant in combination with Insect Growth Regulators (IGR) that kills mosquito larvae. The combination formulation is named "attracticide".

When added to water, it attracts the females to lay eggs in the water. These eggs hatch into larva but do not transform into adults because the other component of the

attracticide kills the larvae.

DRDO scientists told PTI that field trials of the technology, in various zones of Delhi, carried out independently by the Municipal Corporation Delhi have confirmed the effectiveness of the attracticide in controlling dengue vector population.

DRDO has developed a new cost-effective and simple indigenous tech-

nology for the preparation of this attracticide that it says has got tremendous potential to control dengue transmitting mosquito, elsewhere in the world. The technology has been patented in India. Patents in USA, Britain, Japan and many other countries have been applied for. Technology transfer to a US-based firm is under progress.

MNA/PTI

### Gabon mother kills son with rat poison

**LIBREVILLE, 25 Oct—** A Gabonese mother killed her son with rat poison and then tried to take her own life because she could not afford to pay for his schooling, judicial police said on Sunday.

The 20-year-old single mother told police she had asked for financial help from relatives to pay for her five-year-old son's school materials, but without success. Police said she bought three packets of rat poison, which she mixed with Coca-Cola.

"The young girl was preoccupied by her son's schooling and did not have enough money to organize his start of the school year," Emile Mboumbou,

a judicial police officer, told Reuters.

"She asked relatives for money but without success."

The boy's grandmother said he died in hospital.

The mother, who is in hospital and will undergo psychiatric tests before going to court, tried to kill herself with the mixture but was saved by doctors, police said.

MNA/Reuters

### NASA shuts Florida space shuttle port

**CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 25 Oct—** NASA decided on Sunday to close the Kennedy Space Center and told its 13,000 workers to stay home on Monday as Hurricane Wilma makes a beeline for Florida.

Meteorologists were predicting winds of about 60 mile per hour at the space shuttle's home port at Cape Canaveral, on Florida's east-central coast, said NASA spokesman Allard Beutel.

In preparation for the storm, the payload bays doors of the space shuttles *Discovery*, *Atlantis* and *Endeavour* were closed in case of leaks in the hangar where they are located. Computers and other electronic equipment were

covered in plastic.

A plutonium-powered space probe being prepared for launch in January to Pluto was packed inside a transportation carrier, KSC spokesman George Diller said.

A small team of emergency workers will spend the night at the space center to watch over the shuttles, various payloads awaiting rides to orbit and critical ground support equipment.

Wilma was about 240

miles west-southwest of Key West on Sunday afternoon and was expected to hit the southwest Florida coast on Monday morning. For now, Kennedy Space Center officials expected to be closed only on Monday.

"We anticipate being open for regular business on Tuesday," Diller said.

NASA already has been hard hit by hurricanes this season.

Katrina's assault on the US Gulf of Mexico

coast on 29 August shut down the agency's external fuel tank assembly facility in New Orleans and its shuttle engine testing centre in Mississippi.

The agency has been trying to resume construction on the *International Space Station*, which has been on hold since before the 2003 *Columbia* disaster. NASA grounded the shuttle fleet during the last shuttle mission and hopes to resume flights in May 2006. —MNA/Reuters

### 27 chickens found dead in S Bulgaria

**SOFIA, 25 Oct—** A total of 27 hens and chicks found dead for unknown causes on Monday in southern Bulgarian Province Haskovo have been sent to a local laboratory for bird flu test, the Bulgarian National Radio reported.

The dead chickens, found by peasants who raised poultry in a village named Oriahovo, 40 kilometres from the borders with Turkey and Greece, were soon reported to the local veterinary department, Dzhamil Chitov, the head of the department said.

Under the directions from the authorities, the local veterinary department has blood-tested 220 fowls since mid-October, all of which turned out to be bird flu negative, Chitov confirmed.

He added the authorities have distributed a number of pamphlets concerning the prevention and

symptoms of bird flu to people residing in villages along the border.

Since July, Bulgaria has been under the threat of bird flu as the epidemic consecutively broke out in neighbouring countries such as Romania, Turkey and Greece.

The Bulgarian Government established a bird flu crisis control command to coordinate the nation's prevention of the epidemic. To date no bird flu case has been detected in Bulgaria, reports released on Monday by the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry confirmed.

MNA/Xinhua

### Launch of European "Venus Express" space probe delayed

**DARMSTADT (Germany), 25 Oct—** The launch of the European Space Agency's *Venus Express* spacecraft has been delayed after technicians discovered contamination in the Russian-made launcher, an ESA official said on Monday.

Europe's first mission to Venus was scheduled for Wednesday but will be delayed for several days while tests are carried out on the *Soyuz-Fregat* launcher, a spokesman at the agency's European Space Operations Centre in Darmstadt said.

The tests on the covering of the carrier rockets where the contamination was discovered at the weekend will only take a few days, the spokesman said. After that, the spacecraft should be launched

as planned from Baikonur, Kazakhstan.

The *Venus Express* probe will travel through space for around 163 days and once it is captured by Venusian gravity, it will orbit the planet and analyse its atmosphere and clouds.

Among the mysteries about Venus the mission hopes to solve is why a planet so similar to Earth in size, mass and composition has evolved so differently over the course of the last 4,600 million years.—MNA/Reuters



A Papua New Guinean dancer from the Morobe Province wears a head dress called a 'Kangar', made from bird's feathers, as a storm cloud gathers behind during a performance in the opening ceremony of South Pacific Forum in Port Moresby on 25 October, 2005. Leaders from 16 South Pacific nations will this week hold a summit in city, where murders and rapes have tripled this year, focusing on regional and local security. Pacific Forum members range from Australia to the tiny island state of Niue and cover over 30 million sq km (11.6 million sq miles) of ocean, with more than 1,000 languages. —INTERNET

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## SPORTS

## FIFA has shortlist of 44 referees for 2006 World Cup

FRANKFURT, 26 Oct—Forty-four referees remain in contention for around 30 places at the 2006 World Cup, FIFA announced on Tuesday.

The names of the referees still in the running to officiate at the tournament, as well as those of 111 assistant referees being considered, will be published in the coming days, soccer's world governing body said.

A total of 46 referees, plus assistants, gathered in Frankfurt in February this year for a preliminary workshop.

FIFA will cut that list again to around 30 referees for the tournament, which features 64 matches at 12 venues in Germany from 9 June to 9 July.

The first get-together in Frankfurt was overshadowed by the match-fixing scandal centred around Robert Hoyzer, who is currently on trial along with five other men, including one other referee, in Berlin.

The second workshop will take place from March 22 to 25, again in Frankfurt. The referees will have medical and psychological check-ups, tests on their knowledge of football's laws and interviews with the Referees Committee.

MNA/Reuters

## Frankfurt crush Schalke to reach Cup third round

FRANKFURT, 26 Oct—Eintracht Frankfurt demolished Schalke 04 6-0 on Tuesday to reach the third round of the German Cup on a night of humiliation for last season's beaten finalists.

Frankfurt, taking up where they left off in a 6-3 win over Cologne in the Bundesliga on Saturday, scored twice in three minutes midway through the first half against the Bundesliga's only unbeaten side.

Alexander Meier, the 22-year-old German playmaker, scored the first in the 28th minute after being set up by Ioannis Amanatidis and Swiss international Benjamin Huggel made it 2-0 soon afterwards. Schalke, runners-up to Bayern Munich in the league and Cup last season and among the competition favourites this term, self-destructed after the break.

"We played like small children in the second half," said Schalke coach Ralf Rangnick.

Christoph Spycher, another Swiss international, added the third in the 64th minute and Meier got his second of the night four minutes later.

Worse was to follow for Schalke, with Spaniard Francisco Copado making it five in the 82nd minute and Patrick Ochs sealing a brilliant win for Frankfurt, who came up from division two last season.

"We now want to reach the final," said Frankfurt coach Friedhelm Funkel.

Werder Bremen won the other all-first division clash of the night, triumphing 5-4 on penalties against VfL Wolfsburg after the match finished 2-2 after extra-time.

Bremen were trailing through a Steve Marlet goal, the Frenchman's first for the club, but Miroslav

Klose grabbed an equaliser in the 88th minute and put his side ahead with the second in extra-time.

Marlet scored his second in the 120th minute before Bremen came through.

The other Bundesliga

## Lyon suffer first defeat of season in League Cup clash

PARIS, 26 Oct—Nantes handed Olympique Lyon their first defeat of the season on Tuesday, knocking Gerard Houllier's side out on penalties in the second round of the French League Cup.

Goalkeeper Mickael Landreau pulled off two saves in the shootout to lead Ligue 1 strugglers Nantes to a 4-3 win on penalties after the tie had finished 1-1 after extra-time.

Runaway Ligue 1 leaders Lyon, entering the competition in the second round like all top-flight teams, forced extra-time with a last-minute goal from France forward Sidney Govou.

Mali striker Mamadou



Smart stop : Nantes' goalkeeper Mickael Landreau stops a penalty kick during the French League Cup third round football match Nantes/Lyon, at the La Beaujoire Stadium in Nantes. Nantes won after the penalty kicks.—INTERNET

Diallo had opened the scoring for Nantes with a volley on the half-hour.

Coach Houllier rested several players including France goalkeeper Gregory Coupet and Brazil midfielder Juninho, who was sorely missed.

Lyon are seven points clear in Ligue 1 and have

a 100 percent record after three matches in Group F of the Champions League.

Nantes are 15th in Ligue 1.

The second round continues on Wednesday with Girondins Bordeaux at home to Olympique Marseille the pick of the action.—MNA/Reuters

## Palace knock Liverpool out of League Cup

LONDON, 26 Oct—A 66th-minute goal by German midfielder Marco Reich helped second division Crystal Palace record a surprise 2-1 win over European champions Liverpool in the third round of the League Cup on Tuesday.

Arsenal, League Cup winners in 1987 and 1993, eased to a 3-0 victory at Sunderland while West Bromwich Albion won 3-2 at Fulham after their all-Premier League clash went to extra-time. Blackburn Rovers advanced to the last 16 with a 3-0 triumph over second division Leeds United at Ewood Park while Aston Villa edged second division Burnley 1-0.

Liverpool, beaten 3-2 by Chelsea in last year's League Cup final in Cardiff, withstood an early onslaught from Palace before falling behind in the 37th minute at Selhurst Park. Harry Kewell gave the ball away in midfield and Dougie Freedman pounced on a left-wing cross to power a close-range header beyond goalkeeper Scott Carson.

Australia striker Kewell tried to make amends for his lapse when he forced Palace keeper Julian Speroni to make a reflex save a minute later.

Liverpool, seven-times winners of the League Cup, equalized in the 40th minute when captain Steven Gerrard steered a precise low shot into the corner of the net from 20 metres. Darren Potter spurned a good chance to put the visitors in front in the 56th minute when he spooned a close-range volley over the bar with an open goal gaping.

Palace, relegated from the Premier League last season, grabbed the winner when Michael Hughes clipped a clever ball over a packed Liverpool defence for Reich to volley home from eight metres.

"It is a really pleasing day for us," Palace manager Iain Dowie told Sky television. "We are pleased most of all with the manner of the win.

"Everyone, from full backs to wide men, got the ball down and passed it. We looked creative plus we were full of energy."

Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez said: "We created opportunities but we just couldn't score the second goal.

"You couldn't say the players didn't work hard. Their goalkeeper saved some good opportunities and we worked really hard." —MNA/Reuters



Zolt Erdei from Hungary, right, hits his challenger Mehdi Sahnoune from France during the WBO light heavy-weight boxing fight at the Brandberge Arena in Halle, eastern Germany, on Saturday night, 22 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET



West Bromwich Albion's Junichi Inamoto, right, celebrates after scoring the winning goal against Fulham with Richard Chaplow, in extra time during their League Cup third round soccer match at Fulham's Craven Cottage, London, on Tuesday, 25 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

## Nigeria face sanction over weightlifters doping violations

LAGOS, 25 Oct—The International Weightlifting Federation (IWF) is likely to sanction Nigeria again after four of the country's weightlifters were found in violation of doping regulations.

According to information displayed on the IWF web site, Elizabeth Jeremiah, Olashore Johnson Olatunde, Lawal Rilwan and Omoroghomwan Williams are the four among the list of competitors suspended in 2005.

Nigeria Weightlifting Federation (NWF) secretary Steve Olarinoye confirmed Monday that Jeremiah and Olatunde were currently serving a two-year ban from the federation for doping violations.

"The other two are still being investigated and their cases are yet to be decided," he told the official News Agency of Nigeria. According to IWF rules, any national federation with more than three of its lifters involved in doping violations within a given calendar year may be sanctioned.

The sanction means that the national federation could be banned from participating in any IWF activities for a period of up to two years, or fined a minimum of 30,000 US dollars.—MNA/Xinhua

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  - ❖ အအိမ်အနေနည်းလာခြင်း၊ မည်သူတစ်ဦးတစ်ယောက်မှ ပြောဆိုခြင်း မရှိဘဲ နားထဲတွင် ခြိမ်းခြောက်သော အသံများ ကြားလာတတ်ခြင်း
  - ❖ ဂဏာမပြည့် ယောက်ယက်ဆတ်လှုပ်ရှားမှုများဖြစ်ပြီး သည်းမခံနိုင်ခြင်း၊ မထင်မှတ်ဘဲ ကြမ်းတမ်းသော အမူအရာဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း၊ ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ရှိ လူများက ကောင်းကျိုးစည်နေသည်ဟု ထင်ယောင်ထင်မှား ဖြစ်ကာ ရာဇဝတ်မှုများ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ခြင်း
  - ❖ ရေရှည်သုံးစွဲရာမှ သုံးစွဲမှုကို ရင်ဆိုင်လိုက်လျှင် စိတ်တက်ကျ၍ သတိသေချင်စိတ်ဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည့် ရောဂါများ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။
  - ❖ လူမှုရေးပြဿနာများအနေနှင့်
    - မူးယစ်ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူခံရခြင်း
    - ဝတ်စုံကျင့်၍ သိက္ခာကျဆင်းခြင်း
    - မိသားစုအတွင်း ဆက်ဆံရာတွင် အဆင်မပြေခြင်း၊ မိသားစုများ စိတ်ဆင်းရဲခြင်း
    - မိမိ၏ လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများတွင် မှားယွင်းသော ဆုံးဖြတ်ချက် များ ပြုလုပ်တတ်ခြင်း
    - ရာဇဝတ်မှုကင်းသည့် အပြစ်အမှုများ ပြုလုပ်တတ်လာ ခြင်းစသည့် ပြဿနာများနှင့် ကြုံတွေ့ရမှု ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
- သို့ပါ၍ စိတ်ကြွေးသွင်းဆေး သုံးစွဲမှုကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်တဲ့ ရောဂါများ၊ လူမှုရေးပြဿနာများမှ ကင်းဝေးစေရန် စိတ်ကြွေးသွင်းဆေးကို လုံးဝရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- စိတ်ကြွေးသွင်းဆေးကို သုံးစွဲမိနေပါကလည်း ဆေးဖြတ်ရန် ကြိုးပမ်းပါ။ သတိမှတ်ထားသော ဆေးရုံများတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးဝါးကုသမှု ခံယူပါ။

**ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန**



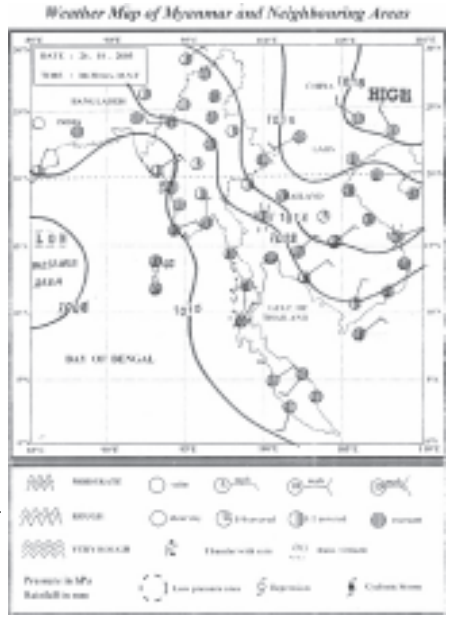
In memory of late U Aung Kyi, Daw Than Myint and family of Yankin Township present K 100,000 for the fund to Treasurer U Aung Than of Hninzigon Home for the Aged Administration Board.— H

**Bomb components found at San Diego airport**

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—Baggage screeners found bomb components in a carry-on piece of luggage at San Diego International Airport on Tuesday and cleared the area to investigate, Department of Homeland Security spokesmen said.

They then evacuated the commuter terminal of the airport and bomb specialists began to investigate, the spokesman said. Transportation Security Administration spokesman Nico Melendez said an employee noticed a “suspicious item” in a piece of luggage as it was going through the X-ray machine. — MNA/Reuters

A department spokesman said the screeners found “all components of an IED” (improvised explosive device) in a piece of luggage at around 7:45 a.m. (10:45 a.m. EDT/1445 GMT)



**WEATHER**

**Wednesday, 26 October, 2005**  
**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Rakhine and Kayah States, Lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan State and Bago Division and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Coco Island (1.77) inches, Heho (0.75) inch, Pyay (0.40) inch and Patheingyi (0.27) inch.

Maximum temperature on 25-10-2005 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 26-10-2005 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 26-10-2005 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 25-10-2005 was (8.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 26-10-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (97.40) inches at Mingaladon, (97.44) inches at Kaba-Aye and (101.85) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southeast at (12:40) hours MST on 25-10-2005.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 27-10-2005:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Southern Shan and Kayah States and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers will be scattered to widespread in Chin, Northern Rakhine and Northern Shan States, Sagaing and Mandalay 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:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers are likely in the Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 27-10-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 27-10-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**Storm News**

According to the observations at (15.30) hours MST today, the low pressure area over South-west Bay of Bengal has further intensified into a storm and it is centred about 250 miles South-east of Chennai, India. It is forecast to move North-west wards.

ဆွေးနွေးခြင်း  
**မြန်မာ့တိုင်းရင်းဆေးသမားတော်များညီလာခံ**  
 လှူကြွေးခြင်း  
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Thursday, 27 October

View on today

- 7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**  
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**  
5. Dance of national races
- 8:00 am**  
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**  
7. Dance variety
- 8:20 am**  
8. ကျေးဇူးအင်္ဂါရေလှောင်တံခံ

- 8:30 am**  
9. International news
- 8:45 am**  
10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**  
3. Musical programme
- 4:45 pm**  
4. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လံပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ တတ်ယူခွင့် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု) (ရက္ခဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm**  
5. Cute little dancers
- 5:10 pm**  
6. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 5:20 pm**  
7. "အမွန်မြတ်ဆုံးလက်ဆောင်" (နေရံလမ်း၊ နှင်းဥ၊ ဓမ္မံသာစင်၊ ဓောနိုင်ရမ်းပြည်)၊ ဒေါ်တင်တင်လှ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်)

- 5:35 pm**  
8. နိုင်ငံအဝန်းသစ်တောစွမ်းဖြင့် စိမ်းလန်းစေရမည်။
- 5:40 pm**  
9. Musical programme
- 5:50 pm**  
10. နိုင်ငံတကာဖိတ်ခေါ်ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှု အစီအစဉ် (မြန်မာ ၇-၂၃ ဘောလုံးအသင်းနှင့် အိန္ဒိယ ၇-၂၀ ဘောလုံးအသင်း)
- 7:45 pm**  
11. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm**  
12. News
- 8:10 pm**  
13. International news
- 8:20 pm**  
14. Weather report
- 8:30 pm**  
15. ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ်၊ တေရဘုရားအဖြစ် (၁၃ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:40 pm**  
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မစ္စီအထူး" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
- 8:50 pm**  
17. The next day's programme



Thursday, 27 October

Tune in today

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music:  
-Turn on me
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music:  
-Running back to you
- 8.50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:  
-Alltogether now
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music:  
Don't go away
- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music  
-These arms  
-All my life  
-Daddy home  
Walking in the air
- 9:00 pm** Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Pourri
- 9:30 pm** Favourite songs chosen by music lovers  
-More than words (West Life)  
-Still a little bit of love (Dan Seal)  
-If you had my love (Jennifer Lopez)
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

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

Yangon Division Women's Sports Committee organizes beauty contests

YANGON, 26 Oct—Inter-School beauty contest (novice division) and Yangon Division beauty contest, organized by Yangon Division Women's Sports Committee, took place at Asia Point Bowling Centre on Shukhintha Street in Dawbon Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Patron of the Committee, departmental heads, local authorities, chairpersons of division, district and township Women's Affairs Organizations, officials, members of board of judges,

wellwishers and contestants.

The patron of Yangon Division WAO delivered a speech.

The commander and wife and party watched the contests.

Next, Daw Khin Thet

Htay presented a certificate of honour to Managing Director U Kyaw Kyaw of the centre and wife Daw Myat Myat Oo.

The patron accepted K 2.1 million from wellwishers including (See page 11)



Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe enjoys Inter-School beauty contest (novice division) and Yangon Division beauty contest.— MNA

Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to Turkmenistan

YANGON, 27 Oct— General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency General Saparmyrat A Niyazov, Prime Minister of the Republic of Turkmenistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Turkmenistan, which falls on 27 October 2005. — MNA

USDA to serve the interest of local people for improvement of socio-economic life of national brethren and rural development in cooperation with social organizations



USDA CEC member Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko presents clothes for Chunkyon Village to an official. MNA

four main roads. Moreover, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance that the State is an agriculture-based country and most of the people are residing in rural areas. Only when rural development tasks are performed effectively, will the country make progress. Five rural development tasks have been laid down and are being

implemented. Under the leadership of Chin State Union Solidarity and Development Association, measures are being taken

for development of education, health, transportation and communication, portable water (See page 9)

YANGON, 26 Oct — With a view to ensuring equitable development across the nation, the State Peace and Development Council has laid down 24 special development-region project and is imple-

menting five rural development projects with added momentum.

Chin State has already gained speed in trading with Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions through the

Chin State WAO and MCWSC hold round-table discussions in Chunkyon Village of Haka Township. MNA



Untimely Rainfall Warning

YANGON, 26 Oct — According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over Southwest Bay still persists.

Under the influence of this low pressure area, scattered to widespread rain or thundershowers are likely in Chin, Northern Rakhine and Northern Shan States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions within next 48 hours commencing noon today. —MNA

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The words "non-interference" are a principle prescribed for UN member nations not to provoke or interfere in the affairs of other nations. Here, aggression or interference means physical action taken against or verbal interference in internal affairs of other nations.

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