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## Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Czech Republic

YANGON, 28 Oct — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vaclav Klaus, President of the Czech Republic, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Czech Republic, which falls on 28 October 2005. — MNA

It is necessary to fully utilize all natural resources applying modern techniques to carry out agricultural and livestock breeding tasks.

## Prizes presented to outstanding farmers in Ayeyawady Division



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than addresses the ceremony to present prizes for the outstanding performance in the crops production in 2004-2005 in Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

YANGON, 27 Oct — A ceremony to present prizes for the outstanding performance in the crops production in 2004-2005, was held at the town hall of Patheingyi yesterday morning, attended by Member

of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence. Also present on the occasion were Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman

South-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe and wife, senior military officials, (See page 8)

## Kyauknaga Dam in Myaung Township inaugurated

### Commander thanks USDA members for their contributions

YANGON, 27 Oct — As part of an effort to supply irrigation and drinking water to a rural areas in Myaung Township, Kyauknaga Dam in Myaung Township, Sagaing Division, was inaugurated on 24 October with the opening addresses by Member of the panel of patrons of USDA Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Central Executive Committee Member of the Union Solidarity and De-

velopment Association Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Kyauknaga Dam was constructed on Hsinphyu Creek in Myaung Town-

ship. It is 765 ft long and 25 ft high and will supply irrigation water and

drinking water. In his opening speech, Commander Maj-Gen Tha

Aye thanked USDA members for their (See page 9)



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye delivers an address at the inauguration of Kyauknaga Dam in Myaung Township, Sagaing Division. — MNA

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Make best use of irrigation facilities**

Myanmar is an agricultural country and so the agriculture sector plays a pivotal role in providing food for people, enhancing their socio-economic life and contributing to rural development.

Sufficient water supply is one of the crucial factors in development of agriculture. This being the case, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has often emphasized this point and urged the construction of irrigation facilities. In accordance with his guidance, the government has been building one dam after another since its assumption of State responsibilities. As a result, there has been a total of 179 irrigation facilities all over the nation.

The last one that was inaugurated on 25 October was Wanpon dam in Namsang Township, Loilem District, Shan State (South). Thanks to the government's successful implementation of projects for dams and river water pumping stations, up to 2,430,000 acres of farmland can now be irrigated. In 1988, the cultivated acreage in the whole nation was only 23.8 million but now it stands at 43.1 million.

Now Wanpon dam will enable local farmers to grow more paddy, corn, beans and pulses and vegetables. It will ensure sufficient supply of potable water for local people. In addition, it will contribute to increased agricultural production and promote agricultural produce trading. Thus, socio-economic life of the people will become higher.

In 1988, there were 16 large dams and 42 small dams in Shan State (South) but now there is a total of 22 large dams and 119 small dams. As a result, more than 300,000 acres of farmland can be irrigated now.

With the intention of serving the long-term interests of people, the government has been building dams, lakes and embankments. Therefore, we would like to urge the people, including the staff of irrigation department, to make the best use of irrigation facilities so that agricultural production can become higher and to maintain them so that posterity can also enjoy the benefit of dams, lakes and embankments.

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**People's Desire**

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

**Foreign Minister sends message of felicitations to Czech Republic**

YANGON, 28 Oct — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Cyril Svoboda, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Czech Republic, which falls on 28 October.— MNA

**MYANMAR GAZETTE**

YANGON, 27 Oct — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of U Kyi Win as Managing Director of the Myanmar Perennial Enterprise under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation on the expiry of the one-year probationary period.

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**Spare parts, machine parts to be manufactured domestically**

YANGON, 27 Oct — Spare parts of the machinery for mining and hydel power plants were displayed at No 1 Iron and Steel Plant in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Division, on 25 October.

Deputy Minister for Mine U Myint Thein, Vice-Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Research and Cooperation Committee Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thung Lwin, members of Coordination Committee for Full Capacity Running of State-owned Factories, PyanOoLwin Station Commander, the Rectors, the Commandant, industrialists and guests visited the exhibition.

First, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein gave



Deputy Ministers U Myint Thein and Thura U Thung Lwin and party view machine spare parts on display at the exhibition. — MNA

a speech calling for innovative measures through the study of spare parts and machine parts on display.

Officials con-

cerned briefed those present on spare parts and machine parts to be used in machinery.

Next, the deputy ministers and party in-

spected spare parts and machine parts displayed at the exhibition and gave instructions on production.

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**Coord meeting for paying respects to literati**

YANGON, 27 Oct — The coordination meeting of fund raising work committee for holding a

ceremony to pay respects to the literati to mark annual Sarsodaw Day annually was held at

Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association yesterday with an address by Chairman of the work

committee U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha).

At the meeting, Committee Secretary U Soe Shein (Maung Soe Htike) reported on financial statement of last year and committee members participated in the discussions.

After the meeting, the wellwishers donated K 545,000 to the chairman of work committee and members for paying respect to the literati. Those wishins donate cash and kind to the literati, may contact No 529/531 at the corner of Merchant Street and 37th Street, Sarpaybeikman, Tel:252417.

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Committee Chairman U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) accepts K 500,000 donated by U Kyaw Nyunt, Daw Wah Wah to pay respects to literati. — MNA





A surfer carves a bottom turn on a wave at a city beach in New York on Tuesday, 25 Oct 2005. Large waves pounded the northeast on Tuesday, as the remnants of Hurricane Wilma churned offshore. —INTERNET

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## Heavy rains hit south India, death toll crosses 100

**CHENNAI, India, 27 Oct — Heavy rain and storms paralyzed life in southern India on Thursday, flooding roads, snapping power and phone lines and disrupting flights as the death toll due to the bad weather this month crossed 100.**

Tamil Nadu state was the worst hit by the latest downpour as many areas in the capital Chennai were inundated and cut off, while people and vehicles waded through waist-high water in some parts of the city, witnesses said.

Strong winds uprooted trees and snapped power and phone links in some

parts of the city. Chennai city had received 27 cm (11 inches) of rain until early Thursday, he said.

Tamil Nadu and the neighbouring states of Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh have struggled to cope with torrential rain this month. More than 100 people have been killed in the three states, mostly in house collapses or due to electrocution.

At least 60 of those deaths occurred in Tamil Nadu, with four new deaths being reported over the last 24 hours, said R Sivakumar, a senior government official.

Police in Karnataka said that seven people had

died in the state capital Bangalore, India's technology hub, in accidents triggered by heavy rain and winds this week.

In Andhra Pradesh, the airport in the eastern port city of Visakhapatnam remained closed for the second week as the runway was under water, officials said. At least 35 people have been killed in storms in the state over the past two weeks, they said.

Weather officials predicted more rains in the region over the next two days as a severe depression over the Bay of Bengal moved close to the Andhra Pradesh coast.

MNA/Reuters

## White House sidesteps CIA leak question

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct— Bracing for indictments against top aides, the White House on Tuesday rallied behind Vice-President Dick Cheney but refused to answer questions about whether he told his chief of staff about the CIA officer at the heart of a two-year leak investigation.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan would neither confirm nor deny a report in *The New York Times* that Cheney's chief of staff, Lewis Libby, first learned about the CIA officer, Valerie Plame, in a conversation with the Vice-President on 12 June, 2003, weeks before her identity became public in a newspaper column by Robert Novak on 14 July, 2003.

President George W Bush ignored a shouted question about Cheney's role amid growing signs that federal prosecutor Patrick Fitzgerald will seek charges as early as Wednesday, when the grand jury is scheduled to reconvene.

In addition to Libby, Bush's top political adviser,

Karl Rove, could be indicted, as well as others, lawyers close to the case said.

Plame's identity as covert operative was leaked after her diplomat husband, Joseph Wilson, accused the Administration of twisting prewar intelligence on Iraq. Wilson based the criticism in part on a CIA-sponsored mission he made to Africa in 2002 to check out an intelligence report that Iraq sought uranium from Niger. *The Times* report about the previously undisclosed conversation put a spotlight on Cheney and raised questions about assertions the Vice-President made in a September 2003 television interview that he did not know Wilson or who sent him on the trip to Niger.

Administration officials had sought to cast Wilson's trip to Niger as a boondoggle arranged by his wife, and in so doing, revealed her identity, people close to the case said. Wilson said the CIA sent him on the mission after Cheney's office sought more information about the uranium deal. — MNA/Reuters

## Protesters mark 2,000th US fatality in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—Protesters across the United States took part in hundreds of vigils and rallies on Wednesday to mark the 2,000th US military death in Iraq, hoping to increase pressure on President George W Bush to start bringing troops home.

Anti-war activists said their movement was rapidly growing in strength and now spoke for a majority of Americans who now thought Bush's decision to invade Iraq in 2003 was a mistake.

"We're seeing rapid changes in public opinion in favour of ending the war and bringing back the troops and it's beginning to be reflected in Congress," said Phyllis Bennis of the anti-war Institute for Policy Studies.

"The anti-war position is no longer held exclusively for activists. It is beginning to give voice to the majority in this country," she said. The death on Saturday of a soldier wounded in combat in Samarra, Iraq, on 17 October pushed the toll to 2,000. More than 15,000 US troops have also been wounded in combat in the war that began March 2003. — Internet

## India's Kalam meets with HIV-affected children

NEW DELHI, 26 Oct— Indian President A P J Abdul Kalam on Tuesday interacted with 19 children from around the country affected by HIV/AIDS on the occasion of the Global Launch of the Campaign on Children and HIV/AIDS.

Kalam inquired about children's experiences in school and whether they faced any discrimination.

He said the message should be spread that HIV/AIDS could be contained through medicines and that HIV-infected mothers could stop transmission of infection to their unborn child through medicines.

India was also in the process of development of vaccine against HIV, he said. — MNA/PTI

## Bombs explode near law courts in four Spanish towns

MADRID, 26 Oct— Bombs exploded near magistrates courts in four Spanish towns on Tuesday and police said they suspected the armed Basque separatist group ETA was to blame.

The explosions damaged buildings but no one was injured, officials said.

The bombs exploded as ETA released a statement saying it was willing to take steps towards a negotiated solution of the Basque conflict. But it said nothing about the government's condition that it lay down its arms before talks could begin.

Basque police said a caller claiming to represent ETA warned the newspaper *Gara* shortly before one bomb exploded in a rubbish bin in the Basque town of Guernica. Journalists at the scene said the bomb twisted a railing outside a school near the court.

There were also explosions at Ordizia and Amurrio in the Basque country and the fourth blast, caused by a home-made bomb placed by the window of a court, was at Berriozar in Navarre, a region adjoining the Basque country, a government official said. — MNA/Reuters

## Three nabbed with 66.5 kilos of hashish in Kathmandu

KATHMANDU, 26 Oct— Nepali police apprehended three drug peddlers in possession of 66.5 kilos of hashish in Kathmandu on Tuesday, The Narcotics and Drugs Control Unit (NDCU) said.

The police detained the drug peddlers with the international contraband from a place adjacent to Shahanshah Hotel located at Dhapasi of Kathmandu, NDCU Chief Hemant Malla told reporters.

The contraband of 50 kilos was hidden inside a sack, Malla noted, adding, an additional 6.4 kilos was found in the apartment of the peddlers.

Earlier, one of the peddlers had been arrested by Hong Kong police for peddling 600 grammes of white heroin and had returned to Nepal after spending five years in jail. — MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers secure the area in front of Palestine Hotel in Baghdad, on 25 Oct, 2005, a day after three suicide car bombs went off at the compound. At least 17 people were killed when triple car bomb blasts slammed heavily-protected hotels used by foreigners in the centre of the Iraqi capital. — INTERNET

## Suspected bird flu patients quarantined in Thai hospital

**BANGKOK, 26 Oct—** A hospital of western province of Kanchanaburi on Tuesday quarantined three suspected bird flu patients, local media reported.

They are all from the same district where the country's 13th avian influenza victim contracted the disease.

"The three patients have fevers, coughs and flu symptoms but they initially tested negative for the H5N1 virus but we're now awaiting more lab results from the Medical Science Department in Bangkok," local newspaper *The Nation* online

news quoted Dr Sayan Booranawanit, director of the Phahol Polphayuthasena Hospital in Kanchanaburi as saying.

All three patients, including two girls aged four and nine and one 48-year-old woman, have been given Tamiflu, the only known remedy for H5N1.

The Health Ministry has instructed hospitals nationwide to immedi-

ately quarantine patients showing bird flu symptoms in "red zones", and to provide them with Tamiflu even if they have not yet tested positive for avian influenza, said Sayan.

Avian influenza has spread to more than half of Thailand, with 39 provinces reporting confirmed or suspected cases of fresh bird flu infections.

MNA/Xinhua

## စက်မှုစွမ်းအား ငွေစိမ့်ကျိဉ်း



People cross a flooded street in Key West, after Hurricane Wilma hits Florida's southern west coast, on 24 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

## Sales of LCD TVs in Singapore rise in first eight months

**SINGAPORE, 27 Oct—** The sales of LCD television sets increased in the first eight months of this year, according to the *ChannelNewsAsia* reports on Tuesday night.

During the first eight months of this year, about 35,000 units were sold, more than double the almost 15,000 units sold during the same period of

last year. Sharp Aquos, one of the leading brand in the city state, reported a rise of 27 per cent in sales during the same period of this year.

To increase its local market share to 30 per cent in terms of sales quantity, Sharp also launched the world's largest 65-inch LCD television in Singapore. — MNA/Xinhua

## Democrats rap Bush's pick for state department job

**WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—** Senate Democrats on Tuesday questioned the qualifications of the Bush Administration's choice to oversee international refugee and population issues and compared her to Michael Brown, who was blamed for bungling the federal response to Hurricane Katrina.

Democrats on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee said the resume of Ellen Sauerbrey, twice a candidate for Maryland governor and chair of President George W Bush's 2000 campaign in that state, was heavier on Republican politics than on dealing with refugee crises.

They also said Sauerbrey's anti-abortion views would detract from efforts to get international help for refugees.

Twelve women's advocacy groups wrote a letter to Bush urging him to withdraw the nomination.

They said Sauerbrey has "shown outright hostility toward women's rights and toward international family planning and related programmes" in four years as US representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women. Sauerbrey told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee she had the management experience and the heart to become the assistant secretary of state in charge of the Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

"I think most important,

you need to have the compassion and caring for helping to protect vulnerable people," Sauerbrey said. She cited her experience in women's rights issues which she said are central to helping refugees who are largely women and children. Senator Barbara Boxer, a California Democrat, said she was troubled by Bush's choice to head the agency with a 700-million-US-dollar annual budget.

"I question the wisdom of putting someone in that position who I believe has shown zealotry on the issue of reproductive health, including family planning," Boxer said. "What it says to me is that there's this focus

on anti-choice that I'm afraid is going to be a diversion." Democrats said people in that post before had extensive backgrounds working with international refugee issues.

"You're having to labour in the shadow of Michael Brown is what I think is happening here," said Senator Paul Sarbanes, a Maryland Democrat, referring to the head of the Federal Emergency Management Agency who resigned last month under fire after FEMA's sluggish response to Hurricane Katrina and after it was disclosed he had minimal experience dealing with disasters. — MNA/Reuters

## 2,001 US troops killed in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—** As of Wednesday, 26 Oct, 2005, at least 2,001 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an *Associated Press* count. At least 1,557 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,861 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,448 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Internet

## Poll shows Americans view government more negatively

**WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—** Americans express increasingly negative views of a wide range of major institu-

tions, including the federal government, a new poll released on Tuesday showed.

Favourable ratings for the federal government in Washington fell to 45 per cent from 59 per cent in February last year, according to the poll by the Pew Research Centre for the People and the Press. The public's impressions of the Congress were similar to those of the federal government: with 45 per cent favourable and 45 per cent unfavourable.

President George W Bush's job approval rating was at 40 per cent, just above its all-time low of 38 per cent earlier this month. Favourable opinions of the President stood at their lowest point — 46 per cent — since he took office in 2001.

MNA/Xinhua

## All 18 climbers dead in western Nepal

**KATHMANDU, 26 Oct—** All 18 climbers, including seven French mountaineers and their 11 Nepali staff, have died in an avalanche in western Nepal last week, the state-run Radio Nepal said Tuesday.

The radio quoted Western Regional Police Office as saying that bodies of all seven French climbers have been identified. Bodies of Nepali support staff is yet to be identified.

Meanwhile, President of Himalayan Rescue Association Bikram Neupane, who returned to Kathmandu on Tuesday after visiting northern Manang District, said a search team in the region has just informed the association of seeing a body.

It was not known whether the body was of a French national or a Nepali. Neupane said it would take at least three to four hours for the members of search team to reach the place where the body is located.

The search team is equipped with satellite phone and the government will send a helicopter to bring bodies down as soon as they hear from the search team, Neupane added. — MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers and Iraqi policemen investigate at the scene of a car bomb explosion on 24 Oct, 2005, in Baghdad. A car bomb exploded as a US military convoy was passing in eastern Baghdad. —INTERNET



## Global campaign launched to protect children against HIV/AIDS

**BANGKOK, 26 Oct—** Children and young people have increasingly been infected by HIV/AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, which could cause severe consequences, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) warned here on Tuesday.

At the launch of the global campaign "Unite for Children, Unite for AIDS", the UN agencies urged enhanced care and protection for children and young people, the most vulnerable group among people infected by HIV/AIDS.

The campaign aims to drastically reduce new infections among children and young people, scale up service to pre-

vent mother-to-child transmission and make paediatric drugs available.

"The face of HIV/AIDS are becoming younger. Not only children are dying, their lives are being damaged in so many ways," said Anupama Rao Singh, UNICEF East Asia and Pacific Regional Director. By 2004, an estimated 120,700 children were liv-

ing with HIV/AIDS in the Asia and Pacific Region. Some were infected at birth, others were through injecting drug or unsafe sex. In Thailand, 50-60 per cent of new infections each year are children and young people below 24. In Vietnam, 63 per cent of AIDS patients are under 30.—MNA/Xinhua



Local residents inspect the wreckage of a suicide bomber's car after an attack against an Iraqi police patrol in the northern Baghdad district of Al-Sha'ab on 24 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

## Singapore urged to go for vaccinations

**SINGAPORE, 26 Oct—** Singapore's Ministry of Health on Tuesday urged people to go for flu vaccinations as the seasonal flu outbreak approaches in the northern hemisphere.

Issuing a public advisory on the current flu outbreak, the ministry advised the elderly aged 65 years and above, as well as those with chronic heart and lung diseases, and diabetes or renal diseases to get themselves vaccinated.

Pregnant women in their second or third trimester, and children and teenagers aged six months to 18 years, who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy, are also encouraged to be vaccinated.

Those travelling to

colder climates are also advised to obtain the latest flu vaccine at least one to two weeks before departure.

Meanwhile, the ministry also urged the public not to stock up on anti-viral drugs because such drugs could be less effective at treating bird flu if they are used indiscriminately now. It is not necessary for people travelling to countries with bird flu outbreaks to stock up on the anti-viral drugs, because human infections

are still rare at this time, the ministry said.

It advised people not to contact with poultry and wild birds, and to stay away from farms and markets selling live birds.

Singapore, which began preparing for a flu pan-

demical earlier this year, has a colour-coded warning system in place. It is now on green alert as the disease is overseas and limited to birds and some humans who were in close contact with them.—MNA/Xinhua

## Thousands of families suffer Amazon drought repercussions

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 Oct—** The extended and intense drought, which is affecting the Brazilian Amazon, has hurt tens of thousands of families and turned rivers into mere puddles, the Amazonas state government said on Tuesday.

Rivers have started to recover slightly at their source, but they are continuing to shrink in the downstream areas, said Jose Melo, governor of Amazonas State. The official count of the drought-affected population has risen to 72,000 from 33,000, he added.

Melo said that 900 tons of food and 36 tons of medicines had been sent to the affected areas.

The drought has been so severe that it has cut transport links within the state. The regional government estimated that more than 900 communities had been cut off, Melo said.

Some scientists have said that the drought is a

cyclical phenomenon, but environmental group Greenpeace argued that the drought is caused by the deforestation of the Amazon, where tree cover has reduced by 17 per cent in the last 30 years.

MNA/Xinhua

## Suicide car bomber kills one soldier in Indian Kashmir

**SRINAGAR (India), 27 Oct—** A suicide bomber rammed an explosives-laden car into a bus carrying troops in Indian Kashmir on Wednesday, killing one soldier and wounding 15, a security spokesman said.

The attack on the bus carrying Border Security

Force (BSF) troops took place on a highway on the outskirts of Srinagar, Kashmir's main city, a BSF spokesman said.

"The powerful explosion damaged the BSF vehicle completely," said K Srinivasan, a senior BSF officer. Witnesses said the

blast also damaged houses in the area.

Separatist violence has continued in Kashmir despite the region being struck by an earthquake this month that killed 54,000 people, mostly across the frontier in Pakistani Kashmir.

MNA/Reuters

## Vietnam agrees province-to-province ties with China

**HANOI, 26 Oct—** The Vietnamese Government has just agreed in principle to allow northern Lao Cai Province to expand cooperation ties with China's Yunnan Province, the Lao Cai People's Committee told Xinhua Tuesday.

Prime Minister Phan Van Khai has assigned the ministries of Trade, Foreign Affairs, Planning and Investment, Finance, Industry, Transport, Defence, and Public Security to exchange views with the committee about a scheme on building an economic cooperation area involving Lao Cai and Yunnan's Honghe prefecture.

Lao Cai and Honghe jointly built the scheme last month in a move to modernize the Lao Cai international border gate, turning it into a major transit point for goods and services in the economic corridor of Kunming-Lao Cai-Ha Noi-Hai Phong and the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area, the committee said, noting that the ministries of Trade and Foreign Affairs have already supported the scheme.

MNA/Xinhua

## Kerry urges US to start withdrawal from Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 26 Oct—** Sen John F Kerry (D-Mass) yesterday called for the withdrawal of 20,000 troops from Iraq by year's end as the first step in a proposal that would significantly reduce US military forces in the region over the next 15 months.

Kerry offered a middle ground between those advocating an immediate drawdown of the more than 150,000 US troops stationed in Iraq and the Bush administration, which has declined to set a timetable for a decreased US military presence.

In an address at Georgetown University, Sen John F Kerry urged the proposal for the withdrawal of US troops to negotiations for a political settlement in Iraq.

"The way forward in Iraq is not to pull out precipitously or merely promise to stay 'as long as it takes,'" Kerry said during an address at Georgetown University. "We must instead simultaneously pursue both a political settlement and the withdrawal of American combat forces."

Kerry, the Democratic presidential nominee in 2004, is the highest-profile figure in either party to back a timetable for withdrawal in Iraq.—Internet



A man walks past cars piled upon each other by Hurricane Wilma in Sunny Isles, Florida on 24 October, 2005. Hurricane Wilma crashed ashore in southwest Florida and roared across the peninsula, pounding Miami, Fort Lauderdale and West Palm Beach on Monday after slamming Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula and killing 17 people in the Caribbean. —INTERNET

# Perpetration endangering not only Myanmar but also international community

Aung Moe San

There exist in Myanmar some crawlers relying on aliens and holding negative views, and committing perpetration to cause unrest and hardships in the country. The cause of internal unrest and hardships, according to their view, will make way for them and their masters of the West to interfere in the country's affairs at will. As their perpetration to put Myanmar under alien domination failed, they went further making attempts to present the Myanmar issue to the UN Security Council, with Vaclav Havel and Desmond Tutu as puppets for the cause. The submissive group even arrogantly announced the number of papers that have been submitted to the UN secretary-general to act in Myanmar.

But the 54 million people of Myanmar remain stable and calm as they are not afraid of and have no interest in the report of perpetration at all. As for the entire people of Myanmar, the anarchy and evil incidents they had witnessed during the 1988 unrest was enough for them to understand that the victims suffering from the ill consequences will be no other persons than they themselves if there occur instability and hardships inside the nation. Besides, big troubles, bloodbaths and disintegration some East Europe countries had faced not long ago due to their democracy transitions according to the West's wish left as valuable lessons for the global peoples.

In addition, the world is witnessing the daily carnage the peoples of Afghanistan and Iraq are facing in a hellish situation created by the armed occupation of the US and some western nations posing themselves as liberators.

Myanmar today is witnessing disturbances because of the US and its western allies that are imposing economic sanctions on her, cutting off humanitarian aid to her and launching unjust interferences in her affairs. It has been a common knowledge for all Myanmar that those destructive acts are totally behind the decreasing productivity and increasing unemployment in the country. What's more, some western media are making instigation to break up Myanmar, instead of assisting her in a constructive way.

As Myanmar see the destructive acts of the US and its western allies and their lackeys, they are

opposing those destructive forces. Similarly, the international community is opposing the selfish acts of the US and its allies. President Bush after coordinating with his inner circle drew the plan to invade Iraq. But even today, the US invasion of Iraq remains a puzzle for the American people. Bush after deceiving his own people with wide propaganda network invaded Iraq. Critics said that because of those insincere acts nothing has gone according to plan in the Iraq venture. America is paying a high price including a lot of blood of its people for its failed venture.

At present, the entire world is criticizing the US. The Middle East countries are comparing the US with the past British colonialists.

Observers say that the invasion reveals the fact that the US has no clear nuclear non-proliferation policy; and that its double-standard policy on Iraq will only cause confusion.

The confused and pitiful foreign policy records of the US include the military-related economic opportunities. The US defence budget is rising extremely high. The allotted budgets for Defence Department and Homeland Security Department of the US exceed the total budgets of many other nations. The rising defence budget has made US the largest debtor nation in the world.

Political analysts said that even the countries that had accepted the US their favourable friend in the past were now criticizing it; that nations of East Asia, Europe and Latin America were forming their own regional bodies or were finding means to form such organizations; that the significant thing was that those countries left out the US in forming the organizations; and that the act of those countries to distance themselves from America considering geopolitics was a worrisome situation for the US.

The international community has come to realize that the US involvement in a particular region has become a global concern. The random acts of Bush are giving the US pretty trouble. Bush's policy ignores both history and the present-day objective situations.

In his recent interview with Newsweek, Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said that **the Bush administration invaded Iraq; that according to the**

**late Pope John Paul II, Bush's war was illegal and insincere and stuck to the policy of terrorism; that in Venezuela too, Bush administration tried to plot a coup under the CIA control in 2002; that not long ago, Senator Pet Robertson suggested a plan to assassinate him; that according to international law, Robertson's act was an act of terrorism; that the media were broadcasting daily the interview on the issue of assassinating him; and that all those acts were none other than terrorism.**

These days, a western power and its followers are trying to deceive the UNSC, with exaggerated fabrications to tarnish Myanmar's image to the worst, just to act in Myanmar that in reality is in the process of peaceful transition to market economy and democracy. They are launching the attack on Myanmar using the report compiled by Havel and Tutu as an excuse.

At the press meet (7/2005) of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held on 23 October, the Committee Chairman Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said as follows concerning the report:

**"After perusal, it can be found that the report was based on false information, fabrications and exaggerations collectively made by some western countries, their lackeys opposing Myanmar government and expatriates.**

**"In addition, the report copied lopsided allegations and norms against Myanmar mentioned in annual reports of a big nation with a view to deceiving international community to misunderstand Myanmar's affairs.**

**"Thus, it can be seen that Havel-Tutu report is not an authentic research paper compiled with sincerity. Yet it is almost absolutely the same as "The Crisis in Burma: An Agenda for the UN Security Council?" submitted to the UNSC on 4-10-2003 by fugitive terrorist Sein Win's NCGUB (so-called National Coalition Government of Union of Burma) and the Burma Fund. As that attempt of Sein Win's group failed, they tried again to revive the old scheme. Havel and Tutu were used to draw the attention of UN member countries and international communities. All were conspiracies of expatriates and their western masters. Those papers are also put on display for you journalists to view."**

Moreover, the minister refuted the report fact by fact, with nothing but the truth. The perpetration to put a country under one's domain, with slanders and pressures, is an act endangering not only Myanmar but also all the global nations. Thus, it has become an urgent need all the nations to join hands to ward off such conspiracies.

(Translation: TMT)

Myanma Alin: 27-10-2005

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# Education sector witnesses sustained progress

## Development of basic education in the time of Tatmadaw Government

Nowadays, education dominates all sectors of development. The Government has adopted the task for uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation as a national objective and implementing it in all seriousness for ensuring long-term development of the nation and to enable the country to keep abreast of international community.

As a result, today's education sector has witnessed a lot of developments and changes for the better. Learning goes beyond the limit of classrooms till linking with environmental, regional and national development.

In striving for promotion and uplift of the education standard of the entire nation, arrangements are being made harmoniously for enabling all citizens to have basic literacy skills and for ensuring the emergence of a constant learning Myanmar society in the long run, in addition to flourishing of modern science and technologies that contributes towards the development of the State, and turning out a large number of highly-qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia in the education sector.

As the Government is carrying out educational tasks for enabling every citizen to have the opportunity to get access to basic education for uplift of the education standard of the entire nation and ensuring literacy. At present the tasks are bearing sound results.

The Government is implementing plans to extend primary schools, upgrading post-primary schools and building middle schools to open opportunities for all school-age children to pursue primary education. The next step is for the students to pursue middle and high school education.

With public participation, the government is launching programmes that enable all children of school-going age attend classes and reduce the drop-out rate. Furthermore, the project also covers the adult literacy campaign that is being systematically launched.

Special non-formal education programmes and mobile teaching programmes are being made for school-age and over school-age children who have difficulties to get access to formal education. The Government is realizing formal education programmes for the disabled children, who are not able to attend the schools due to various reasons.

Priority is being given to the education promotion programmes and special tasks across the nation. Please study the following education indicators to know more about the actual developments of the basic education sector:



*Sabei Phyu new school building of Basic Education Post-Primary School in Madaya Township, Mandalay Division.*

### Index of Development in Basic Education

Sr No.	Index	1988	(up to) 2005
1.	Net Intake Rate-NIR		
	Enrolment of children above five years at KG	67.13	97.58
2.	Net Enrolment Rate-NER		
	Primary Level (aged 5-9)	74.70	82.17
	Middle level (aged 10-13)	23.60	44.15
	High Level (aged 14-15)	10.10	29.41
3.	Retention Rate by Level		
	Primary Level	33.00	69.90
	Middle level	78.50	84.76
	High Level	92.20	98.48
4.	Completion Rate by Level		
	Primary Level	24.80	69.75
	Middle level	47.10	78.86
	High Level	30.70	41.88
5.	Transition Rate		
	From Primary to Middle Levels	45.60	76.16
	From Middle to High Levels	53.70	92.96
6.	Students Flow Rates		
	Primary Level- Average Promotion Rate	59.00	93.03
	- Average Repetition Rate	21.20	00.48
	- Average Dropout Rate	19.70	6.49
	- Coefficient of Internal Efficiency	27.60	86.10
	Middle Level - Average Promotion Rate	59.60	87.68
	- Average Repetition Rate	22.90	0.63
	- Average Dropout Rate	17.50	11.69
	- Coefficient of Internal Efficiency	33.80	89.30
7.	Ratio of Teachers to Students		
	Primary Level	1:43	1:32
	Middle Level	1:24	1:37
	High Level	1:20	1:31



*Students learning their lessons in the multi-media classroom in Kaya Village, Zathabyin Station in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State.*



*Basic Education High School (Branch) of Uyasan Village in Maukmai Township, Shan State (South).*

## Prizes presented to ...

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departmental heads, members of Ayeyawady Division PDC and their wives, officials, social organizations, nurses, entrepreneurs, award-winners and farmers.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung made a speech. Next, SPDC Member Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivered an address, saying that there are many good natural resources for crops production and livestock sector in Ayeyawady Division and it is necessary to fully utilize all these conditions for implementation with the help of modern techniques. The government has been not only building dams including river pumping projects in order to provide irrigation water needed for agriculture but also giving lecture on technologies. Out of the target of 15.04 million acres of

monsoon paddy in 2005-2006, the 3.6 million acres of crops has been cultivated in the division and 24 per cent of the target has been completed. For cultivation of summer paddy, it is also needed to strive for cultivating 1.7 million acres which is 48 per cent of the State's target 3.44 millions acres of summer paddy. Similarly, measures are to be taken to exceed the target for other crops, he added.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than continued that, in accord with being the division that the State mainly relies on it for crops production, the officials and people in Ayeyawady Division made efforts to the best of their abilities for cultivation and as a result, it is worth to celebrate this prize-presenting ceremony. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged all to make continu-

ous efforts for more development of economic, social, agricultural and livestock breeding tasks with the use of natural resources existed and infrastructures built.

Next, prize-presenting ceremony continued and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than awarded the outstanding performance prizes to the winners at the district and township levels through the winning district and township PDC chairmen. Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung presented the prizes for exceeding the target of monsoon paddy to the winners through the winning township PDC chairmen.

Next, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe presented first prize for high performance in cultivating crops to PDC chairman of Zalun Township, second to Laymyethna

to U Thein Aung of Hinthada Township, Daw Than Than Lwin of Maubin Township, U San Win of Mawlamyinekyun Township, U Aung Min of Mawlamyinekyun Township, U Aung Min of Zalun Township while Director U Ba Ba of No 1 Basic Education Department handed per acre yield prizes to U Aye Lwin of Yekyi Township, U Sein Win of Wakema Township, U Khin Maung Kyi of Yekyi Township, U Min Naing of Zalun Township and U Aung Myint Tun of Hinthada Township.

Afterwards, member-1 of Division PDC U Than Win and member-2 Police Col Than Tun presented first prize for highest performance in cultivation of paddy to U Win Myint Aung of Dedaye Township, second to U Maung



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than awards a prize to an official for performance of economic development at district level. — MNA

Mawlamyinekyun Township. After that, prizes for agricultural methods were presented to PDC chairman of Hinthada Township, PDC chairman of

Township.

Next, Division Law Officer U Myint Kyi and Division Auditor U Aung Hlaing Soe presented prizes to PDC chairmen of Maubin, Myaungmya and Kyaunggon Townships. Prizes were given to PDC chairmen of Myaungmya, Patheingyi and Pyawbwe Districts. Afterwards, Director of Division Planning Department U Win Maung and Director of Division Forest Department U Win Myint presented prizes to PDC chairmen of Maubin, Nyaungkon, Myaungmya, Patheingyi and Hinthada Townships and officials.

On behalf of the prize winners, U Aung Myint Tun expressed his thanks. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted those present.

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### Locals urged to make continuous efforts for more development of economic, social, agricultural and livestock breeding tasks to the combination of using the natural resources existed and infrastructures built.

Township and third to Danubyu Township while he gave away first prize for best model plots to PDC chairman of Zalun Township, second to Laymyethna Township and third to Hinthada Township.

Next, General Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service (Land Utilization Department Branch) U Kyaw Yi presented per acre yield prizes

Maung Htay of Pyawbwe Township and third to U Nyeing Myine of Pantanaw Township. FAO prizes commemoration of World Food Day in 2004 were presented to PDC chairman of Wakema Township, PDC chairman of Kyaiklatt Township and PDC chairman of Hinthada Township. Prizes were given to U Myint Thein of Yekyi Township and U Kyaw Swe of

Labutta Township and PDC chairman of Kyaiklatt Township.

At the same time, Director of Division Irrigation Department U Tin Hsan presented a prize to U Than Tun of Maubin Township and officials of Zartiman Company while Division Judge U Than Myine gave away prizes to PDC chairman of Wakema Township and PDC chairman of Maubin



Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung presents a prize to an official for performance of extending monsoon paddy cultivation land. — MNA

## With better transport, Maungthaung...

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They held a meeting with rural people in the village. U Arnt Maung of the village presented a report, saying that Maungthaung model village has enjoyed the fruitful result of development thanks to the rural development project initiated by the government. Now, the six miles and six furlongs long village-to-village gravel road linking Budalin and Maungthaung village has been constructed with the cash contributed by Division PDC, Division Development Affairs Committee and local people. With the better transport, the village is developing in all sectors. He expressed gratitude to the government for its assistance for the unprecedented development of the village.



Sagaing Division MCWA Supervisory committee Chairperson donates K 50,000 and a set of tailoring machine for the village — MNA

A local Daw Myint Myint San also gave an account of the development in the education and health sectors, saying that 234 high school students, 568 middle school students and 384 primary school students are pursuing education under 41 teachers at the BEHS in Maungthaung model village. School enrolment rate is 96.8 percent. The school has been served with multimedia teaching aids.

The commander delivered a speech, saying that it was encouraging to witness the development of the village. He urged local people to do their bit in the drive to achieve the State's goal, emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation and to maintain the already-achieved momentum.

The minister called on the local people to exert the united strength of the people in wiping out the dangers of internal and external destructive elements. Afterwards, the commander presented a computer to the school through the principal, and the minister, sports gear to the village and exercise books and pencils to the school. After the meeting, the commander and the minister cordially greeted the rural people.

Patron of Sagaing Division Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Wai Wai Khaing and members of division/district/township WAOs and MCW supervisory committees visited the team of specialists led by Dr U Nu Saw giving free treatments to local people. They attended educative talks and round-table discussions held by Division WAO. Daw Wai Wai Khaing presented K 50,000 to the village WAO, and K 50,000 and a sewing machine to the village MCWA.

Heads of departments of Division WAO and mem-



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint inspect rural auto exchange in the village, Budalin Township. — MNA

bers of division/district/township MCW supervisory committees and work groups explained the objectives and work programmes of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, disease control for women, disease control and nurturing of children, facts about AIDS, trafficking in persons, and prevention of violence against women. They replied to the questions raised by the rural women.

The model village, eight miles north-west of Budalin, Monywa District, is constituted with 1,076 houses of 5,728 people. — MNA



## Remarkable progress witnessed...

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At the learning centre, they viewed production of the newspapers through data broadcasting system, computerized media section, the library, domestic science room, stationery donated by the Ministry of Education, sports equipment, and exercise books and periodicals donated by Yangon South District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee. He gave instructions to officials.

At the hall, the commander, the mayor, and the deputy ministers met with the headmaster, teachers and officials. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min presented gifts and cash assistance to the teachers and staff through Headmaster U Kyaw Myint.

Assistant Director U Kyaw Myint of the Ministry of Education handed over exercise books and stationery donated by the ministry to the headmaster.

They proceeded to Cocokyun Township Hospital (16-bed). They inspected the hospital and provided cash assistance for the patients.

They enjoyed skill demonstration of children at the pre-Primary School in the township and gave refreshment to them.

Next, they viewed the round-table discussions of Yangon Division WAO, Yangon Division MCWSC and officials and Township WAO members at the school.

The commander oversaw storage of water at the 12,000-gallon-capacity

reinforced concrete water tank and Cocokyun Dam that can store 49 million gallons of water.

The commander and party met with departmental personnel, local people and social organizations at the Township PDC Office.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said that though Cocokyun Township is a most distant township from Yangon City, remarkable progress has been made in the township due to concerted efforts of the government and



Yangon Command Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe views skill demonstration of preprimary school children in Cocokyun Township. — MNA

**All are urged to put the land under vegetable including paddy on a manageable scale. Departmental personnel are to make efforts for regional development. Similarly, local people are to take part in the development tasks of the region.**

Care Association of the township through Township USDA Secretary U Kyi.

Secretary of Yangon Division WAO Daw Swe Khin Mar Win handed over traditional medicines and women uniforms donated by Yangon Division WAO to Chairperson of Township WAO Daw San Wai.

Secretary of Yangon Division MCWSC Dr Hla Myint handed over K 20,000 donated by Yangon Division MCWSC to Township MCWA Joint-Secretary Daw Khin Than.

The commander and party arrived at Township Engineer's Office of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and inspected 120-kva and 160-kva generators. Later, they oversaw development of the township by car. — MNA

local people. At present, development in transport, health, education, social and economic sectors of the region can be seen obviously. All are urged to cultivate vegetables as well as paddy on a manageable scale. Departmental personnel are to make efforts for regional development. Similarly, local people are to take part in the development tasks of the region.

The mayor and the deputy ministers gave necessary instructions. Vice-Chairman of the Cocokyun

Township All-round Development Committee Lt-Col Nay Win and Township PDC Chairman U Khin Maung Than reported on development of the region, matters related to the township, sanitation and beautifying tasks and prevalence of peace and stability.

The CEC member Mayor and the deputy ministers attended to the needs.

Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin donated K 100,000 each to Phyto Myitta Health



Personnel of Yangon Division WAO and MCWA give educative talks to members of township WAO and MCWA.

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## Kyauknaga Dam in Myaung Township...

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contributions for timely completion of the dam. Chairman of Sagaing District PDC Lt-Col Soe Naing, Head of the Irrigation Department U Yan Naing and Secretary of Sagaing Division USDA U Htay Aung formally opened the dam.

On 24 October, a village-to-village road in Myaung Township was

also opened in the presence of the commander and the minister.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint went to Nabat Model Village in the township and inspected development tasks being implemented by members of USDA and social organizations joining hands

with residents.

The commander and minister attended the opening ceremony of the village's library and donated journals to the library through an official. Afterwards, they comforted villagers who received medical treatment by a medical team comprising general practitioners and specialists.

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Manaung library being seen in Nabat Model village in Myaung Township.

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Kyauknaga Dam in Myaung Township, Sagaing Division. — MNA

# Kyauknaga Dam in Myaung Township...

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Next, they attended the opening of Nabet village rural development hall. Nabet Village PDC Chairman U Than Aung and Village USDA Organizer U Myo Win formally opened the hall. The commander, the minister and party visited the hall.

They inspected the rural health care centre of the village. They met with rural folks and members of social organizations at the school assembly hall.

Two village elders gave an account of the



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint stroll on a village-to-village road in Myaung Township.— MNA

development momentum.

The minister also delivered a speech. The commander presented 100 bags of cement to the school and publications to

those present. They inspected the multimedia teaching rooms of the school.

Patron of Division Women's Affairs Organi-

gave talks on objectives and work programmes of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Associa-

eases in rural areas and treatments for the diseases, link between AIDS and use of disposable syringe, Do's and Don'ts on diseases peculiar to

They visited a team of medical specialists led by the head of Division Health Department giving medical treatments to the people in the village.

They met with the volunteers for health development at the centre and called for participation in the drive for disseminating knowledge about health care and tasks for raising health standard of rural people.

Nabet model village on Myaung-Pareinma Road, eight miles from Myaung, is constituted with 756 houses of 787 households of 4,025 people.

Effectively carrying out the five rural development tasks, Nabet Model Village is enjoying fruitful results of development in various sectors.— MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye speaking at a meeting with local people at BEHS in Nabet Model Village of Myaung Township.— MNA

participation of the village in the five rural development tasks.

The commander said that at a time when internal and external destructive elements are resorting to various ways to break up the nation, all the nationals who wish to see national development and who are fully equipped with nationalistic fervour and patriotism are to make collaborated efforts to surmount the dangers of the elements.

In this regard, the government, the Tatmadaw and the people are to carry out nation-building tasks in unison by doing their bit in order to speed up the

the Manaung library, and the minister sports equipment, exercise books and pencils to the school and books to the library through the principal.

Division USDA Secretary U Htay Aung presented K 100,000 to the Village USDA; the chairman of Myaung Township PDC K 1 million to the village school; U Khin Maung Nyein-Daw Nyunt Lay of Sandalwood Oil Trading in Monywa, K 100,000 to the school and K 50,000 each to the hall and the rural health care centre.

After the ceremony, the commander and the minister cordially greeted

zation Chairperson of Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Daw Wai Wai Khaing, wife of the commander, attended the health education talks and rural round-table discussions organized by Division WAO, and presented K 50,000 each to Village WAO and Village MCWA.

Daw Myint Myint Tun and Daw Khin Myo Myat of Division WAO, Chairperson of Sagaing District WAO Daw Myint Myint Than, Secretary of Division MCW Supervisory Committee Dr Daw Yee Yee Lwin and Treasurer Daw Than Than Oo

tion, prevention of trafficking in women and children, facts about health care for pregnant women, control of common dis-

women, and noteworthy facts about consumption of nutritious foods. They answered the questions raised by those present.



Chairperson of Sagaing Division MCWSC Daw Wai Wai Khaing presents K 50,000 to Nabet Model Village WAO through an official.— MNA



USDA CEC member Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents sports equipment to the headmistress of Nabet BEHS.— MNA



Chairperson of Sagaing Division MCWSC Daw Wai Wai Khaing meets with local WAO members at the round-table discussions in Nabet Model Village.— MNA



# 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

YANGON, 27 Oct — The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the designated venues today.

Present on the occasions were member of the panel of patrons for organizing the competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, officials of the sub-committees, maestros, doyen artistes and people.

Altogether 16 contestants from States and Divisions took part in the amateur level men's religious song contest, and 14 persons in the basic education level (aged 15-20) boys' religious song contest held at the hall of the National Museum.

A total of 16 contestants from States and Divisions participated in the basic education level girls' classical/modern song contest.

The Ozi contests were held this morning at National Theatre and six troupes took part in the professional level Ozi contest, six troupes in the basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' contest and four troupes in the higher education level boys' contest.

The music contest was divided into seven



U Tin Ko Ko Lwin of Chin State taking part in amateur level men's religious song contest.—MNA

categories and held today at Kanbawza Theatre here. Contestants took part in the professional level men's, women's guitar contests,

higher education level boys', girls' contests, basic education level (aged 5-10) boys' and (aged 15-20) boys', girls' contests.

At Padonma Theatre, a total of six professional competitors took part in the professional level women's orchestra contest, five in the higher education level girls' orchestra contest and six in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls' orchestra contest.

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Muang Zin Myo Htet and party participate in basic education level (aged 10-15) boys' ozi contest.—MNA

# Educative talks given to girl students

YANGON, 27 Oct — Under the aegis of the Information Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the educative talks to the girl students took place at No 1 BEHS in Kamayut Township this morning.

First, Head of the Information Department of MWAFF Daw Kyi Kyi Win extended greetings.

Member of the information department of MWAFF National Literacy Award winner Writer Ma Sander gave a lecture to the girl students.

Next, Headmistress Daw Khin Kyon expressed thanks. Altogether 200 students including teachers and the headmistress attended the ceremony of giving talks. —MNA

# MWAF organizes educative talks

YANGON, 27 Oct — Organized Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, an educative talk was held at Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township this morning, attended by Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Thet Htay, heads of department of the federation and officials, MWAF member staff of the Ministry of Education.

Leader of the Social and Cultural Affairs Working Group wife of the Minister for Education Dr Daw Sanda Aung extended greetings.

Deputy Director of Transnational Crime Department of Myanmar Police Force Police Lt-Col Ra Lyan Mon gave the lecture on human trafficking, seizure of those who committed human trafficking, organization of the Central Committee for Prevention against Trafficking in Persons, the national plan for prevention against human trafficking, and endeavours for prevention against human trafficking and others. Patron of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Thet Htay handed over MWAF membership cards and brooches to the Ministry of Education through Dr Daw Sanda Aung. —MNA

# Bangladesh beat China youth 3-1, Myanmar trounce India 11-0

## Grand Royal '05 Challenge Cup commences

YANGON, 27 Oct — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint enjoyed the Grand Royal '05 Challenge Cup at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) this evening.

It was also attended by officials concerned of the Ministry of Sports, Minister for Youth and Sports Mr Md Fazlur Rahman of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, Chairperson of the Central Committee of Myanmar Women's Sport Federation Daw Aye Aye and members, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw and executives, guests and football fans.

MFF General Secretary U Benny Tin Aung greeted the footballers from Chinese and Bangladeshi football teams.

Chinese football team beaten 3-1 by Bang-

ladeshi team in the first match. Ariful Kabir Farhad of Bangladeshi team won Man of the Match award.

The second match followed at 6 pm. MFF President U Zaw Zaw

greeted the footballers of Myanmar and Indian teams. In the match, Myanmar football team whitewashed Indian football team 11-0. Yan Paing (9) fetched Man of the match award. —MNA



Myanmar and Indian footballers fighting for the ball in Grand Royal '05 Challenge Cup on 27-10-2005.—NLM

### အများပြည်သူ သိရှိရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ နယ်စပ်များမှ တရားမဝင်တင်သွင်း၍ အိမ်ဆီးရမိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြ ဆေးများမှာ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်း(မရှိ)သောဆေးဝါးများဖြစ်ပါကြောင်းနှင့် ဆေးဝါးများမှာ အရည်အသွေးအာမခံချက် မရှိပါကြောင်း အသိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

စဉ်	ဆေးအမည်	ထုတ်လုပ်သည့်ကုမ္ပဏီအမည်	နိုင်ငံ
၁။	Compound Miconazole Nitrate Cream 10g	Shanghai General Pharmaceutical Co, Ltd	ဇော်ပြတေးခြင်းမရှိပါ
၂။	Chloramphenicol Injection 2ml: 0.25g	Kang Hua	ဇော်ပြတေးခြင်းမရှိပါ
၃။	Analgin Injection 2ml: 0.5g	ဇော်ပြတေးခြင်းမရှိပါ	ဇော်ပြတေးခြင်းမရှိပါ
၄။	Musk Hemorrhoids Ointment 10g	Wuhan Mayinglong Pharmaceutical Co, Ltd	ဇော်ပြတေးခြင်းမရှိပါ
၅။	Federon Tablet (Metamizol 500mg)	Newcharoen Pharamaceutical LP	Thailand

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*Nothing is left of Holly Beach, La, on Wednesday, 26 Oct, 2005, after the resort town was hit by Hurricane Rita. Members of the Louisiana Recovery Authority flew over Holly Beach as they visited communities hit by Hurricane Rita.*

**Egypt's fish output continues to decline due to pollution**

**CAIRO, 26 Oct—** Egypt's fish output will continue to decline in 10 years due to serious water pollution, the *Egyptian Gazette* reported on Tuesday.

The pollution, caused mainly by sewage, industrial and drainage waste with fertilizers dumped into rivers and canals, is particularly serious in the River Nile and the northern lakes, said a study conducted on the problems facing the country's fish wealth.

Pounds (about 1.03 billion dollars), it added. He also warned against brutal fishing by some fisherman using nets with very fine mesh, which means small fry cannot get away and grow into fish of a reasonable size.

"Besides, many of the lakes that are main source for our fish have been partly filled with earth, so that investors can build tourist villages there, especially near the North Coast," said Ahmed Abdel-Fattah, an expert in fish wealth.

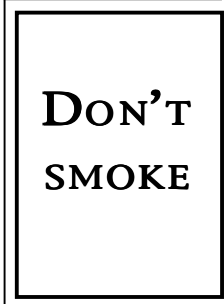
He stressed that Egypt need a law banning fishing during the mating season from March to May.

According to official statistics from the Fish Wealth Authority, Egypt produces an estimated 407,000 tons of fish annually, imports around 193,000 tons with a cost of 400 million US dollars, but only exports 700 tons valuing 45 million dollars.

To achieve this, the use of pesticides must fall dramatically, as they seriously pollute the water resource, while the penalties for illegal fishing and poaching must be stiffened, said Abdel-Fattah.

Egypt's fish output accounts for only 15 per cent of its total animal production with revenues of 6 billion Egyptian

MNA/Xinhua



**ADB to help provide safe water supply for Cambodian provinces**

**MANILA, 26 Oct—** The Asian Development Bank (ADB) Monday said that it will help more than one million people in five provinces of Cambodia have access to safe drinking water and sanitation facilities through a grant of 18 million US dollars.

The Manila-based ADB said in a statement that the grant will fund a project around the Tonle Sap River basin where about 1,760 villages lie in Cambodia, which is aimed at promoting rural water supply and sanitation facilities to the residents as well as improving the government's facilitation, regulation, and planning of basic water and sanitation services.

According to the ADB Bank, the five Cambodian provinces — Battambang, Kampong, Chhnang, Kampong Thom, Pursat, and Siem Reap — still suffer insufficient water supply and sanitation coverage, a high incidence of poverty, and frequent water-borne diseases although the country has made some progress in providing water and sanitation services to its people.

"The project will improve the quality of life and health of rural Cambodian people, who have suffered greatly from using water unfit for human consumption and from poor hygiene," said Alfredo Perdiguero, an ADB project economist.

The lack of safe water supply resulted in the country's high infant mortality rate which is ranked the No. 2 in Asia, and high rates of waterborne and water-related diseases, said the Bank. — MNA/Xinhua

**Malta bird flu helpline gets 200 calls an hour**

**VALLETTA, 26 Oct—** A bird flu emergency helpline set up by Malta's Rural Affairs Ministry is attracting 200 phone calls an hour as people report every dead bird they see, Maltese newspapers reported on Tuesday.

"While it is important that the public remains cautious, there is absolutely no reason for excessive alarm," a ministry spokesman said.

Malta, an island with a population of about 370,000, has had no confirmed bird flu cases but people have been urged to report dead birds or suspicions of bird flu. The ministry said most of the calls involved the death of individual birds.

MNA/Reuters

**Senior CPC official meets Belarussian guests**

**BEIJING, 26 Oct—** A senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) met here Tuesday with Viktor Sheyman, director of the Presidential Office of Belarus.

Wang Jiarui, head of the International Department of the CPC Central Committee, said China attaches importance to the friendly and cooperative relations between China and Belarus and hopes to further enhance it. Wang briefed the Belarussian guests on the development situation in China and the international exchanges by the Communist Party of China (CPC).

Viktor Sheyman said that Belarus and China have witnessed good trend in the development of mutual relations and expressed the wish to expand wide-range cooperation with China.

He said that the friendly exchanges between the Presidential Office of Belarus and the International Department of the CPC Central Committee will help promote the development of relations between the two countries.

MNA/Xinhua

**Philippine power, oil sectors to be hit most by new tax law**

**MANILA, 26 Oct—** The electricity costs will be raised by 8 per cent once the expanded value added tax (EVAT) law takes effect next month, a senator warned on Monday.

Senator Mar Roxas, chairman of the Senate committees on trade and commerce and economic

affairs which is investigating the impact of EVAT on prices, said in a statement that the EVAT law would hit hardest the power and oil sectors, despite the mitigating measures adopted by the government to soften the harsh effects of the new law.

Apart from the electricity consumers, oil users would also have to deal with a 7-per-cent increase in the prices of fuel and other petroleum products, Roxas said.

The Department of Energy and at least one private oil firm have forecast a global rollback

in oil prices in November, a move that would cushion the full impact of the implementation of the EVAT.

Energy Undersecretary Peter Anthony Abaya said at the Senate hearing that prices of crude oil in the world market has stabilized

because of lesser demands.

Oil magnate in the country, Petron, also told the Senate that the company would start its rolling back of the prices in diesel and unleaded gas before the end of October.

MNA/Xinhua



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New drug reduces post-operation vomiting

NEW YORK, 27 Oct—For people undergoing surgery, recovery could be easier with a new anti-nausea drug.

Aprepitant, made by Merck Research Laboratories, reduces the rate of vomiting during the first 48 hours after open abdominal surgery, according to a trial reported this week at the meeting of the American Society of Anesthesiologists in Atlanta.

The drug is already approved by the US Food and Drug Administration for treatment of chemotherapy-induced nausea and vomiting, and this

study is the first to evaluate aprepitant's use for post-operative vomiting. Dr. Tong Joo Gan told Reuters Health.

Gan, from Duke University Medical Centre in Durham, North Carolina, and colleagues enrolled nearly 500 patients undergoing general anesthesia during open abdominal surgery requiring overnight hospitalization.

The patients were randomly assigned to take a 125-milligramme or a 40-

milligramme aprepitant pill 1 hour prior to surgery, or were given an IV dose of another anti-nausea drug ondansetron at the beginning of surgery.

Ninety-five per cent of patients in the 125-milligramme aprepitant group and 90 per cent in the 40-milligramme group had no vomiting over 24 hours, compared with 74 per cent in the ondansetron group. Corresponding rates of no vomiting by 48 hours were 93 per cent, 85

per cent and 67 per cent.

"For this population that we studied, the typical rate of nausea and vomiting is 60 per cent to 70 per cent," Gan pointed out. "This is the first time in 10 years that a new class of drug is coming to market and it seems to work better at preventing vomiting than existing drugs."

Aprepitant has minimal side effects, he added, and is longer lasting than other currently used anti-vomiting drugs. —MNA/Reuters



Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao (L) meets with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 26 Oct, 2005. —INTERNET

Yoga gains popularity in China

BEIJING, 26 Oct— Amid China's fast-paced economic development, Yoga is making huge inroads into the country, especially among the youth in major Chinese cities where Indian yoga practitioners are in great demand.

"Traditional yoga, which originated in India is much suited to today's fast-paced life in major Chinese cities where people would like to take out time to have mental and physical relaxation from job pressures," Founder and Director of China Yogyoga Centre, Yin Yan said.

Yin, who spent a couple of weeks in Rishikesh in 2003, was en-

ticed by the benefits of yoga, is now a highly successful woman who has introduced traditional yoga to China.

Currently she runs three centres in Beijing, another in southern China's Guangzhou and more than 10 branch centres all over China.

Yin, who has teamed up with Yogi Mohan to start Yogyoga Centre, said

the Chinese people appreciate her contribution in introducing yoga to China which has encouraged them to lead a better and healthy life amid the hurly-burly life.

Yin, who quit a high-paying media job to start yoga centres in China, says her three centres in Beijing itself have some 1,000 members. Further, the centres have trained some 300 Chi-

nese to impart yoga in other parts of the vast country.

Yoga is fast emerging as a passion for Chinese people, especially the youngsters increasingly enthusiastic to practice yoga as a means to keep fit amid the economic boom, Yogi Mohan, who now acts as the Vice General Manager and Chief Teacher at Yogyoga, says.

MNA/PTI

Chinese beauty criteria come out; super girl Li Yuchun on beauty list

BEIJING, 15 Oct.— What makes a woman beautiful in a Chinese person's eyes? Now we have criteria to follow.

The Beijing based Mirror newspaper reports that the ongoing International Cosmetics and Fashion Week has just established a Chinese Beauty Criteria.

Eighteen chapters, covering different parts of the body, are devoted to elucidating the Chinese aesthetic.

According to the standard, a Chinese beauty must have an oval face, willow-leaf shaped eye-brows and a mouth that curves upwards at the corners.

The length of a woman's eyes should be 24 to 28 millimeters, with a distance of 35 millimeters between the two eyes. —Internet

Over 1,000 people sick from contaminated water in Thailand

BANGKOK, 27 Oct— More than 1,000 people in Thailand's two southern provinces of Chumphon and Prachuap Khiri Khan have fallen sick because of contaminated water brought by floods, and 10,000 others adversely affected, local media said Wednesday.

Seven out of eight districts have been hit by flooding, and more than 32 square kilometres of farmland and plantations across four districts have been damaged, chief of the provincial relief-operations centre Thanakorn

Trabaphruek said. He put the cost at 200 million bahts (five million US dollars).

Around 1,000 people have sought hospital treatment for diseases brought by floods but none were in serious condition, Thai

newspaper *The Nation* reported.

Drinking water is badly needed as a total of 85 wells in Lang Suan, Lamae and Thung Tako districts have been contaminated by floodwater.

MNA/Xinhua

Kenya calls for more support to combat desertification

NAIROBI, 26 Oct—Kenya President Mwai Kibaki has called on the international community to increase more financial and technological support in combating the effects of desertification.

He said this at United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) headquarters in Nairobi on Monday when he opened the seventh session of the Conference of Parties of the United Nations Convention to Combat

Desertification.

He noted that desertification affects over one billion people worldwide, adding that in Africa it affects 39 per cent of total area of the continent and threatens the livelihoods of millions of people.

"For us in Kenya, there is a clear linkage between environmental problems and poverty. In this regard there is need to enhance targeted research on land degradation and poverty eradication," Kibaki said.

MNA/Xinhua

Flood death toll in central, southern Vietnam rises to 57

HANOI, 27 Oct— The floods in Vietnam's central region and southern Mekong Delta have killed 57 local people, Vietnam News Agency reported Tuesday.

The delta has suffered the highest human loss with 29 from An Giang Province, 13 from Long An Province and 11 from Dong Thap Province, since

the beginning of the flooding season in mid-August. Floods caused by torrential rain, which started last weekend in central Binh Dinh Province, have killed

four people. The flooding has also submerged thousands of houses and hectares of rice and subsidiary crops in the localities.

MNA/Xinhua

Turkish plane leaves Budapest after bomb threat

BUDAPEST, 26 Oct— A Turkish Airline plane continued its journey to Istanbul from Zurich after a bomb threat forced it down in the Hungarian capital, a Budapest airport spokeswoman said on Tuesday.

"The plane was checked and no bomb was found," the official said. "It took off to Istanbul at

1625 local time (1425 GMT).

The Airbus 321 made an emergency landing at

1208 (1008 GMT) with 80 passengers on board after receiving a bomb threat. —MNA/Reuters



People wait in line to purchase gas after Hurricane Wilma hit in West Palm Beach, Florida on 26 October, 2005. —INTERNET

# SPORTS



Juventus' forward David Trezeguet (R) fights for the ball with Sampdoria's defender Marcello Castellini during their serie A football match Juventus-Sampdoria at Delle Alpi stadium in Turin. Juve won 2-0.—INTERNET

## Osasuna go top with 3-2 win over Bilbao

MADRID, 27 Oct — Osasuna took charge at the top of the Primera Liga on Wednesday when an injury-time strike from Pierre Webo allowed them to snatch a last-gasp 3-2 win at home to Athletic Bilbao.

The Cameroon striker stabbed home from close range after keeper Daniel Aranzubia had palmed a Valdo shot into his path in the 92nd minute to secure a victory that left them a point clear of Getafe.

Getafe can reclaim the leadership if they win their match at Real Sociedad on Thursday.

Real Madrid will be able to join the Navarrans at the top later on Wednesday if they manage to notch up their first league win at Deportivo in 14 years while Barcelona can

close to within two points of the leaders if they beat Malaga.

Villarreal completed a miserable week for Real Betis by grabbing a 3-2 victory over the Andalucians.

Betis, who went down 4-0 to Chelsea in the Champions League last Wednesday and were then crushed 5-0 by Malaga at the weekend, twice came from behind to level the game but were denied a point in controversial circumstances.

Villarreal midfielder

Juan Roman Riquelme secured his side's victory with a disputed penalty at the second attempt and Betis' chances of a comeback were torpedoed when midfielder Joaquin and defender Melli were both sent off. —MNA/Reuters

## Hearts stay top with 1-0 win over Kilmarnock

GLASGOW, 27 Oct — Hearts remained top of the Scottish Premier League after a 1-0 home victory over Kilmarnock on Wednesday.

Lithuanian striker Edgaras Jankauskas finished off a fine move to fire home what proved the only goal after 34 minutes and take unbeaten Hearts to 32 points from 12 games.

Celtic enjoyed an emphatic 5-0 home win over Motherwell to stay three points adrift of the leaders in second, wrapping up the points by halftime.

Bulgarian Stilian Petrov grabbed a hat-trick while Shaun Maloney and Japanese midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura completed the rout before 57,388 fans.

Champions Rangers fell further behind as they struggled to a 2-2 draw at basement club Livingston despite taking a 2-0 lead through captain Barry Ferguson and Chris Burke.

Livingston's Robert Snodgrass hit a second-half double to rack up a surprise draw.—MNA/Reuters

## FIFA, Puma settle one-piece kit dispute out of court

ZURICH, 26 Oct — World soccer's governing body FIFA and German sports goods maker Puma have settled their long-running dispute over Cameroon's one-piece playing kit.

FIFA said in a statement on Tuesday that the two parties had agreed not to disclose the terms of the settlement, but had reached an out of court agreement "in the interests of international football".

The dispute centered on a one-piece kit that Cameroon wore in the 2004 African Nations Cup. Cameroon wore the strip, in their traditional colours of green and red, in three group matches and

## Juventus win sets new record for Serie A start

MILAN, 27 Oct — Juventus set a new record for the best start to a Serie A season when they beat Sampdoria 2-0 on Wednesday to earn their ninth successive win of the campaign.

Goals from David Trezeguet and Adrian Mutu maintained Juve's 100-per-cent start and took them past the previous record held by the Juventus teams of 1930/31 and 1985/86.

The win also maintains Juve's five point lead over AC Milan, who came from behind for a 3-1 win at Empoli with two goals from Alberto Gilardino and Christian Vieri's first strike for the club.

Inter Milan suffered a surprise 3-2

defeat by AS Roma — they trailed 3-0 after two goals from Francesco Totti, the first a brilliant solo effort, before Adriano pulled back two.

Totti and Inter's Argentine Juan Sebastian Veron were both sent off after clashing in injury time.

Fiorentina move above Inter into third place after a 2-0 win at Siena — both goals coming from Serie A's top scorer, Italy international Luca Toni who now has 11 goals. —MNA/Reuters

## Hansa Rostock knock Stuttgart out of German Cup

FRANKFURT, 27 Oct — Second Division Hansa Rostock came from behind to beat VfB Stuttgart 3-2 in the second round of the German Cup and pile further pressure on Giovanni Trapattoni on Wednesday.

Thomas Hitzlsperger fired Stuttgart into an early lead but Rostock scored three before the end of the first half to set up a victory that sees them through to the last 16.

The result leaves Stuttgart's Italian coach Trapattoni in deep trouble with his side struggling in ninth place in the Bundesliga, already 13 points behind leaders Bayern Munich.

MSV Duisburg also

slipped out in the second round on Wednesday, losing 3-2 away to Second Division TSV 1860 Munich.

Hamburg SV and Hertha Berlin prevailed in Wednesday's two all-First Division ties.

Hamburg won 3-2 at home to Bayer Leverkusen with goals from Daniel van Buyten, Sergej Barbarez and

Raphael Wicky, while Hertha beat Borussia Moenchengladbach 3-0. Eintracht Frankfurt pulled off an incredible 6-0 win at home to Schalke 04, last season's beaten finalists, in one of eight ties on Tuesday.

Holder Bayern were playing away at Second Division Erzgebirge Aue in a later game on Wednesday. —MNA/Reuters

## Al Ittihad on course to retain Champions League title

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Oct — A penalty by Mohamed Kallon nine minutes from time gave Saudi Arabia's Al Ittihad a 1-1 draw away to Al Ain of the United Arab Emirates in the first leg of the AFC Champions League final on Wednesday.

Al Ain, the 2003 champions, took the lead in the 50th minute through Ali Msarri, the defender converting at the second attempt after Al Ittihad goalkeeper Zaid Mabrouk had saved his initial header.

Defending champions Al Ittihad pressed for an equalizer and were rewarded in the 81st minute when Kallon put his spot kick past Al Ain goalkeeper Mutaz Abdulla after Gharib Harib had fouled Adnan Ibrahim in the box.

Former Cameroon international Joseph-Desire Job was ineffective for the Saudi side, missing two good chances and eventually being replaced by Hamzah Idris in the 67th minute. —MNA/Reuters



Inter Milan's Ivan Ramiro Cordoba (L) challenges Francesco Totti of AS Roma during their Serie A soccer match at the San Siro Stadium in Milan, on 26 October, 2005. AS Roma won the match 3-2.

INTERNET

MNA/Reuters



# Physicists sign petition against change of US nuclear policy

LOS ANGELES, 27 Oct — More than 470 physicists have signed a petition to oppose a new US Defence Department proposal that allows the United States to launch nuclear attack against non-nuclear countries.

Two initiators on Tuesday criticized the emerging US policy that will destroy the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The two and other prominent physicists will deliver the petition to members of US Congress, scientific professional societies and the news media.

"The new policy al-

lows the US to use nuclear weapons against states that do not have nuclear weapons and for a host of new reasons, including rapid termination of a conflict on US terms or to ensure success of the US forces," said Jorge Hirsch, physics professor at the University of California, San Diego, who started this

petition.

"The US use of nuclear weapons against non-nuclear states will destroy the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and give strong incentive for other countries to develop and use nuclear weapons, thus making nuclear war more likely," said Professor Kim Griest, another initiator of the petition.

"This new US policy dramatically increases the risk of nuclear proliferation and, ultimately, the risk that regional conflicts will explode into all-out nuclear war, with the potential to destroy our civilization," he noted.

"As physicists we feel we need to bring this to the attention of policy makers and the public, in order to engender discussion, debate, and hopefully repudiation of the new policy."

The two physicists began their petition last month following reports

in *The New York Times* and *Washington Post* that the US Government was in the final process of adopting a new policy that would permit the use of nuclear weapons against a non-nuclear adversary under certain circumstances.

Hirsch and Griest said they felt an obligation to speak out about the nuclear policy change because their profession brought nuclear weapons into the world 60 years ago.

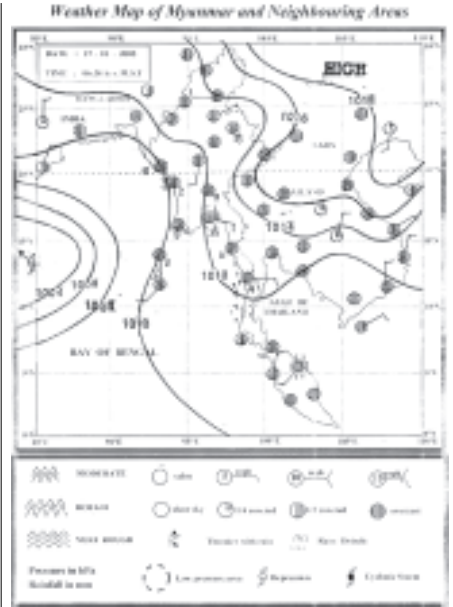
Besides seven Nobel laureates, the petition was also signed by a past president and the president-elect of the American Physical Society, a Fields Medal winner and two Wolf Prize laureates.

Hirsch and Griest said they will urge more physicists to sign on the petition.

MNA/Xinhua



To mark the 61st birthday, U Tun Oo of Mayangon Township presents K 150,000 to the fund of Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Secretary U Thein Aung of Administrative Board of the Home. — H



## WEATHER

Thursday, 27 October, 2005

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayin State, Mandalay and upper Sagaing Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and Magway Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Yangon (Central) (1.85) inches, Shwegyin (1.77) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (1.73) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.38) inches, Minbu (0.43) inch, Aunglan (0.39) inch and Magway (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 26-10-2005 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 27-10-2005 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 27-10-2005 was 98%. Total sunshine hours on 26-10-2005 was (2.5) hours approx. Rainfalls on 27-10-2005 were (1.73) inches at Mingaladon, (1.38) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.85) inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (99.13) inches at Mingaladon, (98.82) inches at Kaba-Aye and (103.70) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southeast at (12:15) hours MST on 26-10-2005.

**Bay inference:** According to the satellite meteorological observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's tropical depression over Southwest Bay and adjoining West Central Bay has centred at about (150) miles east of Chennai, India and it is forecast to move Northwest wards. Weather is cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 28-10-2005:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Shan, Kayah States, Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Yangon Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35) mph.

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

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-10-2005:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-10-2005:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

## Storm News

(Issued at 11:00 hrs MST on 27-10-2005)

According to the satellite meteorological observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's tropical depression over Southwest Bay and adjoining West Central Bay has centred at about (150) miles east of Chennai, India and it is forecast to move Northwest wards.

<p><b>Friday, 28 October</b> View on today</p> <p><b>7:00 am</b> 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p><b>7:25 am</b> 2. To be healthy exercise</p> <p><b>7:30 am</b> 3. Morning news</p> <p><b>7:40 am</b> 4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p><b>7:55 am</b> 5. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်စွင်</p> <p><b>8:05 am</b> 6. အတပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:10 am</b> 7. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p><b>8:20 am</b> 8. အတပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>8:30 am</b> 9. International news</p>	<p><b>8:45 am</b> 10. English for Everyday Use</p> <p><b>4:00 pm</b> 1. Martial song</p> <p><b>4:15 pm</b> 2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p><b>4:30 pm</b> 3. Musical programme</p> <p><b>4:45 pm</b> 4. အခေးသင်တန်းသို့လှည့်ပညာရေး ချစ်မြင်သကြား သင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနံပါတ် (သရုပ်အထူးပြု) (သရုပ်)</p> <p><b>5:00 pm</b> 5. Song of national races</p> <p><b>5:15 pm</b> 6. အတပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>5:25 pm</b> 7. Musical programme</p> <p><b>5:35 pm</b> 8. "ချစ်ရလွန်းလို့" (ဓရာ၊ ငှက်ပျော့ကြော်၊ ကြူကြူ၊ သင်း၊ အေးအေးခိုင်)</p> <p><b>5:45 pm</b> 9. Song of yesteryears</p>	<p><b>6:00 pm</b> 10. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှန်စုံ</p> <p><b>6:30 pm</b> 11. Evening news</p> <p><b>7:00 pm</b> 12. Weather report</p> <p><b>7:05 pm</b> 13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စတီပါ" (အပိုင်း-၂၉)</p> <p><b>7:35 pm</b> 14. ဆဋ္ဌမအကြိမ် မြန်မာတိုင်းရင်းစော့ သမားတော်များညီလာခံ</p> <p><b>7:45 pm</b> 15. လောလောပျော်ရွှင် ကန်တော်ကြီး ဥဗျာဉ်</p> <p><b>8:00 pm</b> 16. News</p> <p><b>8:15 pm</b> 17. International news</p> <p><b>8:30 pm</b> 18. Weather report</p> <p><b>8:45 pm</b> 19. ၂၀၀၅ခုနှစ်၊ စော့သမအကြိမ် (၁၃ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အတ၊ အရေး၊ အတပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p><b>9:00 pm</b> 20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "မမိအထူး" (အပိုင်း-၂၄)</p> <p><b>9:15 pm</b> 21. The next day's programme</p>
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**Radio Myanmar**

**Friday, 28 October**  
Tune in today

**8:30 am** Brief news  
**8:35 am** Music: -Ain't done loving you  
**8:40 am** Perspectives  
**8:45 am** Music: -You got it  
**8:50 am** National news/Slogan  
**9:00 am** Music: -We've got it going on  
**9:05 am** International news  
**9:10 am** Music: Get over it  
**1:30 pm** News/Slogan  
**1:40 pm** Lunch time music  
-This is the life  
-Another day  
-Let the music heal your soul  
**9:00 pm** World of music - Spain, France, Germany Laos, Indonesia  
**9:15 pm** Article  
**9:25 pm** Music at your request  
-To be with you (Mr Big)  
-Especially for you (Kylie Minogue & Jason)  
-Far from love (Stephen Gately)  
**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

## Prime Minister sends message of felicitations to Czech Republic

YANGON, 28 Oct — General Soe Win, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jiri Paroubek, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Czech Republic, which falls on 28 October 2005. — MNA

At present, development in transport, health, education, social and economic sectors of Cocokyun region can be seen obviously.

## Remarkable progress witnessed in Cocokyun Township

### Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe on inspection tour of development in Cocokyun Township

YANGON, 27 Oct — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung and officials, inspected development tasks in Cocokyun Township this morning.

The commander and party paid homage to Zinamarazein Pagoda in

Cocokyun Township. At Sasana Mandaing Monastery, they paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kovidaçara and made donations.

The commander oversaw completion of Saddhammavamsa Ordination Hall.

Next, they inspected Cocokyun Township Po-

lice Station and gave gifts to members of Myanmar Police Force and their family members.

At Communication Station, they viewed tasks

of auto-telephone system and attended to the need.

On arrival at Cocokyun BEHS, the commander looked into reproduction of daily news-

papers through data broadcasting system, and documentary photos of education promotion tasks, and cordially greeted teachers.

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Yangon Command Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe makes a speech at a meeting with departmental staff, social organizations and local people in Cocokyun Township. — MNA

## With better transport, Maunghtaung model village in Budalin Township developing in all aspects

YANGON, 27 Oct — Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and CEC Member Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint on 23 October made an in-

spection tour of Maunghtaung model village in Budalin Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division.

They attended the opening of Seinta Kyaw Thu library in the village. Officials formally opened the library. Patron of the library Sayadaw of Mandalay Aye Yeiktha Myaing Monastery Bhaddanta Lasana donated K

300,000 and 2,000 publications to the library and U Thaug Myint-Daw Khin Aye, K 5,000.

The commander and

the minister attended the inauguration of rural auto-exchange carrier board in the village. Officials opened the facility. Next,

the commander unveiled the signboard of the auto-exchange. The commander, the minister and party viewed the facility. They

inspected the multimedia classrooms in Basic Education High School in the village.

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Rural auto-exchange carrier board building being seen in Maunghtaung model village, Budalin Township.

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The minister refuted the report of Havel and Tutu fact by fact, with nothing but the truth. The perpetration to put a country under one's domain, with slanders and pressures, is an act endangering not only Myanmar, but also all the global nations. Thus, it has become an urgent need for all the nations to join hands to ward off such conspiracies.