

**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

**Forthcoming constitution vests national races with better rights on the basis of the prevailing conditions of the nation**

**Ceremony to support the National Convention, forthcoming constitution organized in Haka, Chin State**

NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct— In accord with law, townselders organized a ceremony to support the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution at Vamthu Maung Sports Ground in Haka, Chin State yesterday.

Over 30,000 people including townselders, national race leaders, members of social organizations,

culture troupes, farmers, workers, departmental personnel, students and locals of Falam and Mindat Districts attended the ceremony.

Before the ceremony, Falam District Column-1 led by Townselder U Aung San Oo of Haka and Mindat District Column-2 led by Townselder U Um Gay Lane marched towards Vamthu Maung Sports

Ground and took their designated places.

Basic Education High School Headmaster (Retd) U Kaung Lwe presided over the rally together with U Kaw Lyan Htan of State Union Solidarity and Development Association, Daw Dum Hlaing of State Women's Affairs Organization, Daw Mary of State (See page 8)



Ceremony to support the National Convention and the constitution being held at Vamthu Maung Sports Ground in Haka, Chin State. — MNA

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

# PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 11 October, 2007

## Raise momentum of preventive measures against trachoma and blindness

Eye is our most important organ. We use our eyes in almost everything— reading, working, watching movies and television, playing games, and countless other activities. Sight is our most precious sense, and many people fear blindness more than any other disability.

There are 45 million blind people in the world. The World Health Organization yearly calls on officials concerned to raise the momentum of the treatment which is being performed for curable blind people to regain their eyesight.

One of the causes of the blindness in Myanmar is glaucoma that frequently occur in central Myanmar. Therefore, the Ministry of Health is undertaking the tasks for prevention of glaucoma and blindness in Chauk, Meiktila, Monywa and Singaing Townships after laying down the project.

Measures for prevention of glaucoma and blindness are being taken widely in 17 centres nationwide. As a result, only one per cent of trachoma disease is now left. Eye patients with cataract and glaucoma, the major diseases that cause blindness, are being operated yearly. Effective treatment is being given to the eye patients at the hospitals and other treatment centres.

There are over 200 eye specialists and the government produces special nurses and technicians and conducts eye care courses continuously for primary health workers and volunteers.

It is a noble task to try to regain the eyesight of the blind. We believe that the Ministry of Health will continue to promote preventive measures against trachoma and blindness in cooperation with local authorities, social organizations and the public.

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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

## Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), wellwishers donate provisions to schools for blind and dumb



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends the ceremony to donate provisions to Mary Chapman Schools for the Deaf and Dumb in Mayangon, Kyimyindine and Dagon townships.— MNA*

YANGON, 10 Oct — Families of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated provisions and cash to Mary Chapman Schools for the Deaf and Dumb in Mayangon, Kyimyindine and Dagon townships today.

The ceremony to donate rice and cash was held at Mary Chapman School for the Deaf and Dumb in Mayangon Township.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers, departmental officials, chairmen of the district and township peace and development councils and donors.

At the donation ceremony, the school heads accepted rice, edible oil, salt, beans and pulses and cash donated by families of the Tatmadaw ( Army, Navy and Air) and Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, rice bags donated by Yangon City Development Committee, 61 viss of edible oil by Myanmar Economic Holding Co Ltd, K 200,000 by Yangon west district and Dagon township PDCs, 614 viss of iodized salt by Myanmar Salt and Marine Chemical Enterprise and Yangon Division Salt Entrepreneurs Association and various kinds of traditional medicine by the traditional medicine department of Ministry of Health, five bags of rice by Myanmar

Fisheries Entrepreneurs and Exporters and rice, medicines and cash donated by wellwishers.

Today's donation were over 99 bags of rice, over 161 viss of edible oil, over 122 viss of beans and pulses, 614 bags of iodized salt, 122 tubes of tooth paste, 386 bottles of traditional medicines and K 4,698,000.

Similarly, families of the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated provision to Kandawgalay Little Sisters for the Poor in Mingala Taungnyunt Township today.

The donation ceremony held at Kandawgalay Little Sisters for the Poor was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, senior military officers, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wellwishers handed over cash and provisions to responsible persons of Kandawgalay Little Sisters for the Poor.

Today's donation to Kandawgalay Little Sisters for the Poor were 43 bags of rice, 300 viss of edible oil, 191 viss of iodized salt, 38 tubes of tooth past, 711 bottles of traditional medicines, 38 viss of beans and pulses and K 5,228,000. — MNA



*Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win attends the ceremony to donate provisions to Kandawgalay Little Sisters for the Poor.— MNA*

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

## Anti-war protesters determined in face of ban

LONDON, 9 Oct—Anti-war protesters plan to press ahead with a march on Monday to urge the government to withdraw troops from Iraq, despite moves to use almost 170-year-old legislation to stop them. The Stop the War Coalition has vowed to march from Trafalgar Square to Parliament despite there being no agreement with police to let them go ahead.

The Metropolitan Police Act of 1839 allows Parliament to renew a sessional order annually that instructs the police to prevent any obstruction to MPs or Lords.

The little-known law dates from the time of the Chartist protest movement, a period when the British ruling class

believed they were on the brink of social revolution.

That impression was confirmed by the 1848 revolutions that toppled thrones in Europe and gave birth to the Marxist movement.

Monday's march has been organized to coincide with the first day of parliament after the long Summer recess.

Celebrities, veteran peace campaigners and MPs are expected to join thousands of anti-war campaigners as they gather in Trafalgar Square from 1 pm and make their way down Whitehall at 2 pm.

A Met spokeswoman said police remained in talks with the Stop the War Coalition to reach an agreement to "facilitate

their right to demonstrate" legally.

But the group said it was determined to march to Parliament regardless of the outcome.

Convener Lindsey German told BBC Radio Four: "We've never had this restriction before and we don't accept it.

"We think, in a democracy, we should be allowed to go to our Parliament.

MNA/Reuters

## Zimbabwe arrests US citizen over arms

HARARE, 9 Oct—Zimbabwe police have arrested a US citizen on charges of smuggling and illegal possession of arms and ammunition, state radio reported on Monday.

The Zimbabwe Broadcasting Corporation said the man was arrested at Victoria Falls airport on Friday when he tried to board a plane with two pistols and 300 rounds of ammunition.

Police and officials at the US Embassy in Harare were not immediately for comment, but ZBC said the American was expected to be charged in court in the northwestern town of Hwange in the coming days.

The man arrived in Harare on 21 September and had been travelling around the country, the radio said.

MNA/Reuters



*The Xiezi Bay is shrouded in gorgeous morning sun glow in Ganjingzi district of Dalian, a coastal city in northeast China's Liaoning Province, on 9 Oct, 2007.—XINHUA*

## Afghan reporter interviews German hostages

KABUL, 9 Oct—Taleban militants holding a German man and five of his Afghan co-workers hostage in Afghanistan have

allowed an Afghan journalist to interview their six prisoners, an Afghan news agency reported on Monday.

The independent Afghan news agency *Pajhwok* said in a report on its website that the six men were being held in a remote mountainous region of the country in a cold, dark room and had only one blanket between them.

The German engineer, identified in the report as Rudolf Blechschmidt, told the reporter that he had been in contact with his family but expressed frustration that neither the German nor the Afghan Government had been able to secure their release.—MNA/Reuters

## Mexican leader critiques US border fence

WASHINGTON, 9 Oct—Mexican President Felipe Calderon criticized the planned US border fence designed to stem illegal immigration, saying countries should be "building bridges, not fences" in an interview broadcast on Monday.

On ABC television's "Good Morning America", Calderon lauded President George W Bush's failed attempt to get the US Congress to approve comprehensive immigration reform, and said the way to stop illegal immigration is to build economic growth and opportunities in Mexico, not fences.

"The world is open in new ways," he said. "We are building fences instead of bridges."

The US Congress last year authorized construction of 700 miles of fences along portions of the border, although it has not yet given final approval to all construction costs.

MNA/Reuters

## Schwarzenegger proclaims state of emergency in San Diego

LOS ANGELES, 9 Oct—California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger proclaimed Monday a state of emergency in San Diego following a landslide.

The governor's emergency proclamation allowed the state Office of Emergency Services (OES) to deploy emergency personnel, equipment and facilities and provide local government assistance under the authority of the California Disaster Assistance Act.

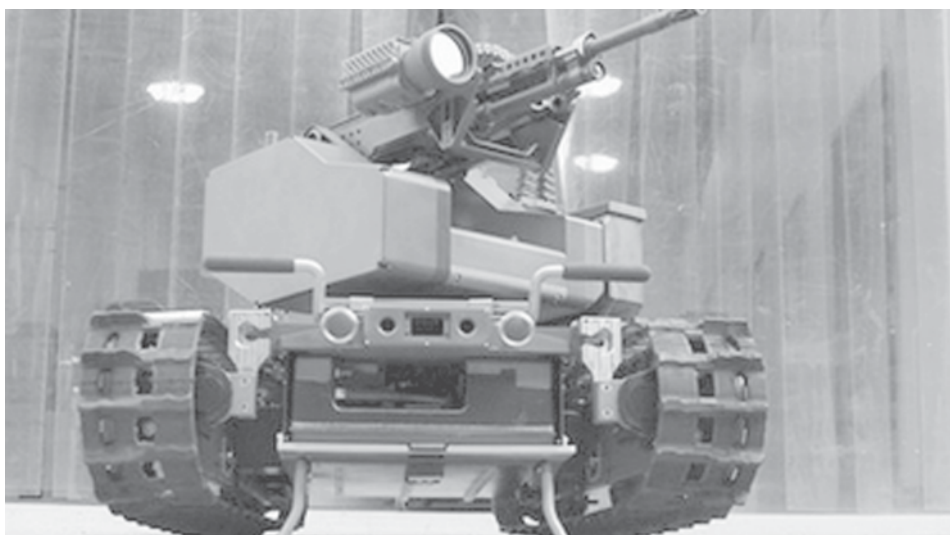
It also enables the state to request an emergency declaration from the Federal Highway Administration.

The slide occurred last Wednesday in the Mt Soledad area in San Diego, creating conditions of extreme peril to the safety of persons and property in the area.

The governor said he issued the proclamation as the landslide caused significant damage to public infrastructure, impaired the habitability of approximately 40 homes, and caused power shortage to thousands of people.

It has been estimated that the damage exceeds 25 million dollars, Schwarzenegger said in a statement.

MNA/Xinhua



*New TALON MAARS (Modular Advanced Armed Robotic System) robot can be transformed from an weaponized robot to one with an arm and gripper by changing out its modules.—INTERNET*



*Female champion Li Yajun performs in the final of Kungfu Star Contest in Shenzhen, southeast China's Guangdong Province, on 7 Oct, 2007. The Kungfu Star Contest ended on Sunday. —XINHUA*

### Second nationwide postal strike starts

LONDON, 9 Oct—Householders across the country face another week of little or no post as thousands of Royal Mail workers began a second 48-hour nationwide strike on Monday in a dispute over pay, jobs and working conditions. Up to 130,000 members of staff stopped working from 3 am, Royal Mail confirmed. “Customers should expect severe disruption to all postal services during the strikes and for a significant period afterwards,” it said.

Media reports said the strike, which is due to end on Wednesday, would cost Royal Mail more than 50 million pounds, and could cause long-term damage as customers switched to other communication methods. Royal Mail says the Communication Workers Union (CWU) has “unrealistic and unaffordable proposals”, but that support for the action is weakening, with 50 per cent more people working

than during previous national strike days. It said it would try to keep some post moving through the system during the latest action. Customers can take letters directly to 14,200 post offices, which remain open. Union leaders, who have called for a mass rally later on Monday, have called on the government to try to end the dispute. The government however says it is up to the union and the company to try to reach agreement in talks, which are due to continue on Monday. Further weekly strikes are scheduled from 15 October if no agreement is reached. The strikes follow what the union calls a below inflation pay offer and plans to cut 40,000 jobs through automated mail-sorting.—MNA/Reuters

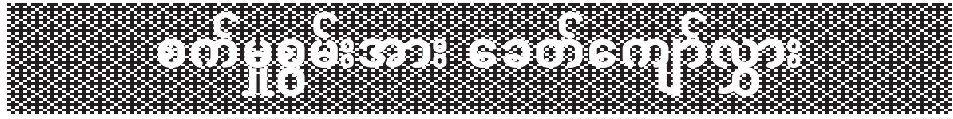
### NZ Air Force saves drifting fishermen

WELLINGTON, 9 Oct—A Royal New Zealand Air Force *Orion* crew spotted six fishermen drifting north of Tonga in an area of reefs after their boat's engine had stopped. According to NZPA, a New Zealand news agency, *Orion* captain Squadron Leader Andy Nielsen said Monday the fishermen had run out of food and water and had been drifting for more than a day when found late on Saturday afternoon. The crew had been alerted by an emergency beacon call and found the boat after flying three hours. “They were in amongst a lot of reefs when we found them so they would have struck major difficulties if they

had remained drifting too much longer,” said Sqn Ldr Nielsen. A Tongan Navy patrol vessel towed the boat back to shore after being told of its location. MNA/Xinhua



*People walk in the street during the gales in the eastern metropolis of Shanghai, on 8 Oct, 2007. Tropical storm Krosa has brought gales and torrential rains to Shanghai after it drenched the Chinese Mainland's east and southeast coasts. —XINHUA*



### Violence in Iraq kills 56, bombs target officials

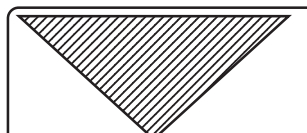
BAGHDAD, 10 Oct — Two suicide car bombs killed 22 people in northern Iraq on Tuesday in attacks targeting a police chief and a tribal leader working with US forces, part of an upsurge in violence that killed 56 across the country.

In Baghdad, foreign security guards escorting a convoy of four vehicles through the city centre killed two women when they opened fire on a car, the government said.

The spate of attacks across Iraq, which also wounded nearly 120 people, marked one of the bloodiest days during the holy Muslim fasting month of Ramadan. Al-Qaeda in Iraq has vowed to target officials and Sunni Arab tribal leaders who have joined with the US military to combat the Sunni Islamist group, pledging to ramp up attacks in Ramadan, which is expected to finish on the weekend. Government spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh

said private US security firm Blackwater was not involved in the deaths of the two women in Baghdad. Anger at private security contractors is still high in Iraq after a 16 September shooting involving Blackwater in which 17 people were killed.

“There has been an incident, an attack on civilians. Two Iraqi women were killed,” Dabbagh said, adding the company was also not Iraqi, but declining to give more details.—MNA/Reuters



*Actress Nicole Kidman is interviewed after arriving at the premiere of the movie "Margot at the Wedding" in New York on 7 Oct, 2007.— XINHUA*



### Obama blames US energy woes on timid politicians

WASHINGTON, 9 Oct—Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama on Monday blamed America's energy problems on timid Washington politicians and said if elected he would pursue bold proposals to fight global warming.

Obama, in excerpts from a speech he was to deliver in Portsmouth, New Hampshire, later in the day, said he would lead an effort to impose Kyoto-style caps on carbon emissions and prompt US automakers to build cars that use less oil if elected in November 2008.

“Now, some of these policies are difficult politically,” Obama said. “They aren't easy. But being president of the United States isn't about doing what's easy. It's about doing what's hard.”

Obama, a first-term Senator from Illinois, is trying to run as a Washington outsider willing to challenge conventional thinking while accusing the party's front-runner, New York Senator Hillary Clinton, of representing old-style politics.— MNA/Reuters

## Tens of thousands attend mass rallies against recent protests General public in Katha, Myinmu believe recent protests undermined peace, stability



Three Main National Causes”, “We don’t want terrorists”, and “We don’t want internal and external destructive elements” and holding the placards that say “We favour peace”, “We oppose violence”, “Ward off the danger of internal and external destructive elements”, “We support National Convention”, “We hail the State constitution”, and “Seven-step Road Map must meet with success”.

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*Local people marching to the mass rally in Katha Township.*

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*Local people participating in the mass rally in Myinmu Township.*

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**NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct** — People in Katha and Myinmu townships of Sagaing Division held mass rallies on 7 and 9 October with the concept that the recent protests staged by some monks and NLD members had undermined the community peace and stability.

They organized the procession after seeking the permission from the authorities concerned in accord with law.

On 7 October in Katha, over 15,800 people holding 14 State Flags and the placards that read “We favour peace”, “We oppose violence”, “Ward off the danger of internal and external destructive elements”, “We support National Convention”, “We hail the State constitution”, and “Seven-step Road Map must meet with success”, and chanting “Our Three Main National Causes”, “We

don’t want terrorists”, and “We don’t want internal and external destructive elements”, marched starting from Township Sports Ground to Lanmadaw road, Merchant street, and finally to Aunghthapyae Street in the town.

On 9 October in Myinmu, over 14,500 people marched from Township Sports Grounds to Monywa-Mandalay Highway, Myoma Market chanting “Our



### Yachtsmen undergo training in Thailand

**YANGON, 10 Oct** — With the aim of achieving success in the upcoming XXIV SEA Games to be held in Thailand from 6 to 15 December, Myanmar yachting racing team went to Thailand on 2 October.

The team is under final phase training in Pattaya of Thailand. During the training period, Myanmar will leave for Indonesia to take part in the ASEAN Open Optimist Sailing Championship 2007.

Myanmar yachting team comprises U Than Sein as manager, U Min Zaw, U Zaw Wan and U Kyaw Kyaw Htut as those in-charge, Mr Joe Glanfield (England) as chief coach, and Mr Nick Roger (England), Mr Gideon Kliger (Israel), Mr Liam Murray (England) and Mr Stig Pettersen (Norway) as coaches, and Aung Myin Thu, Sai Pyae Sone Hein, Nay Bala Kyaw, Min Min, Tin Htoo Zaw, Kaung Kaung (a) Journey, Phone Aung Kha, Min Khant Phone Thwin, Su Nanda Wai, Khin Nyo Lin, Thiri Ye Win and Wai Pwint War Boe as athletes.

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### Mid-year MGE on 7-19 Nov

**YANGON, 9 Oct** — The Central Committee for Myanma Gems Emporium will hold Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium 2007 at Myanmar Convention Centre here from 7 to 19 November.

The committee will allow national entrepreneurs who have carried out gem mining in accordance with Myanmar Gems Law to take part in Myanma Gems Emporium.

Those wishing to participate in Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium may contact the Head Office of Myanma Gem Enterprise from 15 to 31 October and the administrative sub-committee office at Myanmar Convention Centre from 1 to 6 November.—MNA

### Blasts kill one, wound two in Kyaukkyi Township

**NAY PYI TAW, 10 Oct** — Insurgent destructionists are undermining stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order. They are also committing destructive acts with intention of killing and injuring innocent people using various ways and means.

On 7 October, U Tun Myint, 37, son of U Tin Maung, U Peter, 35, son of U Tin Myint, Aung Min Oo, 28, son of U Kyi Than, U Tint Lwin, 40, son of U Soe Tint, Naing Win, 27, son of U

Tin Aye and U Thet Naing, 28, son of U Myint Soe of Htanbo Village were on their way home from the forest. A mine exploded when they came to Tontada Village, Kyaukkyi Township. Aung Min Oo was killed on the spot. U Tint Lwin and U Thet Naing were wounded in arms and back and neck due to the blast.

The wounded were taken to the People’s Hospital in Kyaukkyi Township.

Officials and local people are in hot pursuit of the insurgents.—MNA

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

**The second best time is now.**

# BBC's trickery exposed

*Mye Lattha*

Once, I was a regular listener of the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) and the Voice of America (VOA).

At that time, I had to spend a lot of time listening to the broadcasts of these radio stations to be able to take part in the discussions of my friends at the tea shop in the mornings.

At first, I thought all the news stories they broadcast were true.

Whenever we met on the street in the mornings, we greeted each other, saying, "Hey, did you listen to the BBC last night?"

Holding discussions about the news stories they broadcast, we wasted our invaluable time.

We thought talking about BBC broadcasts was in fashion.

I broke the habit of listening to the BBC and VOA after the 8-8-1988 unrest.

Before and during the 8-8-1988 unrest, I never failed to listen to BBC and VOA.

When I witnessed uncivilized events in which some innocent public members were beheaded in Thingangyun and North Okkalapa Townships during the unrest, my heart was completely filled with profound sorrow, and I was in shocked silence. I thought it over again and again to find out who incited the 8-8-1988 unrest. I came to know that the agitators were none other than BBC and VOA.

I no longer wished to listen to the broadcasts of foreign radio stations inclusive of BBC and VOA. I came to realize that the programmes of these radio stations are designed to disrupt stability and peace of the State and make the people stay in a state of alarm, and these acts were abhorrent to me.

Since then, I have never listened to these radio stations.

However, I learn indirectly the stories broadcast

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by these stations from other listeners.

One day, I came across a person who favours NLD and is a fan of BBC on a street. He used to serve as a junior township officer in the time of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party, and was removed for his relations with the Burma Communist Party (BCP). Just as we met, he told me, "Have you learnt that many people are starving? They cannot afford for any meals so they have to drink Hta-min-yay (surplus water that is drained off while rice is being cooked).

I said, "Are you sure? Where is it?"

He said, "It is in the fringes of some towns".

"Identify the towns exactly, please" I said to him.

He said, "In some townships including North Okkalapa Township".

I asked where he got that news and if he witnessed the events himself.

"It is according to the BBC" he answered.

His last words met my silence because I did not want to listen to any BBC broadcasts even through any person.

Then, I called my younger brother who lives in North Okkalapa Township to find out whether that news was correct. As soon as he heard my question, he made a loud laugh and said, "It is right that some persons are going round to buy Hta-min-yay, but not for consumption. An entrepreneur is buying Hta-min-yay through his agents for his enterprise".

I ran across him again. He said, "The government will be ousted soon".

"Aw, you mean it is according to the BBC, isn't it? Rubbish! You have said for more than

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## BBC's trickery...

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a decade that the government is going to be ousted. Your old record has not broken yet." I told him.

Later, there came into existence two more radio stations RFA and DVB established to speed up interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar.

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I have given up listening to the programmes of these radio stations. But these days I have to listen to them again to know how they are trying to meddle in the current affairs.

**In the programmes, they have come to air telephone interviews about the protests in Yangon and Mandalay many times. They claim to be an on-line interview with a monk protester or an eyewitness.**

One day, I happened to make a chat about the broadcasts of BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB radio stations at the office of one of my superiors in the break time.

**I presented some points about telephone interviews with eyewitnesses and monk protesters. In response, my superior said, "By listening to a radio programme, you can hear the voices of the interviewer and the interviewee, but their appearances are not available in this regard. So, it is possible that they claim the interviewee is a monk, but one of their staff is replying to the questions. Moreover, they don't disclose the names, monasteries and addresses of the monks. We would not know whether the interviewee is a person who**

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Hearing his opinions, I said, "I agree with you, sir".

On 3 October 2007, Reuters News Agency released a news story about the BBC's trickery. It said that on 20 April 2006, a telephone interview programme of the BBC was broadcast. For that programme, a staff member of the BBC acted as an interviewee. On 2 October 2007, BBC admitted that it aired a made-up interview programme.

BBC also made up a similar programme in July 2007,

so it was fined £ 50,000 by the media watchdog group.

That news evoked my memory about my superior's views.

The interview programme BBC made up has been exposed clearly. VOA, RFA and DVB are hand in glove with BBC. So, I am sure they also make up stories like BBC.

What is your excuse in this regard, BBC? I have to try a lot to hold my tongue because I want to cry out that BBC's trickery has been exposed.

**Translation: MS**

*Kyemon: 9-10-2007*

## US, West seen skirting Iraqi refugee crisis

WASHINGTON, 9 Oct — The Bush Administration's cautious approach to Iraqi refugees offers little hope for those trapped in a growing humanitarian crisis that could begin to breed Islamist militancy if left unchecked, experts say.

The United States is the biggest aid donor to an estimated 4.2 million Iraqis driven from their homes.

But experts say assistance from the United States and other Western nations is only a tiny fraction of what may be needed to stabilize the biggest Middle East refugee crisis since

1948.

Host countries in the region, particularly Jordan and Syria, have been overwhelmed by more than two million refugees and could need billions of dollars in aid to cope with the social and economic strains.

Experts from non-governmental organizations, aid agencies and think tanks also say alleviating suffering among those refugees and another two million people displaced inside Iraq could require hundreds of thousands of Iraqis to be resettled in countries including the United States.

*MNA/Reuters*

## China's richest person is 26-year-old woman

BEIJING, 9 Oct — The twenty-six-year-old daughter of a rags-to-riches property developer is China's wealthiest person, with a 16 billion US dollar fortune, *Forbes* magazine said on Monday.

Yang Huiyan shot to the top of the China Rich List after the firm her father founded floated on the Hong Kong stock exchange in April, creating five billionaires at once.

Her low-profile father, Yeung Kwok Keung — who worked as a farmer and on construction sites before making his

fortune, according to Chinese media — had transferred his stake in Country Garden Holdings Co to his daughter in 2005.

Also Asia's richest woman, the Ohio State University graduate this year married the son of a top Chinese official she met on a blind date, the *China Daily* reported.

She is one of the few on the list to have inherited her wealth, in a country where booming economic growth has created fortunes virtually overnight.

*MNA/Reuters*



**Firefighters, police and rescue personnel work at the scene of an explosion on 119th street, in the Harlem neighbourhood of New York, on 6 Oct, 2007. — XINHUA**



**Chairman and Members of Panel of Chairmen and the attendees chanting the slogans at the ceremony to support the National Convention and constitution.— MNA**

**Forthcoming constitution vests national races ...**

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Maternal and Child Welfare Association, U Dar Khant Man of State War Veterans Organization, Townselders U Khwal Khant Htan and U Hone Man as members of the Panel of Chairmen. Daw Htan Shwe Mar of Chin State USDA acted as master of ceremonies and Daw Htar Kyin Sone of Chin State USDA as co-MC. First, those present saluted the State Flag.

In his address, Chairman U Kaung Lwe said that at the ceremony over 500,000 people of Chin State were represented by about 30,000 Chin nationals. He said that Chin State is difficult of access and that it is sure that all the Chin nationals would be present at this ceremony if the geographical conditions were like in those of plain regions.

The Union of

Myanmar is home to over 100 national races with the population of about 56 million who have been living in the country in weal or woe since ancient times. Under its own monarchies, people have lived with own culture and own literature.

Myanmar is blessed with natural resources and that is why colonialists invaded her and exploited her for over 100 years. The ancestors who did not want to live under subjugation fought back the colonialists and independence was regained at the risk of many lives and since then, the nation has been standing tall among world nations as an independent and sovereign nation.

Today, in accord with the people's desire, radical reforms were made in political and economic sectors. In other words, it is a transitional period when

all-out efforts are being made to gain socio-economic benefits. Therefore, an enduring constitution which will steer these systems properly is needed. In this regard, on 24 April 1992, the State Law and Order Restoration Council issued Announcement No. 11/92 and later held the National Convention.

The National Convention started on 9 January 1993. But, it was temporarily adjourned in 1996 due to some representatives-elect who did not hold the national cause in the fore but failed to perform national duties. On 30 August, 2003 the seven-step Road Map was announced and to implement the first step, the National Convention was reconvened in May 2004. Therefore, the National Convention was held six

times from 1993 to 1996 and five times from 2004 to this date and now it is heartening to see that the National Convention completed successfully.

It is known to all that over 1000 delegates of eight delegate groups held discussions and laid down basic principles. Initially laid 104 basic principles were revoked, transferred and amended and thus 86 comprehensive principles were laid down.

Regarding the basic

Kayah, Kayinni and Shan. Under the 1974 constitution, three more states — Chin, Mon and Rakhine—were formed. And under this State Constitution, apart from seven states and seven divisions, the nation will be constituted with one self-administered division for Wa national race and five self-administered zones for Naga, Danu, Pa-O, Palaung and Kokang national races.

The State is now building necessary

Main National Causes.

U Nan Za Mon of Tiddim Township USDA in Chin State put forward a motion to support the National Convention and the upcoming State constitution. He said that to ensure perpetual existence of the Union of Myanmar, home to over 100 national races, it is required to draft a new State constitution based on the national policy that was laid down taking historic lessons of the nation.



principles and detailed basic principles the National Convention has adopted, some self-centered organizations have manufactured false propaganda on the rights bestowed upon national races. It is undeniable that if compared with previous constitutions, this constitution vests national races with better rights on the basis of the prevailing conditions of the nation.

Under the 1947 constitution, the nation had only four states—Kachin,

infrastructures for smooth transition to democracy and delegates from all walks of life held discussions on basic principles for emergence of an enduring constitution. At such a time, those who want to grab power through short-cut commit destructive acts blatantly. It is regrettable that monks were exploited on the anti-government political course. National brethren are urged to ward off those who are trying to push the country into the conditions like in 1988.

The National Convention has played its role, however we will have to accomplish the follow-up programmes of drafting the State Constitution. It is a national duty every citizen has to perform. Then, we have to carry out a large number of demanding tasks step by step in accordance with the seven-step Road Map such as to ascertain the wishes of the people to approve the State Constitution, to elect representatives of the people, to complete the building of a discipline-flourishing democratic country.

In conclusion, the chairman urged the people to participate in shaping a prosperous socio-economic life upholding Our Three

The government in its bid to bring about a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline, as aspired by the people, is constructing infrastructures and producing human resources.

The NC has adopted 104 fundamental principles through the discussions of the representatives to prescribe democratic rights.

In view of the September unrest, certain western countries and local traitor axe-handles put pressure on monks to carry out political movements with the intention of disrupting the NC and preventing the State constitution from coming into existence.

The forthcoming State constitution will bestow more rights and powers upon national races than previous constitutions. The entire people are urged to be constant vigilance against destructive elements who are resorting to various means to destabilize the nation and destroy the seven-step Road Map.

Emergence of a new enduring State constitution is as important as the life upholding Our Three (See page 9)



**Local residents marching to the ceremony to support the National Convention and the upcoming constitution.— MNA**



## Forthcoming constitution vests national races ...

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 lifeblood for the people of the Union. He tabled a motion to support the NC and upcoming constitution, calling on all national brethren to work together to achieve the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

Haka Township representative Daw Doth Ki of Chin State Women's Affairs Organization seconded the motion, saying that the State constitution is yet to be drafted and approved through a referendum. Only with the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing

The seven-step Road Map is the only means to achieve the national goal. On behalf of Chin State WAO, she expressed support for the NC and the constitution.

Mindat Township delegate Daw Hman Paing of China State Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee seconded the motion of support of the National Convention and forthcoming constitution.

The delegates successfully laid down detailed basic principles to be included in the constitution in conformity with the prevailing conditions and desire of the people.



Local people marching to the ceremony to support the National Convention and constitution.

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democratic nation will fulfill these desires. Therefore, I support the National Convention and

forthcoming constitution. Afterwards, Capt Paung Zalan (Retd) of Chin State WVO seconded the motion

in support of the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution. A constitution is a very important part of a country. It can guarantee the development of a country and perpetuation of a nation.

The strength of armed forces reflects the dignity, prestige, development and unity of a nation. Only strong armed forces can protect a nation and lives and property of citizens.

The Tatmadaw (armed forces) and the people of Myanmar struggled for independence.

**The Tatmadaw guarded against the danger of multi-coloured insurgency in 1948-49 and invasion of Kumintang, a bloodshed in the country due to split of political parties, disintegration of**

**the Union in 1962 and unrest and acts of violence in 1988.**

Therefore, the Tatmadaw is indispensable to carry out the national task—Our Three Main National Causes.

Out of six basic principles for the role of the Tatmadaw laid down at the National Convention, two are—**The Tatmadaw shall take responsibility to guard against the danger posed to disintegration of the Union, disintegration of the unity of national races and sovereignty of the State. The Tatmadaw is mainly responsible to guard against the danger posed to the constitution.** While we are making efforts for emergence of a constitution, some western nations and internal destructive elements

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Local residents marching to the ceremony to support the National Convention and constitution.— MNA

discipline, will the national brethren be able to enjoy security, stability, peace, development, social improvement and economic growth.

With reference to high fuel prices, the radio stations of the West Bloc aired distorted stories to incite unrest and violence in the nation with the use of some monks.

In early September, the nation saw so-called "88" generation students-led protests. The government took preventive measures against the protests with the use of minimum force.

Equipping themselves with national awareness and Union Spirit, the people are to surmount the plots hatched by the colonialists.

Constitution must be drawn in every independent nation. Everyone who believes genuine democracy must accept the forthcoming constitution in accord with desire of the people. The powers of legislative, executive and judiciary cannot be handed over easily to those who won victory in the election. That is why the enduring constitution is being drawn. The primary desire of the people is to live in peace and to earn their living peacefully. They do not want to witness chaotic condition again and they do not want to be held in servitude.

A peaceful modern discipline-flourishing



Local people marching to the ceremony to support the National Convention and constitution.

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### Forthcoming constitution vests national races ...

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incited unrest in the country.

**Internal destructive elements who act as stooges of neo colonialists had conducted campaigns to provoke the people**



**Chairman U Kaung Lwe, Principal (Retd) of BEHS.—MNA**

and had carried out underground movements. Moreover, the "88" group had urged international community and organizations to put pressure on Myanmar. They accelerated their movements to provoke the people. It is clear that their strategy is to destroy the seven-point Road Map.

They are very glad to hear that west bloc demanded to impose economic sanction on Myanmar. They could not sleep or eat when they heard that the completion of the National Convention was drawing near. They are pleased to create false news and criticize the government.

All national races want the perpetuation of the Union and the



**Capt Paung Zlan(Retd) of Chin State WVO.— MNA**

sovereignty of the State. All national races want the development of the State. Therefore, we support the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution which can fulfill the desire of the national races.

Afterwards, townselder U Thwak San seconded the motion in support of the National Convention and the constitution.



**U Nan Za Mon of Tiddim USDA. MNA**

Taking lessons from the past and considering situations in Myanmar, delegates to the National Convention held talks and laid down the detailed basic principles. Therefore, the detailed basic principles are endowed with the political essence.

In comparison with the former constitution, it is obvious that the detailed basic principles for writing the forthcoming constitution guarantee equal rights to national races.

On the pretext of fuel price hike, some people staged protests in early September. Some big countries and internal elements who act as stooges of big countries, took advantage and provoked the people into protests. Stooges of foreign countries, neglecting the national prestige and integrity, put on a play written by their foreign masters.

BBC, VOA and RFA broadcasting services,

which harbor exiled persons from Myanmar, have aired news daily to instruct internal stooges so that they can dance to the tune of the broadcasting services.

Those internal and external anti-government groups have tried to jeopardize the peace and stability of the State and attempted to help internal puppets take the power through a short cut. They failed to drive a wedge among the mass of students. Afterwards, they tried to drive a wedge among the mass of workers on the pretext of labour rights but, their plan did not succeed. Later,



**Daw Hman Pai of Mindat Township MCWA.— MNA**

they provoked Buddhist monks into staging protests and unrest. On behalf of all national races, today we denounce their shameful acts.

We, the people and the Tatmadaw, are committed to fighting against the danger of internal and external destructive elements.

Only then, we can reach the future democratic nation and enjoy the fruits of the National Convention.

All national races favour peace and stability, and oppose unrest and violence. We believe that only the democratic nation can fulfil the desire of national races. Therefore, we support the National Convention and the forthcoming constitution.

Next, local people U Pan Lawn of Matupi of Chin State seconded the motion calling for the

support of the National Convention and the State Constitution. He said that rights of national races can be obviously seen in the sector of nationalities with already-laid down 108 basic principles. Different kinds of national races have rights to attend the National Convention.

Every citizen has following rights if one is not against the prescribed laws and that is included in the chapter of citizens, fundamental rights and responsibilities of citizens.

- has rights to express wish and opinion, and to write and distribute
- has rights to walk in procession peacefully without arms
- has rights to set up associations and



**Daw Doth Kie of Haka Township WAO.— MNA**

- Asiayons
- has rights to carry out matters related to literature and language, culture, religion and customs without harming others

The above-mentioned facts must not harm life, liberty and property. The main point is to shape genuine discipline-flourishing multi-party democracy system along with the upcoming State Constitution.

At a time when the State is gaining speed in transition to democracy, two Western powers and media are stimulating the people and the monks to cause unrest in the country undermining six objectives of the National



**MC Daw Htan Shwe Mar and Co-MC Daw Htar Kyin Son.— MNA**

Convention.

If the government, persons and organizations complain to the British government about the wrong information of BBC, it says that it has nothing to do with BBC because it is government-funded radio station.

J Hale, adviser to BBC said that one can not enter the country without visa and passport. If an aeroplane wants to fly



**U Penn Lawm of Matupi Township. MNA**

over a country, it is necessary to ask for permission to fly over its air territory. However, radio transmission waves can freely invade air territory of any country. Thus, air waves will be used as political weapons, he said. Similarly, VOA is taking advantage of J Hale's policy to cause political crisis in the country.

The entire national people are not to listen to the groundless information capable of breaking up the national consolidation being

broadcast by radio stations of some Western powers.

Evolution of market oriented economy system is indispensable for the emergence of democracy. Stability, peace and national consolidation are also important to realize the market oriented economic system. Therefore, the present Government is striving for further strengthening national consolidation, ensuring peace and stability.

Only if these basic



**U Thwm Hsam of Falam Township. MNA**

foundations are perfect, we can walk to a peaceful modern developed democratic nation. As a result, the National Convention is laying these basic foundations.

Next, the chairman of the mass rally sought the approval of those present who they unanimously supported the National Convention and the State Constitution.

Then, those present chanted slogans and the mass rally ended at 11.15 am. — MNA

# Hydroelectric power projects in the service of the State

*Maung Linn Yaung*

Electric power is a source of energy indispensable for the State and the people. The government has been implementing small-scale and large-scale hydroelectric power projects in order to generate electric power that benefits the State on a wider scale.

In implementing the hydroelectric power projects, the government developed small-scale hydroelectric power projects as well as large-scale hydroelectric power projects in 2007. In 2007, the government opened the Yenwe hydroelectric power

**Power consumption of the nation was just 1,518 million units in 1988. In accordance with changes and developments the power consumption at present is over 5,000 million units. In 1988, there were only 14 hydel power stations. To meet growing power demand, the government has built 36 new hydel power stations, making the total number of hydel power stations to 50 in 2007. There are 17 electric power projects under implementation. Upon completion, they will be able to generate over 10,000 megawatt.**

station that can generate 25 megawatt in Kyauktaga Township, Bago Division on 10 February, the electric power stations each of which can generate 60 kilowatt in four villages in Kayan Township, Yangon Division on 25 March, the Pyaing creek small-scale hydroelectric

20 May.

Such tangible accomplishments in 2007 can be attributed to the concerted efforts of the State and local people. With the regional development the living standard of rural people has improved



*Zaungtu Hydroelectric power station in Bago Division.*

power station in Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State on 30 March, the Kataik hydroelectric power station capable of generating 500 kilowatt in Paung Township, Mon State on 1 May, the Bontala hydroelectric power station capable of generating 250 kilowatt in Matupi Township, Chin State on 2 May, the Chibwe creek hydroelectric power station that is able to generate 65 megawatt in Chibwe Township, Kachin State on 5 May, a small-scale hydel power station capable of generating 20 kilowatt in Konbaung Village, Kengtung Township, Shan State (North) and a small-scale hydel power station capable of generating 50 kilowatt in Namma (Wanlon) Village, Kengtung Township, Shan State (North) on 18 May and the Baingdah electric power station in DaikU Township, Bago Division on

significantly.

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*Biluchaung hydroelectric power station in Loikaw, Kayah State.*

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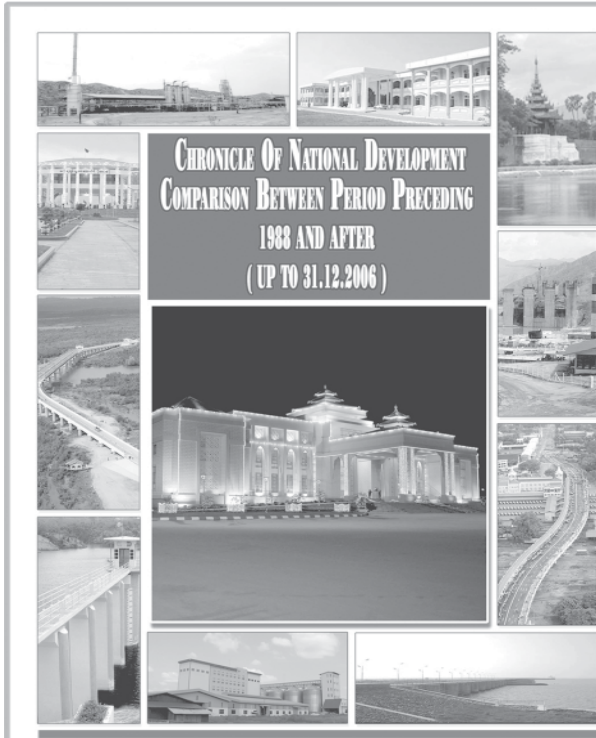
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**Indonesia woman dies of bird flu, toll up 87**

JAKARTA, 9 Oct—A 44-year-old Indonesian woman has died of bird flu, taking the country's total death toll from the disease to 87, a Health Ministry official said on Monday.

The woman, from Pekan Baru City on Sumatra Island, fell sick after she bought chicken in a market last month, Azizman Saad, head of bird flu management at the hospital where she was treated, told Reuters.

"She was treated for high fever at several hospitals before finally being admitted to Arifin Achmad hospital on 4 October. She died the next day," Saad said.

Genetic sequencing tests by Indonesia's main

laboratory for bird flu research showed that the woman had contracted the deadly H5N1 virus, Health Ministry official Joko Suyono said by phone.

Indonesia has had 108 confirmed bird flu cases, of which 87 have been fatal, the highest for any country in the world.

The most common way to contract the bird flu virus is through sick fowl. Although bird flu remains an animal disease, experts fear the virus could mutate and spread from human to human, turning into a pandemic that could kill millions.

MNA/Reuters

**Underground fire leaves 23 illegal miners dead in S Africa**

JOHANNESBURG, 9 Oct—An underground fire has claimed the lives of 23 miners illegally working an unused shaft at a South African gold mine, police said on Sunday.

Their bodies were discovered on Sunday morning and brought to the surface by colleagues arrested when the fire, starting over two weeks ago, forced them to leave the mine on Tuesday.

A total of 120 illegal miners were arrested when they made their way out of the St. Helena Mine in Welkom, Free State Province, on Tuesday, the

SAPA news agency quoted police spokesman Motantsi Makhele as saying.

The mine belongs to Harmony Gold Mining Company, the world's fifth largest gold producer,

the company said on Sunday, but stressing the shaft which is still burning has been disused and operated by illegal miners.

MNA/Xinhua

**Spanish police arrest 13 in cocaine smuggling gang**

MADRID, 9 Oct—Thirteen members of a gang which smuggled cocaine into Spain hidden inside lollipops and furniture have been arrested and three illegal drug laboratories were dismantled, the police said on Monday.

They said they seized 35 kilos (77 pounds) of cocaine. Those arrested include Spaniards, Colombians, Venezuelans and Costa Ricans.

The arrests coincide with reports of a push by South American drug gangs into Europe.

MNA/Reuters

**12 killed, 15 injured in fresh clash in Pakistan's tribal area**

ISLAMABAD, 9 Oct—As many as 12 people were killed and 15 others injured in a clash between militants and security forces in Pakistan's North Waziristan tribal area, a local TV channel DAWN NEWS reported on Monday. Details concerning the clash are not immediately available.

The security forces launched an operation against the militants' hideouts on Sunday, killing 60 militants and injuring 35 others. A total of 20 security forces soldiers lost their lives and

15 others suffered injuries in the clashes.

The security in the northwestern tribal areas was put on high alert after militants in North Waziristan scrapped a peace deal with the government in July. Frequent clashes between militants and security forces left around 400 people dead in the area since mid-July.

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**35 missing as boat capsizes in Bangladesh**

DHAKA, 9 Oct—Thirty-five people were feared drowned as an engine-propelled boat sank in the country's eastern Narsingdi District, 45 kilometres northeast of capital Dhaka, on Monday.

The boat, carrying 50 passengers, sank in the Meghna River, one of the Bangladesh's three major rivers, as a land depression from the Bay of Bengal triggered rainstorm across the country.

Police was quoted by private news agency UNB as saying, the boat got caught in storms and went under the waters of the river at about 6 pm local time.

Some 35 people went missing while the rest swam ashore, and all those missing are feared dead.

The local administration was directed to rescue the victims and the rescue operation is still underway.

MNA/Xinhua

**Serial bombs blast in southern Nepal**

KATHMANDU, 9 Oct—Three bombs went off in southern Nepal district Rajbiraj on Sunday night, local leading media group's website eKantipur reported on Monday.

In Rajbiraj, the headquarters of Saptari District, some 190 kilometres south of capital Kathmandu, bombs exploded at Gajendra Chowk, Municipality office and Revenue office respectively at around 21:40 (1555 GMT).

No untoward incidents have been reported in the explosions.

According to Armed Police Force Deputy Superintendent of Police Prahalad KC, a pipe bomb was exploded at Gajendra Chowk and thread bombs were exploded in two other places.

No one has claimed the responsibility of the explosions so far.

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# More buyers jet in for Zimbabwe International Travel Expo

HARARE, 9 Oct—About 68 international buyers arrived in Harare on Sunday to participate in the 2007 Zimbabwe International Travel Expo, local media reported on Monday.

The buyers are from Singapore, China, Japan, South Korea and Thailand. They join 71 others from Britain, France and Germany who arrived between Friday and Saturday last week, *The Herald* said on Monday.

At least 450 buyers are

expected to attend this year's edition of the travel expo, the newspaper said.

Zimbabwe Tourism Authority (ZTA) area manager for the Far East Taka Munyanyiwa, who accompanied the delegation, said he came with 68 buyers and more were expected to arrive in the next three days.

"I have come with many buyers, tour operators and reporters from Travel Television Channel who are interested in promoting Zimbabwe. We also have tour operators who are

keen to promote other resorts, including Victoria Falls," he said.

ZTA public relations and communications manager Anna Moyo said preparations for the expo were progressing well. "Preparations are going on well. We are expecting at least 450 buyers, which is a significant increase as compared to last year's 365," she said.

MNA/Xinhua



Passengers crowd into a carriage of the brand-new subway line - Line 5 at Yonghegong Station in Chaoyang District, Beijing recently. After four years and nine months of construction, Line 5, a north-south trunk subway, started operation at 2 pm on Sunday.—XINHUA

## Jordan launches programme to battle water shortage

AMMAN, 9 Oct—The non-governmental Jordanian Hashemite Fund for Human Development on Sunday launched a new social programme aimed at improving the conservation of water resources in Jordan, official *Petra* news agency reported on Monday.

Muzahem Muhaisin, head of the programme's higher committee, said that the drive is designed to inform people about means of dealing with the shortage of water

in Jordan, which is among the 10 most water-starved countries in the world.

"Familiarizing the public with the country's critical water situation will help develop more responsibility towards water issues and introduce them to the consequences of not balancing our water demand and supply," Muhaisin told a Press conference on Sunday to announce the launch of the programme.

MNA/Xinhua

## Bombs kill 21 in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 Oct—A series of bomb attacks in Iraq on Monday killed 21 people, including 10 civilians near a police station north of Baghdad, police said.

A car bomb killed two people near Poland's Baghdad embassy, five days after the Polish Ambassador was wounded in a separate attack. The police station targeted was in a village near the city of Samarra, 100 kilometres (62 miles) north of Baghdad.

Nine others were killed

by roadside bombs or car bombs across Iraq. One car bomb killed four people and wounded 10, including women and children, near central Baghdad's Technology University, police said.

Roman Polko, the head of Poland's national security agency, told Polish television's tvn24 that Poland was already planning to move to new buildings inside the fortified Baghdad Green Zone, home to the US and British embassies as well as the Iraqi Parliament and many government ministries.

Acting Baghdad Ambassador Waldemar Figaj told *Reuters* that there were no casualties among Polish staff and no damage to the embassy in the latest attack.

MNA/Xinhua



Photo taken on 7 Oct, 2007 shows a flooded street in Xiahu town of Ningde city, southeast China's Fujian Province.—XINHUA

## Seven dead in Wisconsin after deputy opens fire

CHICAGO, 9 Oct—A sheriff's deputy shot and killed six young people in the northern Wisconsin town of Crandon before killing himself after a

manhunt, a local TV station reported on Sunday, quoting police and witnesses. The Forest County Sheriff's Department said seven people were dead, including the shooter, Tyler Peterson, according to a report on the WJFW-TV

website. The sheriff's department would not confirm details. The report cited eyewitnesses who said about 10 people, ages 17 to 20, were in a home when Peterson went on a shooting rampage at about 3 am.—MNA/Reuters

## Folic acid lowers blood arsenic levels

WASHINGTON, 8 Oct—A new study released Monday by researchers at Columbia University finds that folic acid supplements can dramatically lower blood arsenic levels in individuals exposed to arsenic through contaminated drinking water.

This toxic element, naturally present in some aquifers used for drinking, is currently a significant public health problem in at least 70 countries, including several developing countries and also parts of the United States.

Chronic arsenic exposure is associated with increased risk for skin, liver and bladder cancers, skin lesions, cardiovascular disease, and other adverse health outcomes. The study results are

published in the October issue of the *American Journal of Clinical Nutrition*.

The researchers found that treatment with 400 micrograms a day of folic acid, the United States recommended dietary allowance, reduced total blood arsenic levels by 14 percent in the study population in Bangladesh.

Folate, a B vitamin found in leafy vegetables, citrus fruits, beans, and whole grains, can also be taken as a vitamin supplement, and in the United States, is added to flour and other fortified foods.

"Folic acid supplementation enhanced the detoxification of arsenic to a form that is more readily excreted in urine," said lead author Mary Gamble.

Internet



Hong Kong under smog. Hong Kong's air pollution reached dangerous levels on 8 Oct, 2007, reigniting concerns about public health and fears that the city could lose out on crucial foreign investment due to the thick smog.—INTERNET

# SPORTS

## USADA says Jones banned for two years

SALVO (North Carolina), 10 Oct — Disgraced sprinter Marion Jones has accepted a two-year ban after admitting to the use of a prohibited substance and has relinquished the five Olympic medals she won at the 2000 Sydney Games, the US Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) said on Monday.

Jones, 31, admitted to using a substance prohibited under the rules of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) and USADA in federal court on Friday. She announced after the court hearing she was retiring from athletics.

Her lawyer confirmed she had returned the medals.

Jones won three gold medals and two bronzes at the Sydney Games.

After years of denial she told the court she had taken the banned steroid tetrahydrogestrinone, known as the "clear" from September 2000 through July 2001.

MNA/Reuters



China's Li Wen (L) vies with a player of South Korea during the Group B last game at the AFC U19 Women's Championship in southwest China's Chongqing municipality, on 9 Oct, 2007. The match ended 1-1.—INTERNET

## US relay team urged to hand back tainted medals

MIAMI, 10 Oct — The United States has urged its 2000 Olympic women's sprint relay team to hand back their bronze medals after one of the members, Marion Jones, confessed to steroid use.

"We do not think that the relay medals were won

fairly and we urge the athletes to return their medals," said United States Olympic Committee (USOC) chairman Peter Ueberroth in a tele-conference on Monday.

Ueberroth said USOC did not have the power to force the athletes to return the medals because the issue was within the sole jurisdiction of the International Olympic Committee (IOC).

"We don't have jurisdiction in that matter. If we did, we would be on the side of returning the medals," said Ueberroth.

The U.S won bronze in the 4x100 relay at the Sydney Games, behind Bahamas and Jamaica and ahead of France.

MNA/Reuters

## Coach blames players' wives, girlfriends for Dynamo's form

KIEV, 9 Oct — Dynamo Kiev's coach blamed his players' girlfriends and wives for the team's performances this season and ordered the squad to a training camp away from any distractions, the club's website said. Dynamo, last year's champions for the 12th time since 1992, have started the season poorly, spending most of August and September languishing in the bottom half of the 16-team league.

On Saturday, their recovery continued when they beat Zarja Lugansk 2-1 to move to third behind arch rivals Shakhtar Donetsk and Dnipro Dnipropetrovsk.

Asked by a female reporter at a news conference whether the performance was shameful for the reigning champions, coach Josef Sabo said: "Personally, I'm not ashamed because I see how in a short time they have made very good progress, because I have taken them away from their women, from their wives.

MNA/Reuters

## Hebei Province plans \$2.8b clean-up

BEIJING, 9 Oct — A northern Chinese province bordering Beijing has pledged to spend 21 billion yuan (2.8 billion US dollars) on cutting back emissions and monitoring air quality ahead of the Olympic Games next year. Hebei Province will spend the cash on equipment to filter acid-rain causing sulphur dioxide from power plant emissions, building central heating systems that save on coal, and cleaning up chemical plants, Xinhua agency reported.

"Environmental quality in Hebei is important to that in neighbouring Beijing, and the onus is also on us to ensure a clean Olympics," the report quoted Ji Zhenhai, director of the provincial environmental protection bureau, as saying.—MNA/Reuters



China's team celebrate on the podium after winning the final of men's team event between China and Chinese Hong Kong at the Table Tennis 2007 World Team Cup in Magdeburg, Germany, on 7 Oct, 2007.—XINHUA

## Singapore trounce Palestine, big wins for Lebanon, Syria

BANGKOK, 10 Oct — Singapore had one foot in the second round of Asia's 2010 World Cup qualifying after romping to a 4-0 win away to Palestine on Monday.

Lebanon took a sizable

advantage into the second leg after beating India 4-1 but Syria left it late to seal their victory over war-ravaged Afghanistan, scoring all their goals in the final 17 minutes to win 3-0.

Playing in Doha because of the volatile security situation in Palestine, Singapore's Shi Jiayi scored a goal either side of halftime to give the city-state a clear lead.

John Wilkinson added a third for the Southeast Asian champions on 73 minutes before prolific frontman Noh Alam Shah capped off the victory in Qatar with an 86th-minute strike. "It was a good

result," Singapore's Serbian coach Radojko Avramovic said. "It was good to see all the things we tried out at training finally coming off."

Yemen beat the Maldives 3-0 but Asian Cup qualifiers Oman were not so convincing, taking only a two-goal advantage into the second leg away to lowly Nepal, who are ranked 106 places below them.—MNA/Reuters

## Livorno sack Orsi after poor run

MILAN, 10 Oct — Fernando Orsi became the first managerial casualty of the Serie A season on Tuesday when he was sacked by bottom club Livorno.

"Orsi did not deserve the sack but the fans are disappointed and the difficult start to the season comes down to the coach, and the players," Livorno

president Aldo Spinelli told Italian media.

Livorno have two points from seven games and have had problems scoring since selling Italy striker Cristiano Lucarelli to Ukraine's Shakhtar Donetsk in the close season.

Orsi took over from Daniele Arrigoni in March but has since recorded nine defeats, four draws and three wins in his first job as a top-flight coach. Former Torino coach Giancarlo Camolese is favourite to replace Orsi, media reports said.

"There are three or four coaches in the hat. We will decide tomorrow or the day after," Spinelli added.—MNA/Reuters

## Stoichkov leaves Celta for personal reasons

MADRID, 9 Oct — Hristo Stoichkov left Spanish Second Division side Celta Vigo for personal reasons, the former Bulgaria coach said on Monday.

Earlier in the day, a club spokesman and Spanish media reported he had been sacked.

"At a professional and personal level it is very difficult when your family isn't here. My parents aren't here and my wife and children are in Barcelona," Stoichkov told a news conference.

"I was only waiting for a good game after which to take this decision." Club president Carlos Mourino said Stoichkov had informed them after Saturday's 3-1 home win over Xerez.

"It's a sad day for me because I have to say goodbye to an excellent person and a great friend. Stoichkov told us he wanted to leave for personal reasons and gave us some time to seek a replacement."

MNA/Reuters

## Iran-born German player withdraws from Israel match

BERLIN, 9 Oct — An Iranian-born player in Germany's Under-21 national soccer team has withdrawn from an upcoming match against Israel citing "personal reasons", the German Football Association (DFB) said on Monday.

Ashkan Dejagah, 21, who plays for Bundesliga club VfB Wolfsburg, asked national team managers to allow him to withdraw from Germany's European Championship qualifier against Israel, to be played in Tel Aviv on Friday, the DFB said.

"He came to us citing personal reasons that seemed very plausible," DFB spokesman Jens Grittner said.

Dejagah could not be reached for comment, but tabloid daily *Bild* quoted him as saying his motive was political.

"It has political reasons. Everyone knows that I am German-Iranian," he said of the decision to withdraw.

Since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, Iran has refused to recognize Israel's right to exist and Iranian citizens are forbidden from travelling to Israel.

MNA/Reuters

# Study finds long-term US presence in Iraq very costly

WASHINGTON, 10 Oct — A long-term US troop presence in Iraq will cost between four billion US dollars to eight billion dollars up front, with an annual tab ranging from 10

billion dollars to 25 billion dollars, according to a new study.

The forecasts were made in a report released by the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) on

Monday.

The report prepared two scenarios envisioning a long-term US military presence in Iraq at the request of Senator Kent Conrad, and both employed a baseline estimate of 55,000 troops in Iraq at any given time.

Under the first "combat" scenario, US troops will be in Iraq for specific periods of time before returning to their

home bases and will operate at roughly the same tempo and perform the same missions as troops now on the ground.

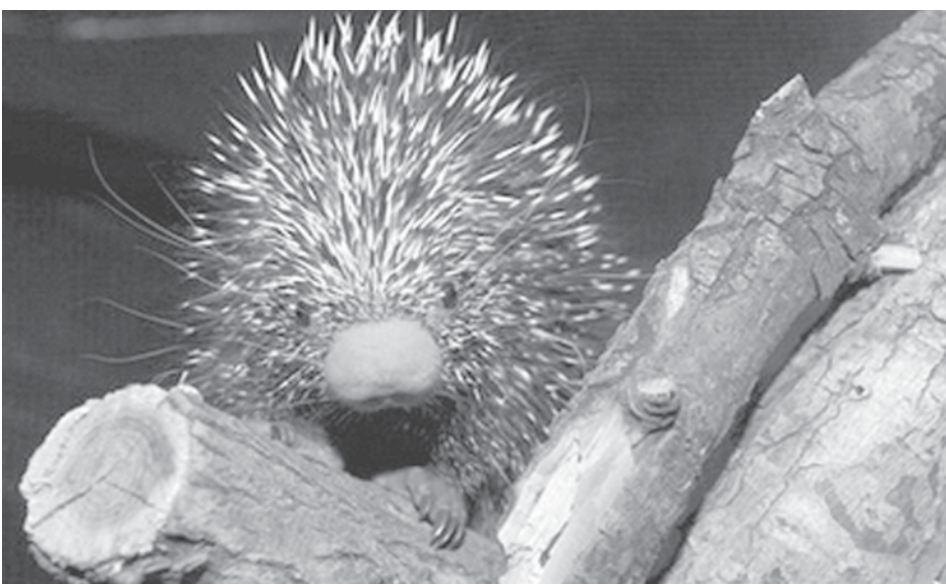
That requires one-time costs of four billion dollars to eight billion dollars and an annual cost of 25 billion dollars.

In the second "noncombat" scenario, 55,000 troops will serve one-year tours at established bases in Iraq or nearby countries, such as troops are assigned to US bases in South Korea and Germany. — MNA/Xinhua

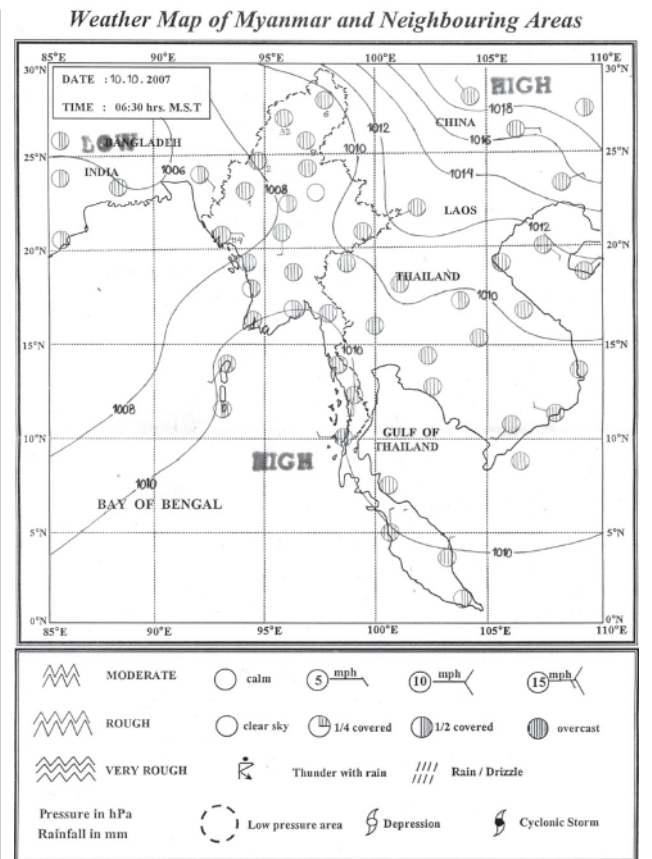
### "Flood Bulletin"

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 10-10-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1132) cm is exceeded (62) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.



One of two newborn Brazilian porcupines (Coendou prehensilis) checks its habitat at the Papiliorama in Kerzers, Switzerland, on 8 Oct, 2007. — INTERNET



## WEATHER

Wednesday, 10 October, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Mandalay Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Kachin States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittway (4.57) inches, Maungtau (4.09) inches, Kyauktaw (1.85) inches, Hkamti (1.26) inches and Minbu (0.55) inch.

Maximum temperature on 9-10-2007 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 10-10-2007 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 10-10-2007 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 9-10-2007 was (0.5) hour approx.

Rainfall on 10-10-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, (Tr) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (129.29) inches at Mingaladon, (133.94) inches at Kaba-Aye and (137.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (13:30) hours MST on 9-10-2007.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the West Central and North Bay and partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 11-10-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Mon, Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of decrease of rain in the Deltaic areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 11-10-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-10-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-10-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Thursday, 11 October  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music  
-Be my girl
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music  
-Are you ready
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music  
-Gone be fine
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:  
-Happy nation
- 1:30 pm News /Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music  
-All I have to give  
-Too much
- 9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar  
-Kayah State
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Topics potpourri  
1. Astronomers find water on extra-Solar Planet  
2. More dogs, cats risk injury on Full-Moon night
- 9:30 pm Songs of your choice  
1. Careless whisper  
2. Reality
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Thursday, 11 October  
View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာမဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့၊ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာဂုဏ်ရတနာ၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘူမိဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
  2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  4. ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအနုလက်ရာစုံစွာ ဘုရားအာနန္ဒာ
- 7:55 am
  5. ဝါဆိုမိုးဆမ်းကန်တော့ပန်း (တိပိဋကနိကာယပဌာက အနုပညာအဖွဲ့)
- 8:10 am
  6. Nice and sweet song
- 8:20 am
  7. Dance of national races
- 8:30 am
  8. International news
- 8:40 am
  9. Islands of Dhamma
- 8:45 am
  10. ဒေါက်တာဘဒ္ဒန္တညဏ်သာရ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကဓမ္မ၊ မဟာဓမ္မကထိကဗဟုဇနပိတဓရ) သဒ္ဓမ္မသီတဂူချောင်း၊ စစ်ကိုင်းတောင်ရိုး၊ စစ်ကိုင်းမြို့၊ စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်းထံမှ နဂါးပေါသထသီလင်္ဂယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. ဆောင်းပါးရှင် မြေလတ်သား၏ "ကံဘယ့်နယ်ရှိစ၊ လိမ်တာမိပြီ BBC"
- 4:30 pm
  3. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:45 pm
  4. အမှတ်(၃)အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အခြေခံပညာကျောင်းများ ဝတ်ရုံတီပြိုင်ပွဲ (ပထမဆု) (လသာရတနာဝတ်အသင်း) (အထက-၂၊ လသာ)
- 5:00 pm
  5. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (စိတ်ပညာအထူးပြု) (စိတ်ပညာ)
- 5:15 pm
  6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm
  7. Musical programme
- 5:40 pm
  8. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်များလေ့လာနိုင်ကြရန် (မဟာဂီတ)(ဝါသနာရှင် (ဒုတိယတန်း)အဆင့်) (အမျိုးသား/အမျိုးသမီး)
- 5:50 pm
  9. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ
- 6:00 pm
  10. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  11. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  12. သီရိဂေဟာ
- 7:00 pm
  13. (၂၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှအားကစား ပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစား အဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ပြေးခုန်ပစ်)
- 7:10 pm
  14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေးတတိယ ချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 8:00 pm
  15. News
  16. International news
  17. Weather report
  18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တစ်လည်လည်" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)
  19. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီးဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မတ္တာဘဝနာပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
  20. The next day's programme

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# People's Desire

- ★ **We favour stability.**
- ★ **We favour peace.**
- ★ **We oppose unrest and violence.**

## Who are the winners, who the losers from violent protests?

- ★ **Due to violence and unrest**  
 Only ordinary people have to suffer  
 Daily wage earners become jobless  
 Poor business for shopkeepers and vendors  
 Taxi drivers and trishaw men have hard times  
 Stores and restaurants have to be kept closed
- ★ **Due to violence and unrest**  
 Only the notorious neo-colonialists benefited  
 Colonialist-funded media and expertriates earning dollar rewards  
 Only saboteurs reap the benefits

- ★ **RFA, VOA and BBC airing skyful of lies**
- ★ **RFA, VOA and BBC saboteurs, watch your step!**
- ★ **The public be warned of  
 killers in the air waves —  
 RFA, VOA and BBC**

- ★ **Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation**
- ★ **BBC lying**  
**VOA deceiving**  
**RFA setting up hostilities**
- ★ **Beware! Don't be bought by those slickers**