

**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

## Commission for Drafting State Constitution formed

TAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — *The Announcement No 2/2007 of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar is issued today. The full text of the announcement is as follows:-*

**Union of Myanmar**  
**State Peace and Development Council**  
Announcement No (2/2007)  
7th Waxing of Thadingyut 1369 ME  
(18 October 2007)

**Formation and Assignment of Commission for Drafting State Constitution**

1. Since 29 September 2007, the entire people have held mass rallies state- and division-wise throughout Myanmar to express their unanimous support for the National Convention and the forthcoming State constitution.
2. In response to the unanimous support of the entire people, and in

recognition of the people's desire of upholding Our Three Main National Causes: Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty, ensuring community peace and prevalence of law and order, building of a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, and successfully implementing the State's seven-step Road Map, the Commission for Drafting the State Constitution is formed and duties are assigned as follows to implement the third step of the seven-step Road Map—Drafting of a new constitution:

**Commission for Drafting State Constitution**

1. U Aung Toe (BA, BL) Chairman  
Chief Justice  
Supreme Court  
Nay Pyi Taw

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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife convey Buddha images in Inlay

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct—Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San left here by air and arrived at Nyaungshwe in Shan State this morning.

They were accompanied by SPDC members Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein,

Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing and Military Affairs Security Chief Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, senior military officers, and officials of the SPDC Office.

They were welcomed in Nyaungshwe by Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thauang Aye, Brig-Gen Kyaw

Phyo of Kalaw Station, Brig-Gen Thet Naing of Aungban Station, and Shan State level departmental officials.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party attended the ceremony to convey the Buddha images of Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda.

It was also attended by members of the Sangha, local authorities, locals and pilgrims. Some tourists observed the ceremony.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were entertained with traditional dance variety of

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### 2,550 released on pledge up to date

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — Those who led, got involved in, and supported the unrest, which broke out in September were called in and are being interrogated. As the persons who unwittingly joined the unrest are also violators of the law, the authorities have released them after they signed the pledge.

To date, there were 2,284 persons called in from Yangon. Out of them, 2,147 were already released on pledge and there are 137 persons left.

Similarly, out of 643 persons who were called in from the states and divisions so far, 403 were already released after they had taken the pledge and there are 240 left.

Some are still called in for questioning and those who should be released will be released. — MNA

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#### Don't get yourselves used by unscrupulous elements

On the pretext of fuel price hikes and high cost of living, they resorted to various means to create unrest like in 1988 with the help of NLD members, so-called '88' generation students, some of whom have become fathers now, and expatriates. They have no chance to use today's students. The parents are also intolerant of seeing their children get used. The students are pursuing higher education with the use of computers.

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



## PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 19 October, 2007

### Preserve and promote Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts

The 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions were launched in Nay Pyi Taw on 17 October with 1813 contestants from states and divisions and 2445 contestants of respective subjects.

This year's competitions also include the ones to sing such kinds of poems as Myanmar Yatu (lyrical ode), Yakan (satirical poem), El Gyin (form of lyric beginning and ending with the 'ei' sound) and Ai Gyin (folk songs) that were once popular, along with drama contests and Kwet Seik competitions (narration of religious or historical stories).

From time immemorial, Myanmar have possessed and exercised culture, customs, and fine traditions. Essence of national character is featured in Myanmar treatises, lyrical ode, poem, poem of epic proportions, verse, significant record, maxim, and written homily. Myanmar dramatic play is endowed with the essence of literature and the pinnacle of drama.

Myanmar cultural infrastructure is still magnificent and captures the hearts and minds of Myanmar people. The entire people are duty-bound to improve the Myanmar cultural structure.

Due to the globalization process, the western culture is penetrating into the nation through the cultural and economic fields. So, the people are to be vigilant with national awareness against such a penetration.

The holding of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions is part of the drive for uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding the national heritage and national character. All the contestants have to preserve and promote national culture by playing their roles as brilliantly as they can in the contests.

### Corrigendum

Please read the name of Bangladeshi Ambassador as Major General Abu Roshde Rokonuddawla in the news "Ambassadors sign in Book of Condolences opened for late Prime Minister General Soe Win" featured in the newspapers issued on 14-10-2007.

MNA

### All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased

## 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

### A&I Minister receives officials from WFP and FAO

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Director Mr Christopher Kaye of World Food Program (WFP) to Myanmar and Resident Representative Mr Tung Zheng Ping of Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) at the ministry, here, on 16 October.

Present at the call were directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.

They discussed matters on promoting further cooperation in agricultural sector in Myanmar.

MNA



**Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives Director Mr Christopher Kaye of World Food Program (WFP).** — MNA

## MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of U Kyaw Htoo as Managing Director of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading under the Ministry of Commerce on the expiry of the one-year probationary period. — MNA

### Robes to be offered to monks in India

YANGON, 17 Oct — Paradesi Sangha Nayaka Committee invited wellwishers to participate in the 30th ceremony to offer robes to Buddhist monks in Majjhima region and in Assam and Manipur regions in India.

A total of 248 Myanmar Buddhist monks stay in 11 monasteries and 8 universities in Majjhima region, 400 monks in monasteries in Assam-Tipur-Manipur regions, in India during the Buddhist Lent.

Those wishing to offer robes to Buddhist monks may contact Ph 01-545215, 01-545216, 01-555173, 01-727746, 01-536348 and 01-542236 not later than 10 November. — MNA

**Myanmar National Men's Football Team poses for group photo before departure for China at Yangon International Airport.** — NLM

### MNFT to play first round qualifier away match against China for World Cup 2010

YANGON, 17 Oct — Myanmar National Men's Football Team left for China by air this afternoon to play first round qualifier away match against China for World Cup 2010 to be held on 21 October.

Myanmar National Football Team was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Myanmar Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw, General Secretary U Tin Aung and officials of the Ministry of Sports.

Myanmar comprises U Thein Aung (Deputy Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Depart-

ment) as manager, Mr Marcos Antonio as chief coach, U Nyan Win, U Kyi Lwin, U Aung Naing and U Myo Chit as assistant coaches, Dr Myat Tun Oo as medical officer, and Soe Myat Min, Min Thu, Thura Aung, Aung Aung Oo, Yan Paing, Sithu Win, Khin Maung Lwin, Myo Min Tun, Tun Tun Win, Aung Myo Thant, Moe Win, Yazar Win Thein, Zaw Htet Aung, Aye Hsan, Zaw Lin Tun, Kyaw Zeyar Win, Kyaw Khine Win and Kyaw Zin Htet as players.

Myanmar will play home match against China on 28 October. — NLM





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By order,  
Sd/ Thein Sein  
Lieutenant-General  
Secretary-1  
State Peace and Development Council

### LDSC and SWDA donate wheelchairs to SWRR

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — Latter Day Saint Charity (LDSC) and Social Welfare Development Association donated 500 wheelchairs to Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement at No 23 meeting hall of the ministry, here, on 15 October.

Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepted the wheelchairs and spoke words of thanks.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population Brig-Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for SWRR Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, leader of Rehabilitation and

Reintegration Working Group Daw Tin Tin Nwe of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, members of MCWA, Country Director of LDSC Mr Carl Alvin Hatch and wife, Chairman of Social Welfare Development

Association Dr Khin Maung Win, wellwishers and guests.

Donor Mr Carl Alvin Hatch explained the purpose of donation of wheelchairs and presented documents related to wheelchairs which was accepted by the SWRR

minister who then gave honour of certification to the donors.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint handed over the wheelchairs to units under the Department of Social Welfare. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepts documents related to wheelchairs presented by Country Director of LDSC Mr Carl Alvin Hatch. — MNA

### Minister gives instructions on completion of district-to-district roads

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt made a speech at the coordinating meeting on completion of district-to-district roads held at the ministry here on 16 October.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Col Tin Ngwe, directors-general, directors and officials.

In his speech, Minister Col Thein Nyunt called on officials concerned to complete district-to-district roads meeting the set standard.

Officials concerned reported to the minister on construction of district-to-district roads in states and divisions.

Road No 1 linking district to district is 401 miles long and No 2 is over 440 miles long.

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



## Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects finishing touches to Dagon Bridge



*Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects Dagon Bridge construction project.—MNA*

YANGON, 18 Oct —Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence inspected the progress in construction of Dagon Bridge in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township yesterday and gave instructions to officials concerned.

The bridge construction project is being implemented by Bridge Construction Special Group-1 of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction.

During his tour, Lt-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials, inspected the preparations for a ceremony to inaugurate the bridge and finishing touches to the bridge.

When they arrived at the bridge, they were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, senior military officers and departmental officials.

At the briefing hall, officials concerned reported to Lt-Gen Myint Swe on tasks to be carried out before and after the inauguration ceremony of the bridge and upgrading the approach roads to the bridge.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe called on officials concerned to put efforts for the durability of the concrete reinforced bridge as it will contribute to smooth transportation and will benefit the socio-economy of local people.

He also gave instructions on collection of toll for the bridge, completion of the 5 mile and 6 furlong-long approach road on Thanlyin side meeting the set

standards and planting of shady trees on both sides of the road.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected paving of the motorway on the bridge and its approach roads and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The bridge is 4,540 ft long and its clearance is 110 ft wide and 18 ft high. The six-lane bridge is flanked by six-foot wide walkways and can withstand 75 tons of load.

Upon completion, the bridge will benefit the transportation between Thilawa Special Industrial Zone and its supporting industrial zones — Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone and Dagon Myothit South Industrial Zone — and other industrial zones in Yangon. — MNA

## People of Kachin State, Shan State (South), Shan State (North), denounce recent protests

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — People of Bhamo and Shwegu Townships in Kachin State, Kunhing Township in Shan State (South) and Lashio, Hsenwi and Tangyan Townships in Shan State (North) who favour stability of the State, prevalence of law and order and community peace walked in procession on 14, 16 and 17 October in the respective regions to denounce the recent demonstrations instigated by some monks and NLD members.

As they regarded the recent protests as a threat to peace and stability they walked in procession after seeking permission from the authorities concerned.

On 14 October in Bhamo Township, over 15,000 people holding 14 State Flags and placards

that read “ We favour stability” “ We favour peace”, “We don’t want protests”, “Fight against the danger of internal and external elements”, “Our enemies are our protesters”, “ We support the National Convention”, “We welcome the upcoming constitution”, “The seven-step must meet with success”, “VOA deceiving”, “BBC lying”, “RFA setting up hostilities”, “Don’t want NLD” and “Price hike due to sanctions posed by USA”, after chanting “We don’t want protesters and terrorist”, “We don’t want internal and external elements”, “We don’t want stooges of foreign countries”, “Our Three Main National Causes”, and “The seven-step Road Map must be realized” gathered at Township Sports Ground and then

started marching along Myoma Market, Aleyard Road, Pyinnyayeiktha Street, Bala Min Htin Street and finally to Thiri Street in the town.

On 14 October in Shwegu Township of Kachin State, over 11,000 people holding 14 State Flags and placards walked in procession from Township Sports Ground to No 3 Ward and No 4 Ward in the town.

Similarly, on 16 October in Kunhing Township of Shan State (South), over 11,000 holding the placards walked in procession from Township Sports Ground along Thukha Street, Sabei Street, Myomya Market, Town Hall, Pyidaungsu Street and Station Sports Ground in the town.

On 17 October in



*Local residents in Lashio express their opposition to recent protests.—MNA*

Lashio Township of Shan State (North), over 15,000 people holding 14 State flags and the placards marched in procession from Yonhaw Sports Ground to Thukha Street, Theintaik Cinema Hall, Lamadaw Street and finally to Pyidaungsu Street in the town.

On 17 October in Hsenwi Township, about 16,000 holding the placards and chanting slogans in two languages Shan and Myanmar, marched in procession from Namhtu Bridge to Asia World Toll Gate in the town.

On 17 October in

Tangyan Township, about 17,000 people holding the placards walked in procession through Pangsang Street, Bogyoke Aung San Street, Anawrahta Street, Bayintnaung Street, Yawmingyi Street and Ziwaka Street in the town. — MNA



# Don't get yourselves used by unscrupulous elements

*Mi Khin Thant*

**The Chief Editor,**

I am Mi Khin Thant who wrote four or five articles in your newspapers in 1988 and 1989 with the intention that students would not take a wrong path and would not lose their future and would not be used by unscrupulous elements.

Now, I have learnt that destructive elements at home and abroad are agitating the people, and I would like to present some notable points for the people. So, you are kindly requested to insert this article in your newspaper.

Today's younger generations' parents, grandmothers and grandfathers, aunts and uncles and I witnessed the 1988 unrest in which the Union was on the verge of collapse, the nation was about to lose independence, anarchy was rampant and everything was in total disorder.

In March 1988, two second year students of Yangon Institute of Technology engaged in a brawl with some ward dwellers, stemming from the playing of a cassette tape recorder in a tea shop. Four civilians were held in custody for attacking the two students. Meanwhile, other students set fire to the ward. They prevented fire engines from getting to the fire. The rector of the institute dissuaded them from doing so, but he met bad language from them owing to his dissuasion. In consequence, four houses, a cooperative sales centre, and a garage were burnt down. Then, the clash grew into a large-scale conflict between ward dwellers and a group of students. So the authorities concerned had to disperse the gathering crowd. Members of the Burma Communist Party (UGs) in complicity with the CIA fanned the flame of the incident into 8-8-1988 mass demonstration.

Using the students, they instigated an uncontrollable protest exploiting a small matter of students' affairs. The CIA, BCP and other self-seeking political groups exaggerated the news in order that the protest, which subsided from March to July in 1988, continued. At the same time, BBC and VOA aired distorted news stories in the evenings to create the public outrage to maintain the momentum of the protest.

**The Chief Editor,**

**Here, I would like to present a point. Self-centered politicians concentrating on coming to power use the method of organizing, deceiving and using three "Thars" when they are not in a position to come to power. Rightist politicians and leftist politicians also used this method.**

**The three "Thars" they have designated are Kyaungtha (student), Sitha (servicemen), and Phayatha (monks). They considered that when students stood by them, the people would join them. They were sure of themselves that the government daren't shoot and arrest students. If servicemen stood by and joined them, they would be able to equip themselves with arms. They would be able to seize power after rising in revolt against the government and ousting it. If they succeeded in organizing servicemen, there would be a fall in the national defence power, and alien forces would have a chance to invade the nation easily. If so, they could seize power through armed strife. If a protest was joined by monks, the people would join the protest then. If monks**

**staged a protest, the government would find it difficult to arrest the protesters and would not dare to fire shots to disperse the crowd. So, they always use one of the three Thars whenever they try to incite a protest.**

In Myanmar, the population of members of the Sangha is now about 500,000. Discharging primary duties of three kinds of Sasana—Pariyatti (learning of Buddhist scriptures), Patipatti (meditation) and Pativedha (attainment of insight), members of the Sangha have to observe the Vinaya rules, which were prescribed by the Buddha, to attain Nirvana. Myanmar is a nation where Theravada Buddhism flourishes. More than 90 per cent of the population are Buddhists. The people and the government provide four kinds of requisites to members of the Sangha. Every region of the nation has a great number of religious edifices, pagodas, stupas, Buddha images, ordination halls, monasteries, and public rest houses.

**According to the tactic, politicians use the three Thars to achieve their goals by stuffing them with political ideas, instigating them, or driving a wedge among them. Many senior monks knowledgeable about religious studies witnessed political conflicts among members of the Sangha.**

**So, they give sermons to their junior counterparts. The Teachings of the Buddha carry Do's and Don'ts for members of the Sangha.**

The CIA and BCP UGs were behind the 1988 unrest. Initially, the protesters made demands on education affairs and student affairs. Later, they made different demands such as democracy, formation of an interim government, and resignation of the one-party government. While speeding up their movements, they arrested, tortured and beheaded many innocent daily wages earners under the accusations that they poisoned the drinks and foods for protesters with the intention that no one would dare to oppose their acts. Casual opportunists reared their heads, robbing warehouses and universities and destroying state-owned factories.

On 24 August 1988, U Aung Gyi was released. He gave anti-government talks to the people at Padomma Grounds in Sangyoung on 25 August, Daw Suu Kyi who was on a visit to the nation to look after her sick mother and was pushed onto the political stage, held a mass meeting at the foot of the Shwedagon Pagoda on 26 August, and U Tin Oo, who had served his seven-year term under Section 124 (criminal concealment in an abortive coup), made speeches at Yangon General Hospital on 27 August. At that time, they pledged that they would not set up political parties, would not take leadership role, and would not take power, and just took part in the democracy campaign.

I will not present so many points about the 1988 unrest because it was merely an undignified protest, which was staged for the sake of the BCP and CIA. In the unrest, the protesters ravaged a lot of State-owned and private-owned property, and they did not spare even tombs in some cemeteries. Any of the so-called leaders was unable to control such destructive acts. BBC and VOA aired that those who had robbed warehouses were soldiers, not protesters. Ward dwellers and the people knew best who did so in that regard.

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**The people don't accept the instructions of the US ordering Myanmar government not to deter any act to cause disturbances in the nation however the situation is bad. The people favour peace and stability.**

**They want no violence and unrest. All in all, I would like to urge all the parents to protect their children from being used by instigators taking lessons from the 1988 unrest.**

## Don't get yourselves used by...

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When the Tatmadaw unavoidably took over State responsibilities on 18-9-1988, the young students without knowing what to do approached and asked for advice from the so-called democracy leaders. But there was no leader who took responsibilities by saying such words as 'You stay yourselves at home. We will protect you. We would face any punishment if necessary.' Instead, they replied that 'Stay away. Even we don't know what will happen to us'. And they asked the students to flee to the border areas.

Consequently, the border areas experienced an influx of thousands of young students. They cruelly placed the students at the insurgent camps which were like in the mouth of a fox. Some fled and came back home. They recounted their bitter experiences — various forms of tortures. In some cases, the students were forcibly pushed into a latrine hole and they had to go hungry without any food or water there. At the time, *The Bangkok Post* and *The Nation* featured a piece of news together with a photo in which over 80 young women from a brothel in Ranong were arrested by Thai police. It was a tragic story to learn 80 Myanmar girl students were forced into prostitution. Feeling sorry for them as my own daughters, I wrote several articles.

We wrote about the articles in which the students returned home from Tak district individually or in groups. They were received by the commands and districts concerned. Many had to go hungry, died of various diseases or were brutally killed. VOA and BBC blacked out the news. Speech writer Rorabarger of the US President went to the border and pledged seven million dollars. He instructed the students to continue their anti-government activities from Marneplaw. However, no money came in. If the money had arrived, it would have gone to the insurgents. The young students had to eat only boiled raw water melon without any rice. Now the student remnants who went into the jungles have become middle-aged persons. With no proper education, they have to survive depending on others and they have to do whatever others ask. Some useful were luckily taken to capitalist nations like America, England, Europe, Australia, Japan and South Korea. Those middle-aged men (No longer students) were employed by VOA, BBC, RFA, DVB and other organizations. Some are getting involved in the activities of some organizations as asked by CIA and trying to tarnish the image of their own nation. Otherwise, they would have to have hard times.

The Chief Editor,

On the pretext of fuel price hikes and high cost of living, they resorted to various means to create unrest like in 1988 with the help of NLD members, so-called '88' generation students, some of whom have become fathers now, and expatriates. They have no chance to use today's students. The parents are also intolerant of seeing their children get used. The students are pursuing higher education with the use of computers.

The embassy of a big power secretly gave training courses (like ones conducted by Gene Sharp of the West) to young monks and novices. They were forced to stage protests setting aside their Pariyatti and Patipatti work. It is saddening to see those young monks and novices are turning their back to the Buddha's Teachings and Ovada and Vinaya of Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaws.

Initially, the monks staged protest walks reciting parittas. Authorities did not disturb and prohibit their acts. A crowd of people followed the monks with an excuse for protecting them. By-standers also gathered at their instigation. Then, on-lookers were urged to applause and clap. Most of the followers were NLD members. Some wanderers and young people wearing decadent dress also got involved in the protests.

Then, they started shouting slogans calling for release of Daw Suu Kyi and political prisoners and a dialogue with Daw Suu Kyi. Their slogans were like those of NLD. In some places, the protesters shouted a slogan saying 'Down with the military government'. Unknowingly, they came to violate Sections 121 and 122. According to these laws, even capital punishment can be given.

The State responsible for community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law announced that further disturbances were not to be created and action would be taken against those who violated the law. But the situation was going from bad to worse. The protesters started throwing stones at the security forces. Their instigation was that the protesters threw stones at the security forces, who would then start shooting. If there were deaths of the protesters, BBC, VOA and CIA would spread propaganda to the world to cause misunderstanding with Myanmar's government. NLD masterminded the plan.

Every nation with its own law has to take action according to those laws. The same applies that in Washington on 17 December, police hit and arrested 200 out of about 100,000 US citizens protesting against the Iraq war.

The people don't accept the one-sided instructions of the US ordering Myanmar government not to deter any act to cause disturbances in the nation however the situation is bad. The people favour peace and stability. They want no violence and unrest. All in all, I would like to urge all the parents to protect their children from being used by instigators taking lessons from the 1988 unrest.

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*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw.—MNA*

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife...

(from page 1)

Nyaungshwe cultural troupe and Shan State cultural troupe.

They took positions in the Pyathadsaung (building with a tired roof) of Phaungdawbyan port

cultural troupe; Lt-Gen Kyaw Win's wife Daw San San Yee, to Innpawkhon team; Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, consolation prize for men's 46-oar boat race to Kelar village team; Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, to Yaytha village team; Lt-Gen Maung Bo, to

and the first prize to Aingdaungtyi village team.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented the second prize to Aingdaungtyi Village team and the first prize to Mongthauk Village team in the men's 100-oar event.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party paid homage to Inlay



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party view Intha traditional boat races.—MNA*

where the images would arrive from Inlay region.

When the images arrived at the port, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye conveyed a Buddha image to the vessel from the Karaweik raft together with Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Lt-Gen Myat Hein and Maj-Gen Thauang Aye.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Lt-Gen Myint Hlaing, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Col Zaw Min conveyed a Buddha image; Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Brig-Gen Kyaw Phyo and SPDC Office Deputy Director-General U Zaw Myint Pe, an image; and Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Brig-Gen Thet Naing, Col Win Hlaing of Eastern Command, Shan State PDC Secretary U Khin Maung Gyi and Police Col Nyunt Win, an image.

The Buddha images were then conveyed onto Atthadisa Dhamma Vihara Desacari Kyaungdawgyi.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party attended the Inthar traditional regatta held at Phaungdawbyan port. The regatta comprised the men's and women's 100-oar boat races, the men's 46-oar boat race, the women's 26-oar boat race, and the Inthar traditional Soonpo boat-rowing demonstration.

Lt-Gen Myat Hein's wife Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt presented the prize to Shwenigon Soonpo team; Vice-Admiral Soe Thein's wife Daw Aye Aye, a gift to the

Thabyebin village team and Yaytha village team.

Daw Mya Mya San presented the second prize for women's 26-oar boat race to Mongthauk village and the first prize to Aingdaungtyi village team.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented the third prize for men's 46-oar boat race to Wunbe Inn village team

PhaungdawU Buddha images at Atthadisa Dhamma Vihara Desacari Kyaungdawgyi.

Nyaungshwe Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Hlaingkyu Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Mahinda, Shan State

(See page 9)



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents prize to a winning team.—MNA*



## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife...

(from page 8)

Sangha Nayaka Committee (Shwegyin) Chairman Nyaungshwe Kangyi Pariyatti Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Dhammavara and members of the Sangha offered 'soon', flowers, lights and gold foils to the Buddha images.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San also donated 'soon', flowers and lights to the images. After paying homage, they offered alms to the Sayadaws. Officials also presented provisions to members of the Sangha.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, members of the SPDC, ministers, senior military officers and officials offered gold foils to the Buddha images. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted pilgrims.

At Sasana Wepulla Shwegu Pariyatti Monastery in Nyaungshwe, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party paid homage to



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye pays homage to the Buddha images.—MNA*



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offers gold foils to the Buddha images.—MNA*

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sumangalabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party shared merits gained.

At Hlaingkyu Pariyatti Monastery in Nyaungshwe, they paid homage and donated offertories to Chairman of the Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Mahinda.

Next, they flew to Taunggyi by helicopter. While in Taunggyi, they paid homage to State Ovadaçariya Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Çhandadhika. The Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife offered requisites, alms and medicines to the Sayadaw. Members of the SPDC and ministers donated alms to members of the Sangha. After the Sayadaw had delivered a sermon, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party shared merits gained.

Later, they left Taunggyi by helicopter and arrived back here in the evening. — MNA

members of the Sangha from the monasteries of Shwenyaung and donated alms to them.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya Abhidhaja Maha Saddhammajotika Agga Maha Pandita Presiding Nayaka of Sasana Wepulla Shwegu Pariyatti Monastery Bhaddanta Vilasabhivamsa, member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Shwebontha Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vepullabhivamsa and Chairman of Shan State Sangha Nayaka Committee (Shwegyin) Kangyi Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Dhammavara.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vepullabhivamsa administered the Five Precepts. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San donated provisions to the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Sasana Wepulla Shwegu Pariyatti Monastery.

Members of the SPDC, ministers, senior military officers and departmental officials also offered alms to members of the Sangha.

Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Mongthauk Monastery



*Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, presents prize to a winning team.—MNA*



# Contestants actively take part in 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — The 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions commenced at designated places in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin yesterday.

Also present on the occasions were Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Acting Prime Minister and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein



*Chindwin Sanay and troupe competing in amateur level (first class) Ozi contest. — MNA*

The singing contest took place at the hall of University of

Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin, Chairman of the Panel of Judges U Sein Mar Din and members supervised the amateur level (first class) women's dancing contest.

Altogether six persons took part in the amateur level (first class) women's dancing contest and eight persons in the amateur level (first class) men's dancing contest.

The song composing contest was held at the hall of

party.

Altogether 13 contestants competed in the amateur level (first class) song composing contest, 15 persons in the amateur level (second class) song composing contest and 10 contestants in the higher education level song composing contest.

Leader of the Panel of Judges U Sein Satin and party supervised the amateur level (second class) men's orchestra (solo) contest at the

orchestra (solo) contest and five persons in the higher education level men's orchestra (solo) contest.

Leader of the Panel of Judges for the Ozi and Dobat contest U Sein Ba Maw and party supervised the amateur level (first class) Ozi contest at the hall of Agricultural Research Department. A total of seven troupes took part in the amateur level (first class) Ozi contest and five troupes in the higher education level Ozi contest.

At the lecture hall of University of Agriculture, the basic education level xylophone contest was supervised by Leader of

the Panel of Judges U Khin Hla and party.

Nine students participated in the basic education level (5-10 aged) boys' xylophone contest and another nine students in the basic education level (10-15 aged) girls' xylophone contest.

Leader of the panel of judges Pianist U Ni Ni and party supervised the piano contest. At the hall of Forest Research Division, three contestants competed in the amateur level (second class) women's piano contest and eight students in the basic education level (5-10 aged) boys' piano contest.

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*A student of Kachin State competing in basic education level (5-10 aged) boys' piano contest. — MNA*

Sein, Chairman of the Leading Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, ministers, the Auditor-General, deputy ministers, the director-general of the SPDC Office, departmental heads, Secretary of the Work Committee for Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of the Fine Arts Department and Work Committee members, members of sub-committees, departmental officials, national race representatives of States and Divisions and local people.

Agriculture in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin. The contest was supervised by Chairperson of the Panel of Judges Assistant Director vocalist Daw Tin Tin Mya (Retd) of Myanma Radio and Television and party together with Leader of the Panel of Judges U Min Naung and party.

A total of 12 contestants participated in the amateur level (first class) men's old/modern singing contest and 15 students in the basic education level (15-20 aged) girls' modern/old singing contest.

At the convo-



*A contestant of Yangon Division taking part in amateur level (first class) men's old/modern singing contest. — MNA*

Agricultural Research Department in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin and it was supervised by Chairman of the Panel of Judges U Maung Maung Latt and

convocation hall of the University of Agriculture. A total of 12 persons participated in the amateur level (second class) men's



*A person of Mandalay Division participating in amateur level (second class) men's orchestra (solo) contest. — MNA*



# Suvannasama drama contest commences



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin views a troupe participating in Suvannasama drama contest.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — The Suvannasama drama contest of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions commenced at the

convocation hall of the University of Veterinary Science Campus here at 7 pm today.

The team led by Maung Aung Ko Win representing Yangon

Division started the participation in the performance of the Suvannasama drama.

Among the viewers at the competition were

Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic

Development Col Thurein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, officials of the Work Committee, officials of sub-committees, officials and staff of the ministries,

families of regiments and units under Nay Pyi Taw Command and enthusiasts.

The team led by Maung Aung Ko Win representing Yangon Division performed Suvannasama drama at the competition.

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## The 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Suvannasama Drama

No	Date	Division
1.	19.10.07	Yangon Division (Maung Nyan Win and group)
2.	20.10.07	Ayeyawady Division
3.	21.10.07	Mandalay Division
4.	22.10.07	Sagaing Division

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		စန္ဒရား	ဝါသနာရှင် (၀) (မ)	၀၉:၀၀	သစ်တောသုတေသန (စုဝေးခန်းမ)
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## Mine explosion kills one villager

NAY PYI TAW, 18 Oct — One villager died as a mine planted by insurgents in Shwekyin Township exploded on 11 October.

U Bo Ta Hae, 50, stepped on the mine on his way to a jungle in search of his buffalo. His right knee was blown off and his right and left thighs were injured due to the explosion. The victim died due to bleeding from the wound on the way to a local hospital.

The insurgents are committing destructive acts to jeopardize the stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity.

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**Don't smoke**

## ASEAN Joint Stamp Issue to be sold



The ASEAN Joint Stamp issue. MNA

YANGON, 18 Oct — Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs will start the sales of ASEAN Joint Stamp Issue tomorrow.

A stamp costs K 50 and is available at state/

division/district post offices.

As a special programme, a special seal will be borne on the new stamps at the Nay Pyi Taw General Post Office, Yangon Post Office and Mandalay Post Office.

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# Rich natural resources await efficient exploitation

*(Yadana Tun)*

The Union of Myanmar is rich in natural resources. Among the natural resources are priceless gems that are almost inexhaustible. The government has granted permits to the private industries in order that they can systematically tap the bountiful gems.

In the past, mineral resources could not be produced on a commercial scale. At present, the exploration of mineral deposits is being carried out in accord with the market-oriented economic



**Copper plates exploited from natural resources.**

system. As a result, there emerged a number of gems mining blocks. And the entrepreneurs are extensively engaged in the gems mining, thereby contributing to national development.

Kachin State is a jade land. It also produces copper, gold and coal. After 1988, Kachin State was able to produce earth-wax and crystals. It is now producing more jade and gold than ever. The entrepreneurs produced over 600 tri ounces of gold in Kachin State. The Mawchee Mine of Kayah State produces tin, tungsten and other minerals. After 1988, Kayah State produced more marbles and antimony. Over 200 metric tons of marbles and over 260 metric tons of antimony were produced. In Kayin State, mineral resources could not be produced on a commercial scale in the past. At present, over 3,000 metric tons of zinc, some 300 metric tons of antimony, some 30,000 metric tons of lime for industry use and over 100,000 metric tons of hard stone have been produced.

With seven gold mining plots, Mon State produced about 100 tri ounces of gold. Moreover, it produced over 750 metric tons of lime that are used in home decoration, over 700 metric tons of slate and over 400 metric tons of granite. In 1988, Mon

State produced about one metric ton of the mixture of tin and tungsten. At present, it produced up to two metric tons of the mixture of tin and tungsten.

Shan State produced over 40 million carats of gems. It also produced over 300,000 metric tons of coal, over 120,000 metric tons of gypsum, over 1,000 metric tons of ore lead and zinc, over 3,000 metric tons of ore zinc, some 130,000 ounces of pure silver, over 2,000 metric tons of pure lead, over 6,000 metric tons of smelt lead-zinc and over 4400 metric tons of barytes.

Sagaing Division is engaged in extended mining of jade, copper, gold and coal. At present, it produced over 340,000 kilos of jade, some 30,000 metric tons of copper, over 5,000 tri ounces of pure gold, over 1,700 tri ounces of gold and over 100,000 metric tons of coal.

Taninthayi Division is famous for its pearl. At present, with nine pearl culture camps, the division has been able to produce over three million momme of pearl. Moreover, it has produced over 1,000 metric tons of tin and tungsten and over 100,000 metric tons of coal.

Bago Division is dubbed " a golden land". In



**Pure gold bullions of Kyaukpatho Gold Mine in Sagaing Division.**

gems land. The number of gem blocks has now increased to 260. And it was able to produce 2,600,000 carats of various kinds of gems. In 1988, there were only two gold producing centres. Now the number of gold producing centres has increased to 172.



**Pearl island of Taninthayi Division**

the past, there was only one gold block in the division. At present, the number of gold blocks has increased to 18. In 1988, the division was able to produce only nine tri ounces of gold. At present, it produces about 150 tri ounces of gold. Likewise, Magway Division has produced about 3,000 metric tons of coal and over 3,500 metric tons of li me.

Mandalay Division is famous for its Mogok

Hence, it is required to tap and utilize those rich natural resources in an effective way. The systematic tapping of natural resources carried out by the government not only contributes to the prosperity of local people but also to development of the State.

**(Translation: TS)**

*Kyemon: 16-10-2007*



**Local and foreign gem merchants observing jade lots.**



**Gem merchants viewing Myanmar pearls of Taninthayi Division.**



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**Iraq bombs kill 11 in Baghdad, northern city**

BAGHDAD, 17 Oct—Vehicle bombs targeting an Iraqi Army patrol in Baghdad and a police station in northern Iraq on Tuesday killed at least 11 people and wounded 105, police said.

While levels of violence in parts of Baghdad and surrounding areas have declined since the US military sent an extra 30,000 troops this year to quell violence, there has been a spate of car bomb attacks on Iraqi police and security forces.

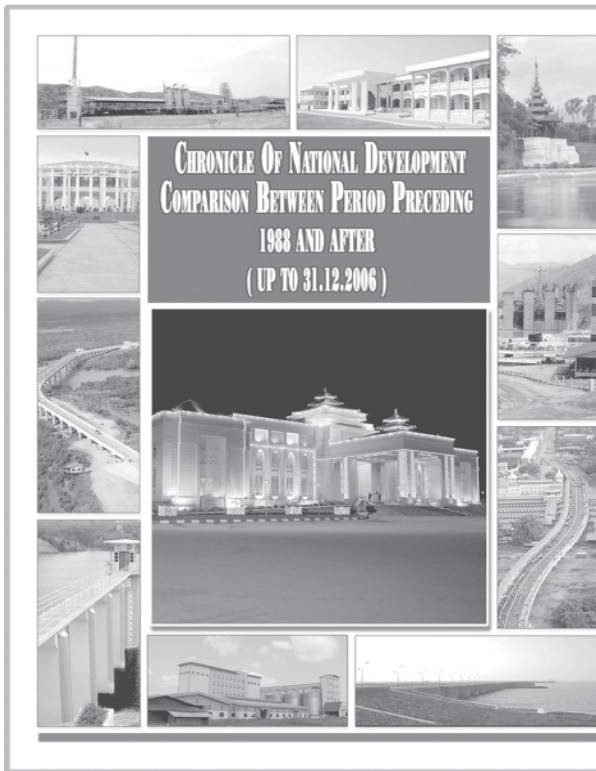
Al-Qaeda has vowed to target them and tribal leaders who have begun working with US forces to drive the Sunni Islamist militants out of their communities.

Three soldiers and three civilians died when a car bomb parked in central Baghdad exploded near an Iraqi Army patrol. Five soldiers and 20 civilians were wounded.

A truck bomb in the northern city of Mosul destroyed a police station, killing four policemen, a woman and wounding 80 people, police said.

A member of the "Awakening Council" of tribal leaders that turned against al-Qaeda in the western Anbar Province was also killed on Tuesday.

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**UN refugee chief warns of refugee crisis in N Iraq**

BRUSSELS, 17 Oct—The UN's refugee chief warned on Tuesday of the danger of a refugee crisis in northern Iraq, a day after Turkey's Cabinet asked Parliament for permission to launch an attack there against Kurdish separatists. "The northern governorate, or Kurdistan ... has been the most stable area of Iraq," United Nations High Com-

missioner for Refugees Antonio Guterres told reporters in Brussels. "It is an area also where you find Iraqis from the south and central Iraq who came seeking security.

"I can only express our very deep concern about any development that might lead to meaningful displacements of population in that sensitive area," Guterres said.

Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said securing Parliament's permission for the operations against Kurds, who use Iraqi bases for attacks inside Turkey, did not necessarily mean actions were imminent.

"I sincerely wish that this motion will never be applied," he said.

Parliament is expected to pass the motion on

Monday allowing cross-border operations over a year. The United States and the European Union have urged restraint from Turkey, a key NATO ally strategically located between Europe and the Middle East. Turkey argues the United States and Iraq have not done enough to quell Kurdish separatist activity.

MNA/Reuters

**UN report: HK a "front-runner" economy**

HONG KONG, 17 Oct—Hong Kong has retained its position as Asia's second largest destination for foreign direct investment (FDI), according to a report released on

Wednesday by the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

The report, named World Investment Report 2007, highlighted Hong Kong as a "front-runner"

economy, following high rankings in both its Inward FDI Potential and Performance Indexes.

Hong Kong attracted FDI valued at 42.9 billion US dollars last year, up 28 percent on 2005. Together with the Chinese mainland, which was the largest FDI recipient, the two economies accounted for over half of FDI inflows into the region last year.

Hong Kong Director-General of Investment Promotion Mike Rowse said here Wednesday the report confirms Hong Kong's position as a highly attractive market for FDI. To be second in Asia and seventh in the world is an impressive feat for a city economy of 7 million people, he added.

"These results confirm Hong Kong's status as an international location in Asia for foreign companies and capital. Equally, the report shows that Hong Kong continues to act as a two-way

springboard for overseas companies and capital into the Chinese mainland, and for mainland companies expanding into international markets," Rowse said. "Beyond the numbers, this investment also brings new skills, products, services and job opportunities that contribute substantially to our economic development and competitiveness," he added. The FDI inflow into Hong Kong soared more than 30 percent on a year earlier, to 27.1 billion US dollars for the first half of this year.

On a global scale, Hong Kong ranked seventh in FDI inflows last year, up from the eighth place in 2005, with cross-border merger and acquisition activity fueling the rise.

Internet

**Climate change already affecting horticultural crops**

JAKARTA, 17 Oct—The Indonesian Agriculture Ministry said global warming as manifested by rise in temperature, has affected horticultural crops, especially vegetables, fruit-bearing and ornamental plants which need temperatures below 25 degrees Celsius to survive and grow.

Farmers could usually plant potato in areas 1,000 metres above sea level. But due to global warming, the tuber now had to be cultivated on higher ground, namely 1,200 metres above sea level, Antara news agency quoted the ministry's Director General of

Horticulture, Ahmad Dimiyati, as saying here on Tuesday. He said the temperature in highland areas had risen due to development of residential areas and industries there.

To anticipate the impact of global warming, the Agriculture Ministry would try to grow vegetables and fruit-bearing crops that could grow in low-lying or moderate areas, he said.

At the early stage, the ministry would grow potato in areas situated 600-800 metres above sea level or at a temperature of 18 degrees Celsius, Ahmad Dimiyati said.

MNA/Xinhua

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# SPORTS

## Report says racism still exists in Australian sport

BRISBANE (Australia), 17 Oct — Racism exists in all of Australia's major sports despite concerted efforts to stamp it out, a report by the country's Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission (HREOC) claims.

The HREOC's report, released on Tuesday and entitled "What's the Score?" says Aboriginal and other ethnic groups are under-represented in Australian sport.

It suggests they are turned off organized sport because they fear racial vilification.

"It is clear that incidents of racial abuse and

vilification are prevalent across all major sporting codes involving professional sportspeople, amateurs, coaches and spectators," race discrimination commissioner Tom Calma told reporters.

"The fear of racism in Australian sport is also a major barrier to participation for indigenous people and those from various ethnic and cultural groups." The report outlined a wide range of initiatives taken by national sporting organizations, governments and other bodies to stamp out racism but said more work needed to be done.

MNA/Reuters

## Real hope to have Arsenal midfielder Fabregas

MADRID, 17 Oct — Spanish giants Real Madrid put an eye on Arsenal midfielder Cesc Fabregas for the 2008-2009 season, the sports daily AS said Tuesday.

The paper quoted comments by Real president Ramon Calderon on Saturday following Spain's 3-1 defeat of Denmark in a Euro 2008 qualifier.

"Cesc is one of the best," Calderon said.

Prior to his election by Real's board last year, Calderon promised to get Fabregas, Arjen Robben and Kaka for the club.

Fabregas, 20, who spent his early career at Barcelona, has already scored four goals in eight matches for Arsenal in the Premiership, and three goals in the Champions League. — MNA/Xinhua

## Barcelona ask Toure, Eto'o to skip African Nations Cup

MADRID, 17 Oct — Barcelona have asked Cameroon striker Samuel Eto'o and Ivory Coast midfielder Yaya Toure not to represent their countries at the African Nations Cup in Ghana in January.

"I don't know if they'll go and I hope they don't but we can't force them," Barca sports director Txiki Begiristain told Spanish radio station RAC1.

"For Eto'o it would be a strange year. Injury, recovery and then international duty. I asked Toure before we signed him.

"Ronaldinho did not go to the Copa America (in June) and it was a brave decision. But I understand how important they are for their countries."

Eto'o, the three-times African Player of the Year, has been sidelined since the beginning of September after undergoing surgery on a thigh injury. Toure, who is also out with a thigh injury, joined Barca from Monaco in June.

Ronaldinho, along with AC Milan's Kaka, both asked to be left out of Dunga's Brazil squad for the Copa America in Venezuela in June, saying they needed a break from playing.

The African Nations Cup runs from 20 January to 10 February. — MNA/Reuters



Scotland's Darren Fletcher (C) fights for the ball with Georgia's Zurab Khizanishvili (L) during their Euro 2008 Group B qualifying soccer match in Tbilisi, Georgia, on 17 Oct, 2007. — INTERNET

## Inter Milan stand closed for offensive banners

MILAN, 17 Oct — Part of the San Siro Stadium will be closed for Inter Milan's next Serie A home game as punishment for offensive banners their fans displayed during Napoli's visit 10 days ago.

"Fans of the host club grouped in the second tier of the north stand showed large banners with statements insulting to the rival fans and, above all, their city of origin," the Italian Soccer League said in a statement on its Web site (www.legacalcio.it).

"In the second half chants of a similar derogatory tone were heard from the same sector of the stadium."

One of the banners read: "Naples, Sewer of Italy".

As a result the second tier of the San Siro's north stand, the Curva Nord, will be empty for Genoa's visit on 31 October.

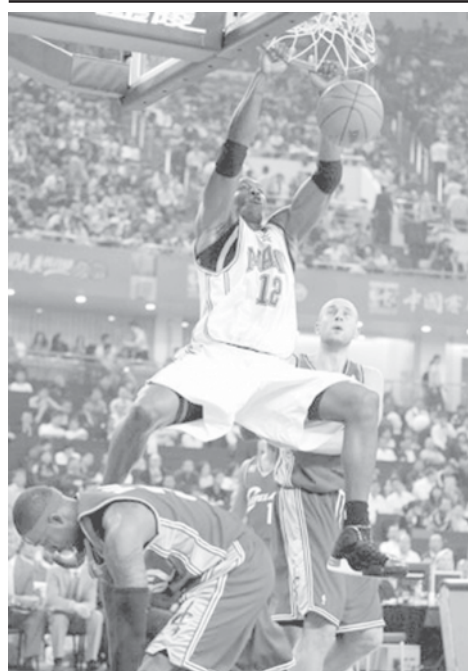
Inter were also fined 30,000 euros.

Napoli fans had been banned from travelling to the October 6 game, which champions Inter won 2-1, because it was considered a high-risk encounter but around 1,000 of them still managed to buy tickets.

MNA/Reuters



Japan's goalkeeper Kaito Yamamoto stops the ball during their 2008 Beijing Olympic Games qualifying round soccer match against Qatar in Doha on 17 Oct, 2007. INTERNET



Dwight Howard (Top) of Orlando Magic slams dunks during the NBA China Games against Cleveland Cavaliers in Shanghai, east China, on 17 Oct, 2007. Dwight Howard had 31 points and 14 rebounds on Wednesday to lead the Orlando Magic to a 90-86 win over the Cleveland Cavaliers in a preseason game. — INTERNET

## Hungarian police arrest two players in drug inquiry

BUDAPEST, 18 Oct — Two Hungarian First Division players have been arrested in an inquiry into drug possession, police said on Tuesday.

Four people, including the two players, were detained on Monday by police following up the arrests in June of two men found with one kilo of amphetamines in their car, national news agency MTI reported. "The two men are still in detention and the four people, including two NB1 (First Division) soccer players, arrested on Monday are their direct associates in crime," MTI quoted police officer Attila Uzonyi as telling a news conference in the eastern city of Debrecen.

One of the two men was reported by MTI to be playing for Nyiregyhaza.

"Until the completion of the investigation no sanctions will be applied against the player because everyone is due the presumption of innocence," Nyiregyhaza said on its website (www.szpari.hu).

MNA/Reuters

## Giggs extends United contract

LONDON, 18 Oct — Winger Ryan Giggs has extended his contract at champions Manchester United by a further year to the end of June 2009, the Premier League club said on Tuesday.

The 33-year-old, a former United trainee who made his debut in 1991, has made 727 appearances for the Old Trafford club.

MNA/Reuters



Indy race car driver Sebastien Bourdais rolls his car at the WRX rally experience in Pimpama in Queensland, Australia on 17 Oct, 2007.

INTERNET

## Ballack's return postponed

BERLIN, 18 Oct — German captain Michael Ballack needs at least another two weeks to take full training with English giants Chelsea, the German national team's doctor insisted.

Ballack, 31, has been out with an ankle injury since 22 April and national team doctor Hans-Wilhelm Mueller-Wohlfahrt said on Monday the Chelsea midfielder is still a few weeks away from resuming training.

"He will only be able to resume training with Chelsea in the next few weeks," Mueller-Wohlfahrt told a Press conference ahead of Wednesday night's Euro 2008 qualifier against the Czech Republic in Munich. Ballack injured his ankle in April's Premier League clash with Newcastle and required two operations.

MNA/Xinhua



# LA City Council passes resolution, calling for end to Iraq war

LOS ANGELES, 18 Oct — The Los Angeles City Council adopted a resolution on Tuesday, calling for an end to the war in Iraq.

Los Angeles has become the largest city in the nation to make such a call in the resolution passed on a 12-2 vote in the city council chamber.

“We are calling for an immediate and complete withdrawal of United States military personnel from Iraq,” Councilman Bill Rosendahl said.

“Today the city of Los Angeles is sending a message loud and clear — end the war in Iraq,” he said, drawing cheers from an anti-war audience packing the council chamber.

“We have lost too many of our young men and women to this illegal and unjust war,” said Rosendahl, who introduced the resolution.

Rosendahl said that

among the more than 3,500 members of the military who have died in Iraq, 409 came from California, including 115 from the Los Angeles area and 25 from the city.

“Supporting our troops does not mean

keeping them in Iraq,” he said. “Supporting our troops means taking them out of this war and bringing them home.”

Rosendahl said the expense of fighting the war has meant that more than 4.5 billion US dollars in

tax revenues have been diverted from Los Angeles.

“This war has diverted funds that could be used for important domestic needs that would improve the quality of life for Los Angeles residents,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

# Thousands evacuated after acid leak in Michigan

WASHINGTON, 18 Oct — Some 3,000 people were evacuated on Tuesday after a hydrochloric acid leak at a metal finishing plant in Michigan, leaving at least one reported injury.

The acid leak from Reilly Plating Co in Melvindale, Michigan left the area covered by a cloud, leaving a half-square-mile evacuation zone cleared as a precaution, including a high school as well as a middle and an elementary school, local authorities said.

Hospital said a Melvindale resident was hospitalized for respiratory symptoms and remains stable. But officials concerned the situation would go worse if it rained.

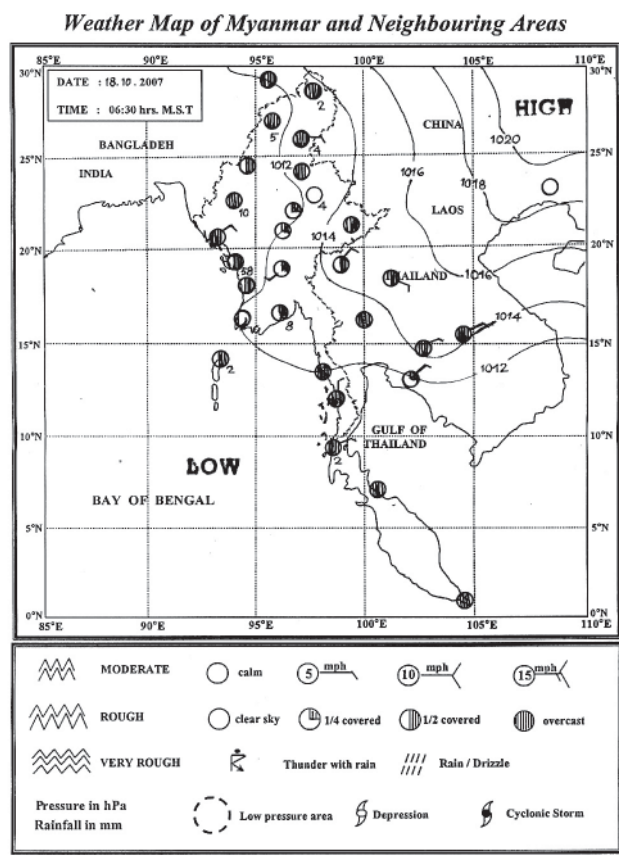
Hydrochloric acid can cause burns if it comes into direct contact with skin or eyes. With rain, the chemical can be possibly turn into gas and burn lung tissue and cause respiratory problems if it is breathed in.

The US Environmental Protection Agency said it has sent a representative to the scene to monitor the

air quality and an environmental cleanup company was assigned to pump the acid for removal.

Melvindale is a city of 11,000 and is located eight miles (some 13 kilometres) southwest of Detroit.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Thursday, 18 October, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, fairly widespread in Shan and Rakhine States, Yangon Division, scattered in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay, Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukpuyu (2.29) inches, Gyobingauk (2.05) inches and Mogok (1.53) inches.

Maximum temperature on 17-10-2007 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 18-10-2007 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 18-10-2007 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 17-10-2007 was (3.3) hours approx.

Rainfall on 18-10-2007 was (0.75) inch at Mingaladon, (0.32) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.16) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (136.46) inches at Mingaladon, (140.75) inches at Kaba-Aye and (142.72) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northwest at (14:20) hours MST on 17-10-2007.

**Bay inference:** Weather is cloudy in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 19-10-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Rakhine, Chin, Mon and Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of decrease of rain in Western Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-10-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%)

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-10-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-10-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



## Friday, 19 October Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music -Don't speak
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music -The model
- 8:50 am National news/ Slogan
- 9:00 am Music -We can do it
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music -Do something
- 1:30 pm News /Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music -The day you want away -Without you
- 9:00 pm WOM
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25pm Music at your request -Listen to the radio -It's so easy
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



## Friday, 19 October View on today

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. ဖောင်တော်ဦးဘုရားပွဲတော် (အင်းလေး)
- 7:55 am 5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:15 am 6. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am 7. International news
- 8:40 am 8. Islands of Dhamma
- 8:50 am 9. ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ တိပိဋကဓရ)

- မေတ္တာဏ္ဍာဂါရိက နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃမဟာနာယက အဖွဲ့ဝင်ဆရာတော် မဟာဝိသုဒ္ဓါရုံတိုက်သစ်၊ ဗဟန်းမြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းထံမှ နဝင်္ဂပေါသထသီလ ခံယူဆောက်တည်ခြင်း
- 2:50 pm 1. ၂၀၀၇ ခုနှစ် (၂၃) ကြိမ်မြောက်တပ်မတော် ကာကွယ်ရေး ဦးစီးချုပ်ဖလား အသက်(၂၁)နှစ်နှင့်အောက် တပ်မတော် (ကြည်း၊ရေ၊လေ) တော်လှန်ရေးတိုက်ရိုက် ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ် (ဒုတိယအကြိမ်လှည့်လည်)
- 4:45 pm 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 5:00 pm 3. ဆောင်းပါးရှင်ဖိုးသူတော် ရေးချမ်း၏ “ဓမ္မန္တရာယ်လက်သစ် များနှင့်ကာလဝိပဏ္ဍိ နိုင်ငံရေး အောက်လမ်းသမားများ”
- 5:15 pm 4. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ဆဋ္ဌမအကြိမ်ဓမ္မစကြာဝတ်ရွတ် ပူဇော်ပွဲ(ပထမဆုံး) (အထက(၁)သန်လျင်) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

- 5:35 pm 5. (၂၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှအားကစား ပြိုင်ပွဲ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (လေ့ကျင့်ကြိုးစား လေ့လှော်အားကစား)
- 6:00 pm 6. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 7. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 8. သုတစုံလင် ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်
- 7:05 pm 9. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရေသူမလေး တတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)
- 8:00 pm 10. News
- 11. International news
- 12. Weather report
- 13. ၂၀၀၇ ခုနှစ် (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆိုအက၊အရေးအတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေးတစ်လည်လည်” (အပိုင်း-၂၆)
- 15. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး ဦးဝိစိတ္တသာရာ ဘိဝံသ၏ အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ ဓမ္မတာဝန်ပွားများခြင်း တရားတော်
- 16. 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**  
 Peace-loving people have to live in state of alarm  
 Learning of students disrupted  
 Commodity flow stagnant  
 Vendors have hard times  
 Passenger transport services delayed
- ★ **Due to violence and unrest**  
 Only the notorious neo-colonialists benefited  
 Instigators covertly earning dollars  
 Expatriates and ax-handles living in luxury  
 Followers of colonialists earning handsome dollar rewards

- ★ **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 ill-wishers**