

## Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Austrian President

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## Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein sends felicitations to Austria

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Alfred Gusenbauer, Federal Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Austria, which falls on 26 October 2007. —MNA

## Sitha Supporting Dam inaugurated in PyinOoLwin Township

### One million gallons of water scheduled to supply Yadanabon Myothit daily

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — A ceremony to inaugurate Sitha Supporting Dam, built by Construction-2 of Irrigation Department in PyinOoLwin Township, was held at the pandal near the dam this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw said that Sitha Supporting Dam was the 204th facility of its kind constructed after 1988 in the entire nation and it was also the 51st Dam in Mandalay. Thanks to completion, the dam will supply one million gallons of water to Yadanabon Myothit daily and contribute much to cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, beans and pulses and edible oil crops in 250 irrigated acres.

In Mandalay Division for 2007-08, a total of 550,861 acres of monsoon paddy out of 1,002,196 (See page 7)

## Minister for Relations meets with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi who was assigned duties as Minister for Relations to liaise with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met with her at Seinle Kantha Guest House in Yangon from 2 pm to 3.15 pm today. — MNA

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Yangon.  
MNA*



### 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

### INSIDE

As very limited number of the members of the Sangha (or the minority) are carrying out social activities in violation of the Vinaya rules the lay disciples are unhappy about it. They feel so since this may tarnish the image of the Sasana.

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



# PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 26 October, 2007

## Recite and listen to Abhidhamma on Full Moon Day of Thadingyut

Today is Full Moon Day of Thadingyut or Abhidhamma Day, a day of religious significance for Buddhists.

The Myanmar month of Thadingyut falls in the beginning of the dry season. In the month, the weather is fine and pleasant and it rains once or twice throughout the country.

Five species of lotus flowers are in bloom in lakes. The air is fragrant with the sweet smell of water-lily flowers and jasmine. On Thadingyut Full Moon Day, the lighting festival and Mee-myin-mo lights offering ceremony are held as a gesture of welcoming the Lord Buddha who descended from Tavatimsa Celestial Kingdom.

In the seventh vasa after attaining Buddhahood, the Lord Buddha resided in the celestial kingdom of Tavatimsa with the purpose of repaying the gratitude to the celestial being Santusita, His mother in the previous existence, by means of preaching the Abhidhamma.

The Buddha expounded day and night the Abhidhamma discourse, the beginning of which is Kusala Dhamma Akusala Dhamma and Abjakata Dhamma, to celestial and higher celestial beings including Santusita for three months from Full Moon Day of Waso to Full Moon Day of Thadingyut.

Abhidhamma is of great significance. With it, one can remove worries and anxieties and purify one's mind. So, it can help one lead a peaceful life. While reciting or listening to Abhidhamma, one can stay away from such kinds of defilement as greed, anger, ignorance. The people are urged to recite and listen to Abhidhamma on the auspicious Thadingyut Full Moon Day, concentrating on the Extreme Attributes of the Lord Buddha to be able to enjoy fruits both in this very life and in next existences.

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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

## Thadingyut lights festival held at Shwedagon Pagoda



Shwedagon Pagoda being illuminated by electric light in Yangon on 25 Oct, 2007 ( a day before the Full Moon Day of Thadingyut). — NLM

YANGON, 25 Oct — The Thadingyut lights festival, organized by Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees, was held at the north-west corner of the pagoda, here, this evening.

Members of the pagoda board of trustees, religious associations and service personnel conveyed oil lamps and multi-coloured paper lanterns round the pagoda.

The ceremony commenced with three-time

recitation of *Namo Tassa*.

They offered flowers, water, lights and joss sticks to the pagoda and dispensed Metta. The ceremony concluded with recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu* three times.

Furthermore, portraits of Myanmar traditional festivals for 12 months and Buddhist Jatakas were illustrated at Chanthagyi Prayer Hall.

MNA

## Tourist Maps of Myanmar (TMM-19) in circulation

YANGON, 25 Oct — Under the directives of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Design Printing Services Co Ltd (DPS) has been publishing over 1,350,000 copies of various tourist guide maps for development of the tourism industry.

At present, DPS distributed complementary copies of Tourist Maps of Myanmar (TMM-19). The TMM-19 comprises the maps of Myanmar, Yangon, Mandalay, PyinOoLwin, Bagan, MraukU, Taunggyi, Inlay, Kyaikhtiyoe, Myeik, Ngapali, locations of Ngwehsaung and Chaungtha. Airlines, transport companies, hotels and restaurants are included in the maps.

The complementary copies of TMM-19 and other tourism guide maps will be distributed at TTM, PATA and WTM tourism shows. Furthermore, the maps are being sent to tourism services across the world and Myanmar embassies in foreign countries and foreign missions in Yangon through courier service. In addition, the maps are being distributed to tourists at Yangon International Airport.

Private hotels and tourism services and tour guides may take out the complementary copies of the maps at Myanma Tourism Service (Sule) and Design Printing Services Co Ltd (DPS), at 165-167, the first floor, 35th street, Kyauktada Township, during office hours. — MNA

## Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Austria

NAY PYI TAW, 26 Oct—U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Her Excellency Dr Ursula Plassnik, Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Austria, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Austria, which falls on 26 October 2007. — MNA

## No 3/2007 Course of Technical Training School opens in Laukkai Tsp

YANGON, 25 Oct — No 3/2007 Course of Laukkai Township Technical Training School of Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was opened at the school on 22 October.

First, Brig-Gen Win Maung of Local Battalion made an opening speech on the occasion. Next, Deputy Director-General U Tin Win dealt with training matters. Afterwards, the Deputy Director-General and guests viewed practical the trainees are doing.

A total of 30 trainees are attending the 24-week course. The food, accommodation and practical-related materials are free of charge. Next, the Deputy Director-General attended the ceremony to present education funds for Youth Development Training School in Kunlon Town. — MNA



**INTERNATIONAL NEWS**

**60 demonstrators arrested outside US Capitol**

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct — About 60 peaceful demonstrators, including several dressed as polar bears, were arrested outside the US Capitol on Monday protesting the Iraq war and global warming, authorities said. “People are being arrested out here because you (Congress) are not

doing your job,” antiwar activist Ann Wright shouted into a bullhorn.

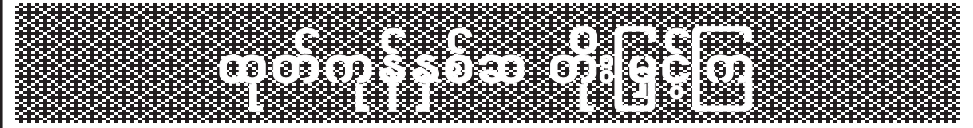
Demonstrators were arrested on charges of unlawful assembly and blocking entrances to the Capitol, which was ringed by members of the US Capitol Police.

Sergeant Kimberly Schneider, a police

spokeswoman, said, “We’ve had about 60 arrests.” She said she had received no reports of violence.

About half a dozen demonstrators dressed in fluffy white outfits held a banner reading, “Polar bears for solutions to war and global warming.”

MNA/Reuters



**Radio journalist missing in Baghdad, driver killed**

PRAGUE, 23 Oct—A correspondent for the US-funded Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) went missing while on her way to an interview in Baghdad on Monday morning, the radio station said.

“Police found the

body of her driver, shot and dumped in the street,” RFE/RL said in a statement. “There is no trace of the car or RFE/RL’s correspondent.”

Police in Baghdad had no immediate comment on the report.

The radio station,

based in the Czech capital Prague, did not reveal the name or the nationality of the reporter, who works for RFE/RL’s Arabic-language Radio Free Iraq service.

“RFE/RL is focusing all attention now on finding out what has happened to our colleague,” RFE/RL President Jeffrey Gedmin said in the statement.

“We are working with the authorities in Baghdad and are in constant touch with friends and family. We remain hopeful we will get her back safely.”

RFE/RL said Radio Free Iraq had lost two journalists in Iraq this year, Nazar Abd al-Wahid al-Radhi and Khamail Muhsin Khalaf.

MNA/Reuters

**Airport near Washington evacuated for security scare**

WASHINGTON, 24 Oct — The Dulles International Airport near Washington DC was briefly evacuated Monday due to a suspicious package.

The upper level of Dulles, including the ticketing area, was evacuated after a suspicious bag was found shortly after 3 pm, the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority told reporters.

Airport officials gave the all-clear shortly after 4 pm and passengers are being let into the airport and screening areas.

It is not yet known how the incident will affect air traffic.

The airport is located some 40 kilometres west of Washington DC, and handles 1,800 to 2,000 flights on a daily basis. — MNA/Xinhua

**Somalia frees UN aid boss**

MOGADISHU, 24 Oct — The Somali Government on Tuesday released a UN food aid official held for nearly a week after dozens of intelligence officers stormed the world body’s compound in Mogadishu, a witness said. “The coordinator has just come into the WFP compound,” a security guard said of Idris Osman, local chief for the UN World Food Programme.

His detention, in an investigation for unspecified crimes, had brought international pressure on the government and led WFP to stop aid distribution in the Horn of Africa nation, many of whose nine million inhabitants are in dire need of food aid.

More than 60 security officers stormed UN offices in the coastal capital last Wednesday to arrest Osman in what the United Nations condemned as a violation of its immunity. — MNA/Reuters

**Subway blackouts disrupt rush hour in Tokyo**

TOKYO, 24 Oct — Two successive blackouts hit Tokyo’s Toei Oedo subway line Tuesday morning, suspending operations and disrupting passenger traffic related with the line.

The 7:55 am blackouts, which happened between Nakai Station in Shinjuku District and Toshimaen Station in Nerima District, also forced about 1,300 passengers to be evacuated, *Kyodo News* reported.

Subway traffic was restored shortly after the blackouts, which may have been caused by malfunction of a substation that supplies electricity, government officials were quoted as saying.

The specific cause of the incident was still under investigation. — MNA/Xinhua



A visitor appreciates kites at an outdoor exhibition in Xining, northwestern China’s Qinghai Province, on 21 Oct, 2007. — XINHUA

**250 Milan flights cut as Alitalia workers strike**

MILAN, 23 Oct — Striking Alitalia workers forced more than 250 flights at Milan’s airports to be cancelled on Monday in a protest at the struggling carrier’s cutback plans. Strikers blocked access to the main

international airport, Malpensa, as part of the four-hour stoppage, Milan Airport operator Sea said. The strike was the latest in a string of labour actions to hit Italy’s national airline. At least 197 takeoffs and arrivals were

cancelled at Malpensa, and another 57 at the smaller Linate Airport, Sea said. The stoppage coincides with a visit to Italy by officials of the International Exhibitions Bureau. They are evaluating Milan’s

candidacy to host an international expo in 2015.

Alitalia said in August it would cut its presence in Milan, the hub of Italy’s industrial north, as part of a survival plan as it looks for a buyer.

MNA/Reuters

**65 flights cancelled due to Portuguese pilot strike**

LISBON, 24 Oct — A total of 65 domestic and international flights by Portugal’s airline TAP Air were cancelled Tuesday due to a strike by the company’s pilots who were protesting the government’s plan to delay their retirement until at the age of 65 from 60.

In a statement issued after the end of the first day strike, the airline said that among the cancellations, 51 were in Lisbon Airport, 10 were in Porto. Many flights were delayed.

Tuesday’s strike, called by the Civil Aviation Pilots’ Union,

began at 4 am (0300 GMT) and ended at 5 pm (1600 GMT).

Thousands of passengers were stranded at the

Lisbon Airport, where they queued up for changes to flights of other airlines.

The pilots are

scheduled to strike again on Thursday and Saturday this week, and on 5, 7 and 9 November.

MNA/Xinhua



Firefighters spray fire retardant foam on the smoking remains of a house that was destroyed during a wind-driven wildfire in Malibu, California, on 22 Oct, 2007. — INTERNET



# US lawmaker accuses Blackwater of tax evasion

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct — The chairman of a congressional committee said on Monday that documents obtained by his panel suggest that private security contractor Blackwater USA “engaged in significant tax evasion”.

But the company — under scrutiny already because of deadly shootings in Iraq involving some of its personnel — told *Reuters* the lawmaker’s assertion was incorrect. Representative Henry Waxman, chairman of the US House of Representatives Oversight and Government Reform

Committee, accused Blackwater of “failing to withhold and pay millions of dollars in Social Security, Medicare, unemployment and related taxes”.

The California Democrat said the firm “sought to conceal its conduct from Congress and law enforcement officials”.

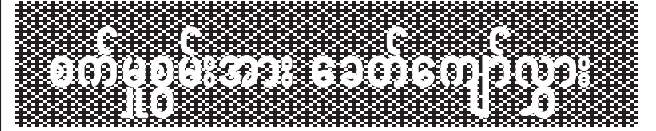
Blackwater spokeswoman Anne Tyrrell said in an e-mail that Waxman argues Blackwater cannot treat its personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan as “independent contractors” and contends they must be treated as employees for IRS purposes.

“The chairman’s contention is incorrect,”

Tyrrell said.

US Defence Secretary Robert Gates last week criticized security contractors in Iraq while Baghdad pressed the United States to pull Blackwater out of the country following the shootings.

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice was given the findings on Monday of a State Department review into security contractors in Iraq that also looked into a September 16 shooting incident involving Blackwater that killed 17 Iraqis.



Technicians adjust a theodolite at the Xichang Satellite Launch Centre in southwest China’s Sichuan Province. China is planning to launch its first moon orbiter at the center on 24 Oct, 2007. XINHUA

## Indonesian girl dies of bird flu

JAKARTA, 24 Oct — An Indonesian toddler from Tangerang, west of the capital Jakarta, has died of bird flu, bringing the country’s death toll from the disease to 89, a Health Ministry official said on Tuesday.

The four-year-old girl died on Monday after being admitted to hospital two days earlier, health ministry spokeswoman Lili Sulistyowati said by telephone.

The girl, who had been suffering from fever, died after being transferred to Persahabatan Hospital in Jakarta.

Officials were still investigating the case, but four chickens had

previously died in the girl’s neighbourhood, another official at the ministry’s bird flu centre said.

Contact with sick

fowl is the most common way for humans to contract the deadly H5N1 strain of the virus.

MNA/Reuters

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A “water bus” boat crosses the Twenty-fourth Bridge in Yangzhou, east China’s Jiangsu Province, recently. A 15-kilometre-long “water bus” route opened in Yangzhou on Monday passes some scenic spots including the Ancient Canal and Slender West Lake. — XINHUA

## Blast at fireworks workshops kills 18 in China

BEIJING, 24 Oct — Explosions at two separate fireworks workshops in China have killed at least 18 people and injured 15, local media reported on Tuesday.

An explosion hit an unlicensed fireworks factory early on Sunday morning in remote Xiushan County, in southwestern Chongqing, destroyed three nearby houses and left one person missing, the *Beijing News* said. “Casualties may rise as rescuers search through the wreckage,” *Xinhua* news agency said in a separate report, citing sources.

Three people among the injured, including two children, were “severely wounded”, the agency said.

Rescue work was under way, and the cause was being investigated, *Xinhua* said. — MNA/Reuters

## US State Department security chief resigns

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct — The US State Department’s security chief Richard Griffin resigned on Wednesday amid sharp criticism over his office’s poor supervision of private security firms in Iraq in the wake of the Blackwater shooting incident.

“He submitted his letter of resignation dated today,” the department’s spokeswoman Julie Reside told reporters, noting that Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice had accepted his resignation.

Griffin, assistant secretary of state for diplomatic security, announced his resignation one day after Rice ordered a series of measures to boost government oversight of the private guards the department uses to protect its diplomats in Iraq.

Blackwater is a major military contractor providing security services to US State Department personnel in Iraq. Its guards protecting a State Department convoy opened fire in a crowded Baghdad square, killing as many as 17 civilians on September 16. — MNA/Xinhua

## Broccoli sprout extract protects skin from UV rays

CHICAGO, 23 Oct — Most people know eating broccoli is good for you but it also can help skin cells fend off damage from harmful ultraviolet radiation, US researchers said on Monday.

The extract derived from newly sprouted broccoli seeds reduced skin redness and damage by more than one-third compared with untreated skin, they said. The extract already has been shown to help skin cells fight UV damage in mice.

“This is a first demonstration that a human tissue can be protected directly against a known human carcinogen,” said Dr Paul Talalay of Johns Hopkins University, whose study appears in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*. “This is not a sunscreen,” Talalay said in a telephone interview. Instead, the extract helped fortify skin cells to fight the effects of UV radiation.

Unlike sunscreens, which provide a physical

barrier against UV rays by absorbing, blocking or scattering the light, the extract helped boost the production of protective enzymes that defend against UV-related damage, Talalay said.

He has been studying sulforaphane — a compound in broccoli sprout extract — for more than 15 years. It has been shown to prevent tumor development in a number of animals treated with cancer-causing agents.

Talay and colleagues

tried it on six people, testing different doses of the extract on several small patches of skin, which was then exposed to a short pulse of UV radiation sufficient to cause varying degrees of sunburn. They compared the redness of the skin in the treated and untreated areas. “That redness is a measure of a series of processes that go on in the skin which are harmful, including DNA damage,” Talalay said.

MNA/Reuters



**ECONOMIC NEWS**

**China urges IMF reform to reflect position of members**

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct—The International Monetary Fund's quota and voice reform should reflect the relative position of its members in the world economy, a senior Chinese official stressed here Monday.

That means "the reform should aim at significantly raising the overall quota shares of developing countries, particularly emerging market economies, and strengthening the voice of the low income countries in the Fund," Li Yong,

China's Vice-Finance Minister, said at the World Bank/IMF annual meeting.

Meanwhile, the voice and participation of the developing and transition countries in the decision-making process of the World Bank should be strengthened, he said.

The increasing contribution of the developing countries to the world economic growth should be duly reflected in the voice and representation in the decision-making of

the two international institutions, Li pointed out. The vice minister also said that the two institutions should sharpen their comparative advantages of global nature and guide the economic globalization towards the right direction.—MNA/Xinhua



A handout photo shows the Dushuhu Tunnel of Suzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province. The construction of Dushuhu Tunnel, measuring 7.37-kilometre-long, has come to the end, which will open soon. — INTERNET

**Air France cabin crew unions call 5-day strike**

PARIS, 24 Oct—Unions representing cabin crew at French air carrier Air France have called a five-day strike to press salary and working conditions, trade union sources told Reuters.

"There is a strike notice from 25 October to 29

October included. All unions are taking part in it, which is a first at Air France," a union source said. The sources said unions were trying to pressure management into renegotiating an agreement on salaries and working conditions that will expire at the end of 2007.

"Talks are about salaries and working time. Air France has so far refused unions' demands," the first source said. "People are very motivated because some salaries have been frozen for 10 years, and working conditions have been affected to help the

company recover. The company is now doing extremely well and we do not see the benefits of that," she added.

Disruption at Air France would follow a nationwide strike over pensions which crippled train, metro and bus transport in France last week.

Separately, Air France flights from Paris Charles de Gaulle Airport were delayed on Monday morning because of a strike by staff responsible for loading bags on planes, passengers were told by cabin crews.

MNA/Reuters

**Russia pays back US credit ahead of schedule**

WASHINGTON, 23 Oct—Resurgent Russia, keen to erase memories of its economic crisis in 1998, has paid a 343-million-US-dollar credit back to the United States ahead of schedule, Deputy Finance Minister Sergei Storchak said on Monday.

Russia took out the agricultural credit in 1998, as its economy was falling apart under the strain of global financial turmoil. The final payment had been due in 2020.

"We were driven by political reasons when we took the decision to pay back ahead of time,"

Storchak told reporters in Washington.

"As far as financial effectiveness is concerned, the savings are not that big," he added. "But it was unpleasant to keep in our debt portfolio a credit

received at the bottom of the national decline."

Storchak said Russia was saving only around 47 million US dollars by paying back the credit on 19 October.

MNA/Reuters

**Saudi Co to build cement factory in Jordan with \$400m**

AMMAN, 23 Oct — Jordan and Saudi Arabia on Sunday announced an agreement on the establishment of a cement factory with a total investment of 400 million US dollars in southern Jordan.

The new cement plant, which will provide more than 300 job opportunities, is expected to start operation in the fourth quarter of 2009, with a production capacity estimated at about 5,000 tons per day.

The plant, which is Saudi company Arabian Cement's first move outside the kingdom, will be located in Karak, about 90 kilometres south of Amman.

Speaking at a Press conference, Maen Nsour, director of Jordan Investment Board, welcomed the investment in Jordan, saying it was a reflection of the confidence of Arab investors in Jordan's investment environment.

The Jordanian Government is keen to provide a stimulating environment to encourage local and foreign investments, particularly in infrastructure improvement and amendments of legislation and laws, he said.—MNA/Xinhua



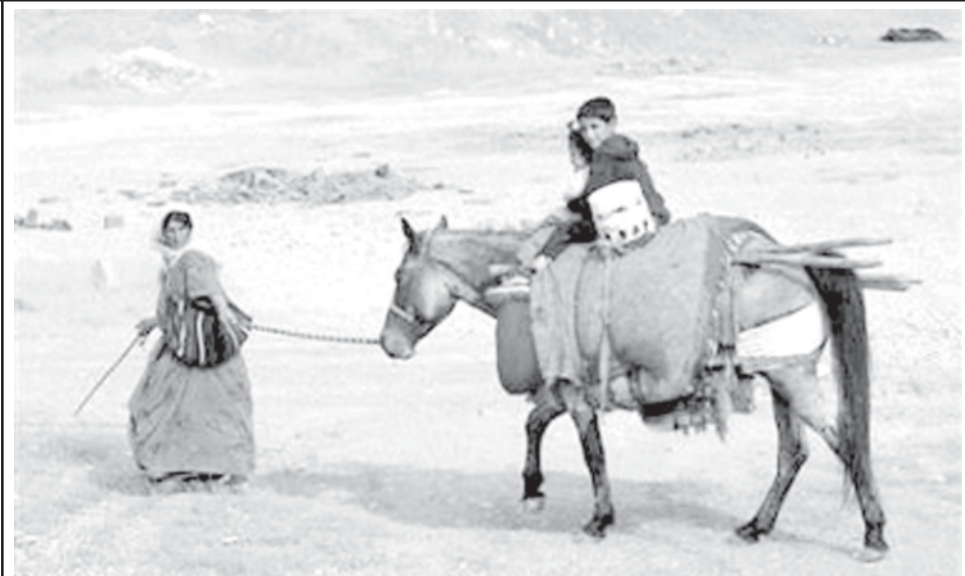
A model operates Suzuki PIXY single-seat low-speed transportation tool during the press preview of the 40th Tokyo Motor Show in Makuhari Messe, Chiba Prefecture of Japan on 24 Oct, 2007. —XINHUA

**Singapore's CPI increase over 2% in September**

SINGAPORE, 24 Oct — Singapore's consumer price index (CPI) rose by 2.7 per cent in September over the same month of last year, according to figures released by the Singapore Department of Statistics (SDS) on Tuesday. The price index for clothing and footwear rose by 1 per cent on year and that for food grew by 3.7 per cent.

The CPI for health care and education & stationery grew by 5.9 per cent and 1.0 per cent respectively in the ninth month of this year, while the recreation and others price index rose by 4.6 per cent.

Housing cost rose by 0.4 per cent year-on-year while cost for transport and communication rose by 2.2 per cent in the same month. For the first nine months of this year, the CPI rose by 1.4 per cent over the same period of last year. — MNA/Xinhua



Children sit on a horse as they head back to their village from summer pastures near the southern Turkish town of Crizre recently.— INTERNET





China's President Hu Jintao (L) and Costa Rica's President Oscar Arias inspect the honour guard during a welcoming ceremony outside the Great Hall of the People in Beijing on 24 Oct, 2007.—INTERNET

## British student jailed on Internet terrorism charges

LONDON, 24 Oct — A British student, described by prosecutors as a “wannabe suicide bomber”, was jailed for eight years on Tuesday for possessing terrorism-related materials including bomb-making instructions.

Mohammed Atif Siddique, 21, from central Scotland, was found guilty last month of possessing and distributing terrorist material via websites.

He had argued he was only conducting research and was merely looking at Islamist terrorism material

to find out “why young Muslim men like him act the way they do”.

“You told fellow college students that you intended to become a terrorist and one of your targets would be central Glasgow,” judge Colin Carloway said.

Siddique, born in Scotland to Pakistani immigrants, was detained and questioned by police at Glasgow Airport in April last year when about to fly to Pakistan with his uncle.

His passport, tickets and laptop were confi-

scated. Eight days later, he was arrested in a dawn raid at his home.

Evidence found in his possession and produced at his four-week trial included footage of Osama bin Laden urging holy war against the West, a video for recruiting suicide bombers, and computer materials on using weapons and explosives.

His case is unrelated to the drama in June when a jeep laden with petrol canisters was rammed into Glasgow Airport.

MNA/Reuters

## US-led coalition force detains 5 militants in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 24 Oct— The US-led coalition forces have detained five militants in southern Afghanistan's Kandahar Province, a coalition statement said Tuesday.

The coalition forces intercepted Monday evening the militants who were preparing to leave for an unknown location, it said.

“Late yesterday evening Coalition Forces

successfully detained five militants before they were able to reach an as of yet unknown safe-haven,” the statement quoted a coalition spokesman as saying. “We believe these individuals are connected with several militant leaders,” the spokesman said, “However the extent of their involvement will not be known until after they have been fully questioned.”

There was no reports of civilian casualties during the operation.

Currently a total of around 55,000 international troops including 40,000 NATO-led International Security Assistance Force and 15,000 US-led coalition forces are being deployed in Afghanistan with a mission to secure peace and assist in reconstruction.—MNA/Xinhua



Salespersons arrange pirated branded clothes inside a mall in Beijing, China, on 24 Oct, 2007. China has slowed cooperation with the United States on fighting product piracy since Washington filed a World Trade Organization complaint over the issue in April, postponing meetings and other events at a time of rising violations, American officials said on Wednesday.—INTERNET

## “Discovery” blasts off from Florida

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 24 Oct — The US space shuttle *Discovery* blasted off atop a cloud of smoke on Tuesday, soaring above Florida marshlands toward a rendezvous in two days with the *International Space Station*.

*Discovery's* 14-day mission kicks off a two-month refurbishment of the

100 billion US dollars outpost that prepares the way for Europe's first permanent laboratory in orbit. The shuttle roared through a partly cloudy sky at 11:38 am EDT (1538 GMT), defying predictions by meteorologists that clouds and rain could force a delay.

A buildup of ice on the external fuel tank, which

could have fallen off and hit the shuttle, was ruled out as a threat by NASA engineers. Cameras showed a lot of debris coming off once the shuttle reached space, where there is little chance of it resulting in serious damage. “I'd like to wish you good luck, Godspeed and have a little fun up there,” launch director Mike Leinbach told the crew shortly before liftoff.

Seconds after the launch *Discovery* disappeared into the clouds and accelerated toward a top speed of 17,500 miles per hour (28,400 kilometres per hour) once in orbit.

During the flight, astronauts will install a new module called *Harmony* on the space station that will anchor the

long-awaited *Columbus laboratory*, the European Space Agency's main contribution to the project.

A woman was at the helm of the shuttle for only the second time in NASA's history. Retired Air Force Colonel Pamela Melroy heads a five-man, two-woman crew.

“We are ready to take *Harmony* to her new home,” Melroy said minutes before launch.

The shuttle *Atlantis* will take the *Columbus laboratory* into orbit on 6 December, five years behind schedule. *Columbus* has already cost the European Space Agency 5 billion euros (7.08 billion US dollars) with another 4 billion euros (5.66 billion US dollars) to come.—MNA/Reuters



A model presents a creation by Bibi Russell during a fashion show at India Men's Fashion Fair 2007 in Bangalore, India, on 24 Oct, 2007.—INTERNET

## China coal mine tunnel collapses, killing 12

BEIJING, 24 Oct — A tunnel in a north China coal mine caved in, killing 12 miners and causing five houses above the shaft to collapse, state media reported on Wednesday.

Workers were repairing and extending the 85-metre tunnel under a residential area in Shanxi Province on Monday when the cave-in occurred, *Xinhua* said.

The cause of the accident was being investigated.

There was no mention of any casualties from the collapse of the homes.—MNA/Reuters



## Sitha Supporting Dam inaugurated ...

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 acres will be irrigated. Mandalay Division needs to extend cultivable lands for ensuring local food sufficiency. Hence, the government is undertaking water supply tasks for cultivation of paddy. Therefore, all are to abide by laws, rules and regulations related to tunnels and dams for durability of the dam.

In his speech, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen

participate in environmental conservation.

U Aung Htay Kyaw of PyinOoLwin Township spoke words of thanks for construction of the dam. The commander unveiled the stone inscription and opened the dam together with the minister. They posed for documentary photos with officials in front of the archway of the dam. Also present on the occasion were local authorities,



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw unveils the stone inscriptions of Sitha Supporting Dam in PyinOoLwin. — MNA

minister inspected the earth embankment, the

Dam is located on Sitha Creek, 3,000 feet upstream of Sitha Dam. The earth embankment is 95 feet high and 915 feet long. The dam can store

1,945 acre feet of water or 500 million gallons. The dam will supply one million gallons of water to Yadanabon Myothit daily and irrigate 130 acres

of farmlands in Hsingaunggyi and Kekongyi villages and 250 acres of irrigated area of Sitha Dam.

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Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo formally open Sitha Supporting Dam in PyinOoLwin. — MNA

Htay Oo urged local people to maintain Sitha Dam for its durability and to

social organizations and local people. Next, the commander and the

water control tower and the conduit.

Sitha Supporting



Newly-opened Sitha Supporting Dam in PyinOoLwin.—MNA

## People of Bago and Sagaing Divisions, Shan State march in processions to denounce recent protests

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct—The people of Paungde and Letpadan Townships in Bago Division, Kawlin, Phaungpyin, Kani, Homalin Townships in Sagaing Division and

Mongpyin and Tachilek Townships in Shan State who wish to see stability of the State, the rule of law and community peace and tranquillity regarded recent protests instigated by some monks

and NLD members as a threat to peace and stability. So, they held mass rallies to denounce such protests on 16, 17, 20, 21 and 22 October after seeking permissions from the authorities

concerned.

On 16 October in Paungde Township of Bago Division, over 31,000 people holding the placards that read “We cannot serve as slaves”, “The seven-step Road Map of the State must be realized”, “We don’t want Neo-colonialists”, “Don’t destroy stability” and shouting slogans calling for “We support Our Three Main National Causes” and “The seven-step Road Map of the State must be realized” marched in procession from Township Sports Ground to Sibinthayayay Park through Shansu Street, 37th Street, Phayagyi Street, Yangon-Pyay Road and 13th Street.

On 16 October in Letpadan Township of Bago Division, over 26,000 people holding the placards marched in procession in the town.

On 17 October, in Kawlin a similar ceremony was held of Sagaing Division, attended by about 20,000 people holding the placards.

On 20 October in Phaungpyin of Sagaing Division, over 13,500 people holding the placards marched in procession from Township Sports Ground to People’s Sports Ground through Bogyoke Aung San Street, Minye Kyawswa Street and Natshinnaung Street.

On 20 October in Kani

of Sagaing Division, over 17,000 people holding the placards marched in procession from Township Sports Ground, Circle Street, Strand Street, Market Street and Nankyaung Street.

On 21 October in Homalin of Sagaing Division, over 20,000 people holding the placards marched in procession in the town.

On 22 October in Mongpyin Township of Shan State, about 10,000 people holding the placards participated in procession.

On 22 October in Tachilek of Shan State, over 19,000 people holding the placards marched in procession.

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Local people in Homalin denounce recent protests. — MNA



# May Buddha Sasana be flourishing and perpetual-III

*Po Ye Chan*

The Buddha Sasana has existed in the world for more than 2550 years. Now, it flourishes in 50 countries, especially in Asian countries. According to British Encyclopaedia published in London in 1975, the world Buddhist population was about 250 million. According to the book “**Buddha’s Way**” (1971) by Abbot of London Buddha Vihara Monastery (Dr) H Saddha Tissa (Tipitakacariya Pandita), the number of Buddhists around the world stood at 516 million.

The book “What Did the Buddha Teach?” (1972) by Researcher Sri Lankan Sayadaw Dr Wallpo Rahula (Ashin Vepulla Rahula) stated that the number of Buddhists throughout the world was more than 550 million. Today’s world population is over 2000 million more than that at that time. Some Socialist (Communist) nations impose restrictions on political destructionists, but bestow religious freedom upon the people concerned. Now, the world Buddhist population is more than 1000 million. (Today, the world’s population is 6500 million.)

**The Buddha not only expounded sermons but also asked His monk disciples to deliver sermons to human beings, celestial beings and higher celestial beings.**

**In the time of the Buddha, Shin Devadat attempted to set up a separate religious sect and to jeopardize the Sasana. The Chapter “Sangha Bhedaka Vinayas” in the Treatise “Vinaya Pitakat” manifests the Vinaya rules the Buddha prescribed regarding the acts to set up break-away sects among members of the Sangha and to undermine the Buddha’s Teachings (Dhamma). The Buddha prescribed that any monk who tried to create disunity among members of the Sangha was guilty of breaking Sangha Disis Vinaya.**

In Kosambi Province, members of the Sangha became disunited with reference to cups used in

latrines, the monks failed to respect the admonition of the Buddha in that regard. So, that year, the Buddha sojourned in solitude during the Buddhist Lent in Palale forest, rather than in Kosambi Province.

Despite attempts Shin Devadat made to set up a separate religious sect, the Buddha managed to maintain the integration among more than 700,000 members of the Sangha.

In BC 543, the Buddha attained Nirvana. At that time, His great monk disciple Shin Maha Kassapa was away in Pava Province. Hearing the news about the Lord Buddha, he returned to Kusinarun. On the way, he heard the words of monk Subad of Atuma, who told weeping ordinary monks, “Hey, don’t cry. Don’t be worried about that. Now, we are all liberated from the restrictions of Gotama.” Being shocked at such irresponsible words, Shin Maha Kassapa murmured, “Buddha has just attained Nirvana, but there has emerged someone whose irresponsible words can tarnish the image of the Sasana.”

Three months and four days after Buddha’s Parinibbana, an assembly of 500 arahats under the patronage of Shin Maha Kassapa and under the leadership of Shin Upali, Shin Ananda and Shin Anuruddha held the First Buddhist Synod in the cave at the foot of Waibara Mountain in Rajagaha Province. The monks recited the whole body of the Teachings of the Buddha and Vinaya Rules for seven months at the Synod.

One hundred years after the First Buddhist Synod in BC 442, the Second Buddhist Synod was held for eight months by arahat members of the Sangha led by Shin Maha Yassa, Shin Revata and Shin Sabbakami at Palikayon Monastery in Vesali Province with the sponsorship of King Kala Soka due to the fact that monks from Vijji Province submitted ten points designed to make amendments to the Teachings of the Buddha.

In 235 Buddhist Era, 1000 members of the Sangha led by Shin Moggali Putta Tissa held the Third Buddhist Synod for nine months at Asokayon Monastery in Pataliputta Province with the sponsorship of King Asoka (Siri Dhamma Soka). The Third Buddhist Synod passed a resolution for members of the Sangha to take sabbath. The bogus monks of some Ganas were forced to leave the religious order. Shin Moggali Putta Tissa prescribed Katha Treatise, one of the Seven Abhidhamma Treatises, to standardize the different principles. As a result, the Sasana came to flourish and the number of members of the Sangha reached about six million.

In 485 Buddhist Era, the Fourth Buddhist Synod was held under the patronage of Shin Vasumitra with the sponsorship of King Kanishaka (Kanitha) in Kasamiya (Kashmia region, north of India), Gandhara Province. Treatises written by Shin Asvaghosa and other eminent monks were submitted to the Synod. The monks from Ceylon (Sri Lanka) did not accept the submission and held the Fourth Buddhist Synod simultaneously in Ceylon. The Gana led by Shin Asvaghosa of northern India was named Mahayana Gana while the Gana from southern Ceylon, Hinayana Gana. The people of Ceylon (Sri Lanka) said that they were Theravada Buddhists (members of Theravada Gana).

**The Fifth Buddhist Synod was held for five months and three days by 2400 monks at Mandalay Yadanabon Royal Palace in 1856 with the sponsorship of King Mindon. To mark the 2500th anniversary of the Sasana, the Sixth Buddhist Synod was held under the patronage of Nyaungyan Sayadaw with the sponsorship of the government of Myanmar at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon from 1954 to 1956. Eminent monks from Thailand, Sri Lanka, Laos and Cambodia also took part in the Synod.**

In the times of Pyu state cities such as Tagaung, Srikestra, Beikthano and Hanlin, Buddhism spread to Myanmar through various routes. In Bagan Period, the number of religious edifices, pagodas, stupas, temples, monasteries and Buddha images was on sharp increase. King Anawrahta of Bagan Period, like King Asoka of India, took measures to purify and promote the Sasana. He drove members of deviant sects of Buddhism out of the Sasana. In olden days, the breaking away of Sangha sects was based on the Teachings of the Buddha or on Vinaya Rules. Some kings such as Asoka and Anawrahta got rid of such kinds of monks with misconduct. In Sri Lanka also, the Buddhist monks who had deviated from Buddhism were driven out of Abhaya Giri Monastery.

After Buddha’s Parinibbana, His discourses were conveyed to the next generations by word of mouth. As the discourses were not properly documented or recorded due to lack of facilities such as cameras, video cameras, tape recorders and movie cameras,

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**After regaining independence in Myanmar, there were four or five different cliques among the Communists, as many as ten party factions among the Socialists, and various rightists and leftists vying for gaining power for the parties they supported. Clashes finally broke out with the use of arms as the rivalry grew unchecked. This led to the internal strife causing the losses of lives and property of the people.**

**Party factions were determined to seize the power. Under the democracy system, those who win the public support through votes or the majority support would be elected to take hold of power. However, many were not sure of themselves to win public support. Under the circumstances, they attempted to create public riots to seize power through a short cut. A study of events past and present of the nation reflects this.**



**Certain internal politicians and various party groups have employed all means to organize the monks. They have instigated the monks to make them take interest in politics and participate in the political activities under their control. The monks begin to put aside their normal parayatti and patipatti duties. This way the monks are persuaded to go out of the monasteries and are exploited.**

**Some political groups have planted their cadres among the monks in advance. Those decoys posing as fellow monks persuade others to realize the desired objectives. Majority of the monks know the trick and they do not fall victim but some have been unfortunate. Even the ignorant few began to realize the trick and tried to free themselves from the political trap. Similar incidents were common in the history of the nation.**

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disputes often arose over the authenticity or originality of the Teachings. Among the members of the Sangha there occurred cracks followed by forming of different sects. As such, members of the Sangha had to prove the authenticity or originality of the Pitaka treatises by convening the Buddhist Synods.

Violation of Vinaya rules and deviation from the Buddha's Teachings such as the Four Noble Truths and Anattalakkhana were committed by Alajjis and Addhamma vadis only.

Members of the Sangha, who have renounced the worldly affairs, practising ganthadhura and vipassanadhura are more than 500,000 in Myanmar and more than one million in the entire world. On the other hand as very limited number of the members of the Sangha (or the minority) are carrying out social activities in violation of the Vinaya rules the lay disciples are unhappy about it. They feel so since this may tarnish the image of the Sasana. After regaining independence in Myanmar, there were four or five different cliques among the Communists, as many as ten party factions among the Socialists, and various rightists and leftists vying for gaining power for the parties they supported. Clashes finally broke out with the use of arms as the rivalry grew unchecked. This led to the internal strife causing the losses of lives and property of the people.

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In seeking power they have discarded the proper method of canvassing for public support. By using the short cut they try to trick and exploit the public or different strata, student youths and service personnel. The worst is that they mislead

members of the Sangha (especially the young monks) to serve their purpose. This is a subversive act against the nation and the Sasana (religion).

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Some monks were involved in the incidents that took place in August and September 2007.

Those days, many noticed that when the monks

in procession went to the Shwedagon Pagoda, several men with bald heads bought saffron robes from the shops at the foot of the pagoda close to the eastern stairway and mingled with the monks wearing robes themselves. Well, it was not the honest procession of the genuine monks. It was an act of stupidity committed in accordance with the dictates from abroad designed to create an incident similar to the one in 1988.

One day protester monks of about 300 were walking in procession from north to south on Botahtaung Pagoda Road. On reaching the point between Merchant Street and Strand Road a monk with fair complexion and plump body was seen distributing K 1000 notes to each of the monks. All the onlookers on the pavement saw this and were saying who had given such a large amount of cash.

During those days, 18 monasteries were searched. At some monasteries things that had nothing to do with the monks were seized.

Destructive elements at home and abroad were found to have exploited monks to seize power. Meanwhile, the eminent Sayadaws have issued directives asking members of the Sangha including novices to practise Ganthadhura and Vipassanadhura only; instructions for the perpetuation of all levels of Sangha organization; directives prohibiting members of the Sangha including novices from engaging in party politics; directives warning the members of the Sangha that action would be taken against acts sacrilegious to the Sasana; and directives informing members of the Sangha that due action would be taken if they committed violent acts in violation of Vinaya rules or the existing laws individually or in groups. As the State has profound reverence for the members of the Sangha, the latter will have to uphold the prestige of Myanmar that is respected by the international community for its being a leading Buddhist nation.

May Buddha Sasana be flourishing and perpetual.

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# 8th Day programmes of 15th Performing Arts Competitions organized

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — The eighth day programmes of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the designated places in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin yesterday.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw enjoys the basic education level (15-20 age group) women's orchestra contest. — MNA

officials of the sub committees, departmental personnel, national race cultural

In the singing contest, supervised by Chairperson of the panel of judges Assistant Director (Music) (Retd) Daw Tin Tin Mya and party, at University of Agriculture, seven students

song contest. Leader of the panel of judges marionette expert U Ye Dwe and party supervised the marionette contests at University of Veterinary Science. Seven

marionette contest. At Agricultural Research Department, 15 persons competed in the amateur level (second class) men's and women's song composing contest supervised by Chairman of the panel of judges Chairman of Myanmar Music Asiayon U Maung Maung Latt and party.

The guitar contest took place at the University of Agriculture. Chairman of the panel of judges U Yee Nwe and party supervised the contests. Six men and two women from states and divisions participated in the amateur level (first class) guitar contests, five boys and two girls in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' and girls' guitar contests and three boys and two girls in the basic education level (5-10 age group) guitar contests.

At Forest Research Division, Leader of the panel of judges violinist U Tin Ngwe and party supervised the violin contest. The amateur level (second class) men's violin contest was held with the participation of nine contestants. In addition, four women competed in the amateur level (second class) violin contest, five students in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' violin contest and four students in the basic education level (15-20 age group) girls' violin contest.

Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Satin and party supervised the orchestra contests at University of Agriculture. Three troupes took part in the amateur level (first class) women's orchestra contest, three troupes in the basic education level (15-20 age group) girls' contest and four troupes in the higher education level orchestra contest. — MNA



U Tin Shein from Rakhine State participates in the amateur level (second class) men's violin contest. — MNA



Ma Lwin Lwin Cho Tun from Ayeyawady Division participates in the amateur level (second class) women's violin contest. — MNA

Gen Than Htay, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Secretary of the Work Committee for Organizing the Competitions Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of the Fine Arts Department and members,

troupes, family members of regiments and units under Nay Pyi Taw Command, students from townships in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District and people enjoyed the performance of contestants in the competitions.

participated in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' classical song contest and 15 persons in the amateur level (second class) women's classical

contestants took part in the amateur level (second class) men's marionette contest and eight persons in the amateur level (second class) women's



Daw Mya Win Kyi from Kachin State participates in the amateur level (second class) song composing contest. — MNA



Ma Khin Mar Ni from Ayeyawady Division participates in the amateur level (second class) women's marionette contest. — MNA



## Commander enjoys play contest of 15th Cultural Performing Arts Competitions



**Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Ministers enjoy a play contest of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 25 Oct — A troupe representing Yangon Division performed a play “Be united in the nation of brethren” in a play contest of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at the assembly hall of University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Daw Yezin at 7 pm today.

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 and wife, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and wife, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min, a member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, service personnel, members of the cultural troupes from states and divisions, family members of regiments and units in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Station, local people from Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District and enthusiasts. — MNA



## Mass rallies to support and welcome National Convention and Constitution held in Yangon North District

YANGON, 25 Oct — Mass rallies to support and welcome the National Convention and the Constitution was held in Mingaladon, Hmawby, Hlegu and Taikkyi Townships in Yangon North District yesterday.

Some 10,000 people marched in procession to Htaungkyant No 9 BEMS Sports Ground yesterday. Director-General of Prisons Department U Ba Myint (Retd) presided over the mass rally together with members of panel of chairmen U Ohn Thaung of War Veterans Organization, Daw Hla Myaing of Township Women’s Affairs Organization, Daw Mya Thein of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, U Soe Min of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association and townselders U Tun Myint and U Soe Myint.

Next, U Thein Lwin of Township USDA tabled a motion calling for the support of the National Convention and the Constitution. Afterwards, Daw Kyi Kyi Htwe of Township WAO, Daw Khin Sabei Soe of Township MCWA, Major Han Tin (Retd) of Township WVO, townselders U Khin Maung Tint and U Myint Aye seconded the motion and the mass rally ended with shouting slogans after seeking the approval of those present.

Similarly, over 22,500 people marched in procession to Hmawby Township NanU Sports Ground yesterday. Principal Dr Sai Kyaw Naing Oo of Government Technological College presided over the mass rally together with members of panels of chairmen Major Aye Min Maung (Retd) of War Veterans Organization, Daw Thiri of Township Women’s Affairs Organization, Daw Thein Aye of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, U Hla Oo of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association and townselders U Saw Maung Toat and U Kyaw Min.

Next, U Tin Oo of Township USDA tabled a motion calling for the support of the National Convention and the Constitution. Afterwards, Daw Ei Thandar Myo of Township WAO, Daw Than Than Aye of Township MCWA, Captain Kyi Win (Retd) of Township WVO and townselders U Kyaw Htwe and U Htay Aung seconded the motion and the mass rally ended with shouting the slogans after seeking the approval of those present.

Over 11,500 people walked in procession to Hlegu Township Sports Ground yesterday. Schoolhead U Win Hlaing presided over the mass rally together with the members of panels of chairmen Captain Aye Myint (Retd) of WAO, Daw Hla Htay of Township WAO, Daw Than Than of Township MCWA, U Win Myaing of Township USDA and townselders U Hlaing Win and U Htin Kyaw.

Next, U Nyi Nyi Aung of Township USDA tabled a motion calling for the support of the National Convention and the Constitution. Afterwards, Daw Hlaing Zarchi Oo of Township WAO, Daw Khine Lwin Aye of Township MCWA, Major Aung Ngwe Nyunt (Retd) of Township WVO, townselders U Hla Than and U Hsan Myint Tun seconded the motion and the mass rally ended with shouting the slogans after seeking the approval of those present.

Some 22,500 people walked in procession to Taikkyi Township Sports Ground yesterday. Lt-Col Soe Myint (Retd) of WVO presided over the mass rally together with members of panel of chairmen Captain Kyaw Hlaing (Retd) of WVO, Dr Aye Thet Hlaing of Township WAO, Daw Khin Htar Nwe of Township MCWA and U Thein Win of Township USDA and townselders U Tun Yi and Dr Hoat Sein.

Next, U Khin Maung Myint of Township USDA tabled a motion calling for the support the National Convention and the Constitution. Afterwards, Daw Thein Phyu of Township WAO, Daw Myint Myint Yi of Township MCWA, Captain Aung Myint (Retd) of Township WVO, townselders U Than Myint and U Tin Maung Than seconded the motion and the mass rally ended with shouting the slogans after seeking the approval of those present. — MNA



**Local people marching to the mass rally to support the National Convention and the constitution in Mingaladon Township. — MNA**



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**Tourist arrivals in Sri Lanka drop 3.6% in September**

COLOMBO, 25 Oct — Tourist arrivals in Sri Lanka slumped by 3.6 per cent in September compared with the corresponding month of last year, the government said here Tuesday in a statement.

The statement said 37,104 tourists arrived in the island in September as opposed to 38,485 in September 2006.

Apart from January in 2007, the rest of the months have recorded lesser arrival figures than the corresponding months of 2006. This was mainly due to unfavourable travel advisories issued by foreign governments since the escalation of violence in the island's north and east, particularly after two air raids in the capital Colombo carried out by the Tamil Tigers.

Indian tourists with 8,000 plus provide the most number of travellers in September followed by 7,770 visitors from Britain.

Sri Lanka targets 600,000 tourists in the current year but the first nine months have only yielded in 350,779 arrivals according to the figures released. — MNA/Xinhua

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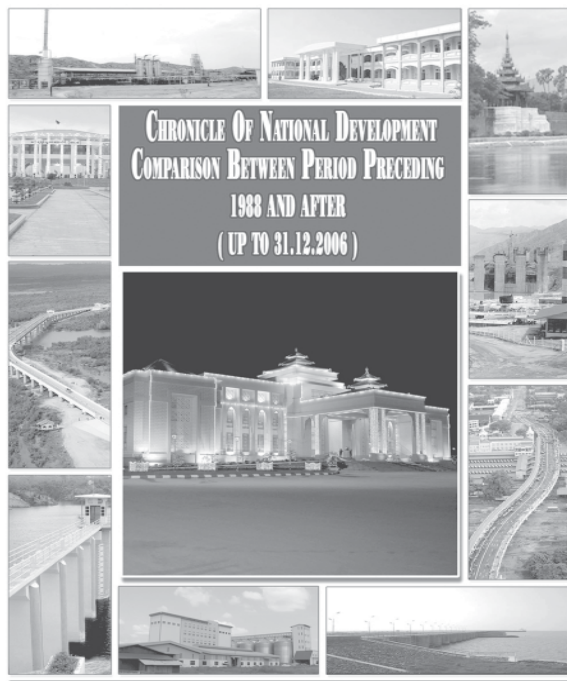
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Under the provisions of the Myanmar Merchant Shipping Act, Section 275, the wreck of MV Chang Fa Yan, Official Number SKN 1001283, GT 5370 has been delivered to the Receiver of Wreck appointed under the Myanmar Merchant Shipping Act, Section 273. The position of wreck at the time of issuing this notification is at lat 19° 37'N, long 093° 05' N.

The person who claims to be the owner of this vessel (or) wreck may claim the right of ownership of the said vessel (or) wreck in writing to the chairman of the committee for the Receiver of Wreck within six months from the date of this notification.

(U Maung Maung Oo)  
Director General of the Department of Marine Administration  
Chairman  
Committee for the Receiver of Wreck

**Study shows poor suffer from lack of healthcare information**

HONG KONG, 25 Oct — Poor and often illiterate populations may be saddled with more health problems simply because they are not aware of public health services that are available, a study in India suggests.

Underlining the need to improve the delivery of health resources, researchers at the World Bank and United States carried out a study to aggressively inform villagers in northern Uttar

Pradesh State about services that were available to them.

After a year, they found that these villages were using markedly more services, such as vaccinations and prenatal examinations, than villages not involved in the study.

"The finding ... could be an overlooked, relatively easy way to boost health and well-being in developing countries around the

world," the researchers wrote in the latest issue of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

The researchers randomly selected 105 village clusters in Uttar Pradesh.

Over a period of a year, four to six public meetings were held in each cluster to give out information on entitled health and educational services.

MNA/Reuters

**Brazil to make \$385m bid for orbit concession**

RIO DE JANEIRO, 24 Oct — The Brazilian Government is to bid 700 million reais (385 million US dollars) for the concession of a space orbit strategic to South America, an official said Monday.

"We need that orbital position," said Helio Costa, Brazil's Minister of Telecommunications, in an interview with a local newspaper Monday.

Costa will have a meeting Tuesday in Geneva, Switzerland, with representatives from Colombia, Bolivia and Peru to solve the impasse concerning the concession of the so-called orbit 68. — MNA/Xinhua

**WHO says safe syringes could avert 1.3 mln deaths a year**

GENEVA, 24 Oct — Safer syringes could avert 1.3 million deaths a year, especially in poorer countries where 40 per cent of all injections involve unsterilized reused needles, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday.

In a statement, the UN agency linked 33 per cent of new hepatitis B infections and 2 million new cases of hepatitis C each year to unsafe injections and needle-stick injuries by health workers.

Some 5 per cent of new HIV cases worldwide come from unsafe injections in medical settings, the WHO said, estimating that 6 billion injections are given with unsafe needles each year.

Many countries cannot afford to use syringes with safety features, which cost about 15 US cents each compared to 3 cents for less sophisticated needles.

Howard Zucker, the WHO's assistant director-general for health technology and pharmaceuticals, said public health experts and donor governments would seek to encourage more procurement of safer syringes by poorer countries during a three-day conference in Geneva that opened on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters





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### Sri Lanka records higher trade deficit in August

COLOMBO, 24 Oct— Sri Lanka's trade deficit reached 315 million US dollars in August from 260 million dollars in the same month in 2006, the Central Bank said Monday in a statement.

The statement attributed the higher trade deficit to the declined export earnings, saying export earnings for August declined by 3.3 per cent compared with July 2007.

"This indicates a decline of 9 per cent on a point to point basis

over August 2006," the statement added.

Sri Lankan economy is affected by the ongoing armed conflict between government troops and the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) in the north and east.

More than 5000 people

have been killed in the new cycle of violence since December 2005.

The Norwegian backed process of direct negotiations remains stalled since April 2003 despite pleas by the international community to resume the process.

MNA/Xinhua



Traffic queues on a highway in Germany, on 18 Oct, 2007. California will delay filing a lawsuit on car emissions against the Environmental Protection Agency until next week, a state official said on 23 Oct, 2007. —INTERNET



Passengers await their flight at Malpensa airport in Milan, Italy, on 22 Oct, 2007. Some 2.75 billion passengers will take domestic and international flights by 2011, an increase of 29 percent on the total passenger traffic in 2006, the industry body IATA said on 24 Oct, 2007. —INTERNET

### Kenya's relief worker named UN Person of Year

NAIROBI, 24 Oct— The United Nations has awarded the 2007 UN in Kenya Person of the Year' to Abbas Gullet, Secretary-General of Kenya Red Cross Society.

In a statement issued on Tuesday ahead of the UN Day which falls on Wednesday, UN Resident Coordinator Elizabeth Lwanga said Gullet was recognized for his key contributions in making the relief organization the best one.

"Today the United Nations family in Kenya recognizes Abbas Gullet for his important contributions in making the Kenya Red Cross Society (KRCS) the first place the Government of Kenya and locally-based humanitarian organizations look

to for leadership in times of national emergencies," said Lwanga.

Lwanga added that "it is also our judgment that Gullet's many years of professional and personal sacrifice exhibits a character of extraordinary accomplishment, integrity and courage — and one determined to relieve human suffering and misery in his country".

She said Gullet's timely interventions and leadership has made the KRCS the leading national humanitarian organization in the country, recognized

across the world as one of the best performing National Red Cross Societies, and an example of what local relief groups can achieve.

Under his leadership, the KRCS has experienced phenomenal growth.

With regional warehouses around the country, offices linked by radio, telephone and Internet, the KRCS has the capacity to handle 120,000 people in situations requiring humanitarian intervention. — MNA/Xinhua

### Seven oilfield hostages freed in Nigeria

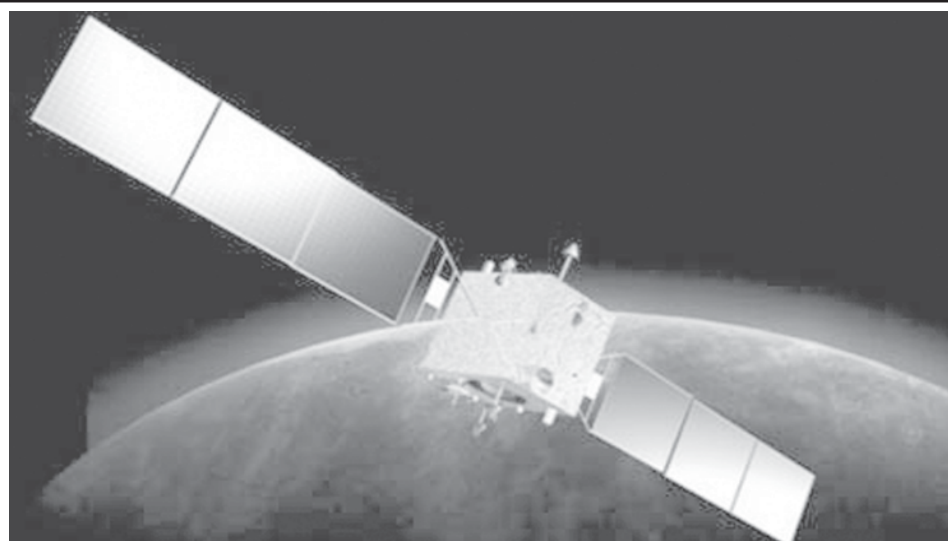
ABUJA, 24 Oct — All seven hostages seized by gunmen from an offshore Nigerian oilfield were released on Monday after two days in captivity, a state government spokesman said. "All seven have been freed. They are in a government house," said Ebimo Amungo, a spokesman for Bayelsa state government, where the kidnapping had taken place.

The four Nigerians, a Briton, a Russian and a Croat were all in good health. The attack on Shell's EA field was the first big raid on an oil facility since President Umaru Yar'Adua took office in May and the government worked fast to ensure it did not derail a nascent peace initiative in Africa's top oil producing

region. The attack had no immediate impact on oil output because the field was halted after an earlier militant attack in February 2006. It had been expected to resume production of 115,000 barrels per day

(bpd) by the middle of next year. A spokesman for a prominent militant group, the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), claimed responsibility for the abduction.

MNA/Reuters



This photo shows a rendering picture of China's lunar orbiter Chang'e I. China launched its first moon orbiter on 24 Oct from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in Sichuan Province. —XINHUA

### UAE satellite telecom firm postpones launch of third satellite

ABU DHABI, 24 Oct — Thuraya, a satellite telecom firm in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has decided to postpone the launch of its third satellite to mid-November, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported on Tuesday.

This is the second postponement of the launch of the *Thuraya-3* satellite, which was first delayed by six months to 28 October due to problems with the launch service, the report said.

The *Thuraya-3* satellite is part of the company's plans to expand coverage to countries in the Asia Pacific Region, including China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Vietnam, Indonesia, the Philippines and Australia. It will be launched from an ocean-based platform along the equator by Sea Launch, a joint venture of American, Russian, Norwegian and Ukrainian firms. "The launch schedule was revised several times based on the availability of launch services from Sea Launch," a spokesman of Thuraya said.

MNA/Xinhua



# SPORTS



**Real Madrid's Michel Salgado (L) fights for the ball with Olympiakos' Predrag Djordjevic during their Champions League Group C soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium in Madrid on 24 Oct, 2007.—INTERNET**

## Arsenal demolish Slavia in goal blitz

LONDON, 24 Oct — Arsenal demolished Slavia Prague 7-0 in Champions League Group H on Wednesday with one of the most brilliant displays of attacking football since the Champions League began 15 years ago.

The English league leaders were breathtaking to watch at times, especially in a 13-minute spell just after halftime when they scored three times to double their lead from 3-0 to 6-0 with less than an hour played.

Two goals from Cesc Febregas, two from

Theo Walcott, one from Alexandr Hleb, an own goal and a late tap in from substitute Nicklas Bendtner secured Arsenal their 12th successive win in all competitions and their third successive win in the group.

"We wanted three points and to play well but you can't predict that," said Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger. "Everything went for us."

It was Arsenal's biggest win in the Champions League and equals their biggest ever European win, a 7-0 win over Standard Liege in the old European Cup Winners' Cup in 1993. It was the perfect birthday present for manager Arsene Wenger who was 58 on Monday.

They crushed Slavia with such style, pace, panache and lethal finishing it is hard to see them failing to advance from the group which they lead with

nine points.

Three of their goals, including the pick of the night from Hleb, and a stunning sweeping move that saw Fabregas net his second of the game, came at the start of the second half.

Arsenal either scored or threatened to do so with almost every attack and on the rare occasions Slavia threatened goal-

keeper Manuel Almunia was never seriously troubled.

Arsenal took a firm grip on the game after only five minutes when Fabregas scored with a brilliantly executed curling right-footed shot from 12 metres out for his eighth goal of the season and his fourth in this competition including the qualifying round.

MNA/Reuters



**AC Milan's Gennaro Gattuso (R) challenges Brandao of Shakhtar Donetsk during their Champions League Group D soccer match at San Siro stadium in Milan on 24 Oct, 2007.—INTERNET**

## Barcelona frustrated by Rangers in goalless draw

GLASGOW, 24 Oct — Rangers were indebted to goalkeeper Allan McGregor for keeping Barcelona at bay in a goalless draw at Ibrox in their Champions League Group E encounter on Tuesday.

The Spanish side dominated for most of the match but could not beat McGregor. A draw left both sides on seven points from three games.

Argentine Lionel Messi had an angled shot cleared off the line on 14 minutes by Rangers's Spanish defender Carlos Cuellar.

Brazilian forward Ronaldinho struck the bar

with a fierce 25-metre freekick after 23 minutes although McGregor appeared to manage a touch on the ball. McGregor came to his side's rescue again just before halftime

with a fine near post save as he flipped a diving header by Carles Puyol over the top following a magnificent diagonal ball from the left by Ronaldinho.—MNA/Reuters



**Olympique Marseille's Benoit Cheyrou (L) challenges Porto's Lucho Gonzalez during their Champions League Group A soccer match at the Velodrome stadium in Marseille on 24 Oct, 2007.—INTERNET**

## United thump Kiev to maintain perfect start

KIEV, 24 Oct — Cristiano Ronaldo scored twice as Manchester United romped to a 4-2 away win at Dynamo Kiev on Tuesday to make it three wins from three in Champions League Group F.

United had returned from all three previous away games against teams from the former Soviet Union with a goalless draw, but the Premier League champions showed their attacking prowess.

"Our attacking play was excellent, I can't ask for better than that," United manager Alex Ferguson told ITV. "We could have scored a lot of goals, we had to defend some moments in the second half when they were a bigger threat but all in all very pleased with that result."

United won their first three games in the tournament last season before successive defeats meant they only secured their passage to the knockout stage in the final group game.

"I think this team is more mature now," added Ferguson, whose team can qualify if they beat Dynamo at Old Trafford next month.

England defender Rio Ferdinand headed home a Ryan Giggs freekick on 10 minutes and an unmarked Wayne Rooney doubled the lead with a simple tap-in from a Wes Brown cross eight minutes later after a strong run from Ronaldo.— MNA/Reuters

## Vucinic fires Roma to victory over Sporting

ROME, 24 Oct — AS Roma substitute Mirko Vucinic scored a splendid second-half goal to earn a 2-1 win over Group F rivals Sporting Lisbon in the Champions League on Tuesday.

The Montenegro forward, on for injured captain Francesco Totti, powered past Sporting's Marat Izmailov and stepped inside Tonel before firing into the far corner in the 70th minute.

Roma, who fluffed a penalty just after the break, had taken the lead in the 15th minute thanks to Brazilian defender Juan, but they surrendered it almost immediately to a Liedson goal.

The Italian side are now second in the group with six points, three behind leaders Manchester United who won 4-2 at

Dynamo Kiev, while Sporting are third with three points.

"Roma were not great tonight, they were really great," their coach Luciano Spalletti told a news conference.

"We always knew it was going to be a difficult match because of the quality of the opponents and because of the difficult period we have been going through recently. "So I compliment my team because they were ordered, they showed character and they had the patience to wait for the right moment (to attack)".

Roma, who had conceded eight goals in their last two Serie A games at home, almost scored in the 13th minute with a strike by French centre back Philippe Mexes that skimmed the bar.— MNA/Reuters



**Besiktas's Ali Tandogan (L) and Liverpool's Steven Gerrard fight for the ball during their Champions League Group A soccer match at Inonu Stadium in Istanbul on 24 Oct, 2007.—INTERNET**

## French-Dutch in joint-memorandum over EU sports policy

STRASBOURG (France), 24 Oct — France and the Netherlands will put forward proposals to regulate soccer agents and over the numbers of locally based players in teams involved in European club competition, a French minister said on Tuesday.

The EU is currently reviewing its sports policy which will be discussed by ministers in Lisbon on Thursday.

"There will be a Franco-Dutch memorandum on sport," French European Affairs Minister Jean-Pierre Jouyet told reporters.

"The memorandum will recog-

nize the special character of sport and ensure there is a collective distribution of broadcasting rights reserved for financing all sport," Jouyet said. EU sports ministers are due to discuss the implications of the bloc's new reform treaty — agreed by EU leaders last Friday — for sport.

Sports bodies such as the International Olympic Committee (IOC) and soccer's governing body FIFA claim a new clause in the treaty gives them more autonomy in running their affairs and allows them to be exempt from interference by Brussels.— MNA/Reuters



# Croatia rejects IMF assessment of financial crisis

BELGRADE, 25 Oct — Croatian Prime Minister Ivo Sanader dismissed on Tuesday the International Monetary Fund's assessment that Croatia

was risking a financial crisis. Sanader said the government was servicing the central government debt and that it would

reduce the budgetary deficit to zero by 2010. "For the rest, we have to ask what the monetary policy is doing," he said, adding that his party supported the central bank's firm currency policy and was against a floating currency and depreciation of the kuna, Croatia's currency.

recalling that external imbalances were now larger than those seen in East Asia before the 1998 crisis.

Croatia's external debt is around 30.7 billion US dollars and has exceeded 85 per cent of GDP, while the external deficit is over 8 per cent of GDP.

MNA/Xinhua

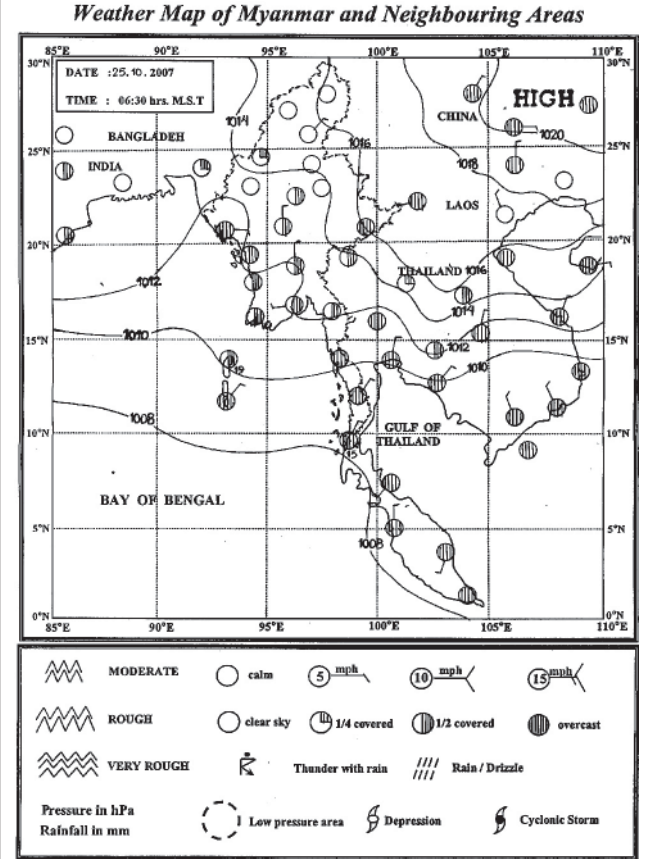
## Asleep in Jesus Dr Saw Maung Maung Shwe (a) Dr Bryan Shwe (Toungoo) Divisional Medical officer (Retd): Myanma Railways Age (70) years

Dr Saw Maung Maung Shwe (a) Dr Bryan Shwe, son of (U Saw San Shwe+Daw Cho) of Myogyi Street Toungoo, son-in-law of (U Ba Sein+ Daw Hnin Sein) beloved husband of Daw Margaret Sein (Asst:lecturer (Retd)) Yankin TTC (Retd) SAT of SHS (3) Mingalar Taungnyunt, beloved father of Naw Deborah Shwe+Saw Myat Paw Tin, Saw Mark Caesar Shwe+Naw Eh Hmwee, Naw Sabrena Shwe+ Saw Morgan, grandfather of (3) grandchildren, brother of (Saw Gordon Shwe),(U Donald Shwe)+Daw Iris, U Saw Harold Shwe +Daw Nu Nu Thet Nyunt, Naw Evelyn Shwe + U Saw Ka Thwee, uncle of (13) nephews and nieces, fell asleep in Jesus at 2:05 am, 24-10-2007, Wednesday at his residence, 199, Zion Hill Street, Insein. There will be a funeral service at Pu Thar Byu Memorial Hall, Seminary Hill Insein, on Saturday 27-10-2007, 2:00 am and thence for entombment at the Yeway Christian Cemetry. Buses will leave the above residence and the Immanuel Baptist Church, Maha Bandoola Garden Street, Yangon at 1:00 pm 27-10-2007.

The Bereaved Family

According to a working document which the IMF released this month, southeast Europe including Croatia was risking a financial crisis over rapid credit growth, high external deficits and dependence on foreign currency loans.

"Traditional vulnerability indicators for southeast Europe are at levels that historically have been associated with risks for growth reversals," said the authors of the IMF report which does not represent the IMF's official position,



## WEATHER

Thursday, 25 October, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Shan State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Co Co Island (0.75) inch, Kawthong (0.59) inch and Taunggyi (0.36) inch.

Maximum temperature on 24-10-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 25-10-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 25-10-2007 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 24-10-2007 was (7.8) hours approx.

Rainfall on 25-10-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 East at (15:30) hour MST on 24-10-2007.

**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 26-10-2007:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 26-10-2007:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-10-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-10-2007:** Partly cloudy.



Friday, 26 October  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music  
-Say what you want
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music  
-Turn my head
- 8:50 am National news/  
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music  
-Sick and beautiful
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music  
-New pollution
- 1:30 pm News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music  
-Woman in love  
-Reality
- 9:00 pm WOM
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request  
-Hello darling  
-To be with you
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Friday, 26 October  
View on today

- 7:00 am  
1. Recitation parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am  
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာ ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:30 am  
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am  
4. နိုင်ငံတော်သံသမာဏာနာယက အဖွဲ့၊ ဒုတိယဥက္ကဋ္ဌ၊ ပဲခူးတိုင်း (အနောက်ပိုင်း) ပြည်မြို့၊ ဇောတိကာရုံပါဠိ တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းတိုက်၊ ပဓာနနာယကဆရာတော် (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိကဓဇ) ဘဒ္ဒန္တကုဏ္ဍလဇောတိ ဟောကြားတော်မူသော သီတင်းကျွတ်လပြည့် အဘိဓမ္မာတရားတော်
- 8:10 am  
5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:30 am  
6. International news
- 8:40 am  
7. Islands of Dhamma
- 8:50 am  
8. ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝါယာမိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက)တိပိဋကမဟာဂန္ထဝင်ကျောင်း၊ ဒဂုံမြို့သစ် (အရှေ့ပိုင်း) မြို့နယ်၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းထံမှ နဝင်္ဂပေါသထသီလင်္ဂယူ တည်ဆောက်ခြင်း
- 4:00 am  
1. Martial song
- 4:15 am  
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 am  
3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာ ဦးစီးဌာန၊ ဆဌမအကြိမ် ဓမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆူ) (အထက(၁) သန်လျင်)
- 4:45 am  
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု)(ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:00 pm  
5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm  
6. ဝါကျွတ်တေးများ
- 5:20 pm  
7. ဓမ္မပူဇာတေးအစီအစဉ်
- 5:30 pm  
8. ရွှေကျင်မြို့သီတင်းကျွတ် မီးပျောက်ပူဇော်ပွဲ
- 6:00 pm  
9. Evening news
- 6:30 pm  
10. Weather report
- 6:35 pm  
11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်
- 7:10 pm  
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေးတတ်ယခုခွန်ပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၄)
- 8:00 pm  
13. News
- 14. International news
- 15. Weather report
- 16. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ်၊ (၁၅)ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တစ်လည်လည်" (အပိုင်း-၂၈)
- 18. သီတဂူဆရာတော် အရှင်ဉာဏိသာရ၏ အဘိဓမ္မာအခါတော်နေ့ တရားတော်
- 19. The next day's programme

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# People's Desire

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

- ★ **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**

## 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 expatriates earning dollar rewards  
Only saboteurs reap the benefits

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