

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Czech Republic

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Vaclav Klaus, President of the Czech Republic, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Czech Republic which falls on 28 October 2007.—MNA

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein felicitates Czech counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct— Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Mirek Topolanek, Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Czech Republic which falls on 28 October 2007.—MNA

Dagon Bridge inaugurated in Dagon Myothit Seikkan Township

Distinguish between right and wrong, stay away from destructive acts, actively take part in nation-building endeavours

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the opening ceremony of Dagon Bridge.—MNA

YANGON, 27 Oct — Dagon Bridge built by bridge construction project special group-1 of Public Works was inaugurated at the pandal near the bridge in Dagon Myothit Seikkan Township this morning.

Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered

an address and formally unveiled the stone plaque.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, the ministers, the Yangon mayor, the deputy ministers, senior military offic-

ers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Tint Lwin of bridge construction project special group-1, members of social organizations and people numbering 14,000.

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Dagon Bridge across Bago River links Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township and Thanlyin Township. The bridge is 4,540 feet long and its clearance is 130 feet wide and 18 feet high. The bridge can withstand 75-ton loads.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 28 October, 2007

Boost food production to wipe out global hunger

Food security, wholesome food, and harmonious practice of own traditions are fundamental requirements for continued existence of world people irrespective of gender, age, wealth and region.

In spite of various endeavours to boost production of agricultural produce for food security, many people around the world are still suffering from hunger and poverty. Now, member countries are launching campaigns on a wider scale under the leadership of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization for eradication of poverty and hunger.

As for Myanmar, agriculture and livestock breeding and forestry are the major sectors for economic growth. It is now working hard in various sectors for food security of its growing population. In this regard, it is encouraging extensive reclamation of virgin and fallow lands, boosting per acre yields of crops, supply of irrigation water and extensive use of farm machinery.

Farmers get sufficient irrigation water thanks to effective encouragement of the government, so they are now in a position to grow paddy all year round. Furthermore, they are growing beans and pulses, edible oil crops, corn, long staple cotton and sugarcane extensively. At the same time, they are striving for boosting production of meat, fish and forest products, thus making significant contributions to ensuring food surplus and environmental conservation.

Everybody has the right to consume food. Therefore, all FAO members have to work together for boosting production of food in order to ward off global hunger.

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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

Information Minister receives journalists from nine ASEAN countries



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives journalists of ASEAN nations.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct— Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan this afternoon received 17 journalists from nine ASEAN countries who were currently on tour of Myanmar under the ASEAN Journalist Visit Programme Phase-IV.

Together with the minister at the call were Managing Director U Aung Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise, deputy directors-general, general managers and officials of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

At the call, the minister explained matters relating to current situation of Myanmar and promoting of the role of media and replied to the queries raised by the journalists. In addition, the journalists called on Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min at the ministry at 10.30 am, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe at noon and Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw at 4 pm. — MNA

Myanmar rice millers to ink MoU with Chinese rice mill producing companies

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct— A 16-member Myanmar delegation led by President of Myanmar Rice Millers' Association U Tin Win and General Secretary U Thaug Win yesterday left here by air for Nanning, Guangxi Province, the People's Republic of China, to attend the 4th China-ASEAN Trade Fair to be held from 28 to 31 October, to sign MoU with Chinese rice mill producing companies and to study rice milling in China. They were seen off at the airport by President U Win Myint of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and officials. —MNA

Foreign Minister felicitates Czech counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 28 Oct— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Karel Schwarzenberg, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Czech Republic which falls on 28 October 2007. — MNA

Delegation of Myanmar Rice Millers' Association seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for China.

UMFCCI

German firm to build biggest gas factory in Vietnam

HANOI, 27 Oct — Messer Group from Germany will invest 30 million US dollars in building a largest industrial gas plant in Vietnam, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported Friday.

Under a contract signed here Thursday between Messer and Vietnamese Hoa Phat Group, the German group will construct the separation and liquefaction facility with capacity of 16,500 cubic metres of oxygen per hour to produce and liquefy oxygen, nitrogen, and argon in northern Hai Duong Province. — MNA/Xinhua



INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Karzai demands US of fewer airstrikes in Afghanistan

NEW YORK, 26 Oct — Afghan President Hamid Karzai wants the US military to limit airstrikes against insurgents because they are killing too many civilians, the Afghan leader says in a US television interview.

Civilian casualties in Afghanistan fuel resentment of foreign forces and Karzai's Western-backed government. He has

repeatedly asked US and NATO troops to do everything they can to minimize civilian deaths.

"The Afghan people understand that mistakes are made. But five years on, six years on, definitely, very clearly, they cannot comprehend as to why there is still a need for air power," Karzai told CBS programme "60 Minutes", in an interview to be

broadcast on Sunday, according to a partial text released by the network.

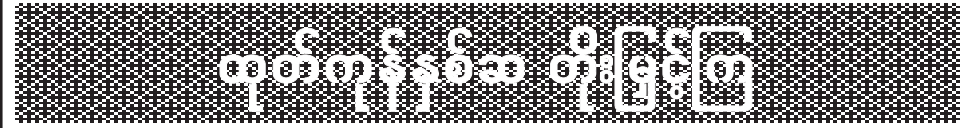
Asked if he wanted less use of air power, Karzai said, "Absolutely. Oh, yes, in clear words and I want to repeat that, [there are] alternatives to the use of Air Force and I will speak for it again through your media."

More than 370 civilians have been killed this year in NATO operations against militants, according to estimates by aid workers and Afghan officials.

MNA/Reuters



Children wearing theatrical costumes perform in Jinxiang township of Cangnan county, east China's Zhejiang Province, on 25 Oct, 2007. The town celebrated its 620th founding anniversary with a series of folk activities on Thursday. -- XINHUA



Vehicles run on the Second Ring Road in heavy fog in Beijing, on 26 Oct, 2007.

XINHUA

China gives Cambodia more patrol boats

PHNOM PENH, 26 Oct — China is giving Cambodia nine naval

patrol boats to safeguard oil installations in the Gulf of Thailand, another sign of Beijing's deepening ties with the Southeast Asian nation, military officials said on Thursday.

"These boats will enable us to prevent maritime crimes such as terrorism, but also to protect natural resources within our sea territory," said General Nim Sovath, who attended a signing ceremony in the Chinese city of Guangzhou this week.

An Army-run Cambodian TV channel heralded the deal as evidence of stronger military cooperation with China, which provided Phnom Penh with six naval patrol boats in 2005 to help combat people and drug smuggling.

MNA/Reuters

German train drivers launch new strike over pay

BERLIN, 26 Oct — German train drivers locked in a long-running pay dispute with rail operator Deutsche Bahn began a 30-hour strike on Thursday, extending a period of serious disruption to rail services across the country.

A series of one-day stoppages have already delayed millions of

commuters and other travellers this month and prompted Transport Minister Wolfgang Tiefensee to warn of a potentially disastrous impact on Europe's biggest economy.

The GDL union, representing some 34,000 drivers, began walkouts at 2 am (midnight GMT),

escalating a heated pay dispute with Deutsche Bahn that has dragged on for months. The action is due to end at 8 am on Friday.

The latest stop-pages affect only local and regional services, as in earlier cases. Walkouts on long-distance and goods services are still subject to a court ban.

MNA/Reuters

California insured fire losses said to top \$1b

SAN FRANCISCO, 26 Oct — Insured losses from Southern California wildfires have exceeded one billion US dollars and could rival losses from some of the costliest fires in California's history, a company that estimates catastrophic losses said

on Wednesday.

"It all depends on the weather," said Tom Larsen, a senior vice president with EQECAT, a disaster modelling company. "If the wind keeps blowing, the dollars keep tallying." Wildfires burned across Southern

California for a fourth day on Wednesday.

More than 500,000 people have been evacuated, most in the San Diego area, and more than 1,436 homes have been destroyed. Another 25,000 structures were threatened state-wide.—MNA/Reuters

A firefighter walks past a burned out car as he mops up hot spots at a home in the Rancho Bernardo neighbourhood of San Diego, California, on 25 Oct, 2007. California wildfires that have destroyed 1,300 homes and forced the evacuation of 500,000 people raged into a fifth day on Thursday, but firefighters seized on a break in the weather to largely halt the march of destruction.—XINHUA



Two US soldiers killed, eight injured in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 26 Oct — The US military said Thursday that two of its soldiers were killed and eight others injured in two incidents in Salahudin Province north of Baghdad on Wednesday.

A soldier was killed and five others were wounded during combat operations near the city of Beiji, 200 kilometres north of Baghdad, a military statement said. A second soldier died of wounds sustained from a mine explosion while conducting operations in the province, another statement said. Three more soldiers were also wounded by the blast, it added. The latest deaths bring the number of US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to 3,837 since the US-led invasion on Iraq in 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures. — MNA/Xinhua

Two prisons in Britain converted to “foreigners only”

LONDON, 25 Oct — Two prisons have been converted to house only foreign prisoners in an attempt to speed up the deportation process once they complete their sentence, the government said on Wednesday.

It follows the sacking of former home secretary Charles Clarke last year after it emerged 1,000 foreign prisoners had been freed without being considered for deportation.

Justice Minister David Hanson said more foreigners may be held separately if the experiment at Bullwood Hall in Essex and Canterbury Prison in Kent is a success.

“In the two prisons ... we have specialist immigration officers who are helping to ensure that we prepare during the

sentence for early deportation,” he told BBC radio. The number of foreign inmates has doubled in the last 10 years to about 11,000, or one in seven of all prisoners in England and Wales, the

government says.

Extra cells are being built to ease overcrowding after the prison population reached a record high of more than 81,000 earlier this year.

MNA/Reuters



A huge crocodile made of pumpkins is displayed on a farm in Hartheim-Feldkirch, southwestern Germany, on 24 Oct, 2007. The farmer promotes his products with the colourful huge reptile.— INTERNET

Democrats worry Bush setting up war with Iran

WASHINGTON, 26 Oct — Some Democratic presidential candidates worried on Thursday the White

House had begun a march to war by declaring Iran's Revolutionary Guard a terrorism supporter while a top Republican said "bombardment" of Iran should be an option.

Republican presidential candidate Mitt Romney took a hard-line stance against Iran after the US State Department imposed sanctions on the Revolutionary Guard in a bid to pressure Teheran to stop enriching uranium.

Washington also accuses Iran of supplying explosive devices to Iraqi militants that are being used to kill US and Iraqi troops.

Romney, trying to win his party's presidential nomination for the November 2008 election, said in New Hampshire the military option must be on the table in the event sanctions do not work.

“I really can't lay out exactly how that would be done, but we have a number of options from blockade to bombardment of some kind, and that's something we very much have to keep on the table, and if you will, ready ourselves to be able to take because frankly it's unacceptable for Iran to have nuclear weapons,” Romney said.

MNA/Reuters

Researchers say HIV testing in US remains low

WASHINGTON, 25 Oct — HIV testing rates have remained low in the United States this decade, with only about one-fifth of people at high risk for infection getting a test in any given year, according to a study published on Monday.

The study also found that many more people at high risk of HIV infection — men who have sex with men, injection drug users and others — say they plan to get tested than actually do get tested.

“We know that there are about 1.1 million

Americans infected with HIV. And we know that about 25 per cent of them don't know that they're infected,” Brian Pence, an epidemiologist at Duke University in Durham, North Carolina, and one of the researchers, said in a telephone interview.

Those people who are unaware they are infected may be causing more than half of new US human immunodeficiency virus infections, making an expansion of testing a key step toward curbing the spread of the virus that causes AIDS, Pence

added.

The researchers examined responses from about 147,000 people nationwide aged 18 to 64 in US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention health surveys from 2000 through 2005.

MNA/Reuters

First test-tube baby born in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 25 Oct — The first test-tube baby in Bangladesh was born at Square Fertility Centre in the capital Dhaka on 30

September, local newspaper *The Daily Star* reported Wednesday. Since its inception in December 2006, a large number of women sought treatment here and many of them conceived through

intra-uterine insemination (IUI) method.

But Mrs Khan, 37, was the first mother who gave birth to a child through in-vitro fertilization (IVF) or test-tube method. She had been trying to have a baby since her marriage 18 years ago. In association with an expert physician of Mount Elizabeth Hospital of Singapore and an Embryologist of Care IVF Centre, Dr Zakiur Rahman, a consultant gynaecologist of Square Fertility Centre, had accomplished this difficult task. Both the mother and the baby are in sound health now. —MNA/Xinhua

30 security men killed in blast in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 26 Oct — As many as 30 security men were killed when a truck was blown up in North West Frontier Province (NWFP) of Pakistan on Thursday, local TV channels reported.

The blast occurred when the security forces truck was passing through Mingora, a major city in Swat Valley of NWFP, leaving 30 security men dead and another 15 to 20 injured.

The injured were shifted to a local hospital

and some of them were stated to be in critical condition.

Reports said that the truck was also loaded with weapons. The explosion also destroyed 15 shops and some vehicles.

There is no immediate confirmation about the incident from the authorities.

The security forces on Wednesday deployed thousands of soldiers in Swat to curb activities of a militant leader Maulana Fazalullah and his followers.—MNA/Xinhua



A model displays a creation from Mexican designer Gustavo Helgera's Spring/Summer 2008 Headbands collection during Fashion Week Mexico in Mexico City on 25 Oct, 2007. Fashion Week Mexico will run until on 26 Oct.—INTERNET



Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Beauregard, an 8-month-old male Grants zebra is greeted by Brandy, an Atlantic bottlenose dolphin while out on a daily walk around the park at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, California, on 23 Oct, 2007.

INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

China, Zimbabwe set up JV on mineral marketing

HARARE, 26 Oct — The Minerals Marketing Corporation of Zimbabwe (MMCZ) and a Chinese company have entered into a joint venture to market Zimbabwe's minerals in the Asian country, local media *The Herald* reported on Thursday.

The two companies

have since formed a company called Shanghai Jinchuan Zimbabwe Minerals Corporation Limited which is responsible for marketing the minerals in China.

MMCZ chief executive Onesimo Moyo told Zimbabwe's state news agency *New Ziana*

on Wednesday that the company commenced operations three months ago.

"The logic behind the establishment of the company is that we realized that people who buy our minerals re-price them. By opening the company, we will be able to have part of that re-pricing margin which has all along been going to other parties," he said.

He said the company was also opened following adoption of the "Look East" policy.

The Zimbabwean Government in 2000 adopted the "Look East" policy as a strategy to establish good relations with Asian countries following a fallout with Western countries over its implementation of the land reform programme.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq oil flows to Turkey despite threats, attacks

DUBAI, 26 Oct — Oil keeps flowing from Iraq to Turkey through a pipeline skirting Iraq's Kurdish region despite threats to infrastructure from Kurdish rebels and insurgent sabotage attacks further south, an oil shipper said on Thursday. Iraq was pumping around 400,000 barrels per day of Kirkuk crude to Turkey on Thursday for the seventh consecutive day, the shipper said.

"The flow is about 18,000 barrels per hour," he said. "They are having some success at keeping it going. Concerns that the flow might be halted due to clashes between Turkish troops and Kurdish rebels

helped take oil futures to a record of over 90 US dollars a barrel last week.

A pro-rebel news agency quoted one of the leaders of the Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) last week as saying the guerillas could strike oil pipelines if Turkish troops attacked them.

"We have no specific policy on pipelines but we are now waging a defensive war... Since pipelines that cross Kurdistan provide the economic resources for the Turkish Army's aggression, it is possible the guerillas target them," the *Firat* news agency quoted PKK commander Murat Karayilan saying. — MNA/Reuters

US mortgage firm sees \$1.2bn loss

LONDON, 26 Oct — US mortgage giant Countrywide Financial has reported \$1.2bn (£584m) in losses during the third quarter.

The loss, the first for the firm in 25 years, comes after profits of \$647.6m a year earlier. The latest quarter included \$2.9bn in credit losses.

But the firm said it was through the worst of the slowdown that has dogged the US housing sector and expected to make a profit in the fourth quarter. The improved outlook sent shares surging nearly 25%

higher.

"We view the third quarter as an earnings trough, and anticipate that the company will be profitable in the fourth quarter and in 2008," said David Sambol, Countrywide's chief operating officer.

Rising interest rates in the US have made it harder for many borrowers to meet payments.

Earlier this week, Countrywide promised to set new terms or refinance \$16bn worth of mortgages, in a bid to help those struggling to make payments. — Internet

Kenyan farmers seek to block new EU trade deal

NAIROBI, 27 Oct — Small-scale Kenyan farmers went to court on Thursday to try to stop a controversial new trade deal with the European Union that they said perpetuated a "master-servant" relationship with their former colonisers.

They believe that if new tariff systems proposed in the pact — known as an Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA) — are implemented at least 300,000 Kenyans would lose their jobs.

"The anticipated EPAs will (perpetuate) a master-servant relationship because we continue to be producers of primary goods and commodities," said Kenyan lawyer James Orengo, who filed the case against the government on behalf of the farmers and the Kenya Human Rights Commission.

Kenya and 80 other African, Caribbean and Pacific (ACP) countries have enjoyed preferential trade access to the EU. But the World Trade Organization says those rules must be changed to establish a new free trade regime before January 1, 2008.

MNA/Reuters



A worker demonstrates how to use the seat in the first-class cabin of the Airbus A380 superjumbo at the Pudong International Airport in Shanghai, east China, on 25 Oct, 2007. The A380 was open to public here on Thursday. The Airbus A380 superjumbo is on its week-long demonstration tour of China, which includes Guangzhou, Shanghai and Beijing. — XINHUA

Russia urges EU to help bid for WTO membership

LISBON, 26 Oct — Russia's Economy Minister urged the European Union on Thursday to support its bid to join the World Trade Organization, saying it was a necessary prerequisite to increased EU-Russian trade.

"The reason there have been delays in increasing the EU-Russia relationship has to do with Russia not joining the WTO," Russian Economy Minister Elvira Nabiullina told an EU-Russia business conference.

She was speaking a day before an EU-Russia summit in Portugal, where President Vladimir Putin is expected to raise the issue of WTO membership. EU officials have said they want to see progress by Russia on issues such as its export duties on timber and other raw materials before WTO membership.

"The longer discussions to join the WTO are delayed, the bigger the losses for EU and Russian companies," the minister said.

MNA/Reuters

African mobile connections up 6.6% in third quarter

NAIROBI, 26 Oct — Africa's mobile connections rose by 15 million subscribers or 6.6 percent in the third quarter of 2007, according to figures from an industry

trade body seen by Reuters on Wednesday.

The GSM Association (GSMA) said subscribers to GSM and CDMA technologies totalled 241.2 million in the third

quarter, compared with 226.2 million in the second quarter, but added that market penetration remained low at 26 per cent.

MNA/Reuters



Tatyana Khalina (behind) brings her baby Nadia, possibly the world's fattest baby, to a clinic in the Siberian city of Aleisk on 26 Oct, 2007. Tatyana gave birth on 17 September to Nadia, who weighed a whopping 7.75 kg (17.1 lb) at birth. The heaviest baby ever born weighed 10.8 kg in the United States in 1879 but it died within 11 days. — INTERNET

Marlenattaung Multi-purpose Dam in Mandalay Division

Pwinttamar (Anyar Region)

Standing at an altitude of 3519 feet, PyinOoLwin, a mountain resort is 42 miles from Mandalay by motor road and 46 miles by railroad. Initially, PyinOoLwin was just a large village and was founded into a town by U Maung Maung Dwe, a royal staff member of Amarapura as well as the village head, and Danu national U Kham Oo in 1210 Myanmar Era.

Singu Township in PyinOoLwin District, Mandalay Division, has an annual average rainfall of 43 inches only. So, it did not have enough rain water for agriculture in the rainy season, and was a region where water was scarce in the hot season. The Irrigation Department of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation thus conducted a feasibility survey in the region to help solve the problem. It found a place near Marlenattaung Village suitable for a dam project. It launched Marlenattaung Dam Project in 2004-2005 with the permission of the Special Projects Committee. Now, it has completed the project.

The inauguration of Marlenattaung Dam took place on 22 July this year. It is intended to supply irrigation water, one of the major requirements to improve the economic growth of farmers. It is the 201st irrigation facility built from 1988 across the nation and the 49th, in Mandalay Division. The facility secures cultivation of monsoon paddy, summer paddy, beans and pulses and edible oil crops in

10,000 acres of farmlands all year round. Despite being situated by the Ayeyawady River, Singu Township had to rely on rain water to grow crops in the past. Thus, cultivation of crops was not rewarding in such years in which the region got a rainfall less than usual. Now, it can boost production of crops thanks to the newly-opened dam.

In 2006-2007, Mandalay Division grew monsoon paddy on 1,002,196 acres, 550,560 of which were put with the use of irrigation water. The same year, it cultivated summer paddy on 240,100 acres, 214,910 acres of which were put with the use of irrigation water.

It indicates the crucial role the irrigation water plays in cultivating monsoon and summer paddy in Mandalay Division. Arid regions like Mandalay Division will be able to enjoy sufficient irrigation water and grow crops extensively by building more and more dams and lakes.

With this context, the government is systematically implementing dam projects, water supply projects like Meiktila plain water supply project, and projects for reconstruction of lakes and canals. As a result, the number of irrigated acres is on the increase year by year.

People in rural areas constitute 70 per cent of the nation's population and the majority of them are engaged in agriculture to earn their living. Boosting

agricultural production means significant contribution towards the economic growth of the nation and development of rural areas.

In 1988-89, the nation had only 138 dams that benefited 2.5 million acres of farmlands. From that time to date, 203 dams, 305 river water pumping stations and 7569 underground water-tapping stations have been built, benefiting about 6 million acres of arable lands. In 1988-89, irrigated farmlands made up 12.6 per cent of the total sown acreage of 19.9 million acres. Now, the total sown acreage stands at 31.07 million, with 19.02 per cent irrigation acreage.

In addition to irrigation water, Marlenattaung Dam supplies clean water and contributes towards the greening of the region.

Moreover, some of the 10,000 acres of farmlands near the facility will also be put under summer paddy as the second crop pattern, and beans and pulses, as the third crop pattern. It means multiple cropping capacity has increased by two folds or about 4400 acres or has achieved 144 per cent. Therefore, the dam is helping improve the living conditions of local people.

Marlenattaung Dam was built by damming Marlenattaung Creek near Marle Village, about eight miles north-east of Singu with an annual average water inflow of 65,000 acre feet and a 72 feet high and 11,850 feet long earth embankment. It can store 57,470 acre feet. It has a 221 feet long 6'x 4' diameter reinforced concrete conduit on the right side and a 251 feet long three-foot-diameter conduit on the left side along with a 100 feet wide and 1450 feet long reinforced concrete spillway.

The right main canal is 10 miles long and the left main canal, five miles long. With 134 irrigation structures, the dam can irrigate 10,000 acres of lands.

Two 3-KV generators are installed at the dam to supply electricity to nearby areas. The Marlenattaung Multi-purpose Dam Project is, indeed, a prudent one ensuring multiple-cropping pattern, regional greening, and social and economic development of the region.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife enjoy Maha Doat Drama for Marionette Contest



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin watch the Marionette Contest.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct — The Maha Doat Drama for the Marionette Contest of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued at the hall of Agricultural Research Department on Nay Pyi Taw Yezin University Campus, here, this evening.

Zeyathiri Marionette Troupe of Sagaing Division participated in the contest.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin

Aung Myint Oo and wife Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife, members of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo and U Kyaw Aung and their wives, Secretary of the Work Committee for Organizing the Competitions Director-General of Fine Arts Department U Yan Naing Oo, Lt-Col

Nyo Saw of Nay Pyi Taw Command, departmental personnel and local people enjoyed the performance of the marionette troupe at the contest.

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Objectives of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism that is based on strong Union Spirit.
- To ensure uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and integrity.
- To ensure flourishing of Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts.
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths.
- To prevent the influence of alien culture.

People attend mass rallies to support National Convention and welcome forthcoming Constitution in Yangon North District

YANGON, 27 Oct — Mass rallies to support and welcome the National Convention and forthcoming Constitution were held in Insein, Hlinethaya, Htantabin and Shwepyitha townships today.

Over 21,000 local people attended the mass rally at Insein Railway Football Ground in Insein Township. It was presided over by Rector of Yangon Technological University Dr Aung Shein together with six members of the panel of chairmen.

U Yin Bo Aung of Union Solidarity and Development Association tabled a motion calling for the support of the National Convention and the forthcoming Constitution. Daw Khaing Khaing Oo of Township Women's Affairs Organization, Daw Tin Tin Htwe of Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, U Saw El Si of Township War Veterans Organization, Township Law Officer U Win Tin and townselder U Soe Min Thein seconded the motion. The mass rally ended by chanting of the slogans, seeking approval from the attendees.

A similar mass rally was held at Hlinethaya Industrial Zone Sports Ground in Hlinethaya Township, this morning, attended by over 21,000 local people. Rector Dr Zaw Min Aung of Yangon West Technological University presided over the mass rally together with six members of the panel of chairmen. U Aung Tin Win of USDA tabled a motion and Daw Than Than Htay of Township WAO, Daw Mya Mya Thway of Township MCWA,

Captain Myo Win Tun (Retd) of Township WVO and townselders Dr Kyi San Htet and Dr Than Aung seconded the motion. Those present approved the motion and chanted the slogans at the end of the mass rally.

In Htantabin Township, over 10,000 people marched into the mass rally at the township sports ground. Rector Dr Aung Aung Min of Yangon West University together with six members of the panel of chairmen presided over the mass rally. U Thuang Kyi of USDA tabled a motion calling for the support of the National Convention and the forthcoming Constitution. Daw Kyi Kyi Win of Township WAO, Daw Kyi Kyi Win of Township MCWA, U Ba Pe of Township WVO and townselders U Han Aye and U Thein Toe seconded the motion. Later, the mass rally ended by chanting the slogans, seeking approval from the attendees.

Over 12,000 local people attended the mass rally at Nawarat Sports Ground in Shwepyitha Township. Advocate U Win Bo Aye presided over the mass rally together with six members of the panel of chairmen. After U Min Wai of USDA tabled a motion, Daw Yi Cho Cho of Township WAO, Daw Than Than Aye of Township MCWA, U Myint Aung of Township WVO and townselders U Nay Myo Aung and U Thant Zin Moe seconded the motion. After seeking approval from the attendees, the motion was approved. Later, those present chanted slogans at the end of the mass rally. — MNA



Dagon Bridge inaugurated in Dagon ...

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In his address, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein said Dagon Bridge, the second bridge linking Yangon and Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Kayan and Thongwa, was successfully opened. Although there is Thanlyin Bridge which links Yangon and Yangon East regions, a new bridge was built for more progress in those regions.

He said the six-lane bridge which can withstand 75 tons of loads will contribute towards the development of economic, commercial, education and health sectors in Thanlyin, Kyauktan,



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveils the stone inscription of Dagon Bridge.—MNA

Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal to South Dagon Industrial Zone, Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, Tharkayta International Container Yard.

The government has

smooth transport, he said.

He said the government is also fulfilling economic, production, commercial, education, health and social needs for each region. Therefore, much progress has been made nation-

lages have developed and cities of international level have emerged in border areas. Social living standard and other sectors in rural areas have improved and their knowledge is high.

tion services indicate better socio-economic life of the people.

Before 1988 there were Sagaing and Sittaung Bridges. Now there are 15 major bridges. Yadanabon Bridge across Ayeyawady River is under construction, he said.

There are now 228 bridges that are over 180

feet and above long.

In transport and communication sectors, there are nearly 70,000 miles of tarred, gravel and earth roads. There are 3,150 miles of railroads in states and divisions. In aviation there are over 70 airports including two international ones.

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Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin cut the ribbon to open the Dagon Bridge.—MNA

Kayan and Thongwa Townships. Ten-wheel and 12-wheel container trucks can go from

been fulfilling the requirements for national development, raising living standard of the people and

wide. Everyone can see progress everywhere, he added.

He said towns and vil-

He said new roads and bridges, airports, water supply, electric power supply and communica-

Realizing the perpetration and atrocities of internal and external destructive elements with the intention of undermining national development, blocking the flow of foreign investment into the nation and trade, closing down factories and mills, making jobless and economic dislocation, the entire people are to ward off all the destructive acts.



The newly-opened Dagon Bridge.—MNA

Dagon Bridge inaugurated in Dagon ...

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In water transport there were 13 ports in the past and now there are 28 ports and three modern container yards. Wharves for vessels has increased to 70 from 57, he said.

There were 204 dams built after 1988 and over 2.65 million acres of lands can be irrigated. With the consumption of power of 1,500 million units there were 14 hydroelectric power plants in 1988. At present, a total of 50 hydroelectric power plants have been built and the consumption of power is 6,100 million units.

In addition, the implementation of 17 hydroelectric power projects that can generate 10,000 megawatts is well under way. In the education



Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein and ministers stroll along the Dagon Bridge.—MNA

and health sectors, there are more than 40,550 basic education schools and 160 universities and colleges, and a total of 839 hospitals are being put into operation.

It can be seen that

more infrastructures have been built with momentum in a short period. In doing so, the development of infrastructures reflects the genuine goodwill of the government towards the

people. Such development will contribute a lot to the interests of the people. It can be witnessed that there have been development in all aspects of agriculture, livestock breeding, industry, trade and technology. The socio economic life of all citizens including those in rural areas is improving.

The youth today are having the opportunity of pursuing higher education linking up with the world nations.

Moreover, the emergence of factories and

mills as well as construction undertakings have created job opportunities for local people.

In the same way, better conditions for educated people and businessmen to extensively engage in trade, services were created, thereby contributing much to development of services based on modern communications technology and production based on high tech.

Quality painting, sculpture, movie and music as well as creative arts of high standard are in the

offing and on the path to international market.

At a time when progress has been made in various sectors there are still attempts to undermine peace and national development. Hence, the entire people are to exercise a constant vigil against such perpetration with national awareness and outlook.

Realizing the perpetration and atrocities of internal and external destructive elements with the intention of undermining (See page 10)

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Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for a documentary photo.—MNA

Dagon Bridge, built by Myanmar engineers, will contribute to the smooth transportation of export and import commodities of industrial zones in Yangon Division including Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Industrial Zone and Dagon Myothit (South) Industrial Zone that are supporting industrial zones for construction of Thilawa Special Economic Zone.



Opening ceremony of Dagon Bridge in progress.—MNA

Dagon Bridge inaugurated in Dagon ...

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national development, blocking the flow of foreign investment into the nation and trade, closing down factories and mills, making jobless and economic dislocation, the entire people are to ward off all the destructive acts.

The government is constantly building all the required infrastructures in bringing about national development, fulfilling the food, clothing and shelter needs and enabling people to lead a peaceful life.

In conclusion, he stressed the need for the entire national people to distinguish between the right and wrong and stay away from destructive acts and actively take part in nation-building endeavours in order to fully enjoy the fruits of national development created by the government with own resources.

In his address, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win said that after 1988, roads were upgraded and new roads constructed in Yangon Division. In addition, thirty-one over-180-foot-long major bridges including Maha Bandoola Bridge, Thanlyin Bridge, Bayintnaung Bridge, Aungzeya Bridge, Shwepyitha Bridge, Panhlaing Bridge and Twantay Bridge were built in the division for ensuring smooth transportation of the people and speedy flow of

commodities.

It can be said that construction of Dagon Bridge on Bago river linking Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone and Thanlyin was the undertaking of rural development task. Thanks to completion, Dagon Bridge can withstand 75-ton vehicles on its six-lane motorway to be free from traffic jam. Furthermore, the bridge will contribute much to development of four industrial zones in Dagon Myothit township on Yangon bank and Thilawa Industrial Zone on Thanlyin bank. Moreover, the bridge was constructed with the aim of enabling local youth to easily pursue education not only at Yangon East University, Myanmar Maritime University, Technological University and Yangon Cooperative Degree College in Thanlyin Township but also at University of Culture, Institute of Economics, Dagon University and Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College in Dagon Myothit townships.

In addition, agricultural products, fish and meat from Kayan, Thongwa, Thanlyin, Kyauktan townships and Thanatpin and Kawa townships of Bago Division can be sent to Yangon through the bridge in a short time. Likewise, the people in the division will enjoy fruits of transport facilities through Dagon Bridge to receive medical treatment at specialist hospitals in Yangon. In conclusion, the commander urged local people to help maintain the bridge for its durability.

Afterwards, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun delivered an address. He said that in the past, the government granted permission to Public Works and national private companies to take charge of constructing only some main roads through agreements under the build, operate and transfer system (BOT). But since September 2007, permission has been granted to private entrepreneurs to take charge of building any roads through agreements with Public Works under BOT system. The newly-opened Dagon Bridge was built with 19 piers, 398 RCD piles and 240 pre-stressed RC beams. Especially, the government successfully built the bridge for serving the interest of the people without assistance of foreign countries.

U Thein Kyaw of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township spoke words of thanks.

Next, Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein, together with Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, formally opened Dagon Bridge.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party posed for documentary photos together with officials and local people.

The Prime Minister unveiled the stone inscription and sprinkled scented water on it. The commander and the ministers also sprinkled scented water on the stone inscriptions.

Dagon Bridge across the Bago River links Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township and Thanlyin Township. The bridge is 4,540 feet long and its clearance is 130 feet wide and 18 feet high. The bridge can withstand 75-ton loads.

The six-lane motorway of the bridge, flanked by six-foot pedestrian, is 72 feet wide. The upper structure of the bridge is of RC beams and concrete floor, and the lower structure is of RC piers and RC bored piles.

Dagon Bridge, built by Myanmar engineers, will contribute to the smooth transportation of export and import commodities of industrial zones in Yangon Division including Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Industrial Zone and Dagon Myothit (South) Industrial Zone that are supporting industrial zones for construction of Thilawa Special Economic Zone.

Thanks to completion, the bridge will serve the interest of local people in smooth transportation of commodities.

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Dagon Bridge being illuminated.—MNA

Drama Contest continues for fourth day



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and wife Daw Marlar Tint enjoy performance of artistes in the drama contest.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct — The Drama Contest of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the fourth day at the convocation hall of University of Veterinary Science in Nay Pyi Taw Yezin this evening.

Danyawady Soe Paing (Bank) and troupe of Bago Division took part in the drama contest.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry

of Defence and wife Daw Marlar Tint, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and wife, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and wife, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaug Lwin, member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Nyi Tun and wife, Secretary of the Work Committee Director-General U Yan Naing Oo of Fine Arts

Department of the Ministry of Culture families of regiments and units of Nay Pyi Taw Command and committee members, heads of department, students of townships, wards and villages in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana District enjoyed the performance of artistes in the drama contest. The drama was directed by Danyawady Soe Paing (Bank) with scripts of Captain Soe Paing (Retd) and depicted the strength of unity of national races and strong Union Spirit. — MNA

People of Magway, Ayeyawady Divisions and Kachin State condemn recent protests



Local residents of Phakant condemning recent protests.—MNA

people of Bogale, some 50,000 people of Wakema, about 35,000 people of Labutta and over 30,000 people of Hinthada, Ayeyawady Division, walked in procession shouting slogans calling for 'Our Three Main National Causes' and 'The seven-step Road Map must be successful' and holding placards that read 'We support the National Convention

and the constitution', 'the seven-step Road Map must be successful' and 'No neo-colonialism'.

In like manner, more than 35,000 people of Phakant and some 6,500 people of Karmaing of Kachin State, walked in procession, chanting slogans and holding placards to condemn recent protests.

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People of Sedoktara expressing their desire to denounce recent protests.

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NAY PYI TAW, 27 Oct—The people of Sedoktara and Yesagyo in Magway Division, Nyaungdon, Bogale, Wakema, Labutta and Hinthada in Ayeyawady Division and Phakant and Karmaing in Kachin State who wish to see stability of the State, the rule of law and community peace and tranquillity regarded recent protests in-

stigated by some monks and NLD members as a threat to peace and stability. So they held mass rallies to denounce such protests on 25 October after seeking permission from the authorities concerned.

In Sedoktara and Yesagyo of Magway, over 5,500 and 12,500 people respectively walked in procession

shouting slogans calling for 'Our Three Main National Causes', 'Adoption of constitution' and holding placards that read 'We favour peace and stability', 'We oppose unrest and violence' and 'Don't destroy peace and stability'.

Similarly, some 30,000 people of Nyaungdon, over 25,000



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Gas poisoning kills three in E China glass factory

HEFEI, 26 Oct — Three people are dead and three are in hospital after a toxic gas discharge in east China's Anhui Province.

The accident occurred at 4:00 a.m. on Wednesday in Xinmin Glass Co Ltd, in Bengbu City, when five workers tried to rescue a colleague who was poisoned after inhaling carbon monoxide discharged from a coal furnace.

The gas accumulated after a coal-feeding machine overloaded and broke down, stopping the ventilation at the opening of the furnace.

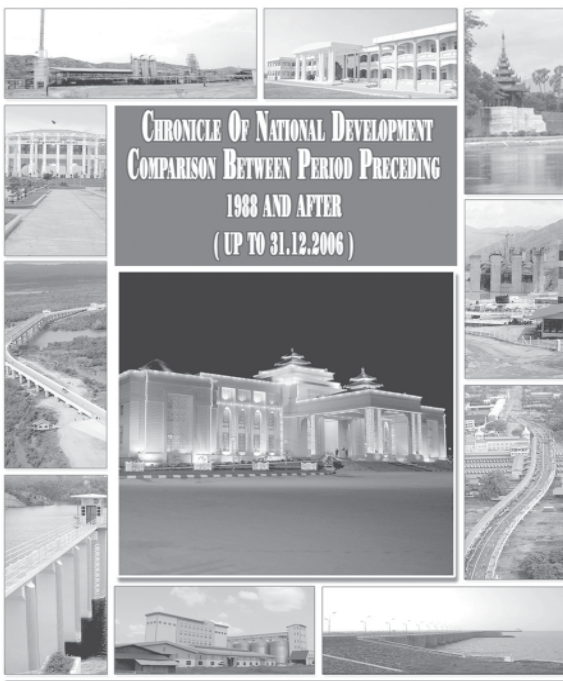
The worker was attempting to fix the machine when the accident occurred.

The six were all poisoned because they took no safety precautions, such as gas masks, according to local work safety officials.

The workers were rushed to local hospitals after being found unconscious by morning shift workers, but three died despite emergency medical treatment.

The three survivors were out of danger, said doctors at the hospital.

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Israel to reduce power supplies to Gaza strip

JERUSALEM, 26 Oct — Defence Minister Ehud Barak approved on Thursday the reduction of Israel's power supplies to the Hamas-controlled Gaza Strip in response to Palestinian rocket attacks which the Israeli military has failed to stop.

Israeli political sources said Barak's decision cleared the way for electricity cuts to begin immediately, although it was not immediately clear exactly when power would be reduced to the impoverished territory, where 1.5 million Palestinians live.

Barak, a former prime minister who heads Israel's Labour Party, gave his approval a day before Israeli and Palestinian leaders planned to meet again to

try to narrow differences in preparation for a US-run conference on Palestinian statehood.

With the ruling coalition under strain over the possibility of concessions to Palestinians in the talks, the government has faced calls to demonstrate it is acting against militants.

But the United Nations has told Israel it must not

inflict collective punishment by denying Palestinians in the Gaza Strip vital supplies and services. Israel pulled troops and settlers out of the territory in 2005 but still controls its borders.

Palestinian militants frequently fire short-range rockets into southern Israel from the Gaza Strip — attacks that Israeli incursions and airstrikes

have not halted. Israeli forces killed at least three gunmen on the Gaza border on Thursday.

"Because this is an entity that is hostile to us there is no reason for us to supply them with electricity beyond the minimum required to prevent a crisis," Deputy Defence Minister Matan Vilnai told Army Radio. — MNA/Reuters

Schwarzenegger announces reward for arsonist arrest

LOS ANGELES, 26 Oct — California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on Wednesday announced a 50,000-dollar reward toward arrest and conviction of any suspected arsonist. He made the announcement

as more than 10 wildfires were raging across Southern California.

"I announced a 50,000-dollar reward for information leading toward the arrest and conviction in a California court of the person or

persons responsible for setting the Santiago Fire," he said in a statement.

At least one of the more than 15 fires burning in Southern California is suspected of being the work of arsonist, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Two boys killed pushing scooters across motorway in Britain

LONDON, 26 Oct — Two boys aged six and seven were killed as they tried to push their scooters across a motorway in Cheshire, police said on Thursday.

The children were hit by several cars as they crossed the westbound carriageway of the M56 near Runcorn on Wednesday evening.

A police spokeswoman said the boys were declared dead at the scene. Their families have been informed, but their names have yet to be released.

"Officers found that two boys ... had been

struck by vehicles while apparently trying to cross the carriageway with their push-scooters," she said. "There were no other casualties. There were a number of other witnesses who were distressed and traumatized at what they'd seen."

MNA/Reuters

One dead in explosion at drug plant in Finland

HELSINKI, 26 Oct — One person was killed late on Thursday in an explosion of a pressure boiler at Finnish drugmaker Orion's subsidiary Ekokem's plant in Hanko, southern Finland, the fire brigade and company officials said.

"A boiler has exploded and one person has died.

It happened between 9.30 and 10.00 pm local time (1830-1900 GMT)," said Stig Granstrom, fire chief on duty at Hanko.

He said the cause of the explosion was not clear. The boiler was around 10 cubic metres in size. Ekokem's on-duty official confirmed an explosion had taken place and one person at the plant in Hanko had been killed.

Orion's plant head Jorma Mamia said he was not yet at the scene but had been told an explosion had taken place in Orion's plant area.

MNA/Reuters

Grenade found near Thai Government House

BANGKOK, 26 Oct — An M72 hand grenade was found in a shop near the Government House of Thailand in Bangkok on Friday morning, a police source said.

The hand grenade was found in a noodle shop located at the Nang Loeng Intersection in central Bangkok, not far from the Government House, the source said. — MNA/Xinhua

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Expert says developing world needs chronic disease help

BEIJING, 26 Oct — Health efforts in the developing world should not ignore the growing problem of non-communicable conditions such as cancer and obesity and need culturally appropriate, cheap solutions, an expert said on Thursday.

The World Health Organization and Chinese Health Ministry warned earlier last year that a surge in chronic diseases such as cancer and diabetes due to changing lifestyles could kill up to 80 million people in China alone in the next decade.

“There is a sense in

which they are still neglected,” said Stephen Matlin, executive director of the Global Forum for Health Research, which pushes for more spending on health research and resources for poorer nations.

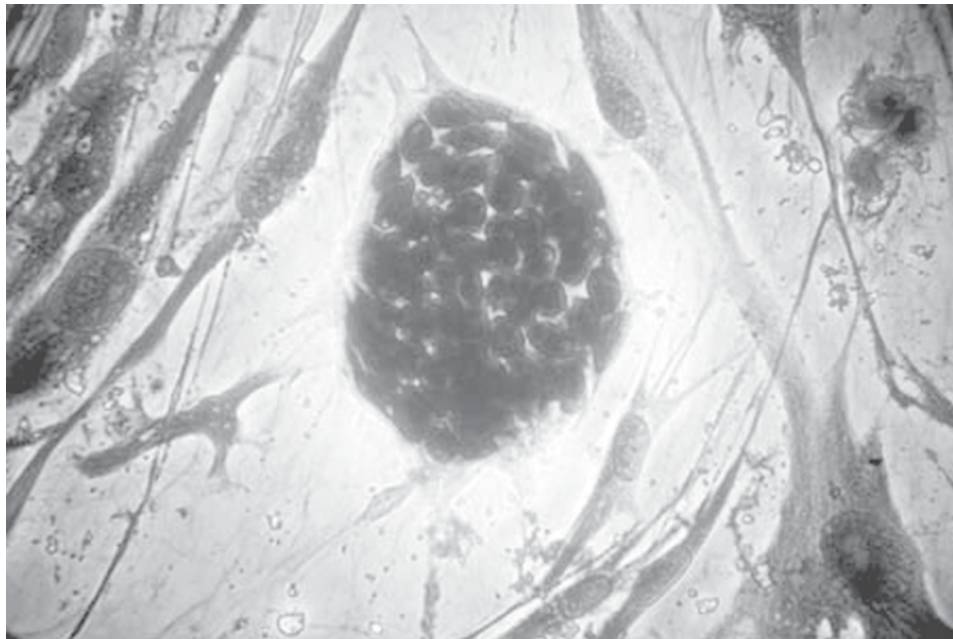
“It’s where most of the investment and research has been over the last few decades and it’s where most of the big industry money goes in developing treatments for diabetes, heart disease and cancer and so on,” he told a news conference in Beijing.

“To a large extent these are solutions which may not be very readily

applicable in poor resource settings,” Matlin said. “They’ve not been created with poor people in mind very often. We need to learn how to be able to translate the knowledge we’ve got into settings where it can be applied in developing countries.”

Even getting people to eat better, exercise and stop smoking in the developed world has been hard, he added.

MNA/Reuters



This undated handout photograph shows a human embryonic stem cell colony, on a background of mouse embryonic fibroblast feeder cells, stained with Wright-Giemsa to highlight the individual cells of the colony. — XINHUA

Environment ministers target 2009 climate treaty

BOGOR (Indonesia), 26 Oct — An informal meeting of environment ministers in Indonesia has accepted the need for negotiations on a new treaty to fight climate change to be wrapped up by 2009, a UN official said on Thursday.

The gathering of environment ministers and officials from about 40 nations this week comes ahead of a key meeting in Bali in December aimed at hammering out a new global climate deal to curb

carbon emissions after the Kyoto Protocol expires in 2012.

“The meeting has indicated very clearly that negotiations need to be completed in 2009 and it will give enough time for ratification of the long-term agreement by governments and its entry into force before the Kyoto period ends in 2012,” said Yvo de Boer, the head of the UN Climate Change Secretariat.

De Boer has been pushing hard for talks to be wrapped up by 2009, although there are concerns the timetable could slip because of the US presidential election next year and the complexity of dividing emission limits

between rich and poor.

There have been tensions between developed and poorer industrializing nations over who should bear the burden for cutting emissions, seen by many scientists as vital to slow global warming and effects such as floods, droughts and rising sea levels.

“There was a strong agreement here that industrialized countries must continue to take the lead by reducing their emissions of greenhouse gases given their historic responsibility for the problem”, he told a news conference at the presidential palace in Bogor, an hour’s drive south of the capital, Jakarta.

“But at the same time there was also an agreement to have a broader engagement of developing countries on the issue as well.”

But the UN official said there should be incentives for developing countries to cut emissions, noting concern among poorer nations that reducing emissions could hamper development.

Kyoto binds 36 rich nations to cap emissions of greenhouse gases until 2012 and a new global deal would seek to engage outsiders such as the United States and Australia, as well as developing countries such as China, India and Brazil.

MNA/Reuters

Painting found in NY trash could fetch up to \$1m

NEW YORK, 26 Oct — The treasure that a New York City woman saved from the trash — a stolen masterpiece by Mexican artist Rufino Tamayo — is expected to go for as much as one million US dollars at auction next month.

Elizabeth Gibson will get a 15,000 US dollars reward for returning “Tres Personajes” (“Three People”) to its rightful owners, as well as an undisclosed percentage of the auction price.

Nearly four years ago Gibson was on her way to coffee when she spotted the painting among garbage bags set out for morning collection in her Upper West Side neighbourhood.

She walked by it at first but said she “immediately knew I had to go back. I knew I had to take it!”

“It was a huge, powerful and beautiful painting and I said to myself, ‘It is wrong to be in the garbage,’” Gibson told Reuters on Tuesday.

Gibson, who had hung up the painting after her discovery, said she learned of its worth when research

led her to the website of “Antiques Roadshow FYI”, a companion programme to the PBS show “Antiques Roadshow”.

Sotheby’s expert August Uribe had featured the painting on “antiques Roadshow FYI” after it was stolen more than 20 years ago. — MNA/Reuters



Jaguar mother “Sally” looks at her eight weeks old cub in their enclosure at the Munich zoo on 26 Oct, 2007. The jaguar cub was born on 2 September in the zoo. — INTERNET

Paparazzi lured Diana’s car into tunnel

LONDON, 26 Oct — A witness told the jury probing the death of Princess Diana on Thursday of his conspiracy theory that paparazzi lured her car into the Paris tunnel where it crashed so they could take photos of her with her lover.

The inquest in London also heard from other witnesses at the scene of the accident who said photographers surrounding the wreckage had shouted “she’s alive” to colleagues.

Diana, 36, her lover

Dodi al-Fayed, 42, and driver Henri Paul died in the early hours of 31 August, 1997 after their speeding limousine crashed into a pillar in a road tunnel as they sped away from the Ritz Hotel, pursued by paparazzi.

Dodi’s father Mohamed claims their deaths were carried out by British secret agents on the orders of Queen Elizabeth’s husband, Prince Philip, because Diana was pregnant and the couple were about to announce their engagement.

Major investigations by French and British police have concluded the deaths were an accident caused by an inebriated Paul driving too fast, but under British law an official inquest is needed when someone dies unnaturally.

Jacques Morel, who is writing a book about his conspiracy theory, told the inquest in London that there had been a plot by photographers to bring Diana’s car to a halt in the tunnel so that they could obtain an exclusive story.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Reds hit by Pennant blow

Pennant set for ten weeks out with leg surgery

LONDON, 26 Oct — Liverpool have suffered an injury blow with the news that Jermaine Pennant has broken his right tibia.

Pennant has been struggling with the leg injury for some time and the injury worsened during Wednesday's Champions League defeat to Besiktas.



Pennant

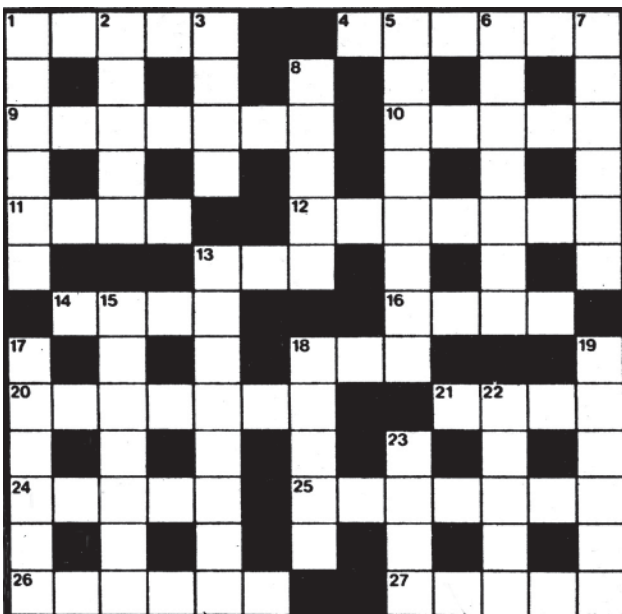
The former Birmingham man was forced to limp off against Besiktas and Liverpool have decided to send Pennant for surgery to resolve the problem.

Internet



Claudio Marrero, right, of the Dominican Republic, trades punches with Krzysztof Rogowski, of Poland, during their preliminary bout in the Bantamweight 54kg class of the World Boxing Championships in Chicago, on 26 Oct, 2007. Marrero advanced in the championship with a 18-5 win. — INTERNET

CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Chummy
- 4 Ah, rice! (anag.)
- 9 Reddish purple
- 10 Cotton yarn
- 11 Nobleman
- 12 Small house
- 13 Plaything
- 14 Keeness
- 16 Tried to rival
- 18 Primate
- 20 Egyptian mounment
- 21 Way off
- 24 Witches' gathering
- 25 Delete
- 26 Most senior
- 27 In want

DOWN

- 1 Thump
- 2 Light beer
- 3 Tug sharply
- 5 Comparative
- 6 Person held as pledge
- 7 Levelled
- 8 Ornate
- 13 The end
- 15 Traced origin
- 17 Parisian ruffian
- 18 Viper
- 19 Covetous
- 22 Keep off
- 23 Twirled



Chelsea's Andriy Shevcheko, left, shots past Manchester City's Richard Dunne, right, to score during their English Premier League soccer match at the Stamford Bridge Stadium, London, on 27 Oct, 2007. — INTERNET

Man Utd	4-1	Middlesbrough
Birmingham	3-2	Wigan
Portsmouth	0-0	West Ham
Reading	2-1	Newcastle
Sunderland	1-1	Fulham
Chelsea	6-0	Man City

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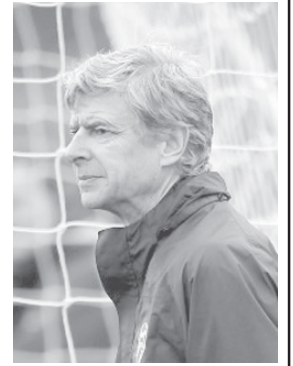
Wenger saddened by Jol exit

Frenchman calls for managers to be given more time

LONDON, 26 Oct — Arsene Wenger believes Martin Jol should have had more time at Tottenham to turn the club's fortunes around.

Jol was sacked on Thursday after a difficult start to the season which has Spurs sitting in the Premier League's bottom three with seven points from 10 games.

Although many Arsenal fans are enjoying Tottenham's turmoil, Wenger is disappointed Jol was axed so soon into the season.



Arsene Wenger

"It is tough and I feel very sorry and sad when a manager does not get the opportunity to work the whole season and show what he can do," the Gunners manager told *Sky Sports News*.

"Because we all have difficult periods in the season and that's when you need the support of everybody inside the club.

"Sometimes when it happens at the start of the season, especially when the expectation level is very high, you're not given the time to turn things around. That's what happened to Martin Jol." —Internet

Estes and Armour set pace at Tesoro

MIAMI, 26 Oct — PGA Tour veteran Bob Estes rolled in a 40-foot birdie putt on his final hole to share the first-round lead with fellow American Tommy Armour III in the Ginn sur Mer Classic at Port St. Lucie, Florida on Thursday.

Despite breezy conditions at Tesoro Club's Palmer Course, Estes and Armour fired matching nine-under-par 64s to take early control in the 2007 Tour's penultimate event.

Estes swept to the top of the leaderboard with a scorching homeward nine of seven-under 30 before being joined by Armour shortly before play was suspended for the day in fading light.

Armour birdied four of the last five holes, sinking an 11-footer on the 18th green, to move into contention for his third PGA Tour title.

Of the 22 players yet to complete the opening round on a soggy day at Tesoro, American Bryce Molder was four off the pace with three holes remaining.

Estes, hunting his fifth title on the world's most lucrative circuit, picked up shots at the 11th and 16th to reach the turn in two-under 34. The 41-year-old Texan then took control with a sizzling run of six birdies from the par-four first before signing off in style with his long-range putt at the ninth.

After finding the right

rough off the tee, he struck a four-iron into the front portion of the green before curling in the right-to-left breaking putt for his ninth birdie of the round.

"I was just trying to roll it down there close to the hole and sometimes they go in," Estes told reporters of his final putt. "But it's only Thursday. That's the deal." —MNA/Reuters

Tottenham sack manager Jol

LONDON, 26 Oct — Tottenham Hotspur have sacked their Dutch manager Martin Jol, the Premier League club said in a statement on Thursday.

"We can confirm that the board has this evening asked Martin Jol, the club manager, and Chris

Hughton, the first team coach, to stand down from their positions with immediate effect," the statement read.

Bizarrely Jol, who took over from Jaques Santini in 2004, was in the dugout for Tottenham's 2-1 UEFA

Cup defeat by Spanish club Getafe on Thursday as rumours circulated that his three-year reign was at an end.

The 51-year-old has been tipped for the sack all season since highly fancied Tottenham lost their opening Premier League game against newly promoted Sunderland.

After consecutive fifth-placed finishes in his two full seasons in charge of the north London club, this season has been a huge letdown.

Tottenham are currently third from bottom with just one win from their opening 10 games.

"I can understand the position of the club in light of the results," Jol said on the club's Web site.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. Tottenham Hotspur is a special club and I want to thank the terrific staff and players."

MNA/Reuters

Ramos looks set for Spurs after quitting Sevilla

MADRID, 27 Oct — Juande Ramos hinted on Friday he was set to take charge of Tottenham Hotspur after resigning as coach of Sevilla.

"This has been the hardest decision of my life. My heart remains in Seville but for the sake of my family and career it is impossible not to leave for London," he said on his personal Web site (www.juanderamos.com).

"My time at Sevilla has been the most important period of my life personally and professionally. I will be eternally grateful."

The 53-year-old Spaniard, who has won five trophies with Sevilla in the last two seasons, has been strongly linked by media reports with a move to Spurs after the London club sacked Dutchman Martin Jol on Thursday. — MNA/Reuters



Rapid Vienna's Branko Boskovic (L) challenges LASK's Almedin Hota during their Austrian league soccer match in Vienna on 26 Oct, 2007. — INTERNET

Amina Bi Bi (a) Betty Selod (71) years

Daughter of (A R K Selod-Rehmat Bi of PyinOoLwin) passed away peacefully at 6:15 pm on 26-10-2007 and buried on 27-10-2007 morning at Yeway Sunni Muslim Cemetery .

Bereaved family

Dutch mission in Afghanistan to cost twice as planned

BRUSSELS, 27 Oct — The Dutch Military and reconstruction operations in Afghanistan will cost the Dutch Government at least 1.2 billion euros (1.7 billion US dollars), twice the government's planned budget, Dutch newspaper *De Volkskrant* reported Thursday.

The Dutch Defence Ministry initially budgeted 580 million euros for the Afghan mission as a whole. But the newspaper, after doing a research into the total costs, said much more would be needed.

The paper quoted

sources in the Dutch Government as saying that 600 million euros have been spent so far in Afghanistan. The two-year mission does not expire until August next year.

The costs are higher than expected primarily because of the loss and damage to equipment. An extra 100 million euros are needed to replace equipment due to wear and tear, and another 191 million euros to replace helicopter and other aircraft that have crashed.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran condemns US move to brand guards "terrorist"

TEHRAN, 27 Oct — Iran condemned on Thursday a US move to brand the country's elite Revolutionary Guard Corps a proliferator of weapons of mass destruction and its Qods force a supporter of terrorism, the state broadcaster IRIB's Website reported.

"The hostile policies of America against the respectful Iranian nation and our legal organizations are against international regulations and have no value," Foreign Ministry spokesman Mohammad Ali Hosseini was quoted as saying.

"Such policies have always failed."

Washington on Thursday imposed sanctions on more than 20 Iranian companies, major banks and individuals as well as the Defence Ministry in a bid to force Teheran to stop uranium enrichment

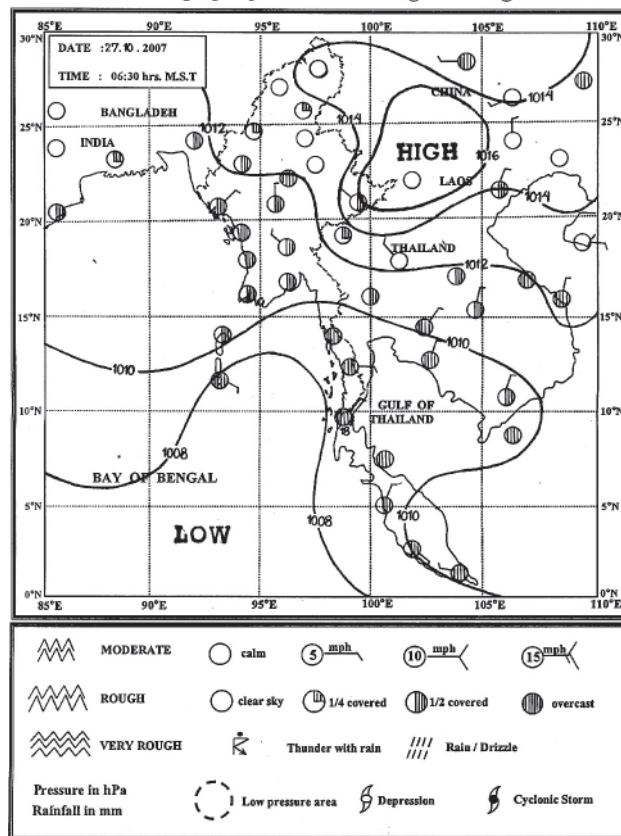
and curb its "terrorist" activities.

Some within the US Administration had wanted to label the entire Guards Corps a foreign terrorist group — the first time the United States would place the Armed Forces of any sovereign government on such a list.

Such measures are opposed by allies such as Russia who believe dialogue rather than more punishment or military action to halt Iran's nuclear programme, which the West fears is a cover to build nuclear bomb.

MNA/Reuters

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 27 October, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Taninthayi Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Kawthong (0.71) inch.

Maximum temperature on 26-10-2007 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 27-10-2007 was 71°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 27-10-2007 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 26-10-2007 was (7.7) hours approx.

Rainfall on 27-10-2007 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 (4) mph from Northeast at (15:00) hour MST on 26-10-2007.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea, Southwest Bay and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 28-10-2007: Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin and Taninthayi Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair weather in the whole country.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 28-10-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-10-2007: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-10-2007: Partly cloudy.



Sunday, 28 October Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music -If you were there
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music -If you don't dance
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music -This heart will love again
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar - (Show dexterity in performing arts)
- 9:20 am Music -Anyman of mine
- 1:30 pm News /slogan
- 1:40 pm Children's delight (story) -Why ducks sleep on one leg
- 1:50 pm Songs for children
- 9:00 pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Music/LIETS -Pa Pa loves Ma Ma -friend
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:30 pm PEL



Sunday, 28 October View on today

- 7:00 am 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃာ့မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မေဟာရ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:15 am 2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိရိန္ဒာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am 6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:05 am 7. အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- 8:15 am 8. မင်းလှရေလှောင်တစ်
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Say it in English
- 11:00 am 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am 2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am 3. Round up of the week's International news
- 11:40 am 4. Myanmar Video; "ဖြူသောကြိုးများ" (နိုင်ငံ့နိုင်း၊ မေသန်းနု) ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်ဦး (စန်းပိုင်)
- 1:35 pm 5. (၂၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (အလေးမ)
- 1:50 pm 6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:05 pm 7. Musical programme
- 2:20 pm 8. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:30 pm 9. ဖြူးချောင်းတံတား
- 2:45 pm 10. International news
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Song for uphold national spirit

- 4:30 pm 3. English for everyday use
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm 5. အပေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-ပထမနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒ၊ ဓာတုဗေဒ၊ သင်္ချာ အထူးပြုများ) (ရူပဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm 6. Dance of national races
- 5:30 pm 7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm 10. သီရိဓဟာ
- 7:05 pm 11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်ဆမ်းမှ" (အပိုင်း-၃)
- 8:00 pm 12. News
- 13. International news
- 14. Weather report
- 15. ၂၀၀၇ခုနှစ် (၁၅) ကြိမ်မြောက် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အတိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စရာပျိုကညာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 17. 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**