

**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

**Guard against unscrupulous persons who would inculcate hatred, grudge and enmity into the minds of Myanmar people**

**Protecting and safeguarding the lineage is in-born duty of each and every citizen**



*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivers an address at awards presentation ceremony of 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA*

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov—The following is a translation of the speech delivered by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo at the Awards Presentation Ceremony of the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions held at the City Hall here today.

First of all, I wish you all — the State level dignitaries, ministers, deputy ministers, special guests, diplomats, resident representatives of UN agencies, members of panel of judges and artistes — blessed with peace of mind. And may you be able to promote national prestige by cherishing and safeguarding national culture and national character.

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**Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents prizes to winners in 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions**

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov — A ceremony to award prizes to winners in the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at City Hall, here, this morning, attended by Patron of the Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Members of the SPDC Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, ministers and their wives, the Chief Justice,

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**INSIDE**

**Stay away from skyful of lies**

No problem if they do not want to serve the interests of Myanmar and its people. They can lead their life as they wish. They can live where they wish in the world. In this regard, I do not want to make any comments. However, they should not make any attempts to undermine unity, peace and stability of Myanmar by inciting protests, instigating enmity among the people, and abetting destructive elements. They are like a man who spits upwards, lying on his back, they now have to pay for their own misdeeds. They should review that point.

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Build more irrigation facilities for regional greening and multiple cropping

The government is now implementing many projects for extensive construction of dams, river water pumping stations, underground water tapping stations and small dams and lakes across the nation. The nation has now enjoyed sufficient irrigation water and clean water, as a result.

In the past, arid regions had to rely much on rain water to conduct even a single-cropping pattern, facing a variety of hardships. Unlike that, they are now in a position to grow multiple crops and mixed crops extensively with the use of irrigation water.

In Mandalay Division, more than half of total sown acreage are put under monsoon paddy with the use of irrigation water. The division also uses irrigation water to grow most of its paddy sown acreage of more than 200,000 acres. It is planning to grow monsoon paddy on over 500,000 out of over one million acres in 2007-2008.

Sitha Supporting Dam was inaugurated in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, on 25 October 2007. It is the 51st irrigation facility for Mandalay Division and the 204th one for the nation.

Thanks to the facility, Yadanabon Myothit in PyinOoLwin region will enjoy sufficient clean water. In addition, its irrigated regions—Hsingaunggyi and Kangyigon village-tracts will be able to cultivate monsoon and summer paddy and edible oil crops all year round.

Owing to the efforts the government is making to construct more and more irrigation facilities throughout the nation especially in the regions where water is scarce with inadequate rainfall, greening projects will be brought to fruition, and paddy, multiple crops and mixed crops will be cultivated extensively.

### Cuba hails UN resolution on ending US blockade

HAVANA, 1 Nov — Cuban Foreign Minister Felipe Perez Roque welcomed Tuesday the UN resolution demanding an end to the US economic and commercial embargo against his country.

It is a “great victory” for Cuba to receive world support at the UN, which demanded an unconditional lifting of the US economic, trade and financial blockade against Cuba, he said.

Cuban Television and National Radio Network broadcast a speech by Perez Roque and the voting details in favour of Cuba at the UN headquarters in New York. The Cuban delegation has received a lot of supports at the UN General Assembly, Perez Roque said in a telephone interview. He also condemned the US delegates for pressing other countries to vote against the resolution.—MNA/Xinhua

## People's Desire

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

### A & I Minister to attend 29th meeting of agriculture and forestry ministers of ASEAN, 7th ASEAN+3 meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 31 Oct — Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo left here for Thailand yesterday to participate in the 29th meeting of agriculture and forestry ministers of ASEAN nations and the 7th ministerial level meeting of ASEAN and its three dialogue partners in east Asia to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 1 and 3 November.

The delegation was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials of the departments under Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation. Deputy Director U Than Htay of the ASEAN Division under the Agricultural Planning



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo being seen off by Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. — MNA

Department, member of the delegation, also left here on the same flight.

Members of the delegation Director-General of the Agricultural Planning Department under the Min-

istry of Agriculture and Irrigation U Tin Htut Oo, Deputy Director of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department under the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Dr Than Aye

and Deputy Director of the Forest Department under the Ministry of Forestry Dr Myint Oo also left here for Thailand on 28 October to attend the senior officials' meeting. — MNA

### People continue to denounce recent protests

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov —The people of Gwa, Thandwe, Taungup, Kyaukpyu and An of Rakhine State, Pindaya of Shan State (South), Botahtaung and Mayangon townships of Yangon Division who favour stability of the State, prevalence of law and order and community peace and tranquillity regarded recent protests instigated by some monks and NLD members as a threat to peace and stability.

After seeking permissions from local authorities, over 10,000 people of Gwa on 16 October, 13,200 people of Thandwe on 17 October, over 15,000 people of Taungup on 18 October, over 18,000 people of Kyaukpyu on 19 October and over 11,000 people of An on 21 October participated in processions, chanting slogans such as “We support Our

Main National Causes and the forthcoming Constitution, holding State Flags and placards.

Similar ceremonies to walk in procession were organized in Pindaya of Shan State (South) on 29 October. Over 44,000 people walked in procession”, chanting slogans such as “We support Our

Three Main National Causes and The seven-step Road Map must be successful” and holding State Flags and placards that read ‘We favour peace and stability’, ‘We oppose unrest’, ‘Beware skyfiar VOA and destructionist BBC’ and ‘Those who instigate unrests are public enemy’.

In Yangon Division, Botahtaung and Mayangon townships similar processions took place with the participation of over 100,00 people and over 21,000 people on 31 October. The people walked in procession in their respective townships, chanting slogans and holding placards. — MNA



Local people in Pindaya express desire to denounce recent protests.

MNA

## China, ASEAN issue joint proposal on forest resource conservation

NANNING, 31 Oct—China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) issued a proposal on forestry cooperation here Tuesday, showcasing their determination to conserve forest resource.

“Strengthening cooperation between China and the ASEAN in the field of forestry will enable the sustainable forestry development in China and ASEAN countries, and provide mutual benefits for both sides,” the proposal says.

With an aim to promote sustainability, ASEAN and China agreed to enhance high-level communication of forestry authorities, strengthen

exchange and cooperation in forestry legislation, law enforcement and governance, and standardize the timber and woodproduct trade procedures, according to the proposal, issued at the end of the China-ASEAN Forestry Cooperation Forum.

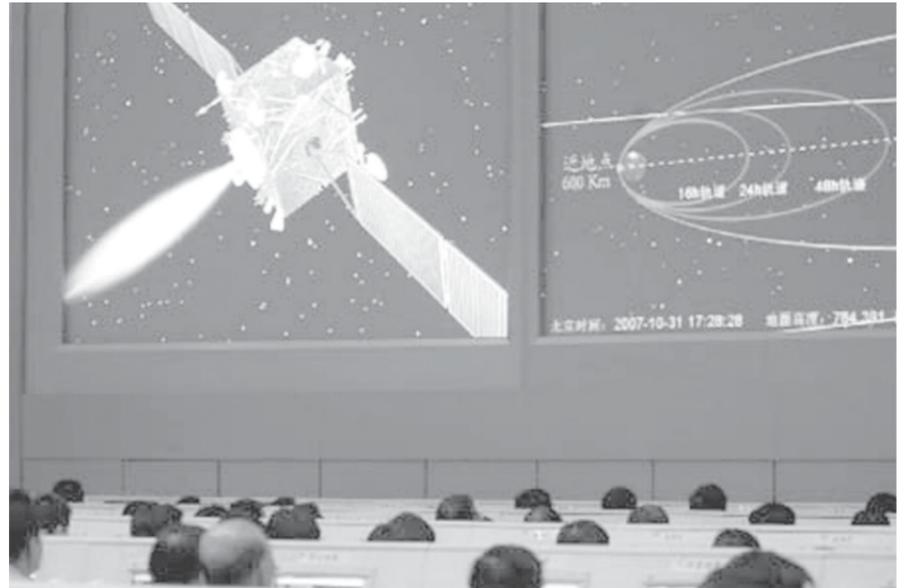
The two sides also agreed to explore mechanism of preventing forest fire on national borders as well as enhance the awareness of people living in boundary areas.

Reducing felling of trees and increasing forest coverage has become the consensus of the region and the entire international community. China is working for the set target to increase its forest

coverage from the current 18 per cent to 23 per cent by the year 2020, said Li Yucai, deputy director of China’s State Forestry Administration.

The forest coverage in China and ASEAN member countries put together accounts for 68 per cent of Asia’s total and 10 per cent of the world’s total.

More than 200 officials and experts from China, the ASEAN member countries and representatives of regional and international organizations attended the forum held alongside the fourth China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.—MNA/Xinhua



China's lunar probe Chang'e-1 completed its fourth orbital transfer on Wednesday afternoon, a critical move to push it to fly to the moon “in a real sense.” — XINHUA

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### Iraqi troops rescue eight kidnapped tribal chiefs

BAGHDAD, 31 Oct—Iraqi official sources said late Monday that eight of 11 kidnapped tribal chiefs were rescued by government troops earlier in the day. The Sunni and Shiite sheiks have been released by the government troops who have had a gun battle with the captors, media reports quoted the sources as saying.

No more details about the releasing process are available at the moment, but Iraq’s Defence Ministry spokesman Major General Mohammed al-Askari was quoted as saying that “we have rescued eight of the hostages and are working to free the others”.

On Sunday, an official from the Diyala provincial media office said that gunmen kidnapped seven tribal leaders from the volatile province in northeastern Baghdad earlier in the day after meeting top officials in the

office of the Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki.

“Unknown gunmen on a faked checkpoint in the Husseiniyah neighbourhood, kidnapped the tribal leaders and fled the scene,” the source from the Joint Coordination Centre (JCC) in Diyala told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

The tribal leaders were representing Sunni and

Shiite who came to the Prime Minister’s Office to discuss reconciliation efforts, the source said.

Diyala Province, which stretches from the eastern edges of Baghdad to the Iranian border to the east, has been the hot bed of insurgency and sectarian violence since the US-led invasion in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

### Fresh bombings in Thai far south, 8 wounded

BANGKOK, 1 Nov — Fresh bombings were reported in Thailand’s far southern province Narathiwat early Wednesday morning, injuring three persons, a few hours after a string of bombings rocked entertainment venues in the same province, wounding five.

A bomb exploded at an aerobic dancing ground near a village in Narathiwat’s Sungai

Kolok District, wounding three people who were exercising there, *Thai News Agency* reported.

The bomb was detonated by a digital clock mechanism at around 6:20 am local time (2320 GMT, Tuesday).

Also in Sungai Kolok, another five-kilo bomb exploded near a roadside restaurant. No one was wounded.

Meanwhile, bomb disposal squad defused two bombs planted near a food shop in the same district. The two bombs were set to blow up at 6:30 am and 6:40 am, respectively.

The latest violence followed five simultaneous bombings that hit karaoke bars in Narathiwat’s provincial seat early Wednesday morning, wounding five persons.

MNA/Xinhua



Visitors wait to enter the Nanning International Exhibition Center for the 4th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO), in Nanning, capital of south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 31 Oct, 2007. The 4-day CAEXPO, held annually in Nanning and attended by China and 10 ASEAN countries, closed here on Wednesday. — XINHUA

### Over 6,000 people to be resettled in China’s Hainan

HAIKOU, 31 Oct—More than 6,000 people will be relocated in China’s southern island province of Hainan to make way for a new space launch centre. Mayor Yan Zheng of Wenchang city, on Hainan’s northeastern coast, said at a meeting on Monday that 1,200 hectares would be obtained for the centre.

Xie Mingzhong, secretary of the Wenchang City Committee of the Communist Party of

China, promised they would properly handle issues concerning those to be resettled, such as employment, medical care, education, production and subsistence.

A special working detachment, consisting of 19 smaller groups, was set up to be responsible for all affairs regarding land acquisition. Details of a plan for resettlement, however, were still unavailable, said Xie.

The new launch centre would serve the next-

generation of rocket carriers that emit poisonous and polluting gases and new spacecraft.

MNA/Xinhua

### Gas explosion near Paris kills one, dozens hurt

PARIS, 31 Oct—One person was killed and 42 injured, 15 seriously, in a gas explosion in a building northeast of Paris, emergency officials said on Tuesday. Police said a fire broke out after an explosion of a gas mains in the centre of the suburb

of Bondy.

“One person was found dead in the wreckage of the building,” a local authority spokesman said.

He said 42 people had been injured, 15 seriously and three were in an extremely serious condition. Gilbert Roger, the

mayor of Bondy, said that a restaurant and another building had caught fire.

“There was a very strong explosion,” a witness told French radio. “We saw people running. There were enormous flames, several metres high,” he said.—MNA/Reuters

## Merkel asks India to do more on climate change

NEW DELHI, 31 Oct — German Chancellor Angela Merkel urged India, one of the world's biggest polluters, to do more to combat climate change on Tuesday, saying her country was willing to help New Delhi make progress.

Merkel, a former envi-

ronment minister who has pushed global warming to the top of her international agenda, said rich nations and emerging economies needed to strike a balance over the amount of responsibility they need to shoulder to prevent climate change and not fight over it.

"We have to prove that we are willing to strike a balance," Merkel told business leaders in New Delhi during a four-day visit to India. "Multilateral agreements are of the essence." Germany could help India become a more efficient user of energy by sharing technology to avoid "mistakes we made in the industrial countries", she said, speaking through a translator.

"Climate change, beyond the substantive issue that it is, is a very good issue for us to learn to shoulder common responsibilities," she said.

MNA/Reuters

## Russian major gets prison in Polish spy case

MOSCOW, 31 Oct — A major in the Russian Army received a seven-year prison sentence on Monday after a Moscow military court found him guilty of spying for Poland, Russian news agencies reported.

Sergei Yurenya was charged with espionage in March after the Federal Security Service (FSB) said he sold state secrets to Polish agents, RIA news agency said.

The Russian officer, according to FSB investigators, provided accurate movement, staffing and information about the readiness of military units in the Moscow region, it said. FSB investigators said his actions had caused damage to Russia's internal security.

MNA/Reuters

*Caretta turtles make their way to the sea in Cofete, south of the Spanish Canary island of Fuerteventura, recently.*

INTERNET



## S Korea, Russia to expand cooperation in space science

SEOUL, 1 Nov — South Korea and Russia will expand cooperation in space science including rocket building and astronaut training, South Korea's Science Ministry said on Tuesday.

The two sides plan to set up a joint company to make aerospace-related electronic parts and establish a working-level committee to explore the

development of liquid-fuel rockets, the ministry said.

Under an agreement reached at a meeting between Science and Technology Minister Kim Woo-sik and Russian Federal Space Agency General Director Anatoly Perminov on the day, Seoul urges Moscow to transfer within the week detailed design to be used in building the *Korea Space Launch*

*Vehicle-1* (KSLV-1).

In exchange, Seoul will provide technical feedback, local media said.

Kim and Perminov met in at the Naro Space Centre in Goheung, 450 kilometres south of Seoul. South Korea plans to launch the *KSLV-1*, which is bedding built with Russian assistance and will carry a small satellite into space in late 2008, in Goheung. —MNA/Xinhua

## Germany to use CO2 funds to help developing nations

LUXEMBOURG, 31 Oct — Germany will use part of the proceeds it gets from selling carbon

permits to industry from 2008 to help support the fight against climate change in developing

nations. Environment Minister Sigmar Gabriel said.

Gabriel told reporters on Tuesday that Germany would set aside annually about 120 million euros (173 million US dollars) or more, depending on the price of carbon permits, to help fund efforts in poorer nations to adapt to and prevent global warming.

"If we don't make funds for adaptation and technology available, the developing countries will not be ready to join in" to fight climate change, Gabriel said.

MNA/Reuters

## Suspected food poisoning cases in northern Jordan rise to 338

AMMAN, 31 Oct — Health authorities said the situation was improving with only dozens of new cases admitted on Sunday, raising the total number of suspected food poisoning cases in northern Jordan's Jerash Governorate to 338, *The Jordan Times* reported on Monday.

Yousef Qoqazeh, director of Jerash Public Hospital, was quoted as saying that only 10 citizens were still receiving treatment in the hospital out of the 52 who were admitted on Saturday.

"The patients' conditions are stable and they are expected to be discharged within 24 hours," said Qoqazeh.

On Friday, hundreds of residents in the village of Sakeb, suffering from fever, diarrhoea and vomiting, were rushed to Jerash Public Hospital with authorities initially blaming the problem on food poisoning from a local restaurant, which

was closed down as a precautionary measure.

Jerash Governor Ali Azzam said initial tests carried out on potable water samples taken from the village turned out negative.

"We also sent hummos and water samples to the

National Laboratories in Amman and to the King Abdullah I Hospital in Irbid to carry out more sophisticated tests to determine the cause of the incident," he said, adding that results normally need 48 to 72 hours.

MNA/Xinhua

## Strong quake hits N Pacific Island, Marianas

CANBERRA, 1 Nov — A magnitude 7.2 earthquake on Wednesday hit the Northern Mariana Islands, but the islands' Emergency Management Office said there is no threat of a tsunami.

Reports reaching here said the quake was located 408 kilometres north of Saipan and 93 kilometres

north, northwest of the volcanic island of Pagan.

The US Geological Survey said the quake, with the depth of 248.3 kilometres, occurred at 13:30 local time Wednesday (0330 GMT).

Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio reported that buildings in Saipan, the main island of

the Northern Marianas, swayed for a few seconds as the quake jolted the chain of tiny islands. Work and classes were momentarily interrupted.

Last month, two strong quakes also jolted the Marianas region which refers to Guam and the Northern Marianas.

MNA/Xinhua



*A model presents a creation by designer Katerina Alexandraki during the Greek Fashion week in Athens on 28 Oct, 2007. —INTERNET*

## China-ASEAN urged closer financial cooperation against crisis

NANNING, 1 Nov— Chinese and Southeast Asian officials and financial experts on Tuesday urged the countries to strengthen financial cooperation, stressing it is crucial to stability in the region and the world as a whole.

Ten years after the financial crisis that swept Asia and crumbled the results of development in many Asian countries, especially those in Southeast Asia, to dust, financial experts gathered in the southern China city of Nanning to discuss what should be drawn from the

“bloody lesson”.

“We have learned from the crisis that only by strengthening financial cooperation can we ensure stability,” said Ng Lip Yong, Malaysia’s Vice Minister of Trade and Industry, at a forum during the four-day China-ASEAN Expo due to close in the southern China city of Nanning on Wednesday.

“If we had had an effective financial cooperation mechanism at that time, the financial crisis might have been avoided,” he added.

Now it has become a consensus of economists

in China and Southeast Asian countries to accelerate financial cooperation to meet the demand for guarding against financial crisis and establishing a free trade area covering China and the ten-member Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Under such circumstances, dialog on regional fiscal and financial policies cooperation in institutional capacity building have been strengthened, while leading financial institutions have targeted the other countries in the region as their potential market.

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*A visitor tries an earring at the Indonesian pavilion of the 4th China-ASEAN Expo (CAEXPO), in Nanning, capital of south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 31 Oct, 2007. The 4-day CAEXPO, held annually in Nanning and attended by China and 10 ASEAN countries, closed here on Wednesday.*

XINHUA



## ECONOMIC NEWS

### Nepal becomes world’s largest cardamom producer

KATHMANDU, 1 Nov— Nepal has become the global leader in production and export of large cardamom, surpassing India and Bhutan, the two other big producers, local media reported on Wednesday.

“Some 51 per cent of large cardamom traded across the world is exported from Nepal,” said a report of International Trade Centre, a Geneva-based agency, quoting by local leading eKantipur.com website.

The report, which was submitted to the Nepali Government and released recently, shows Nepal, India and Bhutan, in 2005/06, produced a total of 12,832 tons of large cardamom, also called black cardamom, of which 6,647 tons were produced in Nepal alone.

Nepal exported 90 per cent of its total productions to India, the United Arab Emirates, Pakistan, Singapore, Bangladesh, Hong Kong, Afghanistan and the United States during the year.

The trade of cardamom during the year was valued at 800 million Nepali rupees (12.3 million US dollars) and reached about one billion rupees (15.30 million dollars) in the last fiscal year.

MNA/Xinhua

### Fifth China-ASEAN Expo scheduled for October 20 - 23 next year

NANNING, 1 Nov — The Fifth China-ASEAN Expo will be held during October 20-23 next year in its permanent venue of Nanning, capital of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, south China, the organizing committee said here Wednesday.

“We are considering putting cooperation in the electronic information industry as the theme of the next exposition,” said Li Jinzao, deputy director of the organizing committee.

The next exposition will focus on sustainable development and its results so as to consolidate the platform of China-

ASEAN Expo for further cooperation between China and Southeast Asian countries, Li told a Press conference at the end of the Fourth China-ASEAN Expo.

The China-ASEAN Expo is an annual gathering of political and business leaders as well as experts to discuss major issues concerning the development in the region covering China and the ten member states of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN). Business people from both China and the South-east Asian countries also come on the occasion for make their fortune.

MNA/Xinhua

### China, Sri Lanka sign loan pact on port project

COLOMBO, 1 Nov— The Sri Lankan Government and China’s Exim Bank Tuesday signed a financial agreement to fund the Hambantota harbour project in Sri Lanka’s deep south.

According to the agreement signed by the two parties, China’s Exim Bank will provide an export buyer’s credit of 360 million US dollars for the project in Hambantota, about 240 kilometres southeast of Colombo.

Li Ruogu, chairman of China’s Exim Bank, and P B Jayasundara, secretary to Sri Lanka’s Finance Ministry, signed the agreement on behalf of the two sides.

Li said his bank was very happy to support one of Sri Lanka’s largest development projects and he hoped the project a success.

The primary objective of the Hambantota project is to synchronize different aspects of development such as shipping, trans-shipment, shipbuilding, and catering to increase exports and imports, for which the Port of Colombo does not have enough space and facilities.

MNA/Xinhua



*Tourists look at chrysanthemum in the Beihai Park of Beijing, capital of China, on 31 Oct, 2007. The 28th Beijing Chrysanthemum Show will be held from Nov. 1 to Nov 20 in the Beihai Park, displaying over 500 species of chrysanthemum. — XINHUA*

### Cash-rich Canada plans tax cuts

OTTAWA, 1 Nov — Amid optimism about a bright economic outlook, Canada’s Finance Minister Jim Flaherty on Tuesday announced a total of 60 billion Canadian dollars (63 billion US dollars) in tax cuts over the next five years.

In releasing an interim fiscal update, the minister projected a 11th consecutive budget surplus in 2007-08, estimated at 11.6 billion Canadian dollars (12.2 billion US dollars). Canada is the only G-7 nation with ongoing budgetary surpluses and

falling debt.

“We are experiencing the second longest period of economic expansion in Canadian history. By any measure, our economic and fiscal fundamentals are as solid as the Canadian Shield,” he said.

“Like the North Star, we are a bright light for others to follow. Canada has emerged as a shining example in an economic universe of rapid change and uncertainty,” Flaherty said. The update proposed the federal sales tax be reduced to 5 per cent from 6 per cent from 1 January,

2008. Personal income tax rate would be cut by 0.5 per cent to 15.0 percent, retroactive to 1 January, 2007.

The government will also cut corporate tax rates by one percentage point in 2008. Further cuts will occur each year at a rate of one percentage point per year, bringing corporate tax rates down to 15 per cent by 2012 from 22 per cent today. The report will be voted upon Wednesday as a confidence motion for the minority Conservative government.

MNA/Xinhua

## Solar wing damage adds to "space station" troubles

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 31 Oct — NASA's problems with the *International Space Station's* solar power wings multiplied on Tuesday after one panel ripped, threatening the structural integrity of the orbital outpost.

The 2.5-foot (75-centimetre) tear reduced the wings' energy output by just a fraction but until NASA can anchor the panels, managers will not proceed with plans to launch Europe's long-delayed Columbus laboratory on December 6, space station programme manager Mike Suffredini said.

The problem surfaced at the end of an otherwise successful spacewalk by two shuttle *Discovery* astronauts to move a pair of the station's solar wing panels to the outermost end of the station's frame.

To help stabilize the station, NASA locked the

wings in place to prevent them from automatically tracking the sun for energy. "I don't want to do any more damage to the array than what's already been done," Suffredini told reporters.

Managers previously deactivated automated operation of a second wing rotator after astronauts discovered metal shavings

inside the joint. Engineers were assessing which side of the station's troubled power system to attack first. NASA already cancelled plans for a spacewalk to test a shuttle heat shield repair technique so astronauts could instead inspect the joint where metal shavings were found on Sunday.

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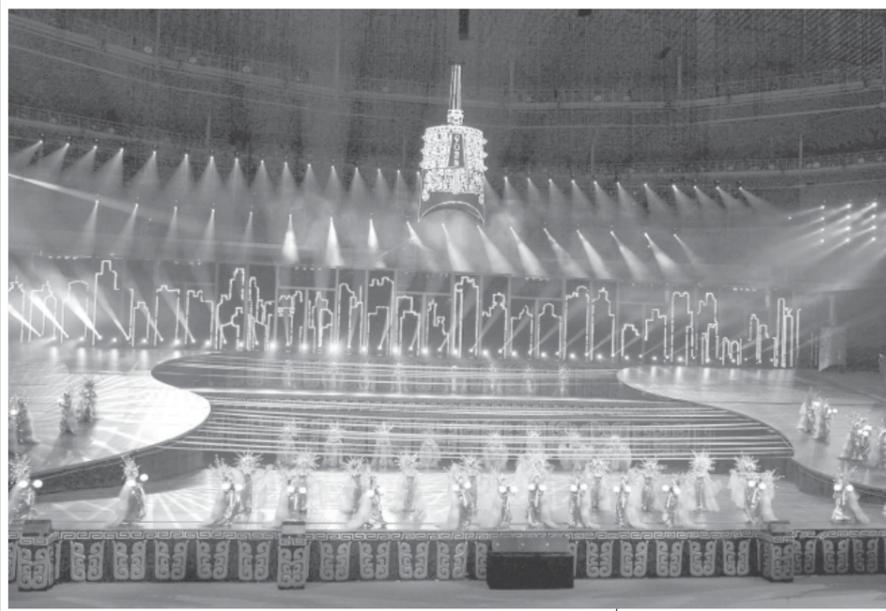


Photo taken on 30 Oct, 2007 shows the rehearsal of the opening ceremony of the eighth China Art Festival in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei province. The eighth China Art Festival will kick off in Wuhan on Nov 5. XINHUA

## Wastage increases by two-folds in France over past 40 years

PARIS, 31 Oct — The amount of domestic waste produced in France continues to increase by between 1 and 2 per cent annually, after having

increased by two-folds during the last 40 years, France's environmental agency ADEME announced Monday.

On average every

person in France produces 360 kilogrammes of waste annually, the agency said in its latest report adding that the cost of managing a ton of waste had moved from 74 euros in 1994 to 150 euros in 2004.

According to the report, which was published to coincide with the occasion to mark the second national week of the "Let us reduce our waste" campaign to be marked from November 3 to 11, the country produces 28 million tons of household waste annually.

In addition, France produces 24.4 million tons of industrial waste, excluding waste generated by agricultural industries, buildings and public works.

According to the agency, only 12 per cent of the waste is recycled with over 40 per cent being thrown away and a further 42 per cent being burnt.

MNA/Xinhua

## Briton arrested in Thailand for child pictures

BANGKOK, 1 Nov — A Briton has been arrested in Bangkok on suspicion of distributing pornographic pictures of naked children on the Internet, Thai police said on Wednesday.

They were also investigating whether Paul Cornelius Jones, 39, was involved with abusing children.

Jones, who has lived in the Thai capital for six or seven years, was arrested at his apartment late on Tuesday after tipoffs from British police and Interpol, they said.

"He was arrested under a Thai arrest

warrant for constantly distributing pornographic photographs on the Internet in the past week and will be charged with that crime," Colonel Apichat Suri-boonya told Reuters.

"Although he could be jailed for up to five years for such charge, we are investigating further whether he has committed other crimes such as sexually abusing children," Apichat said.

If found guilty of abuse, Jones, who taught English at a Bangkok school, could face up to 20 more years in jail.

MNA/Reuters

## Lost cable sheds light on UK efforts on Vietnam

LONDON, 1 Nov — A copy of a top-secret diplomatic cable found on the counter of a London bank 40 years ago has shed light on the collapse of British efforts to negotiate an early end to the Vietnam War.

The four-page cable, from prime minister Harold Wilson to US president Lyndon Johnson, describes Wilson's private meetings

with the Soviet foreign minister in February 1967, when London and Moscow were trying to act as a conduit for US proposals to halt the bombing of North Vietnam.

A yellowing copy of the cable was in a file declassified by Britain's National Archive on Thursday.

Murray MacLehose, principal private secretary to foreign secretary George Brown, left the copy of the cable at the bank a week after a visit by Soviet foreign minister Yuri Kosygin.

Another British diplomat found it and

turned it in.

One official described the incident as "obviously a very grave security breach". But the file shows Wilson and Brown stepped in to prevent an outside investigation.

"(Brown) wished me to inform the prime minister that Mr. MacLehose was 'a hell of a good fellow'. He had been working extremely long hours with little sleep and had had the misfortune to leave this paper in the Bank of Scotland," one official records.

MNA/Reuters

## Dam collapses in Cambodia's Kampot Province

PHNOM PENH, 1 Nov — The collapse of Prateak Krala Dam in Kampot Province has flooded hundreds of hectares of rice fields and left thousands without access to water, local Press reported Wednesday.

The dam, built to protect 600 hectares of land in the province and withhold around 15 million cubic metres of water, fell apart early Tuesday morning, reported Cambodian-language newspaper the *Koh Santepheap*.

However, deputy provincial governor Khoy Khun Huor said that no one was injured during the collapse as there was a timely evacuation.

"No citizen was hurt because we knew the dam would collapse in advance," he said.

The collapse has caused the flooding of 1,000 hectares of paddy fields and left up to 3,000 families without access to water, reported the *Cambodia Daily*.

The collapse was a result of soil erosion at its southern section, said Cambodian-language newspaper the *Rasmei Kampuchea*, adding that the water surge also damaged a newly-built bridge downstream.

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Soldiers clean the snow in the Wangsu Park of Heihe, northeast China's Heilongjiang Province, on 31 Oct, 2007. The firm reached ten centimetres and the road iced in Heihe on Wednesday after a snow. Local observatory issued the temperature would drop to ten below zero in the evening of Oct, 31. — XINHUA

# Stay away from skyful of lies

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A noted personality once remarked that something would not be a problem for one so long as one did not regard it to be so.

To my surprise, certain foreign radio stations are flagrantly airing hostile news stories designed to tarnish the image of the Myanmar government and Myanmar people. Myanmar people following the teachings of Buddha value and respect the Precept of refraining from telling a lie. They know well that those who are making various unjust accusations against, criticizing and attacking others will have to suffer evil consequences for what the latter have done. So, they feel pity for what the destructive elements will face in the future.

I wonder why certain Myanmar people are desperate to spoil the good reputation of their motherland, and why they are telling lies and saying harsh words brazenly.

**No problem if they do not want to serve the interests of Myanmar and its people. They can lead their life as they wish. They can live where they wish in the world. In this regard, I do not want to make any comments. However, they should not make any attempts to undermine unity, peace and stability of Myanmar by inciting protests, instigating enmity among the people, and abetting destructive elements. They are like a man who spits upwards, lying on his back, they now have to pay for their own misdeeds. They should review that point.**

Pakokku saw protest marches on 5 and 6 September.

Alarmingly shocking were exaggerated and distorted broadcasts about the protests aired continuously by certain foreign radio stations coinciding with the incidents on 5 and 6 September. Despite their attempts to fuel the situation, the government could manage to tackle the issue to restore peace by showing its benevolence, patience and magnanimity. The government foresaw the evil consequences stemming from possible disunity among the people, and violent activities carried out in mobs, so it showed great care and patience to cope with the incidents. However, a handful of those people will have to suffer evil consequences for their unwholesome acts in this very life and next existences. So will the persons who showed their anger and told lies through the air waves. No one can avoid good results or evil consequences for what one has done, good or bad.

No one can avoid the results, good or evil, from one's deed, word and thought that predetermine one's future.

**In spite of destructive elements agitating the people, inciting demonstrations and stirring up**

**problems, the State level leaders have gained a lot of experience in addressing such issues. Now, the people have realized a variety of attempts external elements have made to agitate them and sow hatred among them in order to create a situation in which the two opposing sides in Myanmar will be exhausted.**

**Now is the Age of Information Technology, and the world is like a global village. Myanmar people understand well the purposes of their acts.**

**Will meaningless words based on negative attitude help the nation become developed? Is the airing of such words democratic? These radio stations are instigating the people to take to the streets, claiming such acts to be democracy movement. Maybe, these radio stations think that Myanmar people are not intelligent enough to distinguish between democracy and anarchy. If many people in a ward strike empty iron tins at the same time, the result will be none other than that the dwellers will be upset about the noise pollution. Such absurd acts will make the sick people and elderly persons in the ward meet their end earlier than it should. Moreover, the loud noises can frustrate those who are listening to music, the monks who are preaching to the congregations, and those listening to the sermons. What is the purpose of the instigation to strike iron tins, take to the streets and chant slogans? In a word, it is just to devastate the country. It is very apparent.**

In reality, Myanmar people have high intellectual power, and are courageous, polite, hospitable and friendly and content and humble.

The said radio stations have never aired such fine characteristics of Myanmar people or praised Myanmar.

The radio stations are persuading the international community to isolate and blame Myanmar. They also dissuaded the nations concerned from allowing Myanmar to join ASEAN.

They are also misleading the world into misunderstanding that Myanmar people are starving. Myanmar people have got into trouble. They also dissuade tourists from visiting Myanmar and the international community from making investments in, trading, establishing diplomatic ties with the nation, supporting, providing assistance on education and health care, and purchasing gas, fish and prawn from Myanmar.

The purpose of their acts is to make Myanmar worldwide notorious and to disrupt its development momentum.

They also urged the global countries to accuse and oppress Myanmar and its people for the latter's humiliation. They do not have any slightest good-will towards Myanmar and its people.

**They have no shame or fear to do evil deeds. It is very cunning of certain foreign radio stations to make various accusations against Myanmar.**

It is, indeed, a grave sin.

**Myanmar staff should have refused bravely to obey the instructions of the US or the UK to tell lies and tricks. If someone tells them, "Don't be afraid of that", I think they will reply, "Oh, we have to do what is bidden. Otherwise, we will go hungry". In Myanmar, perhaps, they cannot sometimes afford expensive foods, but they will never go hungry. Betraying the motherland and serving as axe-handles to harm the interests of the nation and the people is not the only way to earn their living. I feel pity for what they will have to suffer in the next existences due to the evil deeds they have done in this life.**

**However, they deliberately failed to condemn the incident that some vehicles were burnt during lawless acts in the nation in the early September. They want to support such lawless acts. Their intention was to break up the restoration of law and order. They did not want any situations in which peace and stability was restored in concert by members of the Sangha and the people, as well as by members of the Sangha and authorities. Furthermore, they were exaggerating the news stories to fuel the flames of the then situations.**

Some of their tricks were exposed.

Their tricks are like a house built of snow. It remains unchanged at dawn, but, melts when the sun shines brightly. There has been profound evidence that their broadcasts are made-up stories. I wonder what their excuse in this regard is?

They also aired a lot of exaggerated news stories in the 1988 unrest.

Once, they aired a made-up story that there were casualties in Myenigon. Some elements entertained rumours that a wreath was laid at the scene despite no casualties. Foreign manipulators were behind all such acts. They also aired a story that a film actor's daughter was raped by a security member in the jail. Here comes a similar broadcast.

They are doctoring the news stories at will, using double standard, making slanderous accusations and manufacturing fabrications. They are now instigating the people to do what they want, and not to do what they do not want.

If one places trust in their broadcasts, one will be used as their stepping-stone. The majority of the people have gained knowledge about their tricks.

**The people should weigh their broadcasts particularly designed to harm the interests of the nation and the people and to sow discord among the people. And the people should study international affairs and the methods of neo-colonialists. The methods they use now are the same, as that they used in the past: to drive a wedge among the people to destroy their targeted nation. If the people have wide views, they will not be caught in their traps. So, the people should stay away from their broadcasts in order not to be trapped, and should not listen to their broadcasts. If so, they will be free from frustration.**

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*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo enjoys performance of a winner in the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. — MNA*

## Guard against unscrupulous persons...

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Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions have been annually held in accord with the objectives of vitalizing the traditional fine arts of Myanmar people with high standards and reviving and promoting national traditions, culture and character



*Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo awards a winner in the basic education level (first class) men's classical song contest. — MNA*

embedded in performing arts, and now the 15th competitions have been completed successfully.

Myanmar performing arts have been flourishing till today as a treasure trove of Myanmar cultural heritage as they have been preserved through innovative means throughout the long history lasting years countable by the thousand.

The reason why Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts have existed, preserving the national culture is due to the safeguarding of lineage. In like manner, Myanmar fine arts blessed with the characteristics of national culture reflect the enduring human society of Myanmar.

Safeguarding and uplifting Myanmar fine arts through Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions generates a lot of benefits such as giving extensive knowledge of Myanmar fine arts in essence, ensuring uplift of Myanmar culture and traditions and

national character and encouraging the people to cultivate a good habit of safeguarding the sound conditions of Myanmar society.

In the area of Myanmar fine arts, developing new musical instruments as well as being able to create various tunes and melodies in parallel with these musical instruments, compose artistic songs and play every kind of musical instruments in parallel with the music tunes indicate high standards of Myanmar fine arts and unique Myanmar's own national culture.

It is obvious that Myanmar harp, saingwaing (drum circle) and xylophone have own national styles in shape, sound and musical formation melody and they are different from any musical instruments of any nation. Unlike international musical instruments, Myanmar harp and saingwaing do not have chromatic scale fully. But they could be played in chromatic skill. They can be played to the tune of songs without being fixed. This is the significant Myanmar artistic styles.

Different from any other international string

instruments, there is no tuning peg in Myanmar harp. The player himself tunes the strings of the harp and every drum of the saingwaing. Tuning of such instruments and the drums is an art.

The sound of the drum is used as percussion in other countries. Myanmar drums are mainly used in making the melody in the form of a saingwaing. It can be said that it is a particular style found in Myanmar only.

Even before enjoying the performance, experts of international communities often express their surprise and respect about the structure of Myanmar puppets, strings attached to them and decoration of clothes on them. Myanmar cultural performing arts which possess own national style are of high standard. They have been rooted in Myanmar society for thousands of years. The performing arts are endowed with Myanmar customs based on noble attributes of Myanmar culture, justice, morally uprightness, loyalty, consideration and loving-kindness. They are also equipped with thoughts on high administration, administration of justice, legislation, diplomacy and grand royal customs.

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**It is national culture that protects and safeguards the perpetual existence of the nation and its people, the Myanmar society based on the four cardinal virtues and Myanmar people who are good-natured and upright. With such fine tradition, the nation and its people stand tall with own dignity up to this day.**



*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than awards a winner in the basic education level (5-10 age group) girls' classical song contest. — MNA*



*Lt-Gen Maung Bo awards a winner in the basic education level (15-20 age group) men's modern and oldies song contest. — MNA*

## Guard against unscrupulous persons...

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The people have realized and valued Myanmar performing arts full of Myanmar dignity thanks to Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. Myanmar customs, culture, spirit and patriotism have thus been revitalized and aroused among the people.

It is heartening to note that artistic performance of Thabin or theatrical drama and marionette full of Myanmar thoughts equip the people with religious teachings, moral lessons, social codes of conduct and social norms.

Suvannasama drama performed at the contest indicates loving-kindness between offspring and parents. The drama reflects incomparable love that one proffers to even one's enemy and the truth and benefits derived from loving-kindness: these are things that Myanmar people value.

Based on loving-kindness and uprightness, Myanmar society constantly stands as a fair society free from hatred, jealousy and hostility but fully equipped with loving-kindness, compassion and

humanitarianism.

Likewise, the enjoying of benefits of charity regardless of high status or low status and the enjoying of benefits through the practice of honesty and integrity regardless of the rich or the poor reflected by Maha Doat Drama of the Marionette Contest highlight the fruits of charity and morality as well as generosity and integrity that are deeply rooted in Myanmar society.

The artistic works of Myanmar literature, drama, play and marionette are never beyond the teachings of Theravada Buddhism endowed with dramatic stories expounded by the Buddha, codes of conduct, traditions and custom of Myanmar society. Armed with Buddhist teachings and custom Myanmar stands tall with high dignity as a well-behaved and civilized people.

It is something to be proud of that Myanmar is a nation where understanding, readiness to help, humanitarianism and hospitality plus the observance of ethics and codes of conduct flourish.

Myanmar are morally upright and well behaved. It is incumbent upon the entire people including artistes to guard against unscrupulous persons who would

inculcate hatred, grudge and enmity into the minds of Myanmar people.

It is national culture that protects and safeguards the perpetual existence of the nation and its people, the Myanmar society based on the four cardinal virtues and Myanmar people who are good-natured and upright. With such fine tradition, the nation and its people stand tall with own dignity up to this day.

Protecting and safeguarding the lineage is the in-born duty of each and every citizen. So also, uplift of the standard of the nation and its people is the duty bestowed by history of each and every citizen.

All must be proud of being able to safeguard the spirit and culture that flourish together with nation-building endeavours with the might of performing arts.

In conclusion, all the participants and officials are urged to strive for perpetual existence of Myanmar society born of high standard of culture and the spirit of cherishing traditions and culture and safeguarding the lineage with the might of performing arts; and to try their utmost for further flourishing of characteristics of Myanmar traditions and culture blessed with Myanmar fine arts, national character as well as national prestige and integrity.—MNA

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the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, senior military officers, deputy ministers, the Deputy Auditor-General, members of CSSTB, directors-general of SPDC Office and departments concerned, members of the Leading Committee, chairmen and members of the Work Committee and subcommittees, rectors of University of Agriculture, University of Veterinary Science and University of Forestry, members of social organizations and panel of judges, supervisors, contestants, prize winners and national race cultural groups.

U Hla Win, Daw Thida Swe and Daw Kay Khaing Swe of Myanmar Radio and Television acted as MC.

First, Patron of the Organizing the Competitions Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo delivered an address.

(The speech of the Secretary-1 is reported separately.)

The Secretary-1 awarded the first prize to U Kyaw Kyaw Han of Yangon Division, the second prize to Yangon Than Swe of Yangon Division, the third prizes to U Min Han of Mon State and U Han Soe of Taninthayi Division in the amateur level (first class) men's classical song contest; the first prizes to U Saw Win of Yangon Division and U Pyae Phyo Lin of

Taninthayi Division, the second prize to U Sai Nyo Min of Shan State and the third prize to U Htein Lin Aung of Yangon Division in the amateur level (second class) men's classical song contest; first, second third prizes to Maung Zeyar Pyae Phyo of Yangon Division, Maung Aung Kyaw Moe of Yangon Division and Maung Zaw Zaw Aung of Rakhine State in the higher education level (men's) classical song contest; first, second third prizes to Maung Thiha Kyaw of Kachin State, Maung Hein Htoo Zaw of Yangon Division and Maung Ye Lin Kyaw of Rakhine State in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' classical song contest; the first prize to Maung Hla Myo Zaw of Mandalay Division, the second prize to Maung Htet Aung Lin (a) Zin Maung Maung of Yangon Division, the third prizes to Maung Aung Khaing Min of Yangon Division and Maung Wunna of Mon State in the (10-15 age group) boys' classical song contest; and the first prize to Maung Wunna Tun of Yangon Division, the second prize to Maung Waing Lamin Aung of Yangon Division, the third prize to Maung Naing Naing of Ayeyawady Division and the special prize to Maung Myo Myat Hein of Rakhine State in the basic education level (5-10 age group) boys' classical song contest respectively.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented prizes to



Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presents prize to an orchestra troupe. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing presents prize to a winner in amateur level (second class) song composing contest. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin presents prize to a winner in higher education level women's modern/old song contest. — MNA

Daw Thuza Aung of Yangon Division who stood first in the amateur level (first class) women's classical song contest, Daw Ohnma of Bago Division, second and Daw Kyu Kyu Khaing of Sagaing Division, third; Daw Than Than Win of Rakhine State who stood first in the amateur level (second class) women's classical song contest, Daw May Thet Shin of Mandalay Division, second and Ma Khin Mya Thet Hnin of Yangon Division, third; first, second and third prizes to Ma Sabei Phyu Thein of Yangon Division, Ma Thawda Chan Myae of Mandalay and Ma Thiri Hsu Wai of Mon State in the higher education level (women's) classical song contest; first, second and third prizes to Ma May Thet Nwe of Shan State, Ma Nanda Lin of Mandalay Division and Ma Nang Thet Hmu Kywe of Yangon Division in the basic education level (15-20 age group) girls' classical song contest; prizes to Ma Kyi Kyi Wah of Kachin State and Ma Van Shwe Hmway of Chin State who stood first in the basic education level (10-15 age group) girls' classical song contest, Ma Pwint Phu Wai of Sagaing Division, second and Ma San Nilar Nyein of Shan State, third respectively; and first prize to Ma Pyae Pyae Phyo of Rakhine State, second prize to Ma Shweyi Yadana of Taninthayi Division and third prize to Ma Twe Ja of Kachin State in the (5-10 age group) girls' classical song contest.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to a winner in the amateur level (first class) drama contest. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to a winner in a marionette contest. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to a manuscript award winner in a marionette contest. — MNA

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Lt-Gen Maung Bogave prizes to U Ye Htaik of Ayeyawady Division who stood first, U Han Soe of Taninthayi Division, second, and U Than Myat Soe of Sagaing Division, third in the amateur level (first class) men's old/modern song contest; first, second and third prizes to U Kyaw Kyaw Han of Yangon Division, U Zeyar Phae Phyo of Yangon Division and U Min Khin Maung Zaw of Mon State in the amateur level (second class) men's old/modern song contest; first prize to Maung Tin Soe Hlaing of Rakhine State in the higher education level

(men's) old/modern song contest, second prize to Maung Kaung Myat Kyaw of Mandalay Division and third prize to Maung Zaw Htet of Shan State respectively; first prize to Maung Hein Htoo Kyaw of Yangon Division, second prize to Maung Thiha Kyaw of Kachin State and third prizes to Maung Htan Lyan Kat of Sagaing Division and Maung Aye Kyaw of Rakhine State in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' old/modern song contest; first, second and third prizes to Maung Htet Aung Lin (a) Zin Maung Maung of Yangon Division, Maung Saw John

Sky of Kayin State and Maung Aung Hset Paing of Bago Division in the basic education level (10-15 age group) boys' old/modern song contest; and prizes to Maung Wunna Tun of Yangon Division who stood first in the basic education level (5-10 age group) boys' old/modern song contest, Maung Yazar Kyaw of Mon State, second, and Maung Sai Baida Htoo of Shan State, third and special prize to Maung Myo Myat Hein of Rakhine State.

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin handed first, second and third prizes to Daw Thuza Aung of Yangon Division, Daw Aye Hnin Khaing of Rakhine State and Ma Htay Htay Kyi (a) Swe Swe Aung of Mandalay Division in the amateur level (first class) women's old/modern song contest; Daw Than Than Win of Rakhine State, Daw Mu Mu Swe of Yangon Division and Daw Thin Thin Khaing of Mandalay Division won the first, second and third prizes respectively. In the professional level women's modern and oldies song contest, Ma Sabai Phyu Thein of Yangon Division, Ma Khin Chan Nyein of Yangon Division and Ma Than Than Sint of Rakhine State won the first, second and third prizes respectively. In the basic education level women's (15-20 age group) modern and oldies song contest, Ma Nandar Lin of Mandalay Division and Ma Wutyi Htet of Kayin State

shared the first prize, Ma Kyi Kyi Wah of Kachin State and Ma Pan Ei of Mandalay Division won the second and third prizes. Ma Chaw Su of Kayah State and Ma Sein San Nwun of Chin State won the consolation prizes. In the basic education level girls' (10-15 age group) modern and oldies song contest, Nan Thet Hmu Kywe of Yangon Division, Ma Su Yin Tun of Yangon Division, Ma Thae Nu Aye of Kayin State won the first, second and third prizes respectively and Ma Khaing Zar Win of Mon State won the consolation prize. In the basic education level girls' (5-10 age group) modern and oldies song contest, Ma May Thazin of Mon State, Ma Sann Nilar Nyein of Shan State and Ma Shwe Yi Yadana of

Taninthayi Division won the first, second and third prizes respectively.

Afterwards, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint awarded winners of the amateur level (first class) men's dance contest and Maung Zaw Myo Win (a) Htet Ko Ko of Bago Division, U Than Htet Aung of Yangon Division and U Naing Lin of Yangon Division won the first, second and third prizes respectively. The orchestra troupe of Maung Zaw Myo Win (a) Htet Ko Ko of Bago Division, the orchestra troupe of U Than Htet Aung of Yangon Division and the orchestra group of U Naing Lin of Yangon Division won the first, second and third prizes for orchestra respectively. In the amateur level (second level) men's dance contest, U Nyan Lin Maung of Yangon Division,

Maung Min Chan Nyi Chan of Mon State and Maung Myo Myint Aung of Yangon Division won the first, second and third prizes respectively. In the higher education level men's dance contest, Saw Mya Lin Soe (a) Lin Lin of Kayin State, Maung Zayar Aung of Yangon Division and Maung Zayar Lin of Yangon Division won the first, second and third prizes respectively. In the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' dance contest, Maung Thant Zin Tun (a) Hein Zar of Yangon Division, Maung Noe Noe La Pyai of Yangon Division and Maung Aung San Oo of Mon State won the first, second and third prizes respectively and Maung Noe Hlyan Htan of Chin State won the consolation prize.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to a winner in the amateur level (first class) orchestra contest.

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#### Standings of States and Divisions at 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

Sr.	State/Division	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Special	Consolation	Total	Remarks
1.	Yangon	95	65	49	-	-	209	
2.	Mandalay	34	46	30	-	1	100	
3.	Ayeyawady	15	17	14	-	-	46	
4.	Bago	14	12	9	-	-	35	
5.	Rakhine	10	6	8	2	9	35	
6.	Mon	8	9	11	2	2	32	
7.	Kachin	7	5	3	4	3	22	
8.	Sagaing	5	4	11	-	-	20	
9.	Kayin	5	4	4	5	3	20	
10.	Taninthayi	2	3	5	-	-	10	
11.	Chin	2	-	-	6	1	9	
12.	Shan	1	3	8	1	-	13	
13.	Kayah	1	-	2	2	6	11	
14.	Magway	-	2	3	-	-	5	
	Total	199	176	157	22	25	579	

Explanation: The special prizes were designated as gold medals.



**Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to a winner in the drama contest. — MNA**



**Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a prize to a winner in the play contest. — MNA**



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In the basic education level (10-15 age group) boys' dancing contest, Maung Saw Thurein Tun (a) Ar Tu of Kayin State, Maung Phyo Thiha Kyaw of Mandalay Division and Maung Pyi Thein Kyaw of Shan State won the first, second and third prizes respectively. In the basic education level (5-10 age group) boys' dancing contest, Saw Thamaw Shu of Kayin State, Saw Aye Chan Min of Kayin State and Myat Min Khant of Yangon Division won the first, second and third prizes respectively and Maung Paing Oo of Mon State won the special prize.

Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint awarded winners of the women's dancing contest. In the amateur level (first class) women's dancing contest, Daw Zarni Aung of Mandalay Division, Daw Wah Wah Hlaing of Yagon Division and Daw Su Wadi (a) Zinmar Win of Yangon Division won the first, second and third prizes respectively; the first prize to Ma Kyi Nu Pwint of Yangon Division in the amateur level (second class) women's dancing contest, the second prize to Ma Nan Wah Wah Win of Kayin State, third to Ma Phyu Mar Khine (a) Khine Khine Aung; first prize to

Ma Hnin Hsu Hlaing of Yangon Division, second to Ma Moe Moe Kyi and third to Ma Thet Mar Soe of Mandalay Division in higher education level (women) dancing contest; first prize to Ma Su Moe Moe Aung of Mandalay Division, second to Ma Ei Eindray Kyaw of Yangon Division, third to Ma Phyu Phyu Phwe of Mandalay Division and special prizes to Ma Mary Byathlanhway of Chin State and Ma Nan May Thin Han of Kayin State in the basic education level (15-20 age group) women's dancing contest; first prize to Ma Thuzar Hlaing of Yangon Division, second to Ma Htet Htet San of Mandalay Division, third to Ma May Myat Thwe of Bago Division, special prizes to Ma Wai Phu Theint of Kayah State and Ma Arbikal Zeintapal of Chin State in the basic education level (10-15 age group) women's dancing contest; first prizes to Ma Khun Hset Hlaing of Yangon Division and Ma Shwe Yi Yadana of Taninthayi Division, second to Ma Aye Zin Mar of Mandalay Division, third to Ma Thin Nandar Hlaing (a) Phaung Phaung of Shan State, special prizes to Ma Lun Poe Ei Phyu of Kayin State and Ma La Mon Sut Hsaing Sin of Kachin State in the basic education level (5-10 age group) women's dancing contest.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung

Myint Oo presented first prize to Nan Myint Swe of Mandalay Division, second prizes to U Mya Lwin (a) Mya Bokay Sein of Mon State and U Swun Nyo (a) U Tin Maung Win of Mandalay Division, third to U Sai Myo Aung of Shan State, special prize to U Mya Win of Kayin State in the amateur level (first class) narration of Jataka contest; outstanding prizes to Nan Myint Swe and group of Mandalay Division for music accompaniment and U San Moe of Yangon Division for narration of Jataka script; first prize to U Yan Lin Aung of Mandalay Division, second to U Kyaw Thet Oo of Mandalay Division and third to Maung Zeyar Aung of Yangon Division in the amateur level (second class) men's marionette contest; first prize to Ma Moh Moh Hlaing of Mandalay Division, second to Ma Hnin Nge Nge Aung of Yangon Division, third to Ma Nan Ochitsaya of Kayin State and special prize to Ma Man Zin Nyaung of Chin State in the amateur level (second class) women's marionette contest; first prize to Yangon group, second to Mandalay group and third to Sagaing group, special prizes to Yangon group, Sagaing group and Mandalay group in the amateur level (first class) marionette contest and special prize to Taungsun Aung Aung of Yangon

group; first prize to Myo Nanda and group of Mandalay Division, second prizes to Yangon play group and Bago play group, and third to Ayeyawady play group in the amateur level (first class) play contest; first prize to Maung Nyan Win and group of Yangon Division, second to Sagaing

level (first class) composing song contest; first prize to Daw Khin Mi Mi Moe of Yangon Division, second to Daw Khin Win Swe (a) Mya Kyar Phyu of Yangon Division and third to UKhin Maung Zaw of Bago Division; first prize to Ma Pan Ei Kyaw of Sagaing Division, second to Maung



**Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents prize to orchestra troupe in the play contest. — MNA**

group and third to Maung Aung Ko Win and group of Yangon Division in the amateur level (first class) Suvannasama play contest.

Afterwards, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing handed first prize to U Tin Naing of Yangon Division, second to Daw Mu Mu Swe of Yangon Division, U Myint Soe of Kayin State and third to U Kyaw Lin of Sagaing Division in the amateur

Kyaw Swa Win of Ayeyawady Division and third to Maung Pyae Phyo Maung of Mon State.

After that Ministers and Deputy Ministers gave away prizes to winners from the music contests and the prize presentation ceremony ended.

(The programme of presenting prizes to the winners from music contests will be reported on 3 November issues.) — MNA



**Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint presents prize to orchestra troupe in the amateur level (first class) men's dancing contest. — MNA**

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Singapore's famed shopping belt Orchard Road gets \$27m makeover

SINGAPORE, 31 Oct—Singapore on Monday unveiled a 40 million- Singapore-dollar (about 27.3-million-US-dollar) plan to rejuvenate Orchard Road, the country's main shopping belt, as one of its key ways to maintain its attraction as a key shopping destination in Asia.

The Singapore Tourism Board (STB) announced that with the planned landscape and infrastructural enhancements, the street will have advanced lighting highlighting its tree-lined boulevard, new creative spaces for staging events and a more integrated and engaging pedestrian pavements.

The 2-kilometre stretch of road will be divided into three zones, namely the Tanglin, Orchard and Somerset zones. Each zone will feature either a flower, forest or fruit theme, and efforts will be made to showcase the corresponding greenery within the zone.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnames information project misallocates \$12.2m

HANOI, 31 Oct—Over 12 million US dollars or 13 per cent of the funds already disbursed for a

multi-million dollar project on computerizing state administration agencies in Vietnam has been misallocated.

According to a report from the country's State Audit Agency, the Project No.112 had misallocated nearly 195 billion Vietnamese dong (VND) (12.2 million US dollars), local newspaper Vietnam News reported Tuesday.

Launched in 2001 with total capital amounting to 3.8 trillion VND (237.5 million dollars), the project aimed to install integrated software at administrative offices nationwide, train officials, and link all agencies through one shared computer network. Over 1.5 trillion VND (nearly 93.8 million dollars) had been disbursed.

However, the project had some financial, technical and legal problems, and poor planning. For example, no management board was established for the project, with management being entrusted to officials from the Government Office, a

central bureau overseeing various administrative tasks. In September, head of the project and also former deputy head of the Government Office, Vu Dinh Thuan, was arrested along with the project's secretary Luong Cao Son, the state-run Justice Publishing House's director Hoang Dang Bao, and five employees of the publisher.

Local police said they would seek corruption charges in addition to "abuse of power" and "deliberately violating economic management regulations" charges against the nine detained people. In April, Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung stopped the project, saying it had "failed to meet its goals".

MNA/Xinhua

ADB provides \$400m to improve health, education in Indonesia

MANILA, 31 Oct—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a 400-million-US-dollar assistance package for Indonesia that will make education and health services more available for the country's poorest, said the bank on Tuesday.

ADB's assistance package supports Indonesia's ongoing efforts to meet the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) and targets on poverty reduction, health, education and gender equity, said the multilateral finance institution.

To date, Indonesia's progress toward meeting MDG benchmarks has been mixed. While the country remains on track to meet MDG targets on primary school enrollment, many children are not making the transition to junior secondary education, according to a report released by ADB in October.

In the health sector, although progress has been made in reducing maternal mortality rates, these rates are still significantly higher than those in many neighbouring Southeast Asian nations. HIV/AIDS rates remain low, but are on the rise. Despite the overall progress Indonesia is making in many areas, significant disparities still exist between the country's most affluent and poorest

families on a number of MDG targets, such as infant mortality rates and between regions. "The primary beneficiaries of ADB's support will be women and children from poor households who currently lack sufficient access to quality education and health services," said Alfredo Perdiguero, a senior economist in ADB's Southeast Asia Department.

"Indonesia's expansion of social services for the poor will help more children survive their earliest years of life, save more people from HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, help more women remain healthy during pregnancy, help more children go to school, and reduce regional and socioeconomic differences in social service delivery," the economist added.

The eight Millennium Development Goals, which were established in 2001, serve as a blueprint for the world's nations and the leading global development institutions in alleviating poverty and improving lives. The goals range from halving extreme poverty to reducing child mortality, halting the spread of HIV/AIDS, providing universal primary education and providing access to clean drinking water and sanitation facilities by the target date of 2015. —MNA/Xinhua



Liang Jiahui (L) of Guangzhou competes during the men's saber team match finals against the team of Wuhan in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 31 Oct, 2007. The team of Guangzhou won the match 45-31 and claimed the title. — XINHUA



Revellers dressed as ghosts celebrate Halloween at Lan Kwai Fong, one of the most famous destinations for tourists in Hong Kong, south China, on 31 Oct, 2007. — XINHUA

## China's pig epidemic brought under control

BEIJING, 31 Oct—China has brought the blue-ear pig disease under control, Gao Hongbin, Vice Minister of Agriculture, said at a Press conference held here on Monday.

The disease, which has been on the decline since it peaked in June, has been checked within all the epidemic outbreaks, he said. By 25 October, the highly pathogenic disease,

also known as Porcine Reproductive and Respiratory Syndrome, had infected 310,134 pigs in 1,030 epidemic outbreaks in 304 counties of 26 Chinese provincial areas, of which 81,030 died and 235,380 were culled, he said. China has been carrying out a vaccination programme and has tightened supervision on the transportation, trading and slaughtering of pigs to combat the disease, said Gao.

The epidemic has caused pork supply shortage and fuelled price rises in recent months, which resulted in the consumer price index experiencing an 11-year

high monthly increase of 6.5 per cent year-on-year in August.

Central and local governments have promised a fund of 14.6 billion yuan (1.9 billion US dollars) this year to encourage farmers to raise pigs and boost pork supplies.

By 18 October, the average price of pork in Chinese shops had dropped 11 per cent from its peak in August.

Chinese police have arrested the producers of fake vaccines that caused an outbreak of the blue-ear pig disease in central Hubei Province, the Ministry of Agriculture said on Sunday.

MNA/Xinhua

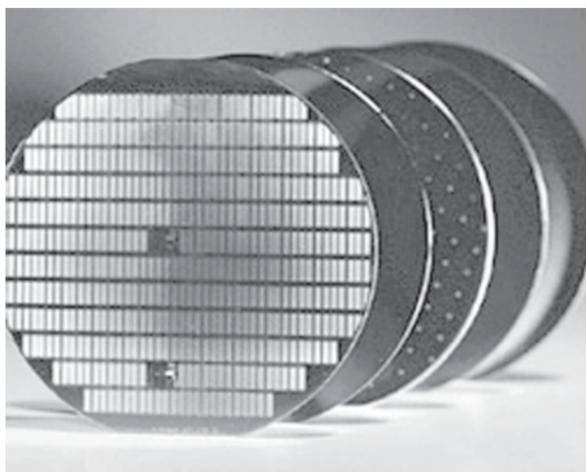
## IBM finds way to recycle silicon wafers

BEIJING, 31 Oct—IBM announced Tuesday that it has developed a process that can recycle defective silicon wafers and reuse them in its own factories and for solar-energy panels, media reported.

Wafers are the thin discs of silicon that chipmakers use to imprint chip patterns. From there, the wafers are cut into individual chips that run computers, cell phones, game players and the like.

Since they need to be nearly flawless to be used, the imperfect ones are normally erased with acidic chemicals and discarded. IBM had been sandblasting its flawed wafers to remove proprietary material.

Using its new process, IBM processes defective wafers and reuses some as “monitor” wafers to



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recalibrate gear in its chip plants. The IBM site in Burlington, Vt, has been using the process and reported an annual savings in 2006 of more than 500,000 US dollars. Expansion of the technique has begun at IBM's site in East Fishkill,

NY, and the company estimates its 2007 savings are more than 1.5 million dollars. The Vermont and New York plants are IBM's only semiconductor manufacturing sites.

“It reduces our cost and it reduces our carbon footprint,” said IBM

manager Thomas Jagielski, who heads up environmental operations at the company's Burlington chip factory. “And it provides resources to the solar industry.

Additionally, any new silicon could provide relief to the solar industry. Solar power currently generates much less than 1 percent of global electricity, but in recent years solar panel sales have had 30 to 40 percent annual growth.

This year, the solar industry has tied the computer industry as the world's largest consumer of refined silicon, a material that requires high temperatures and large amounts of energy to make. IBM plans to patent the new process and provide details to the semiconductor manufacturing industry.—Internet

## Indonesian jetfighter pilot survives accident

JAKARTA, 31 Oct—The pilot of an Indonesian Air Force jetfighter survived the accident Tuesday morning in which the aircraft crashed at the end of a runway in Riau Province, but he was whisked to a nearest hospital with injuries.

The plane overturned and ended upside down with the landing gears on top at the Sultan Syarif Kasim Airport in the provincial capital of Pekanbaru.

The pilot of the US-made A-4 Sky Hawk was trapped in the cockpit but he was able to gesture to the rescue team for immediate help, reported leading news website Detikcom. The cause of the accident remains unknown as Air Force officers were not available for comments.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vitamin D may not help fight against cancer

BEIJING, 31 Oct—Vitamin D, believed to be useful to protect against cancer by many people, may not be a strong anti-cancer agent except for colon cancer, according to a new study published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

“Over the past several years, a number of publications have suggested that vitamin D can reduce deaths from various forms of cancer,” said Dr Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer of the American Cancer Society. “This is a further bit of evidence that leads us to call for further investigations before we make recommendations for the general population.”

Dr D Michal Freedman, from the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, and his colleagues analyzed data from the third national Health and Nutrition Examination Survey to examine the relationship between levels of circulating vitamin D in

the blood and cancer mortality in a group of 16,818 participants aged 17 and older.

After about a decade of follow-up, 536 participants had died of cancer. Cancer mortality was not related to the level of circulating vitamin D for the overall group, nor was it related when the researchers looked at the data by sex, race, or age.

The only possible exception is that high blood levels of vitamin D do seem to correlate with a reduced risk of death from colon cancer.

An editorial published with the study, written by experts including Johanna Dyer, DSc, RD, of the Office of Dietary Supplements at the National Institutes of Health, states that “the relationship between nutritional factors and colorectal as well as other cancers is complicated” and that the findings “must be put into the context of total diet and lifestyle.”

Internet



Rowers compete during the women's single sculls preliminary of rowing at the 6th Chinese City Games in Ezhou, a city of central China's Hubei Province, on 31 Oct, 2007.

XINHUA



**Yang Yansheng of Qingdao competes in the men's pole jump finals at the 6th Chinese City Games in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 31 Oct, 2007. Yang won the gold medal with 5.25 meters. — XINHUA**

## Federer to face Karlovic test again

PARIS, 31 Oct — Roger Federer will face Croatian Ivo Karlovic for the second time in five days when he enters the Paris Masters Series tournament on Wednesday.

The world number one struggled to beat Karlovic 7-6, 7-6 in the semi-finals of the Swiss Indoors in his hometown Basel on Saturday.

Federer, who went on to win the tournament to make sure of finishing the season in top spot for the fourth consecutive year, must face the tall Croatian's formidable serve again.

MNA/Reuters

## Lampard hat-trick sees Chelsea through in League Cup

LONDON, 1 Nov — A Frank Lampard hat-trick, including a scrambled effort in injury time, helped holders Chelsea overturn a 3-2 deficit and beat Leicester City 4-3 in the fourth round of the League Cup on Wednesday.

Seven of the top nine in the Premier League were in action and, as usual in

the country's third competition, most of them fielded largely reserve sides.

They generally proved strong enough though as Arsenal, Manchester City, Liverpool, Blackburn Rovers and Everton, as well as struggling Tottenham Hotspur, joined Chelsea in the quarterfinals. West Ham United earned a place on Tuesday.

Chelsea's 45-game home unbeaten record seemed set to disappear when they trailed 3-2 with three minutes left at Stamford Bridge but Andriy Shevchenko, with virtually his first contribution of the night, lashed home a brilliant equalizer.

MNA/Reuters

## Brazil says World Cup legacy justifies cost

RIO DE JANEIRO, 31 Oct

— Brazil has promised it can meet the huge costs of staging the 2014 World Cup and that the legacy of improved public services and foreign investment will justify the expenses involved. But, amid the jubilation which followed FIFA's decision to award the tournament to the country on Tuesday, there were also worries that public spending could spiral out of control.

Brazil currently does not have a stadium which meets the requirements for a World Cup finals match and at least 10 to 12 arenas would have to be completely reformed or built

from scratch.

Eighteen stadiums have been put forward on a preliminary basis of which 14 already exist and four would be brand new.

The Brazilian Football Confederation (CBF) has estimated that the stadiums alone would require investments of 1.1 billion US dollars which it says would come from the private sector.

"The model (of investment) gives priority for private investment in the construction and reform of the stadiums," said CBF president Ricardo Teixeira during his presentation to FIFA in Zurich on Tuesday. — MNA/Reuters

## Portuguese club Braga fire coach Costa

LISBON, 31 Oct — Portuguese Premier League club Braga have fired coach Jorge Costa after a string of poor results, the club said on their website (www.scbra.com) on Tuesday.

Club officials would take over coaching duties until a successor was found, they said.

Costa, a former international defender, was the fourth managerial casualty in the top flight this season.

Braga, who drew 1-1 with Naval on Monday, are seventh in the 16-team standings with 11 points from eight matches.

They drew 1-1 with Bolton Wanderers in their opening Group F in the UEFA Cup last week.

MNA/Reuters

## Wimbledon doubles champion fuels match-fixing debate

PARIS, 31 Oct — Wimbledon doubles champion Michael Llodra fuelled the debate on alleged match-fixing in tennis by saying on Tuesday he had been asked to throw a match four years ago.

"I was in my hotel room and somebody called to ask me not to try too hard the next day," Llodra told French radio.

"That was four years ago. I said 'no' and hung up. Now, with what has happened since, I think maybe be I was one of the first players to have been approached."

Llodra won this year's Wimbledon title with fellow Frenchman Arnaud Clement, a former top 10 singles player who said on Monday he had been approached to throw a match.

"We have the feeling that a lot of people have been approached, there's a lot of talk about it on the circuit," Llodra said.

"Wherever there is money, you have crooks. It's difficult to stop because there is a powerful ring behind it."

The threat of possible match-fixing was being taken very seriously at this

week's Paris Masters tournament, the French Tennis Federation (FFT) said.

Betting on matches were being watched for anything suspicious, said FFT general director Jean-Francois Vilotte.

Matches were also being recorded and analysed by former players and ATP supervisors while players were banned from betting at the venue, he added.

The governing bodies of tennis said earlier this month they had full confidence in the integrity of the sport but admitted there was a threat from potential match-fixing.

Tennis came under the spotlight in August when

a match between Russia's Nikolay Davydenko and lowly-ranked Argentine Martin Vassallo Arguello in Poland was voided by British online betting exchange Betfair because of unusual betting patterns.

Davydenko, who has strenuously denied any wrongdoing, was fined 2,000 US dollars for not trying hard enough during his shock defeat by Croatian qualifier Marin Cilic at the St. Petersburg Open last week.

Earlier this month Britain's number one Andy Murray said players believed matches on the ATP Tour were being fixed.

MNA/Reuters



**Song Lijuan of Beijing Haidian competes in the high jump match of the women's heptathlon at the 6th Chinese City Games in Wuhan, capital of central China's Hubei Province, on 31 Oct, 2007. Song won the gold medal of the event with 5,249 points. — XINHUA**

## Sevilla president accuses Tottenham of treachery

LONDON, 31 Oct — Sevilla president Jose Maria del Nido has accused Tottenham Hotspur of treachery after coach Juande Ramos quit to move to the Premier League club.

Ramos, who will be officially presented as Tottenham's new coach later on Tuesday, was confirmed as Martin Jol's replacement on Saturday after the Dutchman was sacked following a terrible start to the season.

Sevilla, who won back-to-back UEFA Cups under Ramos, have accused Tottenham of approaching him without their permission.

"I can assure you that we at Sevilla will pour all our energy and all our force into making sure that Tottenham pay the consequences of this situation, a

situation they have illegitimately provoked," Del Nido told *The Guardian* on Tuesday.

"Here in Spain, we are not used to treachery existing between clubs. Nowhere in European football has something like this happened before with the season under way.

"I will leave it to Spurs and their fans to take a look at themselves and define their behaviour."

Ramos's arrival at Tottenham came after news of a August meeting between him and Tottenham's former vice chairman Paul Kemsley in a Seville hotel leaked out.

At the time, Ramos said he had received a "dizzying offer" from Spurs but there was "no possibility" he would leave.

Ramos, who will take charge of his first game on Wednesday against Blackpool in the League Cup, has been warned off taking any of his former players to Tottenham.

MNA/Reuters

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# US lawmakers refuse funds for Europe missile shield

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov— A military funding bill moving through Congress will not contain money to begin building a controversial US missile defence system in Europe, a senior Democratic lawmaker said on Wednesday.

Representative John Murtha of Pennsylvania, who chairs a House of

Representatives panel that oversees military spending, told reporters that legislation will move this week without any funds for the project, which Russian President Vladimir Putin has protested.

"We don't even have the basic agreement between Poland and the United States," Murtha

said in justifying Congress' refusal to fund the programme in the current fiscal year, which extends until next September 30.

Last week, President George W. Bush stressed the need for installing the 10 missile interceptors in Poland and radar in Czech Republic at a total cost of about 3.5 billion US dollars.

Bush asked Congress

to provide 310 million US dollars this year.

The Bush Administration has argued that the missile system would protect against attacks from Iran and other countries the United States considers "rogue states".

Bush said US intelligence agencies think Iran might be able to develop an intercontinental ballistic missile capable of reaching Europe and the United States by 2015.

MNA/Reuters

# US diplomats harshly criticize forced Iraq postings

WASHINGTON, 1 Nov—US diplomats on Wednesday bitterly criticized plans to force them to go to Iraq, with one calling it a "potential death sentence" and another pleading for psychiatric treatment for those who return scarred.

The comments surfaced in an emotional, hour-long town hall meeting after the State Department announced after normal office hours on Friday that "prime candidates" for service in Iraq may have to accept compulsory one-year tours or risk losing their jobs.

Among other things, diplomats told State Department Director General Harry Thomas they resented the fact that the decision broke in the news media before it was cabled to US diplomats around the world late Friday night.

About 250 people received notifications this week that they are in a pool who may be forced to go to Iraq to fill roughly 50 positions for which no qualified

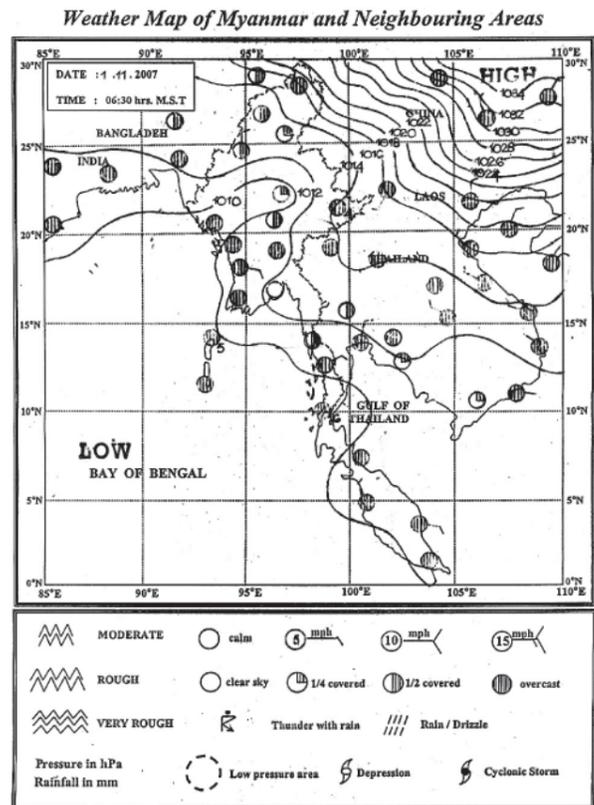
diplomats have volunteered to fill next summer.

They could be sent to the US Embassy in Baghdad's fortified "Green Zone", which is often hit by mortar fire, or to civilian-military provincial reconstruction teams that seek to nudge Iraq's 18 provinces toward greater government transparency, rule of law and other political milestones.

"I'm sorry but basically, that's a potential death sentence and you know it," said Jack Crotty, who was nearing retirement after more than three decades in the foreign service, including a stint as political adviser to NATO's southern command.

Thomas, who heads human resources for the State Department and sent out the cable on the forced assignments last week, did not respond in detail to Crotty's comments beyond saying that they were full of inaccuracies.

MNA/Reuters



## WEATHER

Thursday, 1 November, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan State and Taninthayi Division, isolated in Rakhin, Kayin and Mon Staes, Bago and Yangon Divisions, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperature in Chin States, Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin, Shan, Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthong (0.71) inch and Namsam (0.36) inch.

Maximum temperature on 31-10-2007 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 1-11-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 1-11-2007 was 68%. Total sunshine hours on 31-10-2007 was (5.1) hours approx.

Rainfall on 1-11-2007 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 (142.83) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 31-10-2007.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 2-11-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

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

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 2-11-2007:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-11-2007:** Possibility of rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-11-2007:** Generally fair weather.



Friday, 2 November  
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music  
-Fame
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music  
-Moving around
- 8:50 am National news/  
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music  
-Stop the rock
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music  
-If you wanna party
- 1:30 pm News/ Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music  
-Go to distance  
-Reflection
- 9:00 pm WOM
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Music at your request  
-I'll be there  
-Angel
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



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| <p>7:00 am<br/>1. Recitation of parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara</p> <p>7:25 am<br/>2. To be healthy exercises</p> <p>7:30 am<br/>3. Morning news</p> <p>7:40 am<br/>4. Nice and sweet song</p> <p>7:50 am<br/>5. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကဏ္ဍနည်း</p> <p>8:00 am<br/>6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</p> <p>8:15 am<br/>7. The mirror images of the musical oldies</p> <p>8:30 am<br/>8. International news</p> | <p>8:45 am<br/>9. English for everyday use</p> <p>4:00 pm<br/>1. Martial song</p> <p>4:15 pm<br/>2. Song to uphold National Spirit</p> <p>4:30 pm<br/>3. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-တတိယနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)</p> <p>4:45 pm<br/>4. Song of national races</p> <p>5:00 pm<br/>5. မြန်မာစာမြန်မာစကား</p> <p>5:15 pm<br/>6. "အသိစိတ်ကလေး အရင်းတည်၍" (ပြီးနေ့စို၊ ထက်ရှား၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုး)</p> <p>5:30 pm<br/>7. Song of yesteryear</p> <p>5:40 pm<br/>8. အမျိုးသားကာကွယ်ဆေး တိုက်နေ့များအကြောင်း သိကောင်းစရာ</p> | <p>6:00 pm<br/>9. Evening news</p> <p>6:30 pm<br/>10. Weather report</p> <p>6:35 pm<br/>11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှတ်ရှင်</p> <p>7:00 pm<br/>12. သဒ္ဒါကြည့်ဖြူပေးကာလှူဆေးလောကသစ်မှတ်တိုင်ထူ (အပိုင်း-၂)</p> <p>7:10 pm<br/>13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူလေး တတိယချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)</p> <p>8:00 pm<br/>14. News</p> <p>15. International news</p> <p>16. Weather report</p> <p>17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စိတ်ကူလေး တစ်လည်လည်" (အပိုင်း-၃၀)</p> <p>18. The next day's programme</p> |
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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**

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

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

- ★ **Due to the violent protests,**  
The people are in a state of panic  
Artless persons get into bad company and run into trouble  
Trade and commerce hit hard  
Vendors and shopkeepers have hard times  
Tourism industry in bad shape
- ★ **Due to the violent protests,**  
Colonialists' lackey expatriates earn dollars  
Touts were provided with funds  
Criminals and opportunists are happy with the unrest  
National traitors from agitator media gained a lot of dollars