

### 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

## National Immunization Days (2007) launched Priority given to total elimination of polio that affects children

**Disease control measures being taken as national task**



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo addresses ceremony to launch National Immunization Days (2007).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov—The National Immunization Days (2007) was launched at a ceremony at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health here this morning with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Commander

of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, the ministers, the deputy ministers, members of the National Health Committee, the Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, Japanese Ambassador Mr Yasuaki Nogawa and embassy staff, officials from WHO and UNICEF, vice-presidents of Myanmar Women's Affairs Fed-

erations and executives, those from the Ministry of Health, social organizations from Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District and Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township and Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township, members of Red Cross and Fire Brigades, guests and others.

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## Dagon Bridge improving industrial and economic sectors



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The government spent more than 20,000 million kyats on the reinforced-concrete type bridge with a six-lane motorway on it. The Ministry of Construction is building many bridges, large and small, for the convenience of the people to travel from one place to another in accordance with the motto "Build roads and bridges to enhance friendship among national races". The infrastructures including the transport ones reflect the efforts the government is making for equitable development of all parts of the Union.

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 4 November, 2007

### UN Country Team's statement neglects Myanmar's prevailing conditions

Myanmar, being a member of the United Nations, is cooperating with other members, regional countries, local UN agencies, and regional organizations in the work for regional peace and stability, economic growth and health care.

Today, the government is building a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation with the participation of the people. It is also laying down and implementing economic projects, and as a result, the nation's GDP is on the increase.

In 2006-2007, it produced over 10.6 million metric tons of rice, over one million metric tons of meat and over two million metric tons of fish and prawn.

The government has increased budgets in the agricultural, industrial, construction and social sectors during the past six years, so the number of human resources and infrastructures in the education and health sectors is rising significantly.

Nevertheless, the UN Country Team in Myanmar issued a statement concerning Myanmar on 24 October 2007. It said that many of fundamental rights such as achieving development, prosperity, peace, security and dignity are not yet a reality for the people in Myanmar and that the people struggle every day to meet basic needs and the urgent necessity to address the deteriorating humanitarian situation in the country.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent letters to the UN Country Team in Yangon and to the UN Secretariat, saying that the facts on social standard, social, health and education sectors mentioned in the statement are not based on firm evidences or true data and thus it did not reflect the objective conditions of Myanmar.

The statement of the UN Country Team in Myanmar absolutely ignores Myanmar's prevailing conditions, and it is, indeed, merely a groundless one.

### Scientists discover deepwater coral clusters

CANBERRA, 3 Nov—A group of Australian marine scientists said that they have found large coral clusters in deep cool waters for the first time off the coastline of the state of Queensland, according to local media Thursday. The group recently returned from an expedition examining fossil reefs on the outer Great Barrier Reef off Cairns, a major resort city of Queensland. Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio Thursday quoted Rob Beaman from James Cook University as saying that he was surprised to find corals living on large hills that were more than a kilometre underwater.

He said the scientists have named the clusters the Gloria Mounds. "Gloria's not the name of an old girl friend, it's actually the side scan sonar that were originally used to find these things," he said, adding "it gave use some images of the seabed that allowed us to pin-point exactly where to go. Gloria stands for Geological Long Range Inclined Asdic." — 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

### Harvesting and winnowing of monsoon paddy demonstrated

YANGON, 3 Nov — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win attended ceremonies to demonstrate the harvesting of monsoon paddy and to cultivate cold season crops and edible oil crops under mixed cropping system at the 6-acre model plantation of farmer U Zaw Naing in Thahtaykwin Village-tract of Thanlyin Township on 1 November.

Thanlyin Township PDC Chairman U Tin Htay and Head of Yangon Division Agricultural Mechanization Department U Zaw Khin reported to the commander on the harvesting of monsoon paddy

and plans to cultivate cold season crops in the township.

Next, the commander gave necessary instructions.

Later, the commander viewed cultivation of sunflower in green gram plantations, harvesting and winnowing of paddy and use of natural fertilizers.

In Thanlyin Township, over 61,900 acres of monsoon paddy have been planted and 17,794 acres harvested. A total of 42,254 acres of land has been put under beans and pulses and 6,123 acres under edible oil crops.

MNA

### Sermons delivered to mark end of Buddhist Lent

YANGON, 3 Nov— A ceremony to mark the conclusion of delivering sermons during the Buddhist Lent was held at Sasana Linyaungchi Dhammayon in North Okkalapa Township on 26 October (Full Moon Day of Thadingyut).

Sayadaws delivered sermons on every Sabbath Day during the Buddhist Lent at the Dhammayon and the last sermon was delivered on 26 October by Sayadaw of Myanmar Budh Gaya Monastery Dr Ashin Sundara. The



A Sayadaw delivers sermon at Sasana Linyaungchi Dhammayon in North Okkalapa Township to mark end of Buddhist Lent. — H

congregation shared merits gained on the occasion.

Those who delivered sermons during the Buddhist Lent at the Dhammayon were

Sayadaw Dr Ashin Paññavamsa, Sayadaw Dr Ashin Viccitta, Sayadaw Dr Ashin Tejinda, Sayadaw Dr Ashin Carittasiri, Sayadaw Dr Ashin Vannasiri, Sayadaw Dr

Ashin Paññananda, Sayadaw Dr Ashin Sopaka, Sayadaw Dr Ashin Ñannagga, Sayadaw Dr Ashin Indaka and Saydaw Dr Ashin Khemasiri.

MNA

### Myanmar wins prizes for best pavilion, innovative pavilion

YANGON, 3 Nov— The Union of Myanmar won the prize for the best pavilion and the prize for innovative pavilion at the China+ASEAN Economic and Investment Summit and the 4th China+ASEAN Trade Fair 2007 held in Nanning City of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People's Republic of China recently.

A total of 132 pavilions were displayed at the Trade Fair under the arrangements of Ministry of Commerce and Union

of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

The team led by

Vice-President of UMFCCI U Win Aung arrived back here by air on 1 November, and they

were welcomed back by UMFCCI President U Win Myint and departmental officials. — MNA

UMFCCI President U Win Myint welcomes back the vice-president and party at the airport. UMFCCI



# Japanese DM orders withdrawal of MSDF from Indian Ocean

TOKYO, 2 Nov — Japanese Defence Minister Shigeru Ishiba issued a command Thursday afternoon to withdraw the Maritime Self-Defence Force (MSDF), which has been undertaking the refuelling mission for the US-led military operation in and around Afghanistan, from the Indian Ocean.

According to Japan's major NHK TV station, the MSDF supply ship *Tokiwa* and destroyer *Kirisame* will set out their journey back home on Thursday midnight of Japanese time (07:00 pm local time) following the Defence Minister's command at 03:00 pm.

Ishiba's command by telegraph was first issued to the MSDF's warship vessels headquarters

which is located in Kanagawa Prefecture south of Tokyo, and the headquarters then delivered the order to the fleet in the Indian Ocean, *Jiji* Press said, adding that the two ships are to arrive at their bases in Japan in three weeks.

The issuance of the order is in accordance with the expiration of the special antiterrorism measures law.

The departure of the MSDF vessels marked the end or suspension of the Japanese Armed Forces' first post-war overseas

mission, which started in December 2001.

According to Japan's official statistics, the MSDF has provided more than 484,000 kilolitres of oil to vessels from 11 countries in 794 missions.

MNA/Xinhua



A Renault Twingo on an assembly line, German police said on Friday they had fined 10 people who were crammed into a tiny Renault Twingo car which was stopped during a routine traffic control in western Germany. —INTERNET

## Panel links poor US Army contract system to fraud

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov — An independent panel on Thursday called for an overhaul of the US Army's military contracting operations in Iraq and Afghanistan, saying systemic problems such as a lack of oversight had contributed to fraud.

"This is a systemic issue within the Army and within the DoD

(Department of Defence)," said Jacques Gansler, former under-secretary of defence for acquisitions and chairman of the commission that studied the problem.

"It usually takes a crisis to make change. We have a crisis, we can make those changes," he told reporters.

The group, appointed

by the Army in August, highlighted problems in the Army's management of contracts that help supply and support troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. Those ranged from too few personnel to manage contracts to poor training and little oversight.

Defence Secretary Robert Gates said he was "dismayed by a lot of the findings" in the report but encouraged by the group's suggested improvements.

The panel found the number of personnel responsible for managing contracts in Kuwait, Iraq and Afghanistan dropped as the number of contracts and their dollar value soared over 12 years.

MNA/Reuters

## Czech Deputy PM Cunek quits, coalition stays

PRAGUE, 2 Nov — Czech Deputy Prime Minister Jiri Cunek, facing investigation over corruption allegations, announced his resignation from government on Thursday, but the ruling three-party coalition remained intact.

Cunek, the leader of the junior government partner, the centrist Christian Democrats (KDU-CSL), said he would quit next week in order to let the investigation proceed without the perception of interference.

He has repeatedly denied any wrongdoing.

"I decided, in order for this investigation to be independent in the eyes of the public, to resign at Wednesday's (November 7) government meeting," Cunek told a news conference. "I am making this decision not only because of this point, but also because I want this coalition to continue, to hold on, for it to avoid constant questioning," he added. —MNA/Reuters

## Youngster confesses to starting California fire

LOS ANGELES, 2 Nov — A boy playing with matches has confessed to starting a wildfire that destroyed 63 structures near Los Angeles, officials said on Tuesday.

The unidentified youngster, believed to be a preteen, was questioned by Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department investigators on 22 October, a day after the Buckweed fire started rampaging across 38,000

acres (15,000 hectares) in the Santa Clarita area, 30 miles (50 kilometres) north of downtown Los Angeles.

The boy "admitted that he had been playing with matches", said sheriff's spokesman Steve Whitmore.

It was initially believed that downed power lines had started the fire.

The boy was sent home after confessing, and the

District Attorney's office will consider whether to Press charges.

The Buckweed fire was one of about two-dozen conflagrations that ravaged southern California last week, destroying 2,300 buildings, according to the California Office of Emergency Services. The fires have been responsible for 12 deaths and 78 injuries.

MNA/Reuters

## INTERNATIONAL NEWS

### 20 suspected paedophiles arrested in France

PARIS, 2 Nov — A total of 20 people have been arrested in France as suspected paedophiles after the European Union (EU) launched a massive crackdown on the criminal group on Monday. French police said on Wednesday.

Among the arrestees,

three allegedly molested children during trips abroad, and another three were believed to have filmed children porno scenes abroad. Police also seized about 1.5 million illegal images from one suspect's computer.

The European-wide

raid, codenamed "Koala", followed traces discovered in an operation on suspected child molesters in Australia in 2006, during which police found some 3,000 suspicious e-mail addresses.

MNA/Xinhua

### Floods in Mexico affect 700,000 people

MEXICO CITY, 2 Nov — Floods caused by heavy rain last week have affected 700,000 people in southeastern Mexico, officials said on Thursday.

Andres Granier, Governor of Tabasco State, said nearly half of the affected people were trapped in the floods, waiting for help on

rooftops or in other safer places.

"Many shelters had to be evacuated because they were flooding. Hotels are overloaded, and streets are useless and dangerous," he said.

Local radio and television networks reported dozens of missing people in

Villahermosa, capital of Tabasco State, and its metropolitan zone.

Only a rainfall decrease in the following hours can improve the 700,000 people's situation, said Felipe Arreguin, technical secretary of the Mexican National Water Commission.

MNA/Xinhua



An aerial view of a flooded sector of Villahermosa, the state capital of Tabasco, in south-eastern Mexico on 1 Nov, 2007. Around half a million Mexicans were made homeless and one man died on Wednesday as heavy rains devastated the southern Mexican state of Tabasco and flooded 70 percent of the swampy region. —INTERNET

## Death penalty foes try new bid for UN resolution

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Nov—More than 70 countries opposed to the death penalty launched a fresh bid on Thursday to have the UN General Assembly pass a resolution urging an end to the practice, diplomats said. Two previous similar attempts failed to win a majority in the 192-

member assembly. This time, the text stops short of an outright demand for immediate abolition.

Instead, a draft presented to the assembly's human rights committee and obtained by *Reuters* calls on countries that put criminals to death to "establish a moratorium on executions with a view to

abolishing the death penalty". It says the punishment "undermines human dignity", that "there is no conclusive evidence of the death penalty's deterrent value" and that "any miscarriage or failure of justice in (its) implementation is irreversible and irreparable".

The United States, where

many states perform executions and which opposed previous resolutions, signalled it would again vote against the measure. Mission spokesman Richard Grenell said US use of the penalty is a decision left to our democratically elected governments at the federal and state levels.

MNA/Reuters

## US Undersecretary of State Karen Hughes resigns

WASHINGTON, 2 Nov — The White House said on Wednesday that Karen Hughes, Undersecretary of State for US public diplomacy and a long-time confidante of US President George W Bush, had decided to resign.

"I can confirm that Karen Hughes has decided that, after 12 years of government service, that she is going to go back to Texas by the end of the year," White House spokeswoman Dana Perino said.

Hughes was sworn in as undersecretary of state for public diplomacy in September 2005 and her main mission is to try to improve the negative image of the United States around the world following the 2003 invasion of Iraq.

Hughes was once counsellor to President Bush in his early years in the White House and is considered as Bush's long-time confidante. — MNA/Xinhua

## Nigerian militants attack Navy vessel, kill one

LAGOS, 1 Nov—Nigerian rebels killed a naval officer and wounded at least six others in dawn raid on a Navy ship in the oil producing Niger Delta, security sources said on Wednesday.

The raid on *NNS Obula* on the Pennington River came just hours after the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND) freed six foreign workers it seized on 26 October from an offshore oil facility operated by Saipem, a unit of Italy's Eni, and SBM Offshore.

The Navy gunboat was assigned to guard the EA

offshore oilfield operated by Royal Dutch Shell in the state of Bayelsa, but was not at the field when the attack occurred, security sources said.

"The vessel was in transit near the Pennington River. One naval personnel was killed and at least six others injured," said one security source who works for a Western oil company in the anarchic delta. A spokesman for the Navy could not immediately give details of the attack.

MEND, which had also claimed responsibility for last week's attack on the EA offshore oilfield, when seven contract workers to Shell were abducted for two days, said the latest raid was to show that the Nigerian military was incapable of protecting oil installations.

MNA/Reuters



**One-hundred-year old Peggy McAlpine give a thumbs up as she paraglides off a 2,500-foot (762-meter) mountain peak in Kyrenia, northern Cyprus on 31 Oct, 2007. The self confessed "daredevil" leaped into record books on Wednesday by paragliding off the mountain peak. The jump was to mark McAlpine's 100th birthday, which she had celebrated the day before when she received a congratulatory telegram from the Queen.**  
XINHUA

## Two shot dead in drive-by shootings in violence-torn Thai south

BANGKOK, 1 Nov—Violence continued in Thailand's far south Tuesday morning as an Islamic religious teacher

was gunned down in the Narathiwat Province, while a teenage girl was killed and three other residents were wounded in two separate attacks in nearby Yala Province.

Usaman Naruso, a 54-year-old teacher at an Islamic religious school in Yala's Raman District, was shot on his way to the school. Followed by a gunman on a motorcycle, he was shot several times and died at the scene, according to *Thai News Agency*.

Meanwhile, in the

nearby province of Yala, a 13-year-old girl was shot dead and three others wounded in two separate attacks. The girl was pronounced dead at the hospital after she and her mother were shot in a drive-by shooting in Raman District. The mother was shot in the chest while her daughter was shot in the abdomen and died at hospital.

In another attack, a couple was shot injured by a gunman on motorcycle while they were riding their motorcycle on a road in the

Muang District. A renewed round of insurgency related violence has troubled Thailand's three southern most provinces, Narathiwat, Yala and Pattani, for nearly four years, and has seen some 2,500 people killed in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

## Russian rocket sends German spy satellite into orbit

MOSCOW, 2 Nov—A Russian rocket sent a German spy satellite into orbit early Thursday, news agencies reported.

The *Kosmos-3M* rocket blasted off from the Plesetsk space centre in north Russia's Arkhangelsk Region, putting the German *SAR-Lupe* satellite into target orbit, Russian Space Forces spokesman Alexei Zolotukhin was quoted as saying.

It was the third launch of five *SAR-Lupe* satellites, which will all be put into space by Russia in 2009, according to a contract signed in 2003. The previous two took place in December 2006 and July 2007 respectively.

MNA/Xinhua

## Seoul to bring in women-only subway cars in 2008

SEOUL, 1 Nov—The subway corporations serving South Korea's capital will introduce women-only cars next year to make rides more comfortable and free of groping male hands, a subway official said on Wednesday.

"Sexual crimes happen frequently when the cars are packed and people are pressed against each other," the subway official said.

Nearly half the crimes reported on the city's eight subway lines are sexual in nature, with many taking place on two lines that serve university and office districts, lawmaker Lee Jai-chang said in Parliament on Monday.—MNA/Reuters

**A lesser panda couple, both named 'You-you', play at Yumemigasaki zoological park in Kawasaki, south of Tokyo on 1 Nov, 2007.**

INTERNET





A woman views a golden bowl inlaid with gems in China International Exhibition Center in Beijing, capital of China, on 1 Nov, 2007. The 2007 China International Jewellery Show kicked off in Beijing on Thursday, attracting 500 jewellery companies at home and abroad.—XINHUA

## China, ASEAN pledge to join hands in poverty alleviation

NANNING, 2 Nov — Representatives from China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) on Wednesday promised they would work together to promote social development and poverty alleviation in the region.

A proposal on poverty reduction was issued after two days of discussions among more than 100 Chinese and ASEAN officials, scholars and entrepreneurs at the First China-ASEAN Forum on Social Development and

Poverty Reduction in the southern Chinese city of Nanning.

Acknowledging the region is “one of those that suffer from serious poverty in the world”, the proposal identified poverty alleviation as a “common mission for policy-makers, researchers and practitioners in China and the ASEAN”. “Poverty reduction...should be based on economic growth and structural optimization, and guaranteed by improved public services including public information network, and social security system plus specialized poverty reduction interventions and relief services,” the proposal says.

It recommended China and the ASEAN jointly establish a mechanism of

cooperation among policy-makers, enterprises and non-governmental organizations to ensure projects and policies to be more scientific and reasonable, and to avoid any overlapping and duplication during implementation.

China has made remarkable progress in poverty alleviation in the past 30 years. The rural population in absolute poverty has been reduced from 250 million in 1978 to 21.5 million last year. The ratio of national poverty in the country now stands at 2.3 per cent, compared with 30.7 per cent in late 1978, according to Fan Xiaojian, deputy chief of the State Council Leading Group for Poverty Alleviation, China’s national organization in charge of poverty reduction.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chrysler to cut up to 10,000 factory jobs

DETROIT, 2 Nov — Chrysler LLC said on Thursday it would cut up to 10,000 hourly jobs over the next 14 months as it slashes production in North America and eliminates four slow-selling vehicles.

The sweeping job cuts — representing more than one-fifth of Chrysler’s unionized work force — came just four days after workers at the automaker narrowly ratified a new contract that had faced deep-seated opposition from the union rank and

file.

The layoffs are in addition to 13,000 jobs that Chrysler had already planned to cut as part of a restructuring plan announced in February. In total, the cuts mark the deepest job reductions undertaken by any of the embattled US automakers.

On a combined basis, the automaker now plans to cut almost half its unionized factory positions as part of a stepped-up restructuring plan that marked the most dramatic

move since Chrysler’s new private equity owner, Cerberus Capital Management, took control of the automaker in August.

Chrysler said it would eliminate shifts at five North American assembly plants and stop making the Dodge Magnum wagon, the convertible version of the PT Cruiser, the Pacifica crossover utility and the Crossfire sports car.

Dissidents within the United Auto Workers who had lobbied to scuttle the

now-ratified Chrysler contract said the action by Cerberus had left workers angry with both union leadership and the automaker’s new owners.

MNA/Reuters

## ECONOMIC NEWS

### Indonesia’s Lion Air raises “Boeing 737” orders to 122

JAKARTA, 2 Nov — Indonesia’s first budget carrier Lion Air will increase the purchase of Boeing 737-900 to 122 in a new deal to be signed in December, an executive said on Wednesday.

The purchase is part of the company’s ambition to dominate domestic low-cost air transportation and acquire other airlines in several Asian countries.

The sale and purchase

deal will be signed with Boeing on the sidelines of the Langkawi Air Show in Malaysia on 4 December, Lion Air spokesman Hasyim Arsal Alhabsi told reporters here.

Lion already purchased 60 737-900ERs and became the first to operate the plane on a commercial flight after two 90ERs arrived earlier this year.

Hasyim said 60 of the new planes will operate on domestic routes while the rest will be used for the company’s global expansion.

Lion plans to acquire airliners in Vietnam, Thailand and Bangladesh, he said without elaborating.

“We have the planes, what we need to do now is to find partners.”

MNA/Xinhua

## Doughnut chain sparks latest Japanese food scandal

TOKYO, 2 Nov — Another day, another food scandal in Japan.

Mister Donut, a US based chain of doughnut stores, stopped selling two kinds of fruit drink on Wednesday after finding they contained expired syrups, the latest in a string of scandals to plague a country obsessed with food safety.

Pictures of company executives bowing their heads deep in apology have become near-daily fare on TV news programmes in recent days, rattling consumers who had been more worried about imports from China and a long-running row over US beef.

Before Mister Donut,

operated in Japan by Duskin Co, confectionery maker Akafuku Co was found to have fudged production and expiry dates for its bean paste-covered rice cakes for over 30 years.

A confectioner selling a similar product, which saw sales sky-rocket after Akafuku’s scandal, has now been reported to

have extended expiry dates for its sweets and printed false ingredient tables.

The scandals, which industry watchers say were brought to light by whistle-blowers, have angered consumer groups, who blame companies for duping customers in pursuit of easy profits.

MNA/Reuters

Picture taken on 31 Oct, 2007 shows saffron crocus flowers near Torbat-e-Heydarieh of Razavi Khorasan Province in Iran. Saffron crocus is a kind of valuable medicinal material. Iran is a main produce base of saffron crocus, located in Razavi Khorasan Province and Southern Khorasan Province. With a history of 700 years in saffron planting, Iran’s annual saffron output accounts for about 75 percent of world’s total. —XINHUA



## National Immunization Days (2007)...

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In his address, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo said that the government is making relentless efforts for all-round development of the State. In this regard, it is convinced of the fact that healthy, fit and educated citizens are main human resources. Hence, the Ministry of Health has laid down and is implementing tasks for each and every citizen to be free from diseases and to enjoy longevity.

In its efforts for development of the health care services of the people the Ministry of Health has laid down the long-term and short-term plans and is implementing them in a systematic manner. In doing so, it has opened more hospitals, dispensaries and rural health care centres in different states and divisions including border areas under the leadership of the government.

In order to bring about harmonious development across the nation there emerged 200-bed hospital each in the 24-special development zones so that health care services can be carried out effectively.

In the meantime, for development of health care services the existing hospitals were upgraded and extended opening of 300-bed hospitals, 200-bed hospitals and specialists hospitals was carried out. Moreover, each hospital was facilitated with modern medical equipment, while striving for prevention of infectious diseases to keep pace with changes and developments.

Remarkable progress has been made in the health care services of the people as the government is taking steps for fully providing health care to the people.

In the past, some major diseases that harmed the people were only in a state of being under control. At present, they are in a state of being totally eliminated. And some major diseases are in no position to cause trouble to the people. The fact and data of UN agencies have shown that there has been significant decrease in major diseases that cause trouble to the people.

Out of the infectious diseases, the Ministry of Health gives oral vaccines and vaccinations yearly to prevent seven different kinds of diseases under the leadership of the government. In that regard, congenial organizations and relevant departments as well as social organizations are providing all necessary assistance right down to grass roots levels. With such aids, the efforts of the Ministry of Health are meeting with success.

The health of children can be improved all the more through the launch of immunization. As long as the tasks for uplift of health and education standards of



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo gives vaccine to a child.—MNA

the people can be implemented there will emerge highly qualified human resources capable of serving the interest of the State and its people.

In the world, millions of children are inflicted with infectious diseases yearly. Consequently, they developed different kinds of illness and were dead or became disabled. As further complication, families of the victims suffered much as medical cost was high. In addition, health and labour of families of the victims were lost.

That is why the WHO implemented control projects on infectious diseases which are most common among children. Smallpox has been eliminated in the world due to the wider cooperation of the people of the world.

The Health Department of the Ministry of Health made efforts for the children to be free from seven diseases that can be cured by vaccines. The department also gave priority to total elimination of polio that affects children and disease control measures are being taken as the national task.

Polio vaccines were given to infants under one year at least three times and newborn and five-year old children under door-to-door programme after launching the National Immunization Days.

He said the National Immunization Days have been launched for 12 times from 2000 to 2006 — eight times nationwide and four times regionwise. Wild viral polio disease transmitted to Maungdaw Township from a neighbouring country in March 2007.

The National Immunization Days was launched to give more polio vaccines to all infants and children

under five with the aim of controlling the spread of polio virus and making children more resistant to the disease.

The first phase of NID will be held on 3-5 November and the second phase on 2-4 December in 325 townships. Polio vaccines will be given to 7.2 million children in states and divisions with the assistance of WHO, UNICEF, donor nations and wellwishers.

Polio is the disease that threatens children to become disabled. Parents are urged to prevent their offspring from the disease by giving oral polio vaccines. The Secretary-1 and party visited a booth in commemoration of NID.

The Secretary-1, the commander, the ministers, the Japanese Ambassador, Vice-Presidents and executives of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and guests gave oral polio vaccines to the children and presented gifts to them.

Next, the Secretary-1, the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the Japanese Ambassador, officials of WHO, UNICEF, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and guests attended the opening ceremony of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana District NID in Paunglaung sport ground in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister Dr Kyaw Myint formally opened the ceremony.

The Secretary-1, the commander and party gave oral polio vaccines to the children at Paunglaung Gymnasium in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana and presented gifts to them.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and Minister Dr Kyaw Myint open the ceremony of National Immunization Days for 2007.—MNA

## Kathina robes, provisions donated to monasteries in Yangon

YANGON, 3 Nov — Under the patronage of Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi, the staff families of the ministry held a ceremony to offer Kathina robes to the members of Sangha of Thayettaw Monastery in Lanmadaw Township here today.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Minister U Aung Thaung and congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta

Nandadhaja of Pitakat monastery.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe offered the Kathina robes and provisions to the Chairman Sayadaw of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee, Minister U Aung Thaung and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi the Kathina robes and alms to the Chairman Sayadaw of TSNC and those present the robes and offertories to the members of the Sangha.

Later, the congrega-

tion shared merits gained. A total of 592 members of the Sangha were offered the Kathina robes on the occasion.

The ministry donated robes and provisions worth 10.2 million kyats to Thayettaw Monastery.

The minister also attended the similar ceremony at Tipitaka Mahagadawin Nikaya Monastery in Dagon Myothit (East) Township. The congregation received the Five Precepts



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence offers robes and alms to a Sayadaw.—MNA

## Forestry Minister inspects quality of timber logs



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects logs of Myanma Timber Enterprise.—FORESTRY

NAY PYI TAW, 1 Nov — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung

inspected quality of timber logs to be sold through tender at Inter-

national Trade and Saw Mill Division of Myanma Timber Enterprise at Kan 3 Raft Jetty in Ahlon Township and Setsan Raft Jetty in Pazundaung Township on 28 October and gave necessary instructions.

On 29 October, the minister viewed International Tender Sales at Myanma Timber Enterprise (Head office), and extended greetings to foreign and local entrepreneurs.

At the sales, high quality teak logs were sold through tender, low quality teak logs through sealed tender and sawn timber through auction system. A total of 119 entrepreneurs — 28 from abroad and 91 at home — attended the sales.

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merits gained and donated day meals to the members of the Sangha.

from the Sayadaw of the monastery.

The minister and wife, directors-general and managing-directors and their wives offered the Kathina robes and provisions to the members of the Sangha. Next, the congregation shared

The robes and provisions worth 2.2 million kyats were donated to the monastery.

A similar ceremony was held at Kyaukkon Monastery in

Yankin Township. The minister and wife attended the ceremony and donated the Kathina robes and provisions to the members of the Sangha.

The provisions worth K 2.8 million were donated to the monastery.

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## Last 20 caps named to set up Myanmar U-19 Selected Football Squad

YANGON, 3 Nov — Last 20 caps were named to set up Myanmar U-19 Selected Football Team to participate in the group-C qualifier for Asian U-19 Men's Football Championship to be held in Thailand from 6 to 18 November.

Myanmar U-19 comprises U Saw Than Naing as group leader, U Tin Han as manager, U San Win as chief coach, U Soe Moe and U Sai Maung Maung Oo as assistant coaches, Dr Aung Ko Ko Win as medical officer, U Pyae Phy

Aung as male nurse and Nay Hlaing (Royal Eleven FC) and Min Naing (Commerce) as goalkeepers, Naing Lin Tun (Energy), Zaw Naing Tun (YCDC), Yan Myo Aung (A&I), Nay Aung (Construction), Aye Moe (Energy), Thaing Tun Zaw (Construction), Lin Lin Htwe (Energy), Zaw Zaw Oo (Construction) as defenders, Ko Ko Maung (Energy), Pyae Phy Oo (Transport), Wai Lin (SPEI-Mandalay), Myint Naing (F&R), Tin Win Aung (SPEI-Mandalay), Win Thu (YCDC) as

midfielders, Zin Myo Aung (YCDC), Aung Kyaw Myo (Energy), Kyaw Kyaw Khine (F&R) and Yan Aung Win (SPEI-Mandalay) as forwards.

Myanmar U-19 is in the group-C qualifier together with host Thailand, Japan, China (Taipei), Laos and Maldives. Myanmar will play against Laos on 8 November, China (Taipei) on 10 November, Japan on 12 November, Thailand on 16 November and Maldives on 18 November. — NLM

## No longer wish to be NLD members

### 15 of Myaung, Sagaing Township NLDs quit

YANGON, 3 Nov — A total of 13 members including Daw Saw Kyi, Daw Yi, U Win Sein, Daw Khin Myo Win and Ma Win Win Maw of Aingthaya Village of Myaung Township National League for Democracy and U Hla Han of Myinse Village and U Tin Aung of Thawtapan Village of Sagaing Township NLD of Sagaing Division resigned from NLD of their own accord on 20 and 28 September respectively.

They sent their resignation letters to NLD headquarters and local authorities concerned.

They said in the letters sent to Myaung and Sagaing Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-commissions that they no longer wished to be NLD members. Therefore, they said, they quit NLD of their own volition.—MNA

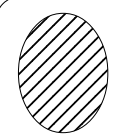


Myanmar U-19 Selected Football Team seen at the training session.—NLM

# Dagon Bridge improving industrial and economic sectors

Article and photos by *Thaung Win Bo*

The government has established industrial zones across the nation with a view to raising the private sector and creating opportunities for national entrepreneurs to spread their wings, boosting per capita income of the people in states and divisions,



**Ko Zaw Win Oo**  
(bus driver).



creating job opportunities, efficiently using natural resources and raw materials, manufacturing value-added goods, producing import-substitute items, and saving foreign exchange.

Now, the industrial zones are picking up development momentum, resulting from the government's effective encouragement, and harmonious cooperation of those in-charge, responsible persons and industrialists of the industrial zones.

I interviewed Management Committee Chairman wood-based enterprise proprietor U Aye Lwin, Secretary U Than Zaw Htwe, Treasurer U Maung Maung Naing, Joint-Secretary U Than Lwin and Member U Myint San of the Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone situated near the newly-inaugurated Dagon Bridge.

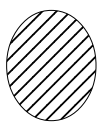
**Q:** How many wood-based enterprises are there in the Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone?

**A:** Seventeen forest product and wood-based enterprises. They earn foreign exchange for the State by manufacturing and exporting value-added products. They produce modern furniture, rattan ware, wood-based products and sawn timber

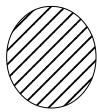
with the efficient use of forest product raw materials, and export the products.

**Q:** What sorts of factories does the Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone have?

**A:** Ten foodstuff factories, 20 personal good factories, two construction material factories, 17 forest products factories, two chemical factories, three stationery factories, three machinery and machine factories, five marine product factories, five automobile assembling factories, and four foundry



**U Tin Tun**  
(container truck driver).



plants.

**Q:** I would like to know if the industrial zone exhibited its products in the Myanmar-China Trade Fair held at Muse 105th-mile camp last year.

**A:** Yes, it did. Nine factories of the industrial zone took part in the trade fair. They are Myanmar Mercury Garment Factory, Fresh Up Toothpaste Factory, Polymer Foam Mattress Factory, Uicolor Exercise Book Factory, Infinity Steel Household Utensil Factory, Sinoda Coffee Mix Factory, PEP Milk Powder Factory, Popular Plastic and SOGO Electrical Apparatus Factory, and Dagon Seikkan Garment Factory.

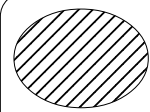
**Q:** Well, U Maung Maung Naing, the industrial zone is boosting production of the items. So, I would like to know what sorts of benefits you have made due to the emergence of the Dagon Bridge.

**A:** It is a long time I have dreamt about a bridge like the Dagon Bridge. I founded my factories in the Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone, looking forward

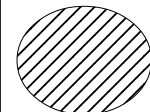
to the emergence of the Dagon Bridge. Now, the Dagon Bridge has been opened, so our dream has come true. On the other side of the Dagon Bridge, there are Thilawa International Port Terminal and Thilawa Industrial Zone that is being extended. Our Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone is the second nearest industrial zone to Thilawa International Port Terminal. Thilawa Industrial Zone that will emerge soon is the nearest one. The Dagon Bridge will help us save time and money. It can withstand 75 tons of loads for a cargo truck. So, ten-wheel and twelve-wheel trucks and container trucks can use it easily.

**Q:** What sorts of benefits do you think the people will enjoy due to the emergence of the bridge?

**A:** In the past, the majority of the workers in the Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone were from Ward 88 and Ward 89 of Dagon Myothit (Seikkan)



**Daw Than Than of Yuzana Sittoung Housing Estate.**



Township. We had to rely much on them. I wanted to extend production processes of some factories, but I could not do so, because of labour shortage. Now, the people on Thanlyin side can enjoy more job opportunities. Workers on Thanlyin side who want to work here are warmly welcome to the Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone. We can enjoy opportunities to extend our works due to the bridge.

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The Dagon Bridge, which was put into commission on 27 October 2007.



## Dagon Bridge improving industrial and economic...

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**Q:** U Myint San, would you please explain the transport conditions after the emergence of the Dagon Bridge?

**A:** We can get to Yangon East University and Thilawa International Port Terminal in a short time if we use the Dagon Bridge. That means we can save one-third of the time we have to take to get to the same destinations using the Thanlyin Bridge. We can go to Kayan and Thongwa directly. These townships are the source of a lot



*Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone is seen from a site near the Dagon Bridge.*

**Daw Sandar of Yuzana Garden City and her child.**



I also interviewed driver U Tin Tun who drove a container truck passing through the Dagon Bridge, Daw Than Than of Yuzana Sittoung Housing Estate, Daw Sandar of Yuzana Garden City, and passenger bus driver Ko Zaw Win Oo.

**Q:** U Tin Tun, how long have you worked as a container truck driver? And is it convenient for you to drive pass through the Dagon Bridge?

**A:** I have worked as a container truck driver for more than ten years. It is very convenient for me to drive on the Dagon Bridge because it has a six-lane motorway on it. Moreover, there is no need to worry about the weight of loads, because it can

**A:** No, I come here every day. I live in Yuzana Garden City near here. Now, I can go to any other place easily thanks to the bridge.

**Q:** Ko Zaw Win Oo, do you pass through the Dagon Bridge to travel between Yangon and Thanlyin?

**A:** Yes, I ferry students on Yangon side to and from Yangon East University in Thanlyin in a bus. I also ferry the workers in Thanlyin to and from Coffee Mix Factory in Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone. In the past, I passed through Thanlyin Bridge. Now, I pass through the Dagon Bridge to save time. Due to the Dagon Bridge, drivers of Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Kayan and Thongwa can

of agricultural produce. They will be able to transport their produce to Yangon in a short time due to the bridge. Previously, it took two hours for the workers who left Dagon Seikkan Garment Factory to get home by using Thanlyin Bridge. Now, it takes only twenty minutes for them using the Dagon Bridge. I think it will be more convenient for the people when there are more bus lines that pass through the Dagon Bridge, for instance, the distance between Dagon Seikkan and Thanlyin, Kayan, Thongwa, and between Dagon Seikkan and South Dagon, North Dagon and East Dagon. If duties are assigned to the Management Committee of the Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone regarding the matters to launch new bus lines, we will try our best for that.

**Q:** U Than Zaw Htwe, How do you feel, regarding the Dagon Bridge?

**A:** **It links Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan), Yangon East District, and Thilawa International Port Terminal and Thilawa Special Commercial Zone in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District. I am pleased that we will be able to export our industrial products through the Dagon Bridge.**

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withstand 75 tons of loads for a truck. We can get to Thilawa Port in Thanlyin through No 2 Highway in a short time. Therefore, I have to say thanks to the government.

**Q:** Daw Than Than, what is your age? Is it convenient for you to pass through the bridge?

**A:** I am 60. I live in Yuzana Sittoung Housing Estate. When I moved to the estate, I learnt that a bridge would be built here. So, I decided to settle here. I learnt that the bridge had been opened, so I am here to see it. We can enjoy fresh air, staying on the bridge in the evenings. It is good for our health.

**Q:** Daw Sandar, is it the first time you are here?

save fuel a lot.

The government spent more than 20,000 million kyats on the reinforced-concrete type bridge with a six-lane motorway on it. The Ministry of Construction is building many bridges, large and small, for the convenience of the people to travel from one place to another in accordance with the motto "Build roads and bridges to enhance friendship among national races". The infrastructures including the transport ones reflect the efforts the government is making for equitable development of all parts of the Union.

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# Prizes given to winners in 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

NAY PYI TAW, 3 Nov — Patron of the Organizing the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presented prizes to the winners in the Performing Arts Competitions at City Hall, here, on 1 November.

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, 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 government's office, 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.

At the prize presentation ceremony, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thuang Lwin gave prizes to the winners: U Maung Han of Ayeyawady Division stood first, U Sein Win of Bago Division second and U Hlaing Tint Swe of Yangon Division third in the amateur level (first class) men's donmin contest; U Myint Soe of Ayeyawady Division secured the first prize, U Thuang Myint Tun of Rakhine State, the second prize and U Naing Oo of Mon State, the third prize in the amateur level (second class) men's donmin contest; Maung Myo Thu of Mandalay Division bagged the second prize and Maung Aung Naing Oo of Mandalay Division, the third prize in the higher education level (men's) donmin contest; Maung Moe Wai of Ayeyawady Division and Maung Zeya Naing Oo of Yangon Division won the first prizes, Maung Htoo Aung of Yangon Division, the second prize and Maung Aung Kyaw Myint of Bago Division, the third prize in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' donmin contest; Maung Aung Si Min Htet of Yangon Division grabbed the first prize, Maung Sithu Htet Aung of Yangon Division, the second prize and Maung Than Zaw Aung of Bago Division, the third prize in the basic education level (10-15 age group) boys' donmin contest; and Maung Pho Thagyan of Yangon Division clinched the first prize, Maung Thwin Min Htet of Ayeyawady Division, the second prize.



**Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo awards prize to a winner in basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' solo orchestra contest.**—MNA

Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than awarded prizes to the winners: Daw Sein Yin of Mandalay Division possessed the first prize, Daw Yi Phone Swe of Yangon Division, the second prize, and Daw Than Than Nyunt of Mandalay Division, the third prize in the amateur level (first class) women's donmin contest; Daw Mya Hnin Yi of Yangon Division achieved the first prize, Daw Nwe Nwe Thein of Mandalay Division, the second prize, and Daw Khaing Khaing Myint of Bago Division, the third prize in the amateur level (second class) women's donmin contest; Ma Htay Myat Thanda of Mandalay Division gained the second prize in the higher education level (women's) donmin contest; Ma Shwe Sin Chit of Yangon Division picked up the first prize, Ma Khaing Thanda Soe of Bago Division, the second prize, Ma Nang Kyar Nyo Kyawt of Yangon Division and Ma Ingyin Oo of Magway Division, third prizes in the basic education level (15-20 age group) girls' donmin contest; Ma Khin Myint Myat Maung of Yangon Division earned the first prize, Ma Phyu Phway Thant of Mandalay Division, the second prize and Ma Po Ei Kyi Thu Hsan of Yangon Division, the third prize in the basic education level (10-15 age group) girls' donmin contest; and Ma Su Myat Noe of Yangon Division attained the first prize, Ma Khin Pyae Son Aung of Yangon Division, the second prize and Ma Aye Thazin of Mandalay Division, the third prize in the (5-10 age group) girls' donmin contest.

Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung awarded the first prize to U Sein Maung Ei of Yangon Division, the second prize to U Hla Htay of Yangon Division and the third prize to U Tar Naw of Mandalay Division in the amateur level (first class) oboe contest; the first prizes to Sgt Myint Aung of Yangon Division and Myanmarpyi Moe Hlyan of Mon State, the second prize to U Tin Myint (a) Zeyar Myint of Bago Division and the third prize to U Myo Min Than of Yangon Division in the amateur level (second class) oboe contest; the first prize to Maung Phyo Wai Win Kyaw of Ayeyawady Division and the second prize to Maung Soe Min Thu of Mandalay Division in the higher education level men's oboe contest; the first prize to Maung Phyo Hlyan of Mon State, the second prize to Maung Kaung Myat Wai of Yangon Division and third prize to Maung Zin Waing of Mandalay Division in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' oboe contest; the first prize to Maung Tun Nanda of Yangon Division, Maung Soe Thiha of Yangon Division and the third prize to Maung Nay Zaw Oo of Mandalay Division in the basic education level (10-15 age group) boys' oboe contest; and the first prize to Maung Nyein Win Moe of Yangon Division, the second prize to Maung Chan Lwin Moe of Yangon Division and the third prize to Maung Ye Thura Aung of Mandalay Division in the basic education level (5-10 age group) boys' oboe contest.

Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay handed first, second and third prizes to U Thant Zaw of Mandalay Division, U Khin Maung Yin of Rakhine State and U Kyi Maung of Kachin State in the amateur level (first class) violin contest respectively; U Cho Gyi of Yangon Division, U Yu Maung of Yangon Division and Maung Saw Htoo Htoo Wai of Kayah State in the amateur level (second class) violin contest respectively; first and second prizes to Maung Kyaw Shin Naing of Ayeyawady Division, Maung Wint Khant Tein of Chin State and Maung Ye Yint Ko Ko of Mandalay Division in the higher education level (men's) violin contest respectively; first, second and third prizes to Maung Min Thukha of Yangon Division, Maung Ye Nanda Tun of Mandalay Division and Maung Hein Ko Ko of Taninthayi Division in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' violin contest respectively; the first prize to Maung



**Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint presents prize to a winner in basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' troupe orchestra contest.**—MNA

Myo Thiha Ko of Mandalay Division, second prizes to Maung Yaw Ba of Kachin State and Maung Min Aung Kyaw Thu of Mon State and the third prize to Maung Khun Nay Yi of Shan State in the basic education level (10-15 age group) boys' violin contest respectively; and first, second and third prizes to Maung Sai Tu Lawd of Kachin State, Maung Pyae Phyo Zaw of Mandalay Division and Maung Aung Khant Paing of Kayah State in the (5-10 age group) boys' violin contest respectively.

Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt awarded prizes to the winners: Ma Tin Win Yi of Yangon Division grabbed the first prize, Ma Aye Su Mon of Kachin State, the second prize and Ma Lwin Lwin Cho Tun of Ayeyawady Division, the third prize in the amateur level (second class) women's violin contest; Ma Aye Chan Thitsa of Yangon Division secured the first prize, Ma Shwe Yin Nyein of Yangon Division, the second prize and Ma Thin Mya Swe of Ayeyawady Division, the third prize in the higher education level-women's violin contest; Ma Aye Lin Thu of Kachin State and Ma Naw Do Nay Htoo of Kayah State stood at the first positions, Ma Naw Ei Ngon Phu of Yangon Division, the second position and Ma Naw Thin Thin Hla of Yangon Division, the third position in the basic education level (15-20 age group) girls' violin contest; Ma Ei Ei Mon of Kachin State clinched the first prize, Ma Sabei Phu of Yangon Division, the second prize and Maung May Myinzu Aye of Ayeyawady Division, the third prize in the (10-15 age group) girls' violin contest; and Ma Tin Lay Wai of Mon State bagged the first prize, Ma Naw Hsu The The Aung of Yangon Division, the second prize and Ma Shwe Yi Yadana of Taninthayi Division, the third prize in the (5-10 age group) girls' violin contest. Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min presented prizes to the winners: U Kaung Thant of Mandalay Division attained the first prize, U Aye Min Aung of Yangon Division, the second prize, and U Ye Lin Bo of Yangon Division, the third prize in the amateur level (first class) men's solo orchestra contest; Myanmarpyi Moe Hlyan of Mon State grabbed the first prize, U Aung Hsan Naing of Magway Division, the second prize and Maung Aung Bo Min of Yangon Division, the third prize in the amateur level (second class) men's solo orchestra contest; and Maung Myo Zaw Hein (a) Myo Zaw Aung of Yangon Division earned the first prize, Maung Nyi Nyi Lwin of Sagaing Division, the second prize, and Maung Myo Thant of Ayeyawady Division, third prize in the higher education level (men's) solo orchestra contest.

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## Prizes given to winners...

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Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo gave prizes to the winners: Maung Zaw Min (a) Pho La Pyae of Yangon Division won the first prize, Maung Nyein Chan Phyo of Mandalay and Maung Tin Htet Paing Lin (a) Bo Shine of Yangon Division, the second prizes and Maung Phyo Hlyan of Mon State, the third prize in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' solo orchestra contest; Maung Phyo Htet Aung of Sagaing Division achieved the first prize, Maung Aung Myo Min of Yangon Division, the second prize and Maung Bo Bo Kyaw of Mandalay Division, the third prize in the (10-15 age group) boys' solo orchestra contest; and Maung Naing Naing of Ayeyawady Division picked up the first prize, Maung Htet Arkar Maung of Yangon Division, the second prize and Maung Ye Min Tun (a) Bo Ye Htet of Mandalay Division, the third prize in the (5-10 age group) boys' solo orchestra contest.

Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe presented prizes to the winners: Doh Bo Ma (a) Moe Thuza Aye of Mandalay Division gained the first prize, Daw Khin Khin Myint of Rakhine State, the second prize, and Daw Khaing Zar Win of Yangon Division, the third prize in the amateur level (first class) women's solo orchestra contest; Daw Htet Htet Lin of Mandalay Division received the first prize, Daw Mya Mya Win of Bago Division, the second prize and Daw Nu Nu Lwin of Mandalay Division, the third prize in the amateur level (second class) women's solo orchestra contest; Ma Sein Moe of Bago Division obtained the first prize and Ma Gwa Sar (a) Ei Ei Mon of Ayeyawady Division, the second prize in the higher education level (women's) solo orchestra contest; Ma Zarni Nan Lwin of Yangon Division got the first prize, Ma Kay Zin Chit Su of Yangon Division, the second prize and Ma Htay Htay Aye of Mandalay Division, the third prize in the basic education level (15-20 age group) girls' solo orchestra contest; Ma Win Nanda Lwin of Yangon Division won the first prize, Ma Kyi Kyi Tha of Kachin State, the second prize and Ma Aye Myat Noe Khin of Yangon Division, the third prize in the (10-15 age group) girls' orchestra contest; and Ma Phyu Hnin Naing (a) solo Myanmarpyi Bo Ma of Sagaing Division possessed the first prize, Ma Po Ei San of Yangon Division, the second prize and Ma Hnin Ei Hlaing of Magway Division, the third prize in the (5-10 age group) girls' solo orchestra contest.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe



**Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung awards prize to a winner in amateur level (second class) Oboe contest.—MNA**

handed first, second and third prizes to U Kyaw Kyaw Han and troupe of Yangon Division, U Sein Kalyar and troupe of Mandalay Division and U Kyaw Moe and troupe of Mandalay Division in the amateur level (first class) men's Ozi contest respectively; U Aye Min and troupe of Yangon Division, Maung Phyo Maw and troupe of Mandalay Division and U Ye Win Tun and troupe of Sagaing Division in the amateur level (second class) men's Ozi contest respectively; Maung Lin Htet Aung and troupe of Mon State, Maung Kaung Myat Kyaw and troupe of Mandalay Division and Maung Nyunt Aung and troupe of Ayeyawady Division in the higher education level men's Ozi contest respectively; Maung Sein Bo Htwa and troupe of Mandalay Division, Maung Zaw Min (a) Po La Pyae and troupe of Yangon Division and Maung Tin Htet Paing Lin (a) Bo Shine and troupe of Yangon Division in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' Ozi contest; Maung Min Hein Htet and troupe of Mandalay Division, Maung Phone Myint Kyaw and troupe of Sagaing Division and Maung The Chit Htway and troupe of Yangon Division in the (10-15 age group) boys' Ozi contest; and Maung Han Thura Tun and troupe of Yangon Division, Maung Chit Oo Maung and troupe of Mandalay Division and Maung Htet Arkar Maung and troupe of Yangon Division in the (5-10 age group) boys' Ozi contest.

Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein gave the first prize to U Kyaw Kyaw Han and troupe of Yangon Division, the second prize to U Sein Kalar and troupe of Mandalay Division and the third prize to U Kyaw Min and troupe of Mandalay Division in the amateur level (first class) Dobat contest; first, second and third prizes to U Kyaw Zin Latt and troupe of Bago Division, Maung Pyae Phyo Maw and troupe of Mandalay Division and U Lin Htaik Aung and troupe of Mandalay Division in the amateur level (second class) Dobat contest respectively; prizes to Maung Nyunt Aung and troupe of Ayeyawady Division who stood first in the higher education level Dobat contest, Maung Kaung Myat Kyaw and troupe of Mandalay Division, second and Maung Nyi Ye Thiha (a) Thein Than Soe and troupe of Yangon Division, third in the higher education level Dobat contest; first, second and third prizes to Maung Sein Bo Htwa and troupe of Mandalay Division, Maung Aung Moe Oo and troupe of Mandalay Division and Maung Zaw Min (a) Po La Pyae and troupe of Yangon Division in the basic education level (15-20 age group) Dobat contest respectively; Maung Zin Myo Htet and troupe of Ayeyawady Division, Maung Aung Naing Hein and troupe of Mandalay Division and Maung Phone Myint Kyaw and troupe of Sagaing Division and the special prize to Maung Aum Naine and troupe of Chin State in the basic education level (10-15 age group) Dobat contest respectively; and Maung Htet Arkar Maung and troupe of Yangon Division, Maung Chit Oo Maung and troupe of Mandalay Division and Maung Paing Hmu Thaw and troupe of Yangon Division in the (5-10 age group) Dobat contest respectively.

Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe presented prizes to the winners: U Ye Lin Bo and party won the first prize, U Myo Thant Tin (a) Bo Bo Thein and party of Mandalay Division, the second prize and Maung Hein Yazar (a) Myo Hein Oo and party of Yangon Division, the third prize in the amateur level (first class) men's troupe orchestra contest; Maung Hsan Thit Aung (a) Maung Maung Nyunt and party of Bago Division earned the first prize, U Kyaw Moe Naing and party of Mandalay Division, the second prize and Maung Htet Ko Ko and party of Yangon Division, the third prize in the amateur level (second class) men's troupe orchestra contest; and Maung Myo Thu and party of Mandalay Division secured the first prize, Maung Zeyar Tun Wai and party of Ayeyawady Division, the second prize and Maung Nyi Ye Thiha (a) Thein Than Soe and party of Yangon Division, the third prize in the higher education level men's troupe orchestra contest.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and



**Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min presents prize to a winner in higher education level men's solo orchestra contest.—MNA**

Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint gave prizes to the winners: Maung Aung Hsan Min and party of Yangon Division clinched the first prize, Maung Kyaw Thet Aung and party of Mandalay Division, the second prize and Maung Tin Htet Paing Lin (a) Bo Shine and party of Yangon Division, the third prize in the basic education level (15-20 age group) boys' troupe orchestra contest; Maung Wai Yan Maung Maung and party of Yangon Division earned the first prize, Maung Naing Naing and party of Ayeyawady Division, the second prize, and Maung Phyo Htet Aung and party of Sagaing Division, the third prize in the basic education level (10-15 age group) boys' troupe orchestra contest; and Maung Hsan Hsint Maung Maung and party of Yangon Division bagged the first prize and Maung Phyo Wai Thu and party of Yangon Division, the second prize in the basic education level (5-10 age group) boys' troupe orchestra contest.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun handed prizes to the winners: Ma Shwe Sin Kalyar Htet Htet Kyaw and party of Mandalay Division stood first in the amateur level (first class) women's troupe orchestra contest, Doh Bo Hla (a) Aye Thanda Lwin and party of Mandalay Division, second, and Daw Mya Thuza (a) Myint Myint Khiang and party of Yangon Division, third; Daw Kyi Kyi San and party of Mandalay Division gained the first prize and Daw Myint Myint Aye and party of Yangon Division, the second prize in the amateur level (second class) women's troupe orchestra contest; and Ma Chaw Su Hlaing and party of Mon State attained the first prize, Ma Gwa Sar (a) Ei Ei Mon and party of Ayeyawady Division, the second prize and Ma Aye Nanda Win and party of Yangon Division, the third prize in the higher education level women's troupe orchestra contest.

Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw gave prizes to the winners: Ma Wint Thinza Satin and party of Yangon Division achieved the first prize, Ma Khin Mar Phyo and party of Yangon Division, the second prize and Ma Sabei Phway and party of Mandalay Division, the third prize in the basic education level (15-20 age group) girls' troupe orchestra contest; Ma Aye Myat Noe Khin and party of Yangon Division won the first prize, Ma Chit Su Wai Satin and party of Yangon Division, the second prize and Ma Phyu Phway That and party of Mandalay Division, the third prize in the (10-15 age group) girls' troupe orchestra contest; and Ma Wint Nanda Lwin and party won the first prize in the basic education level (5-10 age group) girls' troupe orchestra contest.

Later, first prize winner Maung Wai Phyo Naing in the amateur level (first class) men's harp contest performed entertainment with Myanmar harp. — MNA

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2.	Steel Structure for Kiln Support Column	1 Set	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
3.	Grinding Media	1 Lot	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
4.	Heat Resistance Kiln Hanging chain	1 Lot	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
5.	Electrical & Machinery Spare Part	1 Lot	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
6.	Truck Scale (60) Tons	1 Set	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
7.	Draphragm Pump (16"0)	3 Sets	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
8.	Raw Material for H.T Insulator Plant	1 Lot	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
9.	12-M-Pre-Stress Concrete Pole (H.T) (လျှပ်စစ်ခေါ်တံစီးတိုင်)	750 Nos	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
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12.	Refractories Cement	3 Items	5.11.2007	26.11.2007
13.	ရိတ်သံ	15 Tons	5.11.2007	26.11.2007

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**Iran-Iraq border trade heavy but no weapons found**

BASRA (Iraq), 2 Nov — Business is booming on the Iran-Iraq border.

Despite a war in one country and Western sanctions against the other's nuclear programme, trucks full of everything from fresh produce to furniture and clothes to consumer electronics trundle to the 1,400 kilometre (900 mile) frontier every day.

But British officials say

along with trade in legitimate goods, which has grown in the past year, there is also a steady flow of "lethal aid" from Iran to Iraq, including rockets and explosives used to make road-side bombs.

Iran denies arming Iraqi Shia Muslim militias, which have carried out scores of deadly attacks against British and American troops in Iraq.

But British officials are sure Iranian weaponry is coming through. As evidence they mention rocket shrapnel that bears Iranian markings, but at the same time say they have no concrete proof that Iran is supplying Iraq.

"It's fair to say that no one has caught anyone red-handed bringing in lethal aid across the border," said Major Anthony Lamb, who oversees training of Iraqi border enforcement units. "Hundreds of searches are carried out every day, but as yet, there hasn't been a direct seizure of lethal aid."

Lamb says on some days, when British forces visit the major border crossing points in southern Iraq, they can see some Iranian trucks turning back, but there's no certainty they're doing so because they're carrying illicit weapons.—MNA/Reuters

**Suicide bomber rams Pakistan military bus, kills eight**

MULTAN (Pakistan), 2 Nov — A suicide bomber on a motorcycle rammed a Pakistan Air Force (PAF) bus killing at least eight people and wounding 40 near the central city of Sargodha on Thursday, the military said.

The security situation in Pakistan has deteriorated sharply in the past few months at a time of political uncertainty. An election is due by January that is meant to mark a transition to civilian-led democracy.

The bus was taking personnel to the air base in Sargodha in the central province of Punjab.

"Eight people have been killed including

four officers," military spokesman Major-General Waheed Arshad said, adding civilians were among those killed. An Air Force spokesman said 40 people were wounded.

There is speculation that President Pervez Musharraf, who came to power in a coup eight years ago, could ditch plans for the election, and impose emergency powers or martial law.

The Supreme Court is expected to rule in the next few days on whether General Musharraf's re-election by Parliament on 6 October was legitimate. Rivals have challenged his right to have stood while still Army chief.

MNA/Reuters

**China builds bigger rockets for heavier satellites**

BEIJING, 2 Nov — China is building a new range of rockets designed to triple the payload capacity needed to lift larger satellites into geosynchronous orbit, *Xinhua* said on Wednesday.

"The carrying capacity can reach 14 tons from the current 2.6 to 5.4 tons while sending satellites into geosynchronous orbit, like *Chang'e-1*," the news agency quoted Wu Yansheng, president of the China Academy

of Launch Vehicle Technology, as saying.

The *Long March 5* rockets will be able to carry payloads of up to 25 tons for low earth orbit satellites, up from the current limit of 9.2 tons, said Wu.

China's first lunar probe, *Chang'e-1*, named after a legendary Chinese goddess, blasted off on a *Long March 3A* carrier rocket on 24 October from a launch centre in southwestern China.

In addition to their

bigger capacity, *Long March 5* rockets will be designed using pollution-free technologies, Wu said.

"The new generation of carrier rockets are expected to blast off within six to seven years," said Ma Xingrui, general manager of the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

The *Long March 5* rockets will lift off from a new space launch centre in the southern island province of Hainan. The new centre, the fourth in China, is expected to be completed in 2012, *Xinhua* said.

MNA/Reuters

**China-Russia trade reaches \$34.9b in first nine months**

BEIJING, 2 Nov — Trade between China and Russia surged to 34.9 billion US dollars in the first nine months, up 42 per cent from the same period last year, according to China's Ministry of Commerce (MOC).

The figure exceeded the entire 2006 level of 33.4 billion US dollars.

"Sino-Russia economic and trade cooperation has entered a new stage and we can certainly raise the trade volume to 60 billion to 80 billion US dollars by 2010," said Vice Minister of Commerce Yu Guangzhou.

The volume of

machinery and electronic products traded between the two countries amounted to 7.3 billion US dollars in the first nine months, making up 21 per cent of the total bilateral trade, according to the MOC.

China's exports of machinery and electronic products to Russia doubled the first three-quarters figure of 2006 to hit 7.1 billion US dollars, about one third exports to Russia.

Exports of high value-added products to Russia such as automobiles, engineering machinery, telecommunications equipment and electronic

products were on the rise.

Russia's exports to China, ranging from aerospace equipment, nuclear reactors, machine tools to integrated circuits, recovered to report a 17-per-cent increase in the first three quarters.

Yu said the acceleration of China-Russia trade in recent years reflected the need and the reality of the economic expansion of both countries.

By the end of September, cross-border investment topped 1.6 billion US dollars, with Chinese investment in Russia at 1.03 billion US dollars.—MNA/Xinhua



*The photo shows the Mount Everest in southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, on 23 Oct, 2007. The Mount Everest, also called Mount Qomolangma, is the highest peak in the world which stands 8844.43 metres above sea level. China is confident to relay the torch from Olympia, Greece, the cradle of the Olympiad, to the Mount Everest, which was promised when China applied to host the 2008 Olympic Games.—XINHUA*

## The rich in Netherlands become richer

BRUSSELS, 3 Nov — The rich in the Netherlands have become richer, according to the latest rankings of the 500 wealthiest Dutch families published by business magazine *Quote*.

The Brenninkmeijer family, owners of the C&A chain of department stores, tops the list again with an estimated fortune of 18.5 billion euros, Dutch media reported Thursday.

Brewery Heineken's heiress Charlene de Carvalho-Heineken follows with 5.6 billion euros. The Van der Vorm family of the Holland America Line Investments company moved up from the sixth to the third place with 3.9 billion euros.

The youngest millionaire in the latest annual list is 30-year-old baseball player Andre Jones with assets of 67 million euros.

The assets of the *Quote* 500 add up to more than 136.6 billion euros, up from 121.5 billion last year. The average fortune

is about 273.3 million euros.

According to Dutch newspaper *De Volkskrant*, most of the wealthy on the *Quote* 500 list saw

their assets go up 12.5 per cent last year.

The Netherlands has 23 billionaires, the paper said.

MNA/Xinhua

## “Noel” becomes hurricane, moves away from Bahamas

MIAMI, 2 Nov — Tropical Storm Noel, whose rains have killed at least 108 people in the Caribbean, strengthened into a hurricane in the Atlantic on Thursday as it

moved away from the Bahamas toward Bermuda, US forecasters said.

The centre of Noel was about 810 miles (1,300 kilometres) west-southwest of Bermuda by 8 pm (0000 GMT) and its maximum sustained winds had reached near 75 miles per hour (120 kilometres per hour), the US National Hurricane Centre said.

Noel is now a Category one hurricane, the lowest level on the Saffir/Simpson scale.

A hurricane watch was in effect for the northwestern Bahamas as Noel moved farther away on a long-anticipated shift to the north-northeast that would eventually bring it as a possibly fierce but nontropical storm to Nova Scotia, Canada.

A tropical storm warning remained in effect for the central Bahamas,

but the hurricane centre said the watch and warning would likely be discontinued on Thursday night.

The British mid-Atlantic territory of Bermuda posted a gale warning, just in case Noel veered more to the east than forecast, US hurricane forecasters said.

The centre of Noel was 115 miles (190 kilometres) north-northeast of Nassau, Bahamas, and was moving north-northeast at a brisk 17 mile per hour (29 kilometres per hour), the hurricane centre said. The storm's speed was expected to increase over the next 24 hours.

The storm is expected to douse eastern Cuba with another one to two inches (2.5 to 5 centimetres) of rain, and North Carolina's Outer Banks could receive an inch (2.5 centimetres).

MNA/Reuters



*MySpace Thursday made a move to fight its major rival Facebook by joining Google-led alliance, called Open Social, that will enable users to run social applications between networks, instead of being locked into just one platform. —INTERNET*

## Three helicopters crash within 2 hours in Brazil

RIODE JANEIRO, 3 Nov — A helicopter crashed Thursday afternoon in the Brazilian state of Sao Paulo, about two hours after two other helicopters also crashed in the metropolitan region.

The helicopter, operated by flying company ABC, crashed at 4:00 p.m. (1900 GMT) in Ribeirao Preto, northwestern Sao Paulo.

Rescuers said three people were injured and the aircraft was completely destroyed in the accident, which took place in an area close to a state highway, only 200 metres from the company's hangar.

Edvaldo Cesar da Cunha, instruction manager of ABC, said the injured were pilots who worked for the company.

“The aircraft had just arrived from maintenance. It was modern and had had all documents updated,” he said.

Da Cunha could not say whether the helicopter

was about to land or had just taken off from ABC's headquarters, located next to a shopping centre's parking lot in Ribeirao Preto.

Specialists of the Brazilian Air Force are expected at the spot to analyze evidence from the accident. —MNA/Xinhua

## Air pollution in Albania causes hundreds of deaths each year

TIRANA, 2 Nov — Heavy air pollution in Albania is causing hundreds of deaths a year, a study issued by the World Health Organization on Thursday showed.

The WHO study estimated that about 200 deaths a year in Albania are directly linked to the increased air pollution in the country, especially in the capital city of Tirana.

The study said excess pollution contributed to various diseases including cardiovascular and

respiratory diseases, reducing life expectancy with children and old people the hardest hit.

The air pollution was blamed on secondhand cars which use low quality fuel and spew out tiny particles far exceed international and European Union standards, the study said.

For the 3.2 million population in the western Balkan country, one of the poorest in Europe, more than 300,000 aged and secondhand cars are on the road and polluting the air. — MNA/Xinhua

## Millions wasted on teaching reading in Britain

LONDON, 3 Nov — The British Government has spent half a billion pounds in a failed attempt to boost reading standards in primary schools in England, an academic report said on Friday.

The independent study said the government's National Literacy Strategy had cost 553 million pounds in the seven years to 2005 but had had “almost no impact” on reading levels.

“In essence, standards have remained constant,” said Durham University Professor of Education Peter Tymms in the report,

part of the largest review of primary education for 40 years.

“Standards of reading have remained more or less the same over a very long time — since the 1950s,” he said in a study of existing research for the Cambridge University based Primary Review.

The newly-elected Labour Government launched the National Literacy Strategy in 1998 as one of the pillars of Prime Minister Tony Blair's mantra of “education, education, education”.

The programme

introduced the daily “Literacy hour” to primary schools and has been credited by the government with increasing the number of 11-year-olds reaching the expected Level 4 reading standard. —MNA/Reuters

*A Red-necked wallaby carries her five-month albino baby inside its pouch, on 1 Nov 2007, at the zoo in Buenos Aires. The baby wallaby will be named by kids in a contest in the next weeks, according to the customs and traditions of the zoo. —INTERNET*



# SPORTS



McLaren's Formula One driver Fernando Alonso of Spain waves to a crowd from a balcony in Oviedo, northern Spain, on 28 Oct, 2007.—XINHUA

## Reggina sack coach Ficcadenti, bring in Olivieri

MILAN, 2 Nov — Reggina have sacked coach Massimo Ficcadenti and replaced him with 66-year-old Renzo Olivieri, Serie A's bottom side said on Thursday.

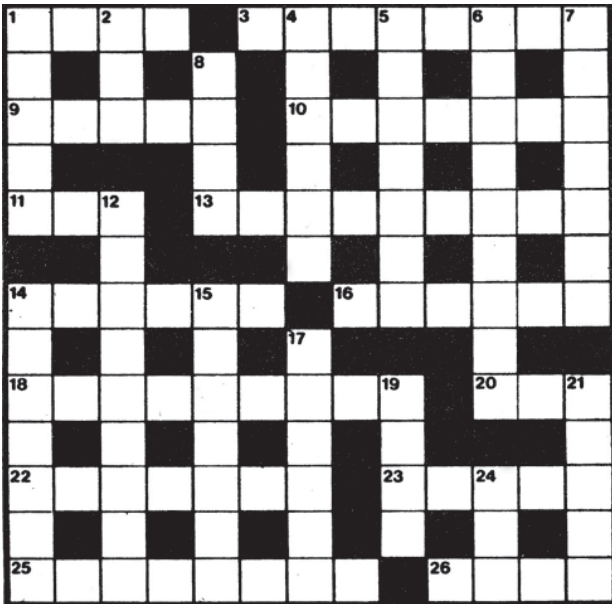
Reggina swapped places with fellow strugglers Livorno on Wednesday after a 3-1 home defeat by the Tuscans.

The club from Reggio Calabria on the toe of Italy have just five points and have not won in 10 league games this term, prompting president Lillo Foti to remove a coach he only appointed in the close season.

Reggina announced the management switch on their Web site ([www.regginacalcio.com](http://www.regginacalcio.com)).

Olivieri, the head of Italy's managers' association, coached Serie B side Bologna last season but has also managed a host of other Italian clubs. —MNA/Reuters

## CROSSWORDS PUZZLE



### ACROSS

- 1 Shout loudly
- 3 Relative position
- 9 Girl's name
- 10 Utterly confused
- 11 Intention
- 13 Orchestra (anag.) (4-5)
- 14 Forest official
- 16 Climb
- 18 Foxglove
- 20 Tibetan ox
- 22 Stuffy
- 23 Crevice
- 25 Systematic written composition
- 26 Zulu warriors

### DOWN

- 1 Very light wood
- 2 Pale
- 4 Armed guard
- 5 Arrives at
- 6 Ill-fame
- 7 Prosper
- 8 Soapstone
- 12 Zoo
- 14 Beaming with joy
- 15 Implore
- 17 Shuts
- 19 Bag
- 21 Gurkha knife
- 24 Branch

## Kuwait federation board quit over FIFA ban

KUWAIT, 2 Nov — Kuwait's soccer federation board resigned on Thursday, days after world governing body FIFA suspended the Gulf Arab state from all international matches because of governmental interference in the national game.

The state news agency KUNA said the mass resignation was "carried out for the good of Kuwaiti football and as a suitable and prompt measure to have FIFA's suspension ...lifted".

The suspension could rule the Gulf state out of the 2010 World Cup in South Africa, qualifiers for which resume later this month.

Kuwait held elections for key posts in the country's soccer federation on October 9 but FIFA and the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) refused to recognise the polls.

FIFA said Kuwait had ignored the two bodies' "road map" requiring them to set up an interim board to organize fresh elections and draft new guidelines to prevent governmental interference in the game.

MNA/Reuters

## Pound takes parting shot at sports governing bodies

LONDON, 2 Nov — Outgoing World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) chief Dick Pound warned sport's governing bodies to toughen up in the fight on drugs cheats on Thursday. "Doping is a 20th century problem being dealt with by 19th century organizations," Pound said on Thursday at a sport industry conference in London.

"It's a big, complicated problem and many of them don't have the stomach for the fight."

Pound said there had been a "sea change" in the attitude to doping in the United States in the wake

of the BALCO affair and said progress was being made worldwide.

"The science is a constant game of cat and mouse and that will continue," he said. "But we are making progress. 75 per cent of our budget goes on scientific research."

Pound, who leaves his post at the end of November, took a parting shot at cycling's world governing body (UCI) for its failure to get its house in order after another Tour de France blighted by doping. "They let it get out of control," he said. "Maybe they thought that the Tour de France was bigger than the sport."

"This year was a disaster and when television, written press and commercial backers start bailing out they must have known they were looking into the abyss.—MNA/Reuters

## Barca lose ground after draw at Valladolid

MADRID, 2 Nov — Barcelona lost ground on Primera Liga leaders Real Madrid when they were held to a 1-1 draw at struggling Valladolid on Thursday.

The Catalans made a lethargic start and fell behind in the 16th minute when striker Joseba Llorente bundled the ball into the net but they salvaged a point when Ronaldinho equalized with a neat finish just before halftime.

Barca remained in second place in the table,

level on 21 points with Villarreal and four behind leaders Real Madrid after 10 games.

"I'm not too worried because leagues are won in the second half of the season and we've still got a strong chance of winning the title," Barca coach Frank Rijkaard told reporters. Atletico Madrid are fourth on 20 after their entertaining 4-3 win over Sevilla on Wednesday, three clear of Espanyol who were held to a 0-0 draw at home to Real Murcia on Thursday.

Valladolid's only victory this season came in their opening match against Espanyol but they made a confident start at the Zorrilla.

MNA/Reuters



Czech international striker Milan Baros, seen here in August 2007, was clocked doing 271 kilometres an hour (168 miles an hour) in his Ferrari on a motorway east of here on Thursday, police sources said on Friday.—INTERNET

## Hingis positive test deals further blow to troubled sport

PARIS, 2 Nov — The news that Martina Hingis tested positive for cocaine at this year's Wimbledon is the latest blow to a sport tarnished by several doping cases and allegations of match-fixing.

Former world number one Hingis, who revealed the positive test at a news conference on Thursday but strongly denied having ever taken drugs, announced she was retiring from professional tennis.

Several high-profile tennis players have been involved in doping scandals, notably Argentine Mariano Puerta, the 2005 French Open runner-up. A former top 10 player, Puerta returned to action last June after a two-year suspension for doping, his second ban.

Puerta, who had previously served a nine-month suspension, tested positive for the banned stimulant etilefrine after his loss to Rafael Nadal in the final at Roland Garros in 2005. He had tested positive for anabolic agent clenbuterol in 2003.

Another former top 10 player from Argentina, Guillermo Canas served a 15-month doping ban from 2005 to 2006.

Canas, who tested positive for the banned diuretic hydrochlorothiazide (HCT), said he had ingested the substance in error after receiving medication from a tournament doctor intended for another player's coach but failed to have his ban overturned.—MNA/Reuters

## British minister attacks obscene Premier League wages

LONDON, 2 Nov — British Sports Minister Gerry Sutcliffe has attacked spiralling wages in the Premier League. "Good luck to (Chelsea captain) John Terry but I think it is obscene to be on 150,000 pounds per week," Sutcliffe told a sports industry conference on Thursday.

Sutcliffe, who is fairly new in the job after taking over from Richard Caborn this year, said football was in danger of alienating itself from ordinary people.

"Chelsea are 250 million pounds in the red and they may be able to cope with that but it's not the real world. That is not sustainable.

"This year Manchester United increased their season tickets by 13 per cent. That's taking the game away from the ordinary grass-roots fans.

"We don't want to be in a position where people are alienated." Sutcliffe also endorsed FA chief executive Brian Barwick's tough stance on behaviour in grass-roots football, but said top players needed to clean up their act.—MNA/Reuters

### London police guilty over Brazilian's shooting

LONDON, 3 Nov — London's police force was found guilty on Thursday of putting the public at risk over the killing of an innocent Brazilian, gunned down after being mistaken for a suicide bomber in 2005, the BBC reported.

Police shot electrician Jean Charles de Menezes, 27, seven times in the head after he boarded an underground train in south London on 22 July, 2005. They had wrongly identified him as one of four men who tried to attack the city's transport system

a day earlier.

The Office of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police faces a large fine now that it has been found guilty of the single charge of breaching health and safety rules which require it to protect the public.

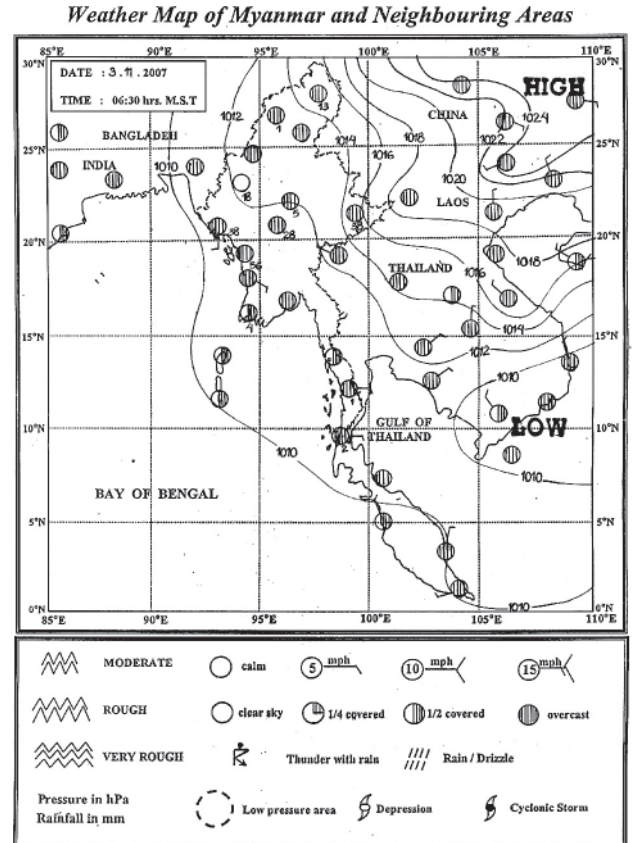
Prosecutors had accused the force of a "shocking and catastrophic error" during the trial at the Old Bailey, in what was seen as an extraordinary use of workplace health and safety laws against a police force. — MNA/Reuters

### Lu Shwin Kyin @Mrs. Yang Kyein Sai (Mahadevi of Kokang) (1925-2007)

Lu Shwin Kyin @Mrs. Yang Kyein Sai (Formerly Mahadevi of Kokang) of No.5 Melikha Rd, Mayangon, Yangon, beloved wife of (Yang Kyein Sai @Edward Yang-Formerly Saophalong of Kokang), beloved mother of Jackie Yang (David Rettie), Laura Yang- Tom, Lena Yang, Oscar Yang, Helen Yang, Faith Yang- Guenther E. Wolf, Elfreda Yang- James Goodro and Ernest Yang, beloved grandmother of Lee Yang Rettie, Meiling Reetie, Pailing, (Melissa), Lynn Wolf, Ming Wolf, Marcus Wolf, EJ. Goodroe, John Goodroe, Cathy Goodroe and Ronnie Goodroe, beloved sister of Nancy passed away peacefully at her residence on October 25, 2007 (Thursday) 4 am.

Funeral cortege will leave the above residence for Yayway Cemetery for burial on 5th November 2007.

Bereaved family



### WEATHER

Saturday, 3 November, 2007

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayin State and Yangon Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Rakhine and Kayah States and Magway Division, fairly widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay and Magway Divisions. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above November average temperature in Mon State, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, (5°C) above November average temperatures in Kachin and Chin States (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions and about November average temperatures in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.24) inch, Myingyan (3.27) inches, Nansam (2.60) inches, Kyaukphu (2.25) inches, Lashio (2.05) inches, Taunggu (Aviation) (1.97) inches, Monghsat (1.73) inches, Taunggu (1.69) inches, Sittwe (1.65) inches, Pakokku (1.58) inches and Taunggyi (1.57) inches.

Maximum temperature on 2-11-2007 was 94°F. Minimum temperature on 3-11-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 3-11-2007 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 2-11-2007 was (4.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-11-2007 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 Southeast at (14:30) hours MST on 2-11-2007.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea, North and Soth Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 3-11-2007:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions and isolated 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 continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 4-11-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-11-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-11-2007:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

### UK spies trying to destabilize Russia

MOSCOW, 3 Nov — The man wanted by Britain for the murder of former Russian spy Alexander Litvinenko says British secret services are trying to destabilize Russia.

Former KGB officer Andrei Lugovoy, speaking exactly a year after meeting Litvinenko on the day he fell

ill, said he had been caught in a web of intrigue that senior figures in Britain were using to damage Russia.

"For the past 15 years in particular, they have been doing everything they can to abase Russia and discredit her on the world stage," Lugovoy told reporters on Thursday.

Lugovoy met Litvinenko at a London hotel on November 1 last year with another Russian, Dmitry Kovtun. Later that day, Litvinenko complained of feeling ill. He was admitted to hospital and died on November 23 from polonium 210 poisoning. — MNA/Reuters



Sunday, 4 November Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music -Desert moon
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music -I'll wait
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am Music -Kiss
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Cultural images of Myanmar -Myanma marionette
- 9:20 am Music -Love of a life time
- 1:30 pm News /slogan
- 1:40 pm Children's delight(story) -Method of making gold and silver
- 1:50 pm Songs for children
- 9:00 pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Music/LIETS -The day we find love
- I'll never break your heart
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Sunday, 4 November View on today

- 7:00 am
  1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး နိုင်ငံတော်သံယု မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့ အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာ သဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am
  2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
  3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
  4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
  5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:15 am
  6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am
  7. International news
- 8:45 am
  8. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
  1. Martial song

- 11:15 am
  2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am
  3. Round up of the week's international news
- 11:40 am
  4. Myanmar Video Feature: "အချစ်ရိပ်" (ဖြိုးငွေစိုး၊ စိုးမြတ်နန္ဒာ) ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်ပြည့်ဝ (ပန်းဝေသီ)
- 1:30 pm
  5. သဒ္ဓါကြည့်ဖြူပေးကာလှူ ဆေးလောကသစ်မှတ်တိုင်ထူ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 1:45 pm
  6. Musical programme
- 1:55 pm
  7. အမျိုးသားကာကွယ် ဆေးတိုက်နေ့များအကြောင်း သိကောင်းစရာ
- 2:05 pm
  8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:20 pm
  9. (၂၄)ကြိမ်မြောက် အရှေ့တောင်အာရှ အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲဝင်မည့် မြန်မာအားကစားအဖွဲ့များ၏ ကြိုတင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုများ (ဖြားပစ်)
- 2:35 pm
  10. အစဉ်အလာကောင်း မည်လှိုင်းချောင်းတစ်
- 2:45 pm
  11. International news
- 4:00 pm
  1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
  2. Song for uphold national spirit

- 4:30 pm
  3. English for everyday use
- 4:45 pm
  4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ-စတုတ္ထနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)
- 5:00 pm
  5. Song of national races
- 5:15 pm
  6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 5:30 pm
  7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm
  8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm
  9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm
  10. "ညောင်မယ်ချို" (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဂွမ်းပုံ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဘုန်းမြင့်အောင်)
- 6:45 pm
  11. Musical programme
- 7:00 pm
  12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နေပြည်ဆမ်းမှ" (အပိုင်း-၅)
- 8:00 pm
  13. News
- 8:00 pm
  14. International news
- 8:00 pm
  15. Weather report
- 8:00 pm
  16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စရာပျိုကညာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
- 8:00 pm
  17. The next day's programme

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# People's Desire

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

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

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

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

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