Secretary-1 inspects Vegetable and Fruit Research and Development Centre in Hlegu Township

YANGON, 29 Sept.—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win inspected research, development and training and education activities of Myanmar Agriculture Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Hlegu Township this afternoon.

Accompanied by Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Chan Nyein and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Secretary-1 arrived at the Vegetable and Fruit Research and Development Centre of MAS in Yemon Model village in Hlegu Township. They were welcomed there by officials of MAS.

Deputy General Manager of MAS Dr Sein Hla Bo and project manager of VFRDC U Kyaw Win reported background history of the centre, research and development works and future tasks.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said plenty of vegetables and fruit can be produced and available in the market with application of the findings of the research works by vegetable growers and producers. He urged researchers to make efforts to become the centre on which vegetable growers and consumers can rely. It is sure that the kind of vegetable and fruit of high quality will be produced if the researchers make efforts for this purpose based on their expertise and experience, he added.

Next, the Secretary-1 inspected research works at vegetable and plant tissue laboratories, tissue culture and reproduction and gave instructions.

Established in 1986, the centre has been conducting vegetable and plant tissue laboratories, tissue culture research and development works and future tasks.

At the Central Agriculture Research and Training Centre, green house, agriculture and soil and plant protection research works are being carried out and management and agriculture methods course-on-job training course and workshops are also being conducted.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 proceeded to No 4 Agricultural Machinery Factory of the Agricultural Machinery Factory of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation at Kyaikalo in Mingladon Township. Officials concerned conducted the Secretary-1 and party round the factory which produces shafts and gear boxes for power tillers.

The Secretary-1 inspected production of petrol tank, disc wheel, air cleaner, exhaust silencer and other parts at the No 3 Agricultural Machinery Factory.

Next, the Secretary-1 arrived at No 1 Central Workshop and also saw over assembling of power tillers, production of bulldozers there.

He urged the responsible officials to boost production of import-substitute agricultural machinery and left there.— MNA

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Chief of Armed Forces Training receives Thai delegation

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The Yangon delegation received Thai and Vietnamese colleagues and officers. Police Col Khan Aung and Col San Pwint who accompanied Minister Col Thein Nyunt also arrived back on the same flight.

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PBANRDA Minister arrives back after attending Ministerial Meeting of signatory countries to 1993 MoU on drug control

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We express our wish thus

* If you act wantonly, with your strength
You will only cast an evil appearance.

* Because of inconsiderate act of one
Letting movement follow what’s in mind
Multiple worries, serve no good
All strata of life, all acts
On Iraq, the stage, the scenes are set
These enactments, are but lessons.

* Destructive acts, are too easily done
Reconstruction, to return to normal shape
How so difficult, as played out in Iraq
For the world, these are but lessons.

* By bringing out these lessons
Such happenings in this human abode
Not to see or to hear
With the resolve, with these feelings
With prowess of leaders
With human dignity, lofty
In this global human village
To prosper and continue to enjoy peace
For such human environment emerge
May we be able to think and endeavour.

Po Wa (Trs)
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This Assembly has been conceived as a forum for the nations of the world, big and small, to air their views and grievances freely as the stakeholders in the governance of the international community. It is unfortunately subservient to the United Nations Security Council, which in turn is subservient to any single one of the five victors of a war fought more than half a century ago. It is hardly a democratic forum but it is all that the great civilization of the late 20th and early 21st centuries has, a civilization that is supposed to uphold freedom.

Still we, the small nations have much to be grateful for. From being the colonies of the Europeans we are now independent, and we are granted membership of the United Nations with the right to speak, albeit with proper restraint and decorum at this august assembly. And as independent nations we believe we have a right to manage our internal affairs ourselves without foreign interference.

We all carry the baggage of history. But we would willingly leave them behind if it is not for the fact that history has a nasty habit of repeating itself. Today we are seeing the resurgence of European imperialism. At first we thought the colonisation would be virtual. Merely foy economic strangulation and financial emasculation, the newly independent countries could be brought to their knees, begging to be recognised in other forms. “But today we are actually faced by the old physical occupation by foreign forces. Puppet regimes are installed dancing as puppets do.”

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The unipolar world dominated by a democratic nation is leading the world to economic chaos, political anarchy, uncertainty and fear. We are not going to recover, and have peace for as long as threats are used for political and economic reforms that most of the world is not ready for and not willing to accept.

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The President of the Republic of Indonesia said: Whatever the reason held by anyone of us, we all must admit that the absence of a just attitude, exacerbated by a feeling of being sidelined and ignored, in addition to the deficiency of formal means to channel aspiration, has cultivated a climate of violence to grow. In our view, this is actually the seed and root of the problem, which tends to grow and expand, and among others leads to even devastating and tragic acts of terror.

It is very depressing to observe that we have been very slow in understanding the root causes. The war in the Middle East a few months ago is just another reflection of the situation. The war has created far more problems than those it intended to solve. I do believe that a great many lessons can be learnt from the Iraq War.

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Postwar violence kills extra 1,500 civilians in Baghdad

London, 29 Sept—Soaring violence on the streets of Baghdad since the UN-led war in Iraq has killed an extra 1,519 civilians, a research group said on Friday.

The Iraq Body Count (IBC), an Anglo-American group of academics and peace activists, said its study of violent deaths recorded at the main city morgue confirmed anecdotal evidence of “terror” and “mayhem” on the streets of Baghdad.

“The majority of deaths are the result of Iraqi on Iraqi violence, some were directly caused by US military fire,” the non-profit group tracking civilian deaths in Iraq said in a statement. From mid-April to the end of August, 2,846 violent deaths were recorded by the Baghdad morgue, the IBC said, basing its figures on a variety of media sources.

After subtracting the average pre-war death rate, “at least 1,519 excess violent deaths in Baghdad emerges,” it added. The majority of Iraqis keep weapons — mainly AK-47 rifles or pistols — and have been ready to use them since Saddam Hussein’s authoritarian government was toppled on April 9. Gunfights are frequent on Baghdad streets and revenge killings are also common as people settle old scores knowing murders will probably go unpunished.

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Before the war, gunshot wounds accounted for approximately 10 per cent of bodies brought to the morgue, but now make up more than 60 per cent, it added. The IBC said responsibility for the violence plaguing Baghdad’s five million residents lay with the occupiers.

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Malaysia only to join UN peacekeeping force in Iraq

Kuala Lumpur, 29 Sept—Malaysian Defence Minister Najib Tun Razak on Saturday reiterated that Malaysia would only join a peacekeeping force in Iraq under the banner of the United Nations (UN).

Malaysia has urged the United Nations to play a leading role in postwar Iraq so that other UN members can participate constructively.

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China calls for social involvement in national eco planning

Beijing, 29 Sept—China’s State Development and Reform Commission (SDRC) announced here Saturday that China would invite domestic as well as overseas research and consultative institutions to participate in the planning for the economic and social development.

The SDRC will conduct a series of research projects on issues relating to the making of the next five-year plan, or the 11th five-year plan, and some of these research projects would be opened to qualified social research and consultative institutions at home and abroad, said Yang Weimin, director of the development planning department of SDRC.

Overseas institutions will be treated equally with their Chinese counterparts in the bidding and no special restrictions would be placed on them, Yang said.

China used to designate institutions to carry out research projects. The open bidding will offer opportunities for social institutions to take part in the national decision-making process and their participation would also help increase the transparency of the process, Yang added.

Not all projects would be planned in a span of five years, said Yang, and those involving such sectors as education, energy, and environment protection could cover about 10 or 20 years.

According to the information from the SDRC, the researches would centre on the comprehensive development of a “Xiaokang soci- ety”, or a relatively affluent society, solutions to China’s regional imbalance in develop- ment, and establishment of a new development concept. — MNA/Xinhua

UN assistance to Nepal focused on mitigating poverty, illiteracy

Kathmandu, 29 Sept—The newly-appointed resident coordinator of the United Nations organizations in Nepal, Matthew Kahane has said that the United Nations assistance to Nepal will centre on mitigating the underlying poverty and illiteracy in the country.

“While the country is suffering from severe political conflicts, my priority will be reached out to the root causes of the underlying poverty and illiteracy. This may help resolve the problem to a great extent,” The Rising Nepal newspaper on Saturday quoted Kahane as saying.

The United Nations is trying to improve its policies and programmes for poverty reduction and girl education in Nepal to integrate them in the mainstream of national development activities, Kahane told the state-run English daily on Friday.

Kahane said that the United Nations is ready to provide its good offices to resolve the political conflicts in Nepal and that the internal political problems should be resolved within the country through mutual understanding and cooperation.

He reiterated, “The United Nations opposes any violence or destructive activity as it knows that political conflicts cannot be resolved through it.”

Kahane, born in Scotland, was appointed UN resident coordinator and United Nations Development Programme resident representative in Nepal three weeks ago.

Thousands of people march down a main street of Barcelona, Spain, on 27 Sept 2003, behind a banner reading, No Occupation in Iraq and Palestine, during a demonstration to protest the war in Iraq and the political situation in Palestinian territories coinciding with demonstrations in many other countries. — Internet
Thousands in US protest Iraq occupation

Los Angeles, 29 Sept—Thousands took to the streets of Hollywood on Sunday to protest the occupation of Iraq in one of several weekend demonstrations around the world criticizing the Bush administration.

An estimated 3,000 people took part in the peaceful march and rally, some chanting, “George Bush, Uncle Sam, Iraq will be your Vietnam,” while walking down Sunset Boulevard.

Similar rallies were held in Boston and San Francisco, and followed international protests Saturday in London, Athens, Paris and other cities.

No arrests or injuries were reported in the Los Angeles protest, which drew a diverse group from war veterans to parents with children in strollers. Some demonstrators carried signs saying “Recall Bush” and “Iraq Equals Quagmire.”

“We are supposed to be a democratic, free nation and I want to express my feelings against this criminal administration,” said Pilar Happori, 58, of Garden Grove. “This is a dangerous administration for destroying not only the US, but the world.”

At the rally, Democratic presidential candidate Dennis Kucinich said US troops should be pulled out of Iraq and replaced by international forces.

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Los Angeles, 29 Sept—The father of a soldier killed in Iraq accused President George Bush yesterday of being responsible for his son’s death.

Fernando Suarez, whose 20-year-old son, Jesus, was one of the first fatalities, said: “My son died because Bush lied.”

Mr Suarez, from Escondido, California, speaking at a press conference to publicise tomorrow’s anti-war demonstrations in eight US cities, said that about 1,300 parents of troops stationed in Iraq were involved in a movement against the occupation. “It is time for these troops to come home,” said Mr Suarez.

Neither my wife nor my family want more children to die in this illegal war. We are no less patriotic for wanting peace. Bush wants $87b [£52m] for his son’s death. I want $87b for my son’s death.

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New York marchers protest occupation of Iraq

New York, 29 Sept — Hundreds of protesters, chanting slogans and tossing placards, marched through midtown Manhattan on Sunday demanding the “end of occupation” of Iraq, the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The rally, staged by 30 groups under the banner, “End Occupation in Iraq, Palestine and EVERYWHERE!” began at the south edge of Central Park and made its way down Broadway with stops planned at the missions of the Philippines, Colombia and South Korea before ending at the Israeli Mission.

Held on the third anniversary of the second Palestinian Intifada (uprising), some 25 people carried a huge “Palestinian flag” at the head of the march.

Despite rainy weather at the start, the march had a festive flavor, with cowbells clanging and makeshift drums pounding as demonstrators chanted, “Occupation is a crime, from Iraq to Palestine.”

Two protesters sprayed soap bubbles into the air, while others carried signs like “Bring the Troops Home NOW,” “Palestine Needs Your Love,” and “Impeach Bush.”

The rally was scheduled to conclude with performances celebrating a variety of cultures, and marchers were passed around promoting a mass march on Washington on Saturday, Oct. 25.

3,000 march against Iraq occupation in San Francisco

San Francisco, 29 Sept—More than 3,000 people protested US occupation of Iraq chanting “Bring the soldiers home” and “Money for schools, not for occupation!”

The demonstration capped a weekend of similar protests in major capitals around the world, including a march in London, which saw 20,000 people demonstrate against the US presence in Iraq.

Held under sunny skies, the San Francisco march was largely peaceful, with police reporting no significant incidents.

Much smaller than the tens of thousands that turned out for anti-war marches earlier this year in San Francisco, the demonstration was marred by two simultaneous popular street fairs as well as the city’s annual open-air blues festival.

Meanwhile, the largely anti-war community of Berkeley held its r affirmed annual “How Berkeley Can You Be” festival.

Thousands gathered to watch the parade of bizarre and silly floats and vehicles, many of them sporting messages of anti-war and opposition to the Bush administration.

One group billing itself as “Young Republicans Against the Environment” waved signs which mockingly called for support for global warming and the elimination of trees.

Another group, “People for Economic Treatment of Mosquitoes”, took a poke at Berkeley’s own reputation for outrageous political stunts with signs demanding equal rights for mosquitoes.
Rockets hit US Baghdad compound

Baghdad, 29 Sept — Guerilla rockets hit a Baghdad hotel used by officials in the US-led administration in Iraq on Saturday but no one was wounded, a US military spokesman said.

The assailants used a multiple rocket launcher, hitting the Rasheed Hotel where civilian and military personnel were asleap around 6:30 am (0230 GMT), a US military spokesman Colonel William Darley said.

“There of them successfully fired, and they did strike the building,” he told a news conference. “There were probably others loaded.”

Darley said the attack was the latest indication that guerillas were changing tactics from face-to-face confrontations with US troops towards aiming at “soft targets.”

A spokesman for the US-led administration said the hotel was hit around the 14th floor.

“There was very minor, very superficial damage done,” said Charles Heath. “It woke up us with a bang, but there was really no other further impact than that.”

The explosions were heard across Baghdad. The Rasheed is part of a compound on the west bank of the Tigris River used by US-led administration.

US soldiers sealed off the area. A hotel security guard was taken away for questioning, residents said.

The Rasheed is in a fortified complex that includes palaces built by former president Saddam Hussein and his elite troops.

The attack on Saturday was the latest in a series on Western targets in Baghdad. Eighty US soldiers have been killed in attacks and many more wounded since Washington declared major combat over on May 1.

A suicide bomber blew himself up at Baghdad’s UN headquarters on Monday, killing an Iraqi security guard. Two days later, a roadside bomb intended for a US military convoy hit two civil buses, killing an Iraq and wounding around 20 others.

A bomb exploded at a hotel used by US television network NBC on Thursday, killing a Somali night guard.

“What we’re seeing now is a moving away from that front-line, face-to-face engagement...to more stand-off engagement,” Darley told Reuters. — MNA/Reuters

US lawmakers say Iraq WMD intelligence deficient

Washington, 29 Sept — US intelligence agencies had “significant deficiencies” in collecting information about Iraq’s weapons of mass destruction programmes and all allegations tied to al-Qaeda prior to the war against Baghdad, top lawmakers on the House of Representatives Intelligence Committee told the CIA in a letter obtained on Saturday.

Intelligence assessments that Iraq continued to pursue chemical and biological weapons and had ties to terror groups were long-standing judgments that were not routinely challenged within the intelligence agencies, according to the letter dated Thursday to CIA Director George Tenet and obtained by Reuters.

“The assessment that Iraq continued to pursue chemical and biological weapons remained constant and static over the past ten years,” the spokesperson from House Intelligence Committee Chairman Porter Goss, a Florida Republican, and Representative Jane Harman, a California Democrat.

But there was “insufficient specific information” about former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein’s plans and intentions, the status of Iraq’s WMD programmes and capabilities, and Iraq’s links to al-Qaeda, the letter said. The lawmakers cited weakness in intelligence from spies on the ground and said the government needed to develop better sources.

US intelligence was “fragmentary and sporadic” after US weapons inspectors left Iraq in 1998, the letter said.

“These assessments and long-standing judgments were not challenged as a routine matter within the IC (Intelligence Community),” the lawmakers wrote in the letter that reflected their own views and not the full committee’s opinion.

“The notion that our Community does not challenge standing judgments is absurd,” CIA spokesman Bill Harlow said in a statement. “Iraq was an intractable and difficult subject. The tradecraft of intelligence surely has the luxury of having black and white facts.” — MNA/Reuters

Mubarak urges ruling party to modernize

CAIRO, 29 Sept — President Hosni Mubarak on Friday told the ruling National Democratic Party (NDP), seen by many Egyptians as a stale, unresponsive bureaucracy, to modernize and ensure it has broad appeal.

The comments opened a three-day annual NDP conference. “There were probably others loaded.”

“We must...deepen understanding of our democratic work aiming to establish the pillars of strong multi-party life with the NDP as the party of the majority,” Mubarak’s speech said.

The NDP won its lowest ever number of seats in the 2000 parliamentary elections, although it retains a big majority. Parliament is widely viewed as a rubber stamp for state policy.

Opposition groups say the NDP riggs votes with police help, but the government says elections are fair.

The 2000 election prompted the party to revitalize its image in a bid to attract recruits.

For most of its 25 years in existence, the party has been run by veterans who analysts say still hold the key levers of power.

Hu Jintao on need to maintain stability in Hong Kong

BEIJING, 29 Sept — Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Saturday that maintaining stability in Hong Kong is essential for Hong Kong itself and the country as a whole.

During a meeting with noted industrial and business personalities from Hong Kong, Hu said that in the long run, maintaining prosperity and stability matters not only to the well-being of the 6.8 million compatriots in Hong Kong, but also to the overall interest of the Chinese people in general.

It also has great bearing on the undertaking of “one country, two systems”, under which Hong Kong maintains its capitalist system while the Chinese Mainland continues its socialist system, and on the great cause of peaceful reunification of the Motherland, the President said.

Vice-President Zeng Qinghong, Vice-Premier Wu Yi and State Councillor Tang Juxun were among those senior officials present at the meeting with the delegation, including business tycoons Henry Ying Tung Fok, Li Ka-shing, anding investments we need to rebuild Iraqi roads, water supply and electrical systems as well as other infrastructure that experienced years of neglect.

Murray said US states and local communities were cutting back on spending for their infrastructure in the face of slow US economic growth and job losses.

Sounding themes likely to play a big role in next year’s election, she criticized Bush’s tax cuts that she said “rewarded big corporate contributors and wealthy individuals.” She added his policies had created a record 500-billion-US-dollar budget deficit. “Not only will the President’s budget deficit be a burden on future generations, but it is crowding investments we need to make in education, health care, transportation and security today,” Murray said. — MNA/Reuters

More than 10,000 anti-war protesters march through the streets of London, on 27 September, 2003, as part of the first major demonstration against the Iraq conflict since the fall of Saddam Hussein’s regime. — INDEXT

Protesters march through Tokyo streets, demanding withdrawal of the US-led coalition forces from Iraq and opposing planned dispatch of Japanese troops to the country on 27 September, 2003, as part of a world-wide peace demonstration scheduled for the day.
Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects rural development work in Myek region

YANGON, 29 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung and departmental officials visited Yang Pyay Myaing Monastery and presented teaching/learning aids. BEHS and presented teaching/learning aids.

BEHS and presented teaching/learning aids. The commander presented K 1 million for rural education and the departmental minister K 1 million for rural health care and the command K 500,000 and 20 dozens of exercise books. Officials accepted the donations. Lt-Gen Maung Bo paid homage to Saydaw Bhaddanta Eindaka of Mandalay. He and his party had toured the villages in the township, inspected rural development tasks and fulfilled the needs. He said Saydaw Bhaddanta Eindaka of Mandalay. He said:

"The people are seeking solutions to their daily problems. They are seeking help from the government. The government is trying its best to meet their needs."

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects... (from page 16)

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived at Dophonyan in Moomaik Township, Bhamo District. At the hall of Dophonyan GAD, the Bhamo District Deputy Commissioner made a report. After leaving necessary instructions, Lt-Gen Ye Myint visited Dophonyan People’s Hospital and presented K 500,000 for the hospital through medical officer-in-charge Dr Aung Naing Win. He heard the report on requirements by Schoolhead Daw Khin Su and gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the needs.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo donated K 1 million each for education purposes and for water supply in Kyunsu Township and Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint 60 dozens of exercise books for students. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived back here via Myeik yesterday morning. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets departmental officials at Kyunsu Township Peace and Development Council. — MNA

(continued from page 16)

After inspecting the construction of Bhamo Degree College, Lt-Gen Ye Myint arrived at Hsinkham Bridge construction site on the Mandalay-Tagaung-Bhamo-Myiukyana road. Deputy Superintendent Engineer U Win Kyi of Bridge Construction Special Group-16 presented a report on construction of the bridge which will be 460 feet in length. It will have 28 feet wide motorway and 3 feet wide walkways on both sides. At night, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived in Mandalay. On 26 September morning, together with Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, MCDC Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented offertories to Saydaw Bhaddanta (from page 16)

Lt-Gen Maung Bo tours...

He said they should not be content with the measures undertaken by the State and departments.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented K 1.5 million and 20 dozens of exercise books for village and monastic education and Director (Treatment) of Health Department Dr Tin Win Maung K 1 million for rural health activities to officials. Lt-Gen Maung Bo donated K 1.5 million and 20 dozens of exercise books for education purposes and K 1 million for health officials. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to pearl culture unit of Myanma Tasaki Co Ltd in Domai Island.廖-Gen Maung Bo met with service personnel and families and fulfilled the requirements.

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Gardening Course opened

YANGON, 29 Sept — Gardening Course No 2/2003 conducted by the Development Affairs Department of Dagon Myothit (North) Township was opened this morning at the central gardening training hall in the township. A total of 28 trainees are attending the course which will last 10 weeks. Director-General of the Development Affairs Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Myo Myint made an opening address. — MNA
There were two un-forgettable incidents, which happened in Homa in which I had a lump in my throat while en-joying a dinner. Not so long after the incident 1 U Khun Sa hosted a dinner to us. The deputy commander of No 55 LID, officials of the Military, and mem-bcords of the local battal-ions, leaders of MTA and members of Border Area Special Administrative Board (Homaian) attended the dinner. At the dinner, U Khun Sa expressed his thanks to the government for its good will. Some would think he did so because government officials were also attending the dinner. Hearer from some persons close to U Khun Sa that the MTA leader always expressed his thanks to the government by citing “If we did not surrender at the time of the government, there would never be a time when the MTA gave up its arms.” While I was thinking about the words of the MTA leader at the dinner, I happened to remember my articles pub-lished in 1994 and suddenly lost my relish for the meal. The next incident oc-curred when we, members of HMBA, Special Administrative Board, be-came townswillwrights overnight when the MTA administra-tion was given up. We had to consider social affairs of the town as our responsi-bilities. It was impossible for a townswillwright with no experi-ence. One day, an elder from Naikmule, on be-half of a woman, invited us to have dinner, which happened to be only a social call. Chair-man Maj Ngwe Tin, Secre-tary Capt Kyaw Shwe, Po-lice Captain U Win Tin, Judge U Win in Myint Oo Law-Officer U Soe Than, U Tin Win of the Customs Depart-ment, U Maung Maung of the General Administration Department, U Thein Kywe and U Than Myint of the Immigration Department and 1, a staff of the Development of Border Areas and National Race Department, attended dinner. Sometimes during our com-mun-ications, we suddenly found it difficult to relish the dinner and asked nothing about the matter. Homaian is a town in oblong shape. Different peo-ple from different organiza-tions including foreign and foreign journalists fre-quent the town when it was under MTA. The KNUs, drug traffickers, timber smugglers, cattle smugglers, gem smugglers, all arrived at the town then. But when we arrived there all did not appear. We had to take action against the remnants of the group. But it is not my inten-tion to discuss these. Several members of WNA left the town when MTA was able to organize the break away Mahashan group of WNA in 1984. Some followers of U Moe Hein remained in the town after his group was MTA and SURA Moe Hein group forged an alliance in 1985. Some SSS followers lived in the town as MTA organized the remnant SSS of Sai Lei after SSS headquarters had exchanged arms for peace. Furthermore, a group led by Lawayth, who broke away from KNPP in 1992, arrived at the town and lived in Thabyay Ward. I was surprised to see former acquaintances at such a place. I met a teacher I had known at a community serv-ice in Leikha BEHS in 1981. My acquaintances who played lead and base guitars at the stage-show in 1984 Mongkai Thingyan Festival became a platoon com-mandant of the Myanmar guerilla. The wife of U Khun Sa and an instruc-tor in a garment factory of MTA. I also met with many villagers whom I got ac-cquainted in Naunglai Village, Tangyan Township, in 1990. I also got to know with Hanthalaw, who had at-tended a philanthropic youth training school in Hinthada and went underground. His name became Lawaythan here. I had the chance only after 25 years to tell him that when he ran away from the school, the abbot of the school got angry with him for his act. I was not able to meet with U Kanna of the breakaway SSSA group at the town. They had already separated from MTA since 1995. When we discharged duties in Mongkai region, U Kanna was an elder of Mongyung Village-tract. He never refused to help me when I called for his assist-ance calling him “Grandpa.” He was no more. Leaders of the State gave various necessary in-structions repeatedly to the members of the Special Ad-ministrative Board who were asked to discharge duties in such a town which was once fre-quented by foreigners and foreign journalists, engaged in different illegal trades, located in border area and accommodated various in-surgent groups. The MTA uncondi-tionally surrendered on 3 January, 1996, after holding discussions with the Mili-tary Intelligence since 1995 Ceremonies to surrender the arms were held in Lelawon on 5 January, in Homaian on 3 and 18 January, in Lwainton Mongkwun region on 12, 13, 14, and 16 January, in Mong requirement Monghtaw/Monghtaw region on 15 and 16 January, in Nawan on 20 January, in Naunglai/Hpartan on 23 January, in Monghin/Monha on 25 January, in Namsang on 8 February, in Monggan on 9 February, and in Tachilek on 30 January and 10 February. (To be continued) (Translation: MWT) Myanma Alwin. 28-9-2003

**Visiting Thai delegation tours Yangon and Bago**

**Yangon, 29 Sept —** The visiting Thai delegation members led by Superintendent of Thai National Defence College Li-Gen Kasemisak Plowsawat this morning vis-ited the National Defence College here and paid hom-age to pagodas and edifices in Bago. They were accom-mon-panied by senior military of-ficers of the Ministry of De-fence, Military Attaché of Thai Embassy Colonel Kasam Nakpum and offi-cials.

First, the delegation members called on the Com-mendant Maj Moe Hein at the hall of National De-fence College. The command-ant extended greetings and explained the history of the college. Next, Deputy Direc-tor-General of the Political Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Nyan Lin, Director of the International Relations Di-vision, the Central Commit-tee for Drug Abuse Control, Ministry of Home Affairs Police Col Sit Aye, Director of the Planning Department, the Ministry of National Planning and Economic De-velopment U Oo Kyaw ex-plained matters related to their ministries. Next, the delegation members viewed round the college. When they arrived in Bago, they visited Shwe Pyayaw Pagoda and made cash donations to the funds of the pagoda. The delega-tion members proceeded to Kanbawzathadi Palace of King Bayintuang. At the brief-ing hall, officials of the Archaeology Department explained facts about the palace and conducted them round the palace. They also paid obe-sience to Shwe Thaiboung Buddha Image and made cash donations. — MNA

Efficient use of electricity

- *Do not be softened*  
  Use daylight as the main source of light

- *Do not be bolstered*  
  Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light

- *Oppose those trying to jeopardize*  
  Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enter-prises

- *Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others*  
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There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

Efficient use of fuel

- *Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar*  
  Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US $5.5 million in a year

- *The amount, US $ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River*  
  All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated  
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered  
* Do not be softened whenever appealed

**The border area**

*(Unconditional surrender of MTA)*

**Myint Soe (Na-Ta-La)**

Cash and kind donated to mark International Day of Older Persons

**Yangon, 29 Sept —** A ceremony to donate cash and medical equipment was held at MICT Park in Hlone Township this afternoon to mark the International Day of Older Persons.

- Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlements Maj-Gen Sein Hwa attended the ceremony, accepted the donations and presented certificates to the donors.

Chairman of the work com-mittee for organizing the In-ternational Day of Older Per-sons Director-General of the Social Welfare Department U Sit Myaung and members of departmental heads, officials and wellwishers. After the ceremony, the minister spoke words of thanks. A total of 97 wellwishers donated K 8,417,090 and medicines and medical equipment was passed 2,705,310 totalling K 11,122,400 — MMA

**Ramadan donations**

**Yangon, 29 Sept —** Muslim Free Hospital in Yangon has received donations from wellwishers for its daily public health care services.

Located at 196-200 Maha Bandoila Garden Street, Kyauktada Township, the hospital has been look-ing after the needy sick of all communities regardless of their race, class or religion for the past 66 years.

The hospital requests the public to favour it with their donations during the Holy Ramadan. Donors may dial 376648 or 381893.

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**INTERNATIONAL DAY OF OLDERS**

1st October 2003

"TOWARDS A SOCIETY FOR ALL AGES"
BIMST-EC Energy Sector, Fourth Meeting of Committee of Experts/Officials

YANGON, 29 Sept — The Fourth Meeting of the Committee of Experts/Officials of BIMST-EC Energy Sector Cooperation Programme was held at the Hotel Grand Plaza Parkroyal on Ahlanyu Pagoda Road in Dagon Township this morning. Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi gave an address at the inaugural ceremony.

Present on the occasion were deputy ministers of the Ministry of Electric Power, and officials conducting the meeting.

Some 15 experts from India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Thailand, and Myanmar attended the meeting.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the development of New and Renewable Energy, and to lay down the implementation of projects in accord with five rural development tasks laid down by the State to narrow the gap between urban and rural areas, extension of hospitals to raise the rural health standard, control of diseases and medical treatment.

After that, the commander presented K100,000 donated by well-wishers for the trust fund of the hospital and hospital in-charge Dr Aye Myint Kyi accepted the donations.

The commander and party accepted cash donation K 710,000 donated by 16 well-wishers and Dr Aye Myint Kyi spoke words of thanks. After the ceremony, the commander fulfilled the needs.

— MNA

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint makes a concluding speech at a National Seminar on Women and Sport.

National Seminar on Women and Sport concludes

YANGON, 29 Sept — The National Seminar on Women and Sport jointly conducted by Myanmar National Committee for Women’s Affairs and Ministry of Sport and the Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation successfully concluded at International Business Centre this evening.

Present on the occasion were deputy minister of the Ministry of Culture, Tourism and Sports Technology and Ministry of Physical Education Deputy Minister U Soe Myint presiding as chairman. The first day of the meeting commenced with the presentation of group-4. Regarding the presentations, those present discussed the presentations and the chairman and co-chairperson gave supplementary reports and they enjoyed the best performance of victory of Myanmar Sports with the help of videos. The meeting will continue tomorrow.

— MNA

Foreign Affairs Deputy Minister receives Indian Additional Secretary

YANGON, 29 Sept — The visiting Indian delegation led by Additional Secretary Mr Priyadarshi Thakur, Ministry of External Affairs of the Republic of India paid a courtesy call on Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 3 pm today.

Present at the meeting were the Director-General of the Consular and Legal Affairs Department U Thane Myint and officials concerned from the Ministry.

Mr Priyadarshi Thakur and party arrived here this morning to attend the Senior Officials Meeting between Myanmar and India on outstanding bilateral consular and financial issues to be held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs tomorrow.

President of FIATA, Myanmar, U Aung Kyaw Moe being seen together with officials at Yangon International Airport on 26 September before departure for Indonesia to attend Conference of FIATA-2003 to be held in Bali, Indonesia.

6 kilos of heroin seized in Mandalay

YANGON, 29 Sept — A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Mandalay Special Anti-Drug Squad on 7 Aug, acting on a tip-off, searched a taxi on 34th street between 73rd and 74th streets in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, and discovered a total of 17 blocks of heroin weighing six kilos hidden in the backpart of two drug traffickers who were on board.

In connection with the case, No 8 Police Station, Mandalay, filed the two drug traffickers — Khin Maung Aye, son of U Mya Aung, of Bogyoke Road, Aung Mingla Ward, Kalay, and Tan Naing, son of U Gyan Maw Hawn, of Ward-8, Lashio — under Sections 15/19(A)/20(A)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Drug traffickers Tan Naing and Khin Maung Aye seen together with the seized drugs.

President of FIATA, Myanmar, U Aung Kyaw Moe arrives at Yangon International Airport on 26 September before departure for Indonesia to attend Conference of FIATA-2003 to be held in Bali, Indonesia.
Yenwe Hydel Power Project to satisfy the rising electricity consumption

In order to build a modern and developed nation, market oriented economic system has been introduced in the Union of Myanmar. Therefore, electricity consumption in both the State and private sectors increased dramatically. Furthermore, emerging housing projects, factories, departmental stores, five star hotels, industrial zones all over the country, and new settlements demand more electricity.

Generation of electric power rose from 2,225 million kilowatt-hours in 1988-89 to 4,580 million kilowatt-hours in 1998-99. For generation of more electric power, 28 hydel power plants, 4 gas-fired power plants, and three others were constructed after 1988. However, electric power consumption will continue to grow in proportion to development. To fulfill the burgeoning electric power need of the country, the Ministry of Electric Power is striving relentlessly in all aspects.

In his inspection tour of Yenwe Multi-purpose Dam Project on 17 January, 2001, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on generation of 2000 million kilowatt-hours of hydroelecric power during the period of the five-year plan from 2001-2002 to 2005-2006. Under the guidance of the Head of State, Yenwe Hydel Power Project was implemented on the right bank of Yenwe creek.

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Heavy machinery at work at Yenwe Multi-purpose Dam Project.

2.5 miles south of Myochaung Village in Kyauktaiga Township, Bago Division in February 2001. As the region receives 125 inches of rainfall annually, the creek, a tributary of the Sittoung River, have 306 square miles of catchment area and discharge 861,000 acre feet of water.

To generate electric power all the year round and to irrigate 118,500 acre of farmland, a 1050 feet long and 251 feet high earth embankment with the storage capacity of 1,212,600 acre feet will be constructed. The power plant to be installed with two vertical turbines that can generate 123 kilowatt-hours of electric power a year will be 128x82x65 cubic feet.

On completion of the power plant, electricity will be supplied to the mega power system through a 17 miles long newly installed 33KV power line. Under the close supervision of the minister and the deputy minister of the Ministry of Electric Power and relentless efforts of the staff of the project 90 per cent of tunneling work and 83 per cent of the construction of sluice gates have been completed now.

Translation: MWT (17-9-2003 Kyemon)

Thai delegation of National Defence College arrives Yangon

YANGON, 29 Sept — The Thai delegation of National Defence College headed by Superintendent Lt Gen Kasemkasok Plowskut was arrived in Mandalay by air on 27 September evening to pay a visit to Myanmar.

The delegation was welcomed at Mandalay International Airport by Deputy Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Nay Win, Rector of Defence Services Academy Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing and Senior Military Officers, Thai Military Attaché to Myanmar Mr Om Moosalon and officials concerned.

Mr Kondo of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co Ltd briefs on new models of high quality TV and Panasonic electrical goods.

New models of Panasonic TVs, electrical goods introduced

YANGON, 29 Sept — Han Myanmar Electronics yesterday introduced the new models of high quality Panasonic television and electrical goods at Grand Plaza Parkroyal Yangon on Alauniya Pagoda Road.

First, Mr Kondo, General Manager of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co Ltd, Ho Chi Minh City Representative Office in Vietnam made an opening speech on the occasion.

Officials gave demonstrations on the functions of television sets and other parts such as LCD TVs, PlasmaTVs, digital cameras, DVD video recorders, home theater, SD memory cards.

Those interested may contact Han Myanmar Sales Centre, No 285, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyaukdata Township, Ph 258625, 258626, 256620) e-mail: hamyanann@info.net.mm and can buy the electrical goods at the representatives shops in various towns.

Translation: MWT (17-9-2003 Kyemon)

Myanmar sports delegation leaves for Korea

YANGON, 29 Sept — A seven-member delegation led by President of Myanmar Traditional Sports Federation Thida Thudama Theingi Thiri Thudama Theingi (Outstanding award winner in social field) Daw Mi Mi Khan left here by air to attend the sixth World Martial Arts Festival to be held in Chungin, the Republic of Korea from 30 September to 6 October. Altogether 35 countries will attend the festival and show their respective traditional martial arts.

Photos & Article by Maung Maung (Electric Power)

Myanmar sport delegation seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for the Republic of Korea on 28-9-2003. — MNA

Thai delegation led by Superintendent Lt Gen Kasemkasok Plowskut being welcomed by officials at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

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Implementation of projects for socio-economic development of all regions in the country

Human resource development plays a vital role in national development. Therefore, efforts are being made to promote the basic education sector. The photo taken on 9 August shows the newly-constructed building of No 8 BEPS in Shwepyitha Township.

PHOTO: MNA

Uplift of health and fitness of the entire nation is one of the social objectives laid down by the State. The photo taken on 5 August 2003 shows the four-storey paediatric ward of the General Hospital (West Yangon). — PHOTO: MNA

Disc wheel Workshop of the Ministry of Industry-2 in Indagaw Industrial region, Bago Division. The workshop produces 34,500 disc wheels every year to fulfil the domestic needs.

PHOTO: INDUSTRY-2
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Turkish police seize 76 kilos of heroin
ANKARA, 29 Sept.—Turkish police seized 76 kilos of heroin in the northwestern part of the country on Saturday, the Anatolian news agency reported.

The police found the heroin hidden in a truck that was to depart from Turkey to the Kapikule Border Gate, the report said. The driver of the truck was detained on suspicion of smuggling.

The truck was parked in the regional capital of Izmir.

Chinese Mainland reports no SARS case
Beijing, Sept. 29 (Xinhua) — The Chinese Ministry of Health (MOH) reported no SARS case in the 24 hours from 10:00 am Friday to 10:00 am Saturday on the Chinese Mainland. According to reports from all localities, there has been neither clinically confirmed nor suspected SARS patient on the Mainland since the daily re- sumed daily reporting on the epidemic disease on 19 September, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua

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Turkish police seize 76 kilos of heroin
ANKARA, 29 Sept.—Turkish police seized 76 kilos of heroin in the northwestern part of the country on Saturday, the Anatolian news agency reported.

The police found the heroin hidden in a truck that was to depart from Turkey to the Kapikule Border Gate, the report said. The driver of the truck was detained on suspicion of smuggling.

The truck was parked in the regional capital of Izmir.

Chinese Mainland reports no SARS case
Beijing, Sept. 29 (Xinhua) — The Chinese Ministry of Health (MOH) reported no SARS case in the 24 hours from 10:00 am Friday to 10:00 am Saturday on the Chinese Mainland. According to reports from all localities, there has been neither clinically confirmed nor suspected SARS patient on the Mainland since the daily resumed daily reporting on the epidemic disease on 19 September, said the report.

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India calls for reform of UN to make more representative

UNITED NATIONS, 29 Sept — Indian Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Thursday called for reform of the United Nations to make the world body more representative of the collective will of the international community.

Addressing the 58th session of the UN General Assembly, Vajpayee said that the vision of an enlightened multinational order had matured and the United Nations had encountered further new challenges. “It would be more purposeful to reflect on our own commitment to multilateralism, the extent of its applicability in the real world of today, and the manner in which it can be exercised through the UN. The reality is that international institutions like the UN can only be as effective as its members allow it to be, by ensuring that the reflections of the United Nations on some key aspects, Vajpayee said people in the world should recognize, with a sense of realism, the limits to what the United Nations can achieve, and the changes of form and function required for it to play an operational role in the world.

He pointed to the fact that the United Nations has failed to keep pace with the rapid changes of the world in its political and security activities, and asked that more developing countries be chosen as permanent members of the Security Council to make it represent genuine multilateralism.

Vietnam, Laos seek ways to boost tourism

HANOI, 29 Sept — Vietnam and Laos are making new efforts to increase the number of tourists going in and out the two countries, an official of the Vietnam National Administration of Tourism (VNAT) told Xinhua on Friday.

“The VNAT will submit to the government schemes on upgrading borders in northern Lai Chau Province and the central region to encourage visitors to travel between Vietnam, Laos and Thailand. Vietnam and Laos also plan to issue tourist cards to their citizens,” said Pham Quang Hung, head of the VNAT’s International Cooperation Division. If the Tay Trang bridge is built in Lai Chau, it is expected to encourage international one, more tourists, who are staying in Vietnam’s neighbouring countries, will come to the province on the border with Laos and the 100th Dien Bien Phu victory anniversary to be held next year, he said.

The country also plans to upgrade facilities at border gates in the central provinces of Ha Tinh and Quang Tri to make travel between central Vietnam, central Laos and northeast Thailand easier and faster. “Vietnam and Laos are considering possibility of granting tourist cards, instead of visas, to their residents. Laos is much interested in the model Vietnam has applied to Chinese tourists,” Hung revealed. All the plans have been discussed thoroughly in Hanoi during an ongoing visit to Vietnam by the acting head of the Laos Tourism Administration, Vang Rattanavong, he said.

Brunei to join ASEAN multilateral anti-terrorism pact

MANILA, 29 Sept — Brunei is set to join the multilateral anti-terrorism pact initiated by the Philippines when it attends the next Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in Bali, Indonesia this year.

Philippine Acting Foreign Affairs Secretary Franklin Ebdalin said that Brunei will become the latest addition to the counter-terrorism agreement which already has the Philippines, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand and Cambodia as its signatories. “Brunei is expected to sign during the Bali summit,” Ebdalin said. The counter-terrorism agreement was initially signed by the Philippines, Indonesia and Malaysia in 2000 and later joined by Thailand and Cambodia.

The pact enables the signatories to establish a framework to facilitate cooperation and the interoperability of their counter-terrorism measures on border controls and anti-terrorism crimes.

US poverty up second year on Bush’s watch

WASHINGTON, 29 Sept — Some 1.7 million people in the United States slid into poverty in 2002 and incomes slipped for the second year in a row with Blacks particularly hard hit, the US Government said on Friday in a report sure to provide ammunition for Democrats in the upcoming presidential race.

The Census Bureau’s annual report showed the number of people living below the poverty line rose to 34.6 million last year, from 32.9 million in 2001, when the national economy first went into recession.

Overall, the percentage of the US population living in poverty grew for a second year, rising to 12.1 per cent from 11.7 per cent in 2001. The poverty line was defined in 2002 as $10,444 US dollars for a family of four with two children. Blacks were the only group which saw a larger percentage of its members living in poverty.

The Census Bureau, which only lists year allowed people to identify themselves as being from more than one race, said 23.9 per cent of people who said they were Black and another race lived in poverty in 2002 while 24.1 per cent who identified themselves as only Black were poor. Both figures are higher than in 2001, when 22.7 per cent of Blacks were listed as living in poverty.

The report also said that real median income for all races fell 1.1 per cent last year to $42,499 US dollars.

Democrats have made political hay out of the failure to create new jobs for the third year running and Bush’s Speech to the Nation on September 11 attacks and a wave of corporate scandals for the economy’s failure to recover more quickly from a recession which began in early 2001. He says his tax cuts will fix the nation’s economic malaise and says they are already starting to show results.

Kuwait, Iraq agree in principle to reopen embassies

KUWAIT CITY, 29 Sept — Kuwait and Iraq have agreed in principle to reopen embassies in each other’s capital, Kuwait’s Al-Arabi Al-Amm newspaper reported on Friday.

Speaking to the newspaper on Friday, Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiar Zebari said that the Iraq Governing Council (IGC) and Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad agreed in principle to reopen embassies in Baghdad and Kuwait.

Sheikh Sabah pledged Kuwait’s support for the IGC during his meeting with him at the recent summits of the Organization of the Islamic Conference and the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM), Zebari noted.

He added that his meeting with the Kuwaiti Premier is cordial and Sheikh Sabah agreed on the importance of opening a new chapter with Iraq.
Ten-man Inter hold on for point at Udinese

MACE, 29 Sept.—Inter Milan, forced to play on 10-man for more than an hour, held on for a goalless draw at Udinese in Serie A on Saturday while champions Juventus enjoyed a comfortable 2-0 victory at Reggina.

Udinese midfielder David Pizzaro missed a 66th-minute penalty as the northeastern side failed to make the most of the 17th-minute dismissal of Inter’s Brazilian winger Luciano.

An under-strength Juve move clear at the top before Sunday’s games, thanks to goals from Marcello Zambrotta and Pavel Nedved.

Inter, without injured striker Cristiano Zaccarelli, suffered an early blow at a ground where they have failed to win for five years, when former Chievo winger Luciano was dismissed for a tackle from behind on Marek Jankulowski.

Hector Cuper’s side struggled to regain the initiative as Udinese pushed forward before the break but Luciano Spalletti’s side failed to create much in the way of real chances.

Just before the break Inter had to reorganize again when Marco Materazzi limped off with a thigh injury.

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30-9-2003 (Tuesday) Regular Programmes for Viewers from Abroad 

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9:30 National News 

WEATHER 

August 28-30, 2003

Max. temperature on August 28-30, 2003 was 33.0°C (91.4°F). Minimum temperature on August 29-30, 2003 was 22.4°C (72.3°F). Relative humidity on August 29-30, 2003 was 56.3 to 99.5%. Total sunshine hours on August 28-30, 2003 was 5.5 hours approx. Rainfall on August 29-30, 2003 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon was nil. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 213.7 mm (8.43 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2232 mm (87.87 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 900.40 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from Southwest at (12:00) hours MST on 28-9-2003.

Forecast valid until evening of September 3-9, 2003: Rain or thunderstorms are likely to be scattered in Kachin State, Tanintharyi Division, isolated in Shan, Rakhine, Mon, Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeawady and Sagaing Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (50%). State of the sea: Seas will be moderate to slightly rough in Myanmar waters. Outlook for subsequent two days: Continue of isolated rain or thunderstorms in extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-9-2003: Possibility of isolated rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (40%). Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-9-2003: Partly cloudy.

View today: 

Tuesday, September 30

7:00 am
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2. ကျမ်းစားချက်များ
7:25 am
3. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
3. လူနိုင်ငံဆိုင်ရာ ကျမ်းစားချက်များ
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
5. အောင်မြင်မှု
8:05 am
6. Songs of theyears

8:15 am 
7. International news
8:30 am
8. National News
9. Grammar made easy
4:00 pm
1- Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit 
4:30 pm
3. English For Everyday Use
4:45 pm 
4. Dance of national races 

5:30 pm 
7. National News
8:45 pm 
9. Sing and enjoy
6:30 pm 
10. Evening news
7:00 pm
11. Weather report
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12. National News
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13. National News
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14. National News
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15. National News

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects regional development tasks in Kachin State

YANGON, 29 Sept — State Peace and Development Council member Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Kachin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and departmental officials left Myitkyina on 25 September morning for Mogaung to inspect regional development tasks, thriving monsoon paddy and other crops and construction of Mogaung Bridge.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party were welcomed at 8 am in Mohnyin, Myitkyina District by Brig-Gen Min Thein of Mogaung Station, senior military officers, Chairman of Myitkyina District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Hla Thaung and officials.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited the construction site for Government Technical College construction project in progress.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Mohnyin Government Technical College construction project in progress. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected Sinkhan Bridge on Mandalay-Tagaung-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Mohnyin General Hospital. — MNA

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo tours Myeik District, looks into pearl culture

YANGON, 29 Sept — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung Win, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads arrived at Sakhanthi Village in Kyunzu Township on 26 September.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander, the deputy minister and party met departmental personnel, town-selders and village people.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Win reported on location, population, economic, agricultural, education, health and religious affairs of the village. Officials of the ministries concerned also reported on requirements.

Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint extended greetings to the villagers. In his speech Lt-Gen Maung Bo said the government is giving priority to implementation of five rural development tasks for development of rural areas along with progress of urban areas.

He urged the village people to participate in the tasks for regional development.

(See page 7)

Mohnyin Government Technical College construction project in progress. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects pearl production of Myanmar Tasaki Co Ltd in Myeik, Taninthayi Division. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects pearl production of Myanmar Tasaki Co Ltd in Myeik, Taninthayi Division. — MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint makes a speech and presents teaching/learning aids for the school. He inspected Hsinbo People’s Hospital and presented K500,000 for the hospital through doctor-in-charge Dr Tin Thet Wai Phone. Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed construction of Hsinbo General Administration Department and the office of Myanmar Police Station. (See page 7)