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State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Republic of Turkey

YANGON, 29 Oct — On the occasion of the anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2003, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Ahmet Necdet Sezer, President of the Republic of Turkey. — MNA

Prime Minister attends meeting on Four-Country Economic Cooperation Strategies Summit

YANGON, 28 Oct — A meeting on Four-Country Economic Cooperation Strategies Summit (Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Thailand), took place at the meeting hall of Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar here this afternoon, with an address by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Present at the meeting were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials.

In his speech, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said the Strategic Implementation of Four-Country Economic Cooperation Summit (Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Thailand) will be held in Myanmar in the near future. It is therefore needed to make preliminary coordination on issues to be discussed at the summit.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe attended an ASEAN Summit on SARS held in Bangkok of Thailand on 29 April of this year. It has since then been agreed to hold the Strategic Implementation of Four-Country Economic Cooperation (Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Thailand) in Myanmar.

Preparations are under way for holding the summit

successfully and smoothly. The purposes of holding the summit are: to ensure further economic growth and improve competitiveness of the four countries in border trade; to ensure a smooth flow of investments from one country to another in agriculture and manufacturing sectors; to bridge the income divide in the region through the creation of job opportunities; and to prolong the regional stability and sustainable development in all the four countries.

The Prime Minister urged officials of the ministries concerned to make coordination and collective efforts for the success of the summit as the holding of the summit will bring prosperity not only to the four countries but also to the whole region of ASEAN.

Next, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung reported on preparatory measures to be taken by ministries concerned; and Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone on agreements of the Four-Country Economic Ministers Meeting (Cambodia-Laos-Myanmar-Thailand), held on 27 October in Bangkok.

Ministers and deputy ministers also reported on matters to be discussed at the summit.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister gave instructions, and the meeting ended.

MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses the meeting on Four-Country Economic Cooperation Strategies Summit. — MNA

Ayeyawady Division grows over 3.4m acres of monsoon paddy

YANGON, 28 Oct — It was targeted in 2003-2004 that 3,376,320 acres of monsoon paddy were to be cultivated in Ayeyawady Division. And so far 3,403,300 acres of land have been put under monsoon paddy exceeding the target, and they are thriving now. — MNA

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Tasks for agricultural projects assigned in Ayadaw Township

YANGON, 28 Oct — A ceremony to assign duties to those who will implement agricultural projects for cultivation of cold season crops in Ayadaw Township Sagaing Division was held at the Township Peace and Development Council Office on 26 October.

Present were Commander of North West Command Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development

Council Maj-Gen Tha Aye, members of Division Agricultural Supervisory Committee, Chairman of Monywa District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Win Naung, departmental officials and chairmen of ward and village peace and development councils.

The commander discussed cold season crops cultivation project in Ayadaw Township and successful

implementation of the five rural development tasks.

Next, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Myint Kyireported on arrangements for cultivation of cold season crops and chairmen of ward and village Peace and Development Councils on requirements.

The commander then gave instructions.

The commander and party went to Yoak-su Kyauing in

the township and paid obeisance to Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw U Panña and members of the Sangha. They presented offertories to the members of the Sangha.

The commander inspected 16-bed hospital in the township and fulfilled the requirements. He also inspected construction of buildings in Monywa Education College. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Constant guidance of the Head of State for regional and national development

Now is the time when the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw are joining hands in building the Union of Myanmar into a modern and developed nation and, due to their united efforts, transport, education, health and economic infrastructures are rapidly developing.

We owe the development of all these infrastructures to the constant guidance and far-sightedness of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, close supervision of responsible officials at different levels and efforts of service personnel including intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Owing to the lack of favourable conditions for development, Taninthayi Division did not develop as much as it should have. Therefore, the Head of State not only gave guidance on measures to be taken for the development of Taninthayi Division but also went on a field trip there and fulfilled the requirements.

Now efforts are being made for Taninthayi Division to be self-sufficient in rice, to become the oil bowl of the nation in the future, to be secure and to develop in transport.

For the transport sector of Taninthayi Division, Dawei-Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin-Kawthoung Union Highway was built. Moreover, Winwa, Palauk, Palaw, Taninthayi and Pathoung bridges on the highway were constructed. The last two bridges opened on 23 and 26 October respectively were Laynya-Mandaing and Kyweku-Kyaukphya bridges. Because of successful completion of one bridge after another, travels from one region to another in the division has become easy and smooth.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services and Commander-in-Chief (Army) attended the opening ceremony of the Kyweku-Kyaukphya bridge and extended greetings to local people. In his message, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that political, economic and social objectives were being systematically implemented for peace and development of the Union and, due to the united efforts and cooperation of the Government, the people and the Tatmadaw, political, economic, education, health and social sectors have been experiencing rapid development.

Since its assumption of State responsibilities, the Tatmadaw Government has spent a total of K 88,000 million plus US\$ 150 million on the construction of 163 major bridges across the Union. With the emergence of Kyweku-Kyaukphya bridge, the longest in Taninthayi Division, we believe, the economy of the division and the living standard of the people in it will further improve.

Commerce Minister receives delegates to GMS Business Forum

YANGON, 28 Oct — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone received the delegates who attended the fourth annual meeting of Greater Mekong Subregion Business Forum hosted by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the ministry on Strand Road here this morning. The delegations were accompanied by Chairman of MSBF Vice-

President of UMFCCL.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Director-General of Directorate of Trade U Nyunt Aye, Director-General of the Border Trade Department U Nay Win, officials of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading, UMFCCL President U Win Myint and officials.

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Maj-Gen Myint Swe enjoys the amateur level mandolin contest at the National Theatre.

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Minister U Win Aung sends message of felicitations to Republic of Turkey

YANGON, 29 Oct — On the occasion of the anniversary of the Proclamation of the Republic of Turkey, which falls on 29 October 2003, U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Abdullah Gul, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey. — MNA



Myanmar-Thai friendly tennis matches begin

YANGON, 28 Oct — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended opening of Myanmar-Thai friendly tennis match at Theinbyu tennis plaza this morning.

Present were Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, officials of the Ministry of Sports, Ambassador of Thailand Mr Oum Maolanon and embassy staff, patron of Myanmar Women Sports Federation and members, President of MTF U Khin Zaw (Max Myanmar Co Ltd), guests and fans.

Managers of both teams exchanged pennants.

Next, Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and Thai Ambassador greeted players of both teams and posed for souvenir photos.

Men's doubles, women's singles, men's singles and women's doubles were played. — MNA



Maj-Gen Kyaw Win greets Thai tennis players at the opening of the Myanmar-Thai Tennis Friendly. — SPORTS



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, MTF Patron Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, managers of the two teams and athletes pose for a group photo. — SPORTS

Information Subcommittee for 13th Asian Archery Championships meets

YANGON, 28 Oct — Information and Documentation Subcommittee for the 13th Asian Archery Championships and 2004 Athens Olympic Archery Qualifier

held its meeting at Myanmar Radio and Television this evening.

Present were chairman of the subcommittee Director-General of MRTV

U Khin Maung Htay, Deputy Director-General U Thein Aung, Staff Officer (Grade-I) of Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare Lt-Col

Maung Maung Oo, officials of MRTV, News and Periodicals Enterprise, Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Archery Federation.

U Khin Maung Htay reported on release of events and results, information and documentation and cooperation among the departments.

Next, Secretary of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Myat Thura Soe, Director of SPED U Nyan Tun and members of the Subcommittee reported on functions and arrangements.

MNA



MRTV Director-General U Khin Maung Htay speaks at the meeting of the Information and Documentation Subcommittee. — MNA

Nearly 40 killed in Baghdad blasts

BAGHDAD, 28 Oct—Car bombers struck the International Red Cross headquarters and four police stations across Baghdad on Monday, killing about 40 people in a spree of destruction that terrorized the Iraqi capital on the first day of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, according to police and Red Cross reports.

The Red Cross said 12 were killed there, and police said 27 were killed in the police station bombings, most of them Iraqis. The US military confirmed that among the dead was one American soldier killed at a Baghdad police station.

The bombings came hours after clashes in the Baghdad area killed three US soldiers overnight, and a day after insurgents devastated a hotel full of US occupation officials with a rocket barrage, killing a US colonel and wounding 18 other people. US Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was in the hotel, but was unhurt.

It was two days of violence unprecedented in this city of 5 million people since the end of the US-Iraq war last April, attacks aimed at the American-led occupation and those perceived as working with it.

"We feel helpless when see this," a distraught Iraqi doctor said at the devastated Red Cross offices.

In Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, witnesses said US troops opened fire, killing at least four Iraqi ci-

vilians, after a roadside bomb exploded as a US military convoy passed. The US command did not immediately confirm the incident or any US casualties.

At the offices of the International Committee of the Red Cross in central Baghdad, witnesses said a suicide bomber drove an explosives-packed vehicle,

apparently an ambulance, right up to security barriers outside the building at about 8:30 am and detonated it, blowing down the Red Cross's front wall, devastating the interior and blowing shrapnel and debris over a wide area.

The ICRC said at its headquarters in Geneva that 12 people were killed, in-

cluding two of its Iraqi employees. Baghdad ICRC spokeswoman Nada Doumani said she believed the employees were security guards. Then, through the morning, four other vehicles exploded at police stations in the Baghdad area. Ambulances, sirens wailing, crisscrossed the city all morning.—*Internet*



A fire engine rushes to the scene after a suicide bomber rammed an ambulance packed with explosives into security barriers outside the offices of the International Red Cross in Baghdad, on 27 Oct, 2003. An American general said about 10 people were killed in the blast.—*INTERNET*

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Red Cross ponders cutbacks in Iraq

GENEVA, 28 Oct—The International Red Cross said Monday it is considering cutting back its operations in Iraq after a bomb attack on its Baghdad headquarters that shook the neutral Swiss-run organization. The attack killed two Iraqi employees of the International Committee of the Red Cross and as many as 10 other people outside the agency's compound, said agency spokesman Florian Westphal.

"Such an attack is a major blow for us," Westphal told *The Associated Press*. "It's a big shock. It is obviously impossible to move onto a normal day's business, so we really have to step back and take stock."

United Nations aid agencies also reacted with shock, but said it was unlikely their operations would be affected: They already had cut back to skeleton staffs because of the Aug. 19 truck bombing of UN headquarters in Baghdad.

Several ICRC employees were slightly injured inside the compound, Westphal said. He said ICRC officials in Baghdad and at the Geneva headquarters were reviewing operations.

"It's too early for us at the moment to say how this attack will impact on our activities," Westphal said. "We will have a fairly clear idea within the next few days how we want to proceed."

He said much of the ICRC operation focuses on the agency's visits to prisoners held by coalition forces and the Iraqi police — a main part of the agency's mandate under the Geneva Conventions on warfare and occupation.

It also offers emergency medical aid in conjunction with the Iraqi Red Crescent, provides water and sanitation and educates Iraqis on how to avoid land mines and other explosives left over from warfare.

Internet

UN reduced to pawn in hands of powerful nations

KOLKATA, 28 Oct— The United Nations has been reduced to a pawn in the hands of "some powerful nations" and the global organization "badly" needed reforms to retain its democratic fabric, diplomats from a few member countries said in this eastern Indian city on Friday.

Criticizing UN's "inefficiency" during the recent Iraq war, diplomats from Russia, Germany, Belarus and Bangladesh said it "once again proved USA's stand as the self-appointed policeman of the world".

"It was time the world body stopped giving in to America's arm-twisting," they said.

"UN is a convenient tool in the hands of America and they know when and how to use it," the honorary Consul of Republic of Belarus Sitaram Sharma said at a symposium titled "United Nations Needs to be Reformed".

The decision making process of the Security Council was not binding on nations thus making it a toothless body, Sharma regretted. "What is the role of elected countries when the five Security Council members use their veto powers only in their national interest?"

Large continents like Africa and South America had no representation in Security Council, he said suggesting that in order to make it a truly democratic body, the permanent membership clause should be immediately abolished.

Consul General of Germany E Zander said reforms were urgently needed in the structure of the secretariat, the Security Council, the General Assembly and also the financial system.

Zander said not only the number of members in the Security Council need to be increased but ways to tide over its current financial crisis should be found out.

Speaking on the occasion, Senior Consul of Russian Federation Sayeed M Zabitov said without creation of additional seats in the Security Council it would be difficult to effectively fulfil the UN charter.

Echoing his sentiments, Bangladesh Deputy High Commissioner Touhid Hossain said selective use of principle in the UN system had made it a body of only powerful nations.—*MNA/PTI*

Attacks signal escalation in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 Oct—Suicide bombers struck the Red Cross headquarters and three police stations across Baghdad on Monday, killing about 40 people and injuring more than 200 in a coordinated terror spree that stunned the Iraqi capital on the first day of the Islamic holy month of fasting, Ramadan.

The string of car bombings, all within about 45 minutes, was the bloodiest episode yet in the city of 5 million by insurgents targeting the American-led occupation and those perceived as working with it.

It also appeared to mark a dramatic escalation in tactics, suggesting a level of organization US officials had doubted the resistance possessed. In past weeks, bombers have carried out heavy suicide bombings but in single strikes.

President Bush said progress in Iraq is making insurgents more "desperate" and fuelling attacks.

Mr Bush told reporters at the White House that those who are continuing to engage in violence "can't stand the thought of a free society. They hate freedom. They love terror. They love to try to create fear and chaos."

One American soldier was killed in one of the police station attacks and six U.S. troops were wounded, the military said. Ibrahim put the Iraqi death toll at 34, including 26 civilians and eight police but not the attackers.

The bombings came hours after clashes around Baghdad killed three US sol-

diers overnight, and a day after insurgents hit a hotel full of US occupation officials with a barrage of rockets, killing a US colonel and wounding 18 other people. Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was in the hotel, but was unhurt.

Since Mr Bush declared an end to major combat in Iraq on May 1, 113 US soldiers have been killed by hostile fire.

* In Fallujah, 40 miles west of Baghdad, witnesses

said American troops opened fire, killing at least four Iraqi civilians, after a roadside bomb exploded as a US military convoy passed. The U.S. command did not immediately confirm the incident.

* An Iraqi Civil Defence Corps building in Mosul was attacked by grenades and Kalashnikov rifles, according to Iraqi officials. There were no casualties.

* Mouwafak al-Rabii, a Shiite Muslim member of

the US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council, said the United States must speed up the training of Iraqi police and soldiers and employ ruthless measures to crush the insurgency.

* Shaken by the attack, the International Red Cross said that it may follow other groups in scaling back aid to the Iraqi people because of the danger. Other aid groups are withdrawing personnel from Iraq after Monday's wave of attacks.—*Internet*



A bloodied man is led away after an ambulance packed with explosives blew up in front of the International Red Cross building in Baghdad.—*INTERNET*

US economy strongly affected by war, says Greenspan

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct—The US economy is heavily influenced by the war in Iraq, US Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan said at the opening of the Group of 20 meeting on getting the global economy to grow at a brisker clip.

"The first thing is that it's obvious in the States that the economic development and the economy in general in the past years has been very strongly influenced by the war in Iraq," Greenspan said.

Greenspan addressed finance ministers and central bank governors from the G20 countries and the European Union, saying that the US economy has reacted to "conflicts and hostilities we're having."

The meeting was private, and the rest of Greenspan's speech was not immediately released to the media.

Later, a US Treasury official said that members of the G-20 were being asked to contribute funds toward the Iraq reconstruction effort.

Treasury Secretary John Snow "is talking to his counterparts about the importance of rebuilding Iraq, and specifically about the Iraq debt," said spokesman Robert Nichols.

"One part of rebuilding efforts is the oppressive debt of Iraq."

Iraq has a foreign debt of 125 billion dollars and needs some 56 billion dollars worth of reconstruction after decades of

war, dictatorship and international sanctions.

However, countries such as Germany and France preferred to focus G-20 discussions on mechanisms to fight terrorism financing, according to sources from both delegations.

"One issue is there are new ways to financing terrorists," said Ernest Welteke, German Bundesbank president: "Collecting money for social purposes and then not use it for social work."

G20, which includes 19 countries and the European Union, was set up in 1999 as a forum for industrialized countries and emerging markets to encourage financial stability.

"Our work ... should ... hopefully translate into practical contributions to increase financial stability and promote solid economic growth," Mexican Finance Minister Francisco Gil said.

He urged greater cooperation to counteract money laundering, fraud, tax evasion and other financial crimes.

The finance ministers and central bankers were set to discuss bolstering

global economic growth, refinancing national debts, efforts to crack down on financing for terrorists, and the effects of globalization. Other issues were also expected to surface on the sidelines of the meeting, including US complaints about China's exchange rate policy and Argentina's request for a massive writeoff its foreign debt.

The two-day meeting is the first gathering of leading economic powers since the failure of trade liberalization talks at a World Trade Organization meeting in September in the Mexican resort of Cancun.

That meeting was meant to breathe life into moribund trade liberalization talks launched in Doha in November 2001 that are due to conclude by January 1, 2005.

But five days of intensive discussions failed to yield consensus on such hot-button issues as the elimination agricultural export subsidies in industrialized nations, as demanded by developing countries, and proposals to extend the WTO mandate to such matters as cross-border investment, advocated by Japan and the EU.—Internet

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Three US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 Oct—Three American soldiers were killed and four wounded in two separate attacks in Iraq, the US military said Monday.

Two soldiers were killed and two others wounded Sunday in Baghdad after their patrol was targeted by a roadside bomb. The soldiers belonged to the 1st Armored Division, a military statement said.

In Abu Ghraib, on the western edge of Baghdad, one soldier was killed and two wounded Sunday after an attack on their Military Police unit, according to the statement.

Since President Bush announced the end of major combat in Iraq on May 1st, 112 US soldiers have been killed in hostile action.—Internet

US casualty in Iraq sharply rises to 351

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct—As of Monday, on 27 Oct, 351 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence.

The British military has reported 50 deaths; Denmark, one; Spain, one; and Ukraine, one.

On or since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 213 US soldiers have died in Iraq, according to the latest Defence Department figures.

Since the start of military operations, 1,697 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to US Central Command. Non-hostile injured numbered 339.

— The latest deaths reported by the US Central Command:

— Two 1st Armoured Division soldiers were killed Sunday by an explosive in Baghdad.

— One 18th Military Police Brigade soldier was killed Sunday in a mortar attack in Baghdad.

— A 1st Armoured Division soldier was killed Monday by an explosive in Baghdad.

— The latest identifications reported by the military:

— Army Pfc Steven Acosta, 19, Calexico, Calif.; died Sunday in Baqubah from a non-hostile gunshot; assigned to C Company, 3rd Battalion, 67th Armoured Regiment, 4th Infantry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

— Army Lt Col Charles H Buehring, 40, Winter Springs, Fla.; killed Sunday in an attack on the Al-Rasheed Hotel in Baghdad; assigned to Army Central Command Headquarters (Forward), Fort McPherson, Ga. Earlier reports had identified the serviceman killed in the attack as a colonel.

— Army Pvt Jonathan I. Falaniko, 20, Pago Pago, American Samoa; killed Saturday by an explosive in Baghdad; assigned to A Company, 70th Engineer Battalion, 1st Armoured Division, Fort Riley, Kan.—Internet

Official says Iraq, Bulgaria "should intensify" cooperation

SOFIA, 28 Oct—The bilateral relations between Bulgaria and Iraq should be intensified, Hamid Mussa, member of Iraq's Provisional Governing Council told the Bulgarian Evropa TV on Saturday.

When asked for Iraq's debt to Bulgaria, Mussa said that his country was rich in natural resources but after the three wars and the dictator's regime it would need some time to return to normal economic life.—MNA/Xinhua



Sgt Jeremy Feldbusch, who was left blind after being wounded on a mission serving with the Army at Haditha Dam in northwest Iraq in April, uses his mother, Charlene, as a guide as the two walk outside their Blairsville, Pa, home Thursday, on 23 October, 2003. Shrapnel hit his right temple and lodged in the left side of his brain.

INTERNET

Shanghai seeks closer ties with Hong Kong

HONG KONG, 28 Oct—A Shanghai delegation led by Mayor Han Zheng is making a three-day visit to Hong Kong starting from Sunday to seek closer relations between the two cities.

Hang Zheng said on his arrival here that the two sides will explore overall cooperation to achieve mutual benefit and win-win situation with active and practical manners.

The delegation, consisting of high-ranking officials and business leaders, will kick off a series of meetings and visits aiming at finding more room to increase cooperation between Shanghai and Hong Kong under the framework of the newly-signed Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA).

It will be of great significance for the further devel-

opment of the two sides, said a delegation member.

According to the schedule, Han Zheng and Hong Kong SAR Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa will attend the first meeting of the Hong Kong-Shanghai Economic and Trade Cooperation Conference. An agreement on cooperation between the two sides is expected to be signed at the conclusion of the visit.

Official statistics show that by the end of June, Shanghai had ratified 30,000 overseas-funded projects, one-third of which were funded by Hong Kong business people.

MNA/Xinhua

California wildfires threaten 30,000 homes

LOS ANGELES, 28 Oct—Wildfires raging in southern California on Sunday killed as many as 11 people and destroyed nearly 500 homes, and officials said there was no immediate end in sight as new fires continued to pop up and the skies throughout the region filled with acrid black smoke.

Fanned by the hot, dry Santa Ana winds and minimal humidity, major fires were raging in at least 10 places, having already burned nearly 200,000 acres. The fires were threatening at least 30,000 homes across the region and have already caused millions of dollars in damages.

As night and moderately cooler temperatures came to the region, the weather outlook for Monday was not favourable, with the National Weather Service forecasting temperatures in the high 90s to 100 degrees (32-38 Celsius), with winds gusting up to 45 miles per hour.

MNA/Reuters



A fire bomber makes a drop of fire retardant just above the tree line in Descanso, California on 27 October, 2003. The fire, which has scorched more than 100,000 acres across San Diego County is not expected to be contained until at least 31 October.—INTERNET

BAGHDAD ROCKED BY BOMB BLASTS



US Army soldiers walk through the debris of the Bayaa police station in Baghdad, in the western part of the city, on Monday, 27 Oct, 2003. A car bomb exploded outside this police station, leaving at least three Iraqis dead and several injured. Car bombers struck the International Red Cross headquarters and four police stations across Baghdad on Monday, killing almost 40 people, police and US military reported. —INTERNET



US Army troops secure a blast site outside the Baghdad headquarters of the International Committee of the Red Cross, on 27 October, 2003. Bombers struck four times in Baghdad at rush hour on Monday morning, killing almost 40 people near a Red Cross building and two police stations.

INTERNET

A US Army soldier walks through the debris of the Bayaa police station in the western part of Baghdad, on Monday, 27 Oct, 2003. A car bomb exploded outside the police station Monday, leaving at least three Iraqis dead and several injured. Car bombers struck the International Red Cross headquarters and four police stations across Baghdad on Monday, killing almost 40 people, police and US military reported.—INTERNET



An Iraqi calls to rescuers for help in the debris of a blast site near a police station in the Baghdad suburb of Sha'ab, on 27 October, 2003. Bombers struck four times in Baghdad's morning rush hour on Monday, killing almost 40 people near the Red Cross headquarters and two police stations.—INTERNET



US Army troops seal off a blast site outside the International Committee of the Red Cross Baghdad headquarters (at rear), on 27 October, 2003. Bombers struck four times in Baghdad at rush hour on Monday morning, killing almost 40 people near a Red Cross building and two police stations.—INTERNET



A US soldier waves away onlookers near a blast site in the Baghdad suburb of Sha'ab. Bombers have struck four times in Baghdad's morning rush hour, killing almost 40 people near the Red Cross headquarters and two police stations.—INTERNET

Bremer orders full inquiry into Iraq hotel attack

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct—With anti-US attacks getting more brazen in Iraq, the US administrator there said on Sunday he might pull staff out of a Baghdad hotel pounded by rockets that narrowly missed a top Pentagon official.

Paul Bremer, back in Washington for consultations, said he had ordered a full investigation into the attacks on the Rashid Hotel, where US Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was staying. He was unhurt but a US soldier was killed and 15 people were wounded.

"I've asked for a complete investigation into this, obviously, and my security people are looking at it," Bremer said when asked on "Fox News Sunday" if US troops and others should be pulled out of the hotel.

"Obviously, the security of our people — and I have several hundred people who work for me staying in the Rashid — has got to be an important factor in what we do next," he added. The hotel houses hundreds of civil occupation officials and US military forces and is close to the palace where coalition headquarters is based.

US officials conceded on Sunday that attacks against US forces and officials were becoming bolder and there appeared to be a more organized resistance. US Secretary of State Colin Powell said a dangerous situation existed in Iraq and the United States was working hard to get the situation under control.

"We are still in the conflict and I don't think the President ever sought to minimize that," Powell told NBC's "Meet the Press".

"We are in this insurgency situation where people strike and run and it's a much more difficult security environment," he added. "... We did not expect this would be quite this intense for so long."

Bremer said guerillas appeared to be getting more organized and he pointed to "several hundred hard-core terrorists from the al-Qaeda and Ansar al-Islam-type groups in the country." — MNA/Reuters

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Iraqi men work in construction in Baghdad. The United States cast a skeptical eye on Iran's plan to assist in the reconstruction of Iraq by flooding the country with hundreds of thousands of dinar-spending tourists and religious pilgrims.—INTERNET

US contractors weigh risks of working in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct—US contractors helping to rebuild Iraq weighed the risks of operating in such a hostile environment Monday, after a string of deadly coordinated attacks in Baghdad.

Suicide bombers struck four times in Baghdad Monday, killing 35 people and wounding 230 in attacks that included one on the Red Cross. Sunday, rockets pounded a hotel where a top Pentagon official was staying, killing a US colonel and injuring 17 others.

Government contractors, many of them with hundreds of millions of dollars in business at stake, said publicly they were committed to Iraq but privately voiced concern over the long term and said they wanted to keep a very low profile.

"We are reluctant to become targets and so even to announce that we are staying there tells people that we are there on the ground and puts us at risk," said one US contractor, who

asked not to be named.

The US government has awarded billions of dollars in contracts in Iraq, and security plans for these companies change daily to avoid flashpoints, especially in Baghdad.

Ellen Yount, a spokeswoman for the US Agency for International Development, said the security of contractors and USAID's own staff was the agency's prime concern. Staff and contractors staying at Baghdad's Rashid Hotel had been evacuated after Sunday's attack.

"From a logistical point of view this will put certain constraints on us but we continue to move forward with our work under these conditions," Yount told Reuters, stressing most work outside of

Baghdad was going on as planned and on target.

Some contractors are looking at cutting expatriate staff, but Yount said it was too soon to say whether this would happen. "We have not seen wide-scale, scaling back that would negatively affect the work we have been doing," she said.

The biggest US government contractor in Iraq is a subsidiary of Halliburton, the oil services company once run by Vice President Dick Cheney, which has so far clocked up more than \$3.5 billion worth of business in Iraq.

Halliburton spokeswoman Wendy Hall said three employees had been killed in Iraq so far and security remained a top priority.

Internet

Recent bombings in Iraq since August

BAGHDAD, 28 Oct—The following is a list of recent bombings in Iraq.

— Oct 27: Car bombers strike the international Red Cross headquarters and four police stations across Baghdad, killing about 40 people on the first day of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

— Oct 26: Iraqi insurgents fire a barrage of rockets at the heavily guarded Al Rasheed Hotel, killing an American colonel and wounding 18 others. US Deputy Defence Secretary Paul Wolfowitz was in the hotel, but was unhurt.

— Oct 14: A suicide car bomber exploded his vehicle outside the Turkish Embassy, killing the driver and a bystander, and wounding at least 13.

— Oct 12: A suicide car bombing near the Baghdad Hotel leaves eight people dead and at least 32 wounded.

— Oct 9: A suicide bomber drove his Oldsmobile into a police station in Baghdad's Sadr City district, killing himself and nine other people.

— Sept 25: A planted bomb damaged a hotel housing the offices of NBC News, killing a Somali guard and slightly injuring an NBC sound technician.

— Sept 22: A suicide car bomber struck a police checkpoint outside UN headquarters in Baghdad, killing himself and an Iraqi policeman who stopped him and wounding 19 people.

— Sept 9: A suicide bomber targeted a US intelligence compound in northern Iraq, killing three people and seriously wounding four American intelligence officers.

— Aug 29: A car bomb explodes outside a mosque in the Shiite Muslim holy city of Najaf, killing more than 85 people including Shiite leader Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim.

— Aug 19: A truck bomber struck at the headquarters of the United Nations at the Canal Hotel, killing 23 people, including the top UN envoy to Iraq, Sergio Vieira de Mello.

— Aug 7: A car bomb shattered a street outside the walled Jordanian Embassy, killing at least 19 people including two children. —Internet

British terror alert condemned by Saudi Arabia

LONDON, 28 Oct— Saudi Ambassador to Britain Turki al-Faisal has condemned Britain for issuing a travel warning against his country without consulting it first, the British Broadcasting Corporation reported Saturday.

"The kingdom wishes that when such advice is given by sources outside the kingdom that there would be coordination between the people giving the advice and the authorities in the kingdom," the Saudi ambassador was quoted as saying. He said that his country had been actively cracking down on terrorist networks since the attacks on foreign workers' compounds in Riyadh in May that killed 35 people including two Britons.

On Thursday, 600 alleged militants with links to al-Qaeda were reported to have been arrested in Saudi Arabia.

The British Foreign Office issued a new warning Friday to its citizens against non-essential travel to Saudi Arabia, saying "terrorists may be in the final phases of planning attacks." — MNA/Xinhua



Chinese student designer Lin Jinliang from Guangdong raises his trophy after winning the finals of the Passion for Fashion competition, in Shanghai on 28 October, 2003. The competition is part of '2003 Shanghai Fashion Week,' showcasing international designers and aiming to develop the fashion industry in China's most modern and cosmopolitan city. Lin's collection (behind) won the top prize and he will get a one-year scholarship in the UK at the Design School of University of Northumbria.—INTERNET

Volvo sent to court over Mont Blanc tunnel inferno

PARIS, 28 Oct—A French magistrate has decided to send Swedish truck maker Volvo to trial over a lethal inferno which killed 39 people in the Mont Blanc tunnel between France and Italy in 1999, Volvo and a lawyer said on Saturday.

Volvo chief spokesman Tommy Kohle said his group regarded it as normal that it and all others under investigation ended up in court, on charges of manslaughter in this case, and that Volvo was confident it would be proven not guilty of negligence.

He spoke after Alain Jakubwitz, a lawyer for relatives of victims of the blaze involving a Volvo truck, said magistrate Franck Guesdon had chosen to send all 14 parties covered by his inquiry — people, companies and public authorities — to trial.

"After more than four years of investigation, the investigating magistrate has issued his final order, whereby all 14 parties including Volvo Truck Corporation, will be sent to trial for unintentional manslaughter," Volvo's Kohle said. — MNA/Reuters

Chaucer goes online with "Canterbury Tales"

LONDON, 28 Oct— English poet Geoffrey Chaucer made a pilgrimage to the Internet on Saturday when the British Library published on its website the entire first two editions of his 14th Century classic, *The Canterbury Tales*.

The digitisation of the work, a collection of 24 stories written in Middle English and told by pilgrims on their way to Canterbury Cathedral, coincides with the anniversary of Chaucer's death on October 25, 1400.

The Canterbury Tales has been a bestseller and one of the most loved books in the English language since it was first printed by William Caxton in the 1470s.

"With these digital copies users can explore (Caxton's) early editions in their entirety and study not only the text but the development of printing techniques and illustration," British Library spokeswoman Kristian Jensen said.

MNA/Reuters

"Is that so, Maung Ka Lu?" — "It's more than that"

Maung Ka Lu

Grandpa: Hi, Maung Ka Lu, where have you been these days? We haven't met for long.

Maung Ka Lu: Oh, Grandpa, it's news. I have been watching internal and external news on TV every evening. If I don't know the authentic news reports, I will be deceived by false information.

Grandpa: Oh really? Please explain.

Lu: I had listened to the news reports on the seven stages of the future political programme explained by the Prime Minister in his address. It's about the seven stages to build a genuine and discipline-flourishing democracy, or in other words, the roadmap. I have been watching on TV the news reports about the mass rallies, in which the national races of the Union have pledged to take part in the respective sectors for the success of the political programme.

Grandpa: I too was listening to the news, while telling the beads.

Lu: The Prime Minister explained the all-round developments our nation have enjoyed in a 15-year period facts and figures. When I had to listen to the news report about the developments, I have come to know how much our nation has been achieving peace and stability and national unity and also about the amazing success in all sectors.

Grandpa: The way the TV was reporting the news was excellent. We were able to know the achievements in national development and modernization completely as they were shown sector-wise.

Lu: The TV added region-wise and state/division-wise developments to the address of the Prime Minister with precise figures and facts in broadcasting every mass rally of the states and divisions. As the TV showed the region-wise development, the programmes have served as the proof to the fact that the Government's words are always followed by the deeds.

Grandpa: Right. The roadmap suits best to the history, experiences, the traditions and culture and desire of our nation. Everybody who wishes to see the nation enjoying progress will have to constantly follow the roadmap without fail.

Lu: True Grandpa. We are tired of hearing the slanders being made by the national traitors, expatriates, fugitives and power craze against the roadmap in collusion with some of the media of the west. The false information, I have said earlier, means those slanders.

Grandpa: Oh, Maung Ka Lu, if the national traitors, expatriates, fugitives and power seekers do love the nation, they will have to live in the country and do utmost together with the people for nation development. Only then, will the people acknowledge them as the persons who are really serving the national interest. And they will win the votes of the people to a certain degree when the election will be held after the emergence of the State Constitution. But sadly, they are trying to put Myanmar under economic sanctions, remove all the foreign investments from Myanmar, and push the people into deep poverty; to destroy internal peace, make instigation to cause unrest in the nation. Their allies including the KNU, are committing terrorist acts including killing of innocent people and destroying of the infrastructures including roads, bridges and factories. The colonialist group from abroad is also imposing economic sanctions on Myanmar and hatching plots to cause disturbances and unrest in Myanmar.

Lu: But the Myanmar people always ward off such attempts with Union Spirit, national

Grandpa: pride and unity.

The colonialist group is organizing other countries to apply pressures and impose economic sanctions on Myanmar and to isolate her. The group is even trying to deceive other countries to think Myanmar as a country violating human rights and freedom of worship worst and producing narcotic drugs most.

Lu: But the countries which love justice and know well the wicked plots of the colonialist group do not believe its words. Just see the Ninth ASEAN Summit in Bali, Indonesia, all the ASEAN leaders have welcomed and agreed to the future political programme of Myanmar explained by the Prime Minister at the Summit, although there were instigative acts by the colonialist group. It firmly shows that the world never believes and accepts the egocentric acts of the west. We can know if we watch the international news reports of the Myanmar TV.

Grandpa: The press conference on 13 October had already presented the fine unity, conviction and traditions of the ASEAN. The answer given by the officials to the question — whether it was right or wrong that the KNU was about to return to the legal fold — is interesting. The internal insurgency is the nearest enemy disturbing the national development and most severely destroying the lives and property of the people. Our nation had already faced a lot of trouble for over 40 years due to the ill effects of the divide-and-rule policy, suspicions, factional and ideological prejudices and the extremists. Seventeen major armed groups have returned to the legal fold as they have confidence in the Government's national development endeavours during the 15-year period. Thus, peace is prevailing the length and breadth of the nation, and business is also prospering.

Lu: The KNU and SURA are just remnant insurgent groups. The main forces of the KNU, the DKBO or the Buddhist Kayins, the group led by Phado Aung San and another led by U Saw Tha Mu He have already returned to the legal fold and are working for national and regional development in the embrace of the people. Thus the remaining KNU insurgents are taking refuge in the border areas of the other country. They sometimes sneak into the country and ambush the people in committing terrorist attacks.

Grandpa: The KNU insurgents had held discussions with the government representatives for seven times — three informal discussions and four formal discussions — to return to the legal fold. But the persons such as Eugene Thaik and Naw Louisa Benson came to the KNU and urged it to stay underground as directed by the west. Thus, the KNU issued the Metharawhta declaration and went against the road to peace and committed more acts to destroy the Union. Is Naw Louisa Benson the wife of Bo Lin Htin of KNU brigade 5, who returned to the legal fold in 1964 and went underground again. He married Naw Louisa Benson while in the legal fold, and died in a battle. Naw Louisa Benson KNU brigade 5 joined Bo Mya. Is she a mixed race of Jew and Kayin, a former actress and Miss Myanmar, who married an American, while staying in Bangkok, and accompanied her husband to the west?

(To be continued)
(Translation: TMT)

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People's Desire

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

Efficient use of electricity

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

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 appeased

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The best time to plant a tree was

20 years ago.

Second best time is now.



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye hears report by Police Col Hla Myint on construction of Maha Theikdizaya pagoda on Sandawati Hill in Myeik on 27 October. (News reported) — MNA



Minister inspects social welfare tasks in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 28 Oct. — Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, met officials of the Fire Services Department, Social Welfare Department, Relief and Resettlement Department, and Immigration and National Registration Department at Mandalay Division SWD on 26

October and gave necessary instruction to them.

Yesterday morning, the minister went to Shindawgon Village in Patheingyi Township where he inspected the site chosen for construction of a women care centre. Next, the minister inspected the training schools under the Social

Welfare Department and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Afterwards, the minister and officials arrived at the school for deaf and dumb where they inspected round the vocational training hall, computer room, lecture hall and hostel and left necessary instructions. — MNA

Delegates of ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN countries arrive

YANGON, 28 Oct — A total of 21 delegates of ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN countries arrived here by air yesterday to attend the 20th ASEAN tourism market pro-

motion meeting, the 9th ASEAN tourism human resource development meeting and the 8th ASEAN tourism investment meeting to be held at Bagan Hotel in Bagan Ar-

chaological Zone on 29 and 30 October. They were welcomed by officials at Yangon International Airport. The delegates flew on to Bagan-NyaungU today. — MNA

Minister attends Four-Country Preliminary Commerce Ministerial Meeting for Economic Cooperation Strategies

YANGON, 28 Oct — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone attended the Four-Country Preliminary Commerce Ministerial Meeting (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Thailand) for Economic Cooperation Strategies, held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 27 October.

Before the meeting, the four commerce ministers cordially met to make preliminary discussions.

Afterwards, they made

speeches at the meeting. Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone discussed matters relating to tax relief on Myanmar's export items, implementation of book-keeping trade, co-operation on taxation, opening of departments that can help trade and travelling at border areas, development of human resources, development of transportation infrastructures, formation of entrepreneurs' council for economic cooperation strategies, holding of trade fairs

and establishment of industrial zones that produce export items.

The delegation arrived back here yesterday evening. They were welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Ko Lay, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, departmental heads of the ministry and relatives.

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Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone being welcomed back at the airport. — MNA

Census databases computerization course opened

YANGON, 28 Oct — The agricultural census course for 2003 was opened this morning at the Settlement and Land Records Department (Head Office) here.

The Ministry of Agri-

culture and Irrigation, the Settlement and Land Records Department and Food and Agriculture Organization has jointly conducted taking census for 2003.

A total of 56 trainees from the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Fisheries Department and SLRD are attending the course.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greets Tatmadawmen and their families from battalions and units of Sittway Station. — MNA



A contestant competes in the Domin contest at amateur level. — MNA



A contestant competes in the Dobat contest at professional level. — MNA



The opening ceremony of the agricultural census course in progress. — A&I



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye delivers an address at Pale Yadana Hall in Myeik on 27 October. (News reported) — MNA

Commander inspects construction work in Lashio

YANGON, 28 Oct.—Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, accompanied by officials, on 26 October morning inspected 10 tons of paddy seeds for summer cultivation and 5.76 tons of high yield Hsin Shweli hybrid paddy produced at the command and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Next, the commander proceeded to the site where the Indoor Stadium will be built near the parade grounds of the command and inspected land preparations. Officials reported on work being carried out for earth preparations and future tasks to the commander who attended to the needs.

Afterwards, the commander and party arrived at the modern sports grounds construction site in Shan State Union Stadium in Lashio. An official of Asia World Co reported on arrangements being made for construction of the sports grounds and future tasks to the commander who gave necessary instructions.

On arrival at the coal pro-

duction site in Hsindaung region, Lashio Township, the commander was briefed on finding of the coal in the region and future tasks by Lt-Col Myo Kyin and Lt-Col Nay Win, who are in-charge of the coal production.

The commander inspected the work site and gave necessary instructions.

After that, the commander and party proceeded to Thathana Aye Kyaung at the entrance to Lashio and paid homage and presented offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tejaniya. Next, Joint Police Commander of Shan State MPF Police Col Win Naing reported on arrangements being made for construction of Yan Daing Aung Pagoda in the compound of the Kyaungtaik.

Next, the commander and party paid homage to Yan Aungmyin Kyaungtaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Gandavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vicitta and presented offertories to him.

Next, the commander paid homage to Yan Aungmyin Pagoda and inspected renovation work in the compound of the pagoda and gave instructions to officials concerned.—MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects construction of Maha Theikdzaya Pagoda on Sandawati Hill in Myeik on 27 October. (News reported) — MNA

19 armed group members exchanged arms for peace in August, September 2003

YANGON, 28 Oct.—The State Peace and Development Council, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, has been making all-out efforts for the national reconciliation and for bringing about harmonious development the length and breadth of the nation. The armed groups, realizing the endeavours and genuine goodwill of the government, have understood that their acts did not benefit the nation and their regions at all, and exchanged arms for peace at the respective military camps individually or in groups.

In the South-East Command region, Sub-Lt Pha Naw Choe of Company-1, Battalion-1, No 1 Brigade of KNU armed group, together with

one M-16 automatic rifle and one .30 Carbine; Saw Chit Htwe, In-Charge of Dyaik Yat Village region under No 1 Brigade of KNU armed group, together with one AK-47 automatic rifle, one magazine, 17 rounds of ammunition; Palama (a) Kaw Toe of Bilin Township Administration Committee under No 1 Brigade of KNU armed group, Corporal Kaw Win Naing and Private Nyunt Win, together with one M-16 automatic rifle and one walkie-talkie; Private Kyaw Hsan from Mon splinter armed group together with one MA-11, two magazines and 32 rounds of ammunition;

In the North-West Command region, Lieutenant Ngwun Khon of CNA armed group together with one

home-made rifle and four rounds of ammunition; In the Eastern Command region, Darei (a) Daya, Township In Charge of KNPP armed group; In the Southern Command region, Clerk Saw Taw (a) Saw Paw of Battalion-8, No 3 Brigade of KNU armed group; In the Coastal Region Command region, platoon commanders Saw Pet Ka and Saw Tha Way and Privates Ko Aung and Nyi Nyi of Company-3, Battalion-10, of KNU armed group together with two M-16 automatic rifles, one AK-47 automatic rifle, three magazines and 15 rounds of ammunition; Regional In-Charge Yin Hla Aung, Tin Soe (a) Say Paing of Company-3, Battalion-11 of KNU armed group together with one rifle, one magazine

and 13 rounds of ammunition; Regional In-Charge U Da Pi together with one rifle and two rounds of ammunition; Privates Kaw Hmu, Aye Win and Aung Shwe of BCP armed group together with one HK-33, two magazines, 20 rounds of ammunition and one hand grenade exchanged arms for peace at the respective military camps in August and September 2003. Altogether 19 armed group members, who exchanged arms for peace during that period, were warmly welcomed by officials of the respective military camps and provided with necessary assistance. There are more armed group members who are going to exchange arms for peace, it is learnt.

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Ministers inspect Mazin Industrial Cooperative Society in Bago

YANGON, 28 Oct.—Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo and Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min yesterday morning inspected Mazin Industrial Cooperative Society in Bago.

Afterwards, Maj-Gen Htay Oo met with executives of the society and officials at the briefing hall. At the meeting, he gave instructions and urged them to make efforts for the improvement of the society. Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min made suggestions. Next, Deputy Di-

rector of the Bago Division Cooperatives Department U Toe Sein reported on tasks being carried out by the department and an official on work of the society.

Afterwards, the ministers and party proceeded to the shop of the Industrial Cooperative Syndicate on No-3 Min Road and saw over the products of the syndicate displayed at the shop. They also viewed the handicrafts displayed at the Colours of Myanmar Arts Centre on Kyeikpon Pagoda Road.

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Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspect products of Mazin industrial cooperative society Ltd in Bago on 27 October. — COOP



The opening ceremony of Myeik General Hospital in progress on 27 October. (News reported) — MNA

Kyweku-Kyaukphya Bridge helps accelerate regional development momentum

Article by Tekkatho Ko Latt (Myeik)



The Kyweku-Kyaukphya Bridge.

The emergence of the Kyweku-Kyaukphya Bridge, which lies on Dawei-Myeik Road near Kyweku Village and is the second of the bridges across the mouth of a river, has made a significant contribution towards secure and smooth transport and fast flow of commodities, which plays a key role in development of Taninthayi Division.

In an effort to fulfil basic requirements for building a modern developed nation, the Tatmadaw government has been constructing

bridges, 163 of which are 180 feet and above long. Among them, the first facility across the mouth of a river is Bago River-crossing Thanlyin Bridge. And the third one is Mawlamyine Bridge under construction. On completion, it will be the longest one in Myanmar.

The government is building Yangon-Kawthoung Union Highway, and river and creek-crossing bridges along the highway simultaneously. Regarding bridges construction sector, there has emerged the 440

miles and six furlongs long tarred road stretching from Mt. Mahlwe, the entrance to Taninthayi Division, to Kawthoung, the southernmost border town, through Dawei, Palaw, Myeik, Taninthayi and Bokpyin townships. Arrangements are being made for upgrading of Khamaukyi road section to a tarred one.

Up to the emergence of the Union Highway, the eight major bridges except Thamok Lut Lut Bridge have been constructed. They are

Winpa, Palauk, Palaw, Pathoung-Kyaukphya, Taninthayi, Laynya-Mandaing and Kyweku-Kyaukphya bridges.

About 30 years ago, local people had to rely mainly on waterway and airway to travel to Dawei, Myeik and Kawthoung. The routes were often cut off in the rainy season. Consequently, the region lagged behind in development. Since its assumption of the State's duties, the State Peace and Development Council has been implementing the

projects with added momentum to ensure equitable development of border areas. During the period from 1988 to 31 March 2003, it spent K 42,197.94 million on the projects and so Taninthayi Division now keeps abreast with the development of other States and Divisions. And the division has enjoyed fruitful results of secure and smooth transport.

The Kyweku-Kyaukphya Bridge Construction Project was launched on 1 July 2000. The upper structure of the bridge

is of steel frames and the lower structure, of reinforced concrete. With a total length of 3,612 feet, the bridge has a 28-foot-wide motor way and two six-foot-wide walkways on it. It can withstand 60 tons of loads. And its clearance is 230 feet wide and 28 feet high. The project was completed in July 2003, at a cost of around K 3,400 million.

The emergence of such large bridges reflects the guidance given by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the Special Projects Implementation Meeting 1/2003, saying that implementation of special projects which cover economic, transport and human resources infrastructures, that are needed for the nation, leads to development of all sectors of State including economy, education and health sectors and raising the living standard of the people.

The construction projects help cement amicable friendship and relations and flourishing Union Spirit among the national brethren. So, local people wholeheartedly welcomed the inauguration of the Kyweku-Kyaukphya Bridge, which brings honour to Myeik, the capital of the division.

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Nearly 12 million crimes reported in US in 2002

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct — Some 11.9 million crimes were reported to the US Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) last year by city, county and state law enforcement agencies, the FBI reported Monday.

The figure represented a rise of less than 1 per cent from 2001, but 4.9 per cent lower than in 1998 and 16 per cent lower than 1993.

Violent crimes, which stood at 1.4 million in 2002, saw a drop of less than 1 per cent than the previous year, but murders rose by about 1 per cent to 16,204.

The number of property crimes such as burglaries, thefts, larcenies and motor vehicle thefts remained almost the same as that of the 2001, with an estimated loss of 16.6 billion US dollars.

In 2002, about 13.7 million arrests, excluding minor traffic offenses, were made by law enforcement

officials, with arrests for drug abuse and driving under the influence accounting for almost 22 per cent of the total.

About 95,100 forcible rapes were reported in 2002, an increase of 4.7 per cent, and 2.2 million burglaries were reported, a rise of 1.7 per cent over 2001.

MNA/Xinhua

UNEP announces 2003 recipients of Sasakawa Environment Prize

NAIROBI, 28 Oct — United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) announced the 2003 Sasakawa Environment Prize here on Monday.

Xie Zhenhua of China, who has worked tirelessly to promote the cause of environmental protection in the world's most populous country and fastest growing economy, is co-winner of this year's Sasakawa Prize, the Nairobi-based UNEP said in

a statement.

He is joined by Dener Jose Giovanani of Brazil, whose innovative approach to curbing illegal wildlife trafficking has become a model not only in Latin America but also for the rest of the developing world, UNEP said.

The prize, worth 200,000 US dollars, which will be shared equally by the two winners, is considered one of the most prestigious

environmental awards in the world, according to UNEP.

Xie, Minister of State Environmental Protection Administration of China, and Giovanani, founder of the National Network for Combating Wild Animal Trafficking, will receive the prize from Secretary-General of the United Nations Kofi Annan on November 19 in New York, the United States.

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EU citizens say US should pay to rebuild Iraq

BRUSSELS, 28 Oct — Two-thirds of European Union citizens think the US-led invasion of Iraq was unjustified and the United States should pay to rebuild the country, an opinion poll taken for the European Commission showed on Monday.

The survey, taken in all 15 EU member states in the run-up to last week's Iraq donors' conference in Madrid, found that most Europeans want the United Nations and Iraq's provisional government to manage the reconstruction effort, not Washington.

And most oppose sending their own country's troops to keep peace in Iraq, although opinion on that is more evenly divided.

The poll showed overwhelming support for EU humanitarian assistance to the Iraqi people but a much narrower majority in favour of financial participation in rebuilding the country.

Detailed findings reflected some predictable splits between those countries whose governments supported or participated in the war to oust Saddam Hussein, and those which

opposed it.

But six months after the toppling of Saddam, a majority in every EU country except Denmark said the war was unjustified.

Overall, 68 per cent of EU citizens questioned said the war was totally or rather unjustified, while 29 per cent said it was totally or rather justified.

The biggest anti-war majorities were in Greece (96 per cent), Austria (86 per cent), France (81 per cent) and Spain (79 per cent), even though the Spanish Government supported the war.

Asked who should finance the rebuilding of Iraq, 65 per cent of EU citizens said the United States, 44 per cent the United Nations, 29 per cent the Iraqi provisional government and 24 per cent said the European Union. Multiple answers were allowed. —MNA/Reuters

Families scramble for safety as Calif homes burn

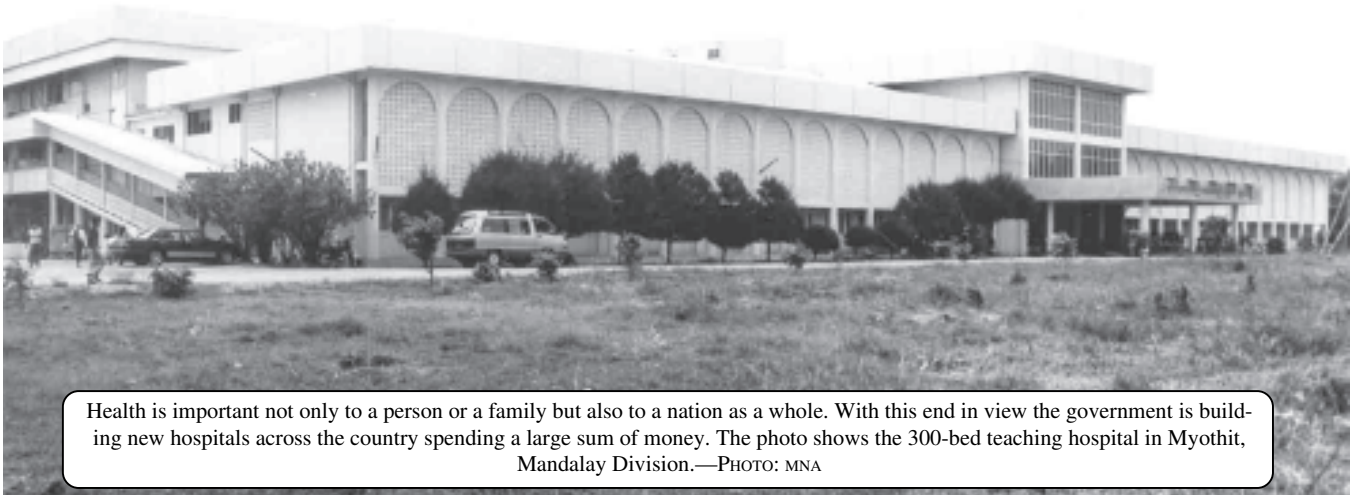
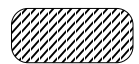
SAN DIEGO (California), 28 Oct — Some took their pets, others frantically grabbed family photographs and a few left with nothing but the clothes on their backs in the scramble to flee a fast-moving wildfire.

Flames licked the roadside as caravans of cars packed with lifetimes' worth of memories edged with desperate slowness away from threatened neighbourhoods around San Diego.

Later, finding safety in the homes of friends or mere acquaintances a couple of miles away, many — including myself — helplessly watched as their own houses either went up in flames that leapt into the blood-coloured sky or came close to being destroyed.

MNA/Reuters

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



It is very important for the citizens to become strong and healthy. The photo shows the Gynaecology and Obstetrics Ward in Lashio, Shan State (North).

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Northeast China province building archives for farmers

HARBIN, 28 Oct — Heilongjiang Province in northeast China has taken the lead in China in setting up archives for farmers to help improve the management of local rural human resources.

Heilongjiang started the project in mid-October to collect personal information of the local nearly 10 million rural labourers. Archives are normally only created for urban workers and employees in China.

The project is expected to be instrumental in solving problems regarding residence registration, insurance and school enrollment of children when local farmers resettle elsewhere or are recruited by the Army, said Liang Shumao, a local official in charge of the affair.

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OPEC chief denies trying to squeeze oil supply

LONDON, 28 Oct — OPEC Secretary-General Alvaro Silva has defended the oil cartel against accusations that it squeezes the supply of oil, driving up prices, the *Observer* newspaper reported on Sunday.

"The reality is that we don't try to create scarcity in the oil market," the paper quoted the head of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries as saying. "We don't try to take advantage of wars and other supply shocks. Instead we mitigate them," he said.

The paper also quoted Silva as saying that OPEC's 22-28 US dollars price band was working well and was here to stay.

"That is the definition of stability — at an average of 24.40 US dollars over the past year, the crude price is almost exactly in the middle of the band. The market is well supplied."

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This is to announce that the name of our company Myanmar Tractors & Trading Co., Ltd. (MTTC) has been changed to Myanmar Tractors Ltd (MTL) with effect from 1.10.2003, as approved by the relevant Authorities.

The new name and address are as follows:-

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Deputy General Manager

Supply Department, Myanmar Railways, Botataung, Yangon.

Russia's richest man in jail facing fraud charges

Moscow, 28 Oct — Russia's wealthiest man and head of oil giant Yukos, Mikhail Khodorkovsky, was in a Moscow prison on Sunday facing massive fraud and tax evasion charges.

Prosecutors described the case as unprecedented.

Khodorkovsky, who has supported President Vladimir Putin's rivals ahead of elections, was removed from his chartered jet in Siberia and whisked to Moscow on Saturday after prosecutors said he had deliberately failed to answer a summons the previous day.

He was questioned and charged with seven counts of fraud and tax evasion. Some accusations focus on the 1994 selloff of a fertilizer firm in connection with which another Yukos shareholder, Platon Lebedev, also faces charges.

Prosecutors say the state suffered more than one billion US dollars in damages.

Like Lebedev, Khodorkovsky was ordered by a court to remain in Moscow's

Matrosskaya Tishina (Sailors' Rest) prison.

Under Russian legislation, Khodorkovsky may be kept there until at least December 30 pending further results of the investigation.

"Everything I saw underscores the fact that this was all political. Khodorkovsky refused to admit any guilt," the oil magnate's lawyer, Anton Drel, told reporters.

Drel said his client, estimated to be worth 11 billion US dollars, had no regrets either about his activities or his decision to remain in Russia — unlike other super-rich "oligarchs" who have chosen to live abroad or were forced by legal action to move.

Khodorkovsky, he said, would appeal the charges.

Russia's biggest oil firm, Yukos recently engineered a merger with smaller Sibneft.

US oil major Exxon Mobil is said to be interested in taking a stake. Neither Exxon nor another possible buyer, Chevron Texaco, commented on the new turmoil.

In Washington, State Department Spokeswoman Susan Pittman told *Reuters*: "The full meaning of his arrest and this case remains to be seen. We are mindful in particular about the implications for rule of law and for the development of a healthy business and investment climate in Russia," she added without further comment.

Yukos described the charges as "absurd", pledged to uphold obligations to investors and denounced as "humiliating the brute violence used by Russia's law enforcement system".

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India makes efforts to improve aviation security

NEW DELHI, 28 Oct — To improve its aviation security, India plans to join an ambitious intelligent border management programme which would help detect entry of undesirable elements into the country well in advance.

As part of this process, some international firms have recently made presentations on improving security at airports and, at the same time, ensuring a hassle-free travel for non-risk passengers.

An Australia-based security firm made a presentation last week on the border management solutions for Indian Civil Aviation Ministry to enhance border security.

and speed up clearance through technology.

The presentation was attended by Civil Aviation Secretary K. Roy Paul, Airports Authority of India Chairman S K Narula, and senior officials from Intelligence Bureau and Immigration, sources in the Civil Aviation Ministry said.

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Thailand to host border trade talks with 3 countries

BANGKOK, 28 Oct— Thailand is to host border trade talks for officials from Thailand, Myanmar, Laos and Cambodia on October 28 in a bid to create a unified approach to border trade developments, the *Thai News Agency* reported Monday.

Thai Commerce Minister Adisai Bodharamik revealed that the talks would be focused on cooperation in developing both border trade and trade among the four nations.

Expressing his hope that the discussions would boost both the efficiency and value of sub-regional trade, Adisai also said that the officials would look at disputes and obstacles currently hampering trade among the 4 nations so that economic prosperity could grow simultaneously with inter-regional relations.

Thailand would pledge to offer support in trade development, in particular by purchasing more agricultural products from neighbouring

countries, he said.

According to statistics of the Thai Commerce Ministry, in the first 10 months of 2002, the value of border trade between Thailand and these three neighbouring countries reached 4.08 billion US dollars.

The Foreign Ministers from these four countries met in Bangkok in August, endorsing an "Economic Cooperation Strategy" (ECS) to fully harness the enormous economic potential among the four countries.

The ECS focused inter-regional cooperation in the fields of trade, agriculture, industry, road transport, tourism and human resource development.

MNA/Xinhua

Mahathir urges Malaysians to do things in own way

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 Oct— Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad Sunday urged Malaysians to do things in their own way to maintain the national progress that it has achieved so far.

"We have succeeded in building a country that has given us a good life, that has given us pride, that is respected by everybody. We have done all these our way and we must always try and preserve this way of ours so that in coming years Malaysia will continue to develop and progress and its people will continue to live in comfort," Mahathir, who is retiring on Friday, said when opening the general assembly of the People's Progressive Party (PPP) here.

PPP is a member of the ruling National Front which groups 14 political parties.

The Prime Minister expressed his hope that after his retirement the people would continue to live in comfort as a result of the nation's progress. Mahathir, 77, who has been the nation's prime

minister for 22 years, will retire on Friday for aging. "This is the wish of all of us. This is also my wish when I step down from the political arena," he said.

He said Malaysia had done many things that were not done in other countries, like making every festive celebration of the country's different races a national celebration to strengthen unity among the people. "It's our way of fostering ties among the communities, among the followers of different religions," he said.

"The Barisan Nasional's (National Front) way is through sharing. We're not greedy, we don't take everything for ourselves. We are willing to give a share to others who are also entitled to it and they in turn give us what's due to us.

"We share and share fairly so that everybody can have his portion of the wealth and well-being... this is our way," he said.

Stressing importance of a noble culture, Mahathir reminded Malaysians to lead a noble life because high ability and knowledge alone could not ensure success for the nation. Without a noble culture, the knowledgeable and the capable persons could abuse their skills for bad intentions, he said.

"We may study until we obtain a doctorate, a PhD, that's our ability but if our culture is bad, we will use our prowess to plan a bank robbery, for example."

"That's why we need not only knowledge but a good culture that can do us good and bring us success," he added. — MNA/Xinhua

German Environment Prize awarded

BERLIN, 28 Oct— German physicist Claus Mattheck and businessman Hermann Josef Schulte were awarded this year's German Environment Prize on Sunday.

Mattheck won the award for his research aimed at protecting trees from environmental dangers and Hermann Josef Schulte shares the honours for developing automobile engine filters that are more environmentally friendly.

German President Johannes Rau presented the 500,000-euro prize in the western city of Osnabrueck, which is also Europe's most lucrative environmental prize. — MNA/Xinhua

Khaleda Zia expresses optimism on Indo-Bangladeshi ties

DHAKA, 28 Oct— Bangladeshi Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia Sunday expressed her optimism that ties with India would be strengthened in future.

"Our bilateral relations would be further strengthened in future," she told the outgoing Indian High Commissioner Monilal Tripathy who visited her to make a farewell call.

During the meeting held at Prime Minister's Office, Begum Zia stressed that the member countries of SAARC should increase trade among them for the benefit of their economies.

MNA/PTI

WHO to endorse triple-dose "AIDS" drugs

WASHINGTON, 28 Oct— The World Health Organization will endorse controversial generic triple-dose AIDS drugs next week, the *Washington Post* reported on Saturday.

WHO will support distributing the pills, which could violate drug company patents, as part of a plan to get the lifesaving drugs to poor people, the newspaper said.

One of the generic combination pills is being made by a drug company in India, Cipla Ltd and is sold there and in Africa for less than a dollar a day.

More than 40 million people worldwide are infected with the AIDS virus, which is incurable and always fatal. More than 25 million have died of AIDS.

Drugs can keep the virus under control, but they are expensive and out of the reach of all but a few of the people who are infected. Most patients live in Africa and have little access to health care.

WHO wants to change this and get drugs to three million people in targeted areas.

WHO officials and AIDS groups have been negotiating with the companies that make HIV medicines to persuade them to lower prices and to allow generic copies to be distributed without challenge.

In August the International Federation of Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Associations approved a World

Trade Organization deal under which poor states with no drugs industry would be able to buy cheap generics.

In return they must ensure none of these products end up on profitable Western markets where patents are strictly enforced.

On Thursday four generic drug companies agreed to make HIV drugs available to millions of people in African and Caribbean nations at about half the current price.

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The winners of the Miss Asia Pacific Quest 2003 pose for photographers in the Philippine capital, Manila, on 26 October, 2003. (From L-R) fourth runner-up from Malaysia Wong Wye Yeng, second runner-up from Costa Rica Andrea Ovaes, newly crowned Miss Asia Pacific from Russia Tatiana Nikitina, first runner-up from India Shonal Rawat and third runner-up from Peru Tracy Freundt. —INTERNET

Shanghai to make more level tail assemblies for "Boeing-737s"

SHANGHAI, 28 Oct— The Shanghai Aerospace Industry Corporation will be able to produce 13 sets of level tail assemblies for new-generation Boeing-737s every month as of October.

Ken Yaia, deputy president of Boeing China Company, said Chinese aerospace manufacturing enterprises have been playing an important role in Boeing's global suppliers network.

The cooperation between Boeing and Chinese aerospace enterprises began in the mid-1970s. Up to now over 3,300 operating Boeing planes are equipped with main components produced in China.

Apart from Shanghai Aerospace Industry Corporation, Xi'an Airplane Manufacturing Plant makes 10 sets of vertical tail assemblies for Boeing a month and Shenyang Airplane Manufacturing Corporation turns out eight sets of tail parts for Boeing.

The new-generation Boeing 737s, with four types, are equipped with bigger wings and more powerful engines than the conven-

tional ones, so they can fly higher, faster and cover longer distance.

Experts said that Shanghai Aerospace Industry Corporation has met the international advanced level in terms of digitized manufacturing technologies and quality guarantee system.

The Shanghai company has delivered over 350 sets of level tail assemblies produced on subcontracts to Boeing since 1999, when the first such assembly was made. Recently it was listed as one of Boeing's global gold-medal suppliers and has been presented with a certificate for authorized quality inspection.

The Boeing company has so far produced over 4,000 Boeing-737s and one Boeing-737 plane lands or takes off every 5.3 seconds in the world. —MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam strives to produce more high-quality rice strains

HANOI, 28 Oct— Vietnam is turning out more varieties of high-quality rice to implement the programme of growing one million hectares of rice for export in the Mekong Delta in the 2001-2005 period.

The government has assigned the Mekong Delta to produce one million tons of high-quality rice seeds this year, the local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* reported on Monday.

With the state subsidy for production of high-quality rice varieties, the Mekong Delta Rice Institute, Vietnam's leading rice varieties maker, has so far this year produced 2,545 tons of original rice seeds.

However, rice seed producers in Vietnam are now capable of meeting less than 30 per cent of local demand for high-quality seeds. Last year, the country imported some 11,000 tons of rice seeds from several countries, including China.

The country's rice output has tripled over the past 20 years, from 11.5 million tons in 1980 to 34 million tons in 2002, partly thanks the application of modern technologies, especially biotechnology, in agriculture development.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Hertha coach on the bench for crucial Cup game

BERLIN, 28 Oct — Under fire Hertha Berlin coach Huub Stevens, who was handed a two-match ban by the German FA last week, will be able to watch from the bench when his team visit Hansa Rostock in the German Cup on Tuesday.

The German Football Association (DFB) confirmed on Monday that Stevens would be banned for two games after lambasting a match official during a league game against Bayer Leverkusen earlier this month.

But the DFB accepted a request by Hertha asking for the touchline ban to cover the club's next two Bundesliga matches.

That means Stevens can sit on the bench for the German Cup second round tie.

Troubled Hertha recorded their first Bundesliga victory of the season by winning 1-0 at Rostock on Saturday.

The capital club's bosses told Stevens that Hertha had to win both games against Rostock — the league match last Saturday and Tuesday's Cup showdown — to safeguard his job.

MNA/Reuters



Inter Milan Andres Cruz of Argentina, on ground, challenges Roma's midfielder Daniele De Rossi, left, for the ball and Emerson of Brazil during their Italian major league soccer match at the San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy, Sunday, on 26 October, 2003. The game ended in a scoreless tie.—INTERNET

Boca Juniors extend lead in Argentine league

BUENOS AIRES, 28 Oct — Boca Juniors extended their lead in the Argentine championship at the weekend but had Estudiantes goalkeeper Juan Carlos Docabo to thank for the second goal in their 2-0 win.

Boca took the lead on 36 minutes when Matias Donnet's free-kick flew beyond the despairing dive of Docabo.

But the second goal came gift-wrapped when Docabo received a back-pass and tried to chip the ball past Roberto Trotta. The Boca player intercepted and gratefully accepted the scoring opportunity.

Among the chasing pack, San Lorenzo lost 1-0 at home to Quilmes, defender Danilo Gerlo scoring the only goal on 15 minutes.

Quilmes climbed to third place on 21 points and pushed San Lorenzo back into fourth spot.

Second-placed Rosario Central beat

Independiente 2-0 and now have 22 points, five behind unbeaten Boca.

Lanus bagged their first win in the Apertura championship by edging Talleres 2-1. Mauricio Romero and Julian Maidana grabbed the goals that gave Miguel Brindisi his maiden victory as coach.

Struggling Olimpo also collected their first win, beating Banfield 3-1.

Bottom spot in the league is now occupied by Nueva Chicago, who lost 4-0 to Chacarita Juniors. River Plate overcame Gimnasia-La Plata 2-0 but the "Millionaires" are not within striking distance of rivals Boca.—MNA/Reuters

Partizan lose ground on Red Star with draw in Kula

BELGRADE, 28 Oct — Serbia and Montenegro champions Partizan Belgrade lost ground on league leaders and city rivals Red Star with a lacklustre 0-0 draw at Hajduk Kula on Sunday.

Red Star, who beat Borac Cacak 5-1 on Saturday, lead the standings with 22 points from nine matches, ahead of Sird Smederevo who have 21 after a 3-2 win over Sutjeska Niksic. Partizan have 19 points and fourth-placed OFK Belgrade are a further two points adrift.

Partizan missed a hatful of good chances to beat plucky Kula, whose goalkeeper

Nikola Milojevic made a string of fine saves to deny Ivica Iliev, Ljubinko Drulovic and Albert Nadj.

Partizan coach Lothar Matthaeus said he was happy with his side's commitment after 1-0 Champions League defeat at Real Madrid last week.

"The lads put in a good effort and I'm pleased with their commitment but not the result. We have only ourselves to blame for not winning as we didn't take the many chances that came our way," he told reporters.

MNA/Reuters

Alenitchev derby goal extends Porto's lead at the top

LISBON, 28 Oct — A goal by Russian midfielder Dmitri Alenitchev gave Porto a 1-0 win at Boavista on Monday after a hard-fought derby in which they had Deco Souza sent off near the end as they stretched their lead in the Premier League.

Champions Porto, the only unbeaten side after nine games, are top with 25 points, seven ahead of Sporting who won 2-1 at Alverca on Sunday. Early season leaders Maritimo are third on 17 points with a game in hand at home to Benfica on November 12.

Boavista pressed hard from the start in

an ill-tempered match in which the referee showed 12 yellow cards and one red as well as disallowing home striker Faye Fary's effort for offside.

Porto's Brazilian-born playmaker Deco missed a golden opportunity to open the scoring on the hour when he beat goalkeeper William Andem but shot wide of an open goal.

Substitute Alenitchev grabbed the winner in the 77th minute with a shot from inside the box after a neat pass from the left by Brazilian striker Derlei Silva.

Porto were down to 10 men three minutes later as Deco picked up a second yellow card. He will also miss their next Champions League match on November 4 against Olympique Marseille after receiving three yellow cards in this season's campaign.

Sporting's new Brazilian signing Liedson grabbed the winner at Alverca as the Lisbon side ended a run of three away defeats.

The 2002 champions came from behind after an early goal by Pedro Torrao but Brazilian midfielder Fabio Rochemback levelled the score before halftime from the penalty spot.

Liedson then confirmed his skill as a poacher after bagging his sixth goal in as many league and European games by firing home the rebound after a shot from captain Pedro Barbosa was fumbled by Alverca's French goalkeeper Yannick Quesnel.

MNA/Reuters

Robinho double for Santos, narrow win for Cruzeiro

RIO DE JANEIRO, 28 Oct — Striker Robinho hit two goals to help Santos romp to a 4-0 victory at Coritiba and stay in touch with Brazilian championship leaders Cruzeiro at the weekend.

Santos had double reason to celebrate when central defender Narciso went on as a second half substitute to mark his first appearance since undergoing a bone marrow transplant.

"I hope people can see my story as an example that can be followed," Narciso told reporters.

Cruzeiro scraped a 1-0 home win over Figueirense, ending a run of two successive defeats that allowed Santos to cut their championship lead from 12 points to six.

Motta scored the only goal when he converted Wendell's cross 18 minutes into the second half. Figueirense's attempts to mark Alex out of the game failed as the midfield playmaker had a hand in the goal and struck the crossbar twice.

Cruzeiro coach Wanderlei Luxemburgo gave his tired players a two-day break after the match. "The team was looking like a squashed tomato... (the players) need a little time at home with their families," he said.

Santos face a difficult midweek Copa Sudamericana tie against Cienciano of Peru. The semifinal match will be played at an altitude of 3,600 metres.

A Luis Fabiano penalty gave Sao Paulo a 1-0 win at Sao Caetano, halting a poor run of results and easing fears that the twice Libertadores Cup winners might not qualify for next year's tournament.

"It's clear that nobody wants us to qualify for the Libertadores Cup," said Sao Caetano's Dininho.

Corinthians continued to frustrate their fans, losing 3-2 to Atletico Paranaense despite leading 2-0 thanks to two free-kicks by Coelho.

Bahia and Flu-minense shared a 2-2 draw that did little to ease the relegation fears of either club. Gremio lost 2-1 at Flamengo and are still rooted to the foot of the table.—MNA/Reuters



Belgium's Kim Clijsters returns the ball during her finals match against US player Chanda Rubin at the SEAT Open WTA tennis championships in Luxembourg, Sunday on 26 October, 2003. Clijsters won the match, 6-2, 7-5.

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Vietnam to develop aerospace industry

HANOI, 28 Oct— Like many other developing countries, Vietnam will develop aerospace industry with focus on its applications, but not to send people into space, a government official was quoted as saying here Monday.

The country will concentrate on technologies relating to Earth stations, satellite construction and launch, local newspaper *Youth* quoted Nguyen Khoa Son, deputy director of the National Natural Science and Technology Centre, as saying.

Aerospace applications in the fields of remote sensing, satellite location, geographic information system, and communications will be on focus, he added.

Along with a plan to launch its first satellite named *Vinasat* into space in late 2005, Vietnam is scheduled to launch other small ones for the purposes of environmental control, resource protection and natural disaster prevention, he revealed.

MNA/Xinhua

သတိပေးချက်

၁။ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီသည် ရန်ကုန်ဆိပ်ကမ်းတစ်လျှောက် သန့်ရှင်းသာယာ လုပ်ငန်းများအတွက် မြန်မာ့ဆိပ်ကမ်း အာဏာပိုင်အဖွဲ့အစည်းများနှင့် ပူးပေါင်း၍ ဝိုင်းဝန်းကျည့် ဆောင်ရွက်လျက် ရှိရာတွင် ရန်ကုန်မြစ်အတွင်း စုန်ဆန်ပျော့ပါနေသည့် အမှိုက်များကြောင့် ဆိပ်ကမ်းတစ်လျှောက် သန့်ရှင်းသပ်ယပ်ရေးကို ထိခိုက်စေလျက်ရှိကြောင်း တွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။

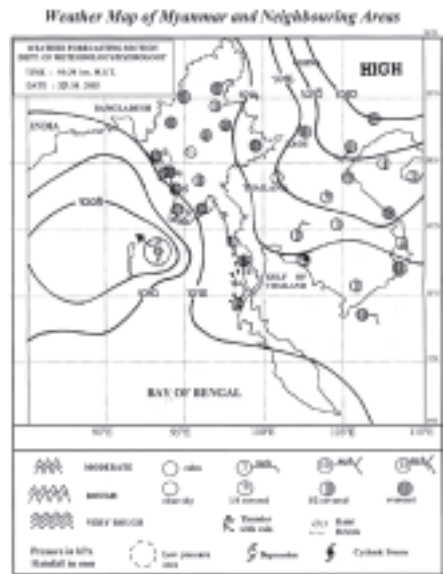
၂။ ထို့အပြင် ဖော်ပြပါ ဒိုက်၊ အမှိုက်များကြောင့် ရန်ကုန်မြစ်အတွင်း သွားလာနေကြသည့် ကူးတိုက်စက်လှေများတွင် ပန်ကာ၊ ဒလက်များ၌ ဒိုက်၊ အမှိုက်များ ရစ်ပတ်မှုကြောင့် စက်လှေများ ပျော့ပါကာ သင်္ဘောကြီးများနှင့် တိုက်ခိုက်မိပြီး ခရီးသည်များ အသက်အန္တရာယ် ဆုံးရှုံးမှုဖြစ်စဉ်များ ဖြစ်ပွားခဲ့ပါသည်။

၃။ သို့ဖြစ်၍ ၁၉၈၈ ခုနှစ် မြန်မာ့ဆိပ်ကမ်း အက်ဥပဒေပုဒ်မ ၆၅ ဖြင့်လည်း မြစ်အတွင်း ပစ္စည်းများ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကို တားမြစ်ထုတ်ပြန်ထားရှိ၍ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအတွင်းရှိ မြစ်ချောင်းများအတွင်း အမှိုက်၊ ဒိုက်များ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမပြုရန် သတိပေးတားမြစ်ပါသည်။ တားမြစ်ချက်အား ဖောက်ဖျက်ပါက ဥပဒေနှင့်အညီ ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူသွားမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ

Philippine manufacturing output up in August

MANILA, 28 Oct— The Philippines' manufacturing output rose 7 per cent year-on-year in August after revised growth of 4.5 per cent in July, the National Statistics Office (NSO) reported Monday. Manufacturing sales in volume in August grew 9.3 per cent over the same month last year after a revised year-on-year growth of 1.4 in July, the NSO said in a statement, adding that factories operated at 78.6 per cent of average capacity in August, a slight drop from 78.8 in July.—MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Tuesday, 28 October, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in upper Sagaing Division, isolated in Chin, Rakhine States, Mandalay, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. Weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 27-10-2003 was 33.5°C (92°F). Minimum temperature on 28-10-2003 was 20.5°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 28-10-2003 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 27-10-2003 was (6.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 28-10-2003 was 1 mm (0.04 inch) at Yangon Airport, nil at Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 2203 mm (86.72 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2315 mm (91.14 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2381 mm (93.74 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 4 mph from Northeast at (07:50) hours MST on 28-10-2003.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, the depression over West Central Bay has moved Northwest ward and is crossing northern part of ANDHRA Coast near VISHAKAPATNAM, INDIA. Weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 29-10-2003: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the Mon, Rakhine and Shan States, Mandalay and lower Sagaing Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of rain or thundershowers in the Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-10-2003: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-10-2003: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

ကောသလမေတ္တာကြိမ် (၁၁ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အဝတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ
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View today:

Wednesday, October 29

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara

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. မြန်မာ့အသံ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:05 am

6. တေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်

8:10 am

7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. သင်ပုန်းရေးလှော်တံခွန်

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Learning English the Easy and Happy Way for Children and Beginners

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in Reading

4:40 pm

4. ငယ်ပုဒ်ပရိသတ် သူ့အသံ

4:50 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
- ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု)
(ရက္ခဗေဒ)

5:05 pm

6. Song of national races

5:20 pm

7. Classical song

5:35 pm

8. သံလွင်တံခွန် (ပရိသတ်ပြိုင်)

5:45 pm

9. Musical programme

6:30 pm

10. ရွှေယဉ်လင် အာစီယံအစဉ်

6:15 pm

11. Discovery

6:30 pm

12. Evening news

7:00 pm

13. Weather report

7:05 pm

14. Mile success in soccer

7:10 pm

15. ကော်စီ (အပိုင်း-၂)

7:25 pm

16. Musical programme

7:40 pm

17. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သင်တန်းစုံဖြင့်
စီမံကိန်းရေးရာပွဲ

8:00 pm

18. News

19. International news

20. Weather report

21. ၂၀၀၃ ခုနှစ် ကောသလမေတ္တာကြိမ်
(၁၁ ကြိမ်) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု
အဆို၊ အက၊ အရေး၊ အဝတ်ပြိုင်ပွဲ

22. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်ထွေ
"မေတ္တာယူသည်" (အပိုင်း-၅)

23. The next day's
programme



Wednesday, October 29

Tune in today:

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music

8:50 am National news/Slogan

9:00 am Music

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music

1:30 pm News/Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music

- Feel (Robbie Williams)

9:00 pm Variations on a tune:

"My Heart will go on"

- Radio edit

- Celine Dion

9:15 pm Article/Music

9:25 pm Music at your request

- Do you remember (Aaron Carter)

- Like I love you (Justin Timberlake)

9:45 pm News/Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than tours Sittway

YANGON, 28 Oct—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by responsible personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left here by air for Sittway yesterday morning.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived at Sittway Airport in Rakhine State at 10 am. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Col Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station, senior military officers and departmental officials.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to Alodawpyi Monastery at Aungmye Bodi Dhamma Yeiktha on Airport Street,



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets with Tatmadawmen and their families from battalions and units in Sittway Station. — MNA

Magyimyine Ward, Sittway. At the monastery, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than paid homage to Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Pariyatti Sasana Hitadhara Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa and supplicated to the Sayadaw on religious matters.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin

Maung Than, the commander and party offered provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha there. Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party offered "soon" to Sayadaws from the monasteries in Sittway. In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and party arrived

at Sittway Station, where he inspected the cultivation of shady trees, plantations of vegetables grown on a manageable scale and measures taken for the greening of the environment in the battalions and units.

Along Yangon-Sittway road, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party also inspected

regional development tasks, thriving monsoon plantations and paddy fields ready for harvest.

At 2.50 pm, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than arrived at the hall of Sittway Station, where he met with Tatmadawmen from battalions and units and their families and gave instructions on undertakings of

agriculture and livestock breeding work on a manageable scale, education and health for children, and the boosting of production industries.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially met with them and spoke words of encouragement.

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Central Committee for Organizing 83rd Anniversary of National Day meets

YANGON, 28 Oct — The first meeting of the central committee for organizing the 83rd Anniversary National Day was held this morning at the meeting hall of the Government's Office in the Ministers' Office, with an address by Chairman of the central committee Minister for Education U Than Aung.

Present at the meeting were central committee members deputy ministers, departmental heads, guests and officials. Joint-secretary of the central committee acting Director-General of No 3 Basic Education Department U Aye Myint submitted the report on holding the 82nd Anniversary National Day ceremony and Secretary of the central committee Director-General of Education Planning and Training Department U Bo Win reported on arrangements for holding the 83rd Anniversary National Day ceremony. Those present also took part in the discussions. Later, the minister gave instructions on successful holding of the ceremony on a grand scale. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe enjoys the song contest at men's amateur level. — MNA

11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continue

YANGON, 28 Oct — The 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the fifteenth day at respective venues today.

The competitions were attended by Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Committee for Holding the 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Chairman of the Leading Committee for Holding the competitions Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, members of Panels of Patrons Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung,

Minister for Education U Than Aung and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee for Holding the competitions Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Chairman of the Work Committee for holding the competitions Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint Hsan, officials of work committees and sub-committees, enthusiasts, tourists and students.

Chairman of Panel of Judges Assistant Director Daw Tin Tin Mya of MRTV, Secretary Assistant Engineer

Daw May Pyone Khine and work committee members made judgements on the performance of the contestants at the song contest held at the National Museum on Pyay road.

At the basic education level religious song contest (aged 15-20, girls), a total of 15 contestants competed with Hsu Myat Khayma song composed by U Tin Aung Than. At the amateur level classic/modern song contest (male), a total of 16 contestants competed with Moe song composed by Shwe Pyi Aye. The professional level religious song contest (male), and basic education level classic/mod-

ern song contest (age 10-15, girls) will be held tomorrow.

Chairman of Panel of Judges for mandolin contest U Nyo Gyi and members made judgements on the performance of the contestants at the mandolin contest held at the National Theatre on Pyay road. At the basic education level mandolin contest (aged 5-10, boys), three contestants competed with Wai Bagi (Kyo) song. At the basic education level mandolin contest (aged 5-10, girls), one contestant competed with Bon Saung Myint (Kyo) song.

At the amateur level mandolin contest (male), 14 contestants took part in the contest with Mingala Thiri (Bwe) song. At the amateur level mandolin contest (female), one contestant took part in the contest with Min Kutha classic/modern song.

The Donmin contest was held at Kanbawza Theatre on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road. At the amateur level Donmin contest (male), 12 contestants took part in the contest with Moe Kalabaw song. At the amateur level Donmin contest (female), two contestants took part in the contest with Moe Kalabaw song.

At the basic education level Donmin contest (aged 5-10, boys), two contestants competed with Thida Thida Myatha (Kyo) song. At the basic education level Donmin contest (aged 5-10, girls), three contestants competed with Thida Thida Myatha (Kyo) song. Member of Panel of Judges (central) U Khin Lay and members made judgements on the performance.

The Dobat contest was held at Padonma Theatre on Bagaya Road. At the basic education level Dobat contest (aged 5-10), five groups took part in the contest. At the professional level Dobat contest, five groups took part in the contest. Member of Panel of Judges U Sein Ba Maw and members made judgements on the performance. The xylophone contest was held at Kanbawza Theatre on Kaba Aye pagoda Road yesterday.

At the basic education level xylophone contest (aged 10-15, girls), 13 contestants took part in the contest with Baho Mywet Than (Kyo) song. Member of Panel of Judges U Yee Nwe and members made judgements on the performance. — MNA



Minister U Than Aung delivers an address at the first meeting of the central committee for observance of 83th Anniversary National Day 2003. — MNA