Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife pay homage to pagodas in Shan State

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Than Win and Brig-Gen Thaung Htaik of Kalaw Station, No 55 Light Infantry Division Commander Col Thet Oo and officials.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party went to Inlay Phuangdaw U Pagoda in Nyaungshwe Township by helicopter and paid homage and offered ‘soon’ water, flowers and light to the Buddha Images. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party offered gold foils to the images, made cash donations to the funds of the pagoda through the pagoda board of trustees and signed in the visitors’ book.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife paid homage to member of the Inlay Phuangdaw U Pagoda Board of Trustees Ovadacariya Namhu Monastery Sayadaw Dhammacariya Bhaddanta Kumuda and presented offertories. After inspecting renovation of the platform of the pagoda, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party visited ancient Alodawpauk Pagoda in Nampan Village at noon and paid obeisance to the Buddha Images. They offered gold foils to the images.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party paid homage to the Buddha Images and signed in the visitors’ book. After that they donated cash to the funds of the pagoda. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party viewed the Buddha statues discovered from the caves to the southern and western parts of the pagoda, ancient coins and lead and silver plate records.

On arrival at Taunggyi in the afternoon, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party visited Sulamuni Lawka Chantha Pagoda where they paid homage to Kasapa Buddha Image, and made cash donations to the funds of the pagoda. After signing in the visitors’ book, they paid reverence to the pagoda.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party this morning went to Konlon Pariyatti Sarthintaik in Hethon Village, Pindaya Township. Next, they paid homage to State Ovadacariya Konlon Pariyatti Sarthintaik Sayadaw Abhidha Agga Maha Saddharmma Jotika Bhaddanta Tejaniya and asked after the health of the Sayadaw. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife and party visited Pyidaw Nyeinchanay Pagoda.
**PERSPECTIVES**

Tuesday, 21 October, 2003

For the success of the roadmap

In building the Union of Myanmar to become a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the Government has given priority to national reconciliation, regional peace and tranquillity and law enforcement and at the same time various national plans have been laid down and implemented with the aim of building economic, social and development infrastructures.

After consolidating national unity, efforts are being made for regional development, emergence of economic infrastructures and raising the living standards of the people. These efforts are aimed at building the basic foundations for a democratic nation.

At present, armed national race groups in Shan State (North), after realizing the goodwill of the State, have returned to the legal fold and are actively taking part in regional development and nation-building tasks. People living in border areas and the hill region are now enjoying fruitful results of peace and development which they have never experienced before. Shan State (North) is developing not only in form but also in essence. Local people are striving for rice sufficiency by building 437 dams and reservoirs that benefit over 100,000 acres of land.

The main crops grown in Shan State (North) are paddy, maize, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, green gram and soya bean. Moreover, tea, coffee, mango, rubber, lime, lychee, walnut, sweet chestnut, orange, damson and grape are grown as poppy-substitute crops.

Shweyi hydropower station that will produce 400 megawatt of electricity is under construction to supply electricity not only to Shan State (North) but also to other regions of the country through the national grid. For the convenience of people living in the five special regions in Shan State (North), 12 posts, 40 telephone exchanges, 10 telegraph offices plus a satellite station in Laukkai region were established.

These economic and social developments are the results of regional peace and tranquillity and unity among national brethren. Nowadays, the future policies and programmes (roadmap) have been laid down for emergence of a peaceful, modern democratic nation. Mass rallies were held throughout the country in support of the seven-point future policy of the State mentioned in the speech of the Prime Minister for the continued existence of tranquillity and development. At a time when efforts are being made for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation, the entire national people are urged to actively participate in the tasks for accomplishment of the State’s seven future policies and programmes (roadmap).

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**YANGON, 20 Oct** — Hailing the campaign against HIV/AIDS Control, health talks were given to the service personnel of the Ministry of Industry-2 at No1. Automobile Factory (Yangon) on Inya Lake Hotel Street this afternoon. Present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers for Industry-2 Lt-Gen Khan Maung Kyaw, directors-general and managing directors, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and CEC members, officials and over 500 staff. — MNA

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**MAAS’s paper reading session to be held**

**YANGON, 20 Oct** — The opening ceremony of third paper reading session of the Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science will be held at Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road here on 23 Oct.

A total of 104 papers will be submitted at the University of Yangon and Yangon Institute of Economics and those interested may attend it. — MNA

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**Export market promotion course opens**

**YANGON, 20 Oct** — The export market promotion course jointly conducted by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AUTS) in Japan was opened at Mingala Hall of Kandawgyi Palace Hotel this morning.

General Secretary of UMFFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing, General Manager AOFS in Bangkok Office Mr Kauhun Aung and UMFFCCI CEC member U Moe Kyaw spoke on the occasion. The 10-day course is being attended by 40 trainees. — MNA

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**Heroin seized in Muse**

Ye Win and his accomplices seen with narcotic drugs. — MNA

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Enlightening courses of MRA to be opened

**YANGON, 18 Oct** — Myanmar Royal Academy (MRA) is conducting courses on spoken English classes (Intermediate) and English for medical students, HAs and nurses, doctors and medical English. MRA Principal and Academic Director Dr Myint Hlaing takes charge of teaching.

At the end of the month, special classes of TOEFL, GCE (English), English in accounting and finance and English in marketing and management and basic computer courses will be opened. Contact MRA, No 57, ground floor, Ninth Street Lanmadaw Township (Ph 222121)

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Delegation leaves for Manila

**YANGON, 20 Oct** — Myanmar delegation led by Auditor-General Brig-Gen Lun Maung left here by air today to attend 9th Conference of Federation of Auditor-General Offices on Asia to be held in Manila, the Philippines. The delegation was seen off at the airport by Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Auditor-General U Khin Win, Deputy Director General of Auditor-General’s Office Daw Tin Kyi Oo and officials.

Member of the delegation Daw Thin Thin, Director-General, the Auditor-General’s Office also accompanied the Auditor-General. — MNA

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**Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife present offerings to Maha Visokdayon Waso Monastery Abbot Sayadaw Bhaddanta Agghiya. — MNA**

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Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe gives talks on trafficking in persons. — MNA

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Openning ceremony of Export Market Promotion Course in progress. — MNA
Clear distinction to be drawn between terrorism and the legitimate right of peoples to resist foreign occupation stressed in debate of UN

The following are remarks made by representatives at the 7th and 8th meeting of the Sixth Committee of the 58th Session of the UNGA on 17 October. Concerted global action carried out in context of the United Nations and all its relevant organs was the only way to defeat the scourge of terrorism, delegates of the Sixth Committee (Legal) affirmed in two meetings on 17 October as they continued debate on measures to eliminate international terrorism.

Delegations called for a definition of terrorism to be included in the comprehensive convention, and for a clear distinction to be drawn between terrorism and the legitimate right of peoples to resist foreign occupation. Some expressed disappointment that negotiations were stalled by a lack of political will on a matter of the greatest urgency. Others expressed disapproval at the linking of the two conventions so as to preclude finalization of one without the other. A number of States welcomed the involvement of multiple United Nations organs in combating the terrorism scourge. They urged the Counter-Terrorism Committee to work closely with regional organizations.

China among many others, expressed opposition to missing the war on terrorism to achieve political or other goals. They called for a strengthening of the United Nations role in the fight.

International cooperation must be undertaken in an atmosphere of mutual respect for the principles of equality and non-interference in the internal affairs of sovereign States

Amos Wako, Attorney General of Kenya, said his country was determined to work with all States in full observance of the principles and standards of international law to eliminate terrorism.

It believed the United Nations could provide the basis for a truly global response. The United Nations could provide the basis for a truly global response.

The fight against terror must not diminish the need to acknowledge the legitimate struggle of people against foreign occupation

Liow Tiong Lai (Malaysia) said individual efforts of States to fight terrorism were welcome, but the scale of the threats to international peace and security required that such efforts be undertaken on the regional and global level. The United Nations could provide the basis for a truly global response.

He described measures his country had taken at the national and regional levels, and said it was crucial to elaborate a clear understanding of what constituted “terror”. Without a clear and common definition, perpetrators of terrorist acts would continue to justify their actions in the name of State security or national liberation.

That definition should come out of a high-level international conference. The fight against terror must not diminish the need to acknowledge the legitimate struggle of people against foreign occupation.

Malaysia’s representative to the sixth committee of the 58th session of UNGA Liow Tiong Lai

Terrorism could be effectively combated with an international convention under United Nations auspices

Mwelwa Musam-bachime, Zambia’s Permanent Representative to the UN said his country condemned international terrorism and believed it could be effectively combated with an international convention under United Nations auspices.

Zambia had actively participated in the drafting of the African Union convention on the prevention and combating of terrorism, which it would soon ratify. It hoped the divergent views on the framing of a comprehensive international convention on terrorism would be narrowed for a consensus text to be adopted. His delegation would cooperate with others towards that end.

Terrorist acts have become more and more dangerous, requiring concerted international efforts, with a central United Nations role, to deal with the problem

Nguyen Duy Chien (Vietnam), speaking for the committee, said that terrorist acts had become more and more dangerous, requiring concerted international efforts, with a central United Nations role, to deal with the problem. Vietnam supported action based on the Charter and principles of international law, and valued work being done by the Ad Hoc Committee framing international anti-terrorism instruments.

He said ASEAN had, at its recent meeting, agreed
Iraqi Turkmen opposition called for an end to “conspiracies” threatening stability. **MNA/Xinhua**
Violence continues to affect reconstruction efforts in Iraq

Baghdad, 20 Oct—Almost six months after major hostilities in Iraq officially ended, violence continues to plague the war-shattered country where post-war US combat deaths have passed the 100-mark.

Four US soldiers, all with the military police, have died since Thursday, raising to 101 the number of American troops killed in action in Iraq since US President George W. Bush declared major hostilities over on May 1.

Since they seized Baghdad and sent strongman Saddam Hussein fleeing, the US-led forces have continued to face daily attacks.

On Friday one American soldier was killed and another wounded when an explosive device blew up in Baghdad, while three lost their lives patrolling a neighbourhood of Karbala, 110 kilometres (70 miles) south of Baghdad.

The coalition blamed the incident on armed followers of little-known forefather cleric Mahudm al-Hassani, who is influential in the Karbala neighbourhhood where he lives.

US military vehicle explodes as convoy comes under fire in Iraq

Baghdad, 20 Oct.—A US vehicle exploded when assailants attacked a convoy apparently transporting weapons and ammunition in the flashpoint Iraqi city of Fallujah, witnesses said.

US troops left immediately after the attack but returned a little later and opened fire, wounding two Iraqis, the witnesses said.

American forces in armoured vehicles took position at the scene. “We are here to secure the area,” a US officer said, declining to give details of the attack.

A number of people at the scene chanted slogans in support of ousted president Saddam Hussein.

“This is a first reaction after (Osama) bin Laden’s declaration,” said Suheil.

In two “messages” to the Iraqi and American people aired by Al-Jazeera television, suicide bombers threatened to send rockets into the United States and to attack any forces joining the coalition in Iraq.

WHO body seeks pact on handling SARS virus

WHO, 20 Oct.—The World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday it wanted controls on laboratories holding SARS virus samples in order to prevent a return of the disease which killed more than 800 people in the past year.

The risk of transmission is on high alert for a possible resurgence of the virus. The United Nations health agency declared the outbreak over in July, but there has since been one case in Singapore where a research student caught the virus while working in a laboratory that kept samples of the virus.

Mackenzie said that the WHO hoped scientists would call for countries to keep tight control over allowing laboratories to work with the virus and to keep close track of stocks.

“Not all laboratories should have the right to work with the virus. We do not want it to be too available for accidents,” he added.

Chinese scientist predicts no SARS outbreak in coming winter

Beijing, 20 Oct.—A leading Chinese scientist on Friday predicted there would be no outbreak of SARS in the coming winter, but warned of the possibility of sporadic cases and urged the public not to ease up on preventive measures.

Professor Zhong Nanshan said that the Chinese Government has begun to revive all-round measures to prevent a possible comeback of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), which infected some 8,400 people worldwide in the past spring, killing more than 900, mostly in Asia.

Various governmental departments have been working to get ready, such as improving the monitoring system and publishing a national guideline to provide suggestions on prevention, diagnosis and treatment,” Zhong told Xinhua.

“With these active measures, I believe there will not be an outbreak of SARS this winter,” he said. But the academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering did not exclude the possibility of a resurgence of sporadic cases, saying that much work remains on those basic measures like early discovery, early isolation, and early contact tracing.

Zhong earned fame in China when he led a research team at a respiratory disease institute to effectively fight against SARS in south China's Guangdong Province, where the disease first appeared.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraqis from the restive town of Falluja watch as a US Army ammunition truck explodes, throwing flaming shrapnel on 19 October, 2003. Witnesses said the vehicle had been hit with a rocket propelled grenade in an ambush, and there was no information on casualties.—INTERNET

More US troops killed in Iraq — INTERNET

More US troops killed in Iraq, Saddam “letter” urges holy war

Baghdad, 20 Oct.—US forces in Iraq said that two of their soldiers were killed, and an Iraqi was also struck down during a gun battle, while a letter purportedly written by Saddam Hussein called for jihad, or holy war, against “the hated invaders.”

US President George W. Bush, meanwhile, said a new audiotope purportedly by Osama bin Laden threatening Washington over its occupation of Baghdad meant that “the war on terror goes on.”

Coalition officials announced that two soldiers of the US 4th Infantry Division were killed and one wounded in rocket-propelled grenade (RPG) and small arms attack late Saturday near the US military base of Kukruk, 260 kilometres (160 miles) north of Baghdad.

The two deaths confirmed by the coalition bring to 103 the number of Americans who have died in combat since Bush declared an end to major combat on May 1. And in the flashpoint town of Fallujah, an Iraqi was killed and another wounded when US soldiers opened fire after they came under RPG attack while removing a military vehicle hit earlier by an RPG, witnesses and hospital sources said.

The US vehicle had exploded when assailants attacked a convoy apparently transporting weapons and ammunition in the town, 50 kilometres (30 miles) west of Baghdad, witnesses said.

US troops left immediately after the attack but returned a little later and then opened fire, wounding two Iraqis, the witnesses said.

A local hospital doctor, Aman Abdul Qader, said five Iraqis were wounded in the first incident, three of them seriously.
**State Dept study foreshaw trouble now plaguing Iraq**

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct—A yearlong State Department study predicted many of the problems that have plagued the American-led occupation of Iraq, according to internal State Department documents and interviews with administration and Congressional officials.

Beginning in April 2002, the State Department project assembled more than 200 Iraqi lawyers, engineers, businessmen and other experts into 17 working groups to study topics ranging from creating a new justice system to reorganizing the military to revamping the economy.

The findings included a much more dire assessment of Iraq's dilapidated electrical and water systems than many Pentagon officials assumed. They warned of a society so brutalized by Saddam Hussein's rule that many Iraqis might react coolly to Americans' notions of quickly rebuilding civil society.

Several officials said that many of the findings in the $5 million study were ignored by Pentagon officials until recently, although the Pentagon said they took the findings into account. The work is now being relied on heavily as occupation forces struggle to impose stability in Iraq.

The working group studying transitional justice was certly prescient in forecasting the widespread looting in the aftermath of the fall of Mr Hussein's government, caused in part by thousands of criminals set free from prison, and it recommended force to prevent the chaos.

"The period immediately after regime change might offer these criminals the opportunity to engage in acts of killing, plunder and looting," the report warned, urging American officials to "organize military patrols by coalition forces in all major cities to prevent lawlessness, especially against civilians and civil society institutions and government facilities." Despite the scope of the project, the military office initially charged with rebuilding Iraq did not learn of it until a major government drill for the postwar mission was held in Washington in late February, less than a month before the conflict began, said Ron Adams, the office's deputy director.

The man overseeing the planning, Tom Warrick, a State Department official, so impressed aides to Jay Garner, a retired Army lieutenant general heading the military's reconstruction office, that they recruited Mr Warrick to join their team.

In a third incident, three apparent Iraqi attackers were also reported killed.

There were no reports of casualties in the Sunday morning attack against what appeared to be a US ammunition truck here in Fallujah, 35 miles west of Baghdad in the "Sun Triangle.

Dozens of Iraqi youths cheered and danced in celebration as contents of the flaming vehicles continued to explode. US troops and Iraqi police kept journalists away from the scene, but from a distance it appeared that three American vehicles, including at least one truck and one Humvee, were ablaze.

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In the northern attack, an American mounted patrol was ambushed by rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire at 10:45 pm Saturday outside the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, 159 miles north of Baghdad, said Maj Josslyn Abele, spokeswoman for the 4th Infantry Division.

The patrol from Task Force Ironhorse—a force that includes the 4th Division—returned fire, but no additional enemy contact followed, Abele said.

In another attack north early Sunday, US troops were attacked by grenades and small arms and returned fire, killing three Iraqis near Hawija, 150 miles north of Baghdad, the 4th Infantry Division reported.

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**Underground train derails in London**

LONDON, 20 Oct—An underground train in London derailed on Friday night but there were no reports of any injuries.

The accident took place shortly before 10 pm on the Piccadilly Line at Hamme-smith Station, leading to a halt in other underground services on that route, according to police.

There were 76 passengers on board when the derailment happened and police said no other trains were involved.

Police, firefighters and underground staff have come to the aid of the passengers. MNA/Xinhua

**US approves first drug for late-stage Alzheimer’s**

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct—US health officials on Friday approved the first medicine for the late stages of Alzheimer's, the degenerative brain disease that afflicts an estimated four million Americans.

Namenda, made by Forest Laboratories Inc., showed the decline in awareness, reasoning and daily functioning experienced by patients with moderate to severe Alzheimer’s who were treated in clinical trials, the Food and Drug Administration said.

“Specifically, patients’ mental and functional ability did deteriorate. But on average those given Namenda were better able to perform tasks such as feeding themselves or dialing a phone than those treated in clinical trials, the FDA said.

Forest said Namenda will address an important medical need because the moderately to severe stages of Alzheimer’s can last years.

“It certainly provides a modest, but we think meaningful, benefit,” said Charles Triano, Forest’s vice-president for investor relations.

The drug should be available in January, Triano said.

The FDA action follows last month’s unanimous recommendation for approval from an FDA advisory panel. Members of the panel agreed the drug was safe and effective but stressed that benefits appeared limited.—MNA/Reuters

**Two soldiers killed in attack on patrol in Iraq**

FALLUJAH, 20 Oct—Two US soldiers were killed and one was wounded in an ambush north of Baghdad, the military said, and insurgents on Sunday attacked a convoy in this turbulent city west of the capital, setting off huge explosions in several vehicles.

In a third incident, three apparent Iraqi attackers were also reported killed.

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**US forces in Iraq admit morale is low**

BAGHDAD, 20 Oct—US defence officials said on Thursday they are drawing up plans to mobilize more American forces for duty in Iraq in the expectation that too few international troops will be available by early next year.

A survey of US troops in Iraq, meanwhile, found that one-third described their morale as low and half did not plan to re-enlist—findings that led Pentagon leaders for investor relations.

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"You have to have some sort of rotation scheme for the men or women that are over there that’s a limit to how long they’ll stay. Then you have to bring in other people, other divisions or other National Guard or whatever,” said Senator Trent Lott of Mississippi.

The survey of 1,935 troops, published in a series of special reports on Iraq in the Stars and Stripes newspaper, also found that a significant number of troops were confused about the purpose of their presence, and had lost faith in their mission.

Coinciding with the report, the army on Thursday admitted that at least 13 US troops had committed suicide in Iraq, representing more than 10 per cent of American non-combat deaths there, and said the army had sent a suicide-prevention expert to Iraq.—Internet

**Chinese tourists walk past the ruins of western style buildings脚下 by French and English troops during the Qing Dynasty at the Old Summer Palace in Beijing, China on 18 October, 2003.**

**Donate blood**

Internet
A tribute to our teachers

Yenanmyay Ko Tin

I had occasion to drop in on my granddaughter at a school one day. She was only about eleven years old and wasn't the praiseworthy type at all at home. In fact, all bad adjectives — headstrong, stubborn, unbending, unmanageable, etc., could have been hurled at her.

However, I was in such a shock that day. On reaching there, my granddaughter happened to spot her teacher coming towards the school. And I saw my granddaughter rushing to her teacher to pay obeisance respectfully and to take over her teacher's tiffin-carrier as a way of giving a helping hand and following her teacher one pace behind, like a well-trained puppy.

I was amazed at the change of my granddaughter's demeanor. Was the teacher a wizard or a modern Madam Hudini? I noticed that my granddaughter had serenely taken refuge in her and that a stanza from the "Loka Niti—Buddhist Philosophy", came to me as:—

* The shade of the tree is cool.
* The refuge of parents and relatives is cooler.
* Even more is the refuge of the teachers.
* The coolest is the refuge of the Buddha.

My granddaughter’s teacher filled me with admiration. Perhaps she belonged to that category of good and memorable teachers that were able to impart education, and at the same time instill discipline and awaken moral awareness.

Globalisation, and the advances in Information Technologies has propelled education to the forefront and incidentally the "Loka Niti—highlighted education as:—

* Men or animals are capable of sleeping, eating or having sex.
* Education is the quality where man excels.

Education is the tool used to develop and sharpen one’s mind, skills, character, etc., and the only medium of acquiring it is solely through teachers at all levels of learning. Hence the role of teachers or educationalists is by no means trifling or minimal.

Prior to Myanmar’s annexation, monastic education remained in prominence. Subsequent to colonisation, many vernacular and Anglo-vernacular schools came into existence. Next came the Yangon College and the Yangon University, for higher education. With the systems of national schools through national fervour, all the teachers remained steadfast to their role as educationalists amidst all the changes. Then came the Second World War and its attendant hardships. The teachers nevertheless stood by their posts and continued to impart education, in spite of the many anomalies unavoidable in education at that time.

The post-war period witnessed an influx of facilities for the primary, middle and high schools, leading to the establishment of colleges and universities in States and Divisions and in recent years, also in the border areas. And with the widening scope in learning, many new subjects also came into existence, calling for the availability of a large number of Educationalist Corps, both generalists and specialists. The creation of a cadre of teachers, was assisted by the Government of Myanmar, with the opening of more training schools for teachers, training colleges as well as post-graduate courses.

We are grateful to all educationalists who have responded to the needs of the nation. We remain highly indebted to them for their patience, devotion and skills in educating and nurturing such a motley flock of youngsters.

Myanmar’s Education Index (based on primary, secondary and tertiary enrollment), and the rate of adult literacy remains highly favourable. And according to the UNDP’s Human Development Report, 2000, Myanmar’s Education Index is (0.75), while the Adult Literacy rate is (84.1%). The rate refers to the year 1998 and should definitely be much higher, as of date.

The New International Webster’s Pocket Thesaurus defines ‘education’ as ‘teach, train, inform, tutor and instruct’. That’s what by former gurus did in sincerity and devotion. All of them passed away, but my respect for them still lingers on and I remain resolute. By now, they will have attained higher levels of existence. Education, however, will have to go on. Our children’s time, between the age of five and up to about twenty two years, are mostly spent in schools and institutions in pursuit of education. It constitutes the period when they could be moulded either into Saints or criminals. But in credit to their noble profession, the educationalists have never failed us, the parents.

They have unflaggingly produced intellectuals and worthy citizens. And it’s no wonder that Myanmars regard all teachers as one of the Five Gems, in conjunction with the Lord Buddha, the Dhamma, the Sangha and Parents.

And in paying my tribute to all educationalists on the “World Teacher’s Day, 2003”, may I echo the concluding words of UNESCO, ILO, UNDP and UNICEF’s joint message, that pertinently stresses, “We salute your courage, commitment and determination. Be assured that there is no substitution for your profession, which deserves the respect and support of everyone. Let there be no mistake: our future depends on it.”
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Not only the people of Myanmar but also ASEAN and international community support the seven-point roadmap of Myanmar

Teikatho Myat Thu

(continued from yesterday)
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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt explained the
seven-point roadmap of democratic transition of Myanmar
to the leaders of the ASEAN countries. The Prime
minister said on the occasion that he announced the seven-
point roadmap soon after he had taken charge of the re-
sponsibilities of the prime minister, and, that the National
Convention was to be reconvened and the state constitu-
tion was to be drafted for the successful implementation
of the roadmap. The draft constitution would be accepted
through a national referendum and afterwards, free and fair
elections were to be held and Pyithu Hluttaw (Leg-
lislative bodies) to be convened, he added. The new gov-
ernment would be formed by the Pyithu Hluttaw in ac-
cord with the state constitution, and the state power
would be transferred to the government.

The new government would carry on the national
development projects. At present, the National Conven-
ion Convening Commission and the work committee have
already been set up. The Prime Minister noted that those
duties could not easily be carried out overnight. He
expressed his belief that all would realize the delicate situ-
ation in which the government had to tackle the tasks as
Myanmar is home to over one hundred national races.
National races of the country had once fought against
each other. And now the government has been able to
make peace with seventeen armed groups, he said. In
drafting a constitution, there should not be weakness and
flaws. If there are flaws in the constitution, the nation
would face danger.

People from all walks of life including the repre-
sentatives of the national races, political parties, peasants,
workers, intellectuals, technicians and service personnel
are participating in the Nation Convention. A consensus
was sought through mutual negotiations in the National
Convention. Therefore, the tasks could not be carried out
within a limited period hastily. The government, he said,
had no wish to prolong the duration. Appropriate period
of time must be allowed to gain mutual understanding and
cooperation. He expressed his hope that the friendly nation-
ons and regional countries would realize the
situation of Myanmar and help overcome the difficul-
ties. Outside pressure and interference would adversely
affect the delicate tasks.

Prime Minister expressed his strong belief that the
desired goal would be achieved through building
the national unity and mutual understanding, and all would
realize the situation of Myanmar and cooperate with her.
All the news indicated that the country won the under-
standing and support of the members of the ASEAN coun-
tries.

Statement of the ASEAN Summit and the
ASEAN+3 Summit dated 7, October, 2003, issued
by Chairman of the Summits and alternate Chairman of the
ASEAN President of the Republic of Indonesia Madam
Megawati Soekarnoputri mentioned the future tasks, suc-
cess and matters discussed at the summits in detail. Para-
graph 25 of the statement said that the leaders welcomed
the recent positive developments of Myanmar and the
Government’s pledge to bring about a transe- 
democracy through dialogue and reconciliation. The roadmap
as outlined by the Prime Minister of Myanmar that would
involve all strata of Myanmar society is a pragmatic ap-
proach and deserves understanding and support. The
ASEAN leaders also agreed that sanctions are not helpful
in promoting peace and stability essential for democracy
to take root. Some people and media from the west had
a lot of negative words and writings over the democratic
transition of Myanmar together with speculations and
Shwesaryan Open Golf Tour concluded

YANGON, 20 Oct.—The Shwesaryan Open Golf Championship of the Myanmar Golf Tour 2003 organized by the Central Command, Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar PGA continued yesterday at Shwesaryan Golf Course in Mandalay.

After the 18-hole contests, prize presentation ceremony followed. Officials of Hoo Trading Co Ltd presented prizes to winners, who stood first, second and third in handicap 13-18 contest, amateur level contest and professional golfers contest, and the hole-in-one award winner.

Next, special project manager of Rotomachs of Pall Mall Myanmar Pty Ltd and Commander of the Central Command Brig-Gen Nay Win awarded daily best player in amateur level tournament and professional golfers tournament respectively.

Similarly, winners of the amateur level tournament and professional golfers tournament concluded also received prizes presented by President of MPGA and MGF Maj-Gen Win Hlaing.

Likewise, on behalf of the Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win gave away cash award to the champion of the professional golfers tour. Maj-Gen Win Hlaing also presented a gift to Hoo Trading Co Ltd, the title sponsor, through Managing Director U Te Za.

The golf tour was co-sponsored by Rotomachs of Pall Mall Myanmar Pty Ltd, Hoo Trading Co Ltd, Nadi Myanmar Hotel, Air Mandalay, Grand Slam Munsingwear, Loi Hein (Alpine), Myanmar Hotel, Air Mandalay, Emporium and Han Event Management took responsibilities to organize the journey. — MNA

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

YANGON, 20 Oct.—Under the programme of the Mid-year Myanma Gems Emporium 2003, 168 lots of gems were put on sale at the Myanma Gems Museum this morning through tender system and the competitive bidding.

At the emporium, local and foreign gems merchants bought 33 lots of gems through the competitive bidding till 5 pm today.

Gems sale will continue tomorrow through competitive bidding. — MNA

Later, they inspected development of Myittha Region and village-to-village roads. Next, they arrived at Ywankhineyi Village Station Hospital in Myittha Village and attended to the needs. After that Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the hospital.

Then, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Ywankhineyi Village Affiliated Basic Education High School where they inspected construction of the two-story building of the school. They then donated cash for the building. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected renovation of Pyayungyi Canal that supplies water for agricultural purpose and cultivation of monsoon paddy.

At 1 pm, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party presented cash donation for hospital through officials.

Ophthalmic Surgeon’s Conference is to be held

YANGON, 20 Oct.—The 15th Ophthalmic Surgeon’s Conference sponsored by Ophthalmic Surgeons Society of Myanmar Medical Association will be held here on 13 and 14 November 2003. Those who are interested to attend and those who are interested to read papers at the conference are requested to contact the Secretary of Ophthalmic Surgeons Society of Myanmar Medical Association in Yangon Eye Hospital on Namauk Road, Yangon. — MNA
Wonderful experiences

Laukkai, Muse and Kongyan are the rapidly developing modern towns in northern Shan State, thanks to the peace and stability prevailing in the whole region due to the earnest and sincere efforts of the Government.

As there is peace and stability in the region, business-prosper, leading to raising the living standard of the local people and coming into being of the modern facilities needed for well-rounded development of the northern Shan State in particular and the whole nation in general.

The motor road from Mandalay, the second largest city and a tourist destination, lying in the central Myanmar, to Muse, a prospering town at Myanmar-China border, the Shweli River Bridge and other new infrastructures are also the results of the peace and stability and the endeavours of the Government, the peace groups, the entrepreneurs and the local ethnic races.

The Mandalay-Muse road is a Union Highway linking the central and the north-east regions of the country, also serving as vital land route between the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China.

Starting from Mandalay, the road runs through PyinOoLwin, a beautiful hill station in Mandalay Division, before entering the northern Shan State in Nawngkhi Township where the famous Gok-htake viaduct is located.

Gok-htake is a gorge, where a creek flows through it. The creek is also called the Gok-hhake Creek. In PyinOoLwin, a visitor may go sightseeing at Pwegauk Falls, Anisakan Falls, Wettun Falls, and Paik-chin-Myang Falls and Cave.

The Paik-chin-Myang Cave was formed by the forces of nature millions of years ago. Inside the cave are the ancient Buddha images and small streams. National Kandawgyi Gardens is also an interesting place in the town.

From Nawngkhi, the Union Highway reaches Kyaukme, a business town in northern Shan State, famous for its various kinds of local agricultural produce.

The highway continues to Hsipaw, a silent town, with many natural mini streams crisscrossing it. Between Hsipaw and Lashio, the regional capital, is a dense forest, serving as the source of water for the magnificent Mamsam Falls.

The railroad from Mandalay to northern Shan State ends in Lashio, but the Union Highway keeps on going till reaching Muse. The regional capital is famous for its hot springs.

From Lashio, the highway passes through the Huwni plains, one of the major rice growing areas in northern Shan State, and entered Hsueh, a small town in the region. And from there, the Union Highway reaches Muse, a busy border town, and also serving as an entry point for tourists coming in from China.

Apart from its vitality in the trade between the towns along the road and with China also, the highway passes through many interesting towns and places. Thus, travelling on the road will give a passenger a lot of wonderful experiences.

11th Myanmar performing arts competitions continue

YANGON, 20 Oct—The 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the seventh day at respective venues today.

The song contest was held at the National Museum on Pyay road, the dance contest at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street, the song-composing contest at Pantra School on Kaba Aye Pagoda road and the Dobat contest at Padonma Theatre on Bagaya road here on a grand scale.

The competitions were attended by Member of the Panel of Patrons of the Committee for Holding the 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Chair of the Leading Committee for Holding the competitions Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Col Wai Lwin, senior military officers, Chairman of the Work Committee for holding the competitions Commander of No-3 Military Region Col Tin Tint Hsan, officials of work committees and sub-committees, enthusiasts and tourists.

Chairman of the 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. At the professional level religious song contest (female), a total of 15 contestants competed with Tay Bonma song composed by U Pyone Cho. At the basic education level classic/modern song contest (boys, aged 15-20), 20 contestants competed with Sabe song composed by Gita Nettan Ko Saw Neyn.

The professional level religious song contest (male), and basic education level classic/modern song contest (aged 15-20, girls) will be held tomorrow.

A total of 15 contestants participated in the basic education level dance contest (aged 15-20, girls).

16th ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting commences

YANGON, 20 Oct—The 16th ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting hosted by the Union of Myanmar was held at Sedona Hotel this morning.

Present were senior officials of member of ASEAN nations Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam, and delegates, officials of ASEAN Secretariat, delegates of Myanmar and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Leader of Myanmar delegation Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung presided over the meeting and delivered a speech.

He recalled on the future tasks decided by 8th, 9th and 10th ASEAN Senior Transport Officals Meeting, which were held in Indonesia last year. Some of the objectives laid down by Hano Plan of Action are still pending. The three important transport related agreements, ASEAN framework agreement on the facilitation of Goods in Transit, Memorandum of Understanding on Multimodal Transport and inter-State Transport still need to be concluded as soon as possible. He said 7 ASEAN Transport related meetings will be held consecutively in Yangon.

He hoped that the meetings will be able to achieve our objectives and conclude these meetings to our satisfaction.

Leader of the delegations and members and officials of ASEAN Secretariat posed for souvenir photos.

In the afternoon session, participants discussed reports by ASEAN Secretariat on resolutions, statements and future tasks laid down by the 9th ASEAN Summit held in Bali, Indonesia, implementation of the agreements on transport, the application of ASEAN minus X formula, reports of transport facilitation working group, cooperation on transport among dialogue partners—the People's Republic of China, India and Japan, ASEAN Highway Network Plan, Singapore-Kunming Railroad Project and general issues.

The first day session ended in the evening. The meeting continues tomorrow. Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung hosted dinner in honour of delegates of the 16th ASEAN Senior Transport Officials Meeting and officials of ASEAN Secretariat at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel.
Tangible results of Development in Shan State (North)

Shwehlay sluice gate is located at the confluence of Hsema Creek and Bago River in Kawa Township, Bago Division. It will prevent floods in the rainy season and also prevent brine and silt carried by Bago River. Moreover, it is built with the aim of supplying water to 35,000 acres of summer paddy.

PHOTO: MNA

Mann Creek dam, a gigantic facility included in the cluster of dams in the western Magway Division, was constructed with a view to contributing towards the development of the regions including Minbu, Sagu, Salin, Ngaphe, Sedoktara, and Pwintbyu.— PHOTO: KYEMON

The Pwintbyu Textile Factory (Project) is located on 681.71 acres of land, near Kanthagyì Village on Lekaing-Pwintbyu motor road, two miles from Pwintbyu in Magway Division. 87 per cent of construction is complete. Arrangements are being made for the factory to be able to come into operation in December 2004. — PHOTO: MNA
Claims Day notice

MV “JATIWANGI PB400” VOY NO (YJT 357)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV “JATIWANGI PB 400” Voy No (357) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21-10-2003 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be served daily between 8 am to 11.30 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: MS Advance Container Line

Phone: 256908, 378316, 376797

Illusionist Blaine’s stunt nears end in London

London, 20 Oct — US showman David Blaine is to swap his plastic box by London’s River Thames for a hospital ward when his 44-day starvation stunt ends on Sunday.

Filthy, unshaven and complaining of black-outs, Blaine will be taken to hospital by ambulance to begin what he describes as the most dangerous stage of his feat.

The hardest part is when you come out and you are brought back to nourishment,” he told Reuters Television in a recent pre-recorded interview.

The illusionist will build his strength slowly with minimal supplements before tackling solid food, a spokesman said.

Blaine has been suspended in a see-through box beneath a crane next to London’s landmark Tower Bridge since September 5, apparently with no food and only one tube for water and another for urinating.

The 30-year-old New Yorker said it was more dangerous than his previous stunts when he was buried alive in a glass coffin and suspended beneath a giant block of ice. Organizers said on Friday that Blaine had suffered breathing problems and heart palpitations. He will be slowly lowered on Sunday at 9.30 pm (2030 GMT).

“Doctors will be on hand,” said a spokesman for Sky One, the television channel broadcasting the event.

“We don’t know if he will be able to walk or whether he will be on a stretcher.”

Blaine says he feels ill and deniers sceptics’ suggestions he has secretly taken sugar and nutrients through his water pipe. “When I stand up everything goes black and sometimes my hearing goes out,” he told onlookers through a hatch earlier this week.

“Then I concentrate on something too much it hurts in my head.”

He won’t miss the taxes from passers-by.

Onlookers have pitchers of cell with eggs, paint and golf balls and have woken him with drums and foghorns. Others tormented him with the smell of fish-and-chips and hamburgers, while women have bared their breasts. — MNA/Xinhua

About 5,000 Nigerians deported for human trafficking

ABJEA, 20 Oct — About 5,000 Nigerians have been deported from various countries across the world in the last five months over human trafficking offences, a leading official from the Women Trafficking and Child Labour Eradication Foundation (WTCLEF) said Friday.

“About a total number of 4,835 Nigerians know criminals amongst us and must therefore expose them. To keep quiet is to render a great disservice to our country,” she said.

Speaking before the daunting task before the foundation against human trafficking, Titi Abubakar, also wife of Nigerian Vice-President Attiku Abubakar, said that was disheartening that Nigerians could still set child camels on the discovers recently in three states of Ogun, Oyo and Osun respectively in southwestern Nigeria.

The development, she said would not stop her from pursuing the objective of completing a rehabilitation centre in a suburb in Abuja where thousands of victims of such illegal trade would be accommodated and trained for skill acquisition, she also said that the training centre would require over one billion naira (about 7.8 million US dollars) and urged the support of well-meaning Nigerians. — MNA/Xinhua

Don’t smoke

Indonesia promotes tourism in China

Beijing, 20 Oct — Chinese tourists are being urged to travel to Indonesia to explore the 2,000-year-old cultural links between the two countries.

Edward Situmorang, senior assistant to the Indonesian Tourism Minister, said here Saturday that Chinese tourists would feel at home in Indonesia. “Chinese tourists can easily find traces of the Chinese culture. The influence of the Chinese on the Indonesian people will make visitors feel at home,” he said.

China is potentially the biggest tourist source nation in the world and Indonesian tourism operators are hoping to attract more visitors with its well-preserved Chinese culture. Since the Chinese first landed on Indonesia in the first century, Chinese food and clothes have been introduced and visitors can find Chinese cuisine all around Indonesia. — MNA/Xinhua

China sets up centre for int’l political studies

BEIJING, 20 Oct — Peking University, in the Chinese capital, on Saturday opened the country’s first national centre for the study of international politics and diplomacy.

The National Association of International Politics for Higher Learning Institutions (NAIPHLI) was welcomed by Qian Qichen, former vice-premier and director of the School of International Studies of Peking University, who sent a congratulatory letter.

Qian said the establishment of the NAIPHLI would promote China’s international politics and relations as well as foreign affairs studies. He hoped the association would develop academic exchanges at home and abroad, and also promote intellectual support for China’s reform and opening.

Professor Li Yidu, secretary-general of the NAIPHLI, said that a common political academic course, “World Politics and International Relations,” had been in all Chinese universities and colleges since 1998.

More than 40 universities and colleges have established academic institutes or departments focusing on international politics and relations and diplomacy.

Professor Liang Shoude said that the association would also hold the country’s research. — MNA/Xinhua
Trade between Guangxi, ASEAN rises by 59%  

SINGAPORE, 20 Oct—Singapore’s foreign trade totalled some 24.1 billion US dollars in September 2003, an increase of 17 per cent over the corresponding period last year, a government release said on Friday. The volume included 200 million dollars of imports from ASEAN and 410 million dollars of exports. Border trade accounted for most of the trade at more than 60 per cent of the total value.

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Bochum win to stay near top in Bundesliga

BERLIN, 20 Oct—VfL Bochum beat Schalke 04 in Gelsenkirchen 2-0 on Sunday to stay within striking distance of leaders Bayer Leverkusen in the Bundesliga while mid-table Kaiserslautern thrashed struggling Hamburg 5-0.

Schalke, who have reached the second round of the UEFA Cup, fell to second half goals from defender FrankFahrenheit in the 65th minute and striker Monso Diabang in the 79th.

Bochum, sixth with 15 points and unbeaten in six straight matches, had fended off a series of Schalke attacks in the first half in an ill-tempered Ruhr River Valley derby.

Schalke’s attack, with only five goals in five home matches, continued to struggle to find the net. Striker Victor Agali missed several solid chances and drew loud boos from the large home crowd.

Bayer Leverkusen reclaimed the top of the table on Saturday with a 4-1 trouncing of Hertha Berlin while VfB Stuttgart moved into second with a 3-1 victory over previous leaders Werder Bremen. Bayer have 22 points and Stuttgart 21.

Champions Bayern Munich are in sixth on 18.

Servette dumped out of Swiss Cup by part-timers

GENEA, 20 Oct—Seven-times Swiss Cup winners Servette were knocked out of the competition on Sunday after going down 3-2 to part-timers Malcantone Agro in the second round.

Servette, second in the Swiss league and cup winners in 2001, were undone by an extra-time goal from Gianluca Penzavalli for Malcantone.

Marcelo Citran had put Second Division club Malcantone in front after 10 minutes only for Goran Obradovic and Philippe Cravero to give Servette the lead. But Alberto Regazzoni equalised in the 99th minute to take the game into extra-time before Penzavalli struck after 95 minutes to secure a surprise victory.

Cup holders Basel comfortably progressed into the last 16 with a 4-1 win at Fourth Division Umaina Geneva-Sports.

Inter sack coach Caffer and turn to Zaccheroni

MILAN, 20 Oct—Inter Milan have sacked their Argentine coach Hector Caffer and brought in former AC Milan boss Alberto Zaccheroni, the Serie A club said on Sunday.

Inter were held to a 2-2 draw at Brescia on Saturday, their fourth successive Serie A match without a win and a result which leaves them seven points behind leaders Juventus. Caffer, in his third season at Inter, had been warned by chairman Massimo Moratti that further setbacks would not be tolerated after the 3-1 derby defeat by rivals AC Milan two weeks ago.

“Last night after the match away to Brescia there was a meeting between the president and Hector Caffer. At the end of the meeting the decision was made to dismiss Caffer and all his staff,” Inter vice-president Giacinto Facchetti said.

“The coach cannot carry on with the work done in the last two years. From Wednesday Alberto Zaccheroni will be the new Inter coach.”

Assistant coach Corrado Verdelli, who has enjoyed success with Inter’s youth team, takes charge temporarily for the Champions League game against Lokomotiv Moscow on Tuesday.

Caffer, a former Argentina central defender, took over at Inter in June 2001 after coaching stints in Argentina and at Real Mallorca and Valencia in Spain. Having taken Valencia to two runners-up spots in the Champions League in successive seasons, he was charged with the task of ending Inter’s long wait for an Italian title.

Sperstra comeback stuns Leicester, Villa hold City

LONDON, 20 Oct—Tottenham Hotspur stole a barely deserved 2-1 victory at bottom club Leicester City on Sunday to continue their improved run under caretaker-manager David Pleat.

A 79th-minute goal by South African substitute Mubulelo Mabizela on his debut and a last-minute winner from Frenchman Frederic Kanoute turned the match on its head after a Kasey Keller blunder allowed Paul Dickov to give Leicester a first-half lead. The win meant Spurs jumped to 11th in the English Premier League table on 11 points, while Leicester remained a point adrift at the bottom on five points.

There were no goals in Sunday’s other two games between Birmingham City and Aston Villa in the Midlands derby at St. Andrews and Everton and Southamptoun at Goodison Park.

Birmingham’s point meant they went fourth in the table on 16 points, four adrift of third-placed Chelsea who were beaten 2-1 by leaders Arsenal (23) on Saturday.

Second-placed champions Manchester United (22) won 1-0 at Leeds on Saturday.

Mabizela, signed from Orlando Pirates in the close season, had just come on as a substitute for Spurs when he hammered a volley past David Seaman.

Cuppers, whose winning streak has included victories over Real Madrid and Inter last won in 1989 and Moratti had tried several coaches including Marcello Lippi, Roy Hodgson and Marco Tardelli in his bid to bring back the glory days of the 1960s when his father Angelo was president and Inter won two European Cups.

World number one tennis player Juan Carlos Ferrero of Spain serves to Chilean Nicolas Massu during their final match at the Madrid Master’s ATP tennis tournament on Sunday.

Devastating Valencia back on top after 4-0 win

MADRID, 20 Oct—Valencia were in devastating form as they crushed bottom club Espanyol 4-0 at the Mestalla to record their sixth win on the trot and reclaim top spot in the Primera Liga on Sunday.

Two goals from striker Mista and one from the outstanding Ruben Baraja put Valencia 3-0 up by the break and winger Vicente added a fourth 11 minutes from time to complete the rout against a sorry- looking Espanyol, who have yet to win this season.

The result means Valencia, who have conceded just one goal in their seven matches, retained top spot after the weekend’s matches with 19 points, one ahead of Deportivo Coruna, who beat Deportivo 2-0 at the Nou Camp on Saturday.

Champions Real Madrid, who claimed a valuable 2-0 win at Celta Vigo on Saturday, are two points further back in third.

Osasuna, who are more accustomed to battling it out at the other end of the table, regained fourth spot after a goal in each half from Ivory Coast striker Ibrahim Bakayoko gave them a 2-1 win against nine-man Murcia at El Sadar.

Valencia are now the only unbeaten team in the top flight after neighbours Villarreal slipped to their first defeat of the season when they lost 2-0 at Athletic Bilbao.

“Today was little Indian summer.”—Ronaldo, who has enjoyed success with Inter’s youth team, takes charge temporarily for the Champions League game against Lokomotiv Moscow on Tuesday.

“It’s fantastic land,” Pleat told Sky Sports television. “I’m enjoying being the caretaker in a strange way you haven’t got that pressure (of being manager). This is a nice little Indian summer.”—MNA/Reuters

Inter Inter coach Alberto Zaccheroni in front of Baraja and Pablo Aimar bossing the midfield and Mista threatening up front.

Justine Henin-Hardenne of Belgium returns a ball to Jelena Doki of Serbia-Montenegro during their final match at the Swisscom Challenge Tennis Tournament in Kloster, Switzerland, on Sunday, 19 October, 2003. Henin- Hardenne won the match by 6-0, 6-4 to become the new women’s number one of the world.—INTERNET
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Kyun Htin U Sein Aung

Min and members made judgements on the basic education level piano contest (aged 10-15, boys). Today is the final day of all dance contests. The piano contest was held tomorrow at the National Theatre. The higher education level piano contest (male) will be held in the morning and the basic education level piano contest (aged 10-15, boys) in the afternoon.

The performance... At the higher education level xylophone contest (female), eight contestants took part in the contest with Kyun Kyun Paing Tha (Kyo). At the basic education level xylophone contest (aged 10-15, boys), 13 contestants took part in the contest with Baho Myet Than song. Member of Panel of Judges U Yee Nwe and members made judgements on the performance.

Altogether eight groups participated in the amateur level Dobat contest. Member of Panel of Judges U Sein Ba Maw and members made judgements on the performance. Altogether six groups participated in the basic education level Dobat contest (aged 10-15, boys) contest. —MNA
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife attend final rites of Shwekyin Sasana Baing Sayadaw

Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San.

The final rites of the Sayadaw were held at noon today, attended by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party.

Sadan Hsinmin Drama Competition continues

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects upgrading of road sections, development of Kyaukse region

YANGON, 20 Oct — The Sadan Hsinmin Drama Competition of the 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued today for the sixth day at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyuang Street in Dagon Township, here.

Pantra Tin Moe Win’s drama troupe from Yangon Division performed at the venue today.

Among those who enjoyed the performance were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yongan Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, senior military officers, Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint Hsan, doyen artists, and enthusiasts.

The Pantra Tin Moe Win’s drama troupe staged its performance with artistic sense. Tomorrow evening, Mandalay Division will present its performance of Mahajayaka marionette for the first day at the same venue.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects BEHS (Branch) of Minsu Model Village

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife pay homage to remains of Shwekyin Sasana Baing XIII Sayadaw Abhidajay Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa.

YANGON, 20 Oct — While serving the interests of religious affairs, member of the State Ovadacariani Chairman of Shwekyin Nikayadibhasi Maha Nayaka Dhamma Senabasi Terasama Shwekyin Sasana Baing Shan State (South) Nayangshwe Kangyi Pariyatti Monastery Presiding Nayaka Abhidhaja Maha Raitha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa passed away at 9.02 pm on 13 October.

The final rites of the Sayadaw were held at noon today, attended by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party.

They then inspected the BEHS (Branch) of Minsu Model Village, where General Manager U Myint and party inspected progress in construction of Singaing-Kyaukse section and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived at the Toll Gate near Myothagon Village, Singaing Township where General Manager U Sai Philip Yi reported on progress in construction of the Toll Gate and weighing of vehicles with the use of computer. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected tarring of 14-mile Singaing-Kyaukse section and upgrading of the old road with the use of heavy machinery.

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In the morning, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to the Station Hospital in Minsu Model Village.

Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe enjoys performance of Pantra Tin Moe Win of Yangon Division in Sadan Hsinmin (King of Elephants) Drama Competition.

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Presiding Nayaka Agga Sayadaw, State Sangha Maha Nayaka Sayadaws, Sayadaws and members of the Sangha from monasteries and disciples, Secretary of the SPDC Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Nwe, SPDC members Lt-Gen Aung Hlw, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiba Luxembourg.

Chairman of Mandalay Kangyi Pariyatti Monastery Gen Ye Myint accompanied State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha, SPDC members Win and wife Daw Than Nwe, SPDC members Lt-Gen Aung Hlw, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiba.

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