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Government upgrading private sector without loosing sight of entire people’s interest Nation relying on agricultural produce in export promotion drive

General Thura Shwe Mann meets entrepreneurs

YANGON, 16 Sept—A coordination meeting (7/2004) for development of seasonal and perennial crops farming was held at Zeyathiri Beikman, here, at 8 am today, with an address delivered by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of Ministry of Defence.

Also present at the meeting were Secretary 1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Chairman of Agricultural Development Committee Secretary 2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiba Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the senior military officers, officials of State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, the President and officials of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and guests.

In his address, General Thura Shwe Mann said that he had met with entrepreneurs running seasonal or perennial crop farms for seven times to this date.

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Constant learning: key to perpetual existence of nation and people

Development of various regions is important to that of the entire nation and therefore the Government is taking all the necessary steps to ensure harmonious development of each and every region of the Union. As education is the key to overall development of the nation, the Government has placed a special emphasis on education promotion.

The Special Refresher Course No 21 for Basic Education Teachers was opened at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, on 6 September. Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Li-Gen Thein Sein, also Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee, attended the ceremony and delivered a speech.

In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-2 said that the education sector is required to constantly turn out highly-qualified human resources that can build and safeguard a new nation and only then will the future of the nation and the people thrive.

The world today is experiencing rapid development of science and technologies, especially information technology, and in this fast-developing Union of Myanmar, like every other nations, is taking calculated measures for its future. Moreover, it is reviewing and reforming its education systems to be able to produce well-rounded citizens who are capable of weathering future challenges.

Education can determine the long-term interests of the nation and the people. Development of the nation rests on the higher educational standard of the people and knowledge and skills of the people are the lasting resources of the future nation. This being the case, teachers are required to try to widen their horizon of knowledge and hone their skills and at the same time they should fuel their students’ desire to pursue education and master their studies.

We would like to call upon teachers as well as students to constantly learn so that the goal of national education promotion programmes can materialize and then the future of the nation and the people will thrive.

Quartemaster-General Li-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Myint Oo of the Ministry of Defence and wife being welcomed by Malaysian Defence Adviser Col Hj Abbas Bin Hj Mat and wife at the reception to mark 71st Anniversary Armed Forces Day of Malaysia. — MNA

C-in-C’s Cup Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Taekwondo Tournament ends

YANGON, 16 Sept — The final events of the 13th Defence Services Commander-in-Chief’s Cup Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) Taekwondo Tournament were held at the stadium of the People’s Sport Grounds in Myikyina on 14 September morning.

Present on the occasion were Kachin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Patron of the Supervisory Committee for Kachin State Organization for Women’s Affairs and for Maternal and Child Welfare Association and wife of the commander Daw Tin Tin Nwe, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, Commander of Myikyina Air Base Col Zaw Tun, and others.

The tournament which started on 10 September attracted 23 teams. At the final men’s event at level A, the North-West Command team played against the No 77 Light Infantry Division team, in which the latter beat the former. At the final men’s event at level B, the Northern Command team met with the Yangon Command team, in which the former beat the latter. At the final women’s event, the South-West Command team beat the Northern Command team. Later, the commander, his wife and officials presented prizes to winning teams.

Honourary awards were also presented to the members of judges, the skill-demonstration troupe, the Tatmadaw taekwondo team and the medical unit. — MNA

Best choice

* If one tries to be independent
  You’ll be pushed over
  Imagine what it is like
  If one depends on him and does what he likes
  He is pleased when you do what he likes
  Even if dependent
  It'll be to his advantage
  You'll still be pushed
  What’s your choice?
  If one depends on him
  Do as he says, stay where he keeps Will surely be slaves.
  If not dependent and he pushes over
  You must be able to stand firmly
  Prepare your strength in advance
  That’s the best choice

Byan Hlw (Trs)

UMFCCI officials meets Thai entrepreneurs

YANGON, 16 Sept — General Secretary of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing and Executive U Kyaw Thein received Managing Director Mr Paticom Charuchinda of Ayeyawady Multitrade Co Ltd and five Thailand entrepreneurs yesterday at the head office of the UMFCCI. Matters relating to bilateral relations were discussed. — MNA

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents K 700,000 to Kay Khine Lwin who won three gold medals in 66th Singapore Track & Field Championship. — NLM

Cooperatives Market Festival to be held in Shan State

YANGON, 16 Sept — Under the arrangement of Shan State Cooperatives Department, with the permission of Shan State Peace and Development Council, with the assistance of the Director-General’s Office of the Cooperatives Department, the Cooperatives Market Festival of Shan State will be held in assembly grounds of No 2 Basic Education Middle School of Nyaungshwe from 18 to 22 October.

A variety of goods such as products of cooperatives, handicrafts, imports and exports, goods of entrepreneurs, cosmetics, foodstuff, traditional medicines, kitchen items, soap, washing powder, men’s and women’s fashion items, stationery, machines and parts, personal goods and farm equipment will be displayed at the festival.

Those who wishing to display their goods at the festival may contact with the Director-General’s Office of the Cooperatives Department, Trade Department (Branch), Yangon, (Tel-243854), Shan State Cooperatives Department, Tounggyi, (Tel-081-21056 and 21672) and Township Cooperatives Department, Nyaungshwe, (Tel-08129005 and Shwe Inn Tha Trading, Mahaban-doola Park Road, Yangon (Tel-01-382121). — MNA

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

YANGON, 16 Sept — The second coordination meeting of Reception and Accommodation Sub-committee of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at no 1 Transit Centre on Bayinnaung Road this afternoon.

Chairman of the Sub-committee Commander of Defence Services General Hospital Brig-Gen Than Sein spoke on the occasion. The minutes of the previous meeting were read. Officials submitted their reports. — MNA
Iraq war illegal, says Annan

US-led invasion of Iraq an act that contravened UN charter

The following is the reproduction of interview between UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan and BBC on 16-9-2004 on the Internet. — Ed

United Nations, 16 Sept — The United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan told BBC that the US-led invasion of Iraq was an illegal act that contravened the UN charter.

He said the decision to take action in Iraq should have been made by the Security Council, not unilaterally.

And he feared elections planned for January would not go ahead in Iraq unless security considerably improved.

The UK government responded by saying the attorney-general made the “legal basis … clear at the time”.

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‘On track’

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In response, a UK foreign office spokesman said: “The Attorney-General made the government’s position on the legal basis for the use of military force in Iraq clear at the time”.

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Turkish hostage released in Iraq

ANKARA, 15 Sept—A Turkish interpreter taken hostage in Iraq in July has been released by his armed kidnappers and will soon return home, a senior Turkish diplomat revealed.

“Aytullah Gezmen has been released and is currently at our embassy in Baghdad,” the diplomat said Wednesday on condition of anonymity.

“He is in good health and will go back to Turkey in the shortest time possible.”

In a video broadcast on Turkish television last month, Gezmen said his kidnappers were threatening to kill him if his employer, Bilintur, and its mother company, Tepe, did not pull out of Iraq within 72 hours. Both companies soon left the war-torn country in order not to risk the life of Gezmen, a 23-year-old interpreter whose Ankara-based catering company does business with the US army.

Gezmen was kidnapped along with Murat Yuce, who was later killed by a bullet to the head by the Tawhid wal Jihad (Unification and Holy War) group of alleged Al-Qaeda operative Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

Footage broadcast earlier this week showed a second Turk — truck driver Durmus Kumin — having his throat slit, also by al-Zarqawi’s followers.

Several other Turkish men, mostly truck drivers, have been kidnapped in Iraq but most have been released.

Foreign Affairs says Canadian was killed in car bombing in Iraq

OTTAWA, 15 Sept—A Canadian was killed in a car bombing in Iraq this week that killed 47, Foreign Affairs said Wednesday.

The department confirmed the death, but would release no other details, saying the family had requested privacy.

Foreign Affairs has warned Canadians not to travel to Iraq. There is no Canadian Embassy in the country and Foreign Affairs has few resources to help Canadians there. At least five Canadians have now been killed in Iraq since US-led coalition forces moved in.

In March, Andrew Brasdell was killed by gunmen in the city of Mosul. In August 2003, Gillian Clark and Christopher Klein-Beekman were killed in the bombing of the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad. And in April 2003, Vatche Arslanian, a delegate to the International Committee of the Red Cross, was killed when the vehicle he was in came under fire as coalition forces fought with troops loyal to Saddam Hussein. —INTERNET

UAE’s auto manufacturing eyes Iraq, GCC markets

ABU DHABI, 15 Sept—Leading international automobile manufacturers are targeting the huge Iraqi market and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) markets through potential joint ventures in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), the Khaleej Times reported Tuesday.

The potentially large demand growth of cars in Iraq and the GCC markets is expected to provide the critical minimum demand to support a few manufacturing or assembly units, according to a top executive of a leading European automobile manufacturer in UAE. Iraq imports a large number of used cars from UAE, Kuwait, and Jordan. Buyers from Iraq prefer low-priced German BMW or Mercedes, or American cars imported from Japan through the UAE.

Besides the used cars, the market has nascent demand for new cars primarily from international agencies and government establishments.

The top executive estimates that in years between 2005 and 2007, the demand for automobiles in Iraq will be increased in line with growing individual wealth. By the year of 2009, the Iraqi per capita income could surpass that of Iran, with the population enjoying a natural shift in demand from used cars to new cars.

The UAE-based leading international automobile manufacturers are planning to capitalize on the right phase of the market. Some automobile manufacturers are talking with regional governments, expressing their willingness to start manufacturing or to begin assembling of imported completely knocked down auto parts. —MNA/Xinhua

US Marine killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 15 Sept—A US Marine was killed in Al-Anbar Province, west of Baghdad, the frontline of the Sunni Arab insurgency in Iraq.

“One Marine assigned to First Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in action 14 September, while conducting security and stability operations in the Al-Anbar Province,” a military statement said Wednesday.

The Marines gave no further information about the attack. Before the latest fatality, the Pentagon had reported 1,018 US military deaths in Iraq since last year’s invasion. —Internet

Judge orders US to open Iraq records

NEW YORK, 15 Sept—Suggesting the government was acting as if it had something to hide, a federal judge Wednesday gave Washington one month to release records related to the treatment of prisoners in Iraq, treatment of detainees.

Hellerstein said though the government had raised “important issues” of national security as a reason for the delays, “merely raising national security concerns cannot justify unlimited delay.”

Megan L. Gaffney, a spokeswoman for federal prosecutors in New York, declined to comment.

Jameel Jaffer, an ACLU lawyer, was heartened by the action.

“Increasingly, the administration’s response to requests has been to stone-wall or delay as long as possible until documents are forced out of them by a court,” he said. —Internet

ADB approves grant for India to improve highway network

MANILA, 15 Sept—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a technical assistance (TA) grant of 1 million US dollars to help improve a strategic national highway network in India by preparing two high priority projects.

The two projects, to be financed by ADB, will each cover about 1,000 kilometres of roads, the Manila-based ADB said on Tuesday in a statement.

The selection of roads will be based on the 10,000 kilometres of national highways covered by the Prime Minister’s national highway programme for integrating India, which aims to promote trade and reduce regional disparities by improving a strategic highway network.

The TA, which is due for completion in June 2006, will make sure that the proposed projects are economically and financially viable, and socially and environmentally responsible, the statement said. —MNA/Xinhua

Najia Hamad looks at a medical attendant treating her son, Jassim Hamad, in Ramadi, Iraq, on 15 Sept 2004. Jassim received shrapnel injuries during clashes between US troops and armed groups. Five people were reportedly killed during the clashes. —INTERNET
British lawyer uncovers evidence US troops mistreated detainees

LONDON, 15 Sept — A British lawyer said on Tuesday he had uncovered evidence that US troops mistreated detainees in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, suggesting abuse had spread far beyond the notorious Abu Ghraib Prison in Baghdad.

Phil Shiner sent Reuters statements by two Iraqis who said they were hooded, stripped naked, beaten and doused with cold water at lengthy torture sessions in a place called “the disco” because of loud Western music constantly blasted at detainees.

One said he had seen a 14-year-old boy bleeding from his anus. The other said he was threatened with sexual assault.

The allegations appear to be the first reports of abuse in Mosul. Washington has acknowledged detaine...
ASEAN members to enhance transport cooperation

HANOI, 15 Sept — Members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) are gathering in Laos’ capital city of Vientiane to discuss issues on transport cooperation, according to reports reaching here from Vientiane on Tuesday.

At the two-day meeting on transport transport which started on Monday, delegates discussed the Protocol I on Designation of Transit Transport Routes and Facilties, and the ASEAN Framework Agreement on Multi-modal Transport, so that the two documents will be signed at the 10th ASEAN Transport Minister Meeting slated for next month in Cambodia. They also approved a memorandum on ASEAN-China transport cooperation, reviewed the implementation of ASEAN-Japan Transport Partnership Project, and discussed preparatory work for the implementation of the ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit.

The meeting was attended by transport officials from 10 ASEAN countries and Japan. ASEAN comprises of Vietnam, Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai PM to visit Italy, Sweden

BANGKOK, 16 Sept — The Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra will visit Italy and Sweden from next Wednesday to Friday to boost bilateral trade and business ties.

During his stay in Italy, Thaksin will meet with his Italian counterpart Silvio Berlusconi. The two are scheduled to sign a memorandum of understanding for increased cooperation in the fields of small and medium-sized enterprises, culture, science and technology.

In Sweden, Thaksin will meet with his counterpart Goran Persson to follow up on bilateral cooperation discussed during Persson’s visit to Thailand in January.

The two countries plan to increase their cooperation in information technology, communication, organic farming, industrial design and tourism.

The Thai Prime Minister is also expected to promote Thailand’s cuisine and traditional massage and ask the two governments to invest more in his kingdom.— MNA/Xinhua

Road accident becomes top killer in Thailand

BANGKOK, 16 Sept — Road accident has become the top killer of Thai people in the past eight months among various non-disease deaths, the state-run Thai News Agency (TNA) reported on Tuesday.

Overall, more than 6,000 people were killed in traffic accidents from January to August around the country, TNA quoted a government report issued on a related meeting as saying.

The other 141 lives were claimed by natural causes including flood, drought, fire and storm, said the report.

Meanwhile, more than 40,000 Thais were injured in 11 different types of disasters in the past eight months. The disasters have caused two billion baht (47.62 million US dollar) damage to Thailand, mainly in the destruction of agricultural crops and public facilities. — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia adopts new law on fishery

JAKARTA, 16 Sept — The Indonesian House of Representatives has endorse a new law on fisheries, which not only stipulates a more sustainable way of exploiting sea resources, but also stern punishments, including jail terms and heavy fines for illegal fishing activities.

Minister of Maritime Affairs and Fisheries Rokhmim Dahuri was quoted on Wednesday by The Jakarta Post as saying that the enactment of the law, after about a year of deliberation, is expected to help reduce rampant illegal fishing activities in the country’s western region, which have caused the state’s trillions of rupiah in losses annually.

Rokhmim said that, even before the enactment of the law on Tuesday, the maritime and fisheries ministry — set up in 2000 — had managed to scale down the number of foreign ships operating illegally in the country’s territory from some 7,000 to just above 1,000, saving about 3 billion US dollars in potential losses per year.

“We expect to reduce that figure even more after the enactment of the law,” he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Singapore, Chinese firms agree to launch budget airline

SINGAPORE, 15 Sept — A-Sonic Aerospace, a Singapore-based aircraft and avionics retrofitting company, has agreed to join hands with two Chinese companies to launch a budget airline in China.

The Singapore company will invest about $124 million Singapore dollars (about 3.19 million US dollars) in cash for a 25-per cent stake in the joint venture, which will be based in Guangzhou, capital of the southern Chinese Province of Guangdong, according to local press reports on Tuesday.

The new venture, which is expected to start operation in the second half of next year, will enable A-Sonic to have exclusive rights to the repair and overhaul, management services and fleet maintenance of the carrier’s fleet. — MNA/Xinhua

Singapore’s Tiger Airways launches maiden flight

SINGAPORE, 16 Sept — Tiger Airways, an offshoot of Singapore’s national flag-carrier Singapore Airlines (SIA), on Wednesday started its maiden flight from the Changi Airport to Bangkok, capital of Thailand.

This is the second Singapore-based low cost carrier to start operations at the Changi Airport after the budget carrier ValAir launched its first flight in May this year.

Speaking at a send-off ceremony at the airport, Minister of State for Finance and Transport Lim Hwee Hua said with the arrival of low cost carriers, both Singapore and its regional neighbours can look forward to greater opportunities for travel.

This is a huge, but not well tapped travel market, she said, adding that Singapore intends to be at the forefront of partnering low cost carriers, to ensure that the island state caters to their needs and business models. As a city state with a population of some four million, Singapore has attracted increased attention from low cost carriers in the future, Singapore has attracted increased attention from low cost carriers. — MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to face shortage of paper pulp

HANOI, 16 Sept — Vietnam may face a shortage of 700,000 tons of paper pulp in 2010 due to its low production capacity, according to Vietnam Economic Times on Wednesday.

Under a development plan of the local paper industry, the country will need one million tons of pulp in 2010, but it is expected to produce only 300,000 tons in 2010, up from an estimated of 200,000 tons in 2004. Due to the low pulp production capacity, the industry will have to rely more heavily on imported materials, which is to make locally-made paper less competitive than imported one, as pulp accounts for up to 60 per cent of the paper’s production cost.

Although Vietnam has import more than half million tons of pulp and paper each year, the country has just decided to stop the implementa- tion of a project worth nearly 245 million US dollars to build its biggest pulp plant with annual capacity of 130,000 tons in the Central Highlands region. — MNA/Xinhua

A Cambodian mahout plays with his elephant as he waits for potential tourist as a city state waits for potential tourists. — INTERNET

A worker checks a Tiger Airways’ plane prior to the new budget airline’s first flight on 15 Sept, 2004 at Singapore’s Changi Airport. —INTERNET
A tubewell being sunk in Ngaywedaw Village, Chauk Township, Magway Division.—KYEMON

The government is spending a large sum of money on water supply projects in rural areas. The photo shows machinery used to sink artesian wells as deep as over 1,000 feet in Taungdwingyi Township, Magway Division.—PBANRDA

Harmonious efforts of the State and people to supply clean drinking water to rural people.

A four-inch tubewell being sunk in Ngaywedaw Village, Chauk Township, Magway Division.—KYEMON

A water pipeline installed by Development Affairs Committee in Mogok Township to supply potable water to local public.—PBANRDA

Eight-inch tubewell No 2 sunk in Model Theingon Village, Yamenhin Township, to supply water for townspeople.—KYEMON

A tubewell being sunk in Pyithin village, Chauk Township in Magway Division to supply potable water to rural people.—PBANRDA
Industry-1 Minister receives guests

YANGON, 16 Sept — Vice-President of Chendga Chemical Engineering Corporation in China Mr Sun Zhi and party this afternoon called on Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung at the latter’s office here.

At the meeting, they discussed matters relating to 50-ton CTMP pulp mill, 80-ton paper mill and 120-ton hydrated salt factory projects in Yen.

Also present were the directors-general and managing directors of the departments under the ministry. — MNA

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reports on development of seasonal and perennial crop farming... — MNA

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin also reported on allotments to entrepreneurs in states and divisions, land reclamation, construction of palm oil factory in Taninthayi Division, arrangements to grant agricultural subsidies and rendering assistance to entrepreneurs wishing to extend coffee and macadamia cultivation.

Next, officials of the Union of Myanmar Chambers of Commerce and Industry and entrepreneurs reported on tasks being carried out for development of cultivation and requirements.

After hearing reports, General Thura Shwe Mann gave instructions on extended cultivation, ensuring correct data and figures of agriculture outputs, granting permission for working on farms as soon as possible, allotments and win-win cooperation with local farmers for development of the regional.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by General Thura Shwe Mann. — MNA

Government has been nurturing national entrepreneurs including farm entrepreneurs, industrialists, traders and services entrepreneurs in all aspects to develop them firmly in the State’s economic sector.

of national entrepreneurs in addition to conventional plots of the farmers, exporting the produce from the modern farms and establishment of more agro-based industries at home.

Now, the nation still has to import edible oil.

So, the 500,000-acre oil palm project has been implemented in Taninthayi Division since 1999 with the encouragement of the government aiming at ensuring local edible oil the sufficiency and exporting the surplus. Free land allotments were provided for national entrepreneurs who could make investments. And they are also being supplied with necessary assistance to do their businesses.

Indeed, oil palm farming benefits the growers and the nation for a long time. So far, the companies, local people and governmentates and units have run oil palm farming on over 100,000 acres. Other entrepreneurs wishing to make investments have also received land for agricultural purpose.

So, Taninthayi Division will be the edible oil bowl of the nation before long. Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha reported on matters relating to resolutions made by the work coordination meeting No 6/2004 with the entrepreneurs for the development of oil palm and rubber cultivation and assistance to entrepreneurs for 500,000 oil palm cultivation in the division, allotments, land preparations and tasks being carried out for better transportation to the farms.

Next, Secretary of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Zaw Thein reported on allotments, cultivation of rice, edible oil crops, beans and pulses, cottons, and other crops in Magway Division.

Similarly, Secretary of Mon State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Myint Aung reported on rubber cultivation in Mon State which accounts for 46 per cent of the entire nation. Next, Secretary of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Thein Hlaing reported on cultivation of monsoon crops in the fields of the entrepreneurs and cultivation of 3.6 million acres of monsoon paddy in cooperation with entrepreneurs in this rainy season.

Afterwards, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha submitted reports at the coordination meeting to develop seasonal and perennial crop farming. — MNA

Entrepreneurs will have to join hands with the Government by responding to its goodwill and helping materialize its vision with correct deeds and outlook, while reviewing their past experiences.

Minister for NPED U Soe Tha submitted reports at the coordination meeting to develop seasonal and perennial crop farming. — MNA

Entrepreneurs attending the meeting to develop seasonal and perennial crop farming. — MNA

Victorious athletes in Singapore, Malaysia Track & Field C’ships honoured

YANGON, 16 Sept — A ceremony to honour victorious Myanmar athletes in the 66th Singapore Track and Field Championship and the 81st Malaysia Track and Field Championship was held at Panda Hotel on Wardan Street in Lanmadaw Township yesterday evening, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Also present were Member of MOC Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, officials of the Ministry of Sports, Leading patrons of the Myanmar Women’s Sports Federation; the president of the Myanmar Track and Field Federation and executives.

The meeting gave a speech. Next, Vice-President of the federation U Min Thein and executive U Tha Aung recounted their experiences in the two championships.

Next, the minister presented K 700,000 to three gold medal winner Kay Khine Lwin in the 66th Singapore Track and Field Championship and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, K 700,000 to three gold medal winner Myint Myint Aye.

Officials of the ministry and MTFP presented K 600,000 to two gold medal winner Aung Thida; K 500,000 to one gold and one silver medal winner Phyu Wahl Thet; K 500,000 to one gold and two silver medal winner Le Le Win; K 300,000 each to one gold medal winner Kay Khine Myo Tun; one gold and one silver medal winner Yin Yin Khanging; one gold medal winner Kyaw Swa Moe; and one silver and one bronze medal winner Zaw Min Hwe and K 500,000 to Nay Nay Win who set new record in the women’s pole vault event. Last, those present were served with dinner. — MNA
The State and industrialists...

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The world’s oil price is now soaring incredibly. At a time like this, there arises a better prospect for the use of gas-engine vehicles. In this process, priority is being given to passenger buses and cargo trucks to ensure a smooth and swift flow of goods and commodities and to bring down transport charges.

The Ministry of Energy will be responsible for the sale of natural gas. Therefore, it is necessary for private industrialists to take charge of the replacement of natural gas engines in remaining vehicles. Only when the purchase, installation and production of CNG Kits are handled at the private sector will the drive gain more momentum. And the Ministry of Energy and the Ministry of Industry-2 will provide technical assistance.

The State and private industrialists will work together for the replacement of natural gas-engine vehicles.

The first point is that high-tech foundries are being built in Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya industrial zones. It is therefore important to make efforts to synchronize the completion time of construction tasks with the arrival of machinery from abroad. Preliminary coordination should also be made to ensure that all the required raw materials are in hand.

With the application of modern technologies in moulding, the work quality of private industry will also improve. Later, the Secretary-1 called upon officials concerned to render necessary assistance for the development of private industry and to give encouragement to promising new industrial products and to import-substitute items.

The minister gave an account of automobile manufacturing of industrial zones, and the construction of modern foundries at Monywa, Ayethaya and Mandalay industrial zones.

Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee Minister for Industry-Thaung explained the necessary requirements for successful transformation of diesel and petrol cars into gas-run vehicles, and the use of gas in running various kinds of engines, and saloon cars, Mazda Jeeps, TE-21 trucks and light trucks that are being transformed into gas-run vehicles by Rail Transportation Ministry, Industry-2 Ministry, Energy Ministry and industrial zones.

Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein...

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The first round matches of the tournament will be held in respective zones from 20 to 29 September. Group-A teams will play in South-East Command Zone in Mawlamyine, Group-B teams in South-West Command Zone in Pathein, Group-C teams in North-West Command Zone in Monywa, Group-D teams in Central Command Zone in Mandalay and Group-E teams in Southern Command Zone in Toungoo.

Applications to be...

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The external students are to buy the applications at their Township Education Officer’s Office and to submit their applications at the latter’s in which they live from 1st to 29 October 2004. The schoolheads are to buy the applications for the students who are going to sit the examination in BEHS (Branch) and Affiliated Schools and to collectively submit the applications at the office of MBE from 1st to 31st December 2004.

Those who are not to submit their applications to the designated place in schedule would not be allowed to sit the examination. The applications and stamps are available at MBE (Zwegabin Hostel) in the campus of Hlaine University, Hlaine Township. — MNA
(Continued from yesterday)

As part of the efforts to establish libraries in villages, a total of 7,364 libraries have been opened nationwide up to 7 September 2004. These achievements show the genuine goodwill of the Government, the quick steps taken by the Ministry of Information, and well intention of the kind-hearted people.

The ceremony was attended by IPRD Director-General U Chit Naing, Project Special Group-13, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, and officials of IPRD and wellwishers.

Similarly, at the meeting hall of IPRD on Pansodan Street at 10.30 am the same day, wellwishers donated books and periodicals.

At the station hospital, the commander and party delivered flower offerings, water offerings and joss sticks to the pagoda and made cash donations. Afterwards, the ceremony to mark the opening ceremony of the model village was held at Letkhokkon Beach Hotel.

The commander made a speech on the occasion.

The commander accepted the donations and expressed his thanks. The ceremony was also attended by IPRD Director-General U Chit Naing, NPE Managing Director Col Soxoe Soe, MMPE Managing Director U Bo Kyi, PPE General Manager U Thei Soe, officials of IPRD and wellwishers.

Books are needed for all those readers. The willingness to read is also necessary. The pearls of knowledge are to be sought in the sea of life with a plenty of books and with avidity for reading. The sea of life will thus look splendid with the pearls of knowledge.

THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Friday, 17 September, 2004

Development of Twantay, Kawmhu and Kungyangon Townships inspected

Commander attends launching of Letkhokkon Model Village

YANGON, 16 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Patron of Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Thet Htay, together with officials, went to Twantay, Kawmhu and Kungyangon Townships this morning and inspected regional development and agricultural tasks.

In the office of Yakhainggyaung Bridge Project on Dalla-Thakhtu-Leikthokkon Road in Twantay Township, they were welcomed by officials of the Bridge Construction Project Special Group-13.

Officials reported on construction of the bridge and availability of construction materials. The commander gave instructions that as Yakhainggyaung Bridge is located on the road linking Letkhokkon beach resort and Dalla, construction tasks are to be completed in time meeting the set standard.

Next, the commander met local farmers. Speaking on the occasion, he said that the region is located in the area of greening 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport all the year round. Therefore, the plan is to be implemented to put lands under monsoon and summer paddy, pulses and beans, edible oil crops, vegetables and other crops on commercial scale in all the area.

With use of four methods to meet the targeted production, he said that local farmers are to cultivate monsoon paddy with the use of four methods to meet the targeted production.

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As part of the efforts to establish libraries in villages, a total of 7,364 libraries have been opened nationwide up to 7 September 2004. These achievements show the genuine goodwill of the Government, the quick steps taken by the Ministry of Information, and well intention of the kind-hearted people.

Before 1988, there was a single library in Loilem. Although there are eleven townships in the whole Loilem district, there were only three libraries — each in Kehsi, Monai and Loilem. Although the townships were busy, the libraries were not visited by many. To be frank, knowledge did not mean much to Loilem-dwellers.

An analytical approach to the root cause of this condition will reveal that the armed struggle stemming from the ill legacy of the colonialists is to blame for regional instability. In consequence of it, nationalist sentiment and Union Spirit were corrupted on account of insecure transport, bearish market, unstable agriculture and lack of knowledge. At the time when the country was in dire straits, the present Tatmadaw Government assumed the responsibility of the State, worked hard to make the dim fate vanish and brought with it bright prospects to spread peace rays across border areas. As a result, peace and stability now reigns in Loilem District. Alongside the development of transport, communication, education, health, agriculture and every other sector.

The development of Loilem-dwellers in their quest for general knowledge at the time of the present Government against the previous years in which there existed only three libraries in the region can be seen as follows:

1. Leikha 1-5-91
2. Namhsan 21-12-91
3. Monggan 1-3-92
4. Lankho 1-5-92

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The Objectives of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

- To vitalize patriotism and nationalism in all citizens
- To preserve and safeguard Myanmar cultural heritage
- To perpetuate genuine Myanmar music, dance and traditional fine arts
- To preserve Myanmar national character
- To nurture spiritual development of the youths
- To prevent influence of alien culture

Kymen+Myanma Alin (11-9-2004)
Yangon, 16 Sept — A ceremony to inaugurate Parami Overpass built by Myanmar Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation was held at the pandal of the overpass at the junction of the circular railroad and Parami Road linking Kaba Aye Pagoda Road in Yankin Township and Waizayanta Road in South Okkalapa Township, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, departmental heads, local authorities, Managing Director U Min Swe of MR and officials, engineers and employees, social organizations, local people, students and guests.

The commander in his speech said that the government had been making concerted efforts in implementing development projects the length and breadth of the nation for ensuring all-round progress of the nation.

The Ministry of Rail Transportation has built many railroads and bridges and is also building new ones one after another to help the nation gain a good momentum of development with mushrooming transportation facilities throughout the country.

It is natural that with economic development, the populations of economically strategic regions of the world nations have more populations and growing number of vehicles, which can cause frequent traffic jams. So every nation has to handle these problems through various ways of their own. Among them, some nations have been able to overcome such problems, but some have not been yet, the commander added.

As for Myanmar, the figures of Yangon City’s population and automobiles are growing day by day, now standing at 949,994, up from 294,590 ten years ago. The government is upgrading Yangon City by establishing new towns, expanding the roads and building new bridges as well as carrying out beautifying tasks.

The Committee for Building Overpasses is making effective contributions towards smooth passenger traffic and transport in the City. The commander said his special thanks went to the Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation for its energetic performance to complete the project earlier than scheduled.

Nowadays, Yangon is being upgraded to a city which is on a par with an international level city. And, the MR is also building overpasses at the level crossing sites.

Parami Overpass is the finest and the most magnificent facility of its kind in the nation, and it will be able to contribute toward smooth transport and fast flow of commodities, he said.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min also delivered a speech on the occasion.

Master of ceremonies Assistant Director Daw Than Tha Win of Myanmar Radio and Television read out the purpose of building the overpass and its facts and norms.

Next, the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers and departmental heads took the designated places. At the auspicious time, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin formally opened the overpass.

Afterwards, the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers and departmental heads passed through the overpass. Together with officials of MR, the commander, the ministers and officials posed for documentary photo in front of the archway on the side of Waizayanta Road.

Myanmar Railways started construction tasks of the overpass on 24 April 2004 and it was successfully completed on 13 September. Construction period is four months and 24 days.

The total length of the Box Grinder Bridge type facility is 1,176 feet — main structure 742 feet long and six inches, approach road (Kaba Aye Pagoda Road side) 178 feet and six inches, and approach road (Waizayanta Road side), 255 feet.

The upper structure is of pre-stressed reinforced concrete, and the lower structure, of reinforced concrete pile and reinforced concrete column. The 56-foot-wide facility has a 48-foot-wide four-lane road and two four-foot-wide pedestrian lanes on it. It can withstand 60-ton loads and its clearance is 14 feet high. On its both sides are two motorways leading to the wards.

The facility was illustrated with multicoloured lights at nights prior to the opening day.

Mayor inspects laying new pipeline in Latha Township

YANGON, 16 Sept — Central Executive Committee Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor of Yangon City Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this afternoon inspected laying of a new pipeline at 22th street (Upper) in Latha Township carried out by Latha Township USDA.

He also accepted USDA membership applications.

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Aerial view of Parami Overpass. — MNA

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min speaking at the opening ceremony of Parami Overpass. — MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses opening ceremony of Parami Overpass. — MNA

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Japanese Language Proficiency Test


Date: December 5, 2004 (Sun)

Place: Yangon University of Foreign Languages (YUFL), Mandalay University of Foreign Languages (MULF)

Application period: from July 28 (Wednesday) 2004 to September 24 (Friday) 2004

The TEST has four different levels; the examinee can choose the level that best matches his or her ability and training.

Each TEST is made up of three sections:

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2. Reading;
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Ethiopia to hold first national cultural festival

Addis Ababa, 15 Sept — Ethiopia’s first ever national cultural festival featuring the music and dance traditions of all regional states in the country will be staged for five days in Addis Ababa, beginning from 4 December.

The festival in bringing together the entire spectrum of music and dance traditions of Ethiopia is believed to provide the opportunity to strengthen the unity of the people of Ethiopia.

The Ethiopian Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture said the festival will also serve as a good opportunity for the promotion of the country’s tourism as it presents the rich and diverse cultural diversity and kaleidoscopic image of the country.

Ethiopia’s geographical and historical history have had a great influence on the distribution of its people and languages.

Through this long history, the country has become a melting pot of diverse ethnic groups and varied culture, some of which are extremely ancient.

MINA/Xinhua
Scientists say bird flu can spread more easily among humans

AMSTERDAM, 15 Sept — Dutch scientists have determined bird flu can spread more easily among humans than was previously thought, researchers said on Tuesday. Albert Osterhaus, a professor at Rotterdam’s Erasmus University, said the findings were based on a study into the spread of the potentially fatal disease among humans after an outbreak of the disease in the Netherlands in 2003.

He said researchers who tested medical workers and friends and family of 90 people who contracted the highly infectious avian influenza last year found hundreds of undiagnosed cases.

Health experts warn more needs to be done to reduce TB

LONDON, 15 Sept — Global efforts to control rising levels of tuberculosis are not working and more needs to be done to reduce infections from the deadly airborne disease, public health experts said on Tuesday.

The World Health Organization (WHO) introduced a strategy in 1993 aimed at halving deaths over the next decade from the contagious illness that kills about two million people each year. But researchers at Harvard University in the United States said a decade after the DOTS (Directly Observed Treatment, Short-Course) plan was introduced, the global burden of TB continues to rise.

“Despite almost 10 years of DOTS, much of the world remains no closer to achieving control of TB,” Dr Tim Brewer and Dr Jody Heymann said in a report in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.

“Improving TB control worldwide requires approaches that go beyond the current WHO programme.”

DOTS is a multi-level approach that involves patient treatment and surveillance. DOTS Plus was introduced later to deal with multiple drug-resistant strains of TB.

Brewer and Heymann, who used computer models and recent epidemiological data on the disease, concluded that the current strategy is likely to have only a modest impact in controlling the illness.

A South Korean model displays new mobile phones from Samsung Electronics, which said it had developed a new image sensor chip for mobile products. It said the new chip had the highest sensitivity and was the smallest in the industry. — Internet

TB patients in Tanzania to be tested for HIV

DAR ES SALAM, 15 Sept — The Tanzanian Government has moved to start testing tuberculosis sufferers in the country for HIV/AIDS, local Press reported on Tuesday.

Saidi Egwaga, who is in charge of the country’s TB and leprosy programme, was quoted by The Guardian newspaper as saying that the screening scheme focuses on congested areas such as prisons as well as health-care programmes covering HIV/AIDS patients who are to receive free anti-retroviral drugs.

The government made the move in the wake of findings that 44 per cent of TB patients in the country are also HIV-positive and Tanzania is among 22 countries in the world with the highest incidence of TB. Tanzania ranks the sixth in TB incidence in Africa.

TB patients in Tanzania to be tested for HIV

A sea lion is fed at Gulf World Marine Park in Panama City Beach, Fla, on 14 Sept, 2004. Although Panama City Beach officials have called for a mandatory evacuation, several trainers and employees at the park will remain with the sea lions and other residents of the park through Hurricane Ivan, expected to hit the coast Wednesday or Thursday. — Internet

Reliance, Wipro among eight Indian companies in “Forbes” list

NEW YORK, 15 Sept — Eight Indian companies, including Reliance Industries, Bharati Tele ventures and software giant Infosys and Wipro have made it to the Forbes A-List featuring 400 most attractive public companies for investors.

The others figuring in the magazine’s list are Bharat Petroleum and Oil and Natural Gas Corpora-
tion (ONGC) in the energy sector while State Bank of India gets the honour in the banking sector, and ITC in consumer goods.

These companies, Forbes said, “offer sustainability and prospect for growth investment”.

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Volcano in central Japan spews smoke

TYOYO, 15 Sept — A volcano in central Japan spewed smoke high into the sky on Tuesday afternoon in less than a day, but officials said the scale did not appear to be large.

Mount Asama, a 2,568-metre (8,425-foot) peak 140 kilometres (87 miles) northwest of To-kyo, sent greyish smoke about 1,000 metres into the sky around 3:30 p.m. (0630 GMT), an official at Japan’s Meteorological Agency said.

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Barcelona defeats Celtic 3-1

Glasgow, 15 Sept — Barcelona striker Henrik Larsson marked his return to Celtic with his side’s third goal in an impressive 3-1 win against the Scottish champions in their Champions League Group F opener.

The Swede — who left Celtic three months ago as the club’s third highest scorer of all-time with 242 goals from 315 games — came on in the second half and scored in the 82nd minute to end the home side’s three-year unbeaten record in Europe.

Celtic fought back bravely after being outclassed in the first half as Deco’s 19th minute strike gave Barca a deserved lead at the break.

Celtic goalkeeper David Marshall produced a sublime performance as well as some excellent saves as well to stop them finding signs of wrongdoing, could decide whether to ask for an outside investigation or to handle the matter internally.

The board will meet on Tuesday to decide whether to ask for an outside audit of the committee’s books and if they find signs of wrongdoing, could send the matter to the courts, a source close to the committee told Reuters on condition of anonymity.

Eitel was the fourth consecutive head of Chile’s Olympic Committee in 20 years to step down in a money scandal. In 1999, the head of the committee left amid charges he took 20,000 US dollars in the Salt Lake City Olympics bribery scandal.

Ernesto Velasco, the government’s deputy secretary for sports, told report-ers on Tuesday that Eitel also missed the first week from the committee after admitting his son, who worked as a driver for Panathinaikos, had falsified up to 800 signatures on the committee. — MNA/Reuters

Rangers suffer losses of $10.62m

Glasgow, 16 Sept — Rangers suffered losses of $10.62 million in the last financial year following a 16.5% increase in turnover in their annual results last month, the club said on Tuesday.

Despite reporting reduced losses and an increase in turnover in their annual results last month, Rangers’ board was hardly a surprise given the visitors’ chances, Roberto Mancini’s side suffered some scares and it was not until Adriano’s second goal that they were able to relax.

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Barca, seeking their first win over a Scottish side since they beat Celtic in the 1964 Fairs Cup, refused to be intimidated by what was a physical confrontation as their pace overwhelmed Celtic for long spells.

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Champions League:

Adriano scores goals as Inter beat Werder Bremen 2-0

Milan, 15 Sept — Brazilian Adriano scored both goals as Inter Milan beat Werder Bremen 2-0 in their opening Champions League Group C match on Tuesday. The German champions were forced to play with 10 men from just the fifth minute after French defender Valerien Ismael was sent off for a “professional foul” inside the area on Adriano.

Christian Vieri had the resultant penalty saved but Adriano made no mistake in the 34th minute converting Inter’s second spot kick.

The Brazilian, who has scored in all four of Inter’s competitive games this season, finally made sure of the win in the 89th minute with a powerful drive.

Ismael’s dismissal was the joint-fastest in Champions League history, equaling the fifth-minute sending off of Newcastle United striker Craig Bellamy against Inter in November 2002.

It should have made life easy for Inter but, although they enjoyed plenty of possession and created numerous chances, Roberto Mancini’s side suffered some scares and it was not until Adriano’s second late that they were able to relax.

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Emre, given a role wide on the left, made an instant impact when he threaded the ball through to Adriano and Ismael chipped the heels of the big Brazilian. Slovak referee Lubos Michel pointed to the spot and sent off the Frenchman.

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Oil palm plantations, bran oil mill in Taninthayi Division inspected

YANGON, 16 Sept — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, member of the Central Executive Committee of Union Solidarity and Development Association and incharge of Taninthayi Division, inspected the reclamation of lands for growing oil palm in Kawhouth District, Taninthayi Division on 13 September morning.

The minister and party then inspected the oil palm nursery of Htoo Trading Co and the construction of the bran oil mill of Kanbawza Group.

The minister arrived at Taninthayi Division Fishery Department office and met with head of Taninthayi Division Fishery Department U Tun Win and staff and gave necessary instruction. — MNA

Rail Transportation Minister inspects railroads construction project

YANGON, 16 Sept — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than arrived in Kyaukse Railways Station on 13 September afternoon. Project Engineer U Kyaw Wai reported on construction of dual railroad of Pyimanna-Myaung and requirements of the minister instructed them for timely completion of the tasks and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, the minister inspected beautiful and cleaning the station and its environs and construction of railtracks and instructed officials to supervise arrival and departure of trains for ensuring right time.

In the morning on 13 September, the minister and party, together with officials of Division 5 of Myanma Railway, left there by DRC 101 and inspected completion of land preparation with the use of tractors in Mogok Township.

The minister and party proceeded to Monnik Township in Shan State (North) the next day and saw over site chosen to build Sintham Dam on Nanmyine Creek. The deputy director of the Irrigation Department, Shan State (North) reported on facts about the dam including length and height, water storage capacity and construction of diversion dam.

On completion, the dam will irrigate over 15,000 acres of farm land. After hearing reports, the minister gave necessary instructions.

In the afternoon, the minister arrived at Khatat chin farm in Singu Township where responsible officials reported to him on production of crops and measures for high yield production. Next, the minister gave instructions and inspected the farm produce. — MNA

A & I Minister inspects dam projects

YANGON, 16 Sept — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, together with Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander of the Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, on 13 September inspected the site chosen to build Malenattaung Dam which will be built on Malenattaung creek in Singu Township in Manda-

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State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely to occur at times and off along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease of rain in the whole country. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-9-2004: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%). Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-9-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Flood Warning

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 16-9-2004)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Ayeyawady River at Mandalay is (1242) cm. The water level may rise (20) cm (about half feet) and reach the danger level during the next (24) hours.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 16-9-2004)

According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Maikan is (28) cm (about 1-foot) above the danger level during the next (4) days.
In automobiles, natural gas can be used in place of petrol and diesel. The use of natural gas cannot only save fuel oil but also extend engine life. Natural gas exploited at home can be used effectively and safely. Natural gas burns cent per cent and is environment-friendly. Adequate supply of natural gas helps facilitate passenger and cargo transport.

**Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends felicitations to Papua New Guinea**

YANGON, 16 Sept — On the occasion of the Independence Day of Papua New Guinea, which falls on 16 September 2004, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt has sent a message of felicitations to the Right Honourable Sir Michael Somare, Prime Minister of Papua New Guinea.— MNA

**Bago Division needs to place more emphasis on agriculture and livestock breeding sectors**

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than on inspection tour of Bago Division

YANGON, 16 Sept — On inspection tour of Bago Division, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than has put more emphasis on the agriculture and livestock breeding sectors of the division. — MNA

**Rules relating to the Supervision of Controlled Precursor Chemicals clarified**

YANGON, 15 Sept — Clarification of the rules relating to the Supervision of Controlled Precursor Chemicals was held at the Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Office on Bank Road here. Chairman of Yangon Division CDAC Chairman Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address. In his address, he said the government organized the Supervisory Committee for Controlled Precursor Chemicals in 1998 and issued the rules relating to the Supervision of Controlled Precursor Chemicals in 1999. (See page 9)