YANGON, 1 Oct — A ceremony to inaugurate the Textile Factory (Pakokku) of Myanmar Textile Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1, that was built 3 miles away from Pakokku in Magway Division took place at the factory this morning with an address by Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Prime Minister General Soe Win. Also present at the ceremony were Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, the deputy ministers, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, officials of the State Peace and Development Council’s office, the heads of departments, officials of Tianjin Machinery Import and Export Corporation of the People’s Republic of China, employees of the factory, social organizations, locals and others.

First, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe, Managing Director U Oo Thein Maung of Myanmar Textile Industries and Factory Manager U Myint Thein Oo formally opened the factory.

Prime Minister General Soe Win then unveiled the signboard.

The prime minister and party also inspected production process of the factory.

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**PERSPECTIVES**

Sunday, 2 October, 2005

**Enhance own national strength**

Each and every citizen wants to witness prospects and progress of his motherland and people. Similarly, every government is constructing infrastructures and creating opportunities with genuine goodwill to enable the people to lead a peaceful life within the framework of law with higher standard of living.

In the drive for the improvement of a nation and its people, it is necessary for this nation to be on the right track towards sustainable development in conformity with its background history, prevailing conditions and national character.

With own national character and fine traditions of culture, the Union of Myanmar is shaping her future through national strength free from external influence.

Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered a speech at the conclusion of the Special Refresher Course No 57 for Basic Education Teachers conducted by the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) at Nawarat Hall of the institute in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division the other day.

In his address the Secretary-1 said that while modernizing the nation with self-reliant endeavours, the entire national people are to enhance own national strength in order to go ahead on the right track with a brighter future.

At a time when the education sector is taking a leading role in every aspect, those in the sector are to realize that high education standard can serve as the engine for enhancing national strength.

Moreover, they are to nurture the most basic forces of the education sector to possess high qualification and strength.

In striving to accomplish the tasks included in the National Education Promotion Programmes, the Government is creating good foundations, building development infrastructures and nurturing human resources with high caliber in the education sector.

In order to create the brighter future of the nation, officials concerned in the education sector are urged to strive for enhancing own national strength while discharging the national duty.
ASEAN, Australia, NZ to facilitate free trade area

VIETNAM, 30 Sept — ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand will speed up negotiations on the establishment of a free trade area between the 10-member bloc and the two countries (Closer Economic Relations CER), economic ministers said here Thursday.

"Significant information has already been exchanged, including information on trade regimes and trade, and tariff data. The ministers underscored the importance of continuing the exchange of information and embedding this as an important element of the negotiation process to build a shared understanding of issues," said a joint statement by the 10th consultation between ASEAN Economic Ministers and CER.

The ministers recognized the negotiations do present an important opportunity to deliver economic benefits to each participating country and to enhance the region’s economic integration. They noted the focus on tackling impediments to trade and investment raised a number of difficult issues, particularly regarding the coverage and scope of the free trade area.

The ministers urged the ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand Trade Negotiating Committee to develop creative solutions and explore feasible options to ensure that the negotiations move forward with a view to making steady progress and completing the negotiations within two years as agreed by leaders. The area officially commenced in March 2005.

ASEAN-CER bilateral goods trade rose by 31.2 per cent to 28.6 billion US dollars in 2004. The outlook for this year is equally positive as the first quarter trade figures showed an increase of 16.9 per cent.

India to hold next Asian Conf on Disaster Reduction

BEIJING, 30 Sept — As the Asian Conference on Disaster Reduction concluded here on Thursday, Indian capital New Delhi takes over the relay baton to hold the next meeting in 2007.

"India, the world’s second most populous country, has been threatened by various disasters ranging from earthquake, tsunami, flood to landslide," said PG Dhar, director of the Indian Ministry of Home Affairs, who attended Beijing’s meeting.

"We hope to share disaster relief information and experiences with other Asian countries by holding the meeting," he said.

Dhar spoke highly of the successful conference held by China, especially the advice of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao put forward. Wen said that he hoped the international community would increase technological and material assistance to help developing countries improve their capability of disaster prevention and relief.

MNA/Xinhua

US soldier killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 Sept.— A US soldier was killed on Tuesday by small arms fire in Iraq’s western flashpoint city of Ramadi, the US military said on Thursday.

The US soldier was killed while conducting military operations in Ramadi on 27 September, the military said in a statement.

The name of the soldier was being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it said.

Over 1,910 US servicemen have been killed in Iraq since the US-led invasion in March 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

Intelligence chief says US trying to understand Iraqi insurgency

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept — US intelligence is still struggling to understand the nature of Iraq’s insurgency more than two years after the fall of Saddam Hussein, US intelligence chief John Negroponte said on Thursday.

Negroponte, a former ambassador to Iraq who became director of national intelligence five months ago, said not enough had been done to come to grips with the guerrillas who by some estimates have killed more than 5,000 Iraq civilians and security forces.

Some 1,780 US troops have also been killed in Iraq since US President George W Bush declared an end to major combat operations.

"It’s a very, very difficult issue," Negroponte told an audience of intelligence officials in Washington. "There’s no analytical issue that is more important, no intelligence issue more important, than understanding the nature of the insurgency in all of its aspects.

There’s a desirability, a thirst really, to get as much fidelity about what is happening within the insurgency, and think also a feeling that much more could still be done in terms of finding out now what the nature of that insurgency is," he said.

Negroponte was speaking at a Defence Department intelligence conference, where he also addressed the task of moving the 15-agency intelligence community further into an era of post-September 11 reform. The Iraq insurgency, which US forces have yet to stamp out despite repeated attempts, began months after the fall of Saddam Hussein in April 2003 and spans a disparate collection of groups from Baathists and former regime elements to the al-Qaeda-linked network of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

MNA/Reuters
The other day, my younger sister phoned me from Mandalay, saying that a group of people from Yedashe Home for the Aged arrived at her house to solicit donation for the home. I wrote an article in dailies last year urging the public to take part in building homes for the aged with generosity and looking after the elderly. For this reason, I was a member of Yedashe Township Association (Yangon) and visited Yedashe, in Bago Division, together with other members. We held a ceremony there to erect a signboard of a home for the aged to be built at a plot donated by Moe Guest House owner U Myint. Now the home for the aged has emerged in the town thanks to the generosity of U Ton Sein and Daw Ma Shin and family who donated K 10 million for the home and contributions of other wellwishers.

The Buddha elucidated merits gained for donating and running a home for the aged and looking after the older persons. Homes for the aged need constant flow of funds into them for caring and protecting the aged. The act of providing assistance to the parents and aged persons, repaying the gratitude we owe to them, and helping and caring them is the noble traditions of Myanmar people since yore. Loving-kindness, compassion, the joy to witness other’s prosperity and success, and equanimity are the true elements of our traditions and culture and also our cultural heritage handed down to us by our ancestors. According to the Dhamma, the donor will gain the highest degree of merits if his donation is an actual need for the intended recipient. Thus, building a home for the aged or presenting donations for it will gain greater merits as the home houses and looks after elder persons who have no place to live in or no one to depend on. As for Buddhists, the merit of caring the aged is the same as caring their own parents.

While staying at the home, the aged will be able to practise Vipassana meditation with peace of mind. Moreover, a donor can realize the fact that one day he too will become old and feeble like the aged and the home is sheltering and caring the old with the assistance of organizations and persons like him. No one can escape from old age, sufferings and death. You can see the aged persons, those in ill health and the dead at a home for the aged. The Buddha Himself was apprehensive of the circle of rebirths after seeing an aged person, a sick person, a dead body and a monk. Everyone will die one day. So we all are mortal. The only thing that exists forever is the Dhamma. Thus, visiting a home will help you realize the truth of Dhamma, including the Four Noble Truths and the value of practising Vipassana which is the only way to Nibbana, a place free from all sufferings of the secular world.

We all should play a part in caring and protecting the senior citizens of our nation. If we feel happy to help other persons, especially the aged, our happiness will also help refresh our mind and body. In addition, we need to repair or rebuild old bridges or old buildings or old roads. Likewise we will have to provide food, shelter and other assistance to the aged with generosity and goodwill. It will be a great joy for us to see other people crossing the bridge, staying at the building and walking on the road we have repaired or rebuilt or the aged practising Vipassana meditation or doing pious deeds at the home for the aged constructed or being run by us or with our participation. We can gain merits just by having sympathy and understanding for others. Thus, taking part in repairing or rebuilding an old bridge, an old building or an old road and constructing or running a home for the aged will bring more merits to the donor.

Thanks to the teachings of the Buddha, we always care the aged with respect and that is our tradition. But in some countries, they lack tradition of helping or caring the old persons. People of those countries keep pets spending sizeable money while failing to provide food and shelter for their parents. But there are also persons in those countries who have sympathy for others and willing to help and look after the aged. Unlike those nations, we all in Myanmar cherish and preserve our cultural heritage.

The UN designated the 1st of October as the International Day of Older Persons, and the global countries are observing the Day annually. If all have loving-kindness and sympathy for others, the world will be a better, happier and safer place to live in.

We in Myanmar are building homes for the aged with generosity and goodwill. Our Yedashe Township now has a home for the aged thanks to the collective efforts and generosity of wellwishers and other persons. We must continue to provide all necessary assistance to the home to look after the aged taking refuge there and for the upkeep of it. We feel happy every time we read in a daily the opening of a home for the aged in the nation. Everything that is beyond the reach of a single person’s efforts can be obtained with the collective efforts. That’s our motto, and we always live by it.

I wish emergence of more homes for the aged in the nation and more people to take part in building, running and maintaining the homes and looking after the aged.

(Translation: TMT)
Yangon, 1 Oct

The Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) held the conclusion of the Special Refresher Course No 23 for Basic Education Teachers at Yadana Hall of the institute in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, this morning attended by Minister for Health Dr Chan Nyein on behalf of Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, Deputy Chief Justice at Supreme Court (Upper Myanmar) U Khin Maung Latt, Deputy Attorney-General U Han Shein, Member of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo, officials, departmental heads, the rector, deans, faculty members, and trainees.

Minister for Health Dr Chan Nyein delivered a concluding address. In his address, the minister said it is very beneficial to both the trainees and the State as the institute, through the special refresher courses, is effectively enhancing the morale, qualifications and ability of basic education teachers who serve as the most fundamental resource of the education sector.

The teachers in the education sector are to strive for the creation of greater opportunities and production of more human resources for the future nation. While discharging the duties included in the national education promotion plan, only when all-round developed national education foundation is built and today’s youths are nurtured to become skilled ones in line with the goals, will it be possible to fulfill the requirements for national progress, and the nation will enjoy sustainable development.

Constant progress of study, technology and knowledge leads to development in the technological field. Likewise, modern learning methods are improving constantly.

In such a constant change in technological development, teachers are to constantly nurture the students as well as themselves as they are required to pursue a lifelong learning, the minister said. Teachers should conduct organizational campaigns to increase the school enrollment rate and the number of students. Only then will the students be able to enjoy the education opportunities opened by the government.

The government is also providing teaching aids to schools according to its budget allotments.

“The holding of the National Convention, the first step of the Road Map has been in progress. At such a good time, the entire people including teachers are to participate in their respective own sectors to implement the objectives of the National Convention which will be convened soon, he urged. In conclusion, the minister urged teachers to strive for turning out brilliant intellectuals and intelligentsia possessing strong patriotism and Union Spirit that will help nation stand tall with dignity and perpetuate her; and to play their respective parts with patriotism for the success of the Road Map to emerge the peaceful, modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Next, the minister presented the model trainee awards to junior assistant teacher U Kyaw Naing Win of Htilaing BEPS, Wundwin Township, Mandalay Division, and JAT Daw Yu Yu Aung of Ywathaya BEMS, Minbu Township, Magway Division, the award for perseverence to JAT U Aung Win Myint of Kawlin BEHS, Sagaing Division, JAT Daw Kyi Kyi Sein of Ywathit(West) BEPS, Sintgaing Township, Mandalay Division, and JAT Daw Khin Kyu of No 2 BEHS, Bhamo Township, Kachin State. He also presented model hostel awards.

The trainees presented K 50,000 for Lawka Chantha Abbaya Laba Muni Buddha Image, Tooth-relic Pa-goda, Bagan pagodas, USDA, National Convention and BEHS (branch) in Zipingon Village, PyinOoLwin Township.

The minister accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour. Later, the concluding ceremony ended.

After that the minister cordially greeted the trainees. — MNA
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Information Minister attends ceremony of displaying spare parts

Yangon, 1 Oct —

A ceremony to display the spare parts to be developed and produced at home was held at the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs are displayed.

The accessories of Broadcast Tower, 4.5 metre TVRO and 7.5 KVA, 5 KVA Generator of MRTV, the assorted spare parts of the printing press on display.

Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung discusses prospects for manufacturing parts of machines locally.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses the ceremony to display spare parts and parts of machines to be manufactured at home. — MNA

Head of State has placed emphasis on the needs of development of industrial sector in transforming the nation into an industrialized one, and stressed that the spare parts were to be developed in the nation and efforts for exporting the spare parts were to be made.

The Ministry of Information is making use of the spare parts of printing press. Most of the parts have been developed in the nation and some were imported.

At the ceremony, accessories of TVRO and generator of Myanma Radio and Television, spare parts of printing press of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and accessories of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs are on display as well.

If the spare parts are produced at home, they will be beneficial to the State, the ministries concerned and the industrial sector.

At present, the industrial sector of the nation has been developing together with the technical skill. In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, we are expected to develop the accessories and spare parts as well as machinery in the nation in the future.

We, in cooperation with the mechanics, made an effort for developing the spare parts at home, said the minister.

Next, the minister, the deputy ministers, heads of the departments and those present viewed the spare parts of the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs displayed at the meeting hall and the first session came into conclusion.

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In the second session, the mechanics and the industrialists made general round of discussion.

Departmental heads, officials, technicians, industrialists, and experts at the displaying of spare parts & parts of machines to be manufactured locally.— MNA

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Sanitation tasks carried out in Mingaladon Station

YANGON, 1 Oct—Officers and other ranks of Mingaladon Station, members of Myanmar Police Force, Fire Brigade and members of Station Development Affairs Committee totaling 400 carried out sanitation tasks at the entrance to Mingaladon Market and around the market this morning. Mingaladon Station Commander Col Win Naung and party supervised the work. MNA

Local made spare parts of Ministry of Information, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs on display

If the spare parts are produced...

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Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin gave supplementary reports and the ceremony concluded.

Also present at the ceremony were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, the heads of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Information, the mechanics and the industrialists. MNA

Col Win Naung inspects sanitation work carried out in front of Basic Education High School (5) in Mingaladon Township. —MNA

Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan views round spare parts on display at the ceremony. —MNA

Mingaladon Station Commander Col Win Naung and party supervised the work.
Modern textile factory in Pakokku will create job for local people

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Next, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung reported matters related to local demand, current production of the textile factories of Myanma Textile Industries.

Managing Director U Oo Thein Maung briefed on the purpose of building the factory, kinds of installed machines, production capacity of the factory, availability of raw materials, amount of investment, supply of power and number of staff.

The Prime Minister said that the emergence of the modern textile factory in Pakokku District, on the west bank of Ayeyawady River and in the north of Magway, will create job opportunities for local people in Pakokku, Seikphyu, Pauk, Myang, and Yesagyo townships, and help disseminate methods on use of modern machines in the regions. The achievement is a testament to the government’s sustained efforts to ensure development of Pakokku region like other regions.

Pakokku region is the entrance to Chin State (South) that consists of Matupi, Mindat, and Kanpetlet.

In the past, Chin State lagged behind in development due to poor transport and it was like a far-flung region.

Therefore, the government, since its assumption of State duties, has constructed infrastructures for the development of Pakokku, that occupies an important point, to become the capital of the west bank of Ayeyawady River, and an all-round developed region with a bright future.

Now, the region has enjoyed progress with unity with other parts of the nation.

The brand-new factory can produce nearly four million pounds of 1/32 thread and more than 11 million yards of coarse cloth a year.

Over six months after the inauguration of Pwintbyu Textile Factory put into commission on 18 March this year in Magway Division, another similar factory has been opened in the region. So, they will make significant contribution towards the industrial development of Magway Division.

So far, under the MTI of the Ministry of Industry-1 there are five textile factories — Shwedaung, Shedaung, Sai, Sagaing, Pwintbyu, and Pakokku textile factories. A textile factory is under construction in Salingyi Township, Sagaing Division.

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Prime Minister inspects development tasks in Pakokku

YANGON, 1 Oct—Prime Minister General Soe Win, accompanied by ministers, deputy ministers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council, this morning arrived in Pakokku, Magway Division by Tatmadaw aircraft, and they were welcomed there by Chairman of Sagaing Division PDC Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun, Commander of No 10 LID Col Maung Maung Ohn, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe, departmental officials, and social organizations.

Accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party attended the opening ceremony of Textile Factory (Pakokku) of the Myanma Textile Industries in Pakokku.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to the Neem Insecticide Factory of Myanma Agriculture Service, where they were welcomed by the factory manager and officials.

At the briefing hall, the factory manager reported on the purpose of opening the factory, its location and area, production capacity, acquisition of raw materials, tasks being carried out for greening the factory and others to the Prime Minister, this afternoon inspected upgrading of Myakantha Park in Pakokku and gave necessary instructions.

He looked into measures being taken for water supply in Ward 11 of Pakkoku and water supply in villages of Pakkoku Township and gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Brig-Gen Hla Tun this morning met with staff of the Internal Revenue Department, the Myanma Insurance, the Myanma Economic Bank and the Myanma Small Loans Enterprise in Pakokku and gave necessary instructions.

Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Col Khin Maung Kyaw inspected functions of Pakokku Industrial Zone and gave instructions on production of automobiles and spare parts for other mills.

Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo this afternoon inspected Pakokku General Hospital and gave instructions to the medical superintendent and staff on control of malaria, HIV, AIDS and TB.

The training school was opened on 1 June 2004 in Pakokku, and altogether 85 national race trainees are attending it.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party arrived back here in the evening.

Minister Col Thein Nyunt who accompanied the Prime Minister, this afternoon inspected manufacturing process at the Neem Insecticide Factory of the Myanma Agriculture Service.

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Afterwards, the Prime Minister presented cash assistance, provisions and exercise books to the students through the acting principal.

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All are to generate opportunities for the aged to enable them to contribute their services at will in the human society (from page 16)

elder persons to lead a better and pleasant life — independence, participation, care, self-fulfillment, and dignity. Myanmar is taking care of the aged in line with the culture and traditions, while adhering to the UN-adopted five principles.

As a person passes over 60 years, the elderly life has stood at the important point. So, more opportunities have to be created effectively for such persons to enjoy fulfillment of basic needs, health, reasonable jobs and incomes, rights and freedom.

It is the nature of the older persons that they serve the interests of human beings through diligence. They do not want to be isolated for they have lived in the environment of human society for many years. They also like taking part in performing meritorious deeds and public welfare services.

So, it is required to give place to the elderly in the sectors of social and religious affairs and funeral rites. As the saying which goes the tradition is kept by generations, the junior are to learn knowledge and experiences from the elderly.

He urged all to generate opportunities for the aged to contribute their services at will in various reasons to take refuge in social organizations or homes for the aged. At a time when the nation is being transformed into a peaceful, modern and developed one, it is needed for the senior citizens, mid-aged people and youngsters to help one another and to serve one another’s interest.

He stressed the need to encourage the efforts of the elderly in the interests of theirs and to create opportunities for them to show their abilities and capabilities, and to recognize their self-reliant performances in the sectors of education, culture, rest and recreation, and religious affairs.

The elderly possess the dignity of seniority in age. Existence of an elderly person at home or in the surrounding area represents some kind of auspiciousness. Even though they have not been able to serve the interests of their family members much, they are still held in high esteem, so they are to be given a proper place to be harmonious with others. Measures are to be taken for enabling them to stand tall and to lead a secure life but without causing adverse effects on their mental and physical conditions in the rest of their life.

Global nations practice varying methods of care and respects from their family members and relatives. The Secretary-1 called for measures for enabling the aged who are left destitute due to the Government formed the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to fulfill food, clothing and shelter needs of older persons and those who need social support.

The Social Welfare Department is taking care of 2,196 older persons of 52 homes for the aged and providing necessary help to 42 homes for the aged yearly. It provided cash assistance of K 10.6 million to 42 homes for the aged in 2004-2005 fiscal year.

The Social Welfare Department in cooperation with NGOs has been launching the home care service since 2004. Cash and medicines will be donated to older persons from states and divisions who attended the ceremony to mark International Day of Older Persons, and officials concerned have already made cash donations to homes for the aged.

In conclusion, the need for officials concerned to make concerted efforts for older persons to fully enjoy the fruits of peace, stability and development, to practically use the experiences and knowledge of older persons in building a modern and developed nation, and to preserve fine traditions and national characters that constantly and respectfully take care of older persons.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented gifts and cash to Col Saw Myint (Retd) (Thihabala U Thaw Zin, U Shwe Daung Nyo, U Ba Galay, Daw Thein Hsang (Ma Myat Lay), Daw Nu Yin, Sculptor U Lwin, U San Thein (Thihaa Swe), Wanna Kyaw Hnin U Sein Mya Maung and Wanna Kyaw Hnin U Sein Aung Min, who are over 80.

Afterwards, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented gifts and cash to Daw May Nwe, Daingbin U Tin Hla, Daw Kyan, Artist U Thu Kha and U Tin Yu (Motion Picture), who are over 80.

Next, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa presented gifts and cash to Bingyo U Maung Maung, Natmauk U Phone Kyaw, Daw Yin Yin (Saw Maung Nwinn), (See page 11)
Modern textile factory in Pakokku will create jobs

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The government has built such textile factories with the aim of fulfilling the nation’s requirements, producing import-substitute items, developing the region with high standard of living, generating job opportunities of locals, and disseminating technologies.

The government has to invest heavily in the factories as such huge investments are not within the reach of private entrepreneurs and textile industry contributes much towards the State. In that regard, the factories were built at sites where raw materials are in abundance for the factories. The government has been constructing modern factories across the nation.

At the same time, it has been establishing private industrial zones in the regions that have favorable conditions for growth of the industry.

So far, the nation has seen 18 industrial zones, and in Magway Division are Pakokku and Yenangyoung industrial zones established for developments of private-run industries. Pakokku Industrial Zone is doing its utmost to win renown through production of Pakokku Jeeps and trucks, and Yenangyoung Industrial Zone manufactures motorcycles and three-wheel vehicles.

So, Magway Division plays an important role in the State’s drive for industrialization. Officials concerned and industrialists on their part are to make earnest efforts in concert for speedy development of agro-based industries, industries that help develop the agricultural sector, and the auto industry as well as livestock breeding sector.

Consequently, priority is being implemented in Magway Division that covers Pakokku District while industrial sector, livestock breeding sector and trade sector are meeting with success.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called upon local authorities, officials and factory workers to boost production as the factory will contribute much to national development as well as regional development, to strive for running the factory at full capacity and its durability and to serve the interests of the State and the people as well as that of the region.

Next, Prime Minister General Soe Win presented a basket of fruits to Tianjin Machinery Import and Export Corporation Chairman Mr. Sun Jian Rong and officials who gave a souvenir to the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister General Soe Win and party then posed for a documentary photo and cordially greeted those present. With the aim of meeting local demand and import substitute, improving living standard of local people and getting new job opportunity, the project of the factory was implemented.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Soe presents gift, cash assistance, and medicines to elderly women. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Sein Hwaa presents gift, cash assistance, and medicines to an elderly woman. — MNA

All are to generate opportunities for...

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U Ba Toke and U Tun Nyunt who are over 84. Later, Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, presented gifts and cash to goldsmith U U Hme, Daw Aung Than Tin, Bogalay U Tin Aung, U Htun Lin (U Ko Ko Tun), Guardian U Sein Win and Thakin Hla Kun (Moyny), who are over 80.

Next, President of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation Daw Than Than New presented gifts and cash to U Kyaw Hsan (Thukhi Aung), U Hla Kyung (Paragu), U Hla Tun (Cancer Foundation), U

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Two roadside bombs hit US military convoy in eastern Baghdad

Baghdad, 30 Sept — Two coordinated roadside bombs struck a US military convoy in eastern Baghdad on Thursday morning, damaging two US Humvees, an Interior Ministry source said.

“Two roadside bombs exploded in quick succession at about 6:55 am (0255 GMT) near a US military convoy on al-Qanat Street near the Shiite neighbourhood of Said City in Baghdad,” the source told Xinhua on condition of anonymity.

The US troops sealed off the area, preventing Iraqi police from approaching the scene, the source said, adding that some policemen said they saw two Humvees caught fire.

In a separate incident, another roadside bomb detonated at about 8:50 am (0450 GMT) near al-Shaab Stadium in eastern Baghdad when a US military patrol was passing by, damaging a US military vehicle and wounding an Iraqi civilian, the source said. Meanwhile, a group of gunmen attacked a bakery in Baghdad’s southern district of Dora, killing two people and seriously wounding another, he added.

MNA/Xinhua
Indian Cabinet clears Airbus purchase deal

NEW DELHI, 30 Sept— The Indian Cabinet on Thursday approved a 2.2-bilion-US-dollar deal with Europe’s Airbus Industrie, under which the country’s national carrier, Indian Airlines (IA), will acquire 43-aircraft to expand its fleet.

The move will offer the Indian Airlines (IA) an opportunity to expand its fleet. This is the first such deal for new aircraft in 15 years. —MNA/Xinhua

AIDS patients to get free drugs in Thailand

BANGKOK, 30 Sept— Thailand is entitled to get free anti-retroviral medication under the country’s universal healthcare scheme, local media reported Thursday.

From 1 October, some 80,000 HIV patients will be entitled to both first and second-line drugs under the 30-baht healthcare scheme, and some 20,000 more patients will be covered by the Social Security Fund in the next one or two months.

“The move will offer security for all people living with HIV/AIDS in the country.” Kamol Uppakaw, president of the Thailand Network of People Living with HIV/AIDS, quoted by The Nation newspaper as saying.

He added the government, having allocated a special budget of 2.796 million baht (65.7 million US dollars) for implementing the programme, will guarantee access to life-saving treatment for all individuals from now on.

Dr Sanguan Nityayarunghpongh, head of the National Security Office, said sufficient anti-retroviral drugs for use nationwide starting October have already been prepared.

To ensure sustained treatment, people already receiving the drugs under the existing programme will also be entitled to treatment under the 30-baht scheme.

Previously, only a selected number of people in Thailand received the treatment under various projects which only relieved half of their drug burden, said Christie. MNA/Xinhua

Rare “Beatles” lyrics up for auction

LONDON, 30 Sept— John Lennon’s hand-written lyrics for the Beatles’ song “Revolver” are up for sale, US-based Christie’s said.

A recording of a previously unheard interview with Lennon and Yoko Ono are also up for sale.

Lennon’s lyrics, penned by Lennon in 1966 for the “Revolver” album, is briefer than the final recorded version and several deletions, alterations and variations were made to the text. It will be auctioned by Christie’s in London.

The 17 lines, mostly written in blue felt pen, have been held in private collection for over 30 years and are appearing at auction for the first time.

A recording of a Beatles concert and a previously unheard interview with Lennon and Yoko Ono are also up for sale.

Japanese bird flu experts begin mission in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 30 Sept— A panel team comprising bird flu experts from Japan begin their work Thursday to help Indonesia in overcoming the virus outbreak that has claimed 67 people’s life, the Bisnis Indonesia daily said.

The team would gather information for a week in an effort to determine a recommendation to the Indonesian authorities in controlling the lethal disease in the country, spokesman of the Japanese Embassy, Ayako Zhimisu said.

“The team will visit the designed bird flu hospital of Sultani Saroso in the city,” said Zhimisu.

The Japanese assistance was in response to the request of the Indonesian Government. —MNA/Xinhua
Britain faces growing Hepatitis C crisis

LONDON, 30 Sept — Britain has the worst record in Europe for dealing with the Hepatitis C virus, according to a new report released on Friday.

While cases of the chronic liver disease are falling in France, Britain is facing a Hepatitis C time bomb because not enough people with the illness are diagnosed and treated.

“If we continue to do nothing about Hepatitis C then between 100,000 and 300,000 people will have to endure preventable liver disease,” said Professor William Rosenberg, of the University of Southampton in southern England.

The lead author of the report commissioned by the Hepatitis C Trust in Britain said if the disease was detected and treated early, the cure rate was between 40-80 per cent.

But only about 2 per cent of people infected with the potentially deadly liver disease receive treatment in Britain compared to 13 per cent in France.

More than 300,000 people have been diagnosed and treated with the illness in Italy, while in Britain the number is slightly more than 50,000 — less than Spain, France and Germany.

Hepatitis C is transmitted through body fluids. Injecting drug users who share needles are particularly at risk from the virus which often shows no symptoms. Babies can also be infected by their mothers at birth. If symptoms do occur, they include jaundice, fatigue, abdominal pain, nausea, loss of appetite and dark urine. — MNA/Reuters

Former US Marine to work for Al Jazeera TV

WASHINGTON, 30 Sept — Former US Marine captain Josh Rushing has taken a job reporting for Al Jazeera, the Qatar-based TV network, a news report said Thursday.

Rushing, a captain in the Marine Corps until October last year, would appear on a global, English-language news channel the network hoped to start by spring next year, the USA Today newspaper reported.

While Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld accused the network of “perfectly willing to lie to the world” and having “a pattern of playing propaganda” for its 50 million viewers, most of them in the Arab world, Rushing said he had been trained by the Marines “to represent the best of what America stands for to a foreign audience”.

Rushing, 33, who was enlisted in 1990, was made liaison to Al-Jazeera at the US Central Command media centre in Doha, Qatar, during the Iraq war.

Al-Jazeera approached him earlier this year about joining the new channel, the report quoted Rushing as saying.

Al-Jazeera had hired reporters and producers from several Western news organizations, including the Associated Press, the BBC, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp., CNN and Fox News, and the new channel was “over halfway” there in hiring the hundreds of people it would need, Katie Bergius, a spokeswoman for the TV network, told the newspaper. — MNA/Xinhua

Over one ton of marijuana seized in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 30 Sept — More than one ton of marijuana was seized Wednesday in a police operation in the Argentine capital of Buenos Aires, police said. A total of four suspects, who were preliminarily identified as Paraguayans, were arrested and would be charged with drug-trafficking, police said.

The operation took place in Moreno District in the city centre. The first batch of marijuana, weighing some 300 kilos, was seized on a pick-up truck on Tuesday evening and suspects were arrested. The bigger patch of drug was seized on Wednesday, on a tip of the suspects previously apprehended. — MNA/Xinhua

Diver dies in suspected Australia crocodile attack

SYDNEY, 30 Sept — A man is believed to have been killed by a large crocodile while scuba diving off Australia’s remote north on Thursday, the second fatal crocodile attack in five days, police said.

The 56-year-old man was diving with a friend at Trepang Bay on the Cobourg Peninsula, north of tropical Darwin in the Northern Territory, when he was attacked.

The man had sustained injuries consistent with a crocodile attack. His body, which was recovered later on Thursday, was taken to Darwin for examination to determine the cause of death.

Police praised the man’s unidentified friend who reported him missing after he failed to surface from the dive. Despite the shock of the attack, the unidentified friend marked their exact location with a distress beacon before calling for help, which arrived several hours later.

He told police he had seen a large crocodile in the area after the attack. — MNA/Reuters
Mourinho says draw would be bad for Liverpool

LONDON, 1 Oct—Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho believes another draw against Liverpool at Anfield on Sunday would represent a bad result for the Merseyside club.

The teams played out a goalless stalemate in the Champions League on Wednesday and Mourinho says the onus will now be firmly on Rafa Benitez’ side in their Premier League clash.

"In the Champions League we started the game with the same number of points (three) and we had the same objective...to go into the next round," Mourinho told Chelsea’s website on Friday.

"So it was not a bad result for us and it was not a bad result for them. "In the Premiership the points difference is a minimum eight points (if Liverpool win their two games in hand). So I think a draw for them on Sunday is a very bad result."

Runaway Premier League leaders Chelsea, who have a six-point lead over second-placed Charlton Athletic, have held the upper hand in recent matches against Liverpool.

Mourinho, however, said the Merseysiders deserved a lot of credit for the way they had defended in the last three games against his team.

"In the previous six matches Liverpool have only beaten us once and we know in which circumstances they beat us," said Mourinho in a barbed reference to their controversial Champions League semifinal winner at Anfield last season.

"But at the same time we know also that in the last three games we couldn’t score (against them) and we couldn’t score because they defended really well."

"We have to give credit to a team that defended well and defended with a lot of aggression."

Mourinho said he would have a fully-fit squad to choose from on Sunday and hinted that Spain left back Asier del Horno could return after injury.

"Del Horno played 45 minutes in the reserves on Wednesday and had no reaction," he said. —MNA/Reuters

Confident Houllier sees Lyon close to qualification

PARIS, 30 Sept—Gerard Houllier said Olympique Lyon’s 1-0 victory over Rosenberg on Wednesday was further proof that his side are now genuine Champions League contenders.

"The victory in Norway, sealed by a goal from Brazilian defender Cris, moved the ambitious French champions close to qualification for the knockout round with six points from their two Group F games."

"Three years ago, Lyon were held to a (1-1) draw here," Houllier said.

"We have made another step towards the qualification. This is proof that this team is growing and getting more mature."

"The draw against Rosenberg three years ago sealed a disappointing exit for the French side, but their 3-0 win over Real Madrid followed by Tuesday’s result means they are well on the way to the knockout round."

"Our win was highly deserved," added Houllier. "Any other outcome would have been unfair. Now we have to carry on like this when we host Olympiakos in the next match."

Lyon are still to lose a match this season and Houllier was full of praise for his side.

"Rosenborg pushed hard in the first and the last 10 minutes but I must confess that I was not worried," he said.

"The first half was absolutely dramatic with moves of great quality."—MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Inter Milan midfielder Esteban Cambiasso (L) fights for the ball with Glasgow Rangers’ defender Fernando Ricksen during their Champions League match on 28 September. Ricksen believes the brox side’s improved performance in these 1-0 defeat away to Inter Milan can help revive their Scottish Premier League challenge. —INTERNET

Sporting, Braga, Setubal out of UEFA Cup

LISBON, 1 Oct—Sporting was eliminated from UEFA Cup after losing 3-2 versus the Swedes of Halmstad, in the second leg match, at Lisbon’s Jose Alvalade Stadium.

The Portuguese started the match with a 2-1 advantage from their victory in the first leg played in Sweden, when 15 minutes into the second leg, Halmstad’s Thorvaldsson opened the score for the Scandinavians.

Sporting drew prior to the half time through Wender, but the Swedes scored via Zvirgzdauskas.

In the extra time, Sporting recovered the advantage thanks to an own-goal of Zvirgzdauskas. This did not mean Halmstad stopped, so they managed to score again through Ingelsten.

Thus the Swedes moved on to the next phase of the UEFA Cup.

In spite of the 1-1 draw with Red Star of Serbia and Montenegro, Sporting Braga was eliminated. The match was played at Braga and after the 0-0 result, a Sudan Radonic brace counted as a criterion to break the draw.

Vitoria Setubal also was eliminated after a 1-0 loss at Genoa, versus the Italians of Sampdoria.

In the first match of the series the Portuguese had a 1-1 draw. Vitoria Guimaraes is the only Portuguese team that remains alive in the European competition after their 1-0 victory over Wisa Cracow, in Poland.

The Portuguese team had a three-goal advantage from the previous match, and the series was won through a goal, 84 minutes into the game, by Saganowski.

MNA/Xinhua

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Three executed for drug smuggling, trafficking in Shaanxi Province

Xi’an, 1 Oct—Three people were executed Thursday for smuggling and trafficking 10.5 kilos of heroin to the Intermediate People’s Court of Xi’an, capital of northwest China’s Shaanxi Province.

The court also deprived Yang Nauij, Liu Tianshun and Du Songhua, the executed drug traffickers, of their political rights for life and confiscated all their personal property.

The court found that Liu Tianshun, together with Yang Nauij, Du Songhua, Li Quanfa and Li Quanxi, formed drug smuggling and trafficking operation in 2002.

Liu, Du and Li Quanfa, who was in charge of transport, were captured by police when they tried to move 7.18 kilos of heroin into Xi’an on 11 January, 2004. Yang Nauij and Li Quanxi were arrested by police later. Li Hongyun, another member of the gang, was still at large. —MNA/Shaanhu

WEATHER

Saturday, 1 October, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been mostly cloudy in Kayin and Mon States and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and widespread in upper Sagaing Division, Kachin and Chin States and scattered in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfall in upper Sagaing Division. The notewor-
your amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkaami (6.57) inches, Sittway (3.58) inches, Kyauktaw (3.23) inches, Mawlaik (2.87) inches, Minbu (0.82) inch and Magway (0.78) inch.

Maximum temperature on 30-9-2005 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 1-10-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 9.30 hrs MST on 1-10-2005 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 30-9-2005 was 1.4 hours approx. Rainfallns on 1-10-2005 were (0.08) inch at Mingla-

Blog reference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday’s low pressure area over the West Central Bay. Weather is cloudy in the North and Central Bay and monsoon is moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 2-10-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, widespread in upper Sagaing Division, Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States and scattered in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times in Deltac, off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease of wave in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 2-10-2005: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 2-10-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.
Myanmar senior citizens held in high esteem, given proper care

The aged across the nation enjoying higher standard of living

YANGON, 1 Oct—The International Day of Older Persons (2005) was observed at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this morning.

It was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the over 6,300 million, and one of every five people is an older person. According to the data collected in 2004, the population of Myanmar was more than 54.3 million, 4.46 million of whom were aged above 60, accounting for an aged person in every 13 people. As the day-by-day increase in the population of the senior people has represented a serious matter, ways and means are being sought to lay down programmes for welfare of burgeoning population of the aged. Myanmar is witnessing a growing population of the elderly, but this has not become an excessive burden in caring for them. It is because a fine tradition still flourishes in the nation that Myanmar national people under the culture, customs and social norms pay esteem and care for the senior citizens in accord with the teachings of the Buddha. Moreover, thanks to the border areas and national races development projects and rural development projects, the people's social standard has become higher and in consequence, the aged across the nation have enjoyed better standard of living. The UN has adopted the five principles for the (See page 10)