To meet the traffic needs, Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is being constructed 2,000 ft upstream of Inn-wa Bridge.

Maung Aye yesterday morning inspected beautifying tasks of Mandalay Kandawgyi and six-lane Strand Road of Mandalay in a motorcade. When Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived at Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project, they were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Nay Win of Central Command and officials of the Public Works.

At the briefing hall, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun reported on Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project. Next, Deputy Superintending Engineers U San Win and U Htay Myint reported on completion of approach bridges on Sagaing Bank and Mandalay Bank and installation of steel frames at the main bridge. Next, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun gave a supplementary report on construction of the approach road on the Mandalay Bank to the bridge.

After hearing reports, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions on durability of the bridge.

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To enable aged to lead secure life with peace of mind

As the day-by-day increase in the population of the senior people in the world has become a serious matter, ways and means are being sought to lay down programmes for welfare of burgeoning population of the aged. Myanmar is also witnessing a growing population of the elderly but 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.

The International Day of Older Persons (2005) was observed at the International Business Centre in Yangon on 1 October and it was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein. In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that it was the nature of the older persons that they served the interests of human beings through diligence, that they did not want to be isolated as they had lived in the human society for many years and that they also liked taking part in performing meritorious deeds and public welfare services. So, he said, they should be given an opportunity to play a role in social and religious organizations.

Now the world population stands at more than 6,300 million and one in every five people is an aged. According to 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 a person passes over 60 years, the elderly life has stood at the important point. Therefore, more opportunities have to be created effectively for such persons to enjoy fulfillment of basic needs, health and personal freedom.

Thanks to the border areas and national races development projects and rural development projects, the social standard of the people has become higher and, in consequence, the aged across the nation have enjoyed higher standard of living.

Elderly persons possess the dignity of seniority of age and have wide knowledge and experiences which younger people should learn. Therefore, it is necessary to create opportunities for the aged to enable them to contribute their services in society, especially in education, culture and religious affairs. And measures should be taken to enable them to lead a secure life with peace of mind throughout the rest of their lives.

IRD opens officer course

YANGON, 3 Oct — The Internal Revenue Department opened the on-job training course No 26 for township revenue officers today with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun. Also present were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Vice-Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, Director-General of IRD U Hsan Tun and officials. Thirty-five trainees are attending the four-week course. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivers a speech at the opening of Course No 26 for Township revenue officers. — F&R

MMCWA conducts teachership course No 3/2005

YANGON, 3 Oct — A ceremony to open the teachership course No 3/2005 (Central Level) on disseminating knowledge of reproductive health conducted by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association took place at the multi-purpose building of MMCWA here this morning.

President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win made an opening speech.

Altogether 30 trainees are attending the course which lasts till 7 October.

MNA

Forestry Minister tours Kachin, Shan (North) States, Mandalay Division

YANGON, 3 Oct — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung went on a tour of inspection of forest plantations and saw mills in Kachin State, Shan (North) State and Mandalay from 30 September to 2 October.

On 30 September and 1 October, the minister went to Bhamo, Kachin State, and met with officials of Kachin State Forest Department. At the meeting, officials concerned reported to the minister on planting of trees, timber extraction and seizures of timber illegally extracted in the state.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected No 79 Saw mill jointly conducted by Myanmar Timber Enterprise and Shewwali Co Ltd in Bhamo.

During his tour of Kachin State, the minister also inspected 150-acre firewood plantation in Shwegu Reserved Forest in Shwegu Township.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung on 1 October went to the 850-acre teak plantation in Mabein Township in Shan State (North) to assess the afforestation tasks and prevention against illegal timber extraction in the state. Altogether 430 acres of land have been put under teak in 2005-2006 at Nantmae Reserved Forest, and a forest village is established.

The minister also inspected the 500-acre teak special plantation in Htiyuang Township — forestry.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects teak plantations in Htiyuang Township. — FORESTRY

On his tour of Mandalay Division, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected the 50-acre teak plantation in Singu Township and No 15 Sawmill in Madaya.

MNA

7th Myanmar Obstetric and Gynaecological Conference on 15, 16 October

YANGON, 3 Oct — Myanmar Medical Association (Mandalay) is to hold 7th Myanmar Obstetric and Gynaecological Conference, organized by Myanmar Medical Association on 15 and 16 October at MMA (Mandalay).

Obstetrician, Gynaecologists and doctors may attend the conference. — MNA
China launches specialized TV channel for infant education

BEIJING, 2 Oct — A TV channel specialized in early educational programmes catering to China’s 200 million Chinese infants aged from zero to eight years was launched by the China Education TV station (CETV) Saturday.

There are nearly 280 million children aged under 14 years in China, accounting for 21.5 per cent of the total population. The population aged from zero to eight years, regarded as infants in the country, stands at around 200 million, accounting for 15 per cent of the total.

“Early education of infants is of great importance to China’s efforts to develop a harmonious society in the country,” said Kang Ning, director of the TV station.

While all countries in the world attach much importance to infant education, Chinese educational agencies and media fail to provide sufficient products and services to meet the growing demand for infant education, she said.

With the launching of the specialized TV channel, the CETV will invite experts to join in the designing and production of programmes, Kang said.

The TV station will also cooperate with domestic and overseas media and telecommunication companies to provide good services.

Iraqi police claim Danish soldier killed in Iraq

BASRA (Iraq), 2 Oct — A Danish soldier was killed and two others wounded when a roadside bomb blew up alongside a Danish military vehicle outside Basra in southern Iraq on Saturday, Iraqi police said.

An official at the Danish Ministry of Defence in Copenhagen confirmed that there had been an attack on a Danish military vehicle, but said he could not confirm the number of casualties.

“We are investigating further at this time,” the military official said, asking that his name not be used.

Iraqi police officer Mohammed Urabi told Reuters from the scene that the attack occurred just outside Basra, Iraq’s second largest city.

If confirmed, the death would be the second among Danish troops serving in Iraq.

Denmark has a contingent of about 500 soldiers serving in and around Basra, where British forces have overall command.

A Danish soldier was killed by friendly fire in August 2003.

Two US planes make emergency landings in Canada

OTTAWA, 2 Oct — A passenger jet and a military transport, both from the United States, made separate emergency landings in Eastern Canada on Saturday, but there were no casualties.

A Continental Airlines Boeing 767, en route from Newark, New Jersey, to Paris with 178 people on board, landed in Gander of Newfoundland in the morning, reports reaching here said.

Airport officials said crew reported low oil pressure in one of the engines.

The airliner landed safely with one engine idling.

Meanwhile, a US Air Force plane made an emergency landing in St John’s after a false alarm prompted the crew to shut down one of the aircraft’s four engines.

The C-130 Hercules was en route from Illinois on a transatlantic flight to the Middle East and had already been scheduled to touch down in St John’s on a maintenance stop.

The Hercules, with 26 people on board, landed without incident on Saturday afternoon, said airport spokesman Kelly Jamieson.

US soldier killed in roadside bomb in Iraq’s Baiji

BAGHDAD, 2 Oct — A US soldier was killed in a roadside bomb blast near his vehicle north of Baghdad on Saturday, the US military said.

A soldier, assigned to Task Force Liberty, was killed when a land mine exploded near his vehicle while patrolling an area near the town of Baiji, some 200 kilometres north of Baghdad, the military said in a brief statement.

Putin congratulates Chinese President on China’s National Day

MOSCOW, 2 Oct — Russian President Vladimir Putin has sent a congratulatory message to his Chinese counterpart Hu Jintao on the 56th anniversary of the founding of the People’s Republic of China, the Russian Presidential Press Service said Saturday.

Putin said in his message that bilateral relations are developing successfully and regular meetings between high-ranking officials from the two sides are very important for the ties.

He expressed satisfaction with bilateral cooperation in various fields and active political dialogue between the two countries.

Positions on key international issues are coordinated as trade, investment and economic cooperation expand, he said.

Putin also hoped that the planned activities for the Year of Russia in China in 2006 would give a fresh impetus to further development of the bilateral ties.

Inquiry finds Iraq war delayed by Katrina relief effort

LONDON, 3 Oct—Relief efforts to combat Hurricane Katrina suffered near catastrophic failures due to endemic corruption, divisions within the military and troop shortages caused by the Iraq war, an official American inquiry has said.

The confidential report, which has been seen by The Independent, details how funds for flood control were diverted to other projects, desperately needed National Guards were stuck in Iraq and how military personnel had to “sneak off post” to help with relief efforts because their commander had refused permission.

The shortcomings in dealing with Katrina have rocked George Bush’s administration.

“The US military has long planned for war on two fronts. This is as close as we have come to [that] reality since the Second World War; the results have been disastrous.”

The document was compiled by Stephen Henthorne, a former professor of the US Army’s War College and an adviser to the Pentagon who was a deputy-director in the Louisiana relief efforts.

It charts how “corruption and mismanagement within the New Orleans city government” had “diverted money earmarked for improving flood protection to other, more vote-getting, projects. Past mayors and governors gambled that the long-expected Big Killer hurricane would never happen. That bet was lost with Hurricane Katrina.” —Internet

Otis passes 130 miles south west on 1 Oct, 2005, in South California, Mexico.

Cars drive through a flooding area in downtown Cabo San Lucas as Hurricane Otis passes 130 miles south west on 1 Oct, 2005, in South California, Mexico.

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Uganda hails forum on China-Africa cooperation

KAMPALA, 2 Oct— Ugandan Foreign Minister Sam Kutesa on Friday hailed the new partnership of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation providing a good framework for further cooperation and solidarity between China and Africa.

Minister Kutesa made the remarks when speaking at a reception to celebrate the 56th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China given by Chinese Ambassador to Uganda Fan Guijin.

"It has so far proved to be an effective platform of collective dialogue thus contributing to further consolidating and strengthening of relations," the minister said.

Kutesa pointed out that "Uganda and the People's Republic of China share very warm relations", saying that "Uganda attaches great importance to developing contacts at all levels especially at local levels to strengthen mutual understanding between the two countries."

He said that "China is among the top ten countries that have invested in Uganda and trade volumes between the two countries show positive trends".

"Uganda reaffirms its support for the 'One China Policy' and also for China's grand cause of re-unification," Kutesa stressed, saying that "we also support China's principled position on safeguarding its sovereignty and territorial integrity.”

S African jailed for life for feeding man to lions

JOHANNESBURG, 2 Oct— A White farmer convicted of murder for feeding a Black worker to lions was jailed for life by a South African judge on Friday, ending a racially charged case which highlighted abuse of rural Black labourers.

The South African Press Association (SAPA) reported that Mark Scott-Crossley — who got married in court just before being sentenced — was given life and Black labourer Simon Mathebula was sentenced to 15 years, partly suspended, for his role in a murder which shocked the crime-hardened nation.

"Let him rot in jail," someone shouted from the back of the crush of people streaming from the courtroom, SAPA reported.

The men were convicted in April.

The grisly killing of 41-year-old farm worker Nelson Chisale provoked an outcry in South Africa where, more than a decade after the end of apartheid rule, some White farmers are still accused of abusing and exploiting Black workers.

A crowd had earlier demanded life sentences for Scott-Crossley and his co-accused outside the sittings of the court in the town of Phalaborwa, close to the Kruger National Park northeast of Johannesburg.

A third employee arrested in connection with the death turned state witness against his former employer and colleagues, SAPA reported that another suspect was to be tried separately in November after he was judged too ill to stand trial earlier.

Iran, Lebanon call for WMD dismantlement in Mideast region

TEHERAN, 2 Oct— Iran and Lebanon on Friday issued a statement calling for dismantlement of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in the Middle East, Iran's official IRNA news agency reported.

The statement was issued in Beirut by Iran's Majlis (Parliament) Speaker Gholam-Alimirad Adel, who arrived in Beirut early Thursday on a four-day visit to Lebanon, and his Lebanese counterpart Nabih Berri, said IRNA.

The statement stressed the importance of scrapping WMD in the Mideast region, specially calling on the international community to force Israel to speedily destroy its WMDs.

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Among them 15 were admitted to hospital — four died on Friday, said Dr Barbara Yaffe, adding that three of the victims died at the home, with the fourth dying in hospital. All of the patients had pre-existing medical conditions and two were in their mid-90s.

The other two victims were in their late 70s and 50s.

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Brother of Iraq's Interior Minister killed

BAHRAIN, 2 Oct— The Iraqi Interior Minister's brother Jibril Solagh was killed by gunfire while driving home in the capital late Saturday, a ministry official said.

Solagh was snatched at 7:30 pm (1630 GMT) as he drove home to the mainly Shiite Al-Habibiyah District in southeast Baghdad, where he works as a hospital director, the official said.

Solagh is the brother of Interior Minister Baqir Jabr Solagh.

Bombings, assassinations and kidnappings are rampant in the war-ravaged country as sectarian tensions are running high.

MNA/Xinhua

Japanese Coast Guardmen, on a boat, front, approach the capsized No 3 Shinseimaru on waters off Nemuro, a port on Japan's northernmost main island of Hokkaido, recently. — Internet

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China drafts plan to fight bird flu

BEIJING, 2 Oct—China has drafted a contingency plan to cope with a much-feared outbreak of bird flu in the coming winter, state media reported, only two days after it announced a blueprint for fighting a human influenza pandemic.

Bird flu, including the deadly H5N1 strain that has killed 65 people in Asia, is believed to be endemic in the country’s poultry population.

The plan called for strengthening surveillance in border areas, poultry cultivating strongholds, migration routes of migratory birds and river networks in south China — widely seen as the flu's hotbed with people living in close proximity to livestock.

China neighbours Vietnam, where the H5N1 strain has killed 37 people, and hosts sections of three global migration routes for migratory birds. It also has the second largest domestic poultry industry in the world.

China has in past successfully controlled outbreaks of bird flu with a combination of vaccinations, culling and surveillance.

It reported two outbreaks in far-flung western regions of Qinghai and Xining earlier this year.

But it was also widely criticized for initially trying to cover up the outbreak of SARS, which emerged in southern China in 2003 and spread around the world, infecting 8,000 people and killing 800. —MNA/Reuters

Japanese government official driven in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 3 Oct— Gunmen shot dead a senior official in Iraq's Public Works Ministry on Sunday, Iraqi police said, the latest in a campaign of assassinations that have targeted government employees and businessmen.

Safaa Muhammed, the director-general of the ministry, was shot dead in Mansour, an upscale district of western Baghdad. Interior Ministry officials confirmed the killing. Criminals and guerrillas have targeted businessmen, doctors and government officials over the past year, sometimes kidnapping them and demanding ransom or gunning them down in public. —MNA/Reuters

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Reports by a militant group put the insurgents behind the separatism of kidnappings that have targeted government employees and businessmen.

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Japan condemns Bali explosions

Japan strongly condemned on Sunday the explosions in the Indonesian travel resort Bali Island, which has killed at least 11 people.

The blasts are “extremely despicable and intolerable”, said Foreign Ministry's spokesman Yoshinori Katori, “Terrorism cannot be justified for any reason.”

“The Japanese Government reiterates its firm condemnation of atrocious terrorism that victimizes many innocent people,” he said in a statement.

He also said Japan will continue the fight against terrorism, and cooperate with and support the Indonesian Government on that issue.

The blasts striking Saturday evening have killed one Japanese and left four injured, Kyodo News reported based on the information from the Japanese Embassy in Jakarta.

MNA/Xinhua

El Salvador fears killer volcano could erupt again

SAN SALVADOR, 3 Oct—A volcano in western El Salvador that killed two people and forced thousands to flee when it erupted for the first time in a century on Saturday, could roar to life again, authorities warned on Sunday, diminished after Saturday’s eruption released pent up energy, but warned the likelihood of a lesser eruption was still high.

“Although the volcano is stable, we’re not letting down our guard,” Interior Minister Rene Figueroa told reporters.

A television crew in the area on Sunday reported a

Tour boat capsizes in upstate NY, 21 killed

NEW YORK, 3 Oct—Twenty-one people from a senior citizens tour group were killed on Sunday when a small tour boat capsized after it hit the wake of a larger boat on Lake George in upstate New York, police said.

The 40-foot (12-metre)-long, glass-enclosed Ethan Allen, operated by Shoreline Cruises, was carrying 50 passengers and crew when it capsized on Lake George, a resort area some 200 miles north of New York City at about 3 pm (1900 GMT), Warren County Sheriff Larry Cleveland told a news conference.

Most if not all of the tourists were from Canada, although eyewitnesses told local media some might have been from Michigan. No identities were released.

Witnesses and authorities said the boat was making a left turn when it hit the wake of a larger boat, the Mahiican, operated by Lake George Steamboat Co., which swamped and flipped the Ethan Allen sending the elderly passengers, who were on the upper deck and not wearing life jackets, into the water.

Cleveland said all 29 people who survived the accident had been accounted for and the operation had been changed from a rescue to a recovery.

MNA/Reuters

Iraqi police stand at the scene of a roadside bomb attack in the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, 250 km north of Baghdad on 1 October, 2005. —INTERNET

A member of the Singapore Civil Defence Force wears a chemical protection suit during an annual chemical spill exercise in Singapore recently. —INTERNET

Three US soldiers wounded in bomb blast south of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 3 Oct—A roadside bomb struck a US military convoy in the flashpoint town of Dhuaybah north of Baghdad, the US military said on Sunday.

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Ka Lu: Do you have anything special to discuss?

Grandpa: Yes, I do. Now, as you know peace and stability has been restored well across the country. Development is everywhere in the countryside. 17 national race armed groups came to the realization of the benevolent attitude of the government and returned to the legal fold. So, the entire Union has seen peace.

Grandpa: You’re right. We two have witnessed the abetment of the neo-colonials. Now, it is apparent they cannot bear to see the helplessness of the parents. They echo the voice of fugitives. Desmond Tutu is a Christian Bishop from South Africa. The West bloc rejected the report because it was counterproductive and not of assistance to the efforts of our nation Myanmar. However, Havel and Desmond Tutu supported the efforts of the Tatmadaw Government. The title is “Threat to the Peace: A Call for the UN Security Council to Act in Burma”. They asked the UN Security Council to accept their report and to take action against Myanmar.

Lu: Carry on, please.

Grandpa: The title is “Threat to the Peace: A Call for the UN Security Council to Act in Burma”. They asked the UN Security Council to accept their report and to take action against Myanmar.

Lu: They echo the voice of fugitives.

Grandpa: It isn’t surprising. As a matter of fact, expatriates are outlaws. They betray the motherland and have to receive assistance for their survival, and to follow the instructions of their masters, in return. They are members of the groups that Myanmar Government declared unlawful associations. They are overjoyed at every news story that any other country has demanded or imposed sanctions against Myanmar or extended sanctions. Western broadcasting stations always air the news stories that UN and UN agencies called for actions against Myanmar. The report of Vaclav Havel and Desmond Tutu supported the voices of the renegades.

Lu: Desmond Tutu is a Christian Bishop from South Africa. The West bloc recommended him so that he could win noble peace prize in 1984. A group of noble prize winners encouraged the artifact youths at Marne Palaw camp of armed insurgents after the 1988 unrest. One of the group members was Tutu. He took part in the group as a show of gratitude to the recommendation. He likes doing such kind of activities.

Grandpa: Their whispering drove the children into the arms of the neo-colonials instead of the embrace of the parents. Now, they have no choice but to carry on their activities to survive abroad.

Lu: Desmond Tutu and Vaclav Havel have never been to Myanmar. In spite of their being lawyers, DLA Piper Rudnick Gray Cary Law Firm, they received the order of the two to compile the report based on the hearsay and the words of outlaw fugitives. It was irresponsible of the firm to compile the report just for the money. I’ve learnt that hearsay could not be treated as evidence.

Grandpa: Vaclav Havel used to be a playwright in Czech. When the Eastern European countries saw unrest due to the instalment of the West bloc, he became the West-block backed leader. Now, he’s not. Here is an excerpt from the speech of General Secretary Daw Su Kyi. She delivered it at the ninth anniversary of the NLD on 27 September 1997. Read it out the words underlined, Maung Ka Lu.

Lu: The underlined words say that she had decided to change the idea of the Nobel Prize to Daw Suu Kyi. So, in return, Daw Suu Kyi chose him for the peace prize. Then, Vaclav Havel stands by the NLD and asked the UN Security Council to take action against Myanmar.

Lu: Therefore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs issued a statement on 29 September this year and categorically rejected the report because it was counterproductive and not of assistance to the efforts of Myanmar towards democratization.

Grandpa: If Desmond Tutu and Vaclav Havel really love peace, freedom and democracy, they should dissuade the invaders from carrying on their activities in some nations. It is known to all that in those nations, many bloody events occurred causing loss of so many lives and property of the people.

Lu: We have declared officially to the world that the name of our nation is Myanmar. The UN and its agencies state the name of our nation Myanmar. However, colonialists, their broadcasting stations, and minions continue to call our nation Burma. Their intention is just to hurl insults at the nation and the people. In the report, Desmond Tutu and Vaclav Havel relish stating the nation as Burma instead of Myanmar. It indicates their negative attitude, distorting the facts.

Grandpa: Yes, it does because their report was designed just to trouble our nation. And it is apparent they cannot bear to see that we national people of 54 million are enjoying fruitful results of peace and stability. In the report, the two accuse our nation of violating human rights, forced labour, sexual insults, displacement of people to become refugees, and recruitment of minors.

Lu: There are no child soldiers in Myanmar. But they can find child soldiers in the insurgent camps of remote border areas. The magazines such as Times and Newsweek published by the West have already featured photos of child insurgents for many times. Tutu and Havel, I will show if you wish to see them.

Grandpa: The accusation concerning forced labour is always like a black-magic spell to bar the government from constructing dams, roads, bridges, housing estates, hospitals, institutions of higher learning and industries night and day.

Lu: Right. You have already told me once that Yadana offshore wells in Taninthayi coastal sea were producing a large amount of natural gas, that Thailand was buying the gas, that it would consume more time and the cost would be much higher if the liquified gas was transported by ship sailing round the Malay peninsula from Myanmar to Thailand; and that laying of a pipe laid through Taninthayi Division near Dawei would be economically. You also said, “When the pipeline was laid, there appeared noisy protests from inside and outside the nation, saying that the pipeline project brought economic and environmental deterioration in the surrounding areas; that the locals were facing hardships resulting from forced relocation of villages; that forced labour had been applied in implementing the project. Those quarters were launching the slanderous accusation while trying to conceal the fact that ten new trees were grown when every single tree was cut down; that more people were wishing to work at the project due to handsome salaries; and that the existing villages in the area alleged to be facing relocation were developing with CRF-roof houses instead.”

Grandpa: The expatriates and the colonialist group were trying to disturb and file lawsuit against the foreign companies involved in the project and shooting set-up documentaries to discredit them. When their conspiracies bore no results, they in collusion with the insurgents blew up some parts of the pipeline. They were not happy to see Myanmar people enjoying progress and higher living standard from the earnings of gas export. India has already agreed to buy gas found off Rakhine coast. A group of expatriates and the radio stations, that can be said media of the fugitives, were also floating a lot of foul air with the intention of disturbing the works.

Lu: We can see the evil intention of their accusations against the nation. It stands out a mile. The report of Havel and Tutu in reality is just to pour bad blood between Myanmar and the UN. The world has never accepted such reports. The majority of global nations know that the two persons are making all-out attempts to interfere in Myanmar’s affairs.

Grandpa: A heading of the so-called report “Threat to Peace” is a usage not so different from the words of neo-colonialists and their lackeys which said, “The ASEAN should take action against Myanmar and expel her as her situation has been worsening to the degree of threatening not only her internal peace but also that of the region.”
Crucial task of IPRD for 2005-2006 to complete rural self-reliance libraries throughout the nation

YANGON, 3 Oct — A ceremony to open Work Efficiency Course (Officer) No 3/2005 of IPRD. — IPRD

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses at the opening ceremony of the Work Efficiency Course (Officer) No 3/2005 of IPRD. — IPRD

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  As whatever the recipient does

* To be accepted by the world as all fair.
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Is that so Maung Ka Lu? More than...

Lu: I have read in the dailies Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong saying that he could not accept the idea of expelling Myanmar from the ASEAN, while reiterating the Association’s policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of a member nation. Malaysia followed his line, then all the remaining member nations.

Grandpa: Warute Setuwan wrote the article “Persuasion, not isolation, is the key” in 29 September issue of Bangkok Post. In the leading para the writer said, “In response to Rainer Pawl’s letter “Support for Rangoon is support for terror” appeared in the same daily on 26 September 2005.” I have borrowed the daily from my neighbour who have just arrived back from Bangkok. Here it is. You can read the article.

Lu: Here are the three objectives of Thailand’s policy — Peaceful and prosperous Myanmar is good for Thailand and Southeast Asia; A free and democratic Myanmar is good for Thailand and Southeast Asia; and Cooperation and not confrontation with Myanmar is good for Thailand and Southeast Asia. The columnist also said “Major powers have failed to convince Myanmar by their policy of isolation and punishment to quicken the pace of reform and democratization.”

Grandpa: Havel and Tutu should read the article. They are trying to imagine our nation’s situation from a place many miles from us. That’s why their report is unrealistic.

Lu: In the past, the Yangon-Mandalay train had to make an overnight stop each at Thanzet, Pyinmmana and Thanbyuzayat because of the internal insurgency. Now, we can travel the length and breadth of the Union. We can travel to India via Kale and Tamu, Bangladesh through Buthidaw and Maungtaw. China through Kachin State or Shan State and to Thailand via Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon states and Taninthayi Division. Peace, stability and security are prevailing in ever nook and cranny of the Union.

Grandpa: Our nation’s foreign policy is active and independent. And since she regained independence, the nation has been maintaining her friendly relations with all nations, especially the neighbours, discharging the international duties as a UN-member nation to ensure global peace and security, to free the planet from wars, through cooperation based on common interest under the UN banner according to the aims, principles, policies and fundamental rules of the global body. The nation’s existing law and the basic principles of the national duties as a UN-member nation to maintain Myanmar foreign policy that has won the world-wide respect, the five principles of peaceful co-existence, and the policy stating that Myanmar will never start intruding into any nation.

Lu: In line with the teachings of Lord Buddha, the policies and traditions of Myanmar always keep in the fore the loving kindness. Myanmar wishes peace within her and on the whole planet. However, the neo-colonialists and their lackeys are slandering Myanmar as if she is threatening the global peace. In reality, Tutu and Havel and their cohorts are the ones endangering the peace the 54 million nationalities have restored.

Grandpa: Is that so Maung Ka Lu?

Lu: It’s more than that.

Myanmar becomes more successful in sports, still it is required to be more ambitious

The entire national people including children long for the success of Myanmar Sports and are giving encouragement to it. That is why the ASEAN U-17 Champion Myanmar Youth Football Team was accorded a rousing welcome along the route from the airport to the Aung San Stadium. It highlights national prestige and integrity and national fervour of the entire national people. Hence, the athletes, on their part, are to try their utmost for further achievements in sports, combining their diligence, industry, efforts and discipline.

At present, Myanmar football enthusiasts have been able to enjoy international football matches through the world media. They are to truly assess that there is a great gap between the standard of Myanmar football and that of international matches. The aim of Myanmar football is to secure top position in ASEAN matches and regain the achievements in Asian matches, thereby meeting the world football standard.

Now, Myanmar becomes more successful in sports, but it is required to be more ambitious and to make unremitting efforts to be able to penetrate ASEAN football and that of international football matches. Combining their diligence, industry, efforts and discipline, athletes are to try their utmost for further achievements in sports, combining their diligence, industry, efforts and discipline.

In conclusion, he said that as it is an opportune time when the State and the entire people are providing wholehearted support and assistance for the higher standard of the nation’s sport, calling on them to make continued efforts with the spirit and determination of the footballers.

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Fielding Club, U Tin Htun (ACE Construction), Dr. Zaw Tun (SSE) and China Airways, K 2 million each; First Eleven Sport, K 1.1 million; Alpine Purified Water, United Machinery, Golden Flower Construction, Suntech Technology and Myanmar Hoteliers Association, K 1 million each; Nyan Win Publishing Enterprise, K 2 million; Myanmar Kaido Co Ltd, Maung Weik and family, U Aung Kyaw Hsan (Ye Mon Construction), U Myo Thein (Bayintnaung Brokers’ Sales Centre), Daw Khaung Nan, and Great Wall Traditional Medicine Enterprise, K 500,000 each; A One Construction Co Ltd, K 2.5 million; U Aung Zaw, and Pan Wai Yi, K 300,000; Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, K 500,000; Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, K 500,000 each; and Daw Aye Myat Nwe (Bagan Hotel), K 2 million to the team. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accepted the donations. The documentary video feature of the experiences of the Myanmar youth team throughout the tournament was shown to those present.

A dinner was hosted to the footballers. — MNA
Farmers urged to grow more paddy and edible oil crops
Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than tours Bago Division (West)

Yangon, 3 Oct—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by departmental officials arrived in Meesinchaung, Thayawady Township, Bago Division (West), on 1 October to inspect regional development tasks and livestock breeding tasks carried out in Bago Division (West). They were welcomed there by Chairman of Bago Division (West) PDC Brig-Gen Hla Min, Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Oo of Imma Station and officials.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected thriving paddy fields along Letpadan-road and livestock breeding organizations and town elders.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets oil palm, rubber entrepreneurs in Kawthoung

Yangon, 3 Oct—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence on 2 October morning met with oil palm and rubber entrepreneurs of Kawthoung District at the Bayint Naung Hall of local battalion in Kawthoung Township.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, senior military officers, local authorities, departmental officials and oil palm and rubber entrepreneurs. The chairman of Kawthoung District PDC reported on steps being taken for growing of oil palm and rubber in the district, progress of cultivation of oil palm and rubber in 2005-2006 and measures being taken for extended cultivation of oil palm and rubber.

Officials of oil palm companies reported on progress of cultivation of oil palm and work being carried out for cultivation of more oil palm. After giving instructions, the commander fulfilled the requirements. In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the government is making arrangements to put 500,000 acres under oil palm in Taninthayi Division during 5-year period. Progress has now been made in this regard due to cooperation of the respective entrepreneurs.

As the use of palm oil has been on the increase in the world the nation has to import palm oil. To meet the demand, steps are being taken for growing oil palms in the nation under the guidance of the Head of State. According to geographical condition, Kawthoung District has a potential for cultivation of oil palms, and oil palm entrepreneurs, on their part, are to fully engage in oil palm industry in the interest of the nation as well as their own.

Since the entrepreneurs have experiences in oil palm cultivation they are to make ardent efforts for extended cultivation of oil palms. As rubber is in high demand, they are to grow rubber in plots where oil palm cannot be grown.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met departmental officials at the same venue at 9.20 am. At the meeting, officials reported on output of summer paddy and cultivation of summer paddy to Lt-Gen Maung Bo. Next, departmental officials reported on functions of the respective departments.

In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that destructive elements at home and abroad are making an attempt to stir unrest in the nation. The Tatmadaw in cooperation with service personnel is shouldering the administrative duties. Departmental officials are to serve the interest of the State and to educate the people so that projects laid down by the State can be fully implemented. After that, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met sitting Sayadaw and presented offertories.

Beikman in the precinct of Pyidaw Aye Pagoda and attended the ceremony to offer. In his address, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented offertories to siting Sayadaws in Kawthoung.

Next, departmental officials reported on cultivation of monsoon paddy and regional development tasks.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo stressed the need for officials and local people to engage in extended cultivation of paddy for self-sufficiency in rice.

He also stressed the importance for local authorities to engage in extended land reclamation for growing of paddy and other crops.

At 12:30 pm, Lt-Gen Maung Bo arrived at Kawthoung District Rubber and Pepper Plantations. At the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard a report on extended cultivation of pepper and disseminating cultivation methods.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected rubber plantations and gave instructions to officials.

After that, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party spent the night in Kawthoung.

MNA
Every village enjoying fruits of rural development project

Rural Development work in high gear at Hsaikkaung Model Village, Hsiseng Township

On 29 September, 3 Oct— In line with the national policy, Our Three Main National Causes—non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty—the government has built national unity and ensured peace and tranquility in the country. Moreover, emphasis is being placed on development of border and rural areas which lagged behind in development.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, border area development projects, project for development of 24 special regions and the five rural development tasks are being implemented. A ceremony to hand over the new building of Basic Education High School in Hsaikkaung Model village in Hsiseng Township, Shan State took place on 29 September morning.

Present on the occasion were the chairman and members of Township Peace and Development Council, departmental personnel, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and officials. First, Hsiseng Township PDC Chairman U Yin Htwe, Headmistress Daw Nan Shwe Kyar and Chairman of School Board of Trustee U Khun Than Htoo cut the ribbon to open the new school building.

The chairman of Township PDC and party viewed round the art room, computer room, printed media video classroom and audio lab, science lab. The ceremony to hand over the new building to the Ministry of Education was held.

The chairman of Township PDC delivered an address, Township Education Officer Daw Nan Ngwe Ngwe reported on educational matters in Hsiseng Township and the chairman of SBT on building of the new school building. Next, documents related to the new school building were handed to the Township Education Officer.

The rate of rice sufficiency in the region stood at 174.07%.

Chairperson of Township WAO Daw L. Jakaw presents books and stationery to the headmistress.—MNA

On behalf of Shan State MCWASC and Shan State Health Department Dr Bala and specialists gave treatments to villagers free of charge and provided health care services to them. In Hsiseng Township, one 16-bed hospital, two station hospitals, one maternal and child care centres, six rural health care centres and 25 rural health care branches have been established. Village Health Assistant, midwifery and health staff are now providing health care services to local people.

The opening of Aung Pyinmya self-reliant library was held in Hsaikkaung village. Patron of State WAO Chairperson of State MCWASC and Deputy Head of Shan State Health Department Daw Myat Ngwe presented nutrition to a child.

The chairman of State MCWASC and State MCWA Supervisory Committee Chairman U Khun Than Htoo of School Board of Trustees handed over the new building of Hsiseng Township and the village. Patrons of State MCWA, Supervisory Committee Chairman U Khun Than Htoo and Local Government Secretary of State MCWA donated books, stationery to local people. The chairman of State MCWASC and the chairman of township WAO and the chairman of township MCWA donated books, stationery to local people.

Economic development of Hsaikkaung village depends on agriculture. The main staple of the village are paddy, sugarcane, maize, groundnut and soy bean. In the past, there was only 30,993 acres of paddy fields but now the number has reached 44,687 acres. The rate of rice sufficiency in the region stood 174.07%.

Moreover, there are 5,445 acres of paddy, 3,365 acres of maize, 82 acres of groundnut, 663 acres of sugarcane, 1,728 acres of pigeon pea, 1,492 acres of soy bean in the village and perennial crops such as mango, orange and pine are thriving well in the region.

Plants for producing firewood are also established and over 100,000 saplings have been nurtured and 100 acres of forest plantations have been conserved.

Livestock breeding tasks are also being carried out on a commercial scale in Palawpakae village in Naungmon village. The patron of State WAO and the chairman of State MCWASC and soya bean village to the headmistress. — MNA

Like Hsaikkaung village, the five rural development tasks being carried out successfully in Banyin village, six miles from Hsaikkaung. Naungmon village is famous for its production of quality stramine. People are now witnessing development of Naungmon village.

Realizing the goodwill of the government, residents in Shan State are cooperating in development drives and thus every village has enjoyed fruits of development projects.—MNA

25-KV generator and four self-reliant generators supply electricity to locals.

A specialist gives treatment to a patient in Hsaikkaung village, Hsiseng Township. — WKO

1500 gallons of water being supplied per day each to Ponlaung and Nyimu villages.

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Italy seeks three more arrests in CIA kidnap case

**Milan, 2 Oct —** An Italian court has widened a probe into the alleged kidnapping of an Egyptian terrorism suspect by the CIA, issuing arrest warrants for three US citizens including a diplomat, a judicial source said on Friday.

The new warrants, issued earlier this week, bring the total number of suspects to 22. The first warrants — all for US citizens — were issued in June, when the case sparked a diplomatic row.

Italian prosecutors say US secret services took imam Hassan Mustafa Osama Nasr, also known as Abu Omar, from Milan to Egypt in February 2003 for interrogation, a process known as “rendition”. There are suspicions he may have been tortured.

The CIA has declined to comment on the case and the Italian government has said it was not aware of the kidnap plot.

Officials at the US Embassy in Rome had no immediate comment on Friday.

None of the three citizens — all named in local newspapers on Friday — were traceable in Italy, the source said. Italian newspapers said the diplomat was now working in Mexico City.

Foreign intelligence officials believe Nasr had fought in Afghanistan and Bosnia before arriving in Italy in 1997 and obtaining political refugee status.

When he disappeared, he was under investigation in Italy for suspected ties to terrorism, including recruiting militants for Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

US warplanes start NATO airspace patrol over Baltic states

**Riga, 2 Oct —** US warplanes started airspace patrol over the three Baltic states of Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania on Friday after taking over the NATO mission Friday from Germany.

At a ceremony held at the Zokniai Airbase in northern Lithuania, the country’s Defence Minister Gediminas Kirkilas announced the NATO patrol succession.

Three US F-16 fighter jets arrived in Lithuania on Friday to be joined by another two Saturday to take off on patrols missions over the Baltic airspace.

The mission involves almost 100 US servicemen, nearly doubling the number of NATO troops previously deployed in the country, according to reports reaching here.

US warplanes came two weeks after a Russian SU-27 fighter bomber crashed in Lithuania in September in violation of the country’s airspace, triggering fear about NATO’s capability of providing enough air protection.

The Russian SU-27 warplane was flying with other Russian jets from St. Petersburg to Russia’s Baltic enclave of Kaliningrad through a neutral air corridor near the Lithuanian border.

The plane deviated from its course, flew into Lithuanian airspace, and minutes later crashed into a field about 190 kilometres northwest of the capital Vilnius.

The Russian pilot ejected from the aircraft and was not injured.

MNA/Xinhua

Canadian woman seeks for huge compensation from tobacco firms

**Ottawa, 2 Oct —** A Canadian woman has filed a lawsuit seeking for compensation of 17.8 billion Canadian dollars (14.5 billion US dollars) from three Canadian tobacco giants, local media reported on Saturday.

Cecilia Letourneau, 2 Oct — A Canadian woman has filed the lawsuit Friday in Quebec Superior Court on behalf of nearly 1.8 million smokers in the province of Quebec, and targeted Imperial Tobacco Canada, Rothmans Benson and Hedges and JTI MacDonald, the reports said.

The lawsuit followed Thursday’s Supreme Court decision giving the British Columbia Government the right to sue tobacco companies to cover smoking-related healthcare costs, and would likely to trigger similar actions in other provinces.

Letourneau claimed that she, along with other smokers in Quebec, had been misled about the dependence on nicotine.

MNA/Xinhua
Scores of students missing in China after typhoon

BEIJING, 3 Oct — Sixty-seven Chinese military students were missing on Monday after torrential rain from a typhoon rushed down a hillside and swept away their school buildings, state radio reported on Monday.

Three other people were confirmed dead in a landslide caused by the latest typhoon to hit China this year, the official Xinhua news agency said.

Typhoon Longwang, which lashed across Taiwan on the weekend before moving on to China’s adjacent Fujian Province, had also destroyed 5,400 residences.

The military students were washed away when two buildings at their school collapsed under the pressure of flood water pouring down a hillside, state radio said.

Military and civilian rescuers were searching for them.—MNA/Reuters

Russia-US crew and tourist blast off into space

BAIKONUR (Kazakhstan), 2 Oct — A Russia-US two-man crew and the world’s third space tourist blasted off from Earth on Saturday, bound for the orbiting International Space Station.

The cigar-shaped Soyuz rocket lifted off into a clear blue sky at 0334 GMT from the Baikonur Space Centre on a piece of Kazakh steppe that Russia rents from its ex-Soviet neighbour. It is scheduled to dock with the station in two days.

On board the Russian spacecraft were US Commander William McArthur, Russian flight Engineer Valery Tokarev, and American entrepreneur Gregory Olsen, who is due to spend about a week in orbit, while the crew face a daunting six-month stint.

“The crew are feeling well. The flight is going according to plan,” Russian space authorities said in a statement broadcast at the mission control centre outside Moscow.

At the moment Russia bears the responsibility for ferrying people and supplies to the 100-billion-US-dollar station after NASA grounded its shuttle fleet in July, having failed to fix a technical problem that killed seven astronauts in 2003.

Although the Soyuz launch went according to plan, one small hitch remains. McArthur, in theory, has only one way ticket.

Roskosmos, Russia’s space agency, meets its obligations to fly NASA astronauts at the end of this year and with the shuttle potentially out of action, the United States needs to cut a deal with Moscow to allow him to fly home on the Soyuz.

The snag is that trade sanctions linked to US fears that Russian technology and know-how could help Iran develop nuclear weapons mean NASA cannot pay Roskosmos.

US lawmakers are considering lifting the ban. Nobody expects McArthur to spin round space forever.

Meanwhile, Olsen, rich even to afford a reported 20-million-US-dollar ticket, will spend his time in space conducting experiments before hitching a ride back to Earth with the outgoing US-Russian crew. MNA/Reuters

Global sea levels could rise 30 centimetres by 2100

BERLIN, 2 Sept — World sea levels could rise 30 centimetres (12 inches) by the end of the century and freak weather will become more common due to rapid global warming, according to a new study by a leading German research institute.

The findings are to be included in a report by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), a group of scientists that advises the United Nations.

Brasseur told Reuters that Europe would suffer more summer droughts and storms. A general decrease in rainfall throughout southern Europe would have a dramatic impact on agriculture.

Klaus Toepfer, head of the UN Environment Programme, said in an interview with German broadcasters NDR that he was extremely worried about the study’s results and stressed the need for urgent action against climate change.

MNA/Reuters

Indian men take part in rehearsals for the ‘garba’ dance ahead of Navratri festival in the western city of Ahmedabad, India on 1 October, 2005.—INTERNET

MNA/Reuters

The Max Planck Institute for Meteorology in Hamburg said computer models it had created showed the average global temperature could rise by as much as 4.1 Celsius by 2100, melting sea ice in the Arctic.

“Our research pointed to rapid global warming and the shifting of climate zones,” said project leader Erich Roeckner.

“Our climate models predict warmer and drier summers for Europe, with warmer and wetter winters.”

The German researchers said that polar bears may no longer be able to wander from one ice floe to the other in the Arctic, while ships may increasingly choose to navigate through northerly passages around Siberia and Canada.

The German study’s release comes just days after US scientists said the Arctic ice shelf had melted for the fourth straight year to its smallest area in a century, driven by rising temperatures.

Most scientists believe greenhouse gases, including carbon dioxide that is released mainly from cars and utility smokestacks, cause global warming by trapping solar heat in the atmosphere.

Guy Brasseur, director of the Max-Planck Institute for Meteorology, said the report aimed to provide politicians with the information they needed to make crucial decisions.
Real's Brazilians overwhelm Mallorca

**MADRID, 3 Oct—** Real Madrid's Brazilian contingent overwhelmed Real Mallorca 4-0 in the Bernabeu on Sunday and helped move the team up to third in the Primera Liga.

England midfielder David Beckham, put in another eye-catching performance setting up three of the goals.

Brazilian striker Ronaldo scored the opener after 32 minutes and compatriot Roberto Carlos volleyed a spectacular second just before the break.

Roberto Carlos made it three with a free kick after 66 minutes and another Brazilian, Julio Baptista added a fourth 13 minutes later. Mallorca, the league's bottom club, had defender Sergio Ballesteros sent off for a second yellow card offence in the 76th minute.

Celta Vigo missed out on the chance to return to the top of the standings when they were held by a 1-1 draw in Cadiz earlier in the day. Getafe remain top with 14 points after they beat Valencia 2-1 on Saturday, a point ahead of Celta in second.

Osasuna are fourth level on 12 points after coming from behind to draw 2-2 at home to Real Zaragoza on Saturday.

Maldini double sends Milan up to second place

**MILAN, 3 Oct—** Two first-half goals from captain Paolo Maldini took AC Milan to a 2-1 victory over Reggina on Sunday moving them up to second place, just two points behind leaders Juventus.

Champions Juventus are at home to challengers Inter Milan later on Sunday in the biggest game of the Serie A season so far. Fiorentina are level on 13 points with Milan after a 3-2 home victory against fellow Tuscans Livorno who scored both their goals in the final four minutes.

AS Roma suffered their second home defeat of the campaign with a 3-2 loss to 10-man Siena. To add to the pain of defeat all the goals from the visitors, including Francesco Colonnese's 90th minute winner, came from former players of capital rivals Lazio.

Gothenburg beat Assyriska to join pace-setters Djurgarden

**STOCKHOLM, 3 Oct—** IFK Gothenburg came from two goals down to beat hosts Assyriska 3-2 on Sunday and move up on points with Djurgarden at the top of the Swedish First Division standings.

However, Djurgarden, who have a game in hand and lead on goal difference, can pull away when they play Halmstad on Monday.

With the scores level at 2-2 with three minutes remaining, Gothenburg sealed victory with Stefan Selakovce's late strike. The west coast city club have 46 points after 13 wins and seven draws in 24 games. Djurgarden, champions in 2002 and 2003, also have 46 points, having secured 14 wins and four draws in 23 outings. Kalmar are third on 39 points, ahead of Helsingborg on goal difference.

The final round takes place on the weekend of 22-23 October.

Tomescu wins women's world half-marathon gold

**OTTAWA, 3 Oct—** Romania's Constantin Tomescu beat a world class field to win the 14th IAAF women's world half-marathon title in Edmonton, Canada on Saturday.

Tomescu led from the start in cold, wet conditions to finish in 1:09:17, ahead of favourite Lornah Kiplagat of the Netherlands (1:10:19) and Kenya's Susan Chepkemei (1:10:20).

The Romanian ran the first five kilometres in 16:05 just ahead of Kiplagat and Chepkemei, but extended her lead to win by one minute and two seconds.

"It was a question of taking our chances and being patient," said Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger.

"Credit to Taylor, he was outstanding today. Only the type of goal we scored would have beaten him."

Chelseago nine points clear, Arsenal sneak win

**LONDON, 3 Oct—** Champions Chelsea charged nine points clear at the top of the Premier League with a 4-1 demolition of Liverpool at Anfield on Sunday.

Goals by Frank Lampard, Damien Duff, Joe Cole and Geremi gave the rampant London side their eighth win in eight league matches and left European champions Liverpool a staggering 17 points behind them with less than a quarter of the season gone.

At Highbury a late, deflected shot by substitute Robin van Persie gave Arsenal a much-needed 1-0 victory over 10-man Birmingham City.

However, Arsenal still trail Chelsea by 11 points. The leaders have 24, followed by Charlton Athletic and Tottenham Hotspur on 15. Manchester United have 14 points, Arsenal 13 and Liverpool only seven, albeit with two games in hand.

Elsewhere, Everton remained rooted to the bottom after a 2-0 defeat at Manchester City, struggling Aston Villa lost 3-2 at home to Middlesbrough and Wigan Athletic beat visiting Bolton Wanderers 2-1.

Wednesday's Champions League game between Liverpool and Chelsea at Anfield had ended goalless but the deadlock lasted only 27 minutes on Sunday. Liverpool defender Djimi Traore clumsily filled the outstanding Didier Drogba to concede a penalty which Lampard threaded under the home team's Spanish goalkeeper Jose Reina.

Lampard's England teammate Steven Gerrard pulled Liverpool level nine minutes later with a fierce angled drive. It was only the second goal Chelsea have conceded in their 10 competitive matches this season and they hit back like champions.

Drogba fooled Sami Hyypia down the left flank and fed Duff who slid his shot into the corner of the net to make it 2-1 two minutes before the interval.

Drogba was gain the creator of their third just past the hour. The Ivory Coast striker broke into the area and his effort fell to a just-onside Cole who swept the ball home.

The victory became a rout eight minutes from time when Cameroonian Geremi crashed Chelsea's fourth high into the net with the Liverpool defence asleep.

Arsenal dominated an incident-packed match at Highbury in which Birmingham had lost captain Kenny Cunningham after 24 minutes for hacking down a goal-bound Freddie Ljungberg.

Defiant City goalkeeper Mark Taylor then saved a Robert Pires penalty and followed that with a string of fine stops, the best of which came after 52 minutes when he turned a point-blank Ljungberg shot past the post.

Taylor was beaten nine minutes from time, however, when Dutchman van Persie lashed in a 20-metre shot which veered off Stephen Clemence's boot and wrong-footed the prone Birmingham keeper.

"It was a question of taking our chances and being patient," said Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger.

"Credit to Taylor, he was outstanding today. Only the type of goal we scored would have beaten him."

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BEIJING, 3 Oct—China will put six million yuan (740,000 US dollars) in promoting classical arts among college students this year, a senior official with Ministry of Education said here on Saturday.

From this year on, the Chinese Government will annually host performance and exhibitions of classical arts on campus free to the students, said Yang Guoren, director in charge of university students’ artistic education.

The activities this year will focus on Chinese musician Xian Xinghai and great music master John Strauss, he added. — MNA/Xinhua

Radio, TV coverage reaches all administrative villages in Tibet

LHASA, 3 Oct—Recalling the time 20 years ago when he carried the hulking box from village to village and showed people something named “colour TV”, He Ren of Tibet TV Station feels bitter-sweet.

When Tibet TV Station celebrates its 20th anniversary this September, TV and radio coverage has reached every corner of the plateau.

Currently, all the 7,333 administrative villages in China’s Tibet Autonomous Region have access to radio and TV, thanks to a nationwide radio and TV coverage expansion project launched in 1998. The Chinese Government started the project in Tibet in 1999 and has invested a total 180 million yuan (22.2 million US dollars) to expand TV coverage to every village. However, with an average altitude higher than 4,000 metres, the sparsely-populated “roof of the world” is the most difficult area in which to carry out the project. — MNA/Xinhua

56 couples from east China’s Shanghai Municipality, Jiangsu Province, Zhejiang Province and other places attend a group wedding ceremony in Khashan, east China’s Jiangsu Province, on 1 October, 2005. Lots of couples chose to get married on Saturday, China’s National Day.

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Tuesday, 4 October

Tune in today:
8:30 am  Brief news
8:35 am  Music  - Barbie girl
8:40 am  Perspectives
8:45 am  Music  - Sunny shine
8:50 am  National news & Slogan
9:00 am  Music  - Spiderwebs
9:05 am  International news
9:10 am  Music  - Day all your love on me
1:30 pm  News / Slogan
1:40 pm  Lunch time music
5:30 pm  - Since I met you baby
5:40 pm  - Why baby why
7:35 pm  English Speaking course levelIII, Unit (14)
9:15 pm  Article
9:25 pm  Weekly sport
9:35 pm  Music for your listening pleasure
15:00 pm  - Reach (Gloria Estefan)
15:10 pm  - Send me an angel
17:00 pm  News/Slogan
17:10 pm  programme

WEATHER

Monday, 3 October, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, Mandalay, and Ayeayawady Divisions, rain or thundershower have been widespread in Kayah and Mon States, scattered in Kachin, Shan States, Bago and Tanintharyi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Loikaw (1.54) inches, Kawthong (0.79) inch, Machanbaw and Thaton (0.70) inch each and Minbu (0.20) inch.

Maximum temperature on 2-10-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 3-10-2005 was 20°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 3-10-2005 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 2-10-2005 was (5.2) hours approx. Rainfalls on 3-10-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (93.78) inches at Mingaladon, (96.14) inches at Kaba-Aye and (99.92) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from North at (10:20) hours MST on 2-10-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at 06:30 hours MST today, yesterday’s low pressure area over Northwest Bay still persists. Weather will be partly cloudy to cloudy over North and West Central Bay. Monsoon is weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 4-10-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, rain or thunderstorms will be isolated in Shan and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeayawady Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmarese waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-10-2005: Isolated rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-10-2005: Partly cloudy.
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To meet the traffic needs, Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) is being constructed 2,000 ft upstream of Inn-wa Bridge.

The main bridge is a reinforced concrete type and its iron reinforced type approach bridges also have concrete floor. Upon completion, the four-lane Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) will be 5,614 ft long.

The first iron beam of the bridge was installed on 11 April last year. The bridge needs a total of 1,126 metres of iron beams, and so far 640 metres of iron beams have been installed.

The bridge is being constructed by the Public Works. After inspecting the bridge construction, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted engineers of the bridge construction project.

Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party also inspected the construction of road around Taungthaman Lake and development of Mandalay in a motorcade. — MNA

Success in sports source of national pride and it indicates high standard of culture and development of nation

Champion Selected Myanmar Youth Soccer Team honoured

YANGON, 3 Oct — A ceremony to honour the Selected Myanmar Youth Soccer Team who won AFF U-17 Youth Championship-2005 was held this afternoon at Sedona Hotel here.

Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the ceremony and presented prizes to players of the team.

It was also attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee, members of Myanmar Olympic Committee, deputy ministers, departmental officials, officials of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar War Veteran’s Organization, Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child

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Secretary-I Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers a speech at a ceremony to honour the Selected Myanmar Youth Soccer Team who won AFF U-17 Youth Championship-2005. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gives instructions on durability of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon). — MNA

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

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

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