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

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

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

Last year trade value between China and ASEAN reached 100 billion dollars

Potentials for expansion of trade and investment between ASEAN and China exist

Myanmar striving towards all-round socio-economic development, relying mostly on her own resources

Appreciates support given by ASEAN, China and other friendly countries

Prime Minister General Soe Win delivers an address at the Opening Ceremony of 2nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit at the Multifunctional Hall of Nanning International Conference Centre in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People’s Republic of China, at 2.30 pm on 19 October.

Also present at the summit were Vice-President of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr. Choummaly Sayasone, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economics Mr. Somkid Jatusripitak, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mandra Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, ministers, deputy ministers and senior officials of Brunei Darussalam, Cambodia, Indonesia, Lao PDR, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Socialist Republic of Vietnam and the People’s Republic of China, the Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and officials, responsible officials of the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, entrepreneurs of ASEAN countries including Myanmar, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong and officials.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Further strengthen Myanmar-PRC friendship and cooperation

The People’s Republic of China has always been giving a helping hand to Myanmar not only in political arena but also in economic sector. Therefore, the Myanmar government and its people are most grateful to the PRC’s leaders and its people for their help.

Myanmar was recently invited by the People’s Republic of China to attend the second China-ASEAN Expo and the second China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in the People’s Republic of China.

At the invitation of the PRC’s government, a Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win attended the second China-ASEAN Expo and the second China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit held in Nanning, the capital of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People’s Republic of China, on 18 October 2005, and Prime Minister General Soe Win and Vice-President of the PRC Mr Zeng Qinghong discussed matters on mutual interests between the two countries.

In the discussion, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that Myanmar always supports the One China Policy, and expressed his thanks to China for the fact that China firmly stands by Myanmar as a true friend whenever there takes place incidents in the international community that are directly related to the interests of Myanmar.

Mr Zeng Qinghong said that efforts of Myanmar government for stability of the State and progress of economy are meeting with success and Myanmar is witnessing peace and tranquility and economic boom.

In recent years, the leaders of Myanmar and PRC exchanged goodwill visits and they had been able to further promote friendship and mutual cooperation between the two countries. Again, the meeting between the leaders of the two nations will further cement the existing Pankhaw friendly ties and economic cooperation between the two nations.

The two nations have placed emphasis on good neighbourly relations based on the five principles of peaceful co-existence, and it has helped strengthen bilateral friendship day after day.

Therefore, we firmly believe that the two countries will be able to further strengthen friendship, trade and cooperation in the international arena through the existing friendship and cooperation between the two nations.
War in Iraq may be fuelling global insecurity, Canadian spy chief warns

MONTREAL 20 Oct — The head of Canada’s spy agency strongly suggested Thursday the US-led war in Iraq is making the world a less secure place.

"Diplomacy is not my field, security and intelligence is," CSIS director Jim Judd said at a conference on intelligence studies.

"And I think from a security and intelligence perspective, the conflict in Iraq may be creating longer-term problems, not just for Iraq but other jurisdictions as well." The head of the Canadian Security Intelligence Service said Iraq is becoming a "kind of a testbed for new techniques" for Islamic extremists, such as suicide attacks and the use of improvised explosives.

A number of radicals from Canada - fewer than 10 - have slipped across borders to join the fighting in Iraq, Judd said during a break in the annual gathering of the Canadian Association for Security and Intelligence Studies.

"We know of others who may be planning to," he added.

"I don’t think there’s anything we can do legally to prevent this." Judd expressed concern about the dangers extremists from North America, Europe and the Middle East pose once they leave Iraq. "Is this the longer-term question of what do they bode for the future?" Judd said.

Journalist and author Peter Bergen warned that the war in Iraq could spawn a new generation of trained warriors - the "shock troops of the new international jihad" - determined to carry out terrorist attacks against the West.

Four US troops killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 Oct — Three US Marines were killed by a roadside bomb west of Baghdad and in a separate attack a US soldier was killed in Hit, north-west of the capital, the US military said on Friday.

The latest deaths bring the number of US servicemen and women who have died in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion to at least 1,992.

The US military said the three Marines had been on patrol when their vehicle was hit by an improvised explosive device. "During the subsequent engagement, Marines killed two guerrillas and detained four others suspected of involvement in the attack," the statement said.

The soldier killed in Hit died of wounds sustained in "an indirect fire attack", a term usually applied to mortar or rocket attacks.

Democrats question Bush-Rove meeting on CIA leak

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — Democrats asked the White House on Wednesday for details of President George W Bush’s private conversations in 2003 with top political adviser Karl Rove after conflicting reports about whether Bush was aware of any role by Rove in the outing of a covert CIA operative.

Charles Schumer, a New York Democrat, asked for details about the President's conversations with Rove after The New York Daily News reported that the President was initially furious with when Rove concealed in 2003 that he had talked to the Press about the Plame leak.

"I urge you to immediately and publicly clear the record," Schumer wrote.

US military deaths in Iraq sharply rise to 1,988

WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — As of Thursday, 20 Oct, 2005, at least 1,988 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,541 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military's numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is 11 higher than the Defence Department's tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Thursday.

The British military has reported 97 deaths; Italy, 27; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Netherlands, Thailand, two each; Hungary, Kazakstan, Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,849 US military members have died, according to AP's count. That includes at least 1,432 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military's numbers.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 15,220 US service members have been wounded, according to a Defence Department tally on Thursday.
WASHINGTON, 20 Oct — US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice faces tough questions by lawmakers over US policy in Iraq where more than 150,000 US troops are fighting a bloody attacks by guerrillas.

Rice is set to testify on US-Iraq policy on Wednesday at a hearing of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee on the same day that former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein goes on trial in Baghdad for “crimes against humanity.”

Despite violence that shows no sign of abating, the US-Iraq policy on Wednesday's testimony is one of the Bush Administration's view that progress is being made, citing last week's relatively peaceful referendum as an example.

The Bush Administration has come under strong criticism from Democrats in particular for not doing enough to stabilize Iraq and of putting up rebuilding programmes aimed at winning over angry Iraqis after the March 2003 invasion that led to Saddam's ouster.

Wednesday's testimony follows a series of Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearings in July that were aimed at improving US policy towards Iraq.

A strong focus was placed on doing a better job of training Iraqi forces so they could take over more duties from US troops and ultimately lead to their return home.

Rice is also likely to answer questions on Syria, which Washington accuses of destabilizing Lebanon and of fanning the attacks in Iraq by allowing foreign fighters there. Damascus stubbornly rejects these allegations.

The US-imposed “hearing” is focused primarily on Iraq. If there are any questions related to Syria, she'll be ready to answer them,” State Department spokeswoman Sean McCormack told reporters.—MNA/Reuters

GUERRILLAS TORCH IRAQ'S MAIN OIL PIPELINE

BAGHDAD, 20 Oct — Guerillas using explosives set fire to the main oil pipeline in northern Iraq on Thursday, officials said. Violence continued around the country, and the US military said three soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb the previous day.

The pipeline links an oil field in the northern city of Kirkuk to Iraq's largest oil refinery in Beiji, 155 miles north of Baghdad.

The explosion occurred at about 5 am (8 pm EDT Wednesday), setting fire to the pipeline and several oil valves about 34 miles west of Kirkuk, said firefigther Adil Mohammed. “The damage is 100 percent, and we've haven't been able to control the fire yet,” he said.

Iraq has the world's third-largest known oil reserves, but the industry has been crippled by several wars, sanctions during Saddam's rule and the anti-U.S. insurgency. Oil production remains limited, curbed by decaying infrastructure and frequent militant attacks on pipelines and refineries.—Internet

NEW DELHI, 20 Oct — India's federal Human Resources Development Minister Arjun Singh on Tuesday said while India tries to integrate itself with “realities of the world”, it should not “lose sight” of its "true friend" Russia, Ukraine, Literature, Culture and Society in the 21st Century. “India has to see that while it goes about doing what it has to do, it does not lose sight of its neighbour across the Himalayas which has been a true friend,” he added. — MNA/PTI

IRAN BANS BRITAIN, KOREA TRADE OVER ATOMIC ISSUE

TEHERAN, 20 Oct — Iran is blocking imports of British and South Korean goods in an apparent attempt to pressure the two nations over their opposition to Iran's nuclear programme, diplomatic and industry sources said on Wednesday.

Iran said last month it could use trade to punish countries that voted for an International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) resolution on referring Teheran to the UN Security Council for possible sanctions over its nuclear programme.

“We have received a verbal order from the Commerce Ministry, about a trade ban imposed on South Korean and British companies,” an official at a state manufacturing company, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told Reuters.

He said the order was due to the two countries’ “hostility” towards Iran, such as over its nuclear programme which Teheran insists is purely for peaceful purposes.

The Commerce Minister, Massoud Mirkazemi, said to confirm the import bans, but the semi-official IRNA news agency quoted him as saying: “Iran’s national interests should be considered all the time. This consideration is true in the case of those countries which have an unfair policy regarding Iran.” Diplomats said they had enough evidence to confirm the order.

“Basically it means that goods are being held up in Customs, letters of credit for imports are not being granted and so on,” said a British diplomat who declined to be named. — MNA/Reuters

A group of Indonesian students carry a poster of US President George W Bush as they shout anti-US slogans to protest a visit by US Undersecretary of State for Public Diplomacy Karen Hughes at the Syarif Hidayatullah University in Jakarta on 21 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET

MAMI, 20 Oct — Hurricane Wilma became the fiercest Atlantic hurricane ever recorded as it churned toward western Cuba and Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula on Wednesday and threatened densely populated Florida.

The season's recording 21st storm fuelled up on the warm waters of the northwest Caribbean Sea and strengthened rapidly into a Category 5 hurricane, the top rank on the five-step scale of hurricane intensity. Wilma was expected to miss the oil and gas facilities in the Gulf of Mexico but Florida's orange groves and sugarcane fields were at risk.

A US Air Force plane measured top sustained winds of 175 miles per hour early on Wednesday and logged a minimum barometric pressure of 882 millibars, the lowest ever observed in the Atlantic basin.

That meant Wilma was briefly stronger than any Atlantic storm on record, including Katrina, which devastated New Orleans in August, and Rita, which hit the Texas-Louisiana coast in September.—MNA/Reuters

Irani anonymous, told "I am aware of the cyni- cal view of some people that Russia is a gone coun- try. I don't think so. The basic resilience of the Russian people and its culture will resurface and a resur- gence is on the cards," Singh said after inaugu- rating an international seminar here titled "Rus- sia at the Crossroads: Lan- guage, Literature, Culture and Society in the 21st Cen- tury. "India has to see that while it goes about doing what it has to do, it does not lose sight of its neighbour across the Himalayas which has been a true friend," he added. — MNA/PTI
Russia loses control of polar ice-monitoring satellite

MOSCOW, 20 Oct — Russia has lost control over a satellite designed to monitor weather and the Earth’s surface, Roskosmos space agency said on Wednesday, reporting the second satellite problem this month. A rocket launcher built by Russia’s state space research and production centre, Khurunchev, also failed to put a 165-million-US-dollar European Space Agency Cryosat satellite into orbit.

“This is already a second major failure for Khurunchev,” Roskosmos said in a statement on its web site. Roskosmos said the Monitor-E, developed by Khurunchev and launched in August, had failed due to problems during its manufacture and operation in orbit. Khurunchev was not immediately available for comment. Russia’s lucrative commercial space launch industry, a spin-off from its nuclear weapons programme, is responsible for putting a large proportion of the world’s satellites in orbit. — MNA/Reuters

Pakistan soldiers rescue girl nine days after quake

BALAKOT (Pakistan), 19 Oct — Pakistani soldiers pulled a young girl alive from the rubble of her home more than a week after a deadly earthquake, officials said on Tuesday, rekindling hopes that more survivors could still be found.

Six-year-old Taj-un-Nisa was rescued on Monday, nine days after the quake struck her village near the town of Balakot on 8 October.

Another young girl was found alive on Sunday at a different village near the devastated town in North-West Frontier Province.

Pakistan Kashmir and the Frontier Province bore the brunt of the earthquake, and so far the death toll is estimated at over 41,000. Another 1,300 people died in Indian Kashmir.

Military spokesman Major-General Shaukat Sultan said Nisa’s parents had asked soldiers to search for the girl under the rubble of their house in Sakin Kunda Village, without knowing if she was alive or dead.

Sultan said a soldier found her under the debris.

“She survived because she was stuck under a cupboard which made some space for her,” he said. The girl just had a minor head injury, said Dr Ijaz Nazir at the al-Khidmat field hospital in Balakot. — MNA/Reuters

Spain judge issues warrant for three US soldiers

MADRID, 19 Oct — A judge has issued an international arrest warrant for three US soldiers whose tank fired on a Baghdad hotel during the Iraq war, killing a Spanish journalist and a Ukrainian cameraman, a court official said Wednesday.

Judge Santiago Pedraz issued the warrant for Sgt Shawn Gibson, Capt Phillip Wolford and Lt Col Philip de Camp, all from the US 3rd Infantry, which is based in Fort Stewart, Ga. Jose Couso, who worked for the Spanish television network Telecinco, died on 8 April, 2003, after a US army tank crew fired a shell on Hotel Palestine in Baghdad where many journalists were staying to cover the war. Reuters cameraman Taras Protsyuk, a Ukrainian, also was killed. — Internet

Britain’s paper confirms gunman abducted reporter in Iraq

LONDON, 20 Oct — Gunmen kidnapped an Irish journalist who went missing while on assignment in Baghdad, his London-based newspaper confirmed on Thursday.

Rory Carroll, 33, was confronted as he left a house in the capital’s eastern district of Sadr City and bundled into a car, the Guardian said.

The Dublin-born journalist, who has been in Iraq since January, had been interviewing a family about the start of Saddam Hussein’s trial before being abducted.

Guardian Editor Alan Rusbridger appealed to Carroll’s captors to release him swiftly, for the sake of his family and for the sake of anyone who believes the world needs to be kept fully informed about events in Iraq.

Carroll had asked radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, whose stronghold is Sadr City, to help arrange an interview with someone who had suffered under Saddam’s regime.

— MNA/PTI

Indian humanitarian aid delivered to Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 19 Oct — The third consignment of humanitarian aid from India was on Tuesday delivered to Pakistan for its quake-affected people after a train carrying nearly 150 tons of relief material, including food, blankets, tents and medicines, arrived in Lahore from Attari in North India.

The train was received at the Lahore station by Indian diplomat A V S Ramesh Chandra, who later handed over the relief material to Irfan Elahi, Director General, Emergency Relief Cell of Pakistan’s Punjab Province. — MNA/Reuters

India's Musharraf offers to open LoC for relief work

ISLAMABAD/NEW DELHI, 20 Oct — In a far reaching move, President Pervez Musharraf Tuesday said Pakistan is ready to throw open the Line of Control to allow “any amount” of people to come from the Indian side of Kashmir to help in earthquake relief efforts, a step India promptly welcomed.

“We will allow any amount of people coming across the Line of Control to meet their relatives and assist with the reconstruction efforts,” said Musharraf in a televised Press conference in Muzaffarabad, capital of Pakistani Occupied Kashmir, worst hit in the 8 October killer earthquake.

Urging India to agree to the proposal, he said political leaders of both sides should interact to “assist each other with reconstruction efforts”.

Reacting to Musharraf’s offer, Federal External Affairs Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna said in New Delhi “we have seen news reports. If indeed this is what has been said, India welcomes the remarks. It is in line with India’s advocacy of greater movement across the LoC.”

India, he said, was willing to facilitate the movement.

“But we wait for word from Pakistan about practical dimension of implementing this intention.”

Sarna said India has always been in favour of greater people to people contacts. He recalled that before the quake, India had made several confidence building measures like opening up of five points along the LoC to enable divided families on both sides to meet.

— MNA/PTI

Car bomb kills four north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 20 Oct — A suicide car bomber attacked a US military convoy north of Baghdad on Thursday, killing at least four Iraqi civilians and injuring 14, police said.

There was no immediate word on any US casualties. The attack in Baquba, about 65 km (40 miles) north of Baghdad, comes as Sunni Arab guerrillas wage a bloody campaign against Iraq’s US-backed government.

In a separate statement, the US military said that a roadside bomb attack on convoy near Balad, about 50 km (30 miles) from Baquba, on Wednesday had killed three US soldiers. That attack raised to at least 1,985 the number of US soldiers who have died in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion which toppled Saddam Hussein. — MNA/Reuters

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US and Iraqi soldiers stand around the remains of a car bomb that exploded in Kirkuk, Iraq, on 19 Oct, 2005. — Internet
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As for some outsiders and opponents, democracy transition in Myanmar means opposing and attacking the Tatmadaw government with the misconception — democracy can be achieved only when tyranny falls — while branding it as a military junta. The West group according to its policy of dictatorship destruction and democracy installation, invaded Afghanistan and Iraq, but rather than seeing a quiet democracy transition in both countries, it finds itself unable to restore peace and stability in Afghanistan, while failing to stop the daily killings and destruction of property in Iraq. However, in an attempt to advocate the West’s destructive policy, the radio stations — BBC, VOA and RFA — are airing daily news reports in various attractive forms to oppose the Tatmadaw and to portray it as a military tyranny. In its interview programme broadcast on 4 February 2005 late evening, the BBC announced that the US presented US$ 50,000 to an ex-student as award of endurance as he had served long-term imprisonment. In this world today, nations of the West group in creating their lackey countries are running a propaganda machine slandering the existing governments around the world through various means to make peoples of those countries hate their own governments. They are also organizing individuals and organizations having problems with their own governments, and opponents by presenting a variety of titles and awards and financial assistance to put them under their domination, while deceiving the world and the respective countries to think them as real patriots and democracy heroes. Sometimes, the West bloc nations present highest titles and awards to leaders of the governments in power with the sole intention of preventing them from taking actions against opponents who are attacking their own governments in power with conspiracies against their own nations and peoples. For example, the West awarded Nobel Peace Prize to President Gorbachev to prevent him from doing his own work of warring off the secessionist attempts to break up the Soviet Union. As Gorbachev could not do his own job, the Soviet Union broke up into 15 different sovereign states.

With this deception in mind, the colonialists are trying to organize the ex-student who once had different opinions with the government. In the interview the BBC asked the ex-student about his feeling after receiving the award. The ex-student answered, “What reflects in my mind is the sandals that were left behind on the road taking the 1988 unrest, something that reminds me of my fellow demonstrators.”

The BBC then asked, “To what degree the people’s wish of 1988 has been realized?”

His answer was, “Up to now, nothing has been realized.” The first error that is still causing delay in Myanmar’s democracy transition is the reverse outlook on the events. During the unrest, neither the then government of Dr Maung Maung nor today’s NLD leaders who took the leading role in the unrest were able to restore national peace and stability. At the time, the underground elements of the Burma Communist Party were forcing the people to seize police stations in North Okkalapa and Sagaing, a similar tactic used by the insurgents in seizing government camps and towns to grab power in 1948. The anarchists were also footloosing and Destroying State-owned and people’s property, and at the same time they were killing and beheading innocent persons with false accusations in order to scare away people from preventing their crime. Because of anarchy that ruled the nation, the Tatmadaw had no alternative, but had to take over the State duties to save the nation from the dangers of anarchists and UGs who tried to seize power.

But the opponents from inside and outside the nation and the West block have reversed the events and seen the Tatmadaw’s endeavours as democracy destruction and coup.

The consequences of their wrong view have led them to see the Tatmadaw as a military junta. They are blaming the opposing parties and laborers who are opposing the ruling government with their demands of State stability, community peace and tranquillity, and national re-consolidation, honouring destructionists as democracy activists, while deceiving the international community. In reality their acts will lead to deceiving others and themselves.

The Tatmadaw government acknowledged the people’s wish and realized their wish on their behalf. Later, it laid down the 13 political, economic and social objectives, the real essence of democracy and development. The people are now enjoying higher living standard and economic progress as never before thanks to the all-out efforts of the Tatmadaw to promote farming and industry in realizing the people’s wish of 1988.

As there were oppositions to the government’s advice to write a constitution to realize the 1990 election results and its pledge to assist the work, it had to play a leading role in holding the National Convention. However, it had to adjourn the National Convention due to confrontations resulting from the colonialist instigation. The Tatmadaw laid down and internationally declared the seven-point Road Map on 30 August 2003 to free the nation from facing any attempts to delay the process of democratic transformation. The government is now in the process of holding the Convention to install a democratic republic, the genuine wish of the people.

Moreover, the government’s tireless efforts for multi-sectorial development is also to realize the wish of 1988. Thus, all those wishing to develop the nation should have the correct and objective outlook rather than imaginary views. They should also study the modern political science, and the failure to do so will lead to deceiving others and themselves.

The fall of productivity during the World War II led to the rise of Nazism in Germany and Fascism in Italy and Japan, the ideologies that ignited the World War II. The downfall of global production capacity after the WW II paved the way for the imaginary opportunistic leftists to set up single party dictatorship and centralized economic system in both Italy and Japan, the ideologies that ignited the World War II. Because of the multi colored insurgency in Myanmar, neither the ruling AFPFL nor the opposition could control the national situation. Hence, the Tatmadaw had to take over the State duties. History stands witness to the fact that development of capitalist economies in England and America raised the production of the two nations, followed by the flourishing of parliamentary democratic administrative systems in both. The persons in disregard of the historical evidence are supporting terrorism, wars, insurgency and sanctions, that can decrease the productivity. They are claiming these to be the cause of democracy; in reality they are the ones who are deceiving themselves and others. So I would like to warn the people of Myanmar to see the tricks and deceits of the colonialists.

(Translation: TMT)
Buddha images re-conveyed to PhaungdawU Pagoda in Inlay

YANGON, 21 Oct — A ceremony to re-convey Buddha images to Inlay PhaungdawU Pagoda in Inlay Lake in Nyaungshwe Township, Taunggyi District, was held yesterday and Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony.

Presiding Sayadaw of Hlinekyu Pariyatti Monastery in Nyaungshwe Agga Maha Panditta Bhaddanta Mahinda and Members of the Sangha conveyed the images to PhaungdawU Inlay Lake by boat.

At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of the Eastern Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and high-ranking officers paid obeisance to the Buddha images and offered robes to the images.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party went to Seinthamaung goldsmith and silversmith workshop in Heya-Ywama Village in the lake and viewed the production process of the workshop.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win offers gold foils to the Buddha images of Inlay PhaungdawU in Nyaungshwe Township, Taunggyi District. — MNA

NCCWC holds a coord meeting

YANGON, 21 Oct — National Convention Convening Work Committee held a coordination meeting today at the meeting hall in Kyakkaakan Ground here.

Chairman of the work committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe presided over the meeting.

At the meeting, Vice-Chairman Attorney General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thaung Nyunt and members of the committee discussed matters on reconvening the convention. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks of the chairman. — MNA

UMFCCI General Secretary receives Chinese delegation

YANGON, 21 Oct — Vice-Mayor Mr Wei Gang and party of Shweli, Yunnan Province, the People’s Republic of China, called on General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint-Secretary 2 U Tun Aung, CEC members and executive members of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry at the office of the federation here, on 18 October.

At the meeting, they discussed cooperation in border trade, investment in production of finished wood product and participation of Myanmar businessmen in Shweli Border Trade Expo to be held from 12 to 16 December at China-Myanmar border region. — MNA
Prime Minister General Soe Win calls on Lao PDR Vice-President

Yangon, 21 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win called on Prime Minister of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Choummaly Sayasone at Xindu Hotel in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, on 18 October evening.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Thein, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thet Win, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, Director-General of the ASEAN Affairs Department U Aung Bwa, and Deputy Director-General Daw Than Thant Htay of the Political Department.

They cordially discussed promotion of relations between the two countries and cooperation in respective sectors. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win meets with Lao PDR Vice-President Mr Choummaly Sayasone at the Xindu Hotel in Nanning. — MNA

As Myanmar aims to transform its agricultural economy into an industrialized one, Myanmar is effectively expanding its industrial sector

Government encouraging and supporting local as well as foreign investors to invest in industrial zones

China and ASEAN possess dynamic economies in Asia and the Pacific. Twenty-five years of uninterrupted and sustained economic growth in China has brought significant improvement of standard of living and spending power of the Chinese people. Trade between ASEAN and China has also increased rapidly since the beginning of the negotiations on ACFTA in 2002. The trade volume has grown significantly with the implementation of the tariff reduction programme under the normal track of the Trade in Goods Agreement by the mid-2004.

Last year when we gathered here for the first time, we had set the target of two-way trade value between China and ASEAN to reach to 100 billion US dollars. According to the study made by ASEAN Secretariat, the ACFTA still has potentials for expansion of trade and investment between ASEAN and China and will positively contribute to the real GDP growth and will become the world’s second largest foreign direct investment destination. The FDI flows in ASEAN also continued to increase amounting to US$ 25.1 billion in 2004.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to highlight our bilateral trade and investment relations. China is a major trading partner of the Union of Myanmar. As Myanmar and China is linked by the border trade is flourishing. Myanmar also imports machinery and construction materials from China in addition to consumer goods. Myanmar is also exporting agricultural and fishery products to China. China becomes Myanmar’s second largest trading partner at the present moment. In 2004, 13.85 per cent of Myanmar’s export is destined to China and more than a quarter of total import to Myanmar came from it. I am confident that China will remain of our largest trading partners.

Myanmar economy is traditionally an agrarian one with vast natural resources. Agriculture represents 41.2 per cent of the GDP in the year 2004/2005. However, Myanmar still has a huge potential for expansion of its agriculture sector as only 66.8 per cent of the total cultivable land area of 42.2 million acres is being utilized. To fulfill its domestic consumption and promote exports, Myanmar is also striving to develop its fishery and livestock sector, which constitutes 9.1 per cent of the GDP.

As Myanmar aims to transform its agricultural economy into an industrialized one, Myanmar is effectively expanding its industrial sector, which currently occupies 10.6 per cent of the GDP, by establishing 18 industrial zones throughout the country. Government is encouraging and supporting local as well as foreign investors to invest in the industrial zones. As infrastructural development is a precondition for long-term economic development, the government is paying more attention to the establishment of infrastructural facilities such as roads, railroads, reservoirs, irrigation facilities, major bridges, port facilities and hydro-electric power stations.

We appreciate very much the positive role played by the Chinese companies in the development of infra-structure in Myanmar. Myanmar is striving towards the all-round socio-economic development of the country, relying mostly on her own resources. I would like to express my appreciation for the support given by member countries of ASEAN, China and other friendly countries in our endeavours.

ASEAN and China will make a milestone in 2006 by celebrating the 15th Anniversary of their dialogue relations. It is the time to strengthen friendship and cooperation, promote public awareness and people-to-people contacts, and deepen understanding of the growing ASEAN-China relations and to generate new impetus for the mutually beneficial relations. This summit is one of the best examples of these mutually beneficial relations between ASEAN and China. I am confident that the next time when we meet in Nanning, we will be seeing more flourishing trade and investment relations.

Next, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economic Mr Somkid Jatusripitak delivered an address, and the Summit came to a close. — MNA
Myanmar invites investors from Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Myanmar entrepreneurs will be able to discuss business with Chinese counterparts

from Chinese side. Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin presented his members to the Prime Minister. Next, the Prime Minister presented Myanmar ministers, the ambassador and departmental heads to Mr Lu Bin. Mr Lu Bin said that it was a pleasure for him to pay a courtesy call together with his colleagues on Prime Minister General Soe Win.

He said his warm welcome represented the government of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and over 48 million local people. He said he thanked the Prime Minister very much for the good-will meet greater success than the first time owing to the cooperation of ASEAN countries. Arrangements are being made for the 2nd China-ASEAN Expo and 2nd China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit to be grander than the first time. He wished Myanmar to make an investment in the establishment of an economic zone in capital Nanning. He said he would like Myanmar to open Myanmar consulate-general in Nanning to be more convenient in dealing with Myanmar.

The Prime Minister General Soe Win said that he was glad to find his Chinese friends in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in good health. Upon arrival in Nanning, he had witnessed the development of Nanning.

The Prime Minister expressed belief that PRC’s developments are the results of the good leadership of the Chinese government. The successful holding of the expo and the summit with the cooperation of the ASEAN is due to the sound policy of the PRC.

He lauded the PRC government for its good leadership that bears fruits of progress. As Myanmar has been in the process of striving to become a developed nation, Myanmar appreciates China’s efforts to become a developed nation. Various nationalities are living in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. Myanmar is also home to various national races. Thus, the government has been giving priority to national unity and striving for development of all parts of the nation. It has been implementing five-year projects and the annual rise in the GDP exceeds the respective targets. Like the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, Myanmar is also inviting foreign investments. China is Myanmar’s second largest trading partner. The two countries are trying to promote the border trade into normal cross-border trade. Myanmar invites investors from the Autonomous Region.

As over 100 Myanmar entrepreneurs attend the expo, they will be able to discuss business with their Chinese counterparts. Myanmar will seriously consider PRC’s invitation to invest in Nanning economic zone and open a Myanmar consulate in the city.

The China-ASEAN summit has helped to develop the economies of China and the Association. Mr Lu Bin presented documents relating to buses and farm machinery worth one million yuan to Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein. General Soe Win and Mr Lu exchanged gifts.

Mr Lu hosted dinner in honour of the Myanmar Prime Minister and delegation at Li Yuan Resort.

Also present were ministers of the delegation, the Myanmar ambassador to PRC, the SPDC Office director-general and heads of department and Vice-Chairman of Permanent Commission of the Communist Party of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Li Jin Zao, Vice-Chairman of People’s Congress of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Pan Qi, Ambassador designate Mr Guan Mu and Chinese officials.
Prime Minister General Soe Win attends...

(From page 16) Entrepreneurs of China and ASEAN countries, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong and officials and correspondents of international news agencies including those from ASEAN nations. Before the opening of the second China-ASEAN Expo, Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong of the People’s Republic of China, Vice-President of Lao PDR Mr Choummaly Sayasone, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun San, Myanmar Prime Minister General Soe Win, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economics Mr Somkid Jatusripitak and Deputy Prime Ministers and ministers of the ASEAN countries watered the commemorative trees planted in front of Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre.

Next, Minister of Commerce of the PRC Mr Bo Xilai delivered an opening speech and Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin expressed thanks to those dignitaries for their attendance.

ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong explained fruitful results emerged from the holding of China-ASEAN Expo and summits according to the proposal of the Chinese Premier Mr Wen Jiabao. Afterwards, the Chinese Vice-President announced the opening of the second China-ASEAN Expo. Then, Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong of the People’s Republic of China, Vice-President of Lao PDR Mr Choummaly Sayasone, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun San, Myanmar Prime Minister General Soe Win,Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economics Mr Somkid Jatusripitak and Deputy Prime Ministers and ministers of the ASEAN countries formally opened the second China-ASEAN Expo.

Later, the Chinese Vice-President cordially greeted the Vice-President, Prime Ministers, Deputy Prime Ministers and ministers of ASEAN countries.
13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions in progress

YANGON, 21 Oct — The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for eighth day at the designated venues, here, today.

Present on the occasion were member of the panel of patrons Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Hsan, work committee and subcommittee members, literati, maestros, musicians and enthusiasts. Today, Mandalay Division marionette troupe representing Mandalay Division took part in the Minkatha Drama contest at the professional level. The marionette troupe continues tomorrow and Yangon Division Tawwin marionette troupe will take part in the contest. — MNA

Maung Saw Joss Lin of Kayah State participates in boys’ basic education level religious song contest (aged 10-15). — MNA

National Theatre, six in the basic education level (aged 5-10) boys’ piano contest, and two women in the professional level women’s piano contest. Competitions of the contestants was supervised by Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Thaung and party. At Kanbawzathadi Theatre, artistes competed in the basic education level (aged 5-10) song composing contest with the works that nine girls composed on 13 October. In the afternoon, 11 women and men took part in the higher education level song composing contest. Chairman of the panel of judges Bogale U Tint Aung and party supervised the contest.

The eighth day competition of the music contest was held at Padonna Theatre today. Four troupes participated in the amateur level women’s troupe orchestra contest, three troupes in the higher education level women’s troupe orchestra contest, and four troupes in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls’ troupe orchestra contest. Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Thaung and party supervised the contest. — MNA

Explosion occurs near Traders Hotel

YANGON, 21 October — An explosion occurred near the signboard of Traders Hotel at the corner of Sule Pagoda and Bogyoke Aung San streets here at about 6.45 pm today.

The blast caused no loss of life, injuries and property destruction.

The authorities concerned are trying to expose the culprits of the explosion. — MNA
Bavaria orders poultry indoors in bird flu move

HAMBURG, 20 Oct—The southern German state of Bavaria has banned all poultry from being kept outdoors with effect from Wednesday to prevent bird entering the region, the state consumer protection ministry said.

Poultry must stay indoors until mid-December to stop contact with migrating birds which are said to be spreading the disease.

On Tuesday, German federal and state experts rejected calls from Bavaria and German farming associations for a national ban on keeping poultry outdoors. Instead, bans will be issued for farms in areas with a high risk of contact with migrating birds.

Calls for a national ban came after tests earlier this week showed a deadly strain of bird flu found in Turkey and Asia had also infected ducks in Romania, confirming the virus has reached mainland Europe.

Earlier this week Bavaria also banned all poultry markets and fairs as an anti-bird flu measure.

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

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AGENT FOR: MS GATI COAST TO COAST
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Zambia starts clinical trials of herbal “AIDS” drugs

LUSAKA, 20 Oct—Zambia has launched clinical trials of herbal medicines for AIDS, and early signs are hopeful they could help boost the body’s defences, a government health official said on Wednesday.

Dr Patrick Chikusu, principal investigator of clinical trials of traditional herbal remedies, said three herbal drugs had been selected for the trials, including a remedy mixed by former Works and Supply Minister Ludwig Sonduka, a lawyer.

“We have started clinical trials for three products on human beings. The process has undergone extensive research by our team and we have met World Health Organization (WHO) specifications,” Chikusu told a news conference.

“The drugs show they are able to reduce the viral load and increase CD4 cells, which defend the body, and that is why we have proceeded with further trials. We have been using WHO 2003 guidelines on herbal remedies,” Chikusu said. “They are also safe,” he added.

CD4 cells are the front line of the body’s immune system. One in five Zambians is infected with HIV or suffering with AIDS. The country has 10 million people.

Chikusu, a medical doctor, said 14 natural remedies were initially submitted for preliminary tests, but only three had made it to the final stage of clinical trials.

Health Minister Sylvia Masebo said the three drugs had been checked thoroughly to ensure they were not toxic.

Report says governments should plan more for disasters

OSLO, 20 Oct—Governments too often ignore risks of natural disasters like hurricanes and earthquakes and could save lives and billions of dollars with better planning, an international study said on Thursday.

Over the past century, the number of recorded natural disasters surged to 2,800 per decade from 100, according to the study for the International Council for Science, a non-governmental organization of experts from around the world.

“It’s time to change the mindset of governments, who tend to plan too little for natural disasters,” said Gordon McBean, chair for the Institute of Catastrophic Loss Reduction at Canada’s University of Western Ontario, who led the study.

The report said natural hazards in 2004 killed, injured or displaced millions of people while disasters caused an estimated 140 billion US dollars in economic losses.

And human suffering and costs were likely to leap in 2005 in the aftermath of last year’s December 26 Indian Ocean tsunami, Hurricane Katrina in the United States and the October 8 earthquake in Pakistan. “We can’t stop hurricanes or tsunamis or other extreme events,” McBean said in the report.

“But we have found a lot of evidence that policy makers may at times act in ignorance or simply disregard relevant scientific evidence of what’s needed to prepare for or prevent devastation from a natural, predictable event like a hurricane.”

“Investments in reducing vulnerability are almost always significantly smaller, by a factor of perhaps 2-5, than dealing with the disaster itself,” he told Reuters.

Higher levees outside New Orleans could have protected the city from being swamped by the sea after Hurricane Katrina. A clearing of mangrove forests in Asia made some coasts vulnerable to the devastating tsunamis. — MNA/Reuters
London Film Festival starts with le Carre movie


More than 20 movies will be screened daily over the next two weeks, including the latest offerings from directors like Steven Soderbergh, Lars von Trier and Terry Gilliam. “The Constant Gardener,” a political and romantic thriller starring Ralph Fiennes and Rachel Weisz, is set in Kenya and was directed by the man behind “City of God,” Fernando Meirelles.

Le Carre, the author of “Smiley’s People” shifted from Cold War espionage to his 2000 book. The film follows the life of a British diplomat (Fienne) in Nairobii who goes in search of the truth behind the brutal murder of his wife (Weisz). Closing the festival, Britain’s largest, is “Good Night, and Good Luck,” a film directed by George Clooney which chronicles the real-life conflict between a US television man and Senator Joseph McCarthy during the 1950s when McCarthy presided over an anti-Communist witch-hunt.

Peru finds headless mummy predating Incas in Lima

LIMA (Peru), 20 Oct — Archaeologists have uncovered the remains of the oldest mummy ever found in Peru’s capital, Lima — a high-ranking official of the Huari tribe who lived about 1,300 years ago, researchers said on Wednesday.

The headless mummy was found in September in Lima’s Huaca Pucllana ceremonial complex after studies and exploration at the site.

“The headless mummy is wrapped in cloth and tied with rope made of vegetal fibre,” Flores said. The Huari official was aged between 20 and 30, Flores added. The Huari, a warrior society that conquered Peru’s central Andes and coastal regions between 600 and 1000 A.D., were known for their high-quality textiles and pottery styles. They were supplanted by Incans, who Flores said were likely responsible for decapitating the Huari official well after he was buried in an attempt to erase all vestiges of a tribe that dominated them for years.

“It was an act of rebellion against the Huaris. Without doubt, this gives us valuable information about ancient inhabitants of what is now Peru’s capital,” she added. The mummy, which was found surrounded by tunics and food such as corn and beans, is not well preserved because of the humidity of Peru’s coast. Its dried skin and bones are badly chipped and many of its ligaments are visible.

Peru has made some striking mummy discoveries in recent years. In February last year, two 700-year-old mummies were found in southern Peru by construction workers under a school. Thousands of Inca mummies were found at an ancient cemetery under a shantytown near Lima in 2002.

High-risk Black women need breast cancer gene test

NEW YORK, 20 Oct — Genetic mutations in the breast cancer susceptibility genes — BRCA1 and BRCA2 — occur with “appreciable frequency” in African-American women with a family history of the disease, with more than one quarter testing positive for a mutation in one of these genes that indicates high-risk, a study shows.

This finding supports genetic testing for BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations in high-risk African American families, study investigators report in this week’s issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association.

“Ten years after BRCA1 and BRCA2 were first identified as major breast cancer susceptibility genes, the spectrum of mutations and modifiers of risk among many ethnic minorities remain undefined,” Dr Olufunmilayo Olopade from the University of Chicago Medical Centre and colleagues note in the article.

This is particularly true of African Americans, in whom there is a high incidence of breast cancer at a young age.

Using a unique, ethnically diverse group of high-risk families, Olopade and colleagues characterized the predictors of BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations among high-risk individuals of European and African ancestry. They included a comparative analysis of White, Ashkenazi Jewish, African American, Hispanic and Asian families having at least two cases of breast and/or ovarian cancer among close or moderately close relatives.

The spectrum of BRCA1 and BRCA2 mutations was “vastly different” between families of African and European ancestry, the investigators report.

Rare US misprint stamps sell for nearly $3m

NEW YORK, 20 Oct — A group of four flawed, early US airmail stamps, originally priced at 24 cents each, sold at auction for 2.97 million US dollars on Wednesday.

An unidentified private collector bought the so-called “Inverted Jenny” stamps at the Siegel Auction Galleries in New York, the auction house said.

The 1918 stamp depicting a Curtiss JN-4H airplane was the first US airmail stamp. Only a single flawed sheet of 100 stamps showing the airplane flying upside down was sold.

The original sheet of “Inverted Jenny” stamps was sold for 24 US dollars to William Robey on May 14, 1918.

Robey sold the sheet a week later for 15,000 US dollars. News of the error spread rapidly, embarrassing postal officials, who already faced skepticism over the experimental airmail programme.

The sheet has since been split up and prices have rocketed to more than 500,000 US dollars for a single stamp.

The highest auction price paid for a single US postage stamp was 935,000 US dollars paid in 1998 for a one cent Z Grill stamp, the auction house said.

Hardy’s Trafalgar medal sets auction record

LONDON, 20 Oct — The medal awarded to Thomas Masterman Hardy, captain of Admiral Horatio Nelson’s flagship HMS Victory, after the battle of Trafalgar was sold on Wednesday for a record 248,800 pounds (436,200 US dollars). The previous record for a set of medals sold at auction was the 241,500 pounds paid in December 2001 for those belonging to Air Vice Marshal Johnnie Robey on Wednesday.

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The Trafalgar medal was awarded to Hardy after HMS Victory arrived back in England following the epic sea battle on October 21 1805 off the Spanish coast in which Nelson’s outnumbered ships defeated the combined French and Spanish fleet.

The battle, in which Nelson was killed by a French sniper, changed the course of history by giving Britain command of the seas for more than a century and spelling the beginning of the end for Napoleon Bonaparte’s conquest of Europe.
**Schalke hold Fenerbahce in six-goal thriller**

**ISTANBUL, 20 Oct**— Fenerbahce earned a 3-3 draw against Schalke 04 with a late equalizer by Ghana midfielder Stephen Appiah in Champions League Group E on Wednesday.

The Turkish side came from behind twice in the second half amid a 20-minute, five-goal flurry. They stay second, one point behind AC Milan who were held to a 0-0 draw by PSV Eindhoven.

The Germans remain bottom with two points from three games behind the Dutch who are level with Fenerbahce on four points.

Brazilian Fabio Luciano put the Turks ahead in the 14th minute with Fenerbahce on four points.

A 59th minute, dragging Schalke midfielder Lincoln, equalized in the second half amid a six-goal thriller. They stay second, one point behind AC Milan who were held to a 0-0 draw by PSV Eindhoven.

The Turkish side's German coach Christoph Daum said the draw had increased the importance of his team's victory against Schalke in their second meeting in Germany.

“A win in Germany would be the optimal result, but we have seen today that will be difficult,” he said.

Fenerbahce were dealt a late blow when Alex De Souza was shown a red card after a late tackle earned him a second yellow.

**Colombian rider regains Olympic bronze medal**

**LONDON, 21 Oct**— Colombian rider Maria-Luisa Calle has regained the bronze medal she lost at last year's Athens Olympics after testing positive for a banned stimulant.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) overturned on Thursday the International Olympic Committee's (IOC) decision to strip her of the Women's Points Race medal because she had not ingested the substance which turned up in her sample.

“The parties agreed that the presence of heptaminol in the appellant's urine sample was not due to the appellant having ingested that substance but was the result of the ingestion of neo-salidina containing isomethepene, a substance which transforms into heptaminol during laboratory analyses,” CAS said.

**Late goal gives Lyon victory over Olympiakos**

**Lyon (France), 20 Oct**— A last-gasp goal enabled Olympique Lyon to extend the perfect start to their Champions League campaign with a 2-1 win over Olympiakos Piraeus on Wednesday.

Forward Sidney Govou collected a fine Juninho pass to strike from close range with a minute left and put Lyon through to the knockout stage.

“It was complicated but we showed character,” said Lyon coach Gerard Houllier after Wednesday's win.

It's the first time we have won our first three Champions League matches. I'm very proud of my players,” the former Liverpool manager added.

Olympiakos, who face elimination after three defeats, thought they had earned a draw when midfielder Pantelis Kafes fired in under the crossbar with six minutes remaining.

**No risk of surgery for Ronaldo**

**RIO DE JANEIRO, 21 Oct**— Real Madrid striker Ronaldo has returned to his native Brazil for routine treatment on his ankle injury and will not have to undergo an operation, his spokesman Julio Clement said Thursday.

Clement denied media reports that Ronaldo's injury was more serious than initially thought. "There's no chance of surgery," Clement told Reuters. "Can you imagine Real Madrid, with all their medical infrastructures, allowing Ronaldo to come to Brazil to be operated on?"

Ronaldo suffered a partial ligament tear in his left ankle during Sunday's 3-0 Primera Liga win over Atlético Madrid, during which he scored twice.
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*Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Shan, Chin and Kayah States. Mandalay, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions and rain or thundershowers are likely to be widespread in Kachin, Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).*

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**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday’s low pressure area over the West Central Bay still persists. Weather is cloudy in the Andaman Sea, West Central and North Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Forcast valid until evening of 12-20-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in Shan, Kayah States, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions and rain or thunder-showers are likely to be widespread in Kachin, Chin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers in the Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-10-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 22-10-2005:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder-showers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

**Weather outlook for fourth weekend of October 2005:** During the coming weekend, rain or thunder-showers are likely to be isolated in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.
Prime Minister General Soe Win attends second China-ASEAN Expo

YANGON, 21 Oct — Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar at 11 am on 19 October attended the opening of the second China-ASEAN Expo held at Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Nanning, the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People’s Republic of China.

Present at the opening ceremony were Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong of the People’s Republic of China, Vice-President of Laos PDR Mr Choummaly Sayasone, Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun San, Thai Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Economics Mr Somkid Jatusripitak, Deputy Prime Minister of Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Nguyen Tan Dung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Mandalay City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, Myanmar Ambassador to the PRC U Thein Lwin, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw Win of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department, ministers, deputy ministers, high-ranking officials and business (See page 10)

Vice-presidents, prime ministers, ministers, and the ASEAN Secretary-General formally open the 2nd China-ASEAN Expo. — MNA

PRC invites Myanmar to make investment in establishment of economic zone in Nanning

Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin

Myanmar invites investors from Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

Prime Minister General Soe Win

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YANGON, 20 Oct—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win met with Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin at Li Yuan Resort in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People’s Republic of China, on 17 October evening.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Director-General of the SPDC Office Col Kyaw Kyaw Win, Director-General of the Government Office Col Thant Shin, Pyithu Hluttaw Office Director-General U Myint Thein, (See page 9)

Prime Minister General Soe Win presents a gift to Mr Lu Bin. — MNA

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