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- 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

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- Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
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- 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

China and Myanmar have set up fine tradition of Paukphaw relations for many years

Myanmar has been taking steps for economic development practising market-oriented economic system

Peace and stability needs to prevail in the nation in order that tasks can be carried out for national development.
Further promote Myanmar-PRC trade and investment

The Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China share a common border, and governments and peoples of the two countries have been in close contact in a friendly atmosphere since yore. The two countries have been able to promote relations and trade and investment through Paupkhaw friendly ties forged by the leaders of the two countries.

Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win has brought about so much investment as the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit attended by Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China on 19 October, 2005.

The Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China signed a number of agreements for economic cooperation.

In his address, Prime Minister General Soe Win said he hoped that the Summit would bring more trade and investment from the PRC to Myanmar; that one of the new areas of the PRC’s trade and investment in Myanmar.

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The PRC is a major trading partner of the Union of Myanmar. As Myanmar and the PRC are linked by land, the border trade is flourishing.

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Myanmar is striving towards the all-round socio-economic development of the country, relying mostly on her own resources, and appreciates the support given by member countries of ASEAN, the PRC and other friendly countries in its endeavours.

It is the time to strengthen friendship and cooperation, promote public awareness and people-to-people contacts, deepen understanding of the growing ASEAN-PRC relations and generate new impetus for the mutually beneficial relations.

As the China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit attended by Prime Minister General Soe Win has brought about so much fruitful results we firmly believe that the PRC as well as other friendly countries will boost their trade and investment in Myanmar.

Prizes of military code of conduct and extempore talks contests awarded

YANGON, 22 Oct — The prize presentation ceremony of Military Code of Conduct and Extempore Talks Contests of Yangon Command to mark the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day took place at the command headquarters at 5 pm on 22 October, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and development Council of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife; Daw Khin Thet Hlay.

It was also attended by Deputy Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, military region commanders, station commanders, senior officers of Yangon Command, Tatinadayawmen and their wives, and prize winners.

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People’s Desire

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* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
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Commander Lt-Gen Myint Swe presents prize to a winner in officer level military code of conduct contest of Yangon Command. — MNA

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Official says Russia could enter WTO next year

GENEVA, 21 Oct — Russia could wrap up talks on joining the World Trade Organization (WTO) by the spring of next year after more than a decade of troubled negotiations, a senior Moscow official said on Wednesday.

But to achieve that target — which diplomats said looked optimistic — discussions with current WTO member countries would have to be intensified, Moscow’s chief WTO negotiator Maxim Medvedkov told reporters.

“It is our real strategic aim to complete this negotiation as soon as possible,” Medvedkov said after several days of bilateral talks and discussions within a WTO working party preparing an accession agreement for Russia.

“It is clear it is possible to do it next year, perhaps in the spring. But we and our partners have to be fully engaged to achieve that.”

A European trade diplomat involved in the talks said: “I would say it will be until the start of 2006. Russia, a major energy producer that has seen its trade weight boom amid soaring world oil prices, is the biggest power still outside the currently 148-member WTO, which acts as a forum for international negotiations and a trade watchdog.

President Vladimir Putin has often said it is one of his top economic priorities to bring Russia into the Geneva-based body, a move that would ensure its exports would not face barriers in key markets.”

UNESCO backs cultural diversity accord, despite US

PARIS, 21 Oct — The United Nations cultural body adopted a treaty to protect and promote cultural diversity on Thursday despite opposition from the United States, which fears it will hit film and music exports.

The Paris-based UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) overwhelmingly approved the accord, which supporters such as France say will help defend linguistic and cultural diversity from the negative effects of globalization.

The convention won the backing of 148 countries and was opposed by only two, Israel and the United States, at a UNESCO plenary meeting.

U.S. officials fear the treaty will restrict free trade and the free flow of ideas, but France hailed it as a victory that would help countries defend their national culture and arts.

It also sees the convention as a weapon to fight what many French people regard as a threat of American cultural domination and an onslaught of Hollywood films.

“This is major progress in a world which must protect cultural diversity and organize a dialogue of cultures that respects all,” French President Jacques Chirac said in a written statement. — MNA/Reuters

18 passengers injured in Greek train derailment

ATHENS (Greece), 21 Oct — A Greek intercity train to Athens derailed on Thursday, catching fire and injuring 18 people, including an 8-month-old baby, officials said.

An initial investigation said the train with 140 passengers aboard had been going too fast when it jumped the rails near the northern city of Thessaloniki, the government said.

The train on the Thessaloniki-Athens route, the busiest in Greece, crashed into an out-of-use station near Adendoro.

A baby on the train suffered serious head injuries and was in hospital for an emergency operation. All others had minor injuries.

“The initial impression is that the train had developed too high a speed,” government spokesman Theodore Roussopoulos told reporters.

A fire brigade official, speaking at the accident site, told Reuters passengers had been safely removed from the coaches and a fire that started from a petrol tank was extinguished.

Several passengers told Greek media the train had left Thessaloniki half an hour late.

The Thessaloniki-Athens route has been upgraded in recent years with new, faster trains, cutting the travel time to four hours from more than six. — MNA/Reuters

Car bomb kills four north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 21 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 kilometres (40 miles) north of Baghdad, comes as Sunni Arab guerrillas wage a bloody campaign against Iraq's US-backed government. — MNA/Reuters

Drugs sweep across Britain nets 31 suspects

LONDON, 21 Oct — Over 600 officers were involved in a major operation against suspected drug dealers on Thursday, resulting in 31 arrests, police said.

A statement by Hampshire police said officers entered 48 premises in Southampton and others in Birmingham and London in a raid that followed a year-long intelligence-led investigation.

“This is just the very first day of an operation which is fundamentally aimed at taking out a criminal network of stolen property and drugs, and ensuring that no other criminals are able to come in and fill the void,” said Chief Superintendent Paul Stickler.

No further details were immediately available. — MNA/Reuters

US military deaths rise to 1992 in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 21 Oct — As of Friday, 21 Oct, 2005, at least 1,992 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 1,547 died as a result of hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is nine higher than the Defense Department’s tally, last updated at 10 am EDT Friday.

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, 1,853 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,438 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

Demonstrators opposed to the war in Iraq wave signs as the presidential motorcade escorting President Bush passes, en route to the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and dedication ceremonies for the retired Air Force One aircraft, in Simi Valley, Calif, on Friday, 21 Oct, 2005. — Internet
Russia to back NSG amendments on nuke cooperation with India

MOSCOW, 21 Oct — Russia has indicated its willingness to back US amendments to Nuclear Suppliers Group guidelines upholding the idea of enlarging civilian nuclear cooperation with India, a Russian Foreign Ministry expert has said.

“The United States of America has suggested three variants of amendments to Nuclear Suppliers Group Initial Elements. These amendments will be considered by Russia and other NSG member countries shortly,” Shilin said at the seminar organized by Moscow-based non-proliferation think tank PIR Centre. On the eve of his India visit last week, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov had said that the NSG guidelines need to be amended so as to meet India’s energy needs.

Violent crime in England, Wales rises 6%

LONDON, 21 Oct — The number of violent crimes recorded by police in England and Wales rose 6 per cent in the three months to the end of June and Home Secretary Charles Clarke said on Thursday the figures needed to improve.

Police recorded crime showed a 25-per cent increase in drug offences and a 4-per cent rise in robbery while domestic burglary was down according to the BCS and police figures.

The home affairs spokesman for the Conservatives accused the government of hindering police efforts to crack down on crime.

“It is sad but no surprise that under Labour violent crime continues to spiral out of control,” Edward Garnier said.

“This government has tied our police up in so much red tape that instead of being ready to get on with the job of fighting crime they now spend half their time at their desks.” — MNA/Reuters

Japanese police, troops conduct anti-terror drill

Tokyo, 21 Oct — Hundreds of Japanese police and military personnel conducted their first-ever joint anti-terrorism drill on Thursday, the first of several planned as Japan grapples with fears of an attack on its own soil.

Police and the Ground Self-Defence Force, as Japan’s Army is known, have carried out joint simulations in the past, but growing concern about the chance of an attack in the wake of incidents such as the July London bombings has prompted a higher level of response. Around 400 police officers and troops took part in the drill, which was held on the northernmost main island of Hokkaido and based on a scenario that enemy armed with powerful weapons had entered Japan. Television footage showed helmets men in camouflage gear and riot police being dropped from helicopters and cudding with automatic weapons.

MNA/Reuters

Health inequalities in US cause 4,800,000

LONDON, 21 Oct — Health inequalities in the United States cause about 84,000 additional deaths a year, more than the equivalent of a hurricane Katrina every week, a health care expert said on Friday.

David Atkins, of the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) in the United States, said the images of people clinging to rooftops made it clear that being poor and Black in a poor southern state is hazardous to health.

“The gap in health between White and Black Americans has been estimated to cause 84,000 excess deaths in a year... a virtual Katrina every week,” Atkins said in an editorial in the British Medical Journal.

But the victims die of illnesses such as heart disease, diabetes, cancer, HIV/AIDS and alcohol or drug addiction so they do not grab the public’s attention in the same way as the deaths caused by Katrina which killed more than 1,200 people.

“This may truly be a teachable moment about the impact of poverty and race on health,” said Atkins.

The chief medical office of the AHRQ, an agency that coordinates all federal quality improvement efforts and health services research in the United States, said a comprehensive plan to protect the Gulf Coast from devastating storms and hurricanes had languished for years.

Now the US Government is facing a bill for the catastrophe that is expected to rise as high as 200 billion US dollars.

Atkins called for funding to be available for prevention, not rescue, and said the infrastructure for public health must be strengthened.

He added that the failure in basic communication after the hurricane hampered early recovery efforts.

MNA/Reuters

Kidnapped Irish journalist freed in Iraq

London, 21 Oct — Kidnappers released on Thursday an Irish journalist abducted while on assignment in Baghdad, a British Government source said.

Rory Carroll, 33, is “safe and well” and has contacted his family and spoken to British officials, the source said.

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

“He is not yet in British hands, but he has spoken to the Guardian and to our embassy in Baghdad,” the government source said. “He is safe and well and as far as we know unharmed.”

A spokesman for the Guardian newspaper confirmed Carroll had spoken to his father by telephone and they were checking reports that he had been freed.

MNA/Reuters

Dancer Maya Plisetskaya (L) of Russia and Tamara Rojo of Spain are applauded by Spanish Crown Prince Felipe after receiving the 2005 Prince of Asturias arts award during a traditional ceremony at Campoamor theatre in Oviedo in northern Spain on 21 Oct. 2005. The awards have been held annually since 1981 to reward scientific, technical, cultural, social and humanitarian achievements reached by individuals, work teams and institutions.

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A US soldier uses binoculars to keep watch during a patrol in southern Baghdad recently. —INTERNET

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US oil tycoon, two Swiss charged in Iraq oil scandal

NEW YORK 22 Oct — US prosecutors have charged a Texas oil tycoon and two Swiss executives and their companies with paying secret kickbacks to Iraq in the UN oil-for-food programme.

Tycoon Oscar Wyatt, the former Coastal Corp chairman, was arrested in Houston, Texas, on Friday, prosecutors said, becoming one of the highest-profile figures ensnared so far in the scandal. The two Swiss nationals are being sought for extradition.

The US Attorney for the Southern District of New York charged Wyatt along with Catalina del Socorro Miguel Fuentes, alias Cathy Miguel, and Mohammed Saidji. All three face up to 62 years in prison and heavy fines if convicted.

"Mr. Wyatt has violated no laws and will vigorously defend against these charges," said Wyatt's lawyer Carl Parker in Houston.

Three companies were also charged, including the Cyprus-based oil trading companies Nafta Petroleum Company Ltd and Mednafta Trading Company Ltd, collectively known as the Wyatt Foreign Companies. Those firms were operated by Miguel and Saidji in close consultation with Wyatt, the statement said.

Also charged was Saurenco, a Swiss consulting firm operated by Miguel and Saidji, prosecutors said in the statement.

"Wyatt, Miguel and Saidji obtained oil under the United Nations' oil-for-food program by paying millions of dollars in secret kickbacks to Saddam Hussein's regime.

A Chinese cyclist pedals past a billboard for a new property building being erected in Beijing on 20 Oct, 2005. Internet

Report says some British schools only offer "mediocrity"

LONDON, 21 Oct — Some British schools are offering "nothing better than mediocrity" and are merely coasting, the chief inspector of schools said on Wednesday.

David Bell said there was an "encouraging picture" overall, with many schools showing improvements, to the great satisfaction of parents and pupils.

But he added that he was determined to tackle those schools that had not used inspections by the Office for Standards in Education (OFSTED) to bring about changes for the better. "There are schools that, while not in a state of crisis, are providing nothing better than mediocrity," Bell said in the watchdog's annual report.

"While on the surface all may appear to be well in these schools, if we dig deeper we find that these schools are falling way behind in terms of providing the sort of education we find in our best schools.

"In short, they are underperforming or coasting schools."

Bell said a more regulated inspection system introduced this year, which will see inspectors visiting schools twice as often, would help tackle the issue. However Bell's description brought criticism from teaching union leaders.

"Mediocrity is a word which is as damning as failure," said Steve Sinnott, the National Union of Teachers general secretary.

"It is a small jump for those hostile to maintain schools to ascribe failure to the whole system. Building on success should be the message of the Chief Inspector's report, not mediocrity."

On a positive note, Bell said the percentage of schools in special measures had fallen from 1.5 per cent in 2003/4 to 1 per cent in 2004/5. Behaviour of pupils in classrooms had also shown an improvement from 2003/4.

Floids maroon thousands, kill 10 in eastern India

KOLKATA, 22 Oct — Tens of thousands of people were marooned by flooding in eastern India on Saturday after three days of torrential rains that killed at least 10 people, officials said.

The unseasonal rains came after the June-September monsoon, which this year triggered severe flooding in other parts of the country such as the states of Gujarat and Maharashtra in the west and Assam in the northeast.

"The situation is bad in four southern districts, but we are doing everything necessary," West Bengal state Finance Minister Asim Dasgupta said.

Officials said at least 10 people had died in the coastal eastern state due to wall collapses and electrocution in the rains and some 50,000 people were cut off by floods.

Relief officials warned the situation could get worse for hundreds of thousands of people living in the Sunderbans region, where two rivers were close to bursting their banks.

Rains also hit life in Kolkata, eastern India's main trading hub, which was flooded for a second day after the city's century-old drainage system failed to cope with the water.— MNA/Reuters

Divers discover hijacked tin off Indonesia

SINGAPORE, 21 Oct — Indonesian Navy divers have discovered a shipload of refined tin worth 4.7 million US dollars that was hijacked by pirates late last month, and the owner — PT Koba Tin — is salvaging the cargo, officials said on Thursday.

The vessel MV Primav Indah, which was carrying 660 tons of tin produced by Koba when it was attacked en route to Singapore, was spotted last week on the sea bed off Bangka, the Indonesian island where it began its journey.

Crew members were unhurt but the incident was the second tin seizure in Indonesian waters this year. On the same route in April, pirates hijacked a cargo of at least 575 tons, estimated to be worth about 4.6 million US dollars and since retrieved by its owner.

"We don't understand why the pirates sank the ship. There are a lot of questions but we cannot speculate," said Noel Choong, who manages the International Maritime Bureau's Southeast Asian piracy reporting centre in Malaysia. A Koba Tin official on Bangka, where most of Indonesia's tin is mined and smelted, confirmed the cargo had been discovered but declined to give more details.

Koba Tin is owned by Malaysia Smelting Corp. Bhd. and is Indonesia's second-largest producer of the metal used in electronics and as a lead-free substitute in solder. State-run PT Timah, the country's top producer, has a 25-per-cent stake in Koba. The company is now in the process of salvaging the ship and the cargo," said Choong, adding it was unclear whether the cargo was damaged.— MNA/Reuters

British soldiers keep watch during a patrol in the southern Iraqi city of Basra recently. — Internet

Virginia oil firm admits kickbacks to Iraq

New York, 21 Oct — A Virginia oil trading company pleaded guilty on Thursday to charges of scheming to pay more than 400,000 US dollars in kickbacks to Iraq for oil purchases made as part of the defunct UN oil-for-food programme for Iraq.

Midway Trading, a Reston, Virginia-based firm, agreed to pay a 250,000-US dollar fine in a plea deal, according to the Manhattan District attorney's office.

The kickback scheme also involved one of its trading partners, Bulf Oil, the office said. But it provided no details on Bulf Oil. The case grew out of an investigation into the scandal-ridden 64 billion US dollars oil-for-food programme launched by District Attorney Robert Morgenstern's office this year.

Also investigating corruption in the programme, which was shut down in 2003 after the US-led invasion of Iraq, are the federal US Attorney's office in the Southern District of New York, several congressional committees and a UN-appointed commission led by former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker.— MNA/Reuters
Deceiving the world with propaganda weapon (or) the introduction written by eminent writer Zaw Gyi 36 years ago

Ko Lay Thu (Myingyan)

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.

Deputy Foreign Minister arrives back

YANGON, 22 Oct — The Mayanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu arrived back here by air this morning after attend- ing the Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations held in New Delhi, India.

The Mayanmar delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by directors-general and officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Charge d’Affaires ai of the Indian Embassy Mr Maung Bharti.

While in New Delhi, Deputy Foreign Minister U Kyaw Thu called on Minister for External Affairs of India H E Shri K Natwar Singh and Deputy Minister for External Affairs of India H E Shri E Ahmad and also met with Foreign Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs of India H E Shri Shyam Saran. They discussed Mayanmar-India bilateral relations and exchanged views on international and regional issues. At the Myanmar-India Foreign Office Consultations, the two sides held comprehensive discussions on all areas of mutual interest and concern.

Together with Deputy Foreign Minister, Director-General of Consular and Legal Department U Nyan Lynn, Director of International Organization and Economic Department U Myat Soe, Head of Branch-1 Daw Myat Thida Aye and Head of Branch-2 U Khin Maung Htay also arrived back on the same flight.

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The ninth day of the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the third day at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this evening.

Tawin Marionette Troupe representing Yangon Division took part in it. Among the enthusiasts were member of the panel of patrons for organizing the competitions Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and wife, Vice-Chairman of the Leading Committee Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Chairman of the Work Committee Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint Hsan, members of the work committee and sub-committees, and maestros.

The contest was supervised by leader of the panel of judges U Ye Dway and members. Yokson Amyint Thabin troupe representing Mon State will participate in the contest tomorrow evening.

Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung enjoys competition of Tawin Marionette Troupe representing Yangon Division in Minkutha Marionette Drama Contest at National Theatre. — MNA

Ma The Nu Aye of Kayin State taking part in basic education level (aged 5-10) girls’ Maha Gita song contest. — MNA

U Yin Oo of Ayeyawady Division participates in amateur level song composing contest. — MNA

Maung Nay Win of Yangon Division seen in competition of basic education level (aged 15-20) boys’ oboe contest. — MNA

Ma Hsu Thet Thazin of Ayeyawady Division competing in basic education level (aged 10-15) girls’ piano contest. — MNA

Mu Hua Thazin of Ayeyawady Division competing in basic education level (aged 10-15) girls’ piano contest. — MNA

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Members of Work Committee for Organizing the Competitions and Sub-committees, maestros, people and tourists enjoyed the competitions.

Chairperson of the panel of judges Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya, Secretary Assistant Engineer Daw May Pyone Khaing and party supervised the singing contest which was held at the multi-functional hall of the National Theatre.

Twelve contestants from States and Divisions participated in the amateur level men’s Maha Gita song contest, and 14 in the basic education level (aged 5-10) girls’ Maha Gita song contest.

At the National Theatre, five men took part in the higher education level men’s piano contest, and 12 contestants in the basic education level (aged 10-15) girls’ piano contest. Competitions of the contestants was supervised by Leader of the panel of judges U Sein Thaung and party.

At Kanbawza Theatre, artistes competed with the works of 16 contestants in the amateur level song composing contest. Chairman of the panel of judges Bogale U Tint Aung and party supervised the contest.

At Padonma Theatre, 11 competitors participated in the amateur level oboe contest, seven in the basic education level (aged 15-20) oboe contest, and one person in the higher education level oboe contest. Leader of the panel of judges U Mya Kyi and party supervised the oboe contest. — MNA

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U Yin Oo of Ayeyawady Division participates in amateur level song composing contest. — MNA

Maung Nay Win of Yangon Division seen in competition of basic education level (aged 15-20) boys’ oboe contest. — MNA

Ma Hsu Thet Thazin of Ayeyawady Division competing in basic education level (aged 10-15) girls’ piano contest. — MNA

Ma Hua Thazin of Ayeyawady Division competing in basic education level (aged 10-15) girls’ piano contest. — MNA
Prime Minister General Soe Win visits Nanning Wuling-Guihua vehicle Co Ltd

YANGON, 22 Oct — During its visit to Nanning, the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the People’s Republic of China, the Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Soe Win paid a study visit to Nanning Wuling-Guihua vehicle Co Ltd on 18 October morning.

General Manager Mr Mowemwiei explained the manufacturing of various models of small vehicles and 12-wheel trailers and mass-production of power-tillers. The company is staffed with 130 technicians and over 1,360 workers and manufactures 140,000 power-tillers and multi-purpose tractors and more than 10,000 light trucks for agricultural purpose. The company also exports its manufactured vehicles.

Next, the Prime Minister and party studied production line at the power-tillers workshop. Chinese officials conducted them round the workshop.

After studying 12-wheel trailers, cars and power-tillers, the Myanmar delegation had a documentary photo taken together with the Chinese officials.

Prime Minister General Soe Win views power-tillers at the workshop of Nanning Wuling-Guihua vehicle Co Ltd in Nanning.— MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win hears facts about power-tillers, vehicles and 12-wheel trailers manufactured by Nanning Wuling-Guihua vehicle Co Ltd in Nanning.— MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win enjoys Nanning traditional music and concert

YANGON, 22 Oct — Prime Minister General Soe Win of the Union of Myanmar on 19 October evening enjoyed Nanning traditional music and concert near Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre to mark the second China-ASEAN Expo.

Also present at the concert were ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials of ASEAN countries and China Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin and officials, officials of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade, guests and local people.

Prime Minister General Soe Win was welcomed at the concert by Chairman of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin and officials. After hoisting the flag to mark the second China-ASEAN Expo, the In-charge of the concert announced to open the Nanning traditional music and concert, followed by a display of fireworks.

Next, Prime Minister General Soe Win enjoyed the entertainment of artists. When the Prime Minister and Myanmar delegates left after the concert, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Lu Bin and officials cordially greeted them. — MNA

Prime Minister General Soe Win enjoys Nanning traditional music and concert near Nanning International Convention & Exhibition Centre in Nanning. — MNA
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Prime Minister General Soe Win concludes visit to Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region

YANGON, 22 Oct — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win and party arrived at Nanning International Airport from Li Yuan Resort at 1:30 pm on 20 October to leave Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region of the People’s Republic of China for Yangon of the Union of Myanmar.

Vice-Chairman of the People’s Congress of the Communist Party of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Pan Qi, Vice-Chairman of the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Mr Wu Heng, Ambassador-designate to the Union of Myanmar Mr Guan Mu and officials, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin and embassy staff and traditional dance troupes bade farewell to Prime Minister General Soe Win and party at the airport.

Before their departure for home, Prime Minister General Soe Win and party posed for documentary photo together with those who saw them off.

The Prime Minister and party left there by special aircraft and arrived back here in the evening.

Also together with the Prime Minister, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Phone Zaw Han, President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and CEC member U Tun Aung who attended the Expo in Nanning arrived back on the same flight.

At 4 pm on 18 October, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha who accompanied the Prime Minister attended the meeting between Chinese Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong and Economic Ministers of ASEAN countries at the Conference Hall of Nanning International Conference Center in Nanning.

Also present on the occasion were Economic Ministers of ASEAN countries and China, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong and officials.

At the meeting, Chinese Vice-President Mr Zeng Qinghong extended greetings. Minister U Soe Tha and Economic Ministers of ASEAN countries discussed more successes achieved in organizing the Second China-ASEAN Expo and the Second China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit as a result of the benefits of the First China-ASEAN Expo and the First China-ASEAN Business and Investment Summit, and matters related to contributing towards China-ASEAN cooperation, economic, investment and commercial sectors.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, who accompanied the Prime Minister, met with Chinese Minister of Commerce Mr Bo Xiali at No 8 Hall of Li Yuan Resort in Nanning on 18 October evening and discussed economic and investment matters.

On 19 October morning, General Manager Mr Yin Yi Min of ZTE Corporation of the People’s Republic of China called on Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha at No 10 Hall of Li Yuan Resort in Nanning.

Similarly, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein met Deputy Director-General Mr Guan Mu of the Ministry of Commerce of China, and Managing Director Mr Huang Baoding of Sino Hydro Corporation Ltd of China at No 10 Hall of Li Yuan Resort on 19 October morning. They discussed commercial matters.

Committees meet on performing arts competitions

YANGON, 22 Oct — The work coordination meeting of the Chairman of the work committee for organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competitions and committee members, subcommittee members and team managers from states and divisions was held at the meeting hall of No 1 Transit Centre (Bayintnaung) this evening, with an address by work committee Chairman No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tin Hsan.

Next, the work committee, subcommittees and team managers discussed sector-wise matters on the competitions, and Col Tin Hsan fulfilled the requirements.

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development project in order to develop the Union and to narrow the development gaps between one region and another. He said the government made appropriate arrangements for the regions that lagged behind in development because of poor transport. In order to bring about better foundations in a short time through better transport, the Union Highways and roads linking major cities and bridges across rivers and creeks are being built, he added.

A lot of bridges and roads were built in the regions like Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and Rakhine State which relied on only waterways in the past. Now people can go by car in no time from one place to another, he said.

He said although Hlinethaya, Dalla, Twantay and Kungyangon are near Yangon, there was transport difficulty. Later, the government has laid down the road and bridge projects for those regions.

Three bridges, namely, Bayintnaung Bridge, Aungzeza Bridge and Shwepyitha Bridge were built to link Yangon and Hlinethaya which was established as an industrial city. Moreover, Bo Myat Tun Bridge and No 5 Highway linking Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions were built. So, the regions on the west bank of Hlaing River have developed rapidly, he added.

The regions in Yangon South District will surely develop like townships in Ayeyawady Division due to the emergence of the bridge which is a gateway to Yangon Division. There will be progress in commodity transport, trading and travelling and Yangon West District will also develop, he said.

The government is building the nation to be a modern developed one and to stand tall among the nations of the world. The economic plans are successful yearly due to the cooperation of departments concerned, social organizations and the people under the leadership of the government. There have been better foundations and prospects, he continued.

With the development of education, health and social conditions, the people can now enjoy the better results of peace and progress. There are better foundations that can promote sustainable development and prospects for emergence of discipline-flourishing democratic nation, the Secretary-1 said.

After taking up the State responsibilities, the Tatmadaw government built the country which had faced general deterioration to stand tall among the nations of the world on self-reliance basis. External elements holding negative views are trying to break up the country and national solidarity with the intention of seizing the power. They are also making trouble for the people and accusations on the country. People can distinguish good and bad, right and wrong and constructive act and destructive act.

The Secretary-1 urged all the people to make continued efforts for emergence of a democratic nation with consolidated and collective force and to make economic progress with greater momentum.

He also urged local people to utilize the bridge and Hlinethaya-Twantay-Dalla Road for regional development and raising of their economic and social life and national development, to boost agricultural
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production, economic and trade forces and to strive for perpetuation of the country and emergence of discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The commander in his speech cited the guidance of the Head of State saying that only when the transport sector is fine, will the region be able to enjoy economic, social and administrative development. And that will help further cement unity among national races in the region. The roads in the region and linking other regions are to be 208 bridges above 180 feet long including Panhlaing Bridge since 1988. Yangon Division has been served with 24 above-180-foot bridges.

On completion of Twantay Bridge, people can directly travel from Yangon City to the townships in Yangon South District, and then to Dedaye, Pyapon, Kyaiklat and Bogale townships in Ayeyawady Division.

He called for maintenance of the facility for its durability. He expressed thanks to Head of State Senior General Than Shwe for permission he granted for the project.

The reinforced concrete type bridge has a 28-foot-wide motorway and two four-foot-wide walkways. It can withstand 60-ton loads. Its clearance area is 75 feet wide and 20 feet high.

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Forecasters urge Britain to prepare for winter freeze

London, 21 Oct—Britain was warned on Wednesday to prepare for its coldest winter in a decade, with icy winds from the east threatening to put a strain on transport and health services.

Consumers were braced for higher energy bills as the Meteorological Office said its latest predictions indicated a colder than average winter for much of Europe, with southern Britain especially likely to suffer plunging temperatures.

“We’ve had a pattern of very mild winters over the last few years so this will come as quite a shock,” said Met Office Chief Meteorologist Ewen McCallum.

The important thing is to give an amber alert to government and to businesses, to the energy industry and to health, to be cautious and plan forward,” he told BBC Radio.

“We are working with the Department of Health and what we’re finding is that admissions to hospital increase dramatically and mortality goes up dramatically in cold weather.”

McCallum said the forecast of a big chill this winter was two-thirds likely to be correct. “We don’t want to cause a scare, this is really just forward planning to make sure that government departments and business utilities have got their act together,” he added.

Wednesday’s warning raised the prospect of energy bills rising as cold weather stretches gas supplies, which are historically tight as North Sea reserves start to run out.

Dropping North Sea output has already helped push bills up sharply this year. Energy regulator Ofgem has warned that some businesses could have their gas cut off if the weather gets extremely cold, though households are unlikely to be hit.

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British police arrest man linked to N Irish loyalism

London, 21 Oct—British police arrested a man in Liverpool on Thursday in connection with loyalist paramilitary groups in Northern Ireland. They said the 43-year-old was being held in Manchester after being detained by officers from the city’s anti-terrorist unit. Police in northwest England have launched several investigations into Irish loyalism. They arrested a man in similar circumstances in Liverpool in July and charged him with the commission, preparation and instigation of acts of terrorism.—MNA/Reuters

San Francisco, 21 Oct—The head of the BALCO lab at the centre of a global sports steroid scandal was sentenced to four months in prison on Tuesday, a punishment the judge said was less significant than drug dealers get in less significant cases.

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MNA/Reuters
Japanese Empress muses on wedding of “Miss Never Mind”

Tokyo, 21 Oct — Japan’s Empress Michiko said on Thursday she would miss support from the daughter nicknamed “Our Miss Never Mind” when she marries and leaves the imperial household next month.

Princess Sayako, 36, the youngest child and only daughter of Emperor Akihito and his wife, is set to marry Yoshiki Kuroda, a Tokyo local government worker, on 15 November, a move that will transform her from an Imperial Highness into an ordinary Japanese citizen. “Sayako was a child who would come over to me serenely and say ‘Never mind’ whenever I was disappointed about a mistake I made or about something that happened unexpectedly,” Michiko said in a written statement issued to mark her 71st birthday. “How fondly we will remember and miss this tender and heartwarming ‘Never mind’ in the days to come,” she said, adding that the phrase had led to Sayako’s nickname.

The Empress, who met her husband-to-be on a tennis court, was the first commoner to marry an heir to the throne and is reported to have suffered a breakdown at least once. Akihito and Michiko plan to breach the customs of what some say is the world’s oldest monarchy once again next month, by attending their daughter’s wedding at a Tokyo hotel. The emperor and empress have historically avoided the weddings of female family members, symbolizing the fact that they no longer have imperial status.

The Empress said she may be lost for words on Sayako’s wedding day. “I would like to tell Sayako just what comes to mind on the morning of the wedding, but like my mother before me, I may not be able to say anything at all,” she wrote. — MNA/Reuters

Heart surgery not a major cause of dementia

New York, 21 Oct — Coronary artery bypass grafting (CABG) is not a major risk factor for either short- or long-term cognitive decline or dementia, according to two reports in the journal Neurology. The widespread assumption that a decline in cognition occurs after CABG is apparently based on studies that did not include comparable control groups.

To rectify this limitation, researchers at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, led by Dr. Guy M. McKhann, prospectively followed patients who had undergone CABG. One hundred forty had conventional bypass surgery, in which the heart is stopped and a heart-lung machine is used to circulate blood during the operation; and 72 patients underwent “off-pump” surgery, in which only a portion of the coronary artery disease scored significantly lower than the healthy controls in all eight cognitive categories.

All four groups exhibited similar degrees of improvement in cognition after three months and 12 months, but those with coronary artery disease remained proportionately lower compared with the healthy controls.

“All, the authors write, “during this 12-month follow-up, there was no statistical evidence of cognitive decline in any of the coronary artery disease groups as compared to each other or the heart-healthy controls.”

The perceived decrements in cognition can therefore be attributed to cognitive impairments as a result of cerebrovascular disease before surgery, they suggest. In the second paper, Dr. D. S. Knopman and colleagues at the Mayo Clinic College of Medicine in Rochester, Minnesota, performed a study that included patients with dementia and healthy controls individually matched by age and gender (557 subjects in each group). — MNA/Reuters

World’s oldest first-time fathers are Italians

Rome, 21 Oct— Italian men become fathers at a later age than any other nationality, and do little or nothing to help their wives once their babies are born, statistics office Istat said on Thursday.

Italian men have their first child at an average age of 33, against less than 31 for fathers in Spain, France and Finland, Istat said.

Part of the problem was that many Italian men lived with their parents for longer than elsewhere in the world, with 40 percent of 30-34 year-old Italian males still staying at home. When they eventually become fathers, Italian women need not expect much help around the house, Istat said, adding that Italian men’s dedication to domestic duties was “non-existent or unsatisfying”.

Istat said men who married at the age of 35 were 80 percent less likely to want a child than those who married at 25, while women were only likely not to want children if they were older than their husbands.

By contrast with the men, Italian women have their first child at an average age of 27, six months before their Finnish counterparts.

MNA/Reuters

Study shows early retirement not linked to longer life

Los Angeles, 21 Oct— Retiring early may give people more time on the golf course or with the grandchildren but it is not associated with longer living, researchers said on Friday.

They found that people who retired at 60 and 65 years old lived to similar ages but those who stopped working at 55, some for health reasons, had higher mortality rates.

“The long-term survival of people who retire at ages 55 or 60 is no better than that of those who retire at 65, especially for those who retire at 55,” said Shan Tsai, an epidemiologist with the Shell Oil Company in Houston, Texas, in a report published online by the British Medical Journal.

The researchers studied 3,500 employees at the company’s Texas plant who retired at 55, 60 or 65. They monitored their health for 26 years to see if people who stopped working early lived longer.

“On the contrary, mortality improved with increasing age at retirement for people from both high and low economic groups,” Tsai added.

Deaths were nearly twice as high in the first 10 years after retirement for people who left work at 55 years old compared those who worked longer.

The findings confirm the results of earlier research. — MNA/Reuters

An Indochinese tiger is seen at the national zoo in Kuala Lumpur recently. The World Wide Fund for Nature Malaysia demanded heavier punishments for illegal hunters of endangered animals after a court fined a man less than 1,900 dollars for possessing a tiger carcass. —INTERNET

Mazda Motor Corp President and Chief Executive Officer Hisakazu Imaki poses with the company’s concept car ‘Senku’ at a press preview of the Tokyo Motor Show at Makuhari Messe in Chiba, east of Tokyo, 19 October, 2005. The four-seater sports car is equipped with a 13B-DI direct injection gasoline rotary engine and a hybrid unit. The vehicle is on display as the debate over clean car technology picks up pace. —INTERNET
Alcoyano draw Atletico Madrid in King’s Cup

MADRID, 22 Oct— Third Division giantkillers Alcoyano, who knocked out Primera Liga side Real Mallorca in the previous round, have drawn Atletico Madrid in the fourth round of the King’s Cup.

Alcoyano, from just outside Alicante on Spain’s east coast, stunned the 2003 Cup winners 4-1 on Thursday, and were one of five Third Division sides to make Friday’s draw along with Baza, Burgos, Hospitalet and Zamora.

Alcoyano will fancy their chances against an inconsistent Atletico, who were less than impressive in overcoming Third Division Las Palmas 1-0.

Former Chelsea striker Mateja Kezman rescued Atletico with a goal four minutes from time.

Burgos have drawn Cadiz, after they edged out Racing Santander 1-0, and Baza, who beat Malaga on penalties, will play the Primera Liga’s fourth-placed club Celta Vigo.

Zamora, who came from 2-0 down to overcome Second Division Gimnastic 4-3 with an injury-time winner, have drawn the 23-times Cup winners Athletic Bilbao.

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Primera Liga’s fourth-placed club Getafe will play Second Division Lleida.

The one-off games are to be played on November 9.

With sides players called up for international duty the following weekend can ask to have their game moved to November 30. The nine Primera Liga sides who have competed in Europe this year do not join the competition until the next round in January.

MNA/Reuters

Schalke captain Sand breaks nose again

FRANKFURT, 22 Oct— Schalke 04 captain Ebbe Sand has had surgery after breaking his nose for the third time in six years.

The Danish forward suffered the injury in Schalke’s Champions League game away to Fenerbahce on Wednesday and had an operation back in Germany the following day.

He will miss Saturday’s Bundesliga game against VfL Wolfsburg but could be back in training in a mask as early as next week, the club said.

MNA/Reuters

Wenger remains fearful of losing Henry

LONDON, 22 Oct— Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger says he is still scared his side could lose fellow Frenchman Thierry Henry.

The international striker is contracted to the English Premier League club until 2007, but Arsenal want him to extend his deal as soon as possible.

Wenger gave Henry his first opportunity in football by handing him his debut at Monaco when he was 17.

The Arsenal manager is proud of what Henry has gone on to achieve, particularly following his club record breaking 186th goal during the week.

“Henry is always quite sore after games,” the manager said.

MNA/Reuters

Liverpool agree deal for Chilean winger Gonzalez

LIVERPOOL (England), 22 Oct— Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez says the European champions have agreed a deal to bring Chilean winger Mark Gonzalez to Anfield.

Liverpool were refused a work permit for Gonzalez, who is recovering from a cruciate ligament injury suffered in May, when they tried to sign him on loan from Albacete in August.

Now Liverpool have agreed a permanent deal with the Spanish club, pending a work permit or Gonzalez’s moves to obtain a Spanish passport.

“We are working on getting him here as quickly as possible,” Benitez told reporters on Friday.

MNA/Reuters

Betis promise revenge against Chelsea in Seville

MADRID, 22 Oct— Real Betis believe they can beat Chelsea when the English side that crushed them 4-0 in the Champions League this week travel to Seville next month.

“When they come to Seville it will be no bed of roses for them,” Betis winger Joaquin told sports daily Marca on Friday.

MNA/Reuters

Beckham receiving injections for back pain

MADRID, 22 Oct— Real Madrid midfielder David Beckham has been receiving anti-inflammatory injections before and after games because of back pain.

“Beckham is a key factor in Real’s recent return to form. They have won six consecutive games in all competitions and are now top of Spain’s Primera Liga. —MNA/Reuters

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MNA/Reuters

Detroit Red Wings’ Brendan Shanahan tries to get position between Anaheim Mighty Ducks goalie Ilya Bryzgalov (30) and Vitaly Vishnevskiy (5), both of Russia, in the third period in Detroit, on 21 Oct, 2005.—INTERNET
Mother accused of dumping children in California bay

SAN FRANCISCO, 22 Oct — A woman accused of dumping her three small children off a fishing pier to their deaths was in jail on Thursday as dozens of rescue workers searched the San Francisco Bay for two bodies still missing.

Lashaul Harris, 23, was charged on Wednesday with killing her children near one of San Francisco’s most popular tourist areas. The children were ages 6, 2, and six months.

Police received a 911 emergency call from a passerby who saw a woman take off the children’s clothing and throw them from the end of the pier late Wednesday afternoon. Harris was arrested soon after.

“These are senseless inexplicable things that are beyond the pale of imagination,” San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom told reporters at the waterfront where the crime occurred. “It makes you, frankly, sick to your stomach to think you live in a society where things like this could have happened.”

As he spoke, divers in wetsuits, assisted by a red Fire Department tug boat and a jet ski, scoured the murky green waters to search for two of the bodies. Authorities say they found the body of a 2-year-old boy about two miles away on Wednesday evening. A Coast Guard official said that people would typically die after about 2-1/2 hours in the bay’s 55-degree (13-degree Celsius) water. “It is my intent to find the two bodies however long it takes,” Newsom said.

Daw Khin Khin Thein of 19/35 of Bo Min Yaung Road in Dagon Myothit Township (North) presents K 100,000 in commemoration of her 80th birthday to Joint-Secretary U Thein Aung of Hluttaw Kaba (Aged recently.) — u

U Ye Win, 280/B, Oakka 1st Road, Ward 107, Dagon Myothit (South), donates blood for the 68th time at Yangon General Hospital in honour of 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions on 21 October. — u

WEATHER

Saturday, 22 October, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunderstorms have been isolated in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawkhong (1.77) inch, Homalin (0.83) inch and Kyankwin (0.59) inch.

Maximum temperature on 21-10-2005 was 95°F. Minimum temperature on 22-10-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 22-10-2005 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 21-10-2005 was (8.1) hours approx. Rainfalls on 22-10-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (97.40) inches at Mingaladon, (97.44) inches at Kaba-Aye and (101.85) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southeast at (14:30) hours MST on 21-10-2005.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday’s low pressure area over the West Central Bay and adjoining Southwest Bay still persists. Weather is partly cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 23-10-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kayin, Mon States and Tanintharyi Division, scattered in Kachin and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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 23-10-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).


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Age (87)

Daughter of Mr and Mrs Megraith, daughter-in-law of U.E.Cho and Daw E Cho wife of Lt-Col Zeya KyawThin, Thiri Pyanchu Pe Cho Air Force (Retd.), mother of Khin Maung Cho (Ronald) Nyunt Nyunt Khin, grandmother of Sann Sann Kyaw-Neville Dow, Khin Myat Cho-Dr Han Thura, Khin Latt Cho, Maung Myo Kyaw, Maung Win Kyaw, great grandmother of Zara and Linn Myat passed away peacefully on 21-10-2005. Funeral service will be held at 1:30 pm 23-10-2005 at St. Augustine’s Church, Inya Road, Yangon, thereafter cortege will leave for burial at Ye Way Cemetery at 15.00 pm same day.

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YANGON, 22 Oct — The inauguration of Panhlaing Bridge was held in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

The 1,940 feet bridge was built by bridge construction special group-2 of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction and it links Hlinethaya Township and Dalla Township.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Central Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the attorney-general, the Yangon Mayor, the deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, local authorities, assistant engineer and officials of bridge construction special group-2, members of social organizations, local people and guests.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address. He said the government was glad to see the emergence of Panhlaing Bridge that brings about better transport along Hlinethaya-Twantay-Dalla Road. The bridge benefits the people living in the nearby regions.

The bridge is the 208th one which is 180 feet and above long built in the time of the Tatmadaw government. The 3,570 feet long Twantay suspension bridge is being built across Twantay Canal. On completion of these bridges, people can travel easily by car from Yangon to Twantay, Dedaye, Pyapon, Kyaiklat, Maubin, Nyaungdon and Bogalay through the bridges. It is a new route to Ayeyawady Division. Opening the new route will surely bring about better social and economic results for Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and the whole country.

He said the government is making continued efforts for equal development of all parts of the Union and improvement of economic life of the people with unity, peace and the lofty aims of raising the living standard of the people. He said the government has set the goal to enable the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast with the development of other nations. Realizing the fact of the nature and historical lessons that stronger persons usually have influence on weaker ones, the government is striving for progress of the nation and its people with the firm determination to build the own national force and to be free from influence of others.

He also said the government is systematically implementing border area development project, special development region project and rural development project (See page 10).

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