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India, Iran ready to leave behind IAEA vote issue

**Moscow, 28 Oct —** India and Iran have agreed that “minor” differences on Tehran’s nuclear programme should not come in the way of their long-term relationship.

During the 50-minute meeting between External Affairs Minister K. Narayana Singh and Iranian Vice-President  Perviz Davoodi here Wednesday night, on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organiz- ation (SCO) meeting, both leaders are understood to have agreed that any “tacti- cal move” by the two sides,  ahead of the IAEA vote next month should not have any negative impact on bilateral ties. It was reiterated that relatively minor differences at any point of time should not be allowed to stand in the  way of the long-term vision of new political and economic ties. Between India and Iran, both sides agreed to  support the IAEA resolution against Iran’s nuclear programme last month had led to his resignation in  administration’s demanded that such one-off decisions would not hamper the bilateral ties.

Tehran had later clarified that such one-off decisions would not lead to any negative impact on bilateral ties. It was reiterated that relatively minor differences at any point of time should not be allowed to stand in the way of the long-term relationship.

**Democrats say White House deception on Iraq exposed**

**Washington, 28 Oct —** Leaders of the opposition Democratic Party said that federal charges against a top White House aide reveal US President George W. Bush’s administration had employed disloyal and dishonest tactics to make its case for going to war against Iraq. Calling it a “sad day” for the United States, the leader of the Democratic Party in the House of Representatives, Nancy Pelosi, said: “At the heart of these indictments was the effort by the Bush administration to discredit the IAEA and the United Nations Security Council.”

A federal grand jury, 17 November arrested Lewis Scooter Libby, chief of staff to Vice President Dick Cheney, for allegedly “lying” repeatedly to investigators looking into the leaked identity of a CIA agent. Libby, 56, immediately quit his post in Cheney’s office after he was charged with one count of obstruction of justice, two counts of perjury and two counts of making false statements. “This case is bigger than the leak of highly classified information,” said Senator Harry Reid, leader of the Democratic minority in the Senate. “It is about how the Bush White House man- aged and manipulated intelligence in order to bolster its case for the war in Iraq and to discredit the UN.”

**Diabetes affects 21 million Americans**

**Washington, 28 Oct —** Incurred huge economic burden to the US society, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Wednesday.

The number represents 7 per cent of the American population, and 8 per cent of people more than 6 million do not know they have the disease, which is the fifth leading killer in the United States, the CDC said.

The number is estimated at 2.6 million new cases since 2002. “Another 41 million people are estimated to have pre-diabetes, a condition that increases the risk of developing type 2 diabetes — the most common form of the disease — as well as heart disease and stroke,” said CDC statement.

**Earthquake kills one and injures another in south China**

**Nanning, 28 Oct —** One senior man in his 60s was killed and another man was injured in an earthquake in Pingguo County, Nanning City of south China’s Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region.

The earthquake measured 4.4 on the Richter Scale on Thursday evening struck Haining Township in Pingguo County, with the epicentre being situated at 23.60 north Latitude and 107.50 east Longitude, according to the Chinese Seismo- logic Observation Network. The tremor was also felt in a number of other areas in Guangxi, in- cluding Nanning, the regional capital.

**A Syrian border soldier stands guard at the Syrian-Iraqi border of Abu Kamal, on 28 Oct, 2005, about 600 km (373 miles) northwest of Damascus, Syria.**
Six dead, dozen feared trapped in Philippine mine

MOUNT DIWALI, Philippines, 28 Oct — The death toll from a cave-in at a gold mine in the southern Philippines rose to six on Friday when a body was pulled out from a second tunnel where toxic fumes had spread, officials said.

Rescue teams found a dead miner in a tunnel adjacent to one that had caved in after an explosion two days ago, Village chief Francisco Tito told reporters, adding that efforts continued to disperse poisonous gas.

Five bodies and 11 injured miners had been pulled out on Wednesday night.

Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle of the regional civil defence office said 12 people remained trapped, correcting an earlier report that an estimated 100 miners were still inside the collapsed Sunshine tunnel, at Mount Diwalwal on the island of Mindanao.

Environment Secretary Edilberto Arreza, regional director of the Mines and Geosciences Bureau, said 11 people were trapped.

"We're not sure if we can still find survivors inside. We may undertake a retrieval, not a rescue operation," Arreza said.

Mining and Management Corp., a small firm operating the collapsed tunnel, said the collapsed section was about 730 metres (810 yards) from the tunnel entrance, with a mudslide that could take two days to clear the debris and reach the trapped people.

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A body was retrieved from the second tunnel on Wednesday. Another five police and 12 members of the National Police were killed in the gunfight.

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It was over 2,500 years ago that the Buddha, while staying at Ghositayon monastery in Kosambi went to the forest in the east to teach the monks who instead of living in unity were quarrelling one among them.

In the bamboo forest lived three monks — Asin Anuruddha, Ashin Nandiya and Ashin Kimila — with Asin Anuruddha as the leading monk.

Ashin Anuruddha first saw the Buddha coming. But rather than welcoming the Buddha alone, he called his fellow monks to welcome the Buddha together with him. Because he knew that three of them were living in unity so they should do everything in unity.

The Buddha asked them whether they had unity among themselves. The three monks replied, “We see no evil, but only loving-kindness among ourselves. We are always in unity and have no disputes. We are indivisible.”

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YANGON, 29 Oct—The 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions continued for the 16th day at the designated places here today.

Among the audience, including tourists were members of the Panel of Patrons for Organiser the Competitions Minister for Culture Mon Myo Min Tun, Maj-Gen Kyin Maung and Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Maj-Gen Maung Maung Aung.

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In doing so, modern teaching and learning aids are being supplied to schools in accordance with their levels. Wellwishers from the respective localities, on their part, are also extending a helping hand to these endeavours. Teachers are also training their pupils how to effectively use the teaching and learning aids.

In Myanmar, human resource development through the education sector is introduced as national duty and emphasis is being placed on it and thus success is achieved every year. With the successful implementation of long-term and short-term education promotion programmes, opportunities have been opened up for every student. With the aim of building a stable, firm and all-round developed national structure, nurturing today’s youth and turning out intellects and intellectuals who are able to keep abreast of international community, modern teaching and learning centres have been built throughout the country.

The table shows the development in the basic education sector in the time of the Tatmadaw government.

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THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR  Sunday, 30 October, 2005

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye welcomes Indian Chief of Army Staff and goodwill delegation members

When the plane carrying the Indian Chief of the Army Staff and wife and party arrived at the airport at 9.05 am, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party welcomed the Indian goodwill delegation.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and the Indian Chief of the Army Staff went to the dais at the lounge of the airport and took the salute of the Guard of Honour.

Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and the Indian Chief of the Army Staff inspected the Guard of Honour. General JJ Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC cordially greeted Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party.

After that, the goodwill delegation led by the Indian Chief of the Army Staff and wife proceeded to the State House. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San host dinner in honour of Indian Chief of Army Staff and party

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Also present at the dinner were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Assistant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein and wife Daw Khin Khin Win, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Bo and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Than, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hnin and their wives, Chief of Military Affairs Security Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Indian Ambassador Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra, Military Attaché Col Jasvinder Singh Chopra and wife and officials.

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Prime Minister General Soe Win receives Lao PDR Deputy Prime Minister

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Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Tin Oo, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and officials.

With the use of Myanmar character…

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A 17-member Working Committee for computerized Myanmar character system was formed, he said.

Launching of Myanmar character system in computer is one of the efforts of the project.

Officials of Mandalay MICT Park and IT companies in Yangon reported on attempts for IT development and cooperation.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw reported on measures undertaken for development of IT and future plan.

Prime Minister General Soe Win said according to reports, the tasks of Myanmar Info-Tech are successful and launching (See page 10)
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(from page 9) of computerized Myanmar character system is an obvious fact. With the use of Myanmar character system in computer programme, most of the public can use the computers more extensively, allowing them to improve their knowledge as well as social standards, he said.

The launch of computerized Myanmar character software will help the people not only in urban but also in rural areas to use the computer extensively, and it will serve the interests of the country.

The Prime Minister commended Myanmar technicians for their efforts with genuine goodwill, and he said he believed they would make more innovations in future in the interests of the State. Their cooperation should be made between privates and between privates and government bodies in ensuring the development of IT. They should also cooperate in improving IT and generating more income through the advent of the system.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party visited computer access and IT systems displayed by IT companies at Myanmar Info-Technology Hall.

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The proposals reported by the respective delegations were submitted to the previous NC regarding the division of executive and judicial powers had been discussed.

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The chairman called on the members of the Commission, Work Committee, Management Committee and respective subcommittees to take measures in concert for ensuring accomplishment of their tasks.

The Commission secretary reported on programs for inviting the delegations to the NC and financial allocations.

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They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife, U Tun Win, Ambassador of Myanmar to Laos PDR, Lao information minister, Mayor Chanthavy Somsavat Lengsavad and wife, U Tin Win and wife, U Tun Win and wife, Lao representatives, delegates of State service personnel and other invited persons.

The chairman delivered concluding remarks.

After the meeting, the Secretary-1 inspected Peace Tower in Phaya Yeung San Camp and gave instructions on re- and building the building.

The eight groups—delegates of political parties, representatives elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, delegates of intellectuals, and delegates of State service personnel and other invited persons will attend the next NC.

To whom it may concern

* Human you won't know
  * Be sensible, apply reason
  * Of same humankind, put in stockade
  * Use scaring tactics, using both dog and hunter
  * Like driving down shooting range, striving
  * What you're doing, is surely
  * Driving down shooting range, striving
  * Always doing good toward humankind
  * This will truly happen
  * Without the multitudes feeling01 deterrent
  * With dear and goodness
  * You will surely behave to be honoured.

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This was attended on the Myanmar side by Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win and senior officials. In the evening, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Kha Din and wife hosted a dinner in honour of the Lao delegation.

The opening ceremony of the 7th Meeting of the Myanmar-Lao PDR Joint Committee for Bilateral Cooperation was held at Mandalay Hill Resort Hotel on 27 October. The meeting was attended on the Myanmar side by Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win and senior officials from ministries concerned and on the Laos side by Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Affairs Minister Mr Sommarat Lengsavad and delegation members.

The meeting came to a close and the two leaders signed agreements of the meeting.

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Wife of Indian Chief of Army Staff visits MMCWA, Early Childhood Development Centre

YANGON, 29 Oct — Mrs Anupama Singh, wife of Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC, and party, accompanied by Daw Swe Nwe Win, wife of Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence, and officials, arrived at Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Headquarters at the corner of Thanthuma and Parami Roads in South Okkalapa Township this afternoon.

The guests were welcomed there by President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC members.

President Daw Khin Khin Win and Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha explained the aims and functions of the association.

The wife of the Indian Chief of the Army Staff donated cash to the funds of the association.

President Daw Khin Khin Win gave souvenirs to the guests. Afterwards, the guests viewed round documentary photos on activities of MMCWA and they the Early Childhood Development Centre.

Indian General and party visit Memorial to Fallen Heroes, Myanma Gems Museum

YANGON, 29 Oct — Accompanied by Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence, visiting Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC and goodwill delegation members arrived at Memorial to Fallen Heroes on Arzarni Road in Bahan Township this evening.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of the Memorial to Fallen Heroes Maintenance Group Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint and officials.

The Indian Chief of the Army Staff laid a flower basket to pay tribute to the fallen heroes and viewed there.

On arrival at Myanma Gems Museum, the Indian guests were welcomed by Deputy Director U Kyaw Win and officials of the museum. The guests toured the museum.

Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC and goodwill delegation members paying tribute to fallen heroes.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife...

(from page 8) Before and during the dinner, artistes of Fine Arts Department entertained the guests with songs. After the dinner, General JJ Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC and Mrs Anupama Singh presented the flower basket to the artistes and later, they posed for the documentary photo.

President Daw Khin Khin Win presents a souvenir to Mrs Anupama Singh, wife of the Indian Chief of the Army Staff.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC at Zeyathiri Beikman. (News on page 1.)
India's economic growth likely to surpass 7% this year

New Delhi, 28 Oct— Forecasting an economic growth of over 7 per cent this fiscal, India’s Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Friday said the slump in agriculture growth was affecting the overall GDP growth and asked farm scientists to help in ushering in the second green revolution.

"We grow at almost 7 per cent last year and this year, we expect growth to be in excess of 7 per cent. However, this is based on a growth in agriculture of less than one per cent," Singh said while inaugurating the first National Conference on Krishi Vigyan Kendras. Stating that agriculture contributes to 22 per cent of India's GDP, the Prime Minister said the agricultural and extension research system is playing a pivotal role in the country's first green revolution. "We have to achieve our ambitions of growing at a rapid pace of over 8 per cent per annum. We must aim at agricultural growth rate of over 4 per cent per year," Singh said. "Unfortunately this has not been so in the recent past with average agricultural growth rate of just 1.5 per cent in the three years of the tenth five year plan," Singh said.

Stating that the country required a second green revolution, Singh said the agricultural scientists would have to work towards providing the benefits of advanced research and training to all farmers.

He said the Indian Council of Agricultural Research has already established 92 KVs so far.

S African luxury train crash injures dozens

Johannesburg, 28 Oct—Dozens of passengers, including two Japanese tourists, were injured when South Africa’s luxury Blue Train smacked head-on into another train overnight, police said on Thursday.

The accident involving the Blue Train, which transports wealthy tourists between Pretoria and Cape Town, occurred near Doorn, a small town in the southeastern Karoo region.

Police said no one was killed. Local radio reported five people were seriously injured another 30 were injured.

"It was a head-on collision between the two trains. We have one South African killed 30 passengers and five staff on the Blue Train were seriously injured," said police spokesman Station Sergeant Matthew Makhubu.

Flood fatalities in central Vietnam rise to 24

Hanoi, 28 Oct—Flood deaths in a central Vietnamese region since last weekend, a local official told Xinhua on Thursday.

Hoang Xuan Province has suffered the highest human loss with 12, and followed by provinces of Quang Ngai, Quang Nam. Khanh Hoa and Phu Yen, a deputy head of the Flood and Storm Control Bureau in charge of the central region, under the Central Region Flood and Storm Control Committee.

The floods, sparked by torrential rains, have also submerged several thousands of houses, more than 500,000 hectares of farmland, livestock and subsidiary crops, and damaged many roads, dykes and irrigation works in the region, he said—Xinhua

Expressway pileup kills one in E China province

Nanjing, 28 Oct— One car driver was confirmed dead and another person was seriously injured in a road pileup accident that happened Wednesday morning in east China's Jiangsu Province, local police sources said on Thursday.

Between 7:45 and 8:16, Wednesday morning, 23 motor vehicles piled up on the fog-blanketed expressway from the provincial capital of Nanjing to Zhenjiang, 200 km (124 miles) north-west of Shanghai, on 25 Oct, 2005.

Five people were killed.

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**Russian booster blasts off with nine satellites**

**Moscow, 20 Oct—** A Russian Kosmos-3M booster rocket blasted off from the Plesetsk cosmodrome in the north of Russia on Thursday, to put into orbit nine satellites, including one each from Russia and China.

The launch includes Russia’s Michaylo-3 and Iran’s first remote probing satellites Mozhab and Sinsh-1, the ITAR-TASS news agency quoted officials at the launch pad as saying.

“The satellites have to reach perigee in about half an hour. The Russian unit will be the last to separate from the booster,” said the official.

Iran’s Mozhayets-5 booster, of the same type as the one damaged by Hurricane Mozhayets-5, satel- 

**US survey shows disease no deterrence for some smokers**

**Washington, 28 Oct—** Nearly half of Americans who suffered from emphysema in 2003 still smoked in spite of the debilitating chronic illness associated with cigarette smoking, according to a federal health care survey released this week.

While 43 per cent of the smokers who did have a routine check-up were advised by their physician to stop smoking, up from 37 per cent in 2000, the survey said.

The survey results are based on health care information collected from a sample of US households.

**Brazil to build 5 rockets by 2022**

**Brazil, 28 Oct—** The Brazilian Government said on Wednesday it will spend 700 million US dollars building five rockets to launch satellites into space by 2022.

The plan, known as the Southern Cross, takes its name from the southern constellation that is made up of five stars.

The first launcher, called Alphon will be an improved version of the VSLS-rocket, which Brazil has been using since 1980. The development programme was suspended in August 2003 following the explosion of a VSLS-rocket that killed 21 engineers and technicians.

Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva signed a cooperation agreement in Moscow last week, under which Brazil and Russia will work together on the Alphon programme. The structure of the other four rockets has yet to be determined.

**Vietnam’s handicraft export rises in first 10 months**

**Hanoi, 28 Oct—** Vietnam has so far this year exported 459 million US dollars worth of handicrafts, up 11.2 per cent against the same period last year, the Trade Ministry said Thursday.

To realize this year’s target of 500 million dollars, the ministry is calling for local producers to diversify their products.

The market for handicrafts is expected to grow in the US, which is Vietnam’s biggest market.

**Vietnam to develop more computer games**

**Hanoi, 28 Oct—** Vietnam is facilitating protection of games played on computers or other electronic equipment like mobile phones, targeting game revenues for 250 million US dollars in 2010, according to the Vietnamese Software Association (Vinasa).

By 2010, Vietnam will have some 80 local game producers with around 3,000 game programmers. More and more Vietnamese games, especially online games are being developed,” Vinasa Chairman Truong Gia Binh said.

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**SPORTS**

**Third consecutive home draw for Ajax**

**AMSTERDAM, 29 Oct—** Ajax Amsterdam were held to a goalless draw by Trabzonspor, who came off in the first half with a hamstring injury. Ajax remain fifth in the Dutch league with 21 points and are likely to miss Tunisian Hamdi Ait Saidi. His condition worsened significantly on Wednesday morning, when he was said to be in intensive care. His consultant said he would remain on an "airway" and that he was breathing on his own.

**Hospitals in west London**

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**City announce new $26.7m share issue**

**GLASGOW, 29 Oct—** Celtic are launching a new 15-million-pound (28.75-million-US-dollar) share issue to boost their youth and training complex.

**Soccer legend George Best**

**Best “very seriously ill”**

**LONDON, 29 Oct—** Football legend George Best remains “very seriously ill” despite the easing of internal bleeding he has been suffering, his consultant said on Thursday. "Quite what will happen over the next 24 hours is difficult to say," Professor Roger Williams said. "The next 24 hours will be very crucial for him." Williams added: "The Manchester United and Northern Ireland footballer, who is 59, is said to be in intensive care. Best suffered a liver transplant in 2002. His condition worsened significantly on Wednesday morning, when he was admitted to the hospital. His consultant said he would remain on an "airway" and that he was breathing on his own."

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**Crossword Puzzle**

**ACROSS**

1. Girl’s name
2. Uniform
3. Fielding position (4,3)
4. Pickle
5. As good as secured
6. Exact
7. Crooked
8. Hint
9. Relation
10. Prickle
11. Exact
12. On the half hour through Serhat Akin who scored his third goal in two games.**

**DOWN**

1. Cat-like
2. Top
3. 3 not out
4. 2 Tolars
5. 3+2.3.3
6. Strong feeling
7. Pulled jerkily
8. Wide open
9. 15 Wind instrument
10. 13 Chew
11. 20 Small fish
12. 21 Fruits
13. 20 Admitted
14. 23 Make amends
15. 27 Repeat performance
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Top Cheney aide indicted in CIA leak probe

WASHINGTON, 29 Oct—In a damaging blow to a beleaguered White House, Vice-President Dick Cheney’s Chief of Staff, Lewis Libby, was indicted on Friday for obstructing justice, perjury and lying after a two-year investigation into the leak of a covert CIA operative’s identity.

Libby resigned his White House post and faces up to 30 years in prison in a case that has put a spotlight on how the administration told the nation on the war in Iraq and countered its critics.

Cheney said Libby would “fight the charges brought against him.” Libby predicted, “At the end of this process it will be completely and totally exonerated.”

President George W. Bush’s top political adviser, Karl Rove, was not indicted along with Libby, but special counsel Patrick Fitzgerald has made clear to Rove he remains under investigation and in legal jeopardy, lawyers said. “It’s not over,” Fitzgerald told a news conference.

Bush said the investigation and legal proceedings were not and now the process moves to a new phase.

Reggie Walton, the federal judge chosen to handle Libby’s case, was appointed by Bush to the court. An arrangement for Libby to enter a plea has yet to be scheduled.

Libby’s indictment raises the specter of a politically damaging criminal trial. Lawyers involved in the leak case said Cheney himself and other top White House officials can expect to be called as witnesses.

Donate Blood

Miss Traditional contestant Michelle Palma from the Central Highlands Province sets as a headress is fitted on her before she performs in the contest held in the Papua New Guinean capital city of Port Moresby on 29 October, 2005. The competition, which raised funds for a local charity, involves contestants wearing their Province’s traditional attire, including tattoo designs, and a performance of dancing and singing which concludes with a speech explaining these traditions.—Liam

WEATHER

Summary of observations recorded at 09-30 hours MST. During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Yangon Division, Kayin and Mon States. Rain or thunderstorms have been isolated in Kayah State. Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions, scattered in Kachin State, upper Sagon and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Bafinme State, Mon-dalay and Magway Divisions. The attributable amounts of rainfall recorded were Pekokk (4.72) inches, Sittwe (3.31) inches, Haka and Meikhtila (2.13) inches each, Nyangsh (1.61) inches, Toogyi (1.50) inches, Maungdaw (1.42) inches, Kyaungyi (1.10) inches, Kengtung (1.06) inches, Mymingyi (1.02) inches, Sagon (0.86) inch and Kakyi and Kalyawa (0.75) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 28-10-2005 was 89°F. Relative humidity at 08:30 hrs MST on 29-10-2005 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 28-10-2005 was (87) hours approx. Rainfalls on 29-10-2005 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaby-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-10-2005 were: (100.12) inches at Mingaladon, (100.18) inches at Kaba-Aye and (104.80) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (7) mph from Southeast at (18:30) hours MST on 28-10-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the West Central Bay and Southwest Bay and partly to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 30-10-2005: Rain or thunderstorms will be isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Kachin, Mon and Kayin States, Sagaing, Magway, Ayeyawady, Bago and Tanintharyi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (90%). State of the sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Outlook: For subsequent two days: Rain or thunderstorms are likely in the Southern Myanmar areas. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-10-2005: Isolated rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (85%). Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-10-2005: Isolated rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (85%).

New Rainfall Record

The amount of rainfall 120.4 mm (4.72 inches) observed at 09:30 hours MST on 29th October 2005 in Pekokk is the 24 hours new maximum rainfall record of the station for the month of October during last 5 years. The former record was 60 mm (2.40 inches) on 15th October 2003.

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