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

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

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

Thanks to the Government’s assistance and the public trust, Myanmar traditional medicine is on the rise again. Practitioners urged to collectively strive for required standard of traditional medicine and be free from all harmful ingredients.

YANGON, 2 Nov — The following is a translation of message of the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sent to the Sixth Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference held at the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street here today.

I am pleased to honour the flourishing of a fine practice of Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners gathering with love and unity at the annually-held Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference, and discussing and sharing knowledge among themselves having one mind about perpetuation and continued progress of traditional medicine.

A true Myanmar cultural heritage, our traditional medicine has flourished alongside our geographical conditions, traditions and culture and Myanmar visions, through cohesion and interaction.

Myanmar traditional medicine has been standing as a prestigious branch of science till now as the successive practitioners have striven for its flourishing as a pure medical science covering a variety of difficult and delicate subjects, effective therapies and potent drugs, while preserving and handing down the genuine heritage from generation to generation, with much respect and esteem.

It is the potency of the traditional medicines that has made Myanmar people strong and efficient in physical and intellectual strength and enjoy longevity till now since the early period of Myanmar history, during which no western medicine had arrived in the country yet.

(See page 2)

State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe receives Indian Chief of the Army Staff

YANGON, 2 Nov — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-In-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe received Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC and party this morning at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyintha, here. Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman (See page 8)
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17th National Sports Meet for Disabled from 12 to 18 Nov

YANGON, 2 Nov — The 17th National Sports Meet for Disabled will be held at Aung San Stadium, here, from 12 to 18 November.

The schedule for the sports meet has been announced. The track & field event will be held on 12 November morning, the opening ceremony and the track & field event on 13 November morning, and the volleyball and ball event and the sport events for those who have low IQ on 16 November at Aung San Stadium. The swimming event will be organized at National Swimming Pool and the table tennis event at the Myanmar Table Tennis Federation Office on 16 November. Likewise, the badminton event will be held at Badminton Gymnasium on 17 Nov on Kyongyi Street. On 18 Nov, the golf tournament will take place at Okkalapa Golf Course.

Medical check-up will be conducted and competitor identity cards will be issued from 7 to 11 Nov. Any disabled person from States and Divisions, ministries, and private organizations wishing to take part in the sports meet may contact the Myanmar Sports Federation or the Myanmar Table Tennis Federation or the Myanmar Badminton Federation or the Myanmar Table Tennis Federation or the Myanmar Badminton Federation.

UMFCCI officials leave for Thailand, China

YANGON, 2 Nov — Vice-Presidents U Win Aung and U Zaw Min Win and CEC member U Moe Kyaw of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry left here by air yesterday evening to take part as ACMECS Business Council members from the private sector in the ACMECS Summit to be held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 1 to 3 November 2005. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by General Secretary of UMFCCI U Win Hlaing and officials.

Likewise, Joint-Secretary U Tun Aung, U Soe Myint of UMFCCI left here by air this morning to attend the Seminar on Modern Logistics and Investment of Special Economic Zones in the Region to be held in Yunnan Province of the People’s Republic of China. — MNA

Preserve national cultural heritage and keep nationalistic fervour alive

Over 2,000 years ago, Myanmars were civilized to a degree of setting up advanced city states of that time. Myanmars had all kinds of performing arts and were the people nurturing and developing variety of branches of delicate and profound artistic knowledge and skills in the very early period.

We have held Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions every year since 1993 with the purpose of preserving and upholding the cultural traits, practices, values and qualifications, and handing down the heritage of ancient Myanmars to future generations.

The traditional performances are popular among all age groups in Myanmar and are now being endeavored by the young generation as well. This is an attempt to invigorate tradition through the doors of politics, economic and cultural activities and the world is trying to preserve and promote their fine traditions, national character and cultural heritage.

Nowadays, some nations, making use of the state-of-the-art communications and technologies, are attempting to ideologically and culturally dominate the youth of the country through the doorways of politics, economy and culture. This is being the case, Myanmar traditional cultural performing arts competitions are held every year to guard Myanmar youths against alien ideology and culture and to invigorate their nationalistic fervour, patriotic spirit and Union Spirit.

We would like to call the entire national people, including artists, to prevent the penetration of alien culture by preserving the cultural heritage of our own and keeping our nationalistic fervour alive.
China, Russia hold meeting on education, cultural cooperation

BEIJING, 1 Nov — China and Russia will make conscientious efforts to hold the scheduled “Russia Year” in China in 2006 and “China Year” in Russia in 2007, said senior officials of both sides here on Monday.

During the Sixth Session of the China-Russia Cooperation Committee on Education, Culture, Health and Sports co-chaired by Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhilin and visiting Russian Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zhukov, the two sides agreed to further increase cooperation in various fields.

Chen said that China and Russia have increased political mutual trust, and Sino-Russian cooperation has progressed into a new phase. “The two nations should further promote cooperation to achieve common development with mutual benefits and to make contributions to world peace,” said Chen, noting that the committee would play a more vital role in the future in strengthening understanding between the people of the two countries and cementing Sino-Russia relations.

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Zhukov said the two sides should continue to enhance their efforts in supporting the committee to expand cooperation between Russia and China.

British consumer confidence falls to lowest since Iraq war

LONDON, 1 Nov — British consumer confidence fell for the third month running in October to its lowest level since the Iraq war in early 2003, according to an index published on Monday. Consultancy GfK NOP said its confidence barometer unexpectedly fell to 8 this month from 5 in September.

Analysts had expected the index would be unchanged at -5. That was the lowest since March 2003, the month of the US-led invasion of Iraq.

Interest rate futures rallied after the data as dealers bet the weak figures would further promote co-operation with each other to achieve common development with mutual benefits and to make contributions to world peace,” said Chen, noting that the committee would play a more vital role in the future in strengthening understanding between the people of the two countries and cementing Sino-Russia relations.

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WASHINGTON, 1 Nov — The deaths of six US soldiers in Iraq on Monday raised the US military death toll for October to 93, making it the most bloody month for US troops since January, the US military said.

Pentagon Spokesman Di Rita attributed the increased deaths to “an adversary that continues to develop some sophistication on very deadly and increasingly precise standoff weapons.”

Earlier, US military commanders had warned that guerrillas would step up their attacks in the run-up to the 15 December parliamentary election in Iraq.

Among the six soldiers died on Monday, four were killed by a make-shift bomb in a place southwest of Baghdad while two others were killed in an explosion in Balad, north of Baghdad.

However, Di Rita said US forces now have a better way to deal with the bombs. The Iraqi guerrillas have been focusing on bombs since the beginning of this year with use of even bigger, deadlier bombs and new techniques, such as “shaped” explosive charges capable of blowing through armoured US vehicles.

Traffic accident kills eight in central Uganda

KAMPALA, 1 Nov — Eight people died on spot and at least 27 others were critically injured when two taxis and a tractor were involved in an accident in Lugazi about 30 kilometres east of Kampala.

A traffic police officer at Lugazi police station, James Akol, told Xinhua by telephone on Monday that the fatal accident occurred on Saturday night at Buluyante, two kilometres from Lugazi town near Kamula-Lupasa road.

He said that the driver of a tractor tried to over take a tractor but changed his mind when he saw another taxi coming from the opposite direction. Akol said that the driver tried to swerve back behind the tractor but, crashed into the rear type of the tractor, killing the taxi driver on spot and injuring the others.

The other taxi also lost control and rammed into a ditch killing seven people on spot and injuring others. — MNA/Xinhua
**Car bomb in Basra kills, wounds many**

**Basra** (Iraq), 1 Nov — A car bomb exploded on Monday in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, killing and wounding many people, witnesses said.

Emergency crews were removing body parts from the area in front of a busy restaurant in the city’s Aliigers Street area, which had been packed with families enjoying an evening out as the holy month of Ramadan draws to a close.

Al Jazeera television quoted police saying there were dozens of casualties. A spokesman for British Armed Forces who police the mainly Shi'ite Muslim city said there had been a car bomb blast. He had no details. — MNA/Reuters

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**Roadside bomb explosion kills one, injures five in E Afghanistan**

KABUL, 1 Nov — A roadside bomb apparently aimed at US troops went off Monday in Jalalabad, the provincial capital of eastern Nangarhar Province, killing one person and wounding five others, a private news agency reported.

“The bomb planted in a bicycle exploded on a Jalalabad road killing a child and injuring five more civilians,” Hendkonl news service said in its bulletin.

The road usually used by the US-led coalition troops but there was no casualty on their side. No one has claimed responsibility. — MNA/Xinhua

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**Nepal, China agree on joint border inspection**

KATHMANDU, 1 Nov — The second meeting of Nepal-China Joint Inspection Committee has ended with an initial signing of four documents intended to facilitate the work procedures related to fieldwork for the third joint inspection of the two countries’ boundary, an official at the Nepali Foreign Ministry said on Monday.

The documents, which were initialed on Sunday, included Regulations on Facilitation of the Procedures for Temporary Border Crossing, Specifications on Surveying of Boundary Markers, Specifications on Partial Updating of Maps, and Specifications on Developing the Geographical Information System of Nepal-China Boundary, the Nepali team leader, Hira Bahadur Thapa, a joint secretary at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, told reporters.

We have initialed the agreements, which will be signed in another meeting. The committee will hold its next meeting in Beijing in March 2006,” said Thapa. He said the documents are intended to guide the joint inspection, which is being planned to begin in April 2006. The fieldwork will be completed by the end of the same year.

“We have formulated the necessary document for joint inspection and the document will be important for commencement of fieldwork,” said the leader of Chinese delegation, Li Qingyuan, the adviser of Chinese Foreign Ministry Border Management.

Nepal and China inspected the border in 1979 and 1988 for the first and the second time respectively. — MNA/Xinhua

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**Two US soldiers charged with abusing Afghanistan detainees**

KABUL, 1 Nov — Two American soldiers have been charged with mis-treating Afghan detainees, said the US military command in Afghanistan on Monday.

According to the US military news release, the two were filed under military law for alleged assault against two Afghan detainees who were temporarily detained at a detention site in the southern Uruzgan Province.

The two soldiers were accused of punching the detainees on chest, shoulders and stomach, the military said.

“The command remains committed to investigate all allegations of misconduct and will hold individuals responsible for their actions consistent with US military law,” it added.

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Figures of soldiers leaving the TA show that since the war began in 2003, the numbers have risen significantly, from 160 in April 2003 to 690 in November of that year, and 540 in August this year.

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**Saudi border guards seize two tons of hashish**

RIYADH, 2 Nov — Saudi Arabian border guards seized more than two tons of hashish on an island off the kingdom’s Gulf coast, one of their largest drugs hauls in recent times, Al-Riyadh newspaper said on Monday.

It quoted the head of the border guards, General Talal al-Angawi, as saying the drugs were uncovered earlier this month on the island which is near the industrial city of Juhayfa.

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Vietnam braces for powerful typhoon

HANOI, 1 Nov — A powerful typhoon churning through the South China Sea is expected to hit central Vietnam this week, which could trigger high waves, landslides and floods in a region where bad weather has already killed 25 people in over a week.

The National Hydro Meteorology Forecast Centre said on Monday Typhoon Kai-Tak, with winds of up to 133 kilometres per hour (83 miles per hour), would dump heavy rain on eight central provinces, from Ha Tinh in the north to Binh Dinh in the south. It was centred around 160 miles off the coast.

The typhoon, named after Hong Kong's old airport, was moving northwest at 5-10 kilometres per hour along the central coast, a weather bulletin said.

Floods triggered by heavy rains in the past 10 days have killed at least 25 people in five provinces, including 12 in Binh Dinh, according to a government committee on flooding and storm prevention.

About 67,500 people were moving away from high risk areas along the coast, fishing boats were seeking shelter in ports and soldiers had been sent to help out with disaster preparations, the state-run Nhan Dan newspaper said.

Typhoon Kai-Tak is not expected to affect Vietnam's key rice growing regions, which lie further to the south. However, the ancient towns of Hue and Hoi An, both of which are UN-listed World Heritage Sites, lie in its projected path.

Vietnam is the world's second-largest coffee producer after Brazil and also number two in rice exports after Thailand.

With a long coastline facing the South China Sea, Vietnam suffers around 10 typhoons or tropical storms each year.

Last month, Typhoon Damrey killed 120 people as it left a trail of destruction stretching from the Philippines to China, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand. — MNA/Reuters

Okinawa governor rejects US force repositioning plan


The two countries agreed on Saturday on a series of issues concerning the future of their decades-old alliance.

According to the interim report, the United States will remove its Futemma base in Ginowan, central Okinawa Island, to Nago, in the northern part of the island.

Inamine described the relocation as "totally unacceptable", Kyodo News reported.

The governor said the plan would not lead to an early return of the air base, according to the report. Residents and the government of the southern prefecture have been demanding for easing their burden of hosting the bulk of US forces in Japan since the end of World War II.

MNA/Xinhua

Two US Marines killed in helicopter crash in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 Nov — Two US Marines were killed when a US military helicopter crashed on Wednesday outside the western Iraqi city of Ramadi, the US military said.

Witnesses from Ramadi said the helicopter crashed in Albu-UBaid area east of the city, during clashes in the area. Ramadi, a Sunni-dominated city some 100 km west of Baghdad, has long been a guerrilla stronghold.

MNA/Xinhua

Blair ally Blunkett under fire over corporate link

LONDON, 1 Nov — One of British Prime Minister Tony Blair’s most loyal but scandal-plagued allies faced calls for his resignation on Monday over accusations he broke government rules by taking a corporate job while out of office.

Blair said he still had confidence in Work and Pensions Secretary David Blunkett and tried to draw a line under the matter after Blunkett announced he would sell shares in the company, where he had briefly worked as a director.

The affair caused fresh embarrassment for both men, months after Blair resubmitted the career of Blunkett, who was forced to quit in a sex and abuse of office scandal last year.

Blunkett had bought shares in the company DNA Bioscience to be held in trust for his children, and worked as a director of the firm before Blair brought him back into government in May.

The company has competed for government contracts.

Blunkett admitted taking the directorship while briefly out of office without consulting an advisory committee. Former cabinet ministers must approach the committee before taking private sector work within two years of leaving office.

After announcing on Monday that he would arrange for the shares to be sold, Blunkett earned Blair's immediate backing.

“David Blunkett has the full support of the Prime Minister, full stop,” Blair's spokesman said.

Blunkett denied that owning the shares had represented a conflict of interest but said he had decided to sell them to avoid any appearance of wrongdoing.

MNA/Reuters

Mortar attack hits US-Iraqi military base west of Baghdad

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 1 Nov — Guerrillas lobbed a US-Iraqi military base in a town outside Fallujah, west of Baghdad, with several mortar rounds on Monday, causing casualties, witnesses said.

“At least eight mortar rounds landed on the US and Iraqi military base in Ameriyat al-Fallujah town, killing and wounding unknown number of US and Iraqi soldiers,” Abdul Rahman, a local journalist told Xinhua by telephone.

Two civilians were also wounded by the attack in the town, one of them received critical wounds, he said. Ameriyat al-Fallujah situated about 7 kilometres south of the flashpoint city of Fallujah. The area, which is part of Anbar Province, has long been a guerrilla stronghold against the US and Iraqi security forces. — MNA/Xinhua

US soldiers from the Third Infantry Division patrol along the airport road in Baghdad on 31 Oct, 2005. Six US soldiers were killed in two bombings on Monday. — INTERNET
Attempts to bring Myanmar under Western influence

Aung Moe San

It is natural that human society develops in accord with its objective conditions. What I mean here is that a human society development is based on its own history, traditions, culture and lifestyle.

The development and changes that occurred in the US and western nations were different from the Asian nations. Even development trends among the western nations can be different from one another, and so is among the Asian nations. Former colonies after regaining independence shaped their own destinies. In this age, nations that are transforming themselves from socialism into market economy adopt their own systems. The way some East European countries and China are making changes differ from each other. Likewise, Myanmar’s democracy transition programme is also different from others. Only if we can make changes in line with our social system, will we be able to facilitate our process and achieve success according to objective conditions.

After the World War II, US and some big western nations tried to invade a number of Asian nations resorting to force to realize their goal — the flourishing of democracy. But all their schemes failed. They had to pay a high price for their doomed ventures.

China and Vietnam are in the course of undergoing changes and reforms not because of outside sanctions and pressures, but because of their domestic requirements. Generally, a country’s changes are based on its internal requirements.

The democracy favoured by the US cannot be realized even in Iraq and Afghanistan that are under the occupation of the US and its allies.

The basic force for human civilization evolution covering economic, social, political, religious, industrial and cultural sectors is the surplus value.

The modern political science says that surplus value is the seed of community productivity development.

In reality, nations in their process of transition to market economy and democracy are introducing capitalism. According to modern political science, the evolution of capitalism is as follows:

Because of the policy to transform the surplus value into capital and boost production, the capitalist democracies are able to build myriad infrastructures.

All the super expressways, industries, airports, sea-going ships, planes, cars, shipyards, ports, irrigation networks, bridges, nuclear power stations and enterprises are the lifeblood of the development of capitalism.

The Tatmadaw government today is tirelessly striving for flourishing of democracy and market economy. Successive developments can be seen clearly in various sectors. What’s more, the developments in market economy and gradual progress in introducing the multi-party system bear witness to the government’s endeavours.

But a western power and minions with the destructive intention, are imposing economic sanctions against Myanmar, cutting off all soft loans, technological assistance and humanitarian aid to her, and demanding the UN Security Council to take action against Myanmar. They are using exaggerated slanders as a weapon.

Why are they trying to take action against Myanmar in a lopsided way? President Bush used two words “freedom and liberty” 49 times in his inaugural address delivered on 20 January.

But freedom and liberty the US has advocated for the entire world is according to its standard. In reality, it is demanding the whole world to yield to its domination. However, the global concern is the rise of colonialism-based narrow nationalism and the US self-interest.

Once a large number of world nations thought highly of American way of life. Many of them faced devastation for copying the American model. Some were shocked at US democracy after seeing the collapse of the World Trade Centre on 11 September 2001.

Today, many nations are choosing the system that may go along well with their own characters, freedom and way of life. They maintain international relations, based on mutual respect and recognition. They abhor and revolted against the evil and old systems of invasion, enslavement, domination and interferences.

The report added the Asian nations did not support the US-sponsored democracy revolutions. One example was that the Asian nations opposed US attempts to launch democracy revolutions in Georgia, Ukraine and Tajikistan.

It said it had become a common practice for Asian nations to oppose the lopsided military actions of the US. The Asian nations do not want to accept the US’s lopsided actions including the use of force, based on a number of excuses, as Iran and Syria may become its next military targets. China included in those Asian nations is worried about US lopsided acts, with Taiwan as the source of the problem. The report said some Asian nations assumed that US intervention only created problems that both the US and the nation concerned could not solve. Other Asian nations oppose the US acts to shape the global politics without their consent.

The global people have already understood that the US attempts to shape the world is to put the international community under its domain. In the same vain, the perpetration of Desmond Tutu and Vaclav Havel to call on the UN Security Council to act against Myanmar according to their western masters, using exaggerated slanders, is an attempt to bring Myanmar under western influence.

(Translation: TMT)

Education sector witnesses sustained progress

Development of basic education in the time of Tatmadaw Government

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Educational plans are being implemented throughout the nation to effectively reduce the dropout rates due to various reasons such as economic, social and health problems in the learning society.
State Peace and Development Council Chairman
Senior General Than Shwe receives...

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of the State Peace and Development Council
Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior
General Than Shwe cordially greets
Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC at Zeyathiri Beikman.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off
Indian Chief of the Army Staff

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye bids farewell to
Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC at the airport.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off Indian Chief of the Army Staff...

Myint Swe and wife, military officers, Mr Bhaskar Kumar Mitra, Ambassador of India to the Union of Myanmar, Military Attache Colonel Jasvinder Singh Chopra and officials also saw off the delegation. Before departure for India, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented a photo album and a video tape on the delegation’s visit to Myanmar to General JJ Singh at the lounge of the airport. Mrs Anupama Singh, wife of the Indian Chief of the Army Staff, presented a TV to the personnel of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association for the MMCWA.
Traditional medicine practitioners …

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Myanmar Nurses Association, Myanmar Dental Association and Myanmar Health Assistance Association and guests.

First, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint read out the message sent by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe to the conference. (The message is reported separately)

Next, NHC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an opening address. He said:

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The traditional medicine practitioners at this conference will produce good results of enhancing love and unity among them. In addition, the conference will help draw sound projects that will realize the high aims the State has for the profession as it will serve as an excellent venue to share knowledge on the essence of the traditional medicine.

Since over 2000 years ago, Myanmar possessed and nurtured a civilization high enough to set up city states, and the traditional medicine was already flourishing significantly as a major part of the Myanmar cultural superstructure during the time. Ayurveda traditional medicine, inclusive in the Bhesijanaya, was flourishes rich with a wide range of delicate subjects, a number of profound treatises, a variety of therapies and different types of potent drugs.

During the time, traditional medicine was already as a court profession whose range even reached the remote rural areas in providing health care for the entire nation. However, like all other sciences of Myanmar cultural heritage, traditional medicine was in a state of decline under the oppression and downgrading of the practitioners, the effectiveness of therapies and the potency of drugs and effectiveness of therapies were on the wane.

The dispersion, disappearance and waning situation of the practitioners, medical treatises, therapies and drugs was followed by the weakness in systematic dissemination of the knowledge, the wrong interpretations on profound treatises and the delicate branches of the field, and a halt in the advancement of the profession due to the missing link resulting from the tradition of handing down the knowledge only to the family members; this brought the core knowledge, treatises, therapies and drugs of the field to near extinction. The breaking up of the traditional medicine went on till the coming into being of of over 100 different groups based on the methods that varied from one place or school to another. Consequently, the effectiveness and potency of the Myanmar traditional medicine were gradually diminishing.

For us, we cannot let our traditional medicine vanish as the profession with firm roots and high potency is one of our heritage, and was also providing adequate health care for Myanmars before the emergence of western medicine.

In this regard, the Tatmadaw government has been laying down and implementing programmes to revive, nurture and upgrade the fine traditions of indigenous medicine.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has been giving guidance for reviving the Myanmar traditional medicine, a true cultural heritage of the nation. Thanks to his guidance for enabling the royal practice of the past to shine again and reach a new age, to rediscover practitioners, subjects, therapies and potent drugs to form them as a united strength, and, especially, for scientific advancement of the medicine till it flourishes in foreign nations too, the government is able to develop the profession to reach the present stage of development.

The time is ripe for us to develop and promote traditional medicine by taking one further step as it is now firmly on the correct road to scientific development.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents prizes to winners in 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

Yangon, 2 Nov — Patron of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address at the ceremony to present prizes to the winners in the Performing Arts Competitions at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township yesterday morning.

Also present on the occasion were Daw Khin Than Nwe, wife of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the panel of patrons of the Leading Committee, Chairman of the Leading Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife, ministers and their wives, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon Mayor, senior military officers, deputy ministers and members of CSSTB, officials, diplomats and officials of UN agencies, the director-general of the SPDC Office and departmental heads, maestros, winners and guests.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented the first prize for professional level marionette (Minkutha Drama) contest to Nyeinchan Shwepyi Amyintthabin Troupe of Yangon Division, the second to Tawwin Yokson Sindawgyi Troupe of Yangon Division, and the third to Mon State Yokson Amyintthabin Troupe of Mon State; and outstanding awards to Nyeinchan Shwepyi Amyintthabin Troupe of Yangon Division, Tawwin Yokson Sindawgyi Troupe of Yangon Division and U Ko Ko Gyi (Hinthada) of Ayeyawady Division.

The Secretary-1 continued to give away the first prize to U Moe Min and troupe of Yangon Division in the professional level (troupe) drama (Vidhura Drama) contest, the second to U Tin Thein and troupe of Mandalay Division and U Aung Phyo Hein and troupe of Sagaing Division, and outstanding awards to U Tin Thein (Ngamyya Tin Thein) of Mandalay Division, Daw Thanda Lin of Yangon Division, U Kan of Yangon Division, Daw Thabye of Yangon Division, U Tin Win of Magway Division, U Tin Lin (Yadana Tin Lin) of Mandalay Division, Thiri Maung Maung Orchestra Troupe of Yangon Division and Magway Sein Than of Magway Division respectively.

Maung Phyo Thida Kyaw (a) Phyoo Phyoe of Mandalay Division presented dances to the audience.

Member of the Panel of Patrons Chairman of YCDC Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin gave away first, second and third prizes and consolation (See page 11)
prizes to the winners in the professional, amateur and higher education level men’s harp contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20, aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) boys’ harp contests respectively.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe also presented prizes to winners in the professional, amateur and higher education level women’s harp contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20, aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) girls’ harp contests respectively.

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein gave away prizes to winners in the professional, amateur and higher education level men’s xylophone contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20, aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) boys’ xylophone contests respectively.

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min presented prizes to winners in the professional, amateur and higher education level women’s xylophone contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20, aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) girls’ xylophone contests respectively.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Aung Aung gave away prizes to those who stood first, second and third in the professional, amateur and higher education level men’s piano contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20, aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) boys’ piano contests respectively. Likewise, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint presented prizes to those who stood first, second and third in the professional, amateur and higher education level women’s piano contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20, aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) girls’ piano contests respectively.

Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo also presented first, second and third prizes to winners in the basic education level (aged 8-20), (aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) boys’ guitar contests and the professional, amateur and higher education level women’s guitar contests and the basic education level (aged 15-20, aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) girls’ guitar contests respectively.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein gave away prizes to those who stood first, second and third in the professional, amateur and higher education level men’s mandolin contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20, aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) girls mandolin contest respectively.

Minister for Agriculture and Natural Resources Maj-Gen Ohn Myint presented prizes to the winners of the professional, amateur and higher education level women’s piano contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20, aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) girls’ piano contests respectively.

Minister for Tourism and Hotels and Sports Brig-Gen Myint Win presented prizes to the winners of the professional, amateur and higher education level men’s harp contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20, aged 10-15) and (aged 5-10) boys’ harp contests respectively.

Traditional medicine practitioners ...

The task of laying the foundations for a developed and propa- ganda-oriented traditional medicine sector for the nation to be a developed nation by creat- ing an integrated profession has been set up in major towns of states and divisions. With the coop- eration of the practitioners in the field, government departments are conduct- ing scientific and advanced research on potent tradi- tional drugs and therapies and recording their potency levels, launching research projects to manufacture tradi- tional medicines to care common diseases of the nation and also weird dis- eases that are incurable for the western medicines and inventing new treatments through combination of western medicine and ad- vanced hospital equipment and indigenous medicine, on a wider scale. The nation is even enjoying the fruits of the wide-scale e- deavours of the field.

Because of the government’s encouragement and the cooperative efforts of the practitioners, the nation has been witnessing the sound development of the traditional medicine sector from its roots during the time of the Tatmadaw ad- ministration.

The government is conducting traditional medicine diploma courses and practitioner courses in addition to setting up a world-class Traditional Medicine University. The university after making co- ordination with eminent indigenous medicine prac- titioners, has formulated an academic curriculum covering all the essence and core subjects of the four Nayas of the traditional medicine field, and also the basic western medicine. It is teaching students with the help of advanced teaching aids and hospital equipment of western medical field to confer degrees on them. Brilliant and skilled tradi- tional medicine practitioners are emerging in the na- tion thanks to the universi- ty’s systematic teaching and training methods.

Due to the govern- ment’s encouragement and cooperation to manufacture standard and harm-free po- tent medicines, the private sector sees the emergence of modern traditional medi- cine industries. Conse- quently, the manufacturing of standard traditional medicines through correct and precise drug-making methods, and international level production processes, storage systems and pack- aging machines has en- hanced public trust in the indigenous drugs and in- creased demand for them not only in rural areas but also in urban areas.

Today’s significant achievement is organizing the indigenous medicine practitioners, who once were of a loose society spreading all over the na- tion under different organi- zations and various groups and united the traditional medicine practitioners’ Association. Traditional medicine practitioners today are in the golden age created by the strong forces of unity and the encouragement of the government and the people. In this regard, I would like to urge them to make patriotism-based col- laborative efforts for emer- gence of a scientific and international-standard inte- grated field of traditional medicine, a combination of the essence of the branches of traditional medicine, in- valuable experiences of many practice rights of suc- cessive eras and the core parts of the potent drugs and therapies.

The government tradi- tional medicine stands as an integrated profession crowned with full effective- ness, public reliance, and morality, fidelity and knowledge of the physi- cians.

Hence, I would like to request the practitioners to further uplift the dignity of their profession, while ad- hering to the ethics, rules and moral conduct which physicians of the field of the past successive eras had traditionally followed, and curing patients with loving kindness, goodwill, sympa-thy, morality and truthful- ness till they recover from illness.

The government on its part has been striving for the development of all sec- tors including the health sector for the nation to be a peaceful and tranquil and anxiety-free place for peo- ple possessing physical and intellectual might. Another aim of the all-round devel- opment drive is for emer- gence of a nation for healthy and fit citizens equipped with the spirit of unity and harmony.

In conclusion, I wish all traditional medicine practitioners strive for fur- ther improvement of the traditional medi- cine standard and extend- ing the public health care coverage; emergence of quality traditional medi- cines of international stand- ard; and contributing to emer- gence of a modern and de- veloped nation by creat- ing healthy and fit citizens and a peaceful environment, while cooperating one another in the spirit of unity and harmony.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party cor- rationally greeted the traditional medicine practitioners who are at- tend ing the Conference, and visited the booths of tradi- traditional medicine industrial- ists. — MNA

"Latest models of Epson printers introduced"

YANGON, 2 Nov — Client Focus Technology Group and Epson (Thailand) Co Ltd introduced the latest models of Epson printers and demonstrated DuraBrite Ultra ink technology today at Sedona Hotel here. Client Focus Technology Group is selling Epson inkjet printers and LCD projectors at a discount at No 7 (D), Pyay Road, at 6 1/2 Mile in Hlin Township. EpsonShow, room is open at No 125/2 Seikkantha Street, Kyauktada Township, Ph 249344, 249345. — MNA

Mr Francis Au Seng Huat of Client Focus Technology Group extends greetings at a ceremony to introduce latest models of Epson printers. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents an excellent performance award to U Tin Lin (Yadana Tin Lin) of Mandalay Division. — MNA

10-15) and (aged 5-10) girls’ mandolin contests, and the professional, amateur and higher education level women’s mandolin contests, and the basic education level (aged 15-20, aged 10-15) girls mandolin contest respectively. — MNA

(News on prize presentation ceremony of the competitions will continue to appear on 4-11-2005 issue of this paper.—Ed)
China edges into world’s high-tech bases

CHANGSHA, 1 Nov — China’s fast-growing high-tech sector which accounted for 4.35 per cent of the gross domestic product last year has edged into the forefront of high-tech products manufacturing worldwide, said a senior industry regulator during the weekend.

“China has become a major high-tech products supplier in the world,” Xu Qin, head of the High-tech Industry Department of the State Development and Reform Commission, said at an annual working conference on the sector.

According to Xu, China’s high-tech sector generated a value-added output of 574 billion yuan (70.8 billion US dollars) between January and September this year, a year-on-year growth of 19 per cent. The sector’s export increased by 33 per cent from the year-earlier level to 150 billion US dollars in the same period.

The official predicted the sector’s sales income to exceed 3.3 trillion yuan (406.9 billion US dollars) for the whole year and the value-added output to reach 780 billion yuan (96.2 billion US dollars), compared with 2.7 trillion yuan (332.9 billion US dollars) and 660 billion yuan (81.4 billion US dollars) last year, respectively.

In the 2001-05 period, China’s high-tech sector posted an average annual growth of 30 per cent and 20 per cent, respectively, in sales income and value-added output. An integrated regime of hi-tech development for the mainland has taken shape on the Chinese Mainland, Xu said, with electronics production taking the lead and biological and aviation and space business growing rapidly.

It is reported that China, ranked first in the world in terms of the production of cell phones, programmed switches, personal computers, monitors, colour TV sets and laser disc players.

With manufacturers mainly distributing over the Pearl River and Yangtze River deltas and the areas around the Bohai Rim, the high-tech sector has become a major driving force for China’s export. Last year, the sector sold abroad 165.5 billion US dollars worth of products, accounting for more than 25 per cent of the nation’s total export which made it the largest exporter by industry.

Scientists launch campaign to save Africa’s great lakes

NAIROBI, 1 Nov — Top scientists have launched a campaign to save Africa’s five most endangered lakes ahead of the 11th World Lakes Conference that starts in Nairobi on Monday, local media reported.

Environmental scholars from across the continent on Sunday formed the African Living Lakes Network, which brings together non-governmental organizations, academic institutions, and independent researchers and will work with local people to save lakes in Africa, reported Daily Nation, one of the leading newspapers in Kenya.

Lake Victoria, the second largest freshwater lake in the world, is one of the five lakes that could turn into swamps in the next few decades if little is done to save them, scientists said. The other African lakes under threat are Tanganyika in Tanzania, Lake Malawi, Lake Chad in west Africa and Lake Tana in Ethiopia. The five lakes are losing water at an alarming rate, and the water quality is also deteriorating, warned the experts, who met on Sunday at the International Centre for Insect Physiology and Ecology research station in Mbeya, a Kenyan town on the shore of Lake Victoria, according to the report.

Lake Chad, shared by five countries in west Africa, has already lost five per cent of its water and is quickly turning into swamp, said the scientists.

The threat to African lakes is real, Udo Gattenholmer, executive director of the Global Nature Fund, was quoted as saying. He also expressed the hope that the newly launched African Living Lakes Network would find quick solutions to the ecological problems. The 11th World Lakes Conference, starting Monday and ending Friday, brings together more than 400 delegates from around 15 countries.

The meeting is being held in Africa for the first time and the theme is — Management of Lake Basins for their Sustainable Use: Global Experience and African Issues. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese scientists exchange research data via Gloriad

Beijing, 3 Nov — Chinese scientists, via the CAS Center for Advanced Applications Development (Gloriad).

The huge data, collected at the Yangbajing Observational Station in Tibet, could not be transmitted through the prevailing Internet. The Hong Kong Open Exchange Portal (HKOEP) witnessed such a kind of huge data transmission in the past year.

Chen Wei, a senior engineer at the CAS Computer Network Information Centre who oversees construction of the HKOEP, said here Monday that the portal has already been linked with research networks in Japan, Taiwan and South Korea. It is scheduled to connect other nets throughout the world. In addition to three Gloriad founders, China, the United States and Russia, the HKOEP programme was joined by South Korea, the Netherlands and Canada in September.— MNA/Xinhua

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Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents the trophy to Myanmar team. — NLM

Indian goodwill delegation tours Yangon

Yangon, 2 Nov — The Indian goodwill delegation led by Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC and wife Mrs Anupama Singh this morning visited Haukkyant Commonwealth military cemetery in Mingaladon Township and laid a wreath at the cemetery. Afterwards, the goodwill delegation visited Shwedagon Pagoda and made cash donation at the pagoda.

They also went to the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road where Lt-Col Zaw Zaw and officers conducted them around the museum. The delegation also visited the National Defence College. During the tour, the delegation was accompanied by Maj-Gen Than Hlay of the Ministry of Defence and his wife, and officials. — MNA

Taninthayi Division WAO, MCWA disseminate knowledge on health to local residents in Kanmaw Village, Myeik

Yangon, 2 Nov — With the aim of disseminating general knowledge on education, health and social affairs, Taninthayi Division Women’s Affairs Organization and the division Maternal and Child Welfare Association on 6 October held round-table discussions with local residents in Kanmaw Village in Myeik Township and provided free medical treatment to them.

Over 3,000 school girls and members of the women’s affairs organization from villages in Kanmaw Village-tract participated in the discussions. Members of Taninthayi Division WAO and MCWA gave educative talks on education, health and social affairs in seven groups.

Before the round-table discussions, Wife of the commander of Coastal Region Command Patron of the division WAO Chairperson of the division MCWA Daw Tin Tin Nwe donated books to Kanmaw Village Library, exercise books and pencils to students and medicated mosquito nets to local residents. Moreover, a medical team comprising specialists and party also gave free medical treatment to 196 local people and donated spectacles and medicines to the patients. — MNA

Poppy cultivation and production fell due to the government’s efforts on self-reliance basis

Opium Poppy Survey of Myanmar for 2005 clarified

Yangon, 2 Nov — The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) in Yangon presented a clarification on Opium Poppy Survey of Myanmar for 2005 jointly conducted by Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control (CCDAC) and UNODC at the Sedona Hotel yesterday.

In connection with the survey, Secretary of CCDAC Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi delivered a speech. He said Myanmar has been consistently combating anti-drug control projects at successive periods. Myanmar laid down strategies and tactics in the time of the Tatmadaw government and is implementing drug elimination project with greater momentum as a national task, he said.

He said effective measures could not be undertaken as major poppy-growing areas were under the control of insurgents in those days. National races armed groups returned to the legal fold and exchanged arms for peace in the time of the Tatmadaw government. They participated in national development tasks hand in hand with the government. The government also implemented the tasks for development of national races and border areas where poppy was grown, he added.

The government launched the 15-year Drug Elimination Project in 1999. The first five year project was successfully undertaken and the first year of the second five-year plan is now under implementation. As a result, poppy cultivation in Myanmar falls annually, these facts and figures were announced according to the opium yield survey in Myanmar conducted ten times by Counter Narcotics Centre (CNC) of the US beginning 1993 and results of illicit opium yield survey carried out by UNODC starting from 2002, he underscored.

The US Administration announced that poppy cultivation fell by 81 percent and poppy production by 88 percent according the ten times surveyed from 1993 to 2004. The UNODC stated that poppy cultivation decreased by 29 percent and poppy production by 54 percent in 2004 comparing with those of 2002.

The poppy cultivation and production fell due to the government’s efforts on self-reliance basis. Efforts are being made in supply reduction and drug control sectors with seriousness. Myanmar launched anti-drug activities based on her own strength without any foreign assistance. However, the government is cooperating with international organizations in drug control sector. Some national race organizations declared the respective regions as drug free zones and Wa region will be declared as opium free zone soon, he said.

Next, Regional Illicit Crop Monitoring Expert of UNODC Mr Xavier Bouan of UNODC explained about opium poppy survey of Myanmar for 2005. Joint Secretary of CCDAC Police Col Kham Aung and Mr Xavier Bouan replied to the questions raised by journalists. — MNA

The visiting Indian goodwill delegation at Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA

Myanmar U-23 emerge champion in Grand Royal ’05 Challenge Cup

Yangon, 2 Nov — Chairman of the Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint enjoyed the final match of Grand Royal ’05 Challenge Cup at the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) at 4 pm today.

In the final match, Myanmar U-23 Team secured championship by winning 2-1 over the selected team of Bangladesh Football Federation.

After the match, Man of the Match Award went to Aung Kyaw Moe of Myanmar team. Managing Director U Kyi Lwin of Max soft drink presented US$ 200 to Aung Kyaw Moe. General Secretary of MOC Director-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department gave away gifts to four referees who discharged duties in the final match. Next, Managing Director U Kyi Lwin of Max soft drink presented Golden Boot Award and US$ 1,000 to Yan Paing who scored six goals in the cup. Managing Director U Aung Moe Kyaw of IBTC also gave away the trophy and US$ 1,000 to Yan Paing who won the best player award.

Myanmar Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw presented individual prizes and US $ 8,000 to second prize winning Bangladesh team. Next, the second prize winning team presented a souvenir to the MFP President. MOC Vice-Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin awarded prizes to footballers from Champion Myanmar team individually.

Later, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented the Championship Cup and US$ 15,000 to Champion Myanmar team. — MNA

MFP Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi makes clarification at the ceremony. MNA
Real Madrid qualify by beating Rosenborg 2-0

TRONDHEIM (Norway), 2 Nov— Real Madrid qualified for the knockout stage of the Champions League on Tuesday by beating Rosenborg Trondheim 2-0 in Norway.

An own goal and a strike by Gutia gave Real Madrid victory and a tally of nine points from four games in Group F, three behind Olympique Lyon who beat Olympiakos Piraeus 4-1 away on Tuesday to qualify as well.

Rosenborg are third with three points but cannot overtake Real with two games left. The Primera Liga side went ahead in the 26th minute when Rosenborg defender Mikael Dorsin netted an own goal from close range as he ran back trying to intercept a cross by Robinho.

Spain midfielder Gutia made it 2-0 in the 41st minute with a shot from about 15 metres, latching on to a loose ball after Robinho was tackled inside the area.

With a two-goal cushion, Real Madrid eased off in the second half against a side they beat 4-1 last month in Madrid.

Real were much the better side despite being without the likes of Ronaldo and Zinedine Zidane because of injury. Defender Ivan Helguera was also out after sustaining an injury in training in Norway. As well as scoring, Gutia was instrumental in the first goal, opening up the defence with a pass to Robinho down the left wing.

MNA/Reuters

Sub Cruz gives Inter win over Porto

MILAN, 2 Nov— Argentine substitute Julio Ricardo Cruz scored twice to give Inter a 2-0 win over Porto on Tuesday and put them four points clear at the top of Champions League Group H.

Inter's victory gives them a clear lead at the top of the group with nine points from four games after Armeida Brazilians 2-2 at home to Rangers.

The match was played behind closed doors because Inter were serving the third of a four-match ban on supporters imposed by UEFA following crowd trouble at last season's quarter-final tie against AC Milan.

Porto went ahead in the 16th minute with an explosive goal. Almeida unleashing a thundering free kick from over 30 metres, which rocketed into the top right-hand corner of Julio Cesar's goal.

Porto, who were eliminated from the competition at the knock-out stage against Inter last season, looked formidable in possession and were rarely troubled by an Italian side that has struggled for form of late in Serie A.

Inter finally put Porto under sustained pressure before the break with Nigerian striker Obafemi Martins bringing Porto keeper Vitor Baia into action with a header from a Luis Figueroa cross in the 32nd minute.— MNA/Reuters

Schalke revived by 2-0 win over Fenerbahce

GELENSERKIRCHEN (Germany), 2 Nov— Schalke 04 beat Fenerbahce 2-0 with goals from Kevin Kuranyi and Ebbe Sand to revive their Champions League Group E campaign on Tuesday.

Fenerbahce ended the game with nine men after Brazilians Fabio Luciano and Marco Aurélio were sent off either side of halftime to leave the Turkish side in deep trouble.

Kuranyi converted a Lincoln cross to put Schalke ahead in the 32nd minute and despite their numerical advantage they had a few nervy moments before Danish substitute Sand rose to double the lead in the first minute of added time.

The Germans, bottom of the group at start of play, now have five points with games to come at home to new leaders PSV Eindhoven (seven points) and away to AC Milan (five).

Fenerbahce are bottom with four points through four games to come at home to new leaders Benfica and away to Porto and Nacional Maia.

MNA/Reuters

Inspired Betis inflict first defeat on Chelsea

SEVILLE (Spain), 2 Nov— Real Betis ended Chelsea's unbeaten record in this season's Champions League with a 1-0 home victory over the runaway Premier League leaders on Tuesday.

Substitute Dani scored the winner in the 28th minute, steering a shot past Chelsea goalkeeper Petr Cech just three minutes after replacing the injured striker Ricardo Oliveira.

Chelsea came within a whisker of grabbing an equalizer when midfielder Michael Essien's close-range shot cannoned off both posts 20 minutes from time, but Betis produced an inspired performance in defence to keep the English champions at bay.

The victory kept alive Betis' hopes of making the knockout stage in their debut Champions League campaign and allowed them some measure of revenge for their crushing 4-0 defeat at Stamford Bridge two weeks ago.

The Andalucians made an ambitious start at the Ruiz de Lopera Stadium, but suffered a double setback when first defender Ivan Helguera and then Brazilian striker Oliveira had to leave the pitch because of injury.

Betis remained unflustered, however, and continued to make life uncomfortable for the visitors as they deprived them of possession and stroked the ball around in midfield.

They were rewarded for their hard work when Dani became the first player to score against Chelsea in this season's competition.

The pint-sized striker turned inside fullback William Gallas before squeezing a sharp left-foot shot inside the post after Brazilian forward Edu had let a low pass from Capit run across his path in the area.

Betis went close to stretching their lead before the break, Dani forcing a fine save from Cech with a snap shot and then shaving the post after the Chelsea keeper had beaten an Edu dive into his path.

Despite their lack of possession, Chelsea remained dangerous on the break with Joe Cole and then Arjen Robben both having good efforts saved by the alert Pedro Contreras.

Eidur Gudjohnsen was then put clear, but the Icelandic striker wasted the great chance when he lifted his shot over the bar as he was pressured by centre back Juanito. — MNA/Reuters

Mourinho launches personal attack on Wenger

LONDON, 1 Nov— Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho has launched an astonishing personal attack on Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger saying he is a voyeur with an unhealthy obsession with the English champions.

Wenger had suggested Chelsea might have lost their “big belief” in themselves after drawing with Everton and then losing on penalties to Charlton Athletic in the League Cup last Wednesday.

Mourinho let fly after Chelsea beat Blackburn Rovers 4-2 at Stamford Bridge on Saturday to move nine points clear at the top of the Premier League. He unleashed a volley of points ahead of Arsenal, who could only manage a 1-1 draw at Tottenham Hotspur.

“I think Wenger has a real problem with us, I think he is one of these — how do you call it in English — voyeurs,” Mourinho said.

“He is someone who likes to watch other people. “I don't know what is happening to him, but I think he is in love with Chelsea, he loves us. Maybe he wants to leave Arsenal and come here and take my job. “There are some guys who, when they are at home they have this big telescope to see what happens in other families.”

MNA/Reuters

Braga defeat Belenenses to extend lead

LISBON, 1 Nov— Braga increased their lead at the top of the Portuguese Premier League to five points with a 2-0 home win over struggling Belenenses on Monday.

The league’s only unbeaten team have 23 points, with Porto and Nacional Maia both on 18.

Porto were held to a goalless draw by Vitoria Setubal and Nacional were 2-0 winners at Estrela Amadora over the weekend. Champions Benfica drew 1-1 at Naval on Saturday to stay fourth, one point behind Porto and Nacional. — MNA/Reuters
Zocor curbs smoking-related lung damage in rats

NEW YORK, 2 Nov — Treatment with the cholesterol-lowering drug simvastatin, better known as Zocor, can inhibit the lung damage that occurs with smoking-induced chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), according to findings from an animal study.

In addition to blocking the formation of cholesterol, "statin" drugs have been shown to have anti-inflammatory and anti-oxidant effects, as well as other benefits for blood vessels. In theory, all of these effects could help counter the lung damage caused by cigarette smoking.

To investigate, Dr. Sang-Do Lee, from Asian Medical Centre in Seoul, Korea, and colleagues examined the lungs of rats exposed or not exposed to cigarette smoke while being treated with or without simvastatin for 16 weeks.

The researchers' findings are reported in the American Journal of Respiratory and Critical Care Medicine.

In addition to blocking lung tissue destruction and high blood pressure in the lungs' circulation, simvastatin inhibited the infiltration of inflammatory cells into pulmonary tissue. As anticipated, the drug also had beneficial effects on blood vessels.

MNA/Reuters

WEATHER

Wednesday, 2 November, 2005
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Mon State, Magway and Bago Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated to scattered in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Magway Division, (3 to 4°C) above normal in Shan, Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, (6°C) above normal in Kachin State and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukpyu (2.25) inches, Mawlaik (1.69) inches, Kawthong (0.99) inch, Hpa-an (0.98) inch and Yangon (Mingaladon) (0.75) inch. Maximum temperature on 1-11-2005 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 2-11-2005 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 2-11-2005 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 1-11-2005 was (6.1) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 2-11-2005 were (0.75) inch at Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (101.38) inches at Mingaladon, (100.51) inches at Kaba-Aye and (104.80) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (15:00) hours MST on 1-11-2005.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the North and East Central Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Special Features: According to the observations at (06:30hrs) MST today, Tropical Storm "KAI TAK" over South China Sea has occurred Gulf of Tonkin, centred about (130) miles Southeast of 'Ha Noi', Vietnam and it is forecast to move Northwest wards.

Forecast valid until evening of 3-11-2005: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayah State, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Rakhine, Shan, Mon and Kayin States, Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated 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: Rain or thundershowers in Southern Myanmar areas. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-11-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-11-2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.
Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sees off Indian Chief of the Army Staff

YANGON, 2 Nov — Indian goodwill delegation led by Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC and wife Mrs Anupama Singh left here for home this afternoon and Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San saw off the delegation at Yangon International Airport.

Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Vice-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and their wives, Chief of Military Affairs Security Lt-Gen Maung Aye sees off Indian Chief of the Army Staff General JJ Singh, PVSM, AVSM, VSM, ADC at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Traditional medicine practitioners today are in golden age created by strong forces of unity and encouragement of the government and the people

YANGON, 2 Nov — The opening ceremony of the 6th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference was held at the hall of Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, this morning.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe sent a message to the conference.

Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an opening address.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Lt-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Mayor, the deputy ministers, members of NHC, the President of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation, the President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council office and departmental heads, ambassadors and charges d’affaires at of foreign missions in Yangon, resident representatives and officials of UN agencies, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Health, members of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council, officials of Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association, delegates to the conference, members of Traditional Medicine Inspection Central Committee, officials of MRCS, Myanmar Medical Association, (See page 9)

Grand Royal ’05 Challenge Cup
Final
Myanmar beat Bangladesh 2-1

NHC Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an opening address at 6th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference. — MNA