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## Four political objectives

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

## Four economic objectives

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

## Four social objectives

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

**In today's world of globalization it is impossible for any nation to stand alone**  
**Myanmar opens her doors to establish relations of friendship and cooperation with countries of the world**  
**PM addresses closing of Special Refresher Course 5 for faculty members**

YANGON, 2 Aug— The conclusion of Special Refresher Course No 5 for faculty members was held at the Nawarat Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Vice-Chairmen of MEC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the chief justice, the attorney-general, the auditor-general, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the deputy ministers, the deputy auditor-general, members of CSSTB, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, rectors, principals, rector of CICS (Phaunggyi), heads of departments, instructors and trainees. Chairman of MEC Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered a speech.

He said : In the present world where changes are occurring with incredible speed, we see that each and every nation is striving to keep pace in the current of these changing international conditions in order not to be left behind in all aspects.

Myanmar too will not only have to make all-out endeavours to keep pace with the current changes in the international arena, but will also have to be able to survive and prosper as a sovereign and independent nation in today's world.

Hence everything is being done to steadily walk the path towards the future progress of the nation without faltering.

The entire nation has worked unremittingly, with a view towards the future prosperity and eminence of

Myanmar as a stable, peaceful, and strongly united nation that will endure for all time, and developments today show that these efforts have succeeded beyond expectations.

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## Benefits of development

### \* Irrigation facilities

162 dams and 265 water pump projects implemented.

### \* Transport and communication

18,600 miles of roadway built.

### \* Rail transportation

3000 miles of railroad.

### \* Aviation

29 airfields, up from 21.



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses closing of Special Refresher Course No 5 for faculty members.— MNA



**Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.**

## PERSPECTIVES

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**BIMST-EC for regional progress and prosperity**

The Bangkok Declaration which gave birth to the BIMST-EC organization states that cooperative measures should be taken to create an enabling environment for rapid economic development and implement specific cooperation projects which are supportive as well as complementary to national development plans for the member states. Accordingly, six areas of cooperation have been identified and through these areas of cooperation, member nations have further strengthened and developed their economic ties.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt of the Union of Myanmar attended the First BIMST-EC Summit at the Thai Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Bangkok, Thailand, on 31 July and delivered an address. In his address at the opening of the summit, he said that promoting transportation linkages among the member states will help extend regional trade, tourism and people-to-people contacts. In addition, transport linkages within the grouping can strengthen regional economic growth and integration and cement the bonds based on cultural and historical affinities.

Myanmar, Thailand and India are discussing cooperative measures to construct a highway from Moreh in India to Mae Sot in Thailand through Bagan in Myanmar known as the "India-Myanmar-Thailand Trilateral Highway Project".

In the transportation sector, in addition to linkages by highways, ways to facilitate the maritime transportation network need to be sought. In this regard, Myanmar presented the "Development of the Dawei Deep Sea Port Project" to the Sixth BIMST-EC Ministerial Meeting held in Phuket. The Dawei-Nyaw Byin International Deep Sea Port will not only be to the economic benefit of Myanmar and Thailand but will also greatly facilitate trade and commerce of freight forwarders and exporters within the region.

Tourism, one of the sectors of cooperation identified under BIMST-EC, holds great prospect for the region. The development of tourist industry can contribute to poverty alleviation by creating new economic opportunities and rising income in rural areas. Therefore, this year has been designated as "Visit BIMST-EC Year 2004" and the member nations have been taking steps for the development of tourism.

We believe that Myanmar is fully cooperating with other members to achieve the desired goal of BIMST-EC.

*Deputy Director-General of Department of Development Affairs Thura U Soe Aung inspects rural house of U Nyunt and Daw Hla Myint. — MNA*



*Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win views round the multimedia classrooms of No 5 BEHS, Kamayut. — MNA*

**MMCWA observes 'World Breastfeeding Week 2004'**

YANGON, 2 Aug — The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association observed the 'World Breastfeeding Week 2004' at the meeting hall of the Association in South Okkalapa Township this morning. Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint attended the ceremony.

Also present on the occasion were MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, MMCWA Vice-Presidents Dr Kyi Soe and Daw Tin Lin Myint, honorary patrons of the MMCWA, Supervisory Committee of Yangon Division MCWA Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay,

departmental heads of the Ministry of Health, resident representatives of UN agencies, UNICEF Resident Representative Ms Carroll C Long and officials, social organizations and guests.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Ms Carroll C Long delivered addresses on the occasion.

Next, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented prizes to those who stood first, second and third in the 'World Breastfeeding Week' commemorative essay competition at high school level; and Dr Kyaw Myint to those who stood first, second and third at the essay competition at middle school level.

After the ceremony,



*President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents a prize to a winner of essay competition to mark World Breastfeeding Week of MMCWA 2004.*

MNA

officials and guests viewed documentary photos depicting activities carried out by the Association. — MNA



*Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe sees off the delegation led by Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung at Yangon International Airport.*

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**Minister inspects fish breeding stations in Pantanaw**

YANGON, 2 Aug — CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein inspected packaging of fingerlings,

breeding and sale and growing of vegetables at Pathwe fish breeding station in Pantanaw Township this morning.

The minister gave instructions on exceeding the targets, boosting production

and preventive measures against depletion of fish. He also inspected fish breeding ponds of USDA (Central) and Myangonmyint Breeding Committee in Mogok-Deedok camp in the township. — MNA

**Rural development tasks inspected**

YANGON, 2 Aug — Deputy Director-General of Department of Development Affairs under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Thura U Soe Aung together with Director (Engineering) U Htay Nyunt, Director of Magway Division Development Af-

fairs Committee U Soe Tint and Deputy Superintending Engineer U Thein Win inspected maintenance of Patheingyi road section during the rainy season and paving the Letpantankha village road and discussed rural development affairs with officials and locals on 27 July. Similarly, they in-

spected water supply station and nursery gardens in Yenanchaung on 28 July and measures being taken for availability of water in Natmauk. Next, they looked into roads in Myothit township and Taungdwingyi park.

After that, they inspected water supply stations

**Myanmar delegation leaves for Brunei**

YANGON, 2 Aug — The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung left here for Brunei this morning to attend the Second STOM Expert Task Group Meeting to be held in Bandar Seri Begawan, Brunei from 3 to 4 August.

The delegation was seen off by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Deputy Minister U Pe Than and departmental heads and their families at the Yangon International Airport.

The deputy minister was accompanied by Director-General U Hla Thuang Myint of Road Transport Administration Department of the Ministry of Rail Transportation and Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung of Public Works of the Ministry of Construction. — MNA

in Taungdwingyi and met staff of the township development affairs committee and gave instructions to them. — MNA



# Car bomb kills five in Iraq; 12 dead in Fallujah clashes

**BAGHDAD, 1 Aug—** A car bomb exploded outside a police station in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Sunday, killing at least five people and injuring 53 others, police said. The blast followed a night of clashes between US troops and guerillas that killed 12 Iraqis and wounded 39 others in the battleground city of Fallujah, west of the capital.

Northwest of Baghdad, guerillas detonated a bomb late Saturday that wounded four US troops, who shot dead one attacker, the military said Sunday.

In central Baghdad, guerillas set off a roadside bomb Sunday that killed two civilians and wounded two others, said policeman Fawad Allah.

A driver for the British Broadcasting Corp suffered non-life-threatening wounds to the head, the BBC's Baghdad bureau chief said. The blast sent plumes of black

smoke rising above Abu Nawas street, on the eastern bank of the Tigris River.

Meanwhile, US authorities released 128 prisoners from the Abu Ghraib prison, west of Baghdad, bringing the total number of detainees released since January to 7,000.

The 8 am blast in Mosul occurred when a white four-wheel drive vehicle sped into a restricted entrance outside the Summar police station, prompting guards to open fire, said Abdella Zuheir, a policeman at the scene. The vehicle then came to halt and exploded, he said.

The bomb killed at least five people, including three police, said Abdel Azil Hafoudi, an officer at al-Salam hospital. He said 53 people were wounded, 8 police officers among them.

Guerillas have been pressing a campaign to destabilize the interim government despite last month's transfer of sovereignty from the US occupation authority. About 160,000 coalition troops, mostly Americans, remain in Iraq.—*Internet*



*An Iraqi policeman stands inside a crater left by a suicide car bomb explosion outside a police station in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on 1 August. At least 15 people were killed in attacks across Iraq, including a car bomb blast outside a police station just hours after US air strikes and clashes with guerillas in Fallujah.—INTERNET*

## Italy warned to quit Iraq

**ROME, 2 Aug—**A statement in the name of an al-Qaeda group has threatened to attack Italians everywhere unless Rome pulls its troops out of Iraq within 15 days, a pan-Arab newspaper said today.

"We give (Italian Prime Minister Silvio) Berlusconi 15 days to pull out of Iraq. After that, we cannot be blamed for the shedding of the blood of any Italian anywhere, anytime, and we will trigger an earthquake in your country," said a "message to the Italian government" signed "Abu Hafis al-Masri Brigades - al-Qaeda organization".

The statement, dated yesterday, was emailed to the London-based Al-Quds Al-Arabi and made available to AFP ahead of publication tomorrow.

Its authenticity could not be independently confirmed.

The group recalled having given Italy a "last warning" to withdraw from Iraq, where Rome has been a staunch supporter of the US-led invasion and maintains about 3000 troops.

On 16 July, the group threatened Italy with a bloodbath on the scale of the September 11, 2001, attacks on the United States if Berlusconi remained in power.

"We had sent a last warning to the Italian people and the Italian government to withdraw from Iraq as soon as possible, but we saw nothing of that," the latest statement said.

"Hence, the language of blood is on its way to you. We are mobilizing our cells in Rome and all Italian cities," it warned.

The Abu Hafis al-Masri Brigades claimed responsibility for the March 11 train bombings in Madrid that killed 191 people as well as for the November 2003 bombings in Istanbul that killed 25 people.

The statement said the 15-day ultimatum was Italy's "last chance" to comply.

"After that, the Madrid conquest is clear proof (that we mean what we say), and the Istanbul conquest is vivid in the Turks' memory," it said.—*Internet*

## Kenyan hostages held in Iraq released

**NAIROBI, 1 Aug —** Three Kenyans, along with other four hostages being held in Iraq for 11 days have been released, Kenyan Foreign Minister Chirau Ali Mwkwere confirmed here Sunday. However, both the seven men's employer and an Iraqi chief mediator denied their release.

"I am happy to announce the release of three Kenyans who have been taken hostage in Iraq for 11 days now," Mwkwere told a news conference in Nairobi.

"The three have been released and are now in Egyptian Embassy in Baghdad following intensive negotiations with our officials from Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Kuwait where the negotiations were taking place with Iraqi mediator."

Mwkwere said the three Kenyans are in good health. "They are ready to come back home. It's a question now of when and I can confirm to you that the three will speak to journalists here on Monday," the minister said, refusing to divulge the details.

Mwkwere said Kenya's ambassador to Saudi Arabia together with two foreign ministry officials were in Kuwait to receive their released countrymen.

However, an Iraqi tribal leader negotiating with kidnappers to release the seven truck drivers denied they had been released, after the Kenyan foreign ministry's announcement.

The Kuwaiti firm which employs the seven truckers also said they were still being held hostage.

The three Kenyans, together with three Indians and one Egyptian, had been kidnapped on 21 July in Iraq by a group calling itself "The Holders of the Black Banners".

—*Internet*

## Two explosions set off fires at Portugal oil terminal

**LISBON, 1 Aug —** Two explosions set off fires at an oil terminal in northern Portugal on Saturday, news reports said.

The blasts were at an oil unloading terminal at Matosinhos, a port about 200 miles north of Lisbon, LUSA news agency said, quoting port authorities. There were no reports of injuries or the extent of damage.

The terminal is about one mile from a Petrogal oil refinery at Leca de Palmeira. The cause of the explosions was unknown.

The first blast took place

about 2 pm (1300 GMT) as a tanker was being unloaded, TSF radio said. The second explosion took place about two hours later.

The fires sent thick clouds of black smoke into the air and local beaches were evacuated.

—*MNA/Reuters*

## Belgian King sees explosion victims, debris cleared

**ATH (Belgium), 1 Aug—** King Albert II visited victims of the biggest industrial disaster in Belgium's recent history on Saturday as rescue workers cleared debris from the site of a gas explosion that killed at least 15 people.

With an entourage of ministers and other government officials, the king tried to bring comfort to burn victims and families grieving the loss of their loved ones in the town 25 miles southwest of Brussels.

Described by one witness as a "mini-Hiroshima", the chain of explosions in the industrial zone of Ghislenghien threw massive flames into the air, flattened buildings, hurled bodies hundreds of yards and set fire to cars and trucks on Friday. Among the dead were five fire-fighters who were setting up a security cordon at the site of a leaky underground gas pipeline when the blast occurred.

More than 100 others were injured, 35 of them critically, leaving open the possibility of the death toll rising higher.

—*MNA/Reuters*

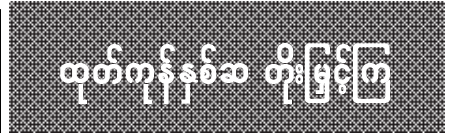
## Sri Lanka to set up separate zone for Indian investors

**COLOMBO, 1 Aug —** Sri Lanka will set up a separate industrial zone for Indian investors following a request from New Delhi, Investment Promotion Minister Anura Bandaranaike said here recently.

The Sri Lankan minister said he has also agreed to a request from the Indian Government to set up a separate desk at the Board of Investment here to facilitate Indian firms interested in investing in the island. Bandaranaike said he was considering a similar request from China, although the quantum of investments from China was much smaller.

The minister could not immediately give the value of the total Indian investment in Sri Lanka, but said it had recorded a five-fold increase last year.

—*MNA/PTI*



*A huge plume of black smoke rises over the Karada neighbourhood in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 1 August, 2004. A large explosion was heard in central Baghdad on Sunday evening. The cause of the explosion was not immediately clear.—INTERNET*

# Turkish firms say they may quit Iraq to save two hostages

ANKARA, 1 Aug—Two Turkish transport companies said they may suspend their operations in Iraq to save two drivers who risk execution at the hands of hostage-takers, as weeping relatives pleaded for their release.

The group of Al-Qaeda-linked operative Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi said late Saturday it had kidnapped two Turkish drivers and threatened to behead them in 48 hours if the company they were working for did not pull out of Iraq, the Qatar-based Al-Jazeera television reported.

"What is important for us at the moment is that both of our drivers return home safely... We can agree not to transport (goods) to Iraq until the authority vacuum there is filled," a spokesman, Omer Ozturk, told journalists in the southern city of Mersin, Anatolia news agency reported.

The statement was made on behalf of the Mersin-based Kahramanli transport company, to which the hostage-takers had addressed their demands, and its partner, the Ozturk company.

"Forty-eight hours have been given for the abducted drivers. Little time is left for the expiry of this period. We

expect an urgent solution to be found," Ozturk said.

He explained that the Kahramanli and Ozturk companies were operating jointly in neighbouring Iraq. They were transporting beds, lockers and bunk beds for the US army.

As Turkish officials kept silent on the incident, relatives of one of the hostages wept in despair and called on authorities to secure the release of the two men.

Three hooded gunmen were seen in the Al-Jazeera video standing behind the pair with a banner carrying the group's name, Tawhid wal Jihad (Unification and Holy War group), in the background.

In the video, the group named the two men as Abdul Rahman Demir and Said Anwar. —Internet



Iraqis gather at the scene of a car bombing outside of a police station in the northern city of Mosul, Iraq, on 1 Aug, 2004, killing at least five people, including three police, and injuring 53 others, police said. The blast occurred when a white four-wheel drive vehicle sped into a restricted entrance outside the Summar police station, prompting guards to open fire. The vehicle then came to halt and exploded. — INTERNET

## Microsoft shifting work to India

SILICON VALLEY, 1 Aug—Microsoft is shifting high-level work such as the next version of Windows Operating System to foreign contractors, including Indians, a Seattle-based labour union has claimed.

The Washington Alliance of Technology Workers (WashTech) said it has obtained internal company documents that show Microsoft now employs nearly 2,000 workers in India, double the 970 number it previously acknowledged.

Microsoft, however, disputed the notion, saying it does not use contractors for core development.

WashTech alleges the documents show that while Microsoft employs 970 full-time direct employees in India, there are an additional 1,100 people working for the company in India under contracts with outsourcing firms, bringing Microsoft's total presence in the country to more than 2,000 people.

WashTech, which wants to unionize Microsoft employees, is one of the most vocal critics of offshore outsourcing, a hot-

button in the current presidential campaign.

The documents include wage lists and projects for Microsoft at Infosys, Wipro, Satyam and Tata Consultancy Services.

The internal documents, WashTech said, suggest that the contractors and employees are involved in high-level development projects and not just low-level work such as call centre customer service.

"They clearly have not been forthcoming about the extent of their offshore outsourcing," said Marcus Courtney, WashTech president and organizer.

Microsoft said it does not disclose the size of its contract work force in India or anywhere else, because the figures can fluctuate significantly. But the company disputed the union's broader assertions about the role of its overseas contracts.

MNA/PTI

## Turkey, Iran fail to forge gas deal

ANKARA, 1 Aug—Turkey and Iran have failed to resolve a dispute about the price of Teheran's natural gas exports, and the fate of two Turkish investment projects in Iran is unclear, Turkish media said on Friday.

But Turkey's Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan, returning from a three-day visit to Teheran, defended his efforts to strengthen bilateral ties and said he won Iran's support in tackling Kurdish separatism.

"We are keeping our promise to strengthen our economic, political and commercial relations with neighbouring countries," the state Anatolian news agency said

Erdogan told reporters on Thursday evening.

"We believe such steps must be taken to support peace in the region," said Erdogan.

He denied media reports that the United States, which regards Iran as a rogue state, had pressured Turkey, its NATO ally, to downgrade or even sever ties with Teheran.

Erdogan failed to persuade Iran to agree to a re-

duction in the price of natural gas exports, despite nearly eight hours of negotiations, Anatolian said.

Turkey has said it could export imported Iranian gas to Europe but would have to compete with cheaper Russian gas. Iran has the world's second largest natural gas reserves but has been slow to develop and export them.

MNA/Reuters

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## German troops will not go to Iraq, even for Kerry

BERLIN, 1 Aug—Germany's policy of staying out of Iraq will remain in place even if Democratic candidate John Kerry beats George W Bush in the US presidential election and applies pressure, a top German official said on Saturday.

Karsten Voigt, Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder's US policy coordinator, told the *Berliner Zeitung* newspaper that Berlin would anticipate Kerry increasing pressure for it to play a larger role in Iraq if the Democrat wins the November election. "The German Government has made it clear that the German military will not be deployed in Iraq — and that remains valid regardless of the outcome of the US election," Voigt said.

Kerry said in a speech in Boston on Thursday the United States needs a president with the credibility to get its allies to share burdens and reduce risks to American soldiers. Schroeder, a firm opponent of the Iraq war, has refused pressure from the Bush Administration to send troops to Iraq.

Voigt said he welcomed Kerry's vows for a more multilateral approach. He said he would not be surprised if Kerry demands more military engagement from European nations.

MNA/Reuters

## Arab League chief rules out early dispatch of Arab troops to Iraq

RIYADH, 1 Aug—Arab and Islamic states do not at present want to send troops to Iraq, Arab League chief Amr Mussa said after talks with Saudi leaders, who have proposed sending a Muslim force to replace US-led foreign troops.

"Arab and Islamic states... in fact do not want to dispatch troops to Iraq and this is up to each state (to decide)," the official SPA news agency quoted Mussa as saying after the talks in the Red Sea city of Jeddah.

Mussa, who left the kingdom after a brief visit during which he met Crown Prince Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz and Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal, said the Saudi proposal was merely "ideas" to help bring about a departure of foreign troops from Iraq rather than a full-fledged initiative.

He indicated Arab and Muslim states might overcome their initial reluctance to

send peacekeepers there once Riyadh's suggestions take shape.

"Maybe the picture will become clearer when the conditions (for a deployment are outlined or) when it develops into an initiative," he said.

The Arab League secretary general said the main obstacle was the question of under whose command Arab or Muslim troops would operate.

"It is not possible for Arab and Muslim forces to go to Iraq and join the (US-led) forces there under a command other than a UN command," Mussa said. —Internet

## Kathmandu-Lhasa direct bus service to start soon

KATHMANDU, 1 Aug — Nepal will operate a direct bus service between its capital Kathmandu and Lhasa in Tibet from September this year, plying at an altitude of 15,000 feet, to promote tour-

ism and generate employment opportunities.

Sajha Yatayat, the state-owned transport company will run five buses with 30-seat capacity twice a week between the two cities, an

official at the company said.

The bus will take two days to reach Lhasa from Kathmandu covering a distance of nearly 1,500 kilometres.

MNA/PTI



An Iraqi man, Riyad Abid Salman, is treated for injuries at Al-Wasitie Hospital while his two sons, at left, look on after a roadside bombing killed two people and wounded two others in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 1 Aug, 2004. Salman's wife was killed in the blast. — INTERNET



## Kerry envisions no more US troops for Iraq

DUBLIN (Ohio), 2 Aug — Democratic White House challenger John Kerry said on Sunday he did not anticipate sending more American troops to Iraq and promised a fresh start with US allies "burned" by President George W Bush.

Despite some clamor among Democrats for an accelerated US military withdrawal, Kerry said Washington must stay the course but asserted he could do a better job of convincing foreign leaders to help with security and reconstruction in Iraq.

The Massachusetts senator, who voted for the congressional resolution authorizing Bush to use force to oust Saddam Hussein, said Bush misled Americans.

"Everybody knows that just saying that there are weapons of mass destruction didn't make it so," he said on the CBS programme "Face the Nation".

"Just saying you could fight a war on the cheap didn't make it so. Ignoring the advice of generals as to how many troops we needed didn't make our troops safer who were there."

Kerry criticized Bush's Iraq policy in his speech on Thursday accepting the Democratic nomination as the President's opponent in the November 2 election, but beyond holding out the prospect of greater international participation, he did not offer the exit strategy many Americans are looking for.

He rejected the suggestion that his plans were vague. "No, not at all," Kerry said.

"The problem is that this Administration has lost credibility, they've pushed countries away."

"And I think that a fresh start changes the equation, particularly changes it for leaders in other countries who have great difficulty right now associating themselves with our policy and with the United States because of the way this Administration has burned those bridges."

In the past, Kerry has not ruled out sending more Americans to join the 140,000 US troops already in Iraq but has said he would encourage other countries, particularly Arab nations, to contribute forces.

"I don't envision it," he said on Sunday when asked if he would send more US soldiers. "I believe that my leadership and my plan to approach these countries — and I'm not negotiating it publicly — I know what I want to do. I know what I believe can be achieved."

MNA/Reuters

### White House forecasts record budget deficit

WASHINGTON, 1 Aug — The White House said on Friday the federal budget deficit will grow to 445 billion US dollars this fiscal year, a new record likely to fuel election-year wrangles about President George W Bush's economic policies.

The figure, released in the White House's mid-session budget review, is well above the 2003 shortfall of 374 billion US dollars, the previous record in dollar terms. But it is 76 billion US dollars less than the 521 billion US dollars forecast for this year by the White House in February.

A top official from the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office said recently that CBO is expecting a shortfall of less than 450 billion US dollars for the fiscal year, which ends on 30 September.

The Bush Administration also revised up its projections for the economy from February's forecasts, saying it expected real gross domestic product growth of 4.7 per cent this year, slowing to 3.7 per cent in 2005. The White House in February forecast 2004 growth of 4.4 per cent and 3.6 per cent next year. — MNA/Reuters

### Spain decides to recall ambassador to Britain

MADRID, 1 Aug — The Spanish Government has decided to recall its ambassador to Britain to protest against a planned visit to Gibraltar by British Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon, Spanish Foreign Minister Miguel Angel Moratinos said on Friday.

The Spanish Government and people were very disappointed at the "unfriendly gesture" of the British Government, Moratinos told reporters in the southern city of Cordoba.

The decision was announced hours after the Council of Ministers held a meeting earlier on Friday, during which Spanish Principal Deputy Prime Minister Maria Fernandez de la Vega described Hoon's visit as "untimely" and said the Foreign Ministry would take diplomatic steps soon.

Spanish media reported that Hoon plans to visit Gibraltar on Wednesday to participate in the ceremony of the 300th anniversary of the British occupation of the enclave, located at Spain's southern tip.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi freed kidnapped victim Hussein Abud, driver of Vlado Abu Ghadi, Director of the company Lara for ready made houses, who was allegedly kidnapped looks at one of the cars the kidnappers used to abduct him and his boss as they were travelling on a south western Baghdad road, in Iraq on 31 July, 2004. — INTERNET

## Iraqi commandos free Lebanese hostage

BAGHDAD, 2 Aug — Iraqi commandos freed a Lebanese hostage on Sunday, a Lebanese Foreign Ministry source said, but there was no word on another Lebanese seized in a growing wave of kidnappings of foreigners in Iraq.

In a separate hostage standoff, a Kuwaiti company and a top Iraqi mediator dismissed reports that a group of seven foreign truck drivers — three Indians, three Kenyans and an Egyptian — had been freed.

"Iraqi commando forces carried out a military operation on the kidnappers of Vlad Damaa and released him half an hour ago," the source said in Beirut, declining to give any more details.

Damaa was seized at gunpoint on Friday from a construction concern he runs with a brother that sells prefabricated buildings to US forces in Iraq, his family said.

No comment was available from Iraq's interim government, which is building up its own forces but remains

heavily reliant on some 160,000 mostly US foreign troops for security.

The second Lebanese hostage, Antoine Antoun, was kidnapped from his Baghdad dairy along with a Syrian truck driver by gunmen, relatives said.

Antoun's tearful parents pleaded from their home in northern Lebanon for the safe release of the 29-year-old, who was also seized on Friday.

"I say to the Muslim clerics and the Iraqi people, I am willing to sacrifice myself for my son and Iraq," said his father, Robert.

A growing wave of hostage-taking has hit Iraq since April as guerillas wage a campaign to undermine US-led forces and Prime Minis-

ter Iyad Allawi's interim government.

Scores of foreigners from two dozen countries have been seized, most of them truckers working for foreign companies delivering supplies to US forces or Iraqi companies. At least eight hostages have been killed, four by beheading.

In the case of the seven truckers, Kenyan Foreign Minister Chirau Ali Mwakwere told a news conference in Nairobi all of them had been freed and were at the Egyptian Embassy in Baghdad.

But the Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Company which employs the seven truckers said they were still being held hostage.

MNA/Reuters

## Germany presses US for 9/11 suspect evidence

KARLSRUHE (Germany), 1 Aug — Germany's federal prosecutor has said the United States was still holding up efforts to gain access to intelligence that could help convict one of the suspected September 11 hijackers.

In comments published on Friday, Federal Prosecutor Kay Nehm said he had travelled to the United States in April to urge US authorities to release information that would help gain a conviction in the retrial of Moroccan Mounir El Motassadeq.

Motassadeq, the only man found guilty over the September 11, 2001 hijack attacks in the United States, won an appeal against his conviction in the German Supreme Court in March and now faces a retrial which is due to start on August 10. In February, his friend and fellow Moroccan Abdelghani Mzoudi was acquitted of similar conspiracy charges.

Evidence from captured al-Qaeda operative Ramzi bin al-Shaibah is believed to be central to the case against both men but the United States has allowed only very limited access from its interrogation material.

The court granted Motassadeq's appeal, saying he had been denied access to evidence that could help his case but German prosecutors say full records or court testimony from bin al-Shaibah himself, will be vital for a conviction.

"We have to fill the gaps in the chain of

evidence," Nehm told reporters in Karlsruhe on Thursday night in comments embargoed for release on Friday.

Bin al-Shaibah was part of the same Hamburg circle as Motassadeq and Mzoudi and told an Al Jazeera journalist in 2002 that he had played a key role in masterminding the 9/11 attacks.

Nehm said he had met officials of the US Justice Ministry and the FBI but had only been able to get an agreement for US interrogators to put a series of questions directly relating to the trial in Germany.

"I met with a great deal of understanding," Nehm said. "But they gave me to understand that there were restrictions which went way beyond the authority of the people I was talking to." A 17-page document with questions German officials want put to bin al-Shaibah was sent to the United States this month.

While the United States shares much intelligence with German security services, it has refused to allow such information to be made public and submitted to court scrutiny on national security grounds.

MNA/Reuters



Two US soldiers inspect the site of a home made bomb explosion in Abu Nawas Street, central Baghdad on 1 August. Two Iraqis were killed and two others wounded, including a driver for the BBC, when a makeshift bomb exploded, narrowly missing a US convoy. Four people were killed and 50 wounded in a suspected suicide attack in northern Iraq, also on Sunday. — INTERNET



*US Army soldiers gather at the scene of car bombing at a church in Mosul, Iraq, on 1 Aug. 2004.*



*An Iraqi man stands over the rubble of his house which was destroyed in an overnight air strike in Fallujah on 30 July, 2004.*



*A boy stands next to a crater left by a rocket after American forces launched a 'precision attack' on 23 July, 2004, in Fallujah, Iraq.*



*Iraqis look over battle damage in Fallujah, Iraq, on 30 July, 2004.*



*An injured Iraqi man surveys the scene of destruction on 28 July, 2004 after a car bomb exploded in Baquba, north of Baghdad.*

## Images of Iraq



*Wounded nine-year-old Iraqi boy Omer Mohammed waits to be treated at a hospital after he was hurt when his house was destroyed in an overnight air strike in Fallujah on 30 July, 2004.*



*The scene of the destruction and a pool of blood, water and fuel on 28 July, 2004 after a car bomb exploded in Baquba, Iraq.*

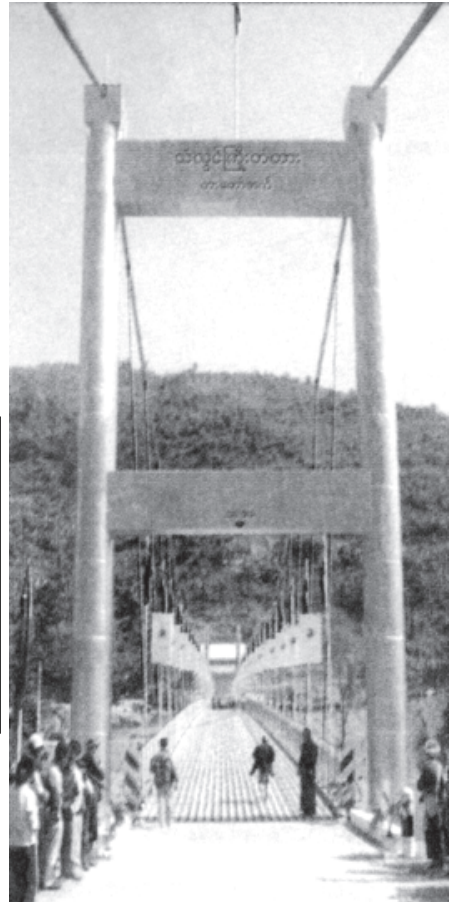




*A suspension bridge lies at the entrance to Pannandin, the northernmost part of Myanmar in Kachin State. —PBNRDA*



*With peace prevailing throughout the country, people living in border areas are now able to run their business with peace of mind. The photo shows magnificent Mongla market built in Mongla. —PBNRDA*



*Thanlwin Bridge (Takawet) was built across Thanlwin river in Takawet region, Shan State (North). People living in the region are now able to access other regions of the country using the bridge. —PBNRDA*

## Developing border towns



*Communication station built in Panhsaung in Nanyun Township, Hkamti District, Sagaing Division. —PBNRDA*



*Scenic beauty of Mongyan-Hsilu road in eastern Kengtung region. —PBNRDA*



*The main building of Panglong University in Southern Shan State.*

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the prosperity and progress of the nation and the people. It is working for the growth of the country's economy so that our people may live in peace and their standard of life enhanced.

When this Government first assumed state responsibilities it was confronted with innumerable and almost insurmountable obstacles and difficulties — the political system in place was no longer consistent with the times; infrastructure development was inadequate; the

### Benefits of development

- \* **Power supply**  
Hydroelectric power plants and gas turbines generating 1100 megawatts
- \* **Health**  
776 hospitals
- \* **Education**  
156 Universities and Colleges, 1,894 BEHS, 2612 BEMS, 4,774 BEPPS, 31225 BEPS

administrative, legislative and judicial mechanisms had collapsed and anarchy reigned.

As a result, workshops, factories and other infrastructure had been destroyed senselessly. Discipline, law and order had deteriorated, morale was at the lowest point and what prevailed at the time was chaos and misery. It cannot be denied that with positive and concerted efforts the Government has been able to remedy this state of affairs and the results have been the emergence of a peaceful and orderly society, which must be protected and preserved at all cost. In those days, especially in the remote and isolated border areas armed insurgencies were widespread and unbridled due to external manipulation and agitation, ideological dogmatism, racial bigotry, misunderstanding and the collapse of national unity.

All this led to disruption of peace in these regions, which proliferated with opium cultivation and narcotic drugs. Regional development lagged far behind with no proper communications and therefore no means of easy access. Since our government assumed state responsibilities however, it is a matter of indisputable historical record, that we have been able to eliminate the evils of the colonial heritage in the land and that we have been able to rebuild the country through the power of national reconciliation.

The benefits of development that the national races of the country are personally enjoying were brought about

by the plans and programmes for the development of border areas and the national races. These plans were implemented together with programmes for the eradication of narcotic drugs, the special plans and projects for development of infrastructure, the Plan for the Development of the Twenty-four Special Zones and the Plan for the Development of Rural Areas. These plans, programmes and projects have been implemented one after the other and the Head of State as well as other responsible state officials have made field trips to rural areas and isolated border regions to personally supervise the work in progress and give guidance and instruction where necessary.

Hence, today one can witness the significant developments that have been made in the infrastructure development of the country.

In the post 1988 period the Government has built altogether 162 dams and weirs, while implementing at the same time 265 water pump projects for the utilization of river water. There are other innumerable projects, which are still being implemented.

In the transport and communications sector in 1988 there was only a total of over 13,600 miles of tarred roads, gravel roads and earthwork roads. Now there has been an addition of nearly 5,000 miles of new roads making an overall total of 18,600 miles of roadway. Moreover a network of highways to connect the east, west, south and

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north of the country have now been constructed which further necessitated the building of 172 large bridges to span the rivers.

Additional railroads have also been constructed and there are now nearly 3000 miles of railroad as against the 2000 or so railroads in existence in 1988. New rail lines have been laid and sleepers and cross ties constantly renovated. New railway engines and carriages have replaced old ones; new engine repair and maintenance workshops have been built and old ones renovated with the aid and assistance of friendly nations.

If you examine the number of airfields also, it will be evident that in 1988 there were only 21 serviceable airfields. Today there are 29 airfields including the new large international standard airport at Mandalay. All these airfields are large enough for the landing of Fokker 28 and Boeing 737 airplanes.

Concerning the supply and distribution of electric power supply, in 1988 there were only 14 hydroelectric

power plants with a total capacity of generating 228 megawatts. Now 28 new hydroelectric power plants have been constructed, which generate an additional 162 megawatts. Thus the hydroelectric power plant projects now generate nearly 400 megawatts.

Furthermore, 6 new gas turbines have now been built which brings the total up to 14 gas turbines generating nearly 700 megawatts of electricity.

So, at present, the hydroelectric power plants and the gas turbines are together generating and distributing nearly 1100 megawatts of electrical power.

When the 12 hydroelectric power projects still under construction are finally completed with the capacity to generate an additional 2,600 megawatts, then the total volume of electric power generated and distributed will reach over 3,000 megawatts. The Paunglaung Hydroelectric Power Plant and the Monchaung Hydroelectric Power Plant will also be reaching completion in the near future.

Regarding the health sector, before, there were only 617 small, medium and large sized hospitals. Today the number of 300, 200, 100, 50, 25 and 16-bedded hospitals have been increased to 776 in total. Thus health care is now available in rural areas and in the remote border regions. In the education sector, there were formerly only 32 universities and colleges whereas there are now 156. Previously there were 722 high schools, human resource development 1696 middle schools and 31,329 primary schools countrywide; today there are 1,894 high schools, 2,612 middle schools, 4,774 post primary schools and 31,225 primary schools. We have thus given priority to human resource development and made considerable progress.

The continuous efforts that have been expended day and night for over 15 and nearly 16 years have led to fruitful results and many benefits. But there still remains a lot to be done. There is still much for the Government, to do hand in hand with the people.

The main support and sustaining base for the emergence of a fully developed and modern nation is the education sector, and as such our national educational goal is the establishment of a continually learning society. For the achievement of this most worthy goal, there are still many things that need to be done by those responsible in the education sector.

Today the Government with a view to the future, is doing its utmost to develop and open up the various fields of science and technology including that of Information and Communications Technology (ICT) which has top priority internationally.

Studies in computer technology have been available in Myanmar for the last 20 to 25 years, but a lot of time was wasted, for it was narrowly confined to the academic world and not extended for research or practical application. To remedy these shortcomings we have had to make vigorous efforts to make up for lost time, to make ICT a practical and functional field with practical application of its methods in other disciplines and as a tool for the dissemination of information.

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*The construction of the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) nearing completion.*





Newly-inaugurated runway seen at Kyaukhtu Airport built by Directorate of Military Engineers in Saw Township, Magway Division.

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With the encouragement and support of the Government and with the cooperation of individual computer experts and entrepreneurs, Myanmar Information and Communications Technology (MICT) Parks have been opened in both Yangon and Mandalay. So, ICT-based services and modern communications networks are now accessible countrywide. International level administrative and service systems such as the ePassport, e-Visa, e-Commerce and e-Government have also been put into widespread use in the country. While the Government in a spirit of self-reliance is doing its best for the development of the country and the progress of the people by getting rid of the evil of past ages, it has also been engaged in enhancing amicable relations with other nations. To be able to faithfully carry out its commitments and obligations as a member of the world's family of nations, it has accelerated efforts in cooperation with the international community.

Myanmar, as a member of the family of Southeast Asian nations, since its accession to the ASEAN, has actively cooperated in regional security, economic and development affairs. Likewise, as a member of BIMST-EC, it has actively contributed towards multilateral cooperation. Hence in the best interests of Southeast Asia and South Asia, Myanmar has contributed to the peace and stability of these great regions and has been a valuable link between the two.

Myanmar has been active in other regional areas as well. It has participated with Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand in forging and implementing a strategy for quadruple economic cooperation and is also an active participant of the Greater Mekong Sub region. Similarly it has maintained

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friendly relations with other international organizations including the United Nations Organization and has increased its international participation in the administrative, health, social and cultural sectors. Myanmar has participated wholeheartedly in the eradication of narcotic drugs, in the fight against terrorism and transnational crimes and in the suppression and interdiction of trafficking in persons.

The Union of Myanmar has especially enhanced the momentum of cooperation with neighbouring countries of Bangladesh, India, the Republic of China, Laos and Thailand. There have been many exchanges of goodwill visits of leaders with neighbouring countries and cooperation with them has been flourishing.

I recently visited the Republic of China in July in my capacity as Prime Minister and in the course of the visit was

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able to raise the existing friendly relations of kinship (Swe Myo Pauk Phaw) to that of a higher level of friendly fraternal relations.

The friendship and mutual cooperation between the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of China has strengthened and thrived from age to age throughout history and the visits exchanged between the respective heads of state and leaders have been ongoing.

The agreements and memoranda of understanding that have resulted from these visits now number well over fifty. Furthermore, in the past two days, I attended the first BIMST-EC Summit together with other leaders and was able to reach agreements on all-round cooperation between the nations of BIMST-EC. There has also been substantial progress in bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand. Exchanges of visits between the respective leaders have been ongoing and there has been cooperation between the two countries in all respects and at all levels right up to the regional level.

The fact that Myanmar's relations with her neighbours are flourishing and that she cooperates well with countries in the region will be of great assistance and support in

strengthening and developing her economy.

Take for instance, the cross-border trade with neighbouring countries, which is one aspect of economic cooperation. The booming cross-border trade effectively helps to promote both the economy and the existing friendship between the two countries. The success of the border trade, when studied from the point of view of trade and investment, will show that the volume of our trade with the Republic of China is worth approximately 1 billion US dollars. Consequently the two countries have stepped up their cooperation in the expectation that the volume of trade will increase to 1.5 billion US dollars in the coming years.

At present Myanmar has increased its efforts to

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establish good relations and to cooperate positively with all nations of the world. It wants to avoid involvement in all international discord and conflict, but relying solely on its own resources, is simply working for the progress and development of the nation and her people. The Union of Myanmar at one time during the period of the Cold War, when the two Super Powers were in conflict, tried to steer clear from coming under their widening spheres of power and influence. As a result she tried to distance herself from other nations and unwittingly found herself in isolation.

In today's world of globalization it is impossible for any nation to stand alone. So Myanmar opened her doors to establish relations of friendship and cooperation with the countries of the world. But instead of extending a welcome into the family of nations, some of the more developed and powerful countries of the world, as part of some political agenda of their own, have chosen to try to keep her isolated by putting pressure on her in the form of economic sanctions. This is a stratagem that will only widen the gap between poor and rich countries in the world; it is also contrary to the so-called criteria of human rights that they allegedly avow.

But the Union of Myanmar, no matter who supports and encourages her or who sanctions her, is committed to and will, with grit and determination, proceed onwards to build a fully disciplined and democratic state that is a stable, peaceful, modernized and developed nation, which is in keeping with desire of the people. This task of reconstruction of the nation shall be undertaken in accordance with the objective conditions of our country and our people, as well as our historical and cultural heritage. We have, for that reason, drawn up and are in the process of implementing the seven-stage policy programme for democracy.

At this point in time, the most important factor is to be able to weigh in balance and incorporate with fairness and justice the interest of the national races with whom we have lived in weal and woe for thousands of years on the one hand and the interest of the entire Union on the other. This is now the task that is being undertaken by the delegates in their deliberation at the National Convention.

All teachers of universities and colleges, taking into account all these conditions, should participate in whatever capacity, and whatever kind of task, for the realization of the National goal of reconstituting our country as a peaceful, developed and fully disciplined democratic country; they should thus contribute in whatever way they can to contribute to the work of achieving the seven-stages of the policy for democracy that has been put into process by the National Convention.

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The 200-bed General Hospital (Myeik) in Taninthayi Division.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Education Minister U Than Aung and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Myint Sein formally open multimedia classrooms of No 5 BEHS, Kamayut. (News page 16) — MNA



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win accepts cash and kind donated to No 5 BEHS Kamayut at opening ceremony of multi-media classrooms of the school. (News page 16) — MNA

## High-yield Shweyinaye paddy strain — 1

*Nadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)*

"Sabbesatta Aharathitika" meaning food is an essential requirement for all living beings. It is stated in one of the teachings of the Buddha. Without food, all the living beings will perish from the earth. Thus, honest way of earning one's living through the business of cultivation of crops and trading agricultural products to provide food and nutrition for human beings benefits the world.

As Shan State could not produce enough rice for its population since the time the nation regained independence, it had to rely on other regions of the brethren. Paddy is cultivated in Nyaungshwe, Laikha and Mongkai townships, where the land is fertile, in southern Shan State. But they could not produce enough food for the whole southern Shan State. Similarly, rice is produced in Hsipaw, Hsenwi and Namhkam townships in northern Shan State, and they too could not grow enough rice for the entire northern Shan State. The situation is also similar in eastern Shan State.

Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint has been making energetic efforts to produce an abundant supply of food and to offer rice to the Buddha and members of the Sangha during the harvesting season. With the cooperation of Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, he introduced a high-yield quality paddy strain in southern Shan State. The species was first grown in Muse-Namhkam region, northern Shan State. As the SR 456 type of the strain is suitable to grow in southern Shan State too, test cultivation was conducted in it.

Experimental cultivation of the strain was conducted at Heho hybrid farm and Taryaw research farm in Taunggyi Township, in 2003 rainy season. At the harvesting ceremony, held on 13 November 2003, per acre yield of the Heho hybrid farm was 140 baskets, and that of the Taryaw research farm was 156 baskets. The strain was named "Shweyinaye", and efforts were made to cultivate it in the whole southern Shan State.

Under the arrangement of the commander and the deputy minister, Chairman of Padamy Naga Company U Nay Win Tun bought 6,420 kilos of seeds of the paddy strain at K 400 per kilo in Muse-Namhkam region and distributed them to Moebye village in Pekhon Township to grow 50 acres of summer paddy; to ThaleU village in Nyaungshwe Township to grow 50 acres of summer paddy; to Padamy Naga farm to grow 14 acres; and to Thazi Township to grow 100 acres. He also provided K 31,800 per acre for farmers to buy fertilizers. With the help of departments concerned, cultivation of the paddy strain was started in February 2004. In the early June, all the paddy fields were thriving and the seeds were going to ripen soon. Thus, the commander fixed the date for harvesting the 50-acre paddy field at Moebye village in Pekhon Township on 25 June 2004.

I was included among the Buddhist monks, invited by the commander, to witness the flourishing of the Sasana and developments in the Pekhon region. We were accompanied by local authorities and departmental officials.

Like in all other places of the Union, religious freedom is permitted for all the national races of the region. The majority of the regional population are Buddhists. Thanks to 20 missionary monks and 30 laypersons, and local authorities and departmental personnel, the Sasana is further propagated in the region.

Sixty-eight per cent of the regional population are people of the Kayan national race; 3.56 per cent, the Kayah; 11.34 per cent, the Shan; 10.38 per cent, the Bamar; 3.09 per cent, the Pa-O; 0.80 per cent, the Lisu; and 2.78 per cent, the Intha. The ethnic races of the region are living in unity and amity. And almost all of them are of the Buddhist faith.

*(To be continued)*

*(Translation: TMT)*

*Myanma Alin+Kyemon: 27-7-2004.*

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In addition to the main cause — the regional instability — population growth, and failure to extend sown acreage, produce high yield strains and reclaim new land — were the factors leading people of Shan State to reliance on other regions for food.

After the emergence of the Tatmadaw Government, sown acreage of the nation has increased to 25.02 million acres from 23.87 million acres, thanks to its utmost efforts to restore peace and stability in the whole nation and ensure an adequate amount of food, clothing and shelter for the people.

During his inspection tour of Bagan region, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying, "In growing paddy, the per acre yield target should be set at 100 baskets, and efforts should be made for gradual increase in rice production."

Accepting the guidance, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern

### People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### Efficient use of electricity

- \* Use daylight as the main source of light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- \* Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

### Efficient use of fuel

- \* Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- \* Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- \* The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

### All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased





*Thaphanseik Dam in Kyunhla Township, Sagaing Division, benefits 400,000 acres of monsoon paddy, 45,000 acres of cotton, 172,500 acres of summer paddy and 26,300 acres of sesame.*

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It must however be understood clearly that today's youth must be well informed and be highly educated if they wish to build and protect a nation that fulfills their aspirations. To meet this need, the students of today must be trained and fostered to become outstanding and highly learned men and women of great ability, who are instilled with a clear and strong spirit of nationalism.

So, in conclusion, I would like to call upon the personnel of the education sector:

To constantly help to nurture and develop outstanding and highly qualified scholars, scientists, technocrats and professionals who are patriotic, have a strong national and Union Spirit and who shall thereby preserve, protect and promote the independence and sovereignty of the Union of Myanmar so that she may take a place of pride among the nations of the world, and,

To work for the success of the National Convention which is the first stage of the seven- stage policy for

democracy, in whatever capacity and whatever task has been assigned in a strong spirit of nationalism and contribute towards the emergence of a peaceful, stable, developed and fully disciplined democratic State.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented the best trainee awards to demonstrator U Thiha of Hinthada University and tutor Daw Cho Cho Khaing of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College, other awards to outstanding trainees and certificates to leaders of companies.

The Prime Minister accepted cash donated for Konawin Pagoda in CICS compound, Lawkachantha Abhya Labha Muni Buddha Image, renovation of ancient pagodas in Bagan, the National Convention, the fund of USDA, post primary school of CICS and Phaunggyi BEHS by the trainee faculty members and presented certificates of honour to them.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the trainee faculty members.—MNA



*Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win presents cash donation for the school to the headmistress at opening of multimedia classrooms of No 5 BEHS, Kamayut.*

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## Well-nurtured students can look...

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trustees U Soe Naing Tun on efforts for opening of the centres. The Secretary-1 presented cash for the school to the headmistress.

Next, the Yangon mayor presented a colour TV and other wellwishers donated over K 3.2 million and five units of UPS worth K 200,000 to the headmistress.

The Secretary-1 spoke on the occasion. He said that it was a great pleasure to witness the happiness and polite expressions of the students when he was at the basic education high school.

He expressed thanks to teachers who have been making constant efforts in teaching and nurturing students.

The teachers are to be capable of teaching and nurturing the students to be polite and outstanding in their studies. Well-nurtured students can look forward to their bright future and prosperous nation.

Therefore, relentless efforts are to be made for enabling the students to be qualified and well-versed in English with the effective use of teaching and learning aids installed by parents, teachers and students with the aim of promoting the education standard.

At a time when peace and tranquillity has been restored and the national

economy has been in the process of rapid development, a fine tradition in which the government, the people and social organizations have been

making concerted efforts is flourishing. As a result, it is sure that all the sectors including the education sector will make progress.

After the ceremony, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win greeted those present on the

occasion.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party had a documentary photo taken together with members of the School Board of Trustees, teachers and students.

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*Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of school board of trustees, teachers and students pose for a documentary photo at opening of multimedia classrooms of No 5 BEHS, Kamayut. — MNA*



*General Manager Mr Kazuhisa Ogawa of Japan explains about the course. — UMFCCI*

## Training for Human Resource Development opened

YANGON, 2 Aug— An opening of the Training for Human Resource Development, Jointly sponsored by the UMFCCI and (The Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship) (AOTS) was held at the Kandawgyi Palace Hotel this morning. It was attended by advisers to the UMFCCI, the President, the vice-president, the general secretary and others.

First, President of UMFCCI U Win Myint gave an opening speech.

Next, General Manager Mr Kazuhisa Ogawa of AOTS office in Bangkok explained matters concerning the opening of the Training.

Altogether of 40 trainees are attending the 10-day course.—MNA





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Flying above the crowd : A diver drops from the reconstructed, 22-metre high Stari Most bridge on the Nereva River in the traditional bridge diving competition. — INTERNET

## Yangtze River Delta provides one-third of China's exports

SHANGHAI, 2 Aug— The Yangtze River Delta, mainly composed of Shanghai and Jiangsu and Zhejiang provinces in east China contributes to more than one-third of China's export volume in the first half of this year, Customs statistics show.

Official figures show that China's gross export volume amounted to 258.1 billion US dollars in the first six months of 2004 of which 37.46 per cent came from the Yangtze River Delta 4.2 percentage points higher than the same period in 2003.

Exports from Jiangsu saw a turnover of 37.58 billion US dollars with 33.74 billion US dollars from Shanghai and 25.36 billion US dollars from Zhejiang during the six months. Jiangsu and Shanghai ranked the second and third in terms of export among China's provincial areas.

Xu Yibao, vice-director of the Shanghai Foreign Trade and Economic Cooperation Commission said optimized commodity structures was the main reason for the region's booming foreign trade.

New and high-tech products together with household appliances contributed greatly to the Yangtze River Delta's export, of which IT products including laptop computers and integrated circuits saw an amazing increase under the joint efforts of state-owned enterprises, joint ventures and private firms.

Xu said the global industrial transfer in recent years brought more processing order forms to the Yangtze River Delta, turning it to one of the world's key manufacturing centres.

Improving global economic situation and China's more positive role in the World Trade Organization make experts predict a continuous foreign trade growth in the region during the second half of 2004.

MNA/Xinhua

## WTO strikes trade pact, Doha Round back on track

GENEVA, 2 Aug— Rich and poor nations struck a historic deal on Sunday to slash billions of dollars in farm subsidies, create more open industrial markets and put troubled global commerce negotiations back on track.

After five days of wrangling, the World Trade Organization's 147 member states formally agreed a framework laying down guidelines for the organization's Doha Round, which has been in trouble since the acrimonious collapse of a ministerial conference last September in Cancun, Mexico.

"Better late than never," WTO spokesman Keith Rockwell told reporters after the adoption of the agreement at a late-night session of top-level trade diplomats at the WTO's headquarters.

"This is a historic moment for this organization," WTO chief Supachai Panitchpakdi told a news conference.

The hard-won deal on a series of contentious trade issues, ranging from farm reform to the launch of negotiations on a new Customs code, puts the stalled Doha Round firmly back on track, officials and negotiators said.

"This is the beginning of the end for (farm) subsidies. Export subsidies will be eliminated first," Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said.

Brazil, together with India, leads the G-20 developing

nation alliance that played a key role in the failure of last year's talks in Cancun, where it mounted fierce attacks on the farm subsidies of rich powers, such as the United States and the European Union. The G-20 says they deny it world markets.

After an all-night negotiating marathon, key WTO members, including the United States, the European Union and Brazil and Japan, on Saturday had agreed to the elimination of export subsidies at a date yet to be set, long a key developing country demand, to limit other subsidies and lower tariff barriers. Agreement on the sensitive issue of agriculture opened the way for a similar understanding in industrial goods trade and development issues, areas in which the WTO was seeking a framework accord to serve as a basis for future more detailed negotiations as part of the Doha Round.

The World Bank says the round, whose conclusion could still be years away, could help lift more than half a billion people out of poverty through increased trade and boost global growth.

MNA/Reuters

## Japan gives WTO trade pact cautious welcome

TOKYO, 2 Aug— A deal struck by World Trade Organization (WTO) states aimed at slashing rich nations' farm subsidies and reviving stalled world trade talks received a cautious welcome from Japan on Sunday.

"Rather than an agreement being reached, I think this means the negotiations are back on track," Japan's Foreign Minister, Yoriko Kawaguchi, said in a statement.

"It includes the elements needed to bring about a balanced final agreement, but at the same time allows for Japan to make its case on sensitive agricultural products at future negotiations, so I think we should rate it highly," Kawaguchi said of the accord.

The head of Japan's agricultural lobby said in a statement that he supported the pact, struck in Geneva overnight, for its flexibility on politically sensitive products.

The framework agreement was acceptable because it "ensured certain flexibility on treatment of sensitive products by member economies", said Isami Miyata, head of the Central Union of Agricultural Cooperatives, according to the Kyodo news agency. Some sections of Japan's media, however, criticized the deal for vagueness.

"Gaining time by procrastination only means you will one day have to pay many times over," the Asahi Shimbun said in an editorial. Japan, the world's second-largest economy and a major food importer, is anxious to protect the country's rice farmers, who constitute a powerful lobby.

MNA/Reuters

## UN expert criticizes rich countries for failing in cooperation

MADRID, 2 Aug — The rich countries have made advances in the cooperation for the development of poor nations, but "have failed" in the quality of that aid, a UN expert was quoted by the Press as saying Saturday.

Coordinator of the UN campaign for the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), Eveline Herfkens, indicated that since the signing of the commitment for the Millennium in 2000, poor countries in general have made important advances, but rich countries have not.

According to her analysis, nations like Vietnam have attained the goal of reducing poverty and many

countries in Latin America have established the goal of universalizing secondary education.

Nevertheless, she said, "the rich countries have failed." In the developed nations, "literally, nothing has been made, but talking, talking and talking on trade policies", she added.

"We promised the poor countries we would open our markets to their products or would end with the sub-

dies to agriculture which destroy their markets" and nothing has been done, said the coordinator.

The Millennium Development Goals (MDG) include achieving universal primary education, promoting gender equality, reducing child mortality by two-thirds, halting the spread of HIV/AIDS and halving the number of the world's hungry and malnourished people. — MNA/Xinhua

## Germany welcomes WTO trade pact

BERLIN, 2 Aug— German Economy Minister Wolfgang Clement welcomed on Sunday a World Trade Organization deal to cut billions of dollars in farm subsidies, create more open industrial markets and put commerce negotiations back on track.

"I'm delighted that the members of WTO have grasped the opportunity, even before the elections in the United States and the changeover in the European Commission, that achieves a substantial step forward in world trade talks," he said in a statement released in Berlin.

"A positive signal is being sent from Geneva for further talks and the setback from Cancun has been overcome," he added. "A success for the Doha Round is now within reach."

MNA/Reuters



Dancer Yang Liping from China's southern province of Yunnan performs during 'Dynamic Yunnan' in Wuhan, Hubei Province in this picture taken on 29 July, 2004. It took Yang Liping, famous for her vivid imitation of a peacock in her dance, more than two years to choreograph 'Dynamic Yunnan' — a large scale dance drama and panoramic depiction of the colourful life of the ethnic people of Yunnan Province. — INTERNET



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## SPORTS

## Striker sponsors llama in apology for Euro 2004 spitting

ZURICH, 1 Aug — Switzerland striker Alexander Frei has apologized for spitting during Euro 2004 by sponsoring a llama.

Frei was found guilty of spitting at England midfielder Steven Gerrard in the 3-0 defeat in Portugal in June after he initially denied the offence. Swiss media branded Frei a llama as the South American animal is known for spitting.

"I have taken over sponsorship of a llama in Basel Zoo so that in future llamas do not spit," Frei said in a letter published on the web site of Swiss daily Blick on Friday.

"I have learned a lot. This period has not been easy for me and I have needed support. Yes, I spat, and for that I must apologize."

Frei, who plays his club soccer for Stade Rennes in France, was initially cleared after an investigation but was handed a three-match ban when new television evidence was presented.

The Swiss Football Federation (SFV) was heavily criticized over the incident after it emerged Frei had told Press spokesman Pierre Benoit that he had indeed spat at Gerrard. The SFV have appointed lawyer Ulrich Faessler to investigate the train of events. —MNA/Reuters

## Man United, Real Madrid avoid Benfica in draw

LONDON, 1 Aug — Former European champions Real Madrid and Manchester United avoided dangerous unseeded floaters Benfica and FC Basel in the draw for the third qualifying round of the Champions League on Friday.

Belgian champions Anderlecht were paired with Benfica, European champions twice in the 1960s and now undergoing something of a rejuvenation after years in the doldrums.

Inter Milan, who also won the European Cup twice in that decade, were handed the tricky task of facing Swiss champions Basel.

Real Madrid, nine times European champions but forced to qualify for the Champions League proper after finishing fourth follow-

ing a disappointing end to last season's Spanish League programme, almost certainly face a trip to Poland.

They were drawn to meet the winners of the second qualifying round tie between WIT Georgia Tbilisi of Georgia or Wisla Krakow of Poland who are virtually certain of their place after beating WIT 8-2 in the first leg in Tbilisi on Tuesday.

Real were particularly relieved to avoid Benfica, who were coached last season by Jose Antonio Camacho, now the Real boss.

"We thought we were going to get drawn against Benfica because that's just the sort of thing football throws up," said Real spokesman Amancio Amaro.

But he added: "We can't be too confident with Wisla

because Polish football is difficult." Manchester United, who finished third in the English Premier League last season, will meet either Slovakian champions Zilina or Romanian champions Dinamo Bucharest following the draw at UEFA Headquarters in Nyon.

Dinamo won the first leg 1-0 away this week, but United, like Real Madrid, should have little trouble in coming through their fixture.

Monaco, who lost last season's Champions League final to Porto, will face either Nova Gorica of Slovenia or FC Copenhagen of Denmark in their tie, with the Danish champions the likely opponents after winning the first leg 2-1 away on Tuesday. —MNA/Reuters

## AC Milan edge Man Utd 9-8 in penalty shootout

NEW YORK, 2 Aug — AC Milan squeezed past Manchester United 9-8 on penalties after the two sides drew their Champions World Series match 1-1 in New Jersey on Saturday.

The Italians won the shootout at the Giants Stadium in East Rutherford after United captain Roy Keane and goalkeeper Tim Howard hit the post with their penalties.

United, who also lost on penalties to Bayern Munich in Chicago and were beaten 2-1 by Celtic in Philadelphia, took a 33rd-minute lead through Paul Scholes in the final game of their US tour.

But Andriy Shevchenko equalized in injury time for Milan, who next face Chelsea in Philadelphia on Monday.

The Champions World Series features 11 friendly matches at eight venues across the United States and Canada, involving club sides from England, Italy, Scotland, Portugal, Germany and Turkey. —MNA/Reuters

## Slovenian breaks record swimming China's Yangtze

SHANGHAI, 1 Aug — Slovenian Martin Strel broke his own world distance swimming record when he completed a 2,875-mile descent of the Yangtze River, Chinese media said on Saturday.

The 50-year-old reached Shanghai on China's eastern seaboard on Friday, 50 days after entering the river in Yunnan Province in the southwest, breaking his own 2002 record when he swam the 3,800-kilometre length of the Mississippi River, the Shanghai Daily said.

"The extremely hot weather is hard to grapple with, but I had to choose this season because the tides are relatively easy to swim with," he was quoted as saying.

Strel made it into the Guinness Book of World Records as the first person to swim the entire length of the Danube, covering 3,004 kilometres in 58 days.

The intrepid Slovenian also holds the world records for non-stop swimming which he set in 2001 by covering 504 kilometres of the Danube in 84 hours. —MNA/Reuters



Manchester United defender Mikael Silvestre, left, tackles AC Milan forward Kaka, of Brazil, during the first half of their friendly match on Saturday at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford. — INTERNET

## Tyson faces uncertain future

LOUISVILLE (Kentucky), 1 Aug — Before fighting Danny Williams, Mike Tyson had an ambitious two-year schedule of seven fights planned to clear his massive debts.

After his stunning fourth-round knockout loss to Williams at Freedom Hall on Friday, Tyson's future plans just might include retirement.

"When everything settles down and the dust clears, we will talk about his future," Tyson's trainer Freddie Roach said. "Possibly retirement, if that's the way he wants to go, hard to say. Mike is 38. He took a lot of shots.

"Money will not be an issue when we decide."

That's a far cry from the grand plans Tyson's camp had before the fight, which was supposed to be a tune-up for a series of comeback bouts that would lead the former champion back into heavyweight title contention. —MNA/Reuters

## Alberto goal earns Porto win over Liverpool

TORONTO, 1 Aug — Carlos Alberto scored in the 85th minute to earn European champions Porto a 1-0 win over Liverpool in the Cham-

pions World Series on Friday.

The young Brazilian, unmarked three metres out, clipped the ball into the net to bring the pro-Portuguese crowd of 40,078 to their feet at the SkyDome.

Both sides enjoyed good chances in a scoreless first half, Porto hitting the woodwork twice and Liverpool's Michael Owen twice missing the target with headers.

The Champions World Series features 11 friendly matches at eight venues across the United States and Canada, involving club sides from England, Italy, Scotland, Portugal, Germany and Turkey.

The next two matches are both on Saturday with Manchester United facing AC Milan in New Jersey and Celtic meeting AS Roma in Toronto.

Porto will also travel to New Jersey for their second game in the series against Galatasaray on Sunday. —MNA/Reuters

## Napoli future uncertain

MILAN, 1 Aug — An Italian court has rejected an appeal by debt-laden Napoli against their demotion from Serie B.

The Naples club, champions in 1987 and 1990 when inspired by Argentine Diego Maradona, have a reported debt of around 70 million euros.

The club were refused a licence to play in Serie B next season but turned to a regional court in Lazio.

Napoli may now turn to another, higher, body to appeal the decision but media reports say their future looks more likely to be resolved by a rebirth as a new club. —MNA/Reuters

## Totti strikes as Roma sink Celtic

TORONTO, 2 Aug — AS Roma, swept aside 3-0 by Chelsea in Pittsburgh in midweek, bounced back with a 1-0 win over Celtic in the Champions World Series on Saturday.



AS Roma's Francesco Totti celebrates his goal during first half action against Glasgow Celtic in Champions World Series soccer action in Toronto on Saturday, 31 July, 2004. INTERNET

Italy striker Francesco Totti scored the only goal of the game in the 25th minute at the SkyDome as Celtic ended their participation in the tournament with a defeat.

The Scottish champions also lost 4-2 to Chelsea in Seattle but beat Manchester United 2-1 in Philadelphia.

Roma next meet Liverpool in New Jersey on Tuesday.

The next match is on Sunday when European champions Porto take on Galatasaray in New Jersey. —MNA/Reuters

## Lampard, Terry back Eriksson

LONDON, 1 Aug — Chelsea pair Frank Lampard and John Terry have followed David Beckham's lead by giving their support to underfire England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson.

The Swede's future is in doubt after an affair with a Football Association (FA) secretary but England midfielder Lampard told British newspapers on Saturday: "People don't seem to take any notice of the loyalty the players have to the manager."

"It's strange because it counts for nothing outside but we see it inside the camp, where it counts for everything. The players are united in that feeling and they will give everything for him."

"Most of the players in the squad would say the same. It would be an absolute shame if he were forced out over this."

Speaking after his club Real Madrid beat J-League team JEF United Ichihara 3-1 in Tokyo on Thursday, Beckham was asked for his opinion of Eriksson.

"As far as I'm concerned he's been a great man to me and a great man to the rest of the players," said the England captain.

"Every one of the players respects him as a manager and what he's done for the team and what he's done for the country...I've enjoyed working with him and hopefully I can carry on working with him."

England defender Terry also said the players thought highly of Eriksson.

"The lads are all behind Sven and we'd like him to stay," Terry told British newspapers on Saturday. "He's a very good manager and he's got the full support of each and every player in the squad."

"We play for him every time we put the shirt on and he knows how to get the lads going. Everyone in the squad speaks very highly of him and, fingers crossed, he'll stay."

MNA/Reuters



IBF bantamweight champion Rafael Marquez of Mexico City poses with boxing promoter Bob Arum (L) after defeating Heriberto Ruiz of Los Mochis, Mexico, at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas, Nevada, on 31 July, 2004. Marquez retained his title with a knock out in the third round. — INTERNET



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**3-8-2004 (Tuesday)**  
**(Programme Schedule)**  
**Morning Transmission**

9:00	Signature Tune Greeting
9:02	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06	Travelogue (Kalaw)
<b>9:10</b>	<b>Headline News</b>
9:12	Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Fried Pomfret dipped in evaporated milk"
<b>9:15</b>	<b>National News</b>
9:20	Myanmar Traditional Musical Instrument (Domin)
9:25	Sandawchain
<b>9:30</b>	<b>National News</b>
9:35	The Grand Bagaya Monastery (INWA)
9:40	Song "Blue Moon"
9:42	Myanmar Gems Mo- saic
<b>9:45</b>	<b>National News</b>
9:50	Archaeological Mu- seum, Pakhangyi (II)
9:58	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**3-8-2004 (Tuesday)**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(15:30 - 17:30)**  
 5:30 Signature Tune

	Greeting
15:32	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
15:36	Travelogue (Kalaw)
<b>15:40</b>	<b>Headline News</b>
15:42	Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Fried Pomfret dipped in evaporated milk"
<b>15:45</b>	<b>National News</b>
15:50	Myanmar Traditional Musical Instrument (Domin)
15:55	Sandawchain
<b>16:00</b>	<b>National News</b>
16:05	The Grand Bagaya Monastery (INWA)
16:10	Song "Blue Moon"
16:12	Myanmar Gems Mo- saic
<b>16:15</b>	<b>National News</b>
16:20	Archaeological Mu- seum, Pakhangyi (Il)
16:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
<b>16:30</b>	<b>National News</b>
16:35	Costumes for Myanmar Ladies
16:40	Myanmar Natural Re- source Spirulina
<b>16:45</b>	<b>National News</b>
16:50	The Folk Art of Mak- ing ornaments with leaves
16:55	Kayin Dance (Ton Pana (or) Kywe Min Don Dance)
<b>17:00</b>	<b>National News</b>
17:05	Traditional Weaving Art

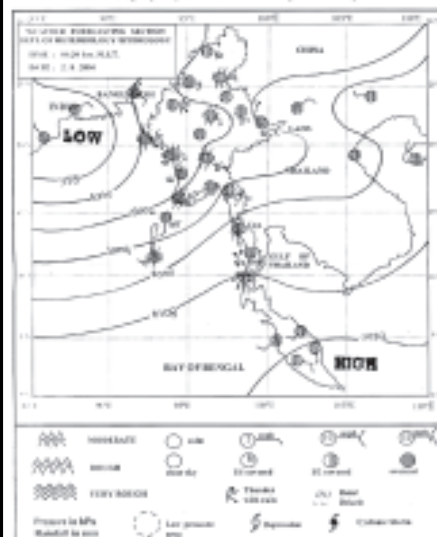
17:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song “Ma Ma Moe”  
17:12 Macadamia (Perennial  
Cash Crop)  
**17:15 National News**  
17:20 Panwa with its Tour-  
ist Attractions  
17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights “Come and See  
Myanmar”  
  
**3-8-2004 (Tuesday)**  
**(Programme Schedule)**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(9:00 - 10:00)**  
19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights “Mingalabar”  
19:36 A Day in the life of  
the PaO Family  
**19:40 Headline News**  
19:42 A Gift to mark a visit  
to Myitkyina (Kachin-  
Snack)  
**19:45 National News**  
19:50 Livistona Speciosa  
(Taung Htan)  
19:55 Kachin Dance  
**20:00 National News**  
20:05 Mythun (Counterpart  
of Cattle)  
20:10 Song “Gaze Upon”  
20:12 Dat Taw Gyaik Water-  
fall  
**20:15 National News**  
20:20 Archaeological Mu-  
seum, Pakhangyi (I)  
20:25 Songs On Screen  
“Musical Maze”  
**20:30 National News**  
20:35 Talent Show on the

	Myanmar Bamboo Xylophone
20:40	Myanmar Green Tea
<b>20:45 National News</b>	
20:50	The Unique Pindaya Shan Paper
20:55	Dance of the Drums
20:58	The Mountain with Antique Stone Sculpture
<b>21:00 National News</b>	
21:05	Production of A Delicious Seafood
21:10	Myanmar Modern Song "Hill Steps Town"
21:12	Plaster Toys
<b>21:15 National News</b>	
21:20	Their Master's Images
21:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
21:35	Travelogue (Kalaw)
<b>21:40 Headline News</b>	
21:42	Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Fried Pomfret dipped in evaporated milk"
<b>21:45 National News</b>	
21:50	Myanmar Traditional Musical Instrument (Domin)
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<b>22:00 National News</b>	
22:05	The Grand Bagaya Monastery (INWA)
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22:12	Myanmar Gems Mo- saic
<b>22:15 National News</b>	
22:20	Archaeological Mu- seum, Pakhangyi (II)

22:25	Song "Do you love me?"
<b>22:30</b>	<b>National News</b>
22:35	Costumes for Myanmar Ladies
22:40	Myanmar Natural Resource Spirulina
<b>22:45</b>	<b>National News</b>
22:50	The Folk Art of Making ornaments with leaves
22:55	Kayin Dance (Ton Pana (or) Kywe Min Don Dance)

<b>23:00</b>	<b>National News</b>
23:05	Traditional Weaving Art
23:10	Myanmar Modern Song "Ma Ma Moe"
23:12	Macadamia (Perennial Cash Crop)
<b>23:15</b>	<b>National News</b>
23:20	Panwa with its Tourist Attractions
23:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighboring Areas



## WEATHER

**Monday, 2 August 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division and rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Magway and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Kayah State and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfall in Mon State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (4.92) inches, Myeik (4.33 inches), Yay (3.23 inches).

Maximum temperature on 1-8-2004 was 30.8°C (87°F). Minimum temperature on 2-8-2004 was 20.6°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 2-8-2004 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 1-8-2004 was (0.2) hour approx.

Rainfall on 2-8-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1684 mm (66.30 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1663 mm (65.47 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1657 mm (65.24 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from Southwest at 15:30 hours MST on 1-8-2004.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is strong in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 3-8-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Mandalay and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kayin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Occasional squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Increase of rain in Rakhine State.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-8-2004:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-8-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



**Tuesday, August 3**

7:00 am	1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Saya- daw U Ottamathara
7:15 am	2. တိပိသကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရီတ၊ အနုဟာသဂ္ဂိတ၊ဘန္ဓုဝိနိရုဏိယ (ယောဆရာတော်)ဟောကြားသော ဥပါစသန္တိဝိဇ္ဇိတော်
7:25 am	3. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am	4. Morning news
7:40 am	5. Nice and sweet song
7:50 am	6. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်
8:05 am	7. အတီးဖြူပွဲ

**8:10 am**

8. Song of yesteryears

**8:20 am**

9. ရွှံ့ခိုင်းရေလောင်းတံ

**8:30 am**

10. International news

**8:45 am**

11. Grammar made easy

**4:00 pm**

1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**

2. Songs to uphold  
National Spirit

**4:30 pm**

3. English For Everyday  
Use

**4:45 pm**

4. Musical programme

**5:00 pm**

5. အဝေးသင့်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ  
- ဒုတိယနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး)  
(မြန်မာစာ)

**5:15 pm**

6. Dance of national races

**5:20 pm**

7. နံနက်ဇာဆင့်ထားဇာတီဝင်

5:35 pm  
8. Sing and enjoy

6:15 pm  
9. နိုင်ငံခြားကတန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
“ဗျော့ကမ်းလူစုန” (အပိုင်း-၁၂)

6:30 pm  
10. Evening news

7:00 pm  
11. Weather report

7:05 pm  
12. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား

7:20 pm  
13. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုးပြည့်အကျိုး

7:30 pm  
14. The mirror images of  
musical oldies

7:45 pm  
15. ကျေးလက်သဘာဝစိစွင်  
အလှဆင်

8:00 pm  
16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
“တန်ရဲရဲအခါ” (အပိုင်း-၁၀)

20. The next day's pro-  
gramme



**Tuesday, August 3**  
**Tune in today:**

<b>8.30 am</b>	Brief news
<b>8.35 am</b>	Music: This time around
<b>8.40 am</b>	Perspectives
<b>8.45 am</b>	Music: Do wah diddy
<b>8.50 am</b>	National news/ Slogan
<b>9.00 am</b>	Music: Boom-bastic love
<b>9.05 am</b>	International news
<b>9.10 am</b>	Music: Ramalama Daisy
<b>1.30 pm</b>	News/Slogan
<b>1.40 pm</b>	Lunch time music -Dream about you -Oh baby -One sweet day -Kiss from a rose
<b>9.00 pm</b>	English Speaking Course Level- 1 Unit- (24)
<b>9:15 pm</b>	Article/ Music
<b>9.25 pm</b>	Weekly sports reel
<b>9.35 pm</b>	Music for your listening pleasure -Sail on sailor -You don't know love
<b>9.45 pm</b>	News/Slogan
<b>10.00 pm</b>	PEI

# Myanmar's relations with neighbours flourishing

## Cooperates well with countries in the region

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Thus we have progressed to the point where the Government has been able to proclaim and lay down the 7-stage policy for democracy which is now being implemented for the establishment of a modern, developed and fully discipline flourishing democratic nation. In fact, the first and most important phase of this 7-stage policy, which is the holding of the National Convention, has partially been completed with successful results.

We have now been able to lay down firm foundations and reaped favorable results in reconstructing and shaping the future of our country

as a nation infused with the true national spirit. One of the reasons for this success must be attributed to the cooperation people of the entire nation, which includes the teachers of universities and colleges; they too have cooperated in this national reconstruction with right good will and patriotic spirit.

In the endeavours for the reconstruction of a modernized and developed nation, the educational sector plays a fundamental role. The Government acknowledges the fact that teachers of universities and colleges as well as that of the basic education sector play a most vital role in carrying out the

many tasks such as educational reforms, implementing educational promotion programmes and nurturing young students to become future scholars and capable professionals and technocrats who will be a credit to the nation. So, I would like to urge teachers of universities and colleges to continue with their work with full patriotic fervour in our march forward on the 7-stage path towards democracy so that our national goals will be realized.

The Government, depending on and employing its own resources has been working with sincerity and integrity for

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gives away a prize to a trainee at closing ceremony of No 5 Special Refresher Course for faculty members. — MNA

### Progress in international relations

- \* Myanmar since its accession to the ASEAN, has actively cooperated in regional security, economic and development affairs.
- \* As a member of BIMST-EC Myanmar has actively contributed towards multilateral cooperation.
- \* Myanmar has participated with Cambodia, Laos, and Thailand in forging and implementing a strategy for quadruple economic cooperation and is also an active participant of the Greater Mekong Sub-region.
- \* Myanmar has maintained friendly relations with other international organizations including the United Nations Organization and has increased its international participation in the administrative, health, social and cultural sectors.



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win formally unveils the signboard of multimedia teaching centres of No 5 BEHS, Kamayut. — MNA

# Well-nurtured students can look forward to their bright future and prosperous nation

## Make full use of modern electronic equipment installed at the centres for enhancing educational standard

### BEHS No 5 in Kamayut gets multimedia teaching centres

YANGON, 2 Aug —Multimedia teaching centres were opened at No 5 Basic Education High School in Kamayut Township this morning, attended by Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Edu-

cation Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development

Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen

Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Ministers for Education U Myo Nyunt and Col Aung Myo Min, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, members of the school board of trustees, headmistress, teachers, parents, members of social organizations, wellwishers, students and guests.

Students welcomed the Secretary-1 and party singing a song "Myanma School" with the accompaniment of band troupe of No 2 BEHS, Kamayut.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister U Than Aung and Chairman of the school board of trustees U Myint Sein formally opened the centres.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win formally unveiled the signboard of the centres.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party inspected audio system reading corner room, video system computer aided instruction room, language lab, domestic science room and painting studio.

Headmistress Daw Kyin Kyin Aung reported on for-

mation of the multimedia teaching centres and Secretary of the school board of (See page 11)

At a time when peace and tranquillity has been restored and the national economy has been in the process of rapid development, fine traditions of cooperating with the government, the people and social organizations are emerging. As a result, it is sure that all the sectors including the education sector will make progress.

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