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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

**Government working with sincerity, integrity for prosperity, progress of nation, people Especially enhances momentum of cooperation with neighbouring countries Much remain for Govt to do hand in hand with people**

YANGON, 4 Aug — The Special Refresher Course No 2 for Faculty Members concluded at Yadana Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division, yesterday morning, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye

Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Chief of Staff (Navy), deputy ministers, the Mandalay Mayor, the Deputy Chief Justice, the Deputy Attorney-General, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, the rector, the pro-rector, heads of department and officials of CICS (Upper Myanmar) and trainees.

First, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister Gen-

eral Khin Nyunt delivered an address. He said:

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. The Government, depending on and employing its own resources

has been working with sincerity and integrity for 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. 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 pumping projects for the utilization of river water. There are other innumerable projects, which are still being implemented. In the transport and communica-

tions sector in 1988 there was only a total of over 13,600 miles of tarred roads, gravel roads and earth 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 north of the country have now been constructed which further necessitated the building of 172 large bridges to span the rivers.

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MEC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses the ceremony to conclude Special Refresher Course No 2 for Faculty Members at CICS (Upper Myanmar) in PyinOoLwin. — MNA

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**Teachers of schools as well as universities and colleges play a most vital role in carrying out the many tasks such as educational reforms, implementing educational promotion programmes and nurturing young students.**



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

## PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 5 August, 2004

## For successful realization of breastfeeding project

"Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation" is one of the four social objectives laid down with the purpose of raising the health and educational standards of the people. Only if the people are healthy and highly-educated will they be able to actively take part in all the national endeavours. Therefore, in accordance with this objective, the Government has been providing health care services for all living in the Union.

A ceremony to present prizes to hospitals and townships acknowledged as Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative and Baby Friendly Home Delivery was held at the hall of the Institute of Nursing on 1 August. Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint attended the ceremony, delivered an address and gave away the prizes to nurses, health staff and midwives from 18 hospitals and 18 townships.

The World Breastfeeding Week has been held in all parts of the world in the first week of August every year since 1992.

The aims of the World Breastfeeding Week are to stress the importance of breastfeeding of the baby during the first six months from birth and to find ways and means for mothers to realize this importance and breastfeed their babies until six months old.

The Ministry of Health is laying down a series of projects and implementing them to enhance the health standard of the entire people in accordance with the guidance given by the National Health Committee.

The movement of breastfeeding week is also a project to promote the health standard and its implementation has started since January, 1993. A total of 339 hospitals have been acknowledged as Baby Friendly Hospital Initiative and 117 townships as Baby Friendly Home Delivery.

Every year, a motto is selected for holding the World Breastfeeding Week and this year's motto is "Exclusive Breastfeeding: the Gold Standard, Safe, Sound, Sustainable".

Breast milk is a gift of nature and it is the most suitable food for a child. It contains antibiotics which prevent common diseases of humans. Breastfeeding means that the baby has to be fed only the breast milk, not any other food or liquid.

We would like to urge health staff to cooperate with health-related ministries, NGOs and the people for successful realization of the breastfeeding project.

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World Breastfeeding Week  
(1st to 7th August 2004)

Exclusive Breastfeeding:  
the Gold Standard

Safe, Sound, Sustainable

Ministry of Health

## 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

## 'Soon' offered to 1,000 members of the Sangha to mark 56th birthday of Myainggyingu Sayadaw

YANGON, 4 Aug — A ceremony to mark 56th birthday of Myainggyingu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujana in conjunction with the sixth ceremony to offer 'soon' to 1,000 members of the Sangha in commemoration of peace Mingala of Sonnatthamyaying Swemyodaw (Myainggyingu Special Region) was held at the two-storey refectory of Aungmyingala Pariyatti Monastery in the region, Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State, yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were 1,000 members of the Sangha led by Myainggyingu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujana, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu, Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, departmental personnel, families of Shwethanlwin Co, disciples and local people.

Before the ceremony, vocalists Hinthada Tun Yin, Soe Sanda Tun and Pianist Khun Tin Kywe sang religious songs. Next, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Myainggyingu Sayadaw. Then, members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

The commander supplicated on religious affairs. Next, the commander offered provisions donated by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and South-East Command to the Sayadaw. Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung donated offertories to the Sayadaw. Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein of SPDC Office also presented 100 robes donated by the State Peace and Development Council to the Sayadaw.

On behalf of Chairman of Kayin State PDC Col Khin Kyu, departmental heads and Brig-Gen Than Tun of the Office of Chief of Military Intelligence, Maj Tin Saw Naing, wellwisher Shwethanlwin Co family and local people offered provisions to members of the Sangha.

Patron of Shwethanlwin Co Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Ni and members of Board of Directors handed over 10,000 robes, 3,600 bags and provisions for Myainggyingu Special Region to the commander. Similarly, Saya Nyein and family donated K 300,000 for the Sayadaw's donation ceremony to the commander. On behalf of local people, Saw Maw Tho presented K 5.6 million to mark the 56th birthday of the Sayadaw to Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.

U Tha Htoo Kyaw accepted K 6 million for regional development, K 5 million for Myainggyingu BEHS and 100 dozens of exercise books and school uniforms donated by Director-General Col Than Swe of the Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department.

The Myainggyingu Sayadaw presented a certificate of honour for literati to U Lay Naing (Myaing Nan Swe).

Next, the commander presented prizes to Saw Tun Tun Lin who stood first in the 5-10 basic education level dancing contest, Saw Htet Shine who stood first in the 10-15 basic education level dancing contest, Saw Kyaw Lin Soe who stood first in the 15-20 basic education level dancing contest, U Saw San Aye who won consolation prize in the amateur level composing contest and Sein Ba Maung traditional orchestra troupe in the orchestra contest in 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung presented prizes to Ma Zar Zar Win and Ma Mie Mie Soe who won distinction in economic subject in 2004 matriculation exam and 32 students who passed the exam.

Next, U Kyaw Than presented K 945,000 for social affairs in the region to U Aung Ngwe. Afterwards, U Kyaw Than presented cash prizes for 233 staff in the region through Head of Traditional Medicine Clinic U Zaw Lin Htwe. Later, the Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits. After the ceremony, 'soon' was offered to members of the Sangha. Afterwards, wellwisher Shwethanlwin Co family donated provisions to Sayadaws and novices.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung presents offertories donated by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt to Myainggyingu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujana. — MNA



Director-General of the Office of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Pe Nyein presents offertories donated by the State Peace and Development Council to Myainggyingu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujana. — MNA

## Paddy cultivated to mark 2004 International Rice Year

YANGON, 4 Aug—A ceremony to cultivate paddy in commemoration of the 2004 International Rice Year was held at the farm of Myanma Rice Research Centre in Hmawby Township this morning, with an address by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin.

Present were heads of departments under the ministry, Resident Representative of FAO Mr Tang Zhengping, local farmers and guests.

Secretary of Central Committee for holding the 2004 International Rice Year Managing Director of Myanma Agriculture Service U Tun Than reported on research and cultivation of high quality strain paddy.

Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin delivered a speech. Next, the minister and party grew Hmawby-3 paddy at the research farm in commemoration of the 2004 International Rice Year. They also inspected cultivation of paddy with the use of modern equipment and they were conducted round by Managing Director U Tun Than and General Manager Dr Min Aung. The minister and party inspected booths at the centre.—MNA

## Minister receives guest

YANGON, 4 Aug—Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone received Managing Director Mr Roif W Boehnke of Common Fund for Commodities group of the Netherlands at his office this evening.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun, Director-General U Nyunt Aye of Directorate of Trade, Managing Director of Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading U Min Hla Aung and officials of Border Trade Department.—MNA

## ASEAN Food Festival

(10 am to 2 pm) 7th August 2004  
Kandawgyi Palace Hotel (Lake View)



# Six US troops killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Aug—Guerillas killed seven Iraqi security personnel in a car bombing and other attacks Tuesday, and the US military announced the deaths of six Americans, including four killed by guerillas.

The American dead included two soldiers killed by a roadside bomb and two Marines who died after being wounded in fighting Monday. Two others died in non-combat-related incidents. The US deaths brought at least 919 the number of US service members who have died since the begin-

ning of military operations in Iraq.

In the city of Najaf, south of Baghdad, forces loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr were holding 18 police hostage as leverage to force authorities to release their comrades, a police official said Tuesday on condition of anonymity.

The abductions reflected increasing friction that has threatened a fragile truce that ended two months of fighting that began in April between al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia and US troops. Marines and al-Sadr's militia-men engaged in a battle in Najaf on Monday that killed a woman.

Al-Sadr aides have accused police of targeting members of his Mahdi Army.

The deadliest insurgent attack Tuesday came in a car bombing north of the city of Baqubah, when a truck raced toward an Iraqi checkpoint guarding Kharnabad Bridge, officials said.

The truck attempted to merge into a US military convoy heading toward the bridge, but a soldier driving one of the vehicles forced it off the road before it detonated, said Maj Neal O'Brien, a US Army spokesman.

The blast killed four members of the Iraqi National Guard and wounded five others, said Maj Gen Waleed Khaled Abdulsalam, Baquba's police chief.

"A US convoy drove past us and just afterward there was an explosion," Cpl Motaz Abood, whose back, arms and face were covered in burns, said from his hospital bed.

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## 916 US troops killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq last year

BAGHDAD, 4 Aug—As of Tuesday, 3 August, 916 US service members have been killed since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 680 died as a result of hostile action and 236 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 60 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each. Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 778 US soldiers have died — 571 as a result of hostile action and 207 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defence Department on Tuesday.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 6,089 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defence Department's weekly tally. The latest deaths reported by US Central Command:

- Two US soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb late Monday in Baghdad.
- Two Marines died of wounds received in fighting Monday in Anbar Province west of Baghdad.
- A Marine died Tuesday from a non-hostile gunshot wound.
- One soldier died in a vehicle accident. —Internet



A blast wall protects a section of central Baghdad, Iraq, on 31 July, 2004, with the Tigris River and the Green Zone seen in the background. Under constant threat from guerilla attacks, protective barricades have sprung up all over the Iraqi capital, sealing off swaths of the city behind impenetrable walls off-limits to the public. — INTERNET

## Pipeline blaze halts oil exports from Iraq

KIRKUK, 3 Aug—A major attack on Tuesday on the main pipeline connecting the oil fields of Kirkuk with the Turkish port of Ceyhan has halted limited exports from northern Iraq, a Northern Oil Company official said.

"An improvised explosive device was placed close to a network of pipelines at the level of Al-Fateha, west of Kirkuk, causing a big explosion and huge fires that damaged the main pipeline running to Ceyhan and stopped exports," Nasir Qassim, a logistics and security official with the state-owned company, said.

He said the attack occurred at about 6 am in an area 120km west of Kirkuk.

The road connecting Kirkuk with the refineries in Beiji to the west was cut off as emergency workers battled to extinguish the raging flames, with Iraqi police and national guard units, and multinational troops securing the area.

Sand barriers were also erected to contain the fires, an AFP correspondent witnessed, as thick black smoke covered the skies and could be seen all the way from Kirkuk.

An oil ministry spokesperson in Bagh-

dad declined to comment on the attack.

The key northern artery only resumed work on Sunday carrying 200,000 barrels a day after an attack in mid-July halted exports.

Until the end of June, the pipeline had been out of commission for about 10 months following a series of attacks and sabotage.

Repeated attacks on Iraq's oil infrastructure have defied the interim government's efforts to increase exports and bring in much needed hard currency for the country's reconstruction.

The bulk of Iraq's oil exports go through tanker terminals on the Gulf.

Exports from the southern oilfields have been running at up to 1.7 million barrels per day but have suffered periodic disruption in recent months, at least some of it the result of deliberate sabotage.

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## Reception marks founding of China-ASEAN Association

BEIJING, 4 Aug — A reception was held here Tuesday to mark the formal establishment of the China-ASEAN Association.

Addressing the reception, Gu Xiulian, vice-chairwoman of the Standing Committee of China's National People's Congress (NPC) and president of the China-ASEAN Association, said that as friendly neighbours, China and countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have conducted mutually-beneficial cooperation in all fields in recent years.

China and ASEAN have entered a new stage, in which they enjoy increasingly close political relations and comprehensive economic and trade development, she said.

The association aims to further facilitate China-ASEAN cooperation in various fields, and enhance the understanding and friendship between people of China and ASEAN countries through personnel

exchanges, holding symposiums and other cultural activities, she said.

Chen Haosu, president of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries (CPAFFC), said the founding of the China-ASEAN Association will inject new vitality to the non-governmental friendly cooperation between China and ASEAN countries.

MNA/Xinhua

## Turkish truck group challenges call to halt Iraq work

ANKARA, 4 Aug — A Turkish haulage group on Tuesday challenged another industry association's decision to stop ferrying goods to US forces in Iraq after a wave of kidnappings and the killing of a Turkish worker.

The Turkish hostage whose killing was shown on an Islamist web site on Monday read out a statement from his kidnappers before his death urging Turkish companies to halt their lucrative business in Iraq.

Turkey's International Transporters' Association (UND) responded by halting the delivery of goods to US forces in Iraq, but the RODER group of some 670 transport firms said its decision was not supported by the whole industry.

"It is not possible for us to give up transporting goods to Iraq unless a war broke out between Turkey and Iraq," Saffet Ulusoy, head of RODER, told Reuters.

"Only the government, the Foreign Ministry or the Transport Ministry has the authority to make such statements. This is a route on which 50,000 Turkish families

depend for making a living," he said.

Turkish trucks and trailers made around 700,000 trips to Iraq every year, earning Turkey billions of dollars in exports, Ulusoy said.

Some 1,500 vehicles crossed the Turkish-Iraq border each day before the hostage crisis but the number has dropped in the last couple of days.

He said 100,000 tons of much-needed wheat was sitting in the Turkish port of Mersin awaiting transportation to Iraq.

On Sunday two haulage firms said they were prepared to suspend operations in Iraq after two of their drivers were taken hostage by militants who threatened to behead them within 48 hours unless the firms stop working in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi National Guard members guard at the site of a car bomb at an Iraqi military checkpoint at the entrance of Baquba some 35 miles, 65 kilometres northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, killing at least four guardsmen and wounding six others on 3 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET

# Ministry says seventh Jordanian taken hostage in Iraq

AMMAN, 3 Aug—Another Jordanian has been kidnapped in Iraq, bringing to seven the number of Amman's nationals held hostage in the neighbouring country, the Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

"We learnt from the family of Adel Ubeidallah that he was taken hostage in Iraq the day before yesterday (Sunday)," said Ministry Spokesman Ali Ayed.

He had no further details on the man who local media said was a businessman from Ramtha in northern Jordan.

Four Jordanian drivers were kidnapped in Iraq last Tuesday and another two seized the day before that.

"The Jordanian government is pursuing ceaselessly its efforts to ensure the release of the seven Jordanian hostages and we expect a conclusion soon," Foreign Minister Marwan Moasher told the official *Petra* news agency on Tuesday.

He said the "contradictory aims and lack of clear demands from some kidnappers makes the task very arduous", adding that sometimes the demands would be addressed to the government and sometimes to the companies which employ the hostages.

Um Salah, the mother of one hostage named Ahmed Sunukrut, told *AFP* that her 26-year-old son had telephoned and said "he is in good health".

She added that Ahmed, father of two children, had been on his first trip to Iraq, "on behalf of Iraqi traders", when he

was seized.

The wife of 40-year-old hostage Khaled Massud said she had received one call from her lorry-driver husband, but since then, nothing.

"Our four children and our families are in a terrible state. We don't understand why he has been taken hostage, he only carries food products to Iraqi traders," she said.

Daoud and Partners, the firm for which two kidnapped drivers—Fayez Saad al-Adwan and Ahmed Salmeh Hussein—worked, has announced that it was suspending its activities in Iraq to try to get their release.

Dubai Television reported Saturday that the kidnappers of the other four truck drivers had telephoned the station to complain no one had contacted them to seek their release and threatened to "change the (good) treatment" of the captives.

The chief of the hostage-takers who call themselves the "Death Squad," said the captives were being well treated, but he "threatened that this would change if their demands are not met", the satellite station said.

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## Another Marine dies of wounds in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Aug—An additional US Marine died of his wounds sustained in action on Monday in the restive al-Anbar Province in western Iraq, the US military said Tuesday.

"An additional Marine assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary force died of wounds received in action on 2 Aug in the al-Anbar Province while conducting security and stability operations.

"This brings the total to two," a US military statement said. Earlier on Monday, a US soldier died from wounds sustained in the western al-Anbar Province.

The latest death brought the toll of US soldiers to four within 24 hours, after two others were killed in a roadside bomb attack in Baghdad overnight.

Al-Anbar Province, including the flashpoint cities of Ramadi and Fallujah, has been gripped by unabated attacks against the US forces since the US-led invasion of Iraq began in March 2003. Over 680 US troops have been killed from that time.— *Internet*



An Iraqi civilian looks on as Iraqi National Guards gather the remains of a car bomb at a Iraqi military checkpoint at the entrance of Baquba some 40 miles (65 kms) northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 3 Aug, 2004. A car bomb exploded on Tuesday outside the city of Baquba, killing at least four guardsmen and wounding six others. — INTERNET

## Danish commanders in Iraq relieved of duties

COPENHAGEN, 3 Aug—The Defence Minister dismissed the two top Danish military commanders in Iraq on Tuesday as an inquiry widened into charges that a Danish officer denied water to Iraqi detainees and made them sit in uncomfortable positions for long periods of time.

Defence Minister Soeren Gade said he relieved Col Henrik Flach, the head of the country's 496-person unit in southern Iraq, from command "because of lack of judgment." Gade said the unit's executive officer, Lt Col Poul Erik Andersen, also was dismissed.

"We will not accept that the international conventions are not respected," Gade said. But he said the dismissals were independent of a decision by military investigators to widen an inquiry into the claims of abuse by one Danish officer.

ish officer.

On Monday, officials confirmed an officer was ordered home from Iraq on 30 July, two weeks early, to face an investigation into allegations first published in the *Ekstra Bladet* newspaper. The officer's name was not disclosed, in line with Danish privacy rules, nor were details of the misconduct allegations. The newspaper reported that a military intelligence officer refused to give Iraqi prisoners enough water while they were being questioned and forced them to sit in "a stressful position for long periods of time".

"The investigation will include more than just the

one person who was ordered back to Denmark," said Lt Col Hans-Christian Mathiesen, a spokesman for Defence Command Denmark, the nation's top military authority. Mathiesen wouldn't say how many other soldiers would be questioned or if any others were under suspicion.

Several Danish soldiers complained to their superiors about the officer's methods.

*Politiken* and *Ekstra Bladet* said Tuesday that the officer was a woman and *Ekstra Bladet* identified her as Annemette Hommel, who had worked both at the Foreign Ministry and at Parliament.— *Internet*

## Turkish company decides to withdraw from Iraq

ANKARA, 3 Aug— Turkish Bilintur company decided on Tuesday to withdraw its personnel from Iraq after one of its drivers Murat Yuce was shot dead in the war-torn country. "Ankara-based Bilintur said in a statement that it had decided to withdraw its personnel from Iraq so as not to put at risk the life of the second personnel who might have been abducted together with the killed driver.

Bilintur serves as a subcontractor of a Jordanian firm that works in Iraq. After Turkish driver Yuce was killed by his captors in Iraq, International Transporters' Association (UND) also decided to stop ferrying US cargo to Iraq.

Turkey's truckers association said it was suspending deliveries to US forces in Iraq in hope that kidnappers would release other two Turkish drivers they were holding. The move deals a heavy blow to a supply route that US forces have used for deliveries of food and fuel.

Meanwhile, the Association of Lorry and Bus Drivers Chairman Reslan Tabur in Gaziantep on Tuesday urged Turkish drivers not to go to Iraq until chaos ends or the Turkish army can assure the security.

Tabur noted that Turkish drivers did not earn much money from transporting goods to Iraq while risking their lives. "We call on all Turkish drivers not to go to Iraq," he urged. Tabur, however, suggested that Turkish drivers should go to Iraq under the protection of the Turkish Armed Forces. "A safe and secure zone controlled by the Turkish army should be established in an area close to the border to help Turkish drivers unload their cargo there. And Americans should take those goods from that area and distribute them," he said.

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## Kuwait, Iraq agree to resume full diplomatic relations

KUWAIT CITY, 3 Aug— Kuwait and neighbouring Iraq on Monday agreed to resume full diplomatic relations.

A joint statement issued on the occasion of the visit of Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi to Kuwait, carried by the *Kuwait News Agency*, said that the two sides had discussed means to boost cooperation in all fields.

It was agreed that trade and commerce cooperation in particular would be enhanced through the establishment of a higher joint committee chaired by the prime ministers of the two countries, said the statement.

The committee is to hold annual meetings and the concerned ministers may represent the chairmen if necessary, it said.

The two sides also agreed to set up technical committees to handle all co-operation issues in all fields, it added.

The Kuwaiti Foreign

Ministry and the Iraqi Ministry of Planning and Development are to follow up and coordinate on the affairs of the higher joint committee, according to the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cambodia to spend more money on road maintenance

PHNOM PENH, 4 Aug— Cambodian Government determined to enhance the road maintenance in order to retain the asset value of them, local media reported on Tuesday. The government plans to spend nearly two billion US dollars on its road network in the next 10 years. About 600 million US dollars of that would go toward road maintenance. "The government is now paying closer attention to road maintenance," said Sun Chanthol, Minister of Public Works and Transport.— *MNA/Xinhua*



An unidentified Iraqi man carries an RPG or bazooka across a street market in the city of Najaf in southern Iraq on Tuesday, 3 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET



# Pakistan not to send troops to Iraq

ISLAMABAD, 3 Aug — Pakistan will not send troops to Iraq under the present circumstances, a foreign office spokesman said here on Monday.

Masood Khan, the spokesman, told a weekly Press briefing here that no commitment on troops deployment in Iraq has ever been made by Pakistan.

It was for the first time that Pakistan made a clear statement on the issue of deployment. The country, with over 90 per cent of its population Muslims, used to play words on the issue, noting repeatedly, "we have not made a decision yet".

The spokesman admitted that Pakistan has long been lobbied by the United States to send forces to Iraq and the country has discussed with the United Nations on the possibility.

Two Pakistani citizens last month were taken hostage in Iraq and later executed, triggering severe criticism at home on the government's "unclarified" Iraqi policy.

"We will not take into consideration what the terrorists want us to do," said the official.

He said whatever decision Pakistan is to make on the troops-sending, it was a crime the captors committed to kill the two innocent Pakistani nationals.

He also suggested that Pakistani people should not go to Iraq until the "volatile and unstable" situation there got improved. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi man looks at a damaged bus in the city of Najaf in southern Iraq, on 3 August, 2004. — INTERNET

## India, Pakistan aim to better people-to-people ties

NEW DELHI, 4 Aug — India and Pakistan will open two days of talks on Tuesday to promote greater people-to-people contact.

Relations at a popular level have warmed immensely this year after thousands of Indians travelled to Pakistan to watch their cricket team tour there, with many fans overwhelmed by the hospitality they received.

The talks in New Delhi will aim to build on that goodwill, but analysts say progress may be slow.

Their armies also face off on the Siachen Glacier, the world's highest battlefield, and the two sides have other disputes over water and territory.

The two countries were both part of British colonial India but were divided into mainly Hindu India and Muslim-majority Pakistan when they got independence in 1947.

Many of their people share a common language and history, but ties have rarely been better than belligerent and they have gone to war three times. — MNA/Reuters

## Gunbattle erupts in Najaf

NAJAF (Iraq), 3 Aug — A gunbattle erupted on Monday evening in the holy Iraqi city of Najaf after US troops approached the house of militant Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, witnesses said.

They said members of Sadr's Mehdi Army militia were exchanging fire with US soldiers.

Sheikh Mahmoud al-Sudani, a spokesman for Sadr in Baghdad, said US soldiers had surrounded Sadr's house.

Sadr launched an uprising against US-led forces in April, and hundreds were killed in weeks of fighting before truces were agreed in Shiite areas of Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

## Britain checks claims of abuse at Guantanamo Bay

LONDON, 3 Aug — Officials of the British Foreign Office were investigating allegations that US soldiers assaulted and abused British detainees at the US Guantanamo Bay naval base in Cuba, the *Independent* newspaper reported Sunday.

According to the paper, the Foreign Office has written to the US Defence Min-

## Turkish truckers to stop transporting US forces goods

ANKARA, 3 Aug — A Turkish truckers association said Monday that it will stop transporting goods to US forces in Iraq.

"ITA supports development of political and commercial relations between Turkey and Iraq, however security and stability have not been restored in Iraq yet," officials from the International Transportation Association (ITA) were quoted by *Anatolia* news agency as saying.

Taking into considera-

tion the current situation in Iraq, ITA decided to halt transportation of goods belonging to US troops in that country, they said.

According to the officials, some 2,000 Turkish trucks, including oil tankers, ferry goods to Iraq every day and only about 10 per cent are destined for the US military.

Turkish trucks mostly transport fuel and jet fuel to the US troops, said the officials, adding that the trucks carrying supplies not destined for the US forces would not be affected.

Earlier on Monday, a Turkish man identified as Murat Yuce was confirmed executed by his kidnappers in Iraq. — MNA/Xinhua

## Militant group issues fresh threats against Italy

ROME, 3 Aug — A militant group threatened to attack Italy unless Italy withdraws its troops from Iraq within 15 days, Italian news agency ANSA reported on Sunday.

In a statement sent to the London-based Arab-language newspaper *al-Quds al-Arabi*, the Abu Hafs al Masri Brigades said it was

"mobilizing its cells everywhere in Rome and in other Italian cities".

"We're giving (Premier Silvio) Berlusconi 15 days to withdraw from Iraq," said the statement. "After that we will not be responsible for any loss of life."

"We already sent you an earlier message asking you to withdraw from Iraq as soon as possible but have not seen anything yet," said the statement.

The same group, which claims links with Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network, published two separate Internet statements last week demanding that Italy withdraw its troops from Iraq and reverse its pro-US policy.

Italy has some 3,000 troops serving in Iraq. The Italian contingent is the third largest after that of the United States and Britain.

MNA/Xinhua

## Germany not to participate in NATO's training programme in Iraq

BERLIN, 3 Aug — Germany will not participate in NATO's training programme in Iraq while opening the door for Iraqi officials to be trained in Germany, a spokesman said Monday.

The German Government will not participate in NATO's military training programme in Iraq to be started in early August, deputy government spokesman Thomas Steg told a regular news briefing in Berlin.

Nevertheless, it is possible for Iraqi officials to receive military training at German military colleges, Steg said.

On Friday, NATO members agreed to send about 40 officials to Iraq to train the country's forces and help rebuild its military infrastructure. Under resistance from France, the United States no longer insisted that the mission come under US-led coalition command.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi woman runs to the scene where her son was wounded when a hand grenade exploded during the funeral service for Iraqi Police Col Mounayad Mohammed Bashar in Baghdad, Iraq, on 3 August, 2004. — INTERNET

istry after five Britons, detained in the camp for more than two years, were released in March and alleged they were kicked, punched and stood on by guards, interrogated at gunpoint, and taunted by female soldiers.

British ministers have asked the US authorities to locate videos which the ex-detainees say were filmed when they were being assaulted by the so-called Immediate Reaction Force, a unit of riot control guards allegedly used as a "punishment squad", the paper said. British diplomats last month made further formal complaints about the ill treatment of two Britons, Feroz Abbasi and Moazzam Beggs, who are in solitary confinement in a secure unit and thought to be suffering from mental illnesses, the paper added.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia hails WTO deal as victory for developing nations

JAKARTA, 3 Aug — The Indonesian Government welcomed the latest World Trade Organization (WTO) deal under which developed nations would start reducing their farm subsidies in the near future.

A senior official was quoted Tuesday by the *Jakarta Post* as saying that the deal would benefit developing countries like Indonesia.

Director General of International Cooperation at the Ministry of Industry and Trade Pos Hutabarat expressed optimism that developed nations would start reducing their farm subsidies in 2007 based on the premise that farm supports would only account for 5 per cent of their total agricultural production by 2012.

Pos, who heads the Indonesian delegation at the WTO General Council five-day meet in Geneva, described the new framework as a major breakthrough for developing countries.

Some 147 WTO members on Sunday agreed to a negotiating framework to slash supports and tariffs in the farm sector, lower import duties on manufactured goods, liberalize the services sector, and harmonize Customs procedures. — MNA/Xinhua



*Smoke rises following an attack in Baghdad, on 1 August, 2004.*



*An Iraqi man shouts after an explosion, in Baghdad, Iraq, on 1 August, 2004.*

## Images of Iraq



*Iraqi women flee after an explosion in Baghdad on 1 August, 2004.*



*An Iraqi civilian carries a man injured after a bomb blast in Baghdad, Iraq, on 1 Aug, 2004.*



*Iraqi men try to remove the car in which their brother died during a bomb blast in Baghdad, Iraq, on 2 Aug, 2004.*



*A car bomb blast in the northern city of Mosul, Iraq, on 1 Aug, 2004, killed at least five people and wounding more than 50.*



## Government working with...

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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. Old railway engines and carriages have been replaced with new 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 in 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

**Moreover a network of highways to connect the east, west, south and north of the country have now been constructed which further necessitated the building of 172 large bridges to span the rivers.**

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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, 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

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. Today, however ICT-based learning centres and resource centres have been opened from basic educational schools right up to university level. Universities now have access to the e-library, the Internet and Intranet and can also employ video conferencing and web-based systems. Thus it can be said that the way is now open for an e-Education system. With the encouragement and support of the Government and with the cooperation of individual computer experts and entrepreneurs, Myanmar Information and Com-

with other nations.

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



*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents model hostel award to the leader of the hostel at Special Refresher Course No 2 for Faculty Members at CICs (Upper Myanmar).—MNA*

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they can contribute to the work of achieving the seven-stages of the policy for democracy that has been put into process by the National Convention. 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.

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 international community.

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.

The Prime Minister then presented model trainee awards to Tutor U San Yu Aung of Mandalay University and Demonstrator Daw Yin Kay Thwe Tun of Yadanabon University, diligence awards to Senior Tutor U Zaw Win of Sagaing Cooperative College, Assistant Lecturer Daw Ohn Myint of Mandalay Cooperative College and Lecturer Daw Htay Shin of

University of Veterinary Science.

Next, the Prime Minister presented model hostel awards to N0-3 hostel (men) and N0 7 hostel (Women) and certificates to the trainees through leaders and deputy leaders of respective trainee companies. The trainee faculty members donated K 20,000 for Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, K 10,000 each for all-round renovation of Tooth Relic Pagoda (Mandalay), renovation of pagodas in Bagan, Union Solidarity and Development Association and the National Convention.

The Prime Minister accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to them. After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially conversed with the trainees. Before the ceremony, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint accepted K 20 million for MEC and K 10 million for stipends donated by Maj Maung Latt (Retd)-Daw Nan Yin Yin and family of Soe San Education Training Camp in Pyin Oo Lwin.

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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

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

munications 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 e-Passport, e-Visa, Smart Card 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

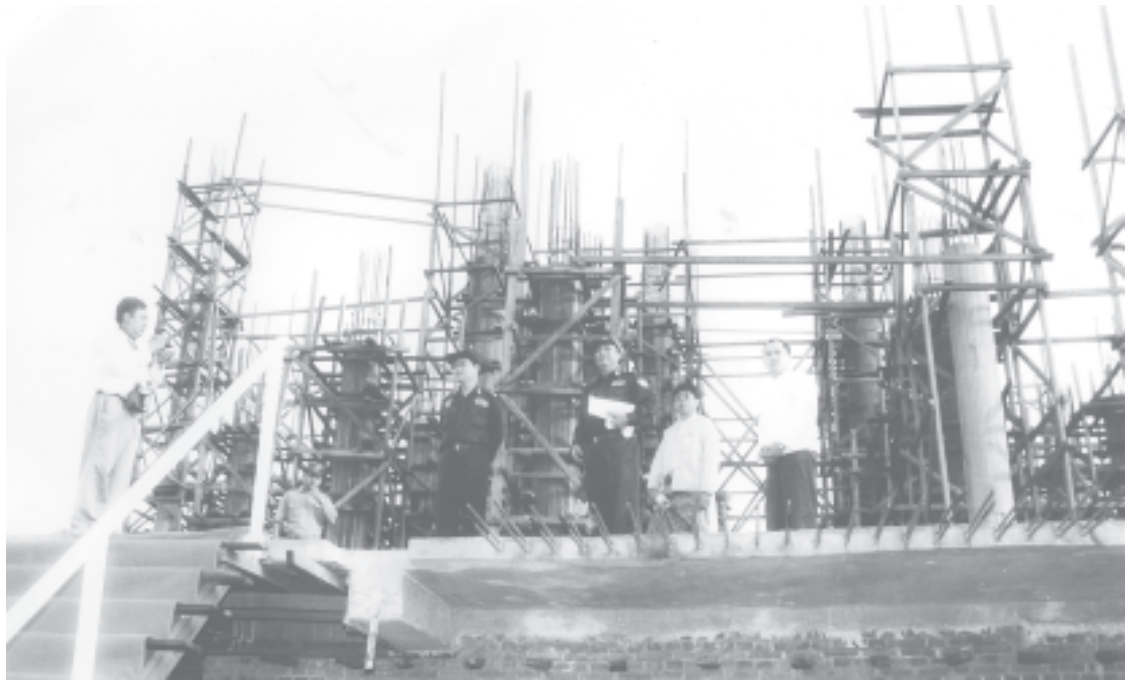
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## Prime Minister observes ...

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Next, the Prime Minister presented TVs, VCDs, computers and accessories to school heads of Basic Education High School No 1, No 2 and No 3. The Prime Minister fulfilled requirements of regional development, nurturing of human resources, education and health sectors.

The Prime Minister delivered an address on the occasion. In his address, he said that the purpose of the tour was to fulfill the requirements for development of the whole Myingyan District. The government has taken all necessary steps for development of the district and raising the economic and social standard of local people. With the aim of ensuring long-term development of the region, Myingyan Degree College and Myingyan Government Technical Institute have been opened to produce highly qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia in the region. Moreover, old



*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects the construction of Arimaddanapura Palace of King Anawrahta in Bagan. — MNA*

transport facilities are being renovated and new roads projects implemented for ensuring smooth transport.

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towards the agricultural projects and elevate the economic and social foundations of local farmers. As a result, regional development projects initiated by the government have helped local people enjoy fruitful results of betterment in

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transport, agricultural, economic, education and health sectors. In response to the reports by local authorities, needs of education, health and agricultural requirements especially needs of rural people have been fulfilled

through coordination. Local residents and officials concerned on their part are to work hard for greater progress of respective regions through effective use of the government's fulfilment. In order to uplift the agricultural sector, the

Myanma Agricultural Service is to provide local farmers with suitable high-yield strains of crops and agricultural methods for accomplishment of the projects and ensuring local food sufficiency.

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*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects the excavation of ancient palace wall of King Anawrahta in Bagan. — MNA*



*The progress in constructing Nanmyint Tower and hotel in Bagan ancient cultural region. — MNA*



## Prime Minister observes...

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At the same time, with respect to the livestock breeding field, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is to conduct research, to distribute pedigrees and breeding methods and to establish model livestock breeding farms through the projects for enabling local livestock breeders to do business on a commercial scale.

At a time when arid zone greening projects are making progress and the arid zones including Myingyan District get green, continued endeavours are to be made to maintain the already-achieved momentum. Efforts are to be made for achieving success in all spheres while constantly placing emphasis on the five rural development tasks being implemented for promotion of rural people's living standard. Those in charge of respective townships are the most responsible for development of rural areas, so they are urged to attend to the needs by making field trips right down to these areas. In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on all departmental officials to make combined and collective attempts for progress of respective regions, while effectively enlisting the strength of social organizations.

After the ceremony, General Khin Nyunt inspected



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects farm machinery of Myingyan Industrial Zone. — MNA



PM General Khin Nyunt meets with departmental personnel, townsenders and personnel of social organizations at Manikinzana Hall in Myingyan. — MNA

farm produce manufactured by the Myingyan Industrial Zone. Next, Myanmar Education Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt arrived Myingyan Degree College and met the principal, professors and faculty members of the college and fulfilled the needs. Afterwards, General Khin Nyunt inspected construction work and theatre, and viewed the students learning at language lab and computer training centre. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party went to Bagan-NyaungU Airport by helicopter. General Khin Nyunt inspected extended construction of the Airport and gave instructions.

At the Nanmyint tower of Bagan ancient cultural region, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party heard a report on building of the tower in accord with the guidance of the Head of State, progress in erecting the tower, a 198-foot high 14-storey building, with a 138-foot-diameter base, erection of the foundation structures of the tower presented by Chairman of Htoo Trading Company U Teza. The tower is being erected in accord with the Bagan architectural style.

The Prime Minister said that as the tower is being erected in the cultural zone, it should be built in accord with the style of Bagan era, speaking of the need to build

it in accord with the set standard and to complete the project in time. He then inspected the project. During inspection of the project to rebuild Arimaddanapura Palace of King Anawrahta, the Prime Minister and party heard a report on holding of the ceremony to erect the three Kyanhgan pillars in accord with the ancient traditions and future plans presented by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung. Architect of Htoo Trading U Thaw reported to them on progress in rebuilding the palace and work to be done; and Tampawady U Win Maung, on Bagan-era style interior decorations.

The Prime Minister looked into the requirements, saying that priority should be given to following the ovada of eminent Buddhist monks and the ancient traditions in rebuilding the palace. He inspected the scale model of the palace, progress in implementing the first stage of the

project and excavation of the King's palace. He also observed the preservation of the excavated brick wall, cleaning of the parts of old pots with chemicals to restore them, urging officials to preserve the excavated site and to make arrangements to transform it into a museum.

At the advanced hotel project of Eden Group Co Ltd, the Prime Minister and party heard a report on plans of the project and inspected its scale model. The Prime Minister stressed the need to construct the hotel in accord with the principles of the ancient cultural region. The Prime Minister and party paid homage to Dhammazedi Pagoda, and offered flower, lights, water and Waso robes to Buddha images. They presented cash donation for the pagoda. The pagoda board of trustees presented two Buddha images to the Prime Minister. Later, the Prime Minister and party arrived at Bagan villa. — MNA

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects classrooms of Myingyan Degree College. — MNA

# Developing China-Myanmar fraternal relations

*Aung Moe San*

At the invitation of Premier Wen Jiabao of the People's Republic of China, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt of the Union of Myanmar visited the PRC for a week from 11 to 18 July this year.

Included in the Prime Minister's goodwill delegation were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, ministers, deputy ministers and heads of department. Myanmar and China are friendly neighbours, with fine traditions. In reality, the recent goodwill visit can be said an effort to further strengthen the Paukphaw friendship or kinship, built by the leaders of the two states.

The development in science and economy of China in the Far East is incredible even for the global experts. A report issued by the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) said that China was the third nation to spend most on research and development in the world, adding that it highlighted China that is marching with high speed towards an industrial age. The latest issue of a book on a collection of research on science, technology and industry, bi-annually published by the OECD said that China spent US \$ 60 billion for the year 2000. Japan's expenditure for the purpose during the same period was US \$ 104 billion; and that of America was US \$ 282 billion. China was followed by Germany which spent US \$ 54 billion. China has rapidly increased its R&D expenditure in a short period, spending 1.1 per cent of its gross domestic product, up from 0.6 per cent in 1996. The country has used 60 per cent of the expenditure for research and development. At present, the indicators for R&D expenditure have become a yardstick for development.

**Myanmar is enjoying political stability, economic progress to a certain degree and friendly relations with her neighbours. She has established constructive relations with other nations. Myanmar has already established friendly and construction relations with her neighbours. Concerning the seven-point future policy programme of the State, the National Convention, that will lay down basic principles to draw a constitution, the most important step of the policy programme, was reconvened on 17 May. The National Convention is in progress, with the participation of a total of 1,088 delegates including over 400 national race delegates of the eight categories of delegate groups. At present, the Convention had been adjourned, and the delegates had left for home. The Convention will resume in the open season.**

*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt*

**China will never interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar. Its a pleasure not to see any changes in the China-Myanmar relations based on the five principle of peaceful co-existence. The bilateral understanding and cooperation is development between the two countries.**

*PRC President Mr Hu Jintao*

**China will give priority to Myanmar in her relations with other nations, thanking Myanmar for her constant adherence to the One China Policy. China will help develop Myanmar's economy to the most possible degree.**

*PRC Premier Wen Jiabao*

According to the US Chamber of Commerce, in 2002, the profits of the US companies running business in China is 42 per cent higher than those of the average profits world-wide. A diplomat in Beijing once said, "China has suddenly become a place for the large number of companies to reap profits."

Thus, the development of China, is likely to surpass the industrial capitalist countries. Cheap land prices in China is an advantage over the developed capitalist countries. The changes and developments, that are occurring in accord with the their own way, have performed miracles for China.

During their one-week stay in China, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and delegation members enhanced the bilateral friendship and cooperation between the two countries. The Prime Minister exchanged views with the high-level officials including the President and the Premier of the PRC, holding talks on international affairs, and achieving mutual understanding in various fields.

During the talks with the Chinese leaders, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that Myanmar is enjoying political stability, economic progress to a certain degree and friendly relations with her neighbours; that she has established constructive relations with other nations; and that Myanmar has already established friendly and constructive relations with her neighbours. Concerning the seven-point future policy programme of the State, he said that the National Convention, that will lay down basic principles to draw a constitution, the most important step of the policy programme, was reconvened on 17 May. He continued to say that the National Convention is in progress, with the participation of a total of 1,088 delegates, including over 400 national race delegates, of the eight categories of delegate groups, adding, at present, the Convention had been adjourned, and the delegates had left for home. The Convention will resume in the open season, he said.

PRC President Mr Hu Jintao assured that China will never interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar, expressing pleasure there were no changes in the Sino-Myanmar relations maintained based on the five principles of peaceful co-existence.

The mutual understanding and cooperation is development between the two countries, he noted. Premier Wen Jiabao also said that China will give priority to Myanmar in her relations with other nations, thanking Myanmar for her constant adherence to the One China Policy. He said that China will help develop Myanmar's economy to the most possible degree.

During the goodwill visit, Myanmar and China signed the following 12 Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding and Exchange of Notes:

- (1) Agreement on Economic and Technical Cooperation between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the People's Republic of China
- (2) Exchange of Notes on the Project of International Convention Centre
- (3) Exchange of Notes on the Master Plan for Hydropower Projects in Myanmar
- (4) Exchange of Notes on the Master Plan for Thanlyin-Kyauktan Industrial Zone
- (5) Exchange of Notes extending 50 million RMB Yuan interest-free loan for the provision and shipment of rails for the Myanmar Government
- (6) MoU between the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs of the Union of Myanmar and the Ministry of Information Industry of the People's Republic of China in the field of Information and Communications
- (7) Agreement on the Financing Plan for No 4 Urea Fertilizer Factory at Taikkyi between the Export-Import Bank of China and the Ministry of Finance & Revenue of the Union of Myanmar
- (8) Debt Rescheduling Agreement between China Export & Credit Insurance Corporation and the Ministry of Finance & Revenue of the Union of Myanmar
- (9) Supply Contract for Myanma National Telecommunication Network Construction Project between Myanma Posts and Telecommunications and ZTE

## 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 everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.**

## All this needs to be known

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

## 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

Corporation

- (10) Tagaung Taung Nickle Mineral Exploration and Feasibility Study Agreement between No 3 Mining Enterprise and China Non-ferrous Metal Mining & Construction Co Ltd
- (11) MoU between the Ministry of Industry-1 of the Union of Myanmar and China Metallurgical Construction (Group) Corporation for Extension of 200 TPD Pulp Plant (Thabaung) and Proposed 500 TPD Plant (Rakhine)
- (12) The Supply Contract between Myanma Post and Telecommunications and ZTE Corporation for GSM System Expansion Project

At a time when the US and its allies of the West are cutting of all aid to Myanmar and imposing economic sanctions on the country, it is obvious that the People's Republic of China has sympathy for and conducts constructive cooperation with Myanmar. The acts of the US and allies to make Myanmar people face poverty and hardships and the endeavours of the PRC to help develop Myanmar are significantly different from one another.

The harsh economic sanctions of the West and the sympathy and assistance of the PRC are also greatly different from one another. I am describing the fruitful Sino-Myanmar relations as I wish friendship, peace, progress to be given priority in the international relations. Only then will there be peace and stability prevailing in the international community.

How do we decide a good friend? The wise said, "A friend in need is a friend indeed."

When Myanmar is in the process of building a democratic nation, which is in conformity with the Myanmar social system and, in accord with the seven-point future policy programme of the State, the one-sided economic sanctions of the US and its allies of the West are poisonous to Myanmar, while the constructive cooperation of the PRC is fruitful for the nation. Hence, the success of the goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt reflects developing fraternal relations between Myanmar and China.

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## Compilation of historical facts on four periods coordinated

YANGON, 4 Aug — A coordination meeting on the compilation of historical facts on the four periods of the Union of Myanmar took place at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information this afternoon, with an address delivered by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Thein Sein, members of the Historical Facts Compilation Committee, representatives from the Quartermaster-General's Office and Military Commands, secretaries of the State/Division Peace and Development Council, the secretary of the Mandalay City Development Committee, representatives from the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd and the Myanmar Economic Corporation, professors from the History Department and Myanmar Department at Yangon University, experts, advisers and guests.

At the meeting, U Chit Naing, Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department, acted as master of ceremonies.

In his speech, Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said the meeting was held in accord with the guidance of the Head of State to collect



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the co-ordination meeting. — MNA

development data of states and divisions for the compilation of the four-era historical facts, which is being undertaken by the Ministry of Information. In particular, he continued, it was aimed to obtain data on achievements in such sectors as transport, education, health, socio-economy and religion from 1988 to 31 March 2004. The purpose of such task, he explained, was to enable both present and later generations to have an easy access to authentic facts about the four periods and not to be misled by erratic ideologies. Later, he called for active cooperation in the task.

Next, Leader of the historical facts compilation group for the periods of State Law and Order Restoration Council and SPDC, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise Col Soe Win

reported on progress of tasks being carried out and requirements to be fulfilled.

Those present at the meeting also took part in discussions. U Thein Sein gave suggestions on the presentation of data relevant to the compilation of the facts.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks given by the minister. — MNA



NPE Managing Director Col Soe Win explains work progress at the meeting. — MNA

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## US\$ 4.2m grant agreement signed for fighting TB component

**Today's signing of the Grant will lead towards release of funding for malaria and HIV/AIDS components**

YANGON, 4 Aug — A ceremony to sign a grant agreement among the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria, the Ministry of Health and the UNDP was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health in Dagon Township, here, this morning, with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said that today the grant agreement that will initiate the flow of funds from the Global Fund for AIDS, TB and Malaria, for the first time would be signed. The agreement is for the TB component and initially covers a period of one year with a budget of 4.2 million dollars. This will strengthen the human resource capacity of the National Tuberculosis programme at the central as well as the peripheral levels, expand the coverage, improve infrastructure and technical capacity. Moreover, the treatment success rate will definitely surpass 85% for new smear positive cases and case detection among new smear positive cases will reach 70%. All the CCM members and our partners are thanked for their active involvement and tremendous support in working towards a proposal on TB that was approved by the GFATM in the 2nd round in early 2003. Considerable time had to be given for the preparation of the proposals and the success is due to the concerted efforts of all the members of the CCM. Following the selection of UNDP as the Principle Recipient of the GFATM for the TB component, we have had a series of discussions that would put into place mechanisms for proper and efficient utilization of funds, monitoring and evaluation. The Ministry of Health, UNDP and the Global Fund manager for Myanmar also had consultations and agreed on a mechanism that would ensure smooth implementation. This has resulted in today's signing of the Grant Agreement which, I am sure, will also lead towards release of funding for the malaria and HIV/AIDS components as well in the very near future. The proposals are implemented in a timely and effective manner fulfilling all our objectives set out in the proposals.

UNDP Resident Representative Mr Charles Petrie also delivered an address. He said that substantive resources are being provided by donors through the global fund to fight these dreaded diseases. For Myanmar 98.5 million US dollars have been approved to be disbursed over a five year period. This first agreement of TB covers an initial 7 million US dollars. Next, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint, UNDP Resident Representative Mr Charles Petrie and World Vision International (WVI) Resident Representative Mr R Walker signed the agreement and exchanged documents.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general of departments under the ministry, representatives of UN agencies and international organizations, ambassadors of France, the US, the UK, Japan, Norway and Canada and officials. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects ...

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Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials, on 3 August arrived at Panmawady Bridge (Myinkaseik) construction site in Myaungmya Township and inspected the worksite. On completion, Panmawady Bridge (Myinkaseik), a suspension bridge, will be 1260 feet long.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party attended the opening ceremony of multi-media classrooms of Myaungmya BEHS-3. At the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than unveiled the signboard of the rooms. Next, he viewed round computer aided instruction room, computer application room, electronic media (language lab) room, electronic media (video system) room, printed media (reading corner) room and domestic science room. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing presented computers to the headmistress. Wellwishers presented cash and a computer to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than. In his address, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said the government is implementing education plans for human resource development and carrying out five rural development tasks for enhancing educational standard of rural people. He elaborated on launching school enrollment project for school-going age children, opening of middle and high schools, appointment of teachers, opening of multimedia teaching classrooms and provision of teaching equipment and opening of higher institutions in 24 major development regions and border areas. He urged the teachers to nurture the students to be outstanding with the application of multimedia teaching classrooms. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than posed for photos together with members of the school board of trustees, the wellwishers, teachers and students. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected Myaungmya Suspension Bridge. He went to the site of Mayangu Bridge and inspected construction of approach structures and pillars and gave instructions. The reinforced concrete bridge will be 240 feet long and 24 feet wide.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to the 1,000 acres fish breeding ponds in Mogokeedok farm and inspected digging of ponds and fingerlings. They arrived in Pantanaw at 6 pm. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with local authorities, departmental personnel, social organizations and local elders in Pantanaw, saying that the seven-point future policy programme has been materialized for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, while efforts are being made to develop and modernized the nation. Peace, the rule of law, and economic and human resources development are the main requirements for national progress. Farming should be extended as it is the main economy of the rural. The Government has designated the ten main crops, and efforts are being made to export the surplus rice. Twenty-four development zones have been set up for human resources development. And at the same time, the five rural development tasks have been implemented for further improvement of the rural people.

He then cordially greeted those present at the meeting. Pantanaw has already put 81,171 acres of land under paddy or 99.60 per cent of the target. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party left Pantanaw for Maubin. — MNA

## Measurers for averting possible accident of vessels coordinated

YANGON, 4 Aug — The Ministry of Transport held a coordination meeting to avoid possible accident of State-owned and private vessels sailing in local rivers, at its office on Merchant Street here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Deputy Minister U Pe Than, departmental heads, officials and private vessel owners.

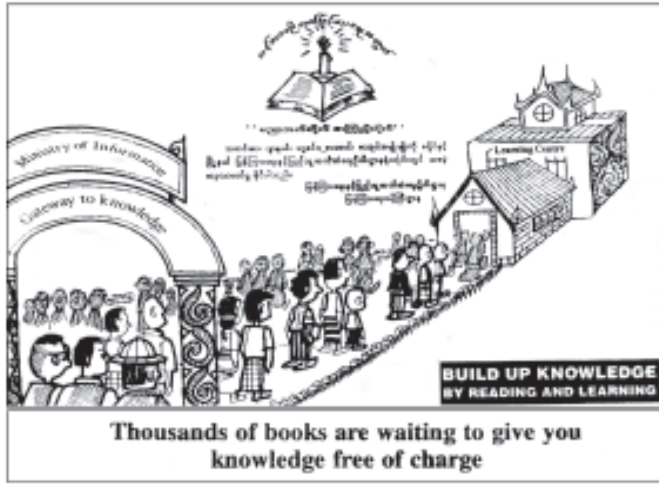
The minister and the deputy minister delivered speeches on the occasion. Officials reported on measures for safety of the vessels.

The minister attended to the needs and delivered concluding remarks. — MNA

## Educative talks on health

YANGON, 4 Aug — Talks on women's health were given at Tai Yee shoe factory in industrial zone-3 of Hlinethaya Township here at 4 pm on 2 August.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Advisor Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint first extended greetings and Obstetric & Gynaecologist Prof Dr Daw Than Than Tin and Dr Daw Phyu Phyu Aung gave talks. — MNA



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### South Asia floods ease

DHAKA, 3 Aug — Emergency medical teams in India and Bangladesh battled on Monday to save thousands of people taken ill after drinking polluted water and rotten food as South Asia's worst floods in 15 years eased after killing more than 1,350.

Nearly 5,000 medical teams have fanned out across Bangladesh, many in boats, to try to contain diseases as flood waters continued to recede after submerging two-thirds of the impoverished country for the past month.

Authorities had intensified distribution of dry and cooked food and safe drinking water, officials and witnesses said.

Doctors at Dhaka's International Centre for Diarrhoeal Disease Research (ICDDR) said they had admitted about 650 patients on Sunday suffering from dehydration, vomiting and malnutrition, the highest daily number in six years.

"The flow of patients is increasing every day, making it difficult for us to cope," said one doctor, Shahadat Hossain.

"I brought my little son here with loose motions and frequent vomiting," said Rozina Akhtar. "Now, after a day's treatment, he seems to be in a stable condition."

Doctors said flood victims had contracted diarrhoeal diseases, while others were suffering from fever, malnutrition and jaundice. The ICDDR is in the forefront of the battle, having saved over 7,000 patients treated in the centre since the flooding began in early July. No one has died at the centre in that time.

"If they can make it to the centre, we can save them," said Hossain. The problem is that many people in remote areas fail to reach hospital in time because of the long distances to travel and poor transport. — MNA/Reuters

### Mother, baby drown in bid to reach Spain

MADRID, 3 Aug — At least five immigrants, including a mother and her baby, died trying to reach Spain when the flimsy boat in which they were travelling overturned and sank, officials said on Sunday.

Only two of the 33 people on board are confirmed safe, and the search is going on for the 26 others still missing.

The wreck happened close to the coast of the southern Andalusia Region on Saturday, when some of those on board the seven-metre long inflatable craft stood up and destabilized it, said a local government spokesman. — MNA/Reuters

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### Bad weather halts launch of NASA Mercury satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 3 Aug — NASA has waited three decades for a second look at the planet Mercury, but now will have to wait at least one day longer as stormy weather on Monday kept its MESSENGER Mercury satellite on the launch pad.

Tropical Storm Alex dumped torrents of rain on Cape Canaveral Air Force Station throughout the day leading up to the scheduled lift-off, though launch weather officers had predicted the storm would move far enough north to allow the Boeing Co Delta 2 rocket to blast off.

But as the countdown approached lift-off, heavy anvil clouds continued to envelop the Cape and NASA scrubbed the launch for the day. NASA said it would try again to launch MESSENGER

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### Tropical storm set to lash North Carolina

MIAMI, 3 Aug — Tropical Storm Alex, set to become a hurricane within hours, gathered strength and threatened to slap the coast of North Carolina with high winds, dangerous surf and storm surges sometime on Tuesday, forecasters said on Monday.

The National Hurricane Centre issued a hurricane warning, warning of the arrival of hurricane conditions within 24 hours, for parts of the coast.

Alex, the first named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season, was packing maximum winds near 70 mph,

close to hurricane strength, by late Monday. It was moving northeast at around 9 mph on a course that would take its centre near North Carolina's Outer Banks islands during Tuesday, the hurricane centre said.

The core of the storm was about 95 miles south of Wilmington, North Carolina at 11 p.m. (0300 GMT on Tuesday), near Latitude 32.8 north and Longitude 77.8 west, the center said.

Alex was expected to turn into a hurricane during the next 24 hours. Tropical storms are defined as those with sus-

tained winds from 39 mph to 73 mph. With fiercer winds, they become hurricanes.

The forecast path showed Alex travelling parallel with the southeast part of the North Carolina coast, delivering a glancing blow to the Outer Banks, a fragile barrier island chain that stretches for over 100 miles and juts into the Atlantic Ocean.

Known for its miles of undeveloped seashore, the Outer Banks is home to 55,000 permanent residents and thousands of summer visitors.

MNA/Reuters

### Brazil offers medical relief to fire victims in Paraguay

BRASILIA, 3 Aug — Brazil said on Monday it would send medical relief to fire victims in Paraguay, according to a statement from the Foreign Ministry.

"A Brazilian Air Force plane will arrive in Asuncion on Monday with a supply of breathing apparatuses and other medical equipment," said the statement. Asuncion is the capital of Paraguay.

Brazil also offered to treat fire victims in its hospitals and give more assistance to victims hospitalized in Paraguay.

In the statement, the Brazilian Government expressed solidarity and condolence

to the families of the victims of the fire, the worst in the history of Paraguay.

More than 300 people were killed and hundreds more injured when the fire gutted a shopping centre on the outskirts of the Paraguayan capital.

The toll of the Sunday blaze was especially high because shopping centre security personnel locked the main doors to prevent customers from fleeing without first paying.

Firefighters believe the fire was ignited by a spark hitting an industrial-sized propane gas tank in the food court.

MNA/Reuters

### Paraguayan President announces nat'l mourning for fire victims

BUENOS AIRES, 3 Aug — Paraguayan President Nicanor Duarte announced late Sunday a three-day national mourning from Monday for the victims in a fire that swept through a supermarket on the outskirts of the country's capital Asuncion, while a Paraguayan TV station reported that the death toll had surpassed 300.

In an open letter to the public on Sunday night, Duarte promised that the government would do its utmost to find out the cause of the fire, according to reports reaching here

from Asuncion.

He also expressed his thanks to all the relief workers for their efforts, and to Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Uruguay and Colombia for their assistance.

During a visit to the disaster scene earlier in the day, Duarte vowed to minimize the impact of the disaster.

Earlier, the government confirmed that 256 people were killed and hundreds of others injured in the incident and that the death toll was expected to rise.

MNA/Xinhua



Stan, the South African Black Footed Penguin, eats an 'Ice Lolly' containing fish at the London Zoo on 1 Aug, 2004, to help him cool down as temperatures in London hit 85 degrees Fahrenheit. — INTERNET

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Surf ski paddler passes along Manly Beach on Sydney's north shore at sunrise on 31 July, 2004. Calm conditions are ideal for fitness enthusiasts but the lack of winter rainfall is contributing to drought conditions in the country and water restrictions are being enforced for city dwellers. — INTERNET

## CCTV launches six digital stations on 9 August

**BEIJING, 4 Aug—** China Central Television (CCTV) will launch six digital channels on August 9 for 58 yuan (seven US dollars) monthly since, according to a recent report from the *China News Service*.

Fengyun Olympics 1 and Fengyun Olympics 2, two of the six channels with the name of their producer, the Fengyun Communication Company, will mainly focus on various matches of the upcoming Athens Olympic Games, said Wang Yan, the company's general manager.

Two other channels, First Theatre and Fengyun Theatre, will show TV series from ancient martial art dramas to romantic love stories. The channel World Geography will feature classic documentaries. The programmes will be newsreels from World War II and those unveiling inside stories of the war.

The channel Fengyun Music will rebroadcast concerts of the most popular singers, Wang revealed. He said that the paid channels will enjoy more freedom than

general access stations. Authorities have banned foreign TV series involving criminal cases for the general station but pay stations are allowed to show the series. Adult programming, frequently a component of paid channels in the west, will not be available.

"It's impossible to open an adult channel full of sex and violence under the conditions of our country," Wang said.

Shanghai, Guizhou, Chongqing and Sichuan will be the first places able to receive the six channels. Another 33 cities are also making technological preparation to connect with the network. Beijing will soon be able to receive the channels.

The second batch of four charged digital channels will be staged at the end of August.

MNA/Xinhua

## Infosys launches Campus Connect for preparing "IT" workers

**BANGALORE, 4 Aug—** Infosys Technologies recently launched 'Campus Connect', a programme aimed at adapting graduates of engineering colleges to the requirements of information technology industry.

The company has committed 100 million rupees for Campus Connect in the first phase for training students, faculty and providing industry inputs into the curricula for 30 engineering colleges across the country, Infosys, vice-president, Education and Research, M P Ravindra told reporters here.

Infosys chairman and Chief Mentor N R Narayana Murthy said platforms like Campus Connect would help interaction between academia and industry and enhance the availability of talent, which is the "most important ingredient for our success".

Infosys, Ravindra said, spends about two lakh rupees per employee at the entry level and about 16 weeks before

being put on a project.

"With the input of Campus Connect, we hope to shave off three months in training period," Ravindra said. Infosys Director, T V Mohandas Pai, added, "It would reduce costs by 40 per cent to 50 per cent".

Pai said enrolment of colleges was purely voluntary and students had the right to join any IT firm in the industry.

"We have to create more and more talent that suits our industry. This is the basis of Campus Connect", Murthy said, adding, other firms in the IT industry could join this initiative.

MNA/PTI

## Video cameras to be installed in Algiers' streets

**ALGIERS, 4 Aug—** Video cameras will be installed in streets of this Algerian capital to tighten public security, local media reported Monday.

The first batch of cameras will be installed in the main streets and squares to record stealing, robbery and other violent accidents for investigation, top official of the country's national security department Ali Tounsi was quoted as saying. The installment will also help reduce the capital's traffic accidents, said the official, noting that some other cities will follow suit.

Islamist militants of the Salafist Group for Preaching and Combat (GSPC), Algeria's top rebel group with suspected links to al-Qaeda, attacked an electricity plant in the capital on June 21 by using car bomb and warned of more attacks to come.— MNA/Xinhua

## Austria, Lebanon provide karaoke champions

**HEINOLA (Finland), 4 Aug—** An Austrian man and a Lebanese woman were crowned king and queen of karaoke at the world championships on Sunday after treating a crowd in Finland to a Bon Jovi classic and the theme of the 1980s musical "Fame".

Thomas Strubler won the men's contest with his version of "This Ain't a Love Song", while Samantha Sayegh of Lebanon confessed to being "very excited and very surprised" to win the women's crown with "Fame".

Entrants from across the globe at the second running of the event were judged on voice, rhythm, expression, presence and entertainment value during the four-day contest. "We have enough turmoil in the world, we need this," said 61 year-old Irish-

woman Margaret Graham who flew from Texas to watch her nephew perform in the town of Heinola, some 90 miles from Helsinki.

The winners walked away with 1,000 euros (1,200 US dollars) each but the money was perhaps not the point. "It is something where anyone can be a star for three minutes. Whether you are a good singer or not, if you love it you are fun to watch," said a 28-year-old representing the Czech Republic who identified himself as Johnny Nighttrain. — MNA/Reuters

## Beijing to spend millions on renovating public toilets

**BEIJING, 4 Aug —** Beijing will spend more than 100 million yuan (12 million US dollars) a year on renovating its public toilets in order to improve their conditions and bring them up to modern standards, local authorities said.

Some 2,800 toilets in old lanes will be the focus of the renovation plan in the four years to come, reported Monday's *The Beijing News Daily*, citing the municipal administration committee.

The plan also includes building new ones in places short of public toilets.

Currently, Beijing has 7,700 public toilets scattered on streets and in residential areas and scenic spots, far from able to accommodate the city's about several million visitors every year, said Ma Kangding of the city administration committee.

Residents and travellers have been complaining about the serious shortage of toilets in business areas and scenic spots for years.

MNA/Xinhua



A baby hippopotamus cuddles up next to its mother. Two Russian anglers quietly sharing a vodka as they waited for fish to bite in a Siberian river fled for their lives when two hippos broke the surface and shattered the peace of a summer day. —

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## Zimbabwe earns about \$107m from tobacco sales

**HARARE, 4 Aug—** Zimbabwean Tobacco Sales Floor managing director David Machingaidze said Monday that the country has sold at least 54 million kilos of tobacco leaves valued 107 million US dollars since the start of the selling season in April.

More foreign currency inflows are expected once the country starts exporting the processed crop.

The auction system continues to account for the bulk of the crop, with a total of 42,702,800 kilos having gone under the hammer by close of business last Wednesday.

The price for the leaf continues to fetch higher on the field through contract sales compared to the traditional auction system. — MNA/Xinhua

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## SPORTS

## Zidane's injury continues as Spanish season set to start

MADRID, 4 Aug — Officials and coach of Spanish soccer club Real Madrid hope their French star Zinedine Zidane recovers for the preliminary round of the Champions League, set to open next week.

The player hurt a foot in a friendly match against Tokyo Verdy during the recent Japanese tour.

Zidane had to leave the match 60 minutes into the match with the left foot bleeding, after Verdy's Kentaro Hayashi stepped on him.

Real's doctor, Alfonso del Corral, Monday said: "Zidane's lesion hurts and several exams will be made to have a more exact idea of what happens and the treatment to be applied."

He then explained that Zidane has taken anti-inflammatories and ice has been applied on his foot during the flight back to Spain, so now it is a matter of time to determine whether he will be able to participate in the matches against Polish side Wisla Krakow or Georgia's WIT.

"We look forward at his recovering in time for the preliminary matches of the Champions League," said Del Corral. —MNA/Xinhua



Japan's Takashi Fukinishi (L) jumps for the ball with Bahrain's Talal Yusuf during their semifinal match at the Asian Cup soccer in Jinan, capital of China's Shandong Province, on 3 Aug, 2004. Japan beat Bahrain 4-3 in extra time. — INTERNET

## Tamada double puts Japan into Asian Cup final

JINAN (China), 4 Aug — Keiji Tamada snatched a superb extra-time winner as 10-man Japan twice came from behind to beat Bahrain 4-3 and reach the Asian Cup final on Tuesday.

Tamada capped a two-goal performance with a fine solo effort three minutes into the first extra period, beating three defenders before slipping the ball past Bahrain goalkeeper Ali Saeed.

"We had a man sent off but the players badly wanted to win and battled to the end," said Japan coach Zico, whose team beat Jordan in a controversial penalty shootout at the weekend.

"I told them they could pull off another miracle and they have," Holders Japan, who had midfielder Yasuhio Endo harshly sent off in the 40th minute, had been heading for a shock defeat until a dramatic late equalizer from defender Yuji Nakazawa.

Substitute Duaj Naser thought he had scored the winner for Bahrain in the 85th minute, only for Nakazawa to rescue Japan with a diving header in the last minute of normal time.

Bahrain had stunned Japan after just six minutes in Jinan, A'ala Hubail latching on to

a pass from Talal Yusuf to beat goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi with a low shot on the turn. Japan were reduced to 10 men late in the first half when Endo was dismissed for striking Bahrain midfielder Mohamed Salmeen in the face, though replays showed there had been very little contact.

But Zico's side hit back three minutes into the second half, substitute Koji Nakata climbing to head in a Shunsuke Nakamura corner.

Tamada, who had been unlucky to hit the post in the 12th minute, then put Japan in front in the 55th minute with a fierce left-foot shot. However, Hubail equalized for valiant Bahrain in the 71st minute, sliding the ball past Kawaguchi after a defensive error from Nakata had presented the ball to Sayed Mahmood Jalal — sent off himself in extra time for striking Nakamura in the face.

Hubail amazingly missed an open goal late in extra time that could have forced penalties. —MNA/Reuters

## Less than half of Athens tickets sold

ATHENS, 4 Aug — Athens Olympics organizers have sold less than half of the 5.2 million tickets available just 10 days before the start of this month's Games.

Tickets for the Games' opening ceremony on August 13 as well as for the closing ceremony and the finals have almost gone but millions more for qualifying events remain unsold, organizers said on Tuesday.

"We have sold 2,205,273 tickets with revenues of 157 million euros, 86 per cent of the amount budgeted," said spokesman Michael Zaharatos.

He said organisers aimed to sell 3.4 million tickets or 64 per cent until the Games start with a total revenue of 183 million euros. "87 per cent of tickets for the finals

and semi-finals of Olympics sports have been sold," he said.

Despite a last-minute surge in sales, including a record 38,000 tickets snapped up on Monday, ticket sales have failed to meet expectations.

Zaharatos said some 4,000 tickets a day were sold in June and July.

Initial estimates that Greece, because of its geographic location and its historical link to the Games, would sell more tickets than Sydney in 2000 have not materialized.

MNA/Reuters

## Scholes quits international football

LONDON, 4 Aug — Manchester United's England midfielder Paul Scholes has quit international football, the Premier League club said on Tuesday.

Scholes, 29, who has spent his entire career at United, has 66 England caps, scoring 14 goals.

"This is a decision I have not taken lightly. I have been considering retiring from international football for a while now," Scholes told United's official web site in a shock announcement.

"I started my England career in 1997 and have enjoyed seven years of great football, playing in the best competitions, with some of the best players, under the best managers."

England coach Sven Goran Eriksson has always hailed Scholes as one of England's world class players alongside David Beckham and Michael Owen.

He made his England debut under Glenn Hoddle in a 2-1 friendly win over South Africa at his home ground of Old Trafford in May 1997 and went on to be a key player in the 1998 World Cup.

He also scored in Euro 2000 before going over three years without an international goal, finally breaking the jinx in Eng-

land's 4-2 Euro 2004 group stage win over Croatia.

England were beaten on penalties by Portugal after a 2-2 extra time draw in the quarter finals, proving to be Scholes' last match.

"Euro 2004 was fantastic but afterwards I felt the time was right for myself and my family to make it my last England appearance," he said.

"I would like to thank everyone at England for the wonderful years I had playing for the team and all the experience I gained. I wish them all the best and good luck for the future."

Scholes has been a prolific scorer from midfield for United since making his league debut in 1994.

He grew up in the same United youth side as fellow England internationals Gary Neville, Phil Neville, David Beckham and Nicky Butt.

The Neville brothers signed new five-year contracts last month but Beckham was sold to Real Madrid last year and Butt signed for Premier League rivals Newcastle United last week. —MNA/Reuters

## Acting FA boss Davies backs Eriksson

LONDON, 4 Aug — David Davies, the new acting chief executive of the Football Association, gave strong backing to England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson on Monday, saying the organization wanted to move on from recent controversies.

Eriksson's future is still uncertain after the resignation of chief executive Mark Palios on Sunday following days of speculation over the two men's relationship with FA secretary Faria Alam.

It is likely to be settled when the Swede faces an FA Board meeting on Thursday, though it looks increasingly unlikely that he will be forced out of his 4 million pounds a-year job.

Davies, the FA's executive director and former head of communications, was quick to back Eriksson when he faced the media outside the ruling body's headquarters on Monday.

"Sven has a consistent track record of success everywhere he has worked and is popular and highly respected by his players. He is one of the outstanding coaches in the world," Davies said.

"That is why so many people want to hire him."

"It is right to say he wants to be coach of the senior England team and he will be coming back to work today."

Davies, in temporary charge following Palios's departure, is at the centre of the situation as the man Eriksson initially spoke to on the phone when asked about his relationship with Alam. —MNA/Reuters

## China into Asian Cup final after shootout

BEIJING, 4 Aug — Hosts China set up an Asian Cup final showdown with bitter rivals Japan after a dramatic penalty shootout against Iran on Tuesday.

Goalkeeper Liu Yunfei saved the decisive spot kick from Iran defender Yahya Golmohammadi for China to win the shootout 4-3 after extra time had failed to break a 1-1 deadlock.

Liu's save sent China into the Asian Cup final for only the second time, sparking delirious scenes among the crowd of 62,000 in Beijing.

"The scenario is right," said China coach Arie Haan. "We are the winners, we are in the final. We did something good but we are not finished yet."

China, who have never won the Asian Cup, beat Iran for the first time since 1994, stretching their unbeaten run to 19 games.

German-based playmaker Shao Jiayi put China ahead after 19 minutes, racing on to a Hao Haidong pass to fire home a powerful left-foot shot from 12 metres.

But Sayyed Mohammad Alavi equalized for Iran in the 38th minute, beating Liu with a speculative drive from 25 metres that skidded through a crowd of players.

Three-times champions Iran had been decimated by three suspensions during the group stage and their poor

discipline resurfaced three minutes into the second half when defender Sattar Zare was sent off.

Zare and Shao exchanged words and, after the Iran defender shoved the 1860 Munich player in the chest, Lebanese referee Talaat Najm produced the red card, reducing Zare to tears.

Substitute Sun Jihai

squandered a glorious chance to put China back in front in the 79th minute, dragging his shot wide from close range after good work from Li Jinyu.

Alavi, taken off early in the second half, was shown a red card for dissent and banished from the bench as tempers flared late in an absorbing game. —MNA/Reuters



China's Sun Xiang, left, competes for the ball with Iran's Mehdi Mahdavia during their Asian Cup semifinal match in Beijing on Tuesday, 3 Aug, 2004. Host China advanced to their first-ever Asian Cup final on Wednesday with a 4-3 penalty shootout win against Iran after tying 1-1 in regulation time, setting up a grudge match against Asian rivals Japan. — INTERNET



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**5-8-2004 (Thursday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 The Interesting Places  
of Kachin State
- 9:10** **Headline News**
- 9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Sea-Weed  
Salad"
- 9:15** **National News**
- 9:20 PaO Nationals' Traditional Long Drum
- 9:25 The Dance of the Prince
- 9:30** **National News**
- 9:35 Medicinal Plants at  
Papa Mountain Park
- 9:40 Song "Dear Myanmar"
- 9:42 The Myanmar turban-Unique
- 9:45** **National News**
- 9:50 Beauty of the Woman of Myanmar
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**5-8-2004 (Thursday)  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic

- Sights "Myanmar  
Panorama & Myanmar  
Sentiment"
- 15:36 The Interesting Places  
of Kachin State
- 15:40** **Headline News**
- 15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Sea-Weed  
Salad"
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 PaO Nationals' Traditional Long Drum
- 15:55 The Dance of the Prince
- 16:00** **National News**
- 16:05 Medicinal Plants at  
Papa Mountain Park
- 16:10 Song "Dear Myanmar"
- 16:12 The Myanmar turban-Unique
- 16:15** **National News**
- 16:20 Beauty of the Woman of Myanmar
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 Rope Painting
- 16:40 Survey of Hu Koung  
Valley Tiger (Part-II)
- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 Naga Traditional Cultural Showroom
- 16:55 The Rakhine Dance,  
The Pride of Yoma
- 17:00** **National News**
- 17:05 Thameehla Island,  
Home to Fascinating  
Turtles
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Predestination"
- 17:15** **National News**
- 17:20 The Reh Lake (The  
Greatest attraction in  
Chin State)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

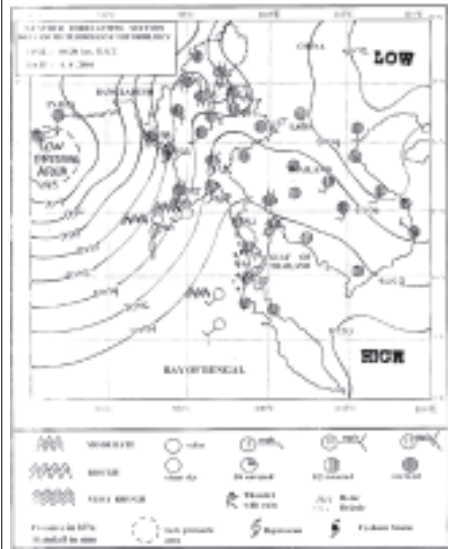
**5-8-2004 (Thursday)  
Evening Transmission  
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 A Thousand Bo-trees  
from Greening Tropic  
Zone
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 The Beauty and The  
Chinlone
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 Silk Wear from  
Amarapura
- 19:55 Scenic Beauty of  
Tiddim and Cultural  
Dance
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:05 Precious Myanmar  
Lacquerware
- 20:10 Song "Let go of me"
- 20:15** **National News**
- 20:20 Myanmar Footware  
"Ponedaw" Famed in  
Successive Eras
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern  
Song "The Smooth  
Way with beautiful  
White Flowers"
- 20:30** **National News**
- 20:35 Daungumaw Mudcrab  
Breeding
- 20:40 Survey of Hu Koung  
Valley Tiger (Part-I)
- 20:45** **National News**
- 20:50 Village of Palaung
- 20:55 Taung-Zabu-Paing  
Royal Group Dance
- 21:00** **National News**
- 21:05 Myanmar Rubber
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Lodestar"
- 21:12 An Umbrella For  
Style
- 21:15** **National News**
- 21:20 Myanmar Arts &  
Handicrafts Centre
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar

- Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar  
Panorama &  
Myanmar Sentiment"
- 21:35 The Interesting Places  
of Kachin State
- 21:40** **Headline News**
- 21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Sea-Weed  
Salad"
- 21:45** **National News**
- 21:50 PaO Nationals' Traditional Long Drum
- 21:55 The Dance of the Prince
- 22:00** **National News**
- 22:05 Medicinal Plants at  
Papa Mountain Park
- 22:10 Song "Dear Myanmar"
- 22:12 The Myanmar turban-Unique
- 22:15** **National News**
- 22:20 Beauty of the Woman of Myanmar
- 22:25 Myanmar Modern  
Song "We'll Be Waiting For You"
- 22:30** **National News**
- 22:35 Rope Painting
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Valley Tiger (Part-II)
- 22:45** **National News**
- 22:50 Naga Traditional  
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The Pride of Yoma
- 23:00** **National News**
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**Rainfall on 4-8-2004**

- 1.73 inches at Yangon Airport,
- 1.42 inches at Kaba-Aye and
- 1.57 inches at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1757 mm (69.17 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1735 mm (68.31 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1743 mm (68.62 inches) at central Yangon.

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas****WEATHER****Wednesday, 4 August 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State and isolated heavyfall in Kayin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hpa-an (4.49) inches, Mawlamyine (4.06 inches), Thaton (3.94 inches) and Ye (2.64) inches.

Maximum temperature on 3-8-2004 was 27.0°C (81°F). Minimum temperature on 4-8-2004 was 19.7°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 4-8-2004 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 3-8-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 4-8-2004 was 44 mm (1.73 inches) at Yangon Airport, 36 mm (1.42 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 40 mm (1.57 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1757 mm (69.17 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1735 mm (68.31 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1743 mm (68.62 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from Southwest at 15:45 hours MST on 3-8-2004.

**Bay inference:** Yesterday's low pressure area over North Bay and adjoining West Central Bay persists. Monsoon is vigorous in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 5-8-2004:** Rain will be widespread in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan State, Mandalay Division and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%). **State of the sea:** Occasional squalls with rough sea will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 5-8-2004:** Some rain which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 5-8-2004:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Flood Bulletin**

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 4-8-2004)

The water level of Ayeyawady River at NyaungU is about 2 ft above the danger level. The water level will continue to fall below the danger level during the next (2) days commencing noon today.

The water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada is about 4 ft above the danger level. The water level will continue to fall below the danger level within the next (7) days commencing noon today.


**Thursday, August 5  
View on today:**

- 7:00 am**
1. Parittas Recitation by  
Mingun Sayadawgyi
- 7:15 am**
2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဝါရီတ၊  
အနုပညာတို့ကတော့အိမ်ထဲမှာ  
(မဟာသရဇာတိ)အဟကြီးသော  
ဥပ္ပိတသန္တီပါဠိတော်
- 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. Dance of national  
races
- 8:05 am**
7. Dance variety
- 8:20 am**
8. ကံတင်တီးလင်းရေကောင်းတံခွန်

- 8:30 am**
9. International news
- 8:45 am**
10. Let's Go
- 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. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့ ပညာရေး  
ရရှိခြင်းသင်တန်းသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ်  
(အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm**
7. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm**
8. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာတေး
- 6:00 pm**
9. နိုင်ငံအဝန်းသင်တောစွမ်းမြင့်  
မိမိလေးနိုးရေလှည့်

- 6:15 pm**
10. သက်တောင့်သက်သာ
- 6:30 pm**
11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းစဉ်  
"မိုးနုတယ်" (အပိုင်း-၄၅)
- 7:30 pm**
14. မိမိတို့လိုက်ဆောင်ခြင်း၏  
အကျိုးဆေးဇယား
- 7:45 pm**
15. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm**
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. စကားသစ် အကြိမ် (အကြိမ်)  
မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု အဆို၊  
အက၊ အဇာ၊ အတီး၊ အသံ၊  
"ဆွန့်ဆွန့်ဆွန့် ဓာတ်တော်ကြီး"  
(ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း-၂)  
(ဒုတိယပိုင်း)
20. The next day's programme


**Thursday, August 5  
Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: Sunshine
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: Life is too short
- 8:50 am** National news/  
Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: Super  
freak
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: Falling in  
love
- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music  
-All out of love  
-Baby can I hold you  
-You first wait and see  
-Goodbye is the hardest word
- 9:00 pm** Aspects of  
Myanmar  
-Myanmar cuisine
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Pourri
- 9:30 pm** Favourite songs  
chosen by music  
lovers  
-My heart will go on/  
-When you say nothing at all  
I want to know what love is
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects progress of rebuilding Nanmyint Tower in Bagan ancient cultural region. — MNA

## Prime Minister observes Nanmyint tower project, Arimaddanapura Palace rebuilding project in Bagan

Regional development projects of Govt help local people enjoy fruitful results of betterment in transport, agricultural, economic, education and health sectors

YANGON, 4 Aug — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Chief of Staff (Navy), the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left here by air yesterday morning and arrived at Mandalay International Airport in TadaU Township.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein and officials.

Accompanied by the commander, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in

PyinOoLwin Township by helicopter. They were welcomed there by military and civilian officials.

Next, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered an address at the concluding ceremony of Special Refresher Course No 2 for faculty members at CICS (Upper Myanmar).

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party arrived in Myingyan at noon. Commander of No 99 LID Col Tin Oo Lwin and local authorities welcomed the Prime Minister and party. At Manikinsana Hall in Myingyan, the Prime Minister met district and township authorities, townsenders, social organization members,

members of Myingyan Industrial Zone Committee and industrialists.

Chairman of Myingyan District Peace and Development Council Lt-

Col Win Myint reported on location of the district, population, land use, production of crops in 2003-2004, completion of cultivation tasks in 2004-

2005, local food sufficiency, growing of 10 main crops, economy, livestock breeding, education, health and regional development. (See page 8)

**With the aim of ensuring long-term development of the region, Myingyan Degree College and Myingyan GTI have been opened to produce highly-qualified intellectuals & intelligentsia.**

### Breastfeeding Week launched

YANGON, 4 Aug — Patron of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Thet Htay attended the ceremonies to launch World Breastfeeding Week in four districts in Yangon Division today.

The movement of World Breastfeeding Week was observed at Kanaung Hall in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone in Shwepyitha Township, Yangon North District, this morning. Daw Khin Thet Htay presented prizes to winners in the article contest to mark the World Breastfeeding Week. Similar ceremonies were held in Yangon West District, Yangon South District and Yangon East District. — MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects multimedia classrooms at Myaungmya BEHS-3 in Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

### Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects Panmawady Bridge (Myinkaseik) Project

YANGON, 4 Aug— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the South-West Command (See page 11)



The construction of Myingyan Degree College seen nearing completion. — MNA