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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



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party pay homage to Tharakkhan Buddha Image at Pakhangyi Village in Yesagyo Township on 4 August 2004.—MNA

## **Establish forest reserves, conserve, protect public forests for better climate**

## **Regional agriculture developing significantly thanks to emergence of water pumping stations**

YANGON, 5 Aug—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt left Bagan-NaungU for Yesagyo in Pakokku District, Magway Division, yesterday morning and ar-

rived at the town at 8.45 am. The Prime Minister was accompanied by 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 Office and heads of department.

On arrival at the town, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Divi-

sion Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, senior military officers, local authorities, departmental per-

sonnel and social organizations.

The Prime Minister met with departmental personnel, local elders and social organizations in Yesagyo,

hearing a report on location and area of the town, land and water resources, crop cultivation in 2003-2004 and 2004-2005, cultivation (See page 8)

**Prime Minister called on township level officials to coordinate and strive collectively in all spheres for all-round development of respective regions based on the five rural development tasks, while making field trips down to the rural areas.**

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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 chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council, officials of the State Peace and Develop-



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects multimedia classroom at Pauk BEHS. — MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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## Strive for main pillar of national economy

Our national economy mainly depends on the agriculture sector. Therefore, "development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well" is embodied in the four economic objectives. This being the case, development of the agriculture sector is to be given top priority. The use of machines from the stage of sowing to that of harvesting and winnowing saves time and labour. Therefore, efforts should be made to be able to use more and more farm implements and machines.

A ceremony to mark the completion of paddy cultivation for 2004-2005 in Yangon Division, division-level direct seeding competition and to present outstanding awards for agricultural production in 2003-2004 was held in Hlegu Township, Yangon North District, on 1 August. It was attended by Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

In his speech on the occasion, the Secretary-2 said that combined efforts should be made to be able to meet the target yield of 100 baskets per acre and 1,200 million baskets nationwide. To meet this target, it is necessary to apply correct cultivation methods, grow quality strains, use organic and inorganic fertilizers and extend sown acreage, he added.

In Yangon Division, altogether 1.145 million acres have been put under monsoon paddy against the target of 1.2 million acres and so 95.43 per cent of paddy cultivation has been completed. A study of paddy production in Myanmar shows that 12 million acres produced 400 million baskets in 1962-63, 12.9 million acres 680 million baskets in 1982-83, 13 million acres of monsoon paddy plus 2 million acres of summer paddy 1050 million baskets in 2001-2002 and 13.43 million acres of monsoon paddy plus 3.1 million acres of summer paddy 1156 million baskets in 2003-2004.

For development of the agriculture sector, the Government has been building dams and river water pumping stations the length and breadth of the nation. Water from these sources should be used effectively so that the yield of agricultural produce can be boosted.

We would like to call on farmers and local authorities to work in concert for the development of agriculture, the main industry of the majority of people living in the rural areas and the main pillar of the national economy.

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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

## Gem mining permits to be issued in August

YANGON, 5 Aug — Gem mining permits will be issued in August 2004 for the plots whose terms expired during the period between April and June, whose terms will expire during the period from July to September and new plots. Permits will be issued after the proposals are being scrutinized by committees at different levels in accord with the Myanmar Gems Law in August to begin work in the open season.

Proposals for the plots whose terms will expire during the period from October to December should be sent to the Myanmar Gems Enterprise during the period from 20 July to 18 August 2004. — MNA

## Sermon to be delivered

YANGON, 5 Aug — Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kavidhaja of 9th Mile Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha of Yangon will deliver a sermon on Satipatthana Vipassana at 2 pm on 7 August, Saturday, at Gotami Vihara in Tokyo, Japan.

MNA

## Mines Minister receives guest

YANGON, 5 Aug — Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received Chairman of Daewoo International Corporation Mr Lee Tae-Yong and party at his office on Kanbe Road here at 4 pm yesterday.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister U Myint Thein and officials. — MNA



MNAF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe gives talks on Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation. EDUCATION

## Talks on Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held

YANGON, 5 Aug — Talks on Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation were held at Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road here at 9 am today. MNAF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-Presidents, Education Minister's wife Daw Win Shwe, Deputy Ministers' wives Daw Marlar Thein and Daw Thazin Nwe, professors, associate professors, principals, faculty members and staff. MNAF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe gave talks on MNAF. Next, Daw Win Shwe presented K 1 million donated by the Ministry of Education for MNAF to Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

Similarly, talks on MNAF were held at the Myanmar Science & Technology Research Department of the Ministry of Science & Technology in Yankin Township here at 2 pm today. Present on the occasion were MNAF General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win, Science & Technology Minister's wife Daw May Kyi Sein, Deputy Minister Dr Chan Nyein's and wife Dr Sandar Aung, officials and staff numbering over 560. Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win gave talks. Next, Daw May Kyi Sein presented K 100,000 for the MNAF to Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win. — MNA

## Journalism trainees visit Myanmar Alin

YANGON, 5 Aug — Trainees of No 1/2004 Journalism Course organized by News and Periodicals Enterprise of the Ministry of Information, accompanied by course-in-charge U Nyunt Hlaing and responsible persons, made a study tour of Myanmar Alin Daily in Natmauk Street, Bahan Township this morning.

First, Assistant Manager (Advertisement) of Myanmar Alin Daily U Aung Kyi extended greetings and introduced the trainees to the responsible persons.

Next, Manager U



The journalism trainees visit Myanmar Alin Daily. — MNA

Zaw Win explained the salient points of Myanmar Alin Daily and procedures of function. Afterwards, the trainees studied editing department, Photolitho department and printing room in Myanmar Alin Daily.

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## Seminar on geotechnical instrumentation held

YANGON, 5 Aug — A Seminar on geotechnical instrumentation, dam monitoring and early warning system, photogrammetry

and digital mapping, remote sensing and GIS was held at the meeting hall of the Irrigation Department here at 10 am today.

General Manager of Suntac Technologies U Tin Myint and managers explained matters on the Suntac services and technologies. Afterwards, managing Director of Suntac Technologies U Ye Phone Hlaing presented TNT mips demonstration CDs on digital mapping, remote sensing and GIS to Irrigation Department Director-General U Kyaw San Win.

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General Manager of Suntac Technologies U Tin Myint explains geotechnical instrumentation. — IRRIGATION



# Sudan warns the West of 'another Iraq'

**KHARTOUM, 5 Aug—**More than 100,000 Sudanese marched on the United Nations headquarters in the capital Khartoum yesterday in a state-organized protest against Western intervention to end the crisis in Darfur.

Demonstrators warned that Sudan could become a battlefield comparable to Afghanistan or Iraq if foreign military forces entered the African country to try to end the 17-month Darfur conflict.

"Targeting Sudan means you will fall into a third swamp, after Afghanistan and Iraq," said Mohammed Ali Abdullah, a senior member of the ruling party.

"There are lions here in Sudan who would like to confront the Americans."

While no Western government has threatened to invade Sudan, such intervention has been discussed since it be-

came clear that the Khartoum government was failing to curb the perpetrators of most of the violence in Darfur.

The UN Security Council last week passed a resolution giving Sudan 30 days to stop Arab militia violence in Darfur or face economic and diplomatic penalties.

The protesters, many chanting "No to America and its followers", delivered a memorandum to the UN envoy's office in Khartoum demanding that the secretary general, Kofi Annan, retract his "misleading" remarks about the Darfur situation, or resign.

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## Iraqi official quits to win sons' freedom

**BAGHDAD, 4 Aug—**The governor of Iraq's Anbar governorate has resigned after three of his sons were released by their captors

on the condition that he quit office.

Abdel Karim Berges said on Wednesday he had put in his papers after his sons, aged 15 to 30, were freed in Fallujah following one week in captivity.

Berges said he had paid no ransom but met the captors' demand that he leave office.

Ramadi's chief administrator Mohammed Abed Awad has taken over his duties.

The three sons of Berges were taken captive by armed fighters who barged in and torched his family home in Ramadi while he was at work.

Ramadi, 100 west of Baghdad, is the capital of the Sunni Muslim governorate of Anbar, which also includes the city of Fallujah where US troops have come under repeated attack and loyalty to Saddam Hussein remains high.

Also on Wednesday, reports Aljazeera's correspondent in Ramadi, a car bomb exploded near a US checkpoint at the eastern entrance of the city. The blast, which targeted a US patrol, left a number of casualties among the US forces and damaged a military vehicle, the correspondent said.—Internet



Danish troops guard their contingent's base in the Iraqi town of Al Qurna on 4 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

## E-governance exhibition begins in Beijing

**BEIJING, 4 Aug—**China's largest exhibition on e-governance technologies and products began here Tuesday, showing the latest products and solutions of world-leading information technology manufacturers.

The Third China E-Government Technology and Application Exhibition, jointly organized by the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Information Technology, also includes forums and other special events.

The exhibition attracted about 60 Chinese and overseas manufacturers in the field, which bring network products, audio and video products, high-speed broadband telecommunication products and network-based memory technologies.

Governmental officials, experts and representatives from enterprises are expected to join discussions on the strategic development of e-governance in China in the near future. Special events of the exhibition might include a survey on the best government

portal web sites, case studies on best solutions of e-governance and a dialogue between governmental officials and businesspeople. Shi Guangliang, vice secretary-general of the exhibition, said he hopes the exhibition would further stimulate use of e-governance in China.

In recent years, Shi said, the focus of development for e-governance in China has already shifted from infrastructure building to application and service providing.

Experts estimated that China has an e-governance-related market valued at 40 billion yuan (4.8 billion US dollars), including 14 billion yuan worth of software products and services.

The organizers also set up an on-line exhibition at the official web site, [www.egovchina.org](http://www.egovchina.org). —MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam to have cyber police

**HANOI, 4 Aug—**Vietnam plans to establish a cyber task force next month, in a move to prevent and deal with Internet-related criminal cases, said the Ministry of Public Security on Tuesday.

The expected task force will operate along with other cyber security forces, focusing on criminal cases and people showing signs of law violations. It is mainly supposed to prevent and combat the operation of hackers and hi-tech criminals who use computers to conduct frauds, destroy web sites and networks, offer child pornography, store and distribute sexual materials. "Despite being a research facility only, we are willing to coordinate with the expected task force in raising public awareness

about Internet security and fighting hi-tech criminals," Nguyen Tu Quang, director of the Back Khoa Inter-network Security Centre (BKIS), told Xinhua.

BKIS, Vietnam's leading cyber security centre, is receiving the state support to improve its operation which involves creating anti-virus software, raising public awareness about Internet-related issues, and offering security solutions to computer networks, Quang said, adding that BKIS's Vietnam Computer Emergency Re-

sponse Team will be upgraded thanks to the support.

BKIS under the Hanoi University of Technology is the author of the most popular local anti-virus software named BKA in Vietnam, he noted. The number of Internet users in the country soared to over 5.1 million, or 6.3 per cent of its population, in early July 2004 from almost no users in December 1997 when it was officially linked with the global computer network, said the Vietnam Network Information Centre. —MNA/Xinhua

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

**BAGHDAD, 4 Aug—**As of Wednesday, 4 Aug, 917 US service members have died 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 237 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, 779 US soldiers have died — 571 as a result of hostile action and 208 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defence Department on Wednesday.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

—Army Sgt Tommy Gray, 34, Roswell, NM; died Tuesday in a vehicle accident in Taji, Iraq; assigned to 215th Forward Support Battalion, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood, Texas.

—Army Sgt Juan Calderon Jr, 26, Weslaco, Texas; killed Monday in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, 1 Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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## WTO draft a good "starting point" for further negotiations

**NEW DELHI, 4 Aug—**Indian trade experts on Sunday warned that the WTO deal had reduced developing nations' flexibility but said it was a good "starting point" for further negotiations.

"Developing nations have put themselves in a bind on certain issues. Their flexibility has also reduced in some areas," Veena Jha, programme coordinator UNCTAD India told PTI.

However, she said the deal was a trade-off between getting an agreement than not getting one but admitted it was a positive development in terms of breaking the deadlock.

Nagesh Kumar, who heads Research Information System for Non-Aligned countries termed the deal as a good starting point for further negotiations.

He said it is to be seen that it was only a framework for further engaging constructively in negotiations which was a very positive development after almost an year of stalemate after the trade talks collapsed at Cancun.

Kumar highlighted that the agreement had taken on

board some of India's demands like those in agriculture with regard to special products.—MNA/PTI



A British Army soldier, accompanying US troops, checks debris following a roadside blast which killed two civilians in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on 4 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

## Fierce clashes in Mosul leave many dead

BAGHDAD, 4 Aug—Two of the dead were victims of a roadside bomb attack.

At least 14 Iraqis have been killed and 52 wounded in a roadside bomb blast and fierce clashes between Iraqi police and armed fighters in the main northern city of Mosul, according to

Aljazeera's correspondent.

"The hospital received 12 bodies, including two women, and 26 injured, most of them civilians," said a doctor at Mosul's Medical City hospital, after violent clashes broke out between the fighters and police on Wednesday.

Two of the fatalities occurred when a roadside device exploded on Baghdad Street just as a US military convoy passed by.

Aljazeera's correspondent reported that explosions were being heard in the al-Najjar and al-Ghazlani neighbourhoods of Iraq's

third largest city.

He said the death toll was later revised to 14 fatalities and 52 wounded.

The Reuters correspondent in Mosul quoted witnesses as saying Iraqi police and armed fighters were fighting with rifles and rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) on the streets.

The correspondent said one firefight began at about 12.45pm (0845 GMT) in the Sinjar neighbourhood to the southwest of Mosul.

Other battles were raging to the north, in the centre and to the south of the city, he said.

He said the police had tried to seal off the Sinjar area and were battling the fighters street-to-street near the highway.

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Iraqi police and a civilian stand next to a car caught in the middle of a gunfight as it was passing by an area where clashes between gunmen and police were taking place in the northern Iraqi town of Mosul on 4 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

## China seizes 12 tons of drugs in past five years

BEIJING, 4 Aug—China has cracked 636 drug-related cases during the past five years, seizing 12.4 tons of drugs, 271 tons of chemicals, and arresting 832 suspects, the General Administration of Customs announced Tuesday.

"Drug traffickers mainly make use of mail or cargo delivery for smuggling activities. They also always disguise themselves as passengers in an attempt to carry drugs through Customs," said Lu Bin, director of the administration's Smuggling Cases Investigation Bureau.

During the past five years, China has seen a growing number of major drug smuggling cases, Lu said, citing that they have cracked 41 such big cases, seizing more than 10 kilos of drugs in each case, totalling 11,765 kilos.

In the period, China reported 306 drug smuggling cases originating from overseas and captured 1,677 kilos of heroin and marijuana, indicating a still grave situation of the smuggling of traditional types of drugs, especially from overseas.

Meanwhile, China is facing up to a severe situation of smuggling cases of new types of drugs, such as ecstasy and "ice", or methamphetamine, which has become a main trend in drug trafficking, according to Lu.

Lu also pointed out that these smuggling cases mainly happened in Yunnan, Guangdong, Fujian, Tibet, Sichuan, Shanghai and Dalian.

Among these areas,

China cracked 171 drug-related cases alone in Kunming, capital of Yunnan, in southwest China, accounting for 27 per cent of the country's total.

In the meantime, drug trafficking in south China's Guangdong Province is becoming increasingly serious and Guangdong has become the major channel and distributing centre for drug smuggling activities, Lu said.

In addition, Lu said, China saw drug traffickers from China's Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan regions and foreign countries as well from time to time.

The Chinese Ministry of Public Security has just announced last week that it will launch a new large-scale campaign against narcotics by cutting channels for drug trafficking from abroad, cracking down on domestic manufacturing of "ice", and stopping smuggling of home-made materials for making drugs.

The campaign, to be carried out between August and December, will focus on breaking up seven major channels between China and neighbouring countries and regions, said Yang Fengrui, director of the Anti-Drug Bureau of the Ministry of Public Security.

Ministry sources said

China uncovered 93,900 drug-related cases last year, seizing 9,535 kilos of heroin, 905 kilos of opium, and 5,827 kilos of "ice". —MNA/Xinhua

## UN says security improving in Darfur camps

KHARTOUM, 4 Aug—Security for refugees has improved in the camps of Darfur region in west Sudan, where the United Nations says the world's worst humanitarian crisis is unfolding, a UN official in Khartoum said on Monday. Jan Pronk, the UN Secretary-General's special representative to Sudan, said rebels and Arab militia fighting them were still causing insecurity in the region where

the UN says conflict has uprooted about one million.

The UN Security Council has given Khartoum 30 days to disarm and prosecute the Arab militia, or Janjaweed, or face sanctions. The Darfur rebels, who launched an uprising against Khartoum in early 2003, and rights groups accuse Khartoum of sending the Janjaweed to attack non-Arab Darfur villages.

"There are still many militia around. That is leading to a great deal of insecurity. Also the rebel activities are adding to the insecurity,"

Pronk said after meeting Sudanese Foreign Minister Mustafa Osman Ismail. "But security in the camps has improved." —MNA/Reuters



Hamidiye Demir, the wife of freed Turkish driver Abdulrahman Demir (C) is embraced by a friend as she celebrates her husband's freedom in the western city of Manisa, on 4 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

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## Egypt refuses to deploy Iraq troops

CAIRO, 4 Aug—Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Abul Ghat Wednesday said Egypt will not deploy troops in Iraq. "Egypt's stance on that issue is clear and it is a total rejection of deploying any troops in Iraq," Abul Ghat said in response to a Saudi proposal to dispatch Arab and Muslim forces to help restore security and stability.

Arab diplomatic sources told UPI Cairo is not happy with the Saudi proposal and it has tried to avoid any comment on it. They said Abul Ghat plans to visit Saudi Arabia soon to discuss the possible consequences of dispatching troops.

Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud al-Faisal announced the Saudi proposal last week but stressed the deployment of Arab and Muslim forces should be on a clear request from the Iraqi government and must be supported by the Iraqi people.

He also said the forces should replace the existing multinational troops in Iraq and must be operated under a UN mandate. —Internet

## Danish officer accused of Iraq abuse

COPENHAGEN, 5 Aug—Danish Army captain based in Iraq has been charged with abusing a prisoner there, military officials said Wednesday.

The 37-year-old intelligence officer, a woman, "used illegal interrogation methods," according to Benny Holm Frandsen, head of the army's auditing committee. It is in charge of investigating allegations that several Danish soldiers stationed at Camp Eden in Iraq had abused prisoners there.

The Danish Defence Minister, Soeren Gade, on Tuesday ordered the immediate recall of the Danish battalion commander, Henrik Flash, along with three other superior officers, stating that he had lost confidence in them since they had failed to stop the violations.

According to media reports, the captain in question, Annemette Hommel, on 9 June refused to give an interrogated prisoner water and forced him to remain in uncomfortable and painful positions for long

periods of time.

Hommel has insisted through her lawyer, Ebbe Mogensen, that Camp Eden management was to blame for the abuse, maintaining that she was simply a scapegoat sacrificed by her superiors.

"Annemette feels that she is a scapegoat in this case, which in reality concerns many soldiers and incidents," Mogensen told the Danish tabloid Ekstra Bladet on Tuesday. "She has the feeling that she's been dropped by the Camp Eden management and by the military brass who have consciously placed her center stage." Serving with for the Danish contingent's intelligence unit, Hommel, who has worked for both the Foreign Ministry and the Danish Parliament, had a key role in making the Iraqi prisoners talk.

Internet

## Ethiopia seeks cooperation with UN mission

ADDIS ABABA, 4 Aug—Ethiopian Foreign Minister Seyoum Mesfin said Monday that the Ethiopian-Eritrean peace process has reached a critical stage, urging the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea (UNMEE) to consolidate its peacekeeping mission in the border area.

Seyoum made the remark in a meeting with the new Commander of the UNMEE Major-General Rajender Singh in Addis Ababa, saying Ethiopia would continue working with the mission as it has been doing during the last four years.

He said Ethiopia would also continue to work closely and cooperate with the Indian general to make his term of office a success, according to a Press release of the ministry.

Seyoum said Ethiopia would do everything in its power to effectively implement the provisions stipulated in the Algiers peace accord, which ended the 1998-2000 war the two countries fought over the small border town of Badme. The war killed about 70,000 people. —MNA/Xinhua



# Hearing starts for US soldier in Iraq abuse scandal

FORT BRAGG, (North Carolina), 4 Aug — A US military court began a hearing on Tuesday to decide whether a female soldier who held an Iraqi prisoner on a leash should stand trial in an abuse scandal that outraged the Arab world and embarrassed the Bush Administration as it sought to stabilize Iraq.

The twice-delayed hearing for Private First Class Lynndie England, whose lawyers have called her the "poster child" for flawed US war policies in Iraq, faces charges ranging from prisoner abuse to committing indecent acts.

The visibly pregnant 21-year-old military police officer was charged along with six other US soldiers in a scandal that prompted an apology from US President George W Bush, who placed the blame on a small group of soldiers.

England became the pub-

lic face of inmate abuse at Abu Ghraib Prison near Baghdad with the worldwide distribution of photographs last spring featuring her in a range of poses with Iraqi prisoners, including one in which she held a naked inmate on a leash.

England, wearing a camouflage uniform, black boots and beret, walked past dozens of media cameras and reporters into the red-brick judge advocate's building minutes before the hearing was to start.

Flanked by her lawyers, she looked straight ahead and

said nothing, heading straight up to the third-floor, wood-trimmed courtroom where Investigating Officer Colonel Denise Arn was to hear testimony.

England has said she was just following orders when she appeared in the infamous pictures. In some, she appeared to be smiling as she pointed at prisoners' genitals.

Lawyers for some of the accused have said intelligence officers told them to soften up the prisoners for questioning. The Pentagon has denied sanctioning rough treatment to make inmates talk.

The hearing at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where England was stationed after her return from Iraq, is called an Article 32 investigation.

Evidence will be presented and a military hearing officer will decide whether the case should go to trial. It has been delayed since June as the military filed new charges and England's defenders made changes to their legal team.

MNA/Reuters

## Singapore cites India's swing role in WTO talks

SINGAPORE, 4 Aug — The constructive stance taken by India's new government was crucial to the breakthrough in world trade talks last weekend, Singapore Trade Minister George Yeo said on Tuesday.

Yeo said the position adopted by Indian Commerce Minister Kamal Nath during marathon World Trade Organization negotiations in Geneva marked a dramatic break with the past.

"In earlier meetings, India played very defensive roles. In fact their entire strategy was positional warfare — in other words, dig deep trenches and stick to those positions," Yeo, a former army brigadier general, told reporters.

"But this time round ... they played a role which was both defensive and constructive. And that was a very interesting change," said Yeo, who represented Singapore at the meeting.

He said India was bringing its position in talks among the WTO's 147 members closer into line with its more liberal domestic policy toward market-opening. "I believe this will be the case for future talks," Yeo said.

India was one of five big trading powers — along with the United States, the European Union, Australia and Brazil — that forged con-



An Iraqi Police officer stands by the scene after assailants detonated a roadside bomb, killing a local police chief and another officer in Baghdad on 3 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

## Denmark widens Iraqi prisoner abuse investigation

COPENHAGEN, 4 Aug — Several more Danish soldiers are under investigation for the suspected abuse of prisoners during interrogations at Camp Eden in southern Iraq, the Danish Army said on Tuesday.

Former unit colleagues have already complained about the way one intelligence officer interrogated prisoners, the Army said. It said the officer was sent home last week while Army staff were sent to examine the claims.

Two Danish newspapers on Tuesday identified the officer as a woman in her

thirties. The Danish military declined to identify the soldier, but said several more personnel were now being investigated.

"The investigation is wider. Several more individuals are now being investigated," Armed Forces spokesman Hans-Christian Mathiesen told Reuters.

The investigation has sent shockwaves through Denmark, where most people support the centre-right government's backing of the US-led campaign in Iraq.

Although few details of the claims have been made public, Defence Minister Soren Gade told the media the mistreatment may have included denying prisoners water.

The Danish military also told Reuters on Tuesday the

investigation had been widened to cover a shooting incident — but would not elaborate further.

Danish troops have been involved in several firefights with guerillas in Iraq, including one in August last year when two Iraqis were killed by Danish soldiers.

Denmark has about 500 troops in the country.

The latest development emerged on the day a hearing starts in the United States into whether a US soldier will be tried for prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib Prison near Baghdad.

The hearing will determine whether US military police officer Lynndie England will be tried on charges ranging from prisoner abuse to committing indecent acts. — MNA/Reuters

## EAC to form Lake Victoria committee

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 4 Aug — The East African Community (EAC) has decided to form a special committee to manage the sustainable development of the Lake Victoria basin, local Press reported Tuesday.

EAC member states of Kenya, Uganda and Tanzania agreed to form the committee with senior government officials sitting on it, The Guardian newspaper said, though the formation of the committee still needs ratification of their respective parliaments. The three countries agreed that if properly used, the wide range of natural resources will be of great benefit to their people. — MNA/Xinhua

## MSF says Sudanese need food, not politics

MOSCOW, 4 Aug — Thousands of Sudanese villagers who have fled militia attacks will die if the world does not double the amount of food sent to the region, the head of Medecins Sans Frontieres said on Monday.

MSF International President Rowan Gillies recently returned from a month working in Sudan's western Darfur Province, where 30,000 people have been killed and more than 1 million displaced in a conflict with Arab militias.

The United Nations on Friday gave Sudan a 30-day deadline to disarm the militias, but Gillies said refugees were so weakened by hunger that epidemics could sweep through their camps if food aid was not sent immediately.

MNA/Reuters

## Mumbai 15th expensive city worldwide for office rentals

NEW DELHI, 4 Aug — Mumbai ranks 15th most expensive city in the world for office rentals while Delhi ranks 32nd, according to the latest global survey by real estate consulting firm CB Richard Ellis.

Mumbai moved two ranks up from the last quarter ranking of 17 while Delhi moved up six positions from 38th rank at CBRE's Global Market Rents, as per the survey of office occupation costs in 158 cities.

London's West End is the most expensive office location in the world followed by London (city) and Tokyo (inner central), it said.

"The real estate market in India is looking up and is on track to achieve the expected space take-up of 20 million square feet by 2004-end," Anshuman magazine, Managing Director of CBRE in South Asia, said. The occupation cost stands at \$6.83 dollars per square feet per annum in Mumbai while in Delhi it is \$4.62 dollars.

Technically, occupation cost represents rent plus local taxes and service charge. The highest occupation cost was recorded at \$77.39 dollars in London's West End, followed by London (city) at \$119.39 dollars and Tokyo (inner central) at \$116.23 dollars.

The most expensive US location now is Midtown Manhattan, which ranks 20th at \$52.04 dollars per square feet per annum.

Out of the top 50 most expensive office locations in the world, 29 have experienced a fall in the occupational cost over the last six months. — MNA/PTI



A US soldier looks at the remains of a car bomb that exploded at a checkpoint on the northern road heading to the city of Baquba, northeast Baghdad recently.

INTERNET

## Iraq jail chief says prisoner abuse covered up

LONDON, 4 Aug—The US general formerly in charge of Baghdad's notorious Abu Ghraib Prison said on Tuesday abuse of Iraqi captives was hidden from her in a cover-up that may reach all the way to the Pentagon or White House.

Speaking on the same day a US soldier at the centre of the prisoner abuse scandal is due to face a military court, Brigadier-General Janis Karpinski said she was deliberately kept in the dark about abuse and humiliation of Iraqi prisoners.

"A very reliable witness has made a statement indicating that, not only was I not included in any of the meetings discussing interrogation operations, but specific measures were taken to ensure I would not have access to those facilities, that information or any of the details of interrogation at Abu Ghraib or anywhere else," Karpinski told Britain's BBC radio.

Karpinski, responsible for the military police who ran prisons in Iraq when pictures were taken showing prisoners being abused, has been suspended from her post but not charged with any crime.

She said that those with "full knowledge" of what was going on in Abu Ghraib worked to keep her from discovering the truth.

Asked if a cover-up meant involvement of the White House or Pentagon, she said: "I

have not seen the statement but the indication is it may have".

Photographs of US military police abusing hooded prisoners in Abu Ghraib and accusations of abuse by British and other troops have fuelled Arab and international anger, shaking US President George W. Bush's efforts to stabilize Iraq.

In Britain, an Iraqi witness alleged at a court hearing last week that British soldiers had tortured detainees by beating and kicking them and pouring freezing water over them. US Private First Class Lynndie England, the 21-year-old military police officer who became the public face of inmate abuse at Abu Ghraib, faces a hearing on Tuesday to determine whether she will be tried on charges of abuse and committing indecent acts.

Karpinski told the BBC she never personally witnessed abuse at Abu Ghraib or at any of the prisons she commanded.

She has also said she was told by a military intelligence commander that detainees should be "treated like dogs".

MNA/Reuters

## Former Guantanamo detainee urges US to hand over "abuse videos"

LONDON, 4 Aug—A former British detainee held at the Guantanamo Bay detention centre on Cuba who claims to have been tortured at the centre, on Tuesday called for the US Government to submit videos allegedly showing US captors abusing Muslim prisoners.

Tarek Dergoul, a 26-year-old former care worker from London, who was released in March said in a statement that guards at the Guantanamo Bay camp mocked and cursed Islam, beat him and forced him to look at pornographic magazines. "They put me on the floor and jumped on me. I was knocked out and lost consciousness as a result of being beaten," he said.

"We know these videos exist because the commander of Guantanamo Bay

has confirmed this," Dergoul's lawyer Louise Christian said.

"It is important that the British Government actually sees the videos and does not just rely on what the US Government tells them," Christian said.

Foreign Office officials are investigating allegations that US soldiers assaulted and abused British detainees at Guantanamo Bay, the British *Independent* newspaper reported Sunday.

The Foreign Office said it has requested the US Government to confirm whether such videos exist but have yet to receive a response from Washington.

Five Britons, including Dergoul, were released in March after being detained at the US naval base for more than two years. They allege they were kicked, punched and stood on by guards, interrogated at gunpoint and taunted by naked female soldiers. — MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis view the wreckage of destroyed vehicles in Baghdad on 2 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

## Slovak military engineers return from Iraq

BRATISLAVA, 4 Aug—A group of 96 Slovak military engineers returned home Tuesday from southern Iraq as part of regular rotation. "We are very tired but happy to be back at home," unit commander Karol Navratil said.

In addition to the unbearably hot weather, the security situation in Iraq has not improved since the Iraqi Government took over power on 28 June, some engineers said.

They said that they would never forget the mortar attack in southern Iraq, which claimed the lives of three Slovak military engineers.

After the rotation, Slovak engineer unit, which is deployed in southern Iraq under Polish command, will now have 104 members.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier walks past stains of blood as buses cross a checkpoint on the northern road heading to the city of Baquba, northeast Baghdad, where a suicide car bomb exploded on 3 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

## UNICEF appeals for Bangladesh flood aid

DHAKA, 4 Aug—UNICEF said on Monday it had launched a global appeal to raise 13.4 million US dollars in emergency aid to save the lives of flood-hit Bangladeshi people.

"The emergency appeal has been made to address the immediate needs of the flood-stricken people in the next six to eight weeks," the United Nations Children's Fund said in a statement.

It said funds were urgently needed to expand UNICEF's interventions to help alleviate the sufferings of flood-affected children and women.

The worst floods in 15 years have killed about 660 people, made over 10 million homeless and affected another 20 million in 43 of Bangladesh's 64 administrative districts.

The appeal was aimed at saving children suffering from waterborne diseases and acute respiratory infection, the statement said.

"Bangladesh children living on the edge urgently need attention to save them from the worst ravages of flood. It is important to

provide them with safe drinking water, adequate sanitation, nutritious food and life-saving medicine," the statement quoted A.P.B. Sanagama, UNICEF's representative in Bangladesh, as saying.

As flood waters continued to recede across the country, Bangladeshi health officials said on Monday that diseases were spreading because of a shortage of water purification tablets.

Victims in nearly 5,000 shelters were facing shortages of food and clean water while the floods totally or partially damaged some 27,000 primary schools.

In a separate appeal, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies sought more than 10 million Swiss francs (7.8 million US dollars) to help South Asia's flood victims.

MNA/Reuters

## China, Germany join hands to train engineering management

SHANGHAI, 4 Aug—Shanghai's elite Tongji University has founded a Sino-German school to train bilingual professionals in engineering management.

As an intergovernmental cooperation programme, the school was founded between Tongji University and the University of Applied Sciences in Germany to train high-calibre engineering management professionals for Chinese and German enterprises.

The school, inaugurated on 30 July, focuses on interdisciplinary studies in engineering, business administration and information technology.

Its three departments—mechanical and electronic engineering, automobile services and civil engineering technologies—will open to senior high school graduates starting from September.

Each student will study 1,200 hours of German under the four-year undergraduate programme and most courses will be taught

in German by specialists sent by the joint programme as well as senior engineers from German-invested companies in China.

Besides a degree from the Chinese institution, the students will get a bachelor's degree from the German university, if they pass the DSH German proficiency test and spend at least one year in Germany studying and doing internships.

Dr Wolf-Dieter Dudenhausen, state secretary of Education and Research of the Federal Government of Germany, was present at the school's inauguration ceremony on July 30 with Tongji's president Wang Gang. Founded in 1907, Tongji is a multidisciplinary university featuring engineering, sciences, management, arts and law.

MNA/Xinhua

## Third subway in Guangzhou to be finished in 2005

GUANGZHOU, 4 Aug—Construction of the city's third subway has made smooth headway in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province, and is expected to be completed in 2005.

At the cost of 14.99 billion yuan (1.8 billion US dollars), the subway will run 36.1 kilometres via 18 stations on the line. So far, half of the construction work on the line has been completed. There are now two subways in operation in Guangzhou, with a length totalling 41.8 kilometres.

Guangzhou, one of the major gates to the outside world in south China, has planned to build up eight subways by the year 2010, totalling 200 kilometres in length. — MNA/Xinhua



## Endeavours to uplift the living standard of rural people



*A rural house built by Development Affairs Department in Mogaung Village in Aunglan Township, Magway Division. — PBANRDA*



*Rural houses built in Kanthit village in Wundwin Township, Mandalay Division.—TOWNSHIP DAD*



*Rural houses built in Mongli model village in Hsenwi Township, Shan State (North). — MNA*



*A rural house built by Development Affairs Department in Nyaungwaing village in Kyauktan Township, Yangon Division. — PBANRDA*



*Rural housing projects implemented in Thityakauk Village of Magway Township. — PBANRDA*



*A rural house built by Development Affairs Committee in Daka village, Kangyidaunt Township, Ayeyawady Division. — PBANRDA*



*Rural house in Shwepyigon Village, Yedashe Township, Bago Division. — PBANRDA*



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets with departmental personnel, townsenders and officials of social organizations at Pauk BEHS. — MNA

## Establish reserved forests ...

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of ten main crops, local rice, oil and beans and pulses sufficiency, efforts to achieve the targeted yield of crops, economy, livestock breeding, health, education and regional development, presented by local authorities.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min and officials briefed the Prime Minister on health and education undertakings and requirements. The Prime Minister presented a TV, a video player and a computer each to No 1 and No 2 basic education high schools in the township. After looking into the requirements, he gave a speech, saying that he has been visiting the town and providing assistance to it time and again since the start of the Pakhangyi-Pakhanng region development project. Thanks to a number of water pumping stations, regional agriculture is developing significantly. But agriculture should be extended till ensuring food sufficiency for the region. The Myanmar Agriculture Service is urged to develop a high-yield paddy strain that suits to the dry region and to lead farmers for agricultural progress. Edible oil crops and beans and pulses grow well in the region, and efforts should be made to cultivate the crops with might and main.

The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries should provide assistance including setting up of model farms for the region to conduct breeding business that suits to its climate and geographical conditions. As the region is included in the dry zone, regional greening task covering the projects to set up tree plantations, regeneration of hills including the Shinmataung. The region has become green and lush again, and restoration of a balanced climate depends on the establishment of forest reserves and conservation of protected public forests. As rural areas are gaining progress with greater momentum, rural development task should be carried out with integrated efforts of volunteer organizations and departments. Township level officials will have to tour down to the grassroots and provide assistance for the development of villages lying in the far corners of the region. By doing so, the whole township will achieve progress. All the departments will have to make a collective leadership and take a collective responsibility. Next, the Prime Minister cordially met with departmental personnel, social organization members and townsenders.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party attended the ceremony to open Daw Oo Home for the Aged in extended ward (Tamadan) of Yezagyo. First, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min and wellwishers U Aung Than-Daw Khin Than Oo (Kan Pwint Joss Stick) formally opened the home. The General unveiled the stone inscription and sprinkled scented water on it. They visited the home for the aged. Next, wellwisher U Aung Than explained the purpose of building the home. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint accepted K 70 million for building the home and K 10 million or the food funds of the home donated by U Aung Than and Daw Khin Than Oo and K 4,905,555 by wellwishers through U Lu Min. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye also accepted K 515,000 for the medical funds donated by wellwishers through U

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Daw Oo Home for the Aged in Yesagyo. — MNA

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Tun Khaing. Next, U Aung Than and Daw Khin Than Oo handed over documents related to the home to Head of Magway Division Social Welfare Department U Than Tun. The home was formed with two 18-person-capacity hostels for the aged, one mess hall, one Dhammayon, one office for the administrator, dispensary, an office, bathroom and toilets.

On arrival at Sithushin Pagoda in Pakhangyi Village of Yezagyo Township, the Prime Minister paid homage to Sithushin Buddha Image and Tharekkan Buddha Image. Next, he signed in the visitors' book and made donations. The General also paid homage to Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Paññinda and offered provisions. Afterwards, the Prime Minister inspected renovation of religious edifices.

At Pakhangyi Archaeological Museum, Curator U Htay Win Maung reported to the Prime Minister on matters related to a silver ornament dating back to the Konbaung era, the lead coin bearing a Buddha image on one side and a pagoda another and a bronze coin bearing two fish with the year 1162 ME and Director (Upper Myanmar) U Hla Gyi Maung on matters related to one stone plaque bearing Hanlin Palace (Hantha Nagara) found at Nwahtein Village of Singaing Village-tract and keeping the stone plaque at Bagan Archaeological Museum. Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung gave a supplementary report. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions and inspected ancient Myanmar handicraft. Next, they helicoptered to Pauk. At Pauk Township Hospital, they were welcomed by Magway Division Health Department Head Dr Kyaw Hla Myint, Medical Superintendent Dr Aye Maung and officials. The Prime Minister looked into the wards and operation theatre and attended to the needs.

Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party headed for Pauk BEHS, where they were welcomed by members of the school board of trustees, the schoolmaster, teachers and students.

The opening of the multimedia classrooms of the school followed. The Prime Minister and party, departmental heads, members of the school board of trustees, the schoolmaster, teachers, students and guests attended the ceremony. The headmaster and the chairman of the school board of trustees formally opened the educational facility. The Prime Minister pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the multimedia classrooms.

The Prime Minister and party and guests inspected computer skill room, audio visual room, language lab, drawing room, domestic science room, printed media room, altar room and music room. The Prime Minister met township level departmental officials, local senior citizens, social organizations and officials at the assembly hall of the facility. The chairman of the township PDC gave an account of location, area and natural resources of Pauk Township, agriculture and livestock breeding sector, efforts being made for meeting the target of per acre yield of crops in 2004-2005, regional sufficiency of rice, edible oil and beans and pulses, education and health sectors and needs.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects antiques at Pakhangyi Archaeological Museum in Yesagyo. — MNA

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

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The commander and the minister presented cash awards to them. The gymnasium is 120 feet long, 90 feet wide and 39 feet high in which sports athletes of the four townships of Maubin District can undergo training.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to Maubin Paper Factory of Myanmar Jute Enterprise in Pantaput Village in Maubin Township. At the briefing hall, officials reported on facts about the project, requirements and stockpile of raw materials, conditions of test-running of the factory, production of finished products for exports, cultivation and yield of jute in Ayeyawady Division and Maubin District and arrangements for purchase of raw materials. Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing also gave a supplementary report. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on safety measures for the factory and completion of the factory project meeting the set standard. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected the factory. The paper factory is installed with machinery manufactured by China Yunnan Corporation for International Techno Economic Corporation (CYC) and it will produce export quality paper. The factory will produce 17 metric tons of writing paper and off-set paper per day. And a total of 5000 MT can be produced in one year. The factory will be opened soon. Together with the commander and officials, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met officers and other ranks and their families at the local battalion in Maubin Township and discussed matters on township's education, health and social welfare. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than donated cash for the Maternal and Child Welfare Association of the local battalion and inspected the vegetables plantations.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party looked into thriving paddy plantations on both sides of Maubin-Kyaiklet Road by car. Next, they arrived at Ayar Aung Hall in Kyaiklat Township, where they met with local authorities, departmental officials, social organizations, townsmen and local farmers. On the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on data relevant to the township. Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing then gave a supplementary reports. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivered an address. In his speech, he said the Government is striving for regional stability and rule of law, to strengthen national economy and to develop human resources. As a result, not only tranquility but also rule of law reign in the country. Moreover, steps are being taken to establish agricultural and livestock breeding infrastructures that are crucial for strong economy of the country by laying down plans. As for the development of human resources, efforts are under way to enhance the education sector, alongside the 24 development zones project, the border area development project and the five rural development projects nationwide. Later, he urged regional bodies at different levels and departmental staff to make field trips down to gross-root level for supervision of the tasks and to provide necessary assistance, and to serve the public interests righteously. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than provided cash assistance for the delivery room of Kyaiklat Township MCWA. Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing donated 50 dozen each of exercise books and pencils for students. Later at the hall, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected farm implements on display and gave necessary instructions.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived at Pyapon in the evening, where they attended a Waso robe-offering ceremony held at Yadana Theikdi Thathana Beikman

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Hall in Pyapon District. On the occasion, State Ovadacariya Minkyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Visuta invested the congregation with the Five Precepts, followed by the recitation of parittas by members of the Sangha. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and party offered Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. Htantabin Pariyatti Monastery Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Veponla delivered a sermon. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to the Pyapon bridge construction project. At the briefing hall of the project, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on progress of construction works and future tasks. In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on timely completion of the project meeting the set standard. On completion, the bridge will shorten the travel time between Bogale and such coastal regions as Kamakalu, Kyonkadun, Seikma and Kadonkani and Yangon, will quicken the flow of commodity and will raise the socio-economic standard of the people living in the areas involved. — MNA

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The Prime Minister presented a television, VCD, computer and related accessories to the school. He fulfilled the requirements of education and health fields and rural development. The Prime Minister in his speech said that he had attended to the needs of education and health sectors of Pauk Township particularly rural development through coordination with regional officials. In this regard, departmental officials are to make attempts in taking innovative measures for regional development through effective application of the assistance rendered by the government.

Pauk Township is a region where water is scarce, thus it can grasp only limited opportunity to extend its cultivable land. Hence, officials at the central level are to place emphasis on research to substitute present paddy strains for suitable high-yield strains, providing new strains of paddy seeds and establishment of model paddy plots, and officials at division and district levels are to supervise the agricultural tasks.

The Prime Minister called on township level officials, who play a key role in the tasks for national development, to coordinate and strive collectively in all spheres for all-round development of respective regions based on the five rural development tasks, while making field trips down to the rural areas. After the meeting, the Prime Minister and party posed for documentary photos together with members of the school board of trustees, the principal, teachers and students. — MNA

## Commander inspects development of ...

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and officials accepted K 53,505,000 for all-round renovation of the pagoda donated by 53 wellwishers including K 50 million by Agga Maha Thiha Thudhamma Manijotadhara Chairman of Asia Express Co Ltd U Maung Maung; K 6.1 by Bhaddanta Indaṇḍa and disciples, K 300,000 by Winner Brothers Co Ltd; K 200,000 each by Chairman of Myanmar Rice Wholesalers Association U Aung Than Oo; and breeder U Phe and other wellwishers. Next, certificates of honour were presented to the donors. The pagoda is 54 feet in height. The prayer hall for the pagoda will be built of reinforced concrete foundation. At the Dhammayon of the pagoda, the commander and party met the chairperson of Mingalun Village MCWA Branch and members. Daw Khin Thet Htay explained functions of the association. Yangon Division MCWA SC Chairman Dr Hla Myint explained tasks for establishment of Mingalun Model Village.

Next, Dr Hla Myint accepted MCWA membership applications. The commander and party inspected the self-reliant generator which can produce 150 KVA electricity. In Khanaung Village BEHS, the commander and party met the chairperson and members of village MCWA branch. Daw Khin Thet Htay explained future tasks of the association and Dr Hla Myint, tasks for setting up Khanaung Model Village. Next, the commander and party proceeded to Mingalun Creek Bridge near Mingalun Village and gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks meeting the set standard. The bridge is under construction and it will be 65 feet long and 14 feet wide. — MNA

**As development of Kyauktan in education, health, social and economic sectors is based on better transportation, it is necessary to ensure timely completion of building bridges and repaving roads.**

## Priority to be paid to cyclists

YANGON, 5 Aug — Under the close supervision of Myanmar Olympic Committee and organized by Myanmar Cycling Federation, the 160 km long Yangon-Bago-Yangon men's open and 80 km long women's open cycling race will be held at 6 am on 7 August (Saturday).

The men cyclists must start the point in front of Youth Training Centre in Thuwunna and go to No 1 traffic island at the entrance of Bago along Weizayanta Road through South Okkalapa and North Okkalapa townships and Mingaladon Garden City, along Pyay Road through Htaukkyant, Hlegu Township and Indaing, and they must turn back to finish the race at Daewoo Garment Factory (Pyinmabin) on Pyay Road. The women cyclists are to compete the event on the same route as the men cyclists and they must turn back at Indaing 10th-mile post to finish the race at Daewoo Garment Factory (Pyinmabin) on Pyay Road. Drivers of vehicles are to give priority to the competitors for traffic safety during the cycling race. MNA

## Drug dealer jailed

YANGON, 5 Aug — A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Tachilek Special Anti-Drug Squad, searched the house of Ar Ngo (a) Noh San of Thayatchan Street, Loon Kying Village, Tachilek Township on 10 October 2003 and arrested him together with 90 stimulant tablets. Tachilek District Court sentenced him 5 years' imprisonment under section 15 and 19 years' imprisonment under section 19 (a) to serve separately. MNA

## SURA terrorist insurgents murder five innocent farmers in Namhsan Township

YANGON, 5 August — The SURA terrorist insurgents are committing to various forms of armed terrorism including disturbance of community peace, murdering and torturing of innocent people and looting and robbery.

At about 1.30 pm on 1 August, a group of SURAs brutally murdered five farmers near a farm hut on a mountain range east of Metmonlong village, Namhsan Township, southern Shan State. The SURA terrorist insurgents tied them, ordered them to kneel down and shot them dead with small arms from close range. The five farmers were Maung Thein Thein, Maung Zaw Myo and Maung Kyaw Min Latt of Konbaung village, Namhsan Township, and Maung Aung Lin Tun and Maung Hnget Kale of Taunggyi.

The terrorist insurgents spared the life of Ma Nang Kyeing Kham who accompanied the farmers. They tied her and took her to a place south-east of the mountain range. But later released her. Tatmadaw columns, as soon as they received information about the incident, rushed to the place, and found the bodies of five men murdered by the SURAs and blank rounds. The Tatmadaw columns are in hot pursuit of the terrorist insurgents, who murdered the innocent people. — MNA

## Those who daren't show their face — 56

*Pauk Sa*

Sadly, I would like to say that no one is more foolish than you, BBC. The BBC broadcast a news report under the title "A solo demonstration in downtown Yangon", on 16 July 2004 at 8.15 pm. The radio station said that as there occurred a solo demonstration in downtown Yangon at about 11.30 am on Wednesday, the authorities arrested the protester. Afterwards, the radio station aired its interview with the joint secretary of the AAPP, a so-called body to assist and protect prisoners.

The summary of the news report was that military intelligence and police arrested Ko Lay (a) Than Zaw Htay for making three demands during his solo demonstration he stage at a place between Sule Pagoda and City Hall at about 11.30 am on 14 July 2004. The BBC continued to say that his whereabouts was unknown; that he could be sentenced to seven years' imprisonment; and that he was an ordinary civilian, with no connection to any group.

From the journalism point of view, I can say that the news was randomly broadcast by the BBC without knowing its source. Because, the BBC was asking the time and place of the incident only at the interview. Shame on you BBC. How will you answer, if I ask "Is that your method of broadcasting a news report?"

Since I joined the profession, I have been adhering to a journalist ethics — not to issue an incomplete news report — as taught by the elder journalists. I have no idea what kind of evil is instigating some foreign media including the BBC. They are receiving and distributing all the news that will discredit Myanmar and her Government. Why are you all so crazy about democracy?

It is quite clear. They should not make unjust slanders against Myanmar and her Government nor try to make political gains with evil intention, if they really have the sincere goodwill to see the flourishing of democracy and human rights in Myanmar.

In the interview, the AAPP interpreted the random shouts made by Than Zaw Htay (a) Ko Lay (a) Khwe Lay, a person suffering from mental disorder, as three demands. I pity the AAPP for it is also working as an interpreter for insane persons.

In reality, Than Zaw Htay (a) Ko Lay (a) Khwe Lay is a person with mental problems, and out of nine siblings, two of his elder brothers died of mental illness, another insane elder brother is missing till now.

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Did both the BBC and the AAPP make a plot to slander Myanmar and her Government, without properly analyzing the source of the information? The truth is that Than Zaw Htay (a) Ko Lay (a) Khwe Lay became uncontrollable out of drinking, and was shouting on the road. Seeing him, authorities saved him from any accident that might befall him and temporarily kept him in a safe place. There is no reason for him to face any punishment as said by Bo Kyi, the joint secretary of the AAPP. He was sent to mental hospital for treatment.

The BBC and the AAPP made a stupid lie. So, I would like to tell them that lies will not become news. You cannot make a crocodile out of a lizard, nor a frog roars like a lion. Besides, the people of Myanmar do not believe their lies. Both of them should behave themselves.

The VOA cannot save its face till now, as it had aired a false news report under the influence of the AAPP on 4 July. In the report, the VOA wrongly stated a problem of a drug addict, who was on drugs, as a political problem. And again, the AAPP joint secretary stated the shouts of a drunken person as political demands that could cause him to stay in a prison for seven years. The worst is that the BBC aired the news report together with an interview.

Till the future generations, people of our nation will record the plots of the AAPP to make political gains, and the BBC's methods and techniques of airing lies and slanders.

Now, I will conclude my article. If the AAPP and the BBC shamelessly continue to make lies and slanders to tarnish the image of Myanmar and the Myanmar Government, I would like to announce that they both will be like the persons who daren't show their face in public.

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## Quake jolts Turkey's coastal resort

ANKARA, 5 Aug— An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter Scale struck Turkey's coastal resort of Bodrum on Wednesday, but no deaths or major damage were reported.

CNN Turk television said as many as 15 people sustained light injuries, mainly from trying to escape from windows or balconies onto the street.

It showed holiday-makers, some wrapped in blankets, sitting on

pavements after the quake.

The earthquake at 6.01 a.m. (0301 GMT) was the fifth and largest in a series of tremors in the area in the past few days.

Bodrum, located by the southern Aegean Sea, is a major summer holiday destination for foreign and Turkish tourists.

The Anatolian state news agency said the quake was felt in other nearby resorts including Marmaris, Fethiye and Didim.

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စပါးခင်းမှာ ငါးတွဲဖက်မွေး။

စပါးကဏ္ဍ ငါးကဏ္ဍ  
လယ်ယာသားငါး ပြည့်စုံမွေး။

## ASEAN Food Festival

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

## 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

2004-2005 Academic Year

**School Health Week**  
(9th to 13th August 2004)

*At All Basic Education Schools*

Ministry of Education

## Russia close to WTO deals with China, Japan

Moscow, 5 Aug— Russia is close to agreeing terms for its accession to the World Trade Organization (WTO) with several trading partners including China and Japan, ITAR-TASS news agency reported on Wednesday.

Russia wants to sign bilateral deals with all its trading partners this year, paving the way for WTO membership in early 2006.

It cleared a major hurdle in May by reaching agreement with its biggest trading partner, the European Union.

TASS quoted Andrei Kushnirenko, Russia's deputy head of trade negotiations, as saying Russia

expected to strike a deal with China — as well as Norway, Switzerland and Iceland — at talks scheduled for September 15-20.

Russia was also close to deal with Japan and South Korea, which had raised objections over import duty on cars, he told TASS. Those talks could conclude in September or October.

In talks with the United States, outstanding issues included intellectual property protection, access to Russia's banking and insurance sectors, meat quotas and import duties on civil aircraft, Kushnirenko said.

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- ၆-စ-၂၀၀၄ (သောကြာနေ့.)
- \* Reported Speech (ပထမနှစ် ဒုတိယနှစ် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ အထူးပြုကျောင်းသား/သူများ)
- \* Communicative Skills (ပထမနှစ်/ဒုတိယနှစ်/တတိယနှစ်အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထူးပြုကျောင်းသား/သူများ) (9 am to 4 pm)
- ၇-စ-၂၀၀၄ (စနေနေ့.)
- \* အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ကျောင်းသူ/သားများအတွက် သင်ခန်းစာများ ၈-စ-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့.)
- \* အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ကျောင်းသူ/သားများအတွက် သင်ခန်းစာများ ၉-စ-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္လာနေ့.)
- \* Economic Development Concept & Measurement (တတိယနှစ် စီးပွားရေး၊ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာအထူးပြုကျောင်းသား/သူများ) Simple Linear Regression And Correlation (ပထမနှစ် စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံအထူးပြု ကျောင်းသား/သူများ) ၁၀-စ-၂၀၀၄ (အင်္ဂါနေ့.)
- \* Free Trade Versus Protectionism (တတိယနှစ် စီးပွားရေး၊ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာအထူးပြု)
- \* Theories of Consumer Behaviour (ဒုတိယနှစ် စီးပွားရေးပညာ အထူးပြု) ၁၁-စ-၂၀၀၄ (ဗုဒ္ဓဟူးနေ့.)
- \* Economic Instability And Demand Management Policies (တတိယနှစ် စီးပွားရေး အထူးပြု)
- \* Application of Demand And Supply Analysis (ပထမနှစ် စီးပွားရေးပညာ၊ စီးပွားစီမံ အထူးပြု) ၁၂-စ-၂၀၀၄ (ကြာသပတေးနေ့.)
- \* The Legal Forms of Business Ownership (ပထမနှစ် စီးပွားစီမံ၊ စီးပွားရေးပညာ အထူးပြု)
- \* မင်းတုန်းမင်းဆက် သာသနာရေး (The Religious Policy of Mindon) (တတိယနှစ်သမိုင်း အထူးပြု)
- \* Jurisprudence And Legal Theories (ပထမနှစ် ဥပဒေ အထူးပြု ကျောင်းသား/သူများအတွက်) ၁၃-စ-၂၀၀၄ (သောကြာနေ့.)
- \* “အချင်းကဗျာစုလာ ညည်းချင်း” ကဗျာစုမှ ဗြဟ္မသဘာဝအလှများ (ပထမနှစ် ဗြဟ္မစာစာ အထူးပြု)
- \* “ဘာသာဆောင်းပါးများ ပို့ချချက်” (ပထမနှစ် ဗြဟ္မစာစာ အထူးပြု)
- \* Small Signal Bipolar Amplifier (တတိယနှစ် ချပ်ပေး အထူးပြု) (9 am to 4 pm)
- ၁၄-စ-၂၀၀၄ (စနေနေ့.)
- \* (အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ကျောင်းသား/သူများအတွက် သင်ခန်းစာများ) ၁၅-စ-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့.)
- \* (အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ကျောင်းသား/သူများအတွက် သင်ခန်းစာများ) ၁၆-စ-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္လာနေ့.)
- \* Linear Transformation (တတိယနှစ် သင်္ချာ အထူးပြု)
- \* Logic of Truth Function (ဒုတိယနှစ် ဒဿနိကဗေဒ အထူးပြု)
- \* The Shell Model (တတိယနှစ် ချပ်ပေး အထူးပြု) ၁၇-စ-၂၀၀၄ (အင်္ဂါနေ့.)
- \* Homeostasis (ပထမနှစ် သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ)
- \* Aquatic Biome (ဒုတိယနှစ် သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ) ၁၈-စ-၂၀၀၄ (ဗုဒ္ဓဟူးနေ့.)
- \* External Features and Treatment of Ascaris Lumbricoides (ပထမနှစ် သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ)

- \* Malarial Parasites of Man (တတိယနှစ် သတ္တဗေဒ အထူးပြုများ)
- \* Learning & Methods of Practice (ဒုတိယနှစ် စိတ်ပညာ အထူးပြုများ) ၁၉-စ-၂၀၀၄ (ကြာသပတေးနေ့.)
- \* The Role of The Headmaster BED (ဒုတိယနှစ် စာပေစာယူ ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများ)
- \* Three Focal Points BED (ပထမနှစ် စာပေစာယူ ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများ) ၂၀-စ-၂၀၀၄ (သောကြာနေ့.)
- \* Transfer of Ownership (LLB Final Year)
- \* Evolution (ဆင့်ကဲ ဖြစ်စဉ်) (မဟာသိပ္ပံ အရည်အချင်းစစ်)
- \* နဝရတ်ကိုးသွယ် ရောင်စုံဖြယ် (ပထမနှစ် (သုတိဗေဒ) ကျောက်မျက်ပါသနာရှင်များ အများပြည်သူ) (9 am to 4 pm)
- ၂၁-စ-၂၀၀၄ (စနေနေ့.)
- \* အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ကျောင်းသား/သူများအတွက် သင်ခန်းစာများ ၂၂-စ-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့.)
- \* အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ကျောင်းသား/သူများအတွက် သင်ခန်းစာများ ၂၃-စ-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္လာနေ့.)
- \* ဗြဟ္မစာစာကားပြေအကြောင်း သိကောင်းစရာများ (ပါဒုတိယနှစ် (နေ့အဆေးသင်) ဗြဟ္မစာစာ ကျောင်းသား/သူများ)
- \* ရောဂါဝေါဟာရ (ပထမနှစ် (နေ့အဆေးသင်) ပထမိဇာ ကျောင်းသား/သူများ) ၂၄-စ-၂၀၀၄ (အင်္ဂါနေ့.)
- \* ခြေအကြောင်း သိကောင်းစရာ (သတ္တဗေဒ ကျောင်းသား/ကျောင်းသူများ၊ ဝါသနာရှင်များ)
- \* ရေခဲချောင်းဖျိုး ကျောက်စာရံတုရား ကျောက်စာရံများ (သမိုင်းကျောင်းသား/သူများ) ၂၅-စ-၂၀၀၄ (ဗုဒ္ဓဟူးနေ့.)
- \* Demand (အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ပထမနှစ် စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာ အထူးပြုများ)
- \* Double Entry and Book-keeping (အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ပထမနှစ် စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံအထူးပြုများ) ၂၆-စ-၂၀၀၄ (ကြာသပတေးနေ့.)
- \* Graphical Presentation (အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ပထမနှစ် စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံ၊ အိမ်ထောင်စီးပွား အထူးပြုများ)
- \* အမျိုးသားယဉ်ကျေးမှု (အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ဒုတိယနှစ် ဝိဇ္ဇာ၊ သိပ္ပံ၊ စီးပွားရေးပညာ အထူးပြုများ)
- \* သူတော်ကောင်းတရား လေးပါး (အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လ် ဒုတိယနှစ် ဝိဇ္ဇာ၊ သိပ္ပံ၊ စီးပွားရေးပညာ အထူးပြုများ) ၂၇-စ-၂၀၀၄ (သောကြာနေ့.)
- \* အာသနီဇီဝဗေဒကျွန်းဂုဏ်ရည် (YUDEဒုတိယနှစ်ဗြဟ္မစာစာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ)
- \* ဩဝါဒထူးချို့ (YUDE ဒုတိယနှစ် အထူးပြုကျောင်းသူ/သားများ)
- \* Poetry (YUDE ဒုတိယနှစ် အထူးပြုကျောင်းသူ/သားများ)
- \* Mechanism (YUDE ဒုတိယနှစ် စာတုအထူးပြုကျောင်းသူ/သားများ) (ဆက်လက်ဖော်ပြပါမည်)

## ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ နှိမ်နင်းကာကွယ်ပါ

- ၁။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါသည် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါပိုး သယ်ဆောင်သော ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်များကြောင့် ကူးစက်ဖြစ်ပွားပါသည်။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါပိုး သယ်ဆောင်သောခြင်္သေ့သည် ညအခါများတွင် ကိုက်လေ့ရှိသဖြင့် ညဘက်တွင် ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်ရေပါက ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။
- ၂။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါသည် အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပြီး ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ကင်းစင်သော ဒေသများမှ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ထူထပ်သော ဒေသများသို့ သွားရောက်နေထိုင် အလုပ်လုပ်ကိုင်သူများတွင် ရောဂါပိုးဖြစ်ပွားလွယ်ပြီး ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ရောဂါပြင်းထန်ပါသည်။ ကိုယ်ဝန်ဆောင်မိခင်နှင့် ကလေးများတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားပါကလည်း ရောဂါပြင်းထန်တတ်ပါသည်။
- ၃။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါလက္ခဏာများမှာ-
  - (က) ချမ်းတုန်၍ ဖျားခြင်း
  - (ခ) တက်ဖျားကျဖျားအသွင် ဖျားခြင်း
  - (ဂ) ရောဂါပြင်းထန်ပါက
    - တစ်ပါးသူ၏ အကူအညီမပါဘဲ မထိုင်နိုင်၊ မထိုင်နိုင်
    - လမ်းမလျှောက်နိုင်ခြင်း၊
    - ဆေးမသောက်နိုင်အောင် အန်ခြင်း၊
    - မိန်းခြင်း၊ ဂနာမငြိမ်ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်း၊ တက်ခြင်းတို့ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါသည်။
- ၄။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားသည်ဟု သံသယရှိပါက ၂၄ နာရီအတွင်း နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ ဆေးလျှင်စွာ သွားရောက် ပြသ၍ သွေးဖောက်စစ်ဆေးပြီး ဆေးပတ်လည်အောင် ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါကို စောစီးစွာ ဖော်ထုတ်၍ ထိရောက်စွာ ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည် ဦးနှောက်သို့ ငှက်ဖျားပိုး ဝင်ခြင်း အပါအဝင် ပြင်းထန်သော ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါဖြစ်၍ အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။
- ၅။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်ရန် အောက်ပါအချက်များကို လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
  - (က) ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်ရေမှ ကာကွယ်ခြင်း
    - (၁) ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်မြင်အိပ်ပါ။ ဖြစ်နိုင်လျှင် ဆေးစိမ်ခြင်းထောင်သုံးပါ။
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Players of MFF selected youth team and Mohun Bagan XI team of India seen in action on Thursday. The Indian team beat the Myanmar team 1-0. — NLM



Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt being reported on progress in development works by officials concerned on 4 August. — PBANRDA

## PBANRDA Minister tours Nyaungdon, Pantanaw, Maubin

YANGON, 5 Aug— Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, together with Director-General of Development Affairs Department Col Myo Myint and officials, on 4 August toured Nyaungdon Township and inspected development works.

Officials concerned and local authorities reported to him on work progress and the minister gave necessary instructions.

Later, the minister and party proceeded to Pantanaw and Maubin. The minister and party were reported on progress of development works by officials concerned and local authorities. Minister Col Thein Nyunt gave necessary instructions.

MNA



American nuclear scientist Billy Moore, from Hopkins, South Carolina, and his wife Ginnie Saunders look at the skeleton of the A-bomb dome, destroyed by the world's first atomic bomb blast against a civilian population in Hiroshima, Japan, on 5 August, 2004. Hiroshima observes the 59th anniversary of the bombing of the city on 6 August.

INTERNET

## ADB, Philippines sign grant for renewable energy

MANILA, 5 Aug — The Philippine Government and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) have signed a 1.5-million-US-dollar grant to bring renewable energy and livelihood opportunities to low income villages of Negros Occidental in Central Philippines.

The community-based project will bring power to more than 100 households and 2,480 people in eight off-grid villages who depend

mainly on the use of kerosene, batteries, and candles for energy, the ADB said in a statement.

Eight renewable energy systems will be set up in the villages, harnessing micro hydropower, solar, biomass, or wind systems, the statement said.

To mobilize the participating communities, barangays (villages) will be organized into power associations and a funds collection mechanism will be set up to operate and maintain the renewable energy systems, it added.

A revolving fund will be set up so that lighting, tools, and equipment can be installed and households can connect to the renewable energy-based electricity.

To build more livelihood opportunities, another revolving fund will promote activities that can make use of the renewable energy-based electricity.

These might include community-owned rice mills to increase rice production, mini ice plants for cold storage of fish products, the purchase of small power tools and sewing machines

for small home-based businesses, and skills development and on-site training.

The project will also help participants identify potential markets and market their products.

About a third of the beneficiaries live below the regional poverty threshold of 27 US cents per day.

The four-year assistance was signed Tuesday by Philippine Finance Secretary Juanita D. Amato and Thomas Crouch, ADB country director for the Philippines, among others.

MNA/Xinhua

## President says HIV/ AIDS vaccine should be a priority for India

NEW DELHI, 5 Aug — Indian President A P J Abdul Kalam on Tuesday exhorted the country's medical community to focus research efforts in the area of producing vaccine for the killer HIV/ AIDS in view of the danger it poses to the world.

"India has an advanced programme in this area and I learnt that tests are possible in one-two years," he said after presenting the B C Roy National Awards at the Rashtrapati Bhawan (President's House).

Producing vaccine for this disease should be a priority for the scientists,

Kalam, himself an accomplished physicist, said.

Noting that HIV-tuberculosis combination had emerged as the new killer, Kalam said prevention was possible only through a vaccine.

Kalam said scientists should work earnestly in the area of stem cell research which had great potential in treating diseases like heart dysfunction and blindness.

Scientists at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences were already engaged in exploring use of stem cells for treating conditions in which heart muscle loses its activ-

ity, he said, adding stem cells were also being used for treating blindness in the L V Prasad Eye Institute.

In view of Indians' susceptibility to heart diseases, efforts should be made to know the reasons and solutions to this situation, he said. Another area that needs attention of the country's scientists was cure for crippling diseases like Parkinson's, Kalam said.

Fifty-four eminent personalities from the area of medical sciences were presented awards by the President.—MNA/PTI

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## 8th GMS Transport Forum opens in Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 5 Aug — The eighth Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Transport Forum opened here Tuesday, aiming at further implementing the GMS flagship programme and to set up new strategies.

Representatives from six countries of the GMS attended the two-day forum, including China, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam. This is the second time that Cambodia hosts the transport forum. The first time was in 1995.

The forum will focus on reviewing the GMS programme and discussing key strategic developments and future directions in GMS transport sector, including

regional cooperation strategic programme, North-South Economic Corridor, East-West Economic Corridor, study on Southern Economic Corridor, and updating the GMS development matrix. In addition, the six countries will also report on their progress on the implementation of the GMS programme and progress on the negotiation and implementation of annexes and protocols of the GMS cross-border transport agreement.

A key agenda of the meeting is Asian Development Bank (ADB)'s proposed regional technical assistance for the conduct of an updated GMS Transport Sector Strategy Study.

Since 1992, when the GMS programme started, the Mekong Subregion has witnessed dramatic economic transformation, said Urooj Malik, ADB's director of Infrastructure Division of Mekong Department.

She said that average GDP, in real per capita terms, has increased by almost 3 per cent annually during this period. Moreover, GMS economies have become more open both among themselves and to the outside world, and have been able to attract higher foreign direct investment over the years.

The GMS has also become the fastest growing tourist destination in the world. — MNA/Xinhua

## Microsoft launches Web log service in Japan

TOKYO, 5 Aug — Microsoft Corp. said on Wednesday it was launching its first-ever web log service in Japan next week and aimed to have one million users in the first year, intensifying competition with Google Inc.

Web logs, or blogs, have been around for several years, serving as online journals for web-savvy disseminators of information, ranging from personal ramblings and product reviews to social commentary.

But blogging drew renewed attention after Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates said in May that Web logs and the way they were distributed could be used as business communication tools, signalling Microsoft's growing awareness of blogging as both a potential threat and a new business opportunity.

Microsoft plans to start a trial service on August 10 in cooperation with unlisted Japanese contents provider T.O.S. Co. Ltd., followed by an official launch later this year.

It has yet to be decided when Microsoft will launch a blog service in the United States, Europe and elsewhere.

"We are offering a service that can be used from both personal computers and mobile terminals in a seamless manner. That differentiates our service from others," MSN Japan general manager Yoshie Tsukamoto told reporters.

MSN is Microsoft's Internet division.

Microsoft said its new service, which enables blog writers to update their entries and visitors to have access to blog sites from mobile phones, not just PCs, was well suited for Japan, where nearly 90 per cent of cellphones have Internet capability.

Google, the number one web search company, has already upgraded its Blogger.com service, which it bought in 2003, by adding features that allow users to publish content from any e-mail-enabled device, such as cellphones and handheld devices.

Nearly nine out of 10 households in Japan have wired or wireless Internet access, making it one of the most web-enabled nations in the world, according to the Telecommunications Ministry.

MNA/Reuters

## Study finds flu in pregnancy linked to schizophrenia

CHICAGO, 4 Aug — A bout of the flu during the first half of pregnancy may damage the foetal brain and raises the risk of children developing schizophrenia later in life, researchers said on Monday.

In a small 64-family sample, researchers found the risk of developing the major mental disorder in adult offspring rose seven-fold if the

expectant mother had the flu during the first trimester.

If the virus struck between the midpoint of the pregnancy's first trimester and the midpoint of the second, the risk rose three-fold. There was no increased risk if the flu occurred in the second half of the pregnancy.

"These findings represent the strongest evidence thus far that prenatal expo-

sure to influenza plays a role in schizophrenia," said the study's lead author, Ezra Susser of the New York State Psychiatric Institute.

In previous studies establishing a connection between flu in pregnant mothers and schizophrenia in their children, the link was seen in the second and third trimesters, the study said.

MNA/Reuters

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A Hummingbird Moth hovers feeds on flowers on early Tuesday, 3 Aug, 2004 near Archer, Fla. This moth is often confused with the hummingbird as it feeds in the same areas and manner as the hummingbird. This insect is about 2 inches long and can be seen usually from May to September in the South. —INTERNET

## Expert says web sites promote unproven cancer therapies

LONDON, 4 Aug— Internet web sites are recommending unproven complementary medicines for cancer that could interfere with conventional treatments and be dangerous or deadly, a leading expert said on Monday.

Professor Edzard Ernst analysed 32 web sites and found many recommended treatments not supported by scientific evidence.

"If it sounds too good to be true it probably is," said the chair of complementary medicine at the Peninsula Medical School at the Universities of Exeter & Plymouth in southern England.

Not everything natural is risk free, he told reporters. The web sites recom-

mended 118 cancer cures, 59 treatments to prevent the illness and 88 for palliative care. Some sites provided information which discouraged patients from using conventional treatments for cancer.

"A significant proportion of the web sites are a risk to cancer patients," he said. "There is no good evidence that any complementary treatment can prevent cancer." — MNA/Reuters

## Kenyan President appeals for food aid

NAIROBI, 3 Aug—Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki on Monday appealed for food aid to combat a looming famine caused by severe drought in the East African country.

Kibaki said that due to failure of the long rains in most parts of the country, it has not been possible to realize the expected crop yields and hence the food shortage, according to a Press release by the Presidential Press Service. "We are appealing to all Kenyans of goodwill as well as our friends to assist those affected by these natural calamity in anyway possible. We shall appreciate any assistance given despite the quantity involved," Kibaki said when receiving donations from local firms towards the famine relief efforts.

The President encour-

aged Kenyans to continue working hard in all their endeavours, saying that the country could only prosper through commitment to production.

"We want as a country to be people committed to hard work to provide for both our families and the country, for it is only through such commitment that we shall achieve the desired goals," he said.

Reports said that currently out of the 32 million Kenyan people, about 3 million are facing the food shortage because of the severe drought in the country.

MNA/Xinhua

## NASA launches first Mercury mission in 3 decades

CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 4 Aug—NASA launched its first mission to the planet Mercury in a generation early on Tuesday, one that scientists hope will strip away much of the mystery surrounding the tiny planet closest to the sun.

The MESSENGER (Mercury Surface, Space Environment, Geochemistry and Ranging) spacecraft, riding a Boeing Co. Delta 2 rocket, blazed across the nighttime sky above Florida's Cape Canaveral Air Force Station as the 427 million US dollars mission got underway with lift off at 2:16 a.m. EDT (0616 GMT) on Tuesday.

Among the questions scientists hope to answer is whether Mercury, just slightly larger than Earth's moon, was once Earth-sized

itself but lost its rocky exterior either to some cataclysmic collision or to slow ablation by the solar winds.

Scientists also believe there may be frozen water there, trapped in shadowy craters at the planet's poles, never exposed to the sunlight that creates a 1,100 degree Fahrenheit difference between daytime and nighttime temperatures on the planet.

"The inner planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars) all formed from the disk of gas and dust, the solar nebula,

that surrounded our young sun. They formed by the same processes, they formed at the same time, (but) their outcomes were extremely different. And Mercury is the most extreme of those four planets," said Sean Solomon, principle scientist for the 426 million US dollars mission.

MESSENGER will reach Mercury after a seven-year sojourn through the solar system that will take it 15 times around the sun, making near passes of Earth once, Venus twice, and Mercury itself three times.

Each planetary pass will act as a gravitational tug to slow MESSENGER's speed so that it can eventually slip into Mercury's orbit for a year-long study.

The only other up-close look planetologists have had of Mercury came in the mid-1970s when NASA's Mariner 10 spacecraft made three fly-bys, photographing about 45 per cent of the planet and discovering that it had a strong magnetic field, an indication, scientists say, that Mercury is about two-thirds iron.

MNA/Reuters

## New US spy plane based on Brazilian model

WASHINGTON, 5 Aug—The Pentagon will for the first time have a spy plane based on a model built by a developing economy.

The US Army recently awarded Lockheed Martin Corp. a contract that could be worth as much as six billion US dollars eventually to develop spy planes — based on the Brazilian Embraer, whose jets are widely used by business executives in the US. The spy plane, Lockheed will build, can detect enemy signals and track troop movements.

To meet the Pentagon's domestic manufacture requirement, Embraer said it

would lease a 71,000-square-foot manufacturing facility in Jacksonville, Florida, and plans to hire 200 American employees. Major sections of the plane, including the wings, will be built overseas in countries such as Brazil and Chile but the final product will be assembled in the US. The jet programme is Embraer's first Pentagon contract. "We are happy to be part of the Lockheed team and to be providing our products now for the US Govern-

ment," said Dong Oliver, Embraer's spokesman.

The unarmed spy plane, to be named Aerial Common Sensor, will fly 37,000 feet over the battlefield at 400 miles per hour searching for enemy radio and radar signals. The new aircraft will replace two Army planes, Guardrail Common Sensor and Airborne Reconnaissance Low, and the Navy's EP-3E.

The initial contract to design and develop the plane is worth about 879 million

US dollars but the programme is expected to generate billions more once production begins. The Army is expected to order 38 planes and the Navy 19, Army spokesman Timothy Rider said. It is unclear when the first plane will be commissioned.

The programme signifies a "whole generation leap forward," said Stanton D Sloane, Lockheed's executive vice-president for integrated systems and solutions.

MNA/PTI

## Locusts ravage northern China grasslands

BEIJING, 4 Aug—Swarms of locusts are ravaging grasslands in northern China, and eradication efforts are falling far short due to a severe lack of money, the China Daily said on Tuesday.

Since the end of July, locusts have swept across 10 million hectares (24.7 million acres) of grasslands in Inner Mongolia, about 10 per cent of the region's plains, the newspaper said.

The voracious insects were advancing 20,000 hectares (50,000 acres) a day and were expected to cause direct losses of 900 million yuan (110 million US dollars), the newspaper said.

The region is a major producer of meat and dairy goods.

A lack of funds had hindered efforts to fight the swarms, it quoted Zhang Zhuoran, an official in charge of grassland preservation, as saying.

"We only have money to treat 25 per cent of the seriously harmed land. We just don't have the money now," Zhang said.

MNA/Reuters

## Japan funds polio eradication in Ethiopia

ADDIS ABABA, 3 Aug—Japan declared Monday a donation of 3.4 million US dollars to the United Nations Children Fund (UNICEF) to support polio eradication, and the elimination of maternal and neonatal tetanus in Ethiopia.

"This generous donation by the Japanese Government will support our efforts to rid Ethiopia of the scourge of polio and protect children from its devastating effects of paralysis," said UNICEF Representative Bjorn

Ljungqvist here.

"In addition, we will use this money to achieve the national goal of less than one case of neonatal tetanus per 1,000 births in each district of Ethiopia," added the representative. Ethiopia

has been consistently conducting immunization campaigns since 1996 in line with its national commitment towards the eradication of polio, and the country has been free of wild poliovirus since 2001. — MNA/Xinhua



Longyearbyen, one of the world's most northerly tourist destinations, is a coal-dusted town situated among snowy peaks and icy landscapes between the Arctic Ocean and the Barents Sea, and has only 1,700 inhabitants. While the polar bears are a major draw to the Norwegian archipelago — along with husky-drawn sleigh rides under the midnight sun and expeditions to the North Pole — nature lovers are advised not to go unarmed outside the capital, Longyearbyen. —INTERNET

## SPORTS

## Owen gives Liverpool winning edge over Roma

NEW YORK, 4 Aug — A late Michael Owen goal gave Liverpool a 2-1 victory over AS Roma in the final game of the Champions World Series at the Giants Stadium in New Jersey on Tuesday.

The England striker grabbed the winning goal five minutes from time to seal victory for the Premier League side after Djibril Cisse had earlier netted his third goal for the club on the half hour to cancel out Marco Delvecchio's opener.

New Liverpool signing Josemi came on for his debut at halftime and slotted in at right back against last season's Italian Serie A runners up.

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

MNA/Reuters

## Ireland's Shelbourne claim Champions League scalp

LONDON, 5 Aug — Irish side Shelbourne upset Croatia's Hajduk Split on Wednesday to move into the third and final qualifying round of the Champions League.

Trailing 3-2 from the first leg in Split, Shelbourne secured a 2-0 win in the return leg of their second qualifying round tie with goals by Dave Rogers after 78 minutes and Alan Moore in the 90th minute, going through 4-3 overall.

The Dublin team, trying

to reach the group stages of European club soccer's elite competition for the first time, face Spain's Deportivo Coruna in the third qualifying round.

Manchester United, one of several big names waiting to discover their third qualifying round opponents, will

tackle Romania's Dinamo Bucharest. Ten-man Dinamo beat Slovakia's Zilina 1-0 in Romania on Wednesday to seal a 2-0 aggregate win.

Free-scoring Polish side Wisla Krakow will face nine-times European champions Real Madrid after completing an 11-2 success over WIT Georgia Tbilisi with a 3-0 home victory on Wednesday.

Sweden's Djurgarden booked a tie against Juventus, winners in 1996 and 1985, with a 2-0 win at Kaunas in Lithuania. The first leg was goalless.

Last season's losing finalists, AS Monaco, will play Slovenia's Nova Gorica who stormed to a 5-0 win at FC Copenhagen to seal a 6-2 aggregate victory.

Russia's CSKA Moscow secured a tie against Scottish club Rangers with a 2-0 victory over Azerbaijan's Neftchi Baku after a goalless first leg.

The third qualifying round first leg ties will be played on August 10 and 11 with the returns two weeks later. — MNA/Reuters

## Zidane delays decision on France future

PARIS, 5 Aug — Zinedine Zidane says he will decide whether to carry on playing for France before their opening 2006 World Cup qualifier against Israel in Paris on September 4. The Real Madrid playmaker met new France coach Raymond Domenech over lunch in the Spanish capital on Wednesday and said he still needed "one week or two" to make up his mind.

"I talked with Domenech today and I gave him my point of view. I told what I had to say. He explained me what his plans were," Zidane said in an interview on his website.

"Now we are going to have another meeting soon to sort out what my future will be exactly. But I need some time to think about it. I have not made up my mind yet. It may take one week or two."

The 32-year-old had hinted that he might end his international career after France suffered a shock elimination by Greece in the quarterfinals of Euro 2004.

Zidane, whose Real Madrid contract runs until 2007, added: "I will have to let him know what my decision is before the match against Israel in Paris." — MNA/Reuters

## Camacho calls for new Real signings

MADRID, 4 Aug — Real Madrid will have to bring in new players before the start of the season to balance the side, coach Jose Antonio Camacho warned on Tuesday.

"This team doesn't need touching in terms of attack but the defence is another matter," Camacho said in an interview with the club's web site. "We're short of a player or two and we have to balance the squad."

He added: "We know that this team will attack with five players. We have to make sure we defend with the same number."

Camacho's comments came as Marca newspaper claimed Real had increased their offer for Arsenal's defensive midfielder Patrick Vieira to 30 million euros.

MNA/Reuters



Thomas Johansson of Sweden, left, congratulates Andre Agassi following their match at the Tennis Masters Cincinnati in Mason, Ohio, on Wednesday, 4 Aug, 2004. Agassi won 6-1, 3-6, 6-1. —INTERNET



A security blimp flies over the Olympic Stadium complex, which also includes the tennis and aquatic centres, the velodrome and indoor hall, in Athens, on Wednesday, 4 Aug, 2004, as preparations continue for the 2004 Olympic Games which are scheduled to begin on 13 August. —INTERNET

## Ballooning Olympic costs derail Greek deficit

ATHENS, 5 Aug — Cost overruns in Olympic projects have exceeded even revised estimates and are pushing the country's already high budget deficit way over European Union limits, a deputy finance minister said on Wednesday.

"The budget for various Olympics projects was 1.4 billion euros (for 2004), the first tally we did set the sum at 2.4 billion, and now we are way beyond that at three billion euros for 2004," Deputy Finance Minister Petros Doukas told Flash Radio.

"The way things are going, the budget deficit is heading towards 4 per cent, maybe

a bit over," Doukas told Reuters in a telephone call.

After wasting the early years of preparations on infighting and bureaucracy, organizers of the Athens Games have gone into overdrive in the last two years to complete the venues, pushing up costs as contractors deploy double and triple working shifts.

Greece's budget deficit al-

ready topped the EU's limit of 3 per cent of gross domestic product in 2003 and the country was subject to budget disciplinary action in an EU finance ministers' meeting in July.

With the Commission breathing down its neck for the current year as well, Greece, the smallest country to host the Olympics since Finland in 1952, is in line for some serious belt-tightening.

"Expenses like salaries, pensions, subsidies of pension funds are more or less inflexible, one cannot say they can apply any measures in salaries or pensions," Doukas told Flash.

"What we can try and do as much as possible is cut the defence spending, bring the private sector in as much as possible into public works projects so that they are self-financed, do away with unnecessary spending, and of course speed up privatizations," he added.

Asked by Flash to comment on reports that the total cost of the Olympic Games would exceed 10 billion euros, Doukas said the sum looked, at first glance, to be an exaggeration. "What we have recorded until now shows a total towards six billion euros and over," Doukas said. The original Games budget was 4.6 billion euros.

MNA/Reuters



A torch bearer carries the Olympic flame inside the Delfi archaeological site, northwest of Athens, as he participates in the torch relay in Greece on 4 Aug, 2004. The flame is due to be lit at the Athens Olympic Stadium on 13 August. —INTERNET

## Iran coach Ivankovic slams referee after Asian Cup exit

BEIJING 5 Aug — Iran coach Branko Ivankovic launched a withering attack on the referee after his side were beaten by hosts China in the Asian Cup semifinals.

China won 4-3 on penalties on Tuesday to set up a showdown with Japan after extra time had failed to unlock a 1-1 stalemate in a controversial match in Beijing.

Iran defender Sattar Zare was sent off in the 48th minute for shoving Chinese goalscorer Shao Jiayi, who fell theatrically to the turf.

"That was 1,000 per cent never a red card," said Croatian Ivankovic, whose side had been dogged by poor discipline during the Asian Cup. "We expected this sort of thing might happen. Maybe it deserved a yellow card but the referee made a mistake sending (Zare) off."

Ivankovic was furious that Lebanese official Talaat Najm produced only a yellow card when China defender Zhang Yaokun brought down Ali Karimi late

in the game.

"That was not just a red card — it was worth three or four red cards," Ivankovic said. "It was ridiculous that he stayed on the pitch. He should be suspended for four games."

Three-times champions Iran had three players suspended for violent conduct after their explosive 2-2 draw with Oman in the group stage.

Iran recovered to reach the last four after a 4-3 victory over World Cup semifinalists South Korea in the quarterfinals.

However, in that match, Karimi won the free kick that led to Iran's winning goal with a dramatic tumble — to the fury of South Korea, who accused him of diving.

Ivankovic claimed not to have seen that incident.

"Usually, I don't say anything about the referees but against China, the referee made some big mistakes that cost us," he said.

"Something should have been done but what can you do?" — MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters

## Eriksson not to attend FA board meeting

LONDON, 5 Aug — England coach Sven Goran-Eriksson will not attend the board meeting which will decide whether he keeps his job, the Football Association (FA) confirmed on Wednesday.

The FA's 12-man board will meet at an undisclosed central London location on Thursday afternoon to discuss the fall-out from Eriksson's affair with secretary Faria Alam.

"Those employees involved in this matter... will not be attending the board meeting," the FA said on its web site.

The statement also said a decision on Eriksson's future might not be made on Thursday.

"The board may determine it appropriate to seek more evidence or refer the matter for further consideration."

The issue is not Eriksson having an affair but whether he misled his employers about it. — MNA/Reuters



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**6-8-2004 (Friday)**  
**(Programme Schedule)**  
**Morning Transmission**  
**(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar  
Panorama & Myanmar  
Sentiment"
- 9:06 Devoutly Making  
Donations
- 9:10 Headline News**
- 9:12 Pan-Say Region,  
Home to Kho-Hlon-  
Lishows
- 9:15 National News**
- 9:20 Myanmar Elephants  
from Myanmar Forest
- 9:25 Kayah Dance
- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 Traditional Chin  
House
- 9:40 Myanmar Modern  
Song "You can take  
me but not my love"
- 9:42 Dawei Water Fetch-  
ing Dance
- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 The Ancient City of  
Myanmar (Bagan)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

- 6-8-2004 (Friday)**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(15:30 - 17:30)**
- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 Devoutly Making  
Donations

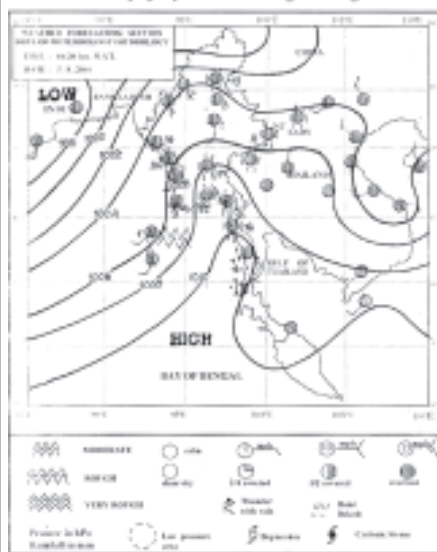
- 15:40 Headline News**
- 15:42 Pan-Say Region,  
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- 15:45 National News**
- 15:50 Myanmar Elephants  
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- 15:55 Kayah Dance
- 16:00 National News**
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- 16:12 Dawei Water Fetch-  
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- 16:15 National News**
- 16:20 The Ancient City of  
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- 16:25 Song of Myanmar  
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Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
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timent"
- 16:30 National News**
- 16:35 Export Products of  
Fish & Prawn
- 16:40 Myanmar Traditional  
Marionette
- 16:45 National News**
- 16:50 Hill Resort Town  
(Thandaung)
- 16:55 Htaung Yaung Nay  
(Classical Dance of  
the Royal Maids)
- 16:58 Myanmar Traditional  
Art, Silversmith
- 17:00 National News**
- 17:05 Myanmar Traditional  
Flower Arrangements  
(Harp)
- 17:10 Song on Screen "With  
a Weak Point"
- 17:12 Percussion of "Pan"  
(or) Communal Drum
- 17:15 National News**
- 17:20 Greening of the Hills  
and Ranges, in order  
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Hill) (Magway Divi-  
sion)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar  
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**6-8-2004 (Friday)**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(19:30 - 23:30)**
- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar  
Panorama & Myanmar  
Sentiment"
- 19:36 The Interesting Places  
of Kachin State
- 19:40 Headline News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes "Sea-Weed  
Salad"
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:50 PaO Nationals' Tradi-  
tional Long Drum
- 19:55 The Dance of the  
Prince
- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 Medicinal Plants at  
Popa Mountain Park
- 20:10 Song "Dear Myanmar"
- 20:15 National News**
- 20:20 Beauty of the Woman  
of Myanmar
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern  
Song "To Golden  
Mandalay"
- 20:30 National News**
- 20:35 Rope Painting
- 20:40 Survey of Hu Koung  
Valley Tiger (Part-II)
- 20:45 National News**
- 20:50 Naga Traditional Cul-  
tural Showroom
- 20:55 The Rakhine Dance,  
The Pride of Yoma
- 21:00 National News**
- 21:05 Thameehla Island,  
Home to Fascinating  
Turtles
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Predestination"
- 21:15 National News**
- 21:20 The Reh Lake (The  
Greatest attraction in  
Chin State)
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:35 Devoutly Making Do-  
nations

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Sights "Come and  
See Myanmar"

**Rainfall on 5-8-2004**

- 0.79 inch at Yangon Airport,
- 0.86 inch at Kaba-Aye and
- 1.18 inches at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1777 mm (69.96 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1757 mm (69.17 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1773 mm (69.80 inches) at central Yangon.

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas****WEATHER****Thursday, 5 August 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayah, Kayin States, lower Sagaing, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Kachin, Rakhine States and isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (7.60) inches, Machanbaw (5.04) inches, Maungdaw (4.41) inches, Thandwe (4.09) inches. Putao (3.42) inches and Zaungtu (3.11) inches.

Maximum temperature on 4-8-2004 was 28.8°C (84°F). Minimum temperature on 5-8-2004 was 19.0°C (66°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-8-2004 was 96%. Total sunshine hour on 4-8-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 5-8-2004 was 20 mm (0.79 inch) at Yangon Airport, 22 mm (0.86 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 30 mm (1.18 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1777 mm (69.96 inch) at Yangon Airport and 1757 mm (69.17 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 1773 mm (69.80 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 16 mph from Northwest at 15:55 hours MST on 4-8-2004.

**Bay inference:** According to the observations at (09:30) hours MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over North Bay and adjoining West Central Bay has become unimportant. Monsoon is generally strong in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 6-8-2004:** Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, scattered in Chin, Shan States and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**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:** Generally strong monsoon.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-8-2004:** Intermittent rain which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-8-2004:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Flood Bulletin**

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 5-8-2004)

The water levels of Ayeyawady River are above the danger levels about (4ft) at Minbu and (3ft) at Magway. The water levels will continue to fall below the danger levels during the next (4) days commencing noon today.

The water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is 1/2ft above the danger level. The water level will continue to fall below the danger level during the next (3) days commencing noon today.


**Friday, August 6**  
**View on today:**

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas  
by Missionary Saya-  
daw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am**
2. တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မသက္ကရာဇ်ရိက္ခ  
အဂ္ဂမဟာနိကာယသီရိဇိတ်ဓာ  
(ဓာသရဓမ္မတော်)ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာ  
ဥပ္ပါဒသဒ္ဓိပါဠိတော်
- 7:25 am**
3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
6. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကစားနည်း
- 8:05 am**
7. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
8. The mirror images of

- the musical oldies
- 8:25 am**
9. ကလေးတို့ကြိုးကစား
- 8:30 am**
10. International news
- 8:45 am**
11. English for Everyday  
Use
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold  
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အေးသင်ကဏ္ဍသီလ် ပညာရေး  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ  
ဒုတိယနှင့် (ဓာတုဗေဒအထူးပြု)  
(ဓာတုဗေဒ)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm**
7. နည်းစနစ်မှန်မှန်အားကစား  
အနိစ္စ
- 5:40 pm**
8. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး

- 5:50 pm**
9. Musical programme
- 6:00 pm**
10. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစကား
- 6:15 pm**
11. Discovery
- 6:30 pm**
12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
14. မိုင်းခတ်စားတစ်လမ်းလွဲ  
ဓာတ်သိမ်းပိုင်း "မိုးနတ်မယ်"  
(အဆိုင်း-၄၆)
- 7:30 pm**
15. Song of yesteryears
- 7:45 pm**
16. ကျေးလက်ဒေသတစ်ခုလုံးဆိုင်
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. Myanmar movie:  
"ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားပွဲ"  
ကျေးသခန်းနုနုနုနုနုနု  
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်စောစောစောစော)
20. The next day's  
programme


**Friday, August 6**  
**Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: Together  
again
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: My love is  
real
- 8:50 am** National news/  
Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: love fool
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: Nothing  
but the truth
- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music  
-Someday  
-Big big world  
-Your face
- 9:00 pm** World of music  
Song from: Korea
- 9:10 pm** Article/Music
- 9:25 pm** Music at your  
request  
-If we hold on  
together  
-It's your love  
-Take it easy
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects regional development in Ayeyawady Division

### Steps being taken to establish agri, livestock infrastructures

YANGON, 5 Aug —Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Ayeyawady Division PDC Chairman South West Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials attended the opening of the district gymnasium in Maubin yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and officials, members of division, district and township PDCs and departmental officials, members of social organizations and local people.

First, the commander and the minister formally opened the gymnasium by cutting a ribbon. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than formally unveiled the stone inscription of the gymnasium. They next inspected the gymnasium. Maubin District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Sein Maung reported on matters related to the gymnasium and handed over the documents related to the gymnasium building to Head of Division Sports and Physical Education Department U Tin Maug Yi.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivered a speech and presented sports gear for the townships of



*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects installation of new machines at Paper Mill of Myanmar Jute Enterprise in Maubin on 4-8-2004.—MNA*

**As for the development of human resources, efforts are being made to enhance the education sector, alongside the 24 development zones project, the border area development project and the five rural development projects nationwide**

**Steps are being taken to establish agricultural and livestock breeding infrastructures that are crucial for strong economy of the country by laying down plans.**

Danubyu, Nyaungdon and Maubin to officials.

Afterwards, to hail the opening of the gymnasium, sports athletes presented their skill demonstration such as Myanmar martial arts, aerobics, karatedo and wushu.

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*State Peace and Development Council member Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects progress in construction of Pyapon Bridge on 4-8-2004.—MNA*

## Commander inspects development of Kyauktan Township

YANGON, 5 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Patron of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association, inspected agricultural tasks in Kyauktan Township this morning.

In Pandaw Village, they viewed agricultural tasks and thriving paddy fields. At Ywathitgalay Bridge construction site on Pandaw-Mingalun Road, the commander heard reports on building of Ywathitgalay and Mingalun bridges, maintenance of 29 miles and two furlongs long Bago-Thanatpin-Kayan-Thongwa-Thanlyin Road, preparations for repaving Thongwa-Kadatpana Road and other construction matters. Speaking on the occasion, the commander said that as development of Kyauktan Township in education, health, social and economic sectors is based on better transportation, it is necessary to carry out work for timely completion of building bridges and repaving roads meeting the set standard.

On arrival at Mingalun Village, they paid homage to Maha Atula Okshaung Koedatgyi Pagoda and attended the cash donation ceremony.

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*The newly opened Gymnasium of Maubin. —MNA*