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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



*Senior General Than Shwe and party welcome back Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt on his return from Vietnam, Lao People's Democratic Republic and Cambodia, at the airport. — MNA*

## Senior General Than Shwe welcomes back Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt

YANGON, 10 Aug — At the invitation of the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam His Excellency Mr Phan Van Khai, the Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic His Excellency Mr Bounnhang Vorachith and the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Cambodia His Excellency Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Myanmar goodwill delegation led by the Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt visited the three countries and arrived back

here by special flight this evening.

General Khin Nyunt and party were welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Maung Aye, member of the State

Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command, ministers, senior military officers, Ambassadors of Foreign Missions led by Dean of Dip-

lomatic Corps Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore to Myanmar HE Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz, resident representatives of UN agencies and their wives, Charge d'Affairs of the embassies of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Kingdom of Cambodia and staff of embassies, heads of departments.

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, member of the SPDC Lt-

Gen Aung Htwe, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win and departmental heads also arrived back together with the Prime Minister on the same flight.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Strive for development, increased production of agriculture sector

The Government of the Union of Myanmar has been striving day and night for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation through the implementation of political, economic and social objectives. During the period of transition to a genuine and discipline-flourishing democracy, strong national economy and higher standard of living of the people are requirements that have to be fulfilled. This being the case, it hardly need be emphasized that the development of the agriculture sector is central to our endeavours for strengthening the national economy.

Regarding the development of the agriculture sector, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance that, as the economy of the nation mainly depends on agriculture, it is necessary to boost the agricultural production and, for this, respective ministers are required to take a leading role. A coordination meeting on development of oil palm industry and reclamation of farmland was held at the meeting hall of Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta, in Yangon, on 9 August and it was attended by Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence. In his address on the occasion, General Thura Shwe Mann said that the Government has always fulfilled all the requirements, never losing sight of what should be done in public interests, that it is encouraging national entrepreneurs for the development of the private sector and that the national entrepreneurs, on their part, are required to render full and energetic cooperation to the Government in its efforts for the development of the agriculture sector in the interests of the State and the public as well as in their own.

With the purpose of extending the cultivation of major crops for domestic consumption and increasing internal and external trade in marketable crops, the Government has deregulated its policy on agricultural produce trading. The Government has now lifted restrictions on the trading of almost all commodities, once controlled by the State, so that private entrepreneurs can trade them freely. As a result, there are only a few economic enterprises under the control of the State. Therefore, we would like to call on all the national entrepreneurs to try as hard as they can to boost the production of the agriculture sector in the interests of the State, the public and their own.



U Tun Aung being seen off by UMFCFI President U Win Myint and party at the airport. — UMFCFI

### UMFCFI official leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 10 Aug — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Central Executive Committee member U Tun Aung left here by air today for the Socialist Republic of Vietnam to attend the 10th Meeting of AMEICC Working group on Human Resource Development in Ho Chi Minh City.

He was seen off at Yangon International Airport by UMFCFI President U Win Myint, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and CEC members. — MNA

### 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

### MWVO Central Organizing Committee meets

YANGON, 10 Aug — The regular meeting (3/2004) of the Central Organizing Committee of Myanmar War Veterans Organization was held at the meeting hall of MWVO Headquarters on Pyay Road here this afternoon, attended by Chairman of the committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

The meeting was also attended by Vice-Chairman of the committee retired Vice-Admiral Kyi Min, the committee members ministers, senior military officers, the deputy ministers and departmental officials.

Lt-Gen Thein Sein explained the objectives and work schedules of the organization, implementation of the five sectors, cooperation between group leaders for accomplishment of the tasks and ongoing projects. Secretary of the central organizing committee Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe read out resolutions of previous meeting, which were then approved. He also reported on work progresses, and matters to be presented to the (3/2004) meeting. Leaders of respective groups reported on progress of work and their ongoing tasks. The chairman of the committee Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave necessary instructions. The meeting ended with his concluding remarks. — MNA



MWVO Central Organizing Committee Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at the meeting. — MNA



### NCCMC Chairman Maj-Gen Lun Maung visits NC delegates undergoing medical treatment

YANGON, 10 Aug — Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, together with Vice-Chairman Director of Supply and Transport of the Ministry of Defence this afternoon visited Defence Services General Hospital (1000-bed) in Mingaladon where they asked after delegates to the National Convention undergoing medical treatment and provided them with provisions.

At the hall of the hospital, Commandant of the hospital Brig-Gen Than Sein and officials reported to Maj-Gen Lun Maung on the health condition of five delegates to the National Convention undergoing medical treatment, and treatment given to them.

Maj-Gen Lun Maung and party asked after the health of delegates of national races Dr Myint Thein, U Maung Maung Oo, Dr Tint Way and U Than Htaik and provided them with provisions.

Maj-Gen Lun Maung



NCCMC Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung provides food to an NC delegate at Defence Services General Hospital in Mingaladon. — MNA

and party asked after the health of delegate of the Union Kayin League U Mahn Tin Aung Than and provided him with provisions, and left the hospital at 4 pm. — MNA

### State's seven-point policy programme clarified

YANGON, 10 Aug — CEC Member of the Union Solidarity and Development

Association Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave talks on the national policy and the State's seven-point policy programme at the opening ceremony of the basic organizing course No 1/2004 of Ahlon Township USDA at Yangon West District USDA this morning. —MNA

### TV retransmission station launched

YANGON, 10 Aug — Under the programme to extend the area where TV programmes can be received, a TV retransmission station project started in Khampat in Sagaing Division and was completed on 5 August 2004.

Beginning from 7 August, the station is retransmitting clear programmes of the Myanmar Television. — MNA

## 928 US troops killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 Aug—As of Monday, 9 August, 928 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 691 died as a result of hostile action and 237 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 62 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, 790 US soldiers

have died—582 as a result of hostile action and 208 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defence Department.

The latest deaths reported by US Central Command or the British Ministry of Defence:

— A British soldier was killed Monday in an attack on British vehicles in Basra, Iraq. —*Internet*



An Iraqi National Guard soldier wears a mask at a checkpoint in eastern Baghdad on 10 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET

## Poland faces pressure to pull Iraq forces

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug—Facing pressure to withdraw his troops, Poland's Prime Minister told President Bush on Monday that "no one wants to stay in Iraq forever." Polish-led forces turned over control of two provinces to Marines because of the worsening violence in Najaf.

President Bush said Poles "have been great allies" in Iraq and their troops have performed "brilliantly."

Bush met in the Oval Office with Prime Minister Marek Belka, who came to Washington to talk with the President and Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld about transferring more military duties to Iraqis in the Polish-led zone after withdrawals by Spain and other countries.

Public opinion polls show that Poles overwhelmingly want to bring their troops home. Poland is among 20 countries with troops in Iraq that have issued statements vowing not to yield to hostage-takers. The State Department said Monday that Poland, Azerbaijan, Italy, Japan, Lithuania, Netherlands, Romania and Ukraine were the latest to make the statements.

*Internet*

## IATO asks govt to include tourism in CMP

AGRA, 9 Aug—The Indian Association of Tour Operators has urged the government to include tourism industry in the Common Minimum Programme, accord it the status of Infrastructure Sector and implement the Naresh Chandra Committee report on civil aviation at the earliest to provide a much-needed boost to the industry.

The three-day annual convention of IATO here has asked the government at "to include and give priority to the tourism industry in the CMP as an engine of growth," which through its multiplier effect can generate employment and eradicate poverty.

The CMP is a document arrived at by the constituents of the ruling coalition outfit, the United Progressive Alliance as a programme of action to the exclusion of

individual party ideologies.

The convention also asked the union to accord tourism industry the status of 'Infrastructure Sector' and extend the same benefits being given to the software and IT sectors.

The annual meet of the apex body, which concluded here yesterday, stressed the need for infrastructure development across the country and rationalization of taxes to bring about uniformity, which would be possible

by including tourism in the concurrent list.

The convention, which deliberated for two-days the ways to sustain the boom India is now witnessing, has suggested the centre to "strengthen tourism infrastructure with constructing more international airports, at least one in each state capital, greater air capacity" and augmentation of the fleet capacity of Air India and Indian Airlines.

*MNA/PTI*

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## Iraq halts crude output from the south

BASRA, 9 Aug—Oil production from Iraq's southern oil fields was stopped on Monday after alleged threats by Shia leader Muqtada al-Sadr's Mehdi Army to disrupt operations, an Iraqi official has said.

"Pumping from the southern oil fields to storage tanks at Basra was stopped today after threats made by Sadr," the official told *Reuters*. "It will remain stopped until the threat is over," the official, who was not named by the agency, said.

The closure at the Basra-based Southern Oil Company is the first significant shutdown in Iraq's main southern oil sector since the handover of power to the interim government on 28 June. Attacks shortly before the handover cut exports sharply.

Fighters loyal to al-Sadr roamed the streets of Basra on Monday and controlled major intersections, witnesses said. Most shops were shut and most employees, including those of the South Oil Company, did not go to work.

The al-Sadr "threat" coincided with

mortar attacks by his fighters in Baghdad against the oil ministry and threats against the State Oil Marketing Organization, both situated near the Mehdi Army stronghold of Sadr City.

Iraq's southern fields have been supplying the Gulf Basra terminal with about 1.9 million barrels a day. Exports from Iraq's northern oilfields have operated only sporadically since the US-led occupation last year and remain closed after a series of attacks on the main northern export pipeline from the Kirkuk fields.

The unnamed Iraqi oil official said storage at the Gulf Basra terminal was sufficient to keep exports running for about two days. Iraq has been exporting about 1.9 million barrels a day, all from its southern fields.

*Internet*

## British soldier killed in Iraq

BASRA, 9 Aug—A British soldier has been killed and several other UK troops injured after clashes with gunmen in southern Iraq.

The Ministry of Defence has declined to give any further details until next of kin had been informed.

The death came in an afternoon marked by confrontations with militiamen understood to be loyal to radical Shia cleric Muqtada al-Sadr.

Shia militants were reported to be patrolling the

streets of Basra setting up checkpoints and demanding that shops close.

Exchanges of fire took place at a number of locations in and around Basra, and in one incident two British Army LandRovers were destroyed after coming under attack.

The clashes came as fighting continued between

US troops and al-Sadr's so-called Mehdi Army in the Shia holy city of Najaf.

Al-Sadr has vowed to defend the city "until the last drop of my blood", and in a series of increasingly inflammatory public pronouncements has made clear that his supporters were ready to attack British, as well as American, troops.—*Internet*

## UAE real estate to sustain growth by 2010

ABU DHABI, 9 Aug—The United Arab Emirates booming real estate sector would bring over 50 billion US dollars by 2010, the local daily *Gulf News* reported Saturday.

The UAE's Contractors Association estimated that the total project value would exceed 50.27 billion dollars by 2010 as new programmes were announced almost every day.

Experts attributed the fast growth to massive local and foreign investment.

Growing foreign investment in freehold property led to growth in mortgage and home finance firms.

It was predicted that the real estate financing would exceed 15-16 billion dollars by 2010 and would witness a continuous growth.

Dubai, one of the seven emirates in the UAE, was experiencing a construction boom, with 5,208 buildings under construction, according to the Building and Housing Department of Dubai Municipality.

*MNA/Xinhua*



A shot up truck on the road to Baquba as a man points at the bullet holes on the vehicle, 60 kms north of Baghdad, on 27 July 2004.

*INTERNET*

## PM says Poles will not stay in Iraq forever

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — Polish Prime Minister Marek Belka told President George W Bush on Monday that Polish troops will not “stay in Iraq forever” and they discussed circumstances that would allow Poland to reduce its presence.

Poland has been leading a multinational force of 8,000 troops in south-central Iraq, including 2,500 Polish troops.

As Bush and Belka met, however, Pentagon officials said Poland had turned over command of Najaf and Qadisiya provinces to US Marines on Monday due to a deteriorated security situation in the holy city of Najaf.

The multinational force, led by Poland, said in a statement it would continue to be in charge in the provinces of Babil, Karbala and Wasit.

The statement quoted Polish Major-General Andrzej Ekiert as saying he agreed with the decision by US General George Casey — commander of all multinational forces in Iraq — in view of the situation in Najaf, where a firebrand Shiite cleric on Monday defied demands from Iraq's interim

government that his militia pull out of the city.

Confronted with growing public opposition to Poland's military presence in Iraq, the Polish Government has repeatedly said it expected to be able to scale down its military presence in Iraq.

“Well, I guess no one wants to stay in Iraq forever,” Belka told reporters in the White House Oval Office, Bush seated at his side.

“It's a sovereign country. It has its own international recognized government. It has its own rules that are developing. And we treat our presence in Iraq as serving this country to stabilize and stand on its own feet,” he said.

Belka said he and Bush did not discuss withdrawal dates or troop numbers.

MNA/Reuters



British troops on patrol near Basra. A British soldier was killed during clashes with guerillas in Iraq's main southern city of Basra, on 9 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET

## El Salvador tightens security after Iraq threats

SAN SALVADOR, 9 Aug — El Salvador stepped up national security measures on Monday after a group claiming ties to al Qaeda threatened to attack the Central American country unless it pulls its troops out of Iraq.

The group, which calls itself Mohammed Atta Brigades — al Qaeda of Jihad, has vowed to strike inside El Salvador if the tiny nation does not cancel its plans to send a new contingent of soldiers to Iraq this month.

Calling the threats “democratic blackmail,” President Tony Saca said his government was beefing up security at borders, at the country's airport and at customs and immigration posts.

“Whether they are true or false, rumors or groundless pieces of information, we are now acting. It is our responsibility,” Saca told a news conference in the capital.

He insisted he would not back down in the face of the threat, which was posted on

an Islamist Web site, and he said local intelligence services were tracking “people who have become suspects.” But he gave no further details.

“At this moment, borders are being reinforced by air, sea and land,” Defence Minister Otto Romero said. El Salvador's legislature last month narrowly approved a plan to send 380 new troops to join US-led forces in Iraq.

A first contingent of 360 Salvadoran troops went to Iraq a year ago.

Last month the Philippines, with one of its nationals under a death threat in Iraq, joined Spain, the Dominican Republic, Nicaragua and Honduras in pulling its troops out of the coalition. —Internet

## Nigeria, Russia resume talks on sale of aluminium factory

LAGOS, 9 Aug — Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo said at the weekend that the government had resumed discussions with a Russian firm for the sale of the state-run Aluminium Smelting Company (ALSCON) in Akwa Ibom State, south Nigeria.

At an interactive session with the people of Akwa Ibom State on the need to fully utilize the company to the benefit of the country, Obasanjo said the delay in privatizing the company is a result of the inability of the first bidders to pay the mandatory 10 per cent of the bid.

Obasanjo gave the assurance that the ongoing negotiation and subsequent privatization of the company would be concluded by the end of this month.

He said the ALSCON project had been a source of embarrassment to the country. Massive corruption in the process has attracted at-

tention of the Berlin-based Transparency International.

“ALSCON was one project that gave us a bad name. As chairman, advisory council of Transparency International, I had cause to visit the company, and a lot of looting was evident,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Iran says working around the clock to free diplomat abducted in Iraq

TEHERAN, 9 Aug — The Iranian government said it was working around the clock to secure the release of one of its diplomats kidnapped in Iraq, but said it believed he was “alive and well”.

“We have to find out more about the group that is holding him. We are just trying to find ways to negotiate and to get him out,” Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi said.

“What we do know is that he is alive and well,” said Kharazi, speaking at a press conference with his visiting Pakistani counterpart Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri. “We are working on this matter hour by hour.”

A statement Sunday by a group calling itself the Islamic Army in Iraq said it had “detained” Fereydon Jahani “for stirring

sectarian strife and for activities outside his diplomatic duties”.

Jahani disappeared on Wednesday as he was travelling to the central Iraqi city of Karbala to open an Iranian consulate, embassy charge d'affaires Hassan Kazemi Ghomi told AFP.

In Baghdad, Ghomi told AFP Monday that the embassy was still in the dark.

“We have had no demand and we have no news” of Jahani, he said.

Internet

## Group threatens attacks on Iraqi offices

BAGHDAD, 9 Aug — A militant group on Monday threatened to launch a campaign of attacks against ministers and government offices and warned Iraqi state employees to stay away from work.

The group, calling itself the Divine Wrath Brigades, said its “military rebellion and the shelling” would start Tuesday against state buildings.

“We warn all civilian government employees and others ... against going to the offices and institutions where they work because they could be subjected to shelling,” the group said in a statement. It said humanitarian groups and Health Ministry employees working in hospitals would not be targeted.

Meanwhile, guerillas in southern Iraq attacked and set fire to an office of the political party of interim Prime Minister

Ayad Allawi.

The attack Sunday night on the Iraqi National Accord party's office in Nasiriyah was claimed by a group calling itself the Islamic Jihad Organization.

In a video obtained by Associated Press Television News, four masked gunmen were shown knocking on the doors of the office and forcing the workers out, before pouring what looked to be gasoline on the floors and setting the building on fire.

One of the masked men in the video said Allawi was “subservient to the occupation,” and warned his party members to get out of Nasiriyah. —Internet

## Zimbabwe sets up fund to develop innovative technologies

HARARE, 9 Aug — The Science and Technology Development Ministry of Zimbabwe has established the Innovation and Commercialization Fund to finance the development of inventions and innovations, the Sunday Mail newspaper reported.

The fund will be fully operational in January next year. Vincent Hungwe, permanent secretary for the Ministry of Science and Technology Development, was quoted as saying that the fund would help the last stage of any research with potential

to yield patentable products or technologies.

The fund would also be used for the transfer of technologies or innovations from outside the country and the commercialization of inventions or innovations.

MNA/Xinhua

## Uganda secures \$3m to boost fishing industry

KAMPALA, 9 Aug — The Ugandan Government has secured 3 million US dollars from the African Development Bank to boost fishing industry in the country, Radio Uganda reported on Saturday night.

Ugandan Commissioner for Fisheries Dick Nyeko was quoted as saying that the money should be lent to fishermen whose nets were destroyed during “Operation Clean Water” which bans illegal fishing of under-matured fish.

Nyeko said the operation was a huge success because it streamlined the country's fishing practices, adding that focus will now be turned to net manufacturers through the Uganda Revenue Authority. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi boy watches an armed militiaman who walks past his house while patrolling in the eastern Baghdad Shiite suburb of al-Sadr city on 9 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET

## US cannot guarantee safety of Indian workers in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 9 Aug — The US has said it cannot guarantee the safety of Indian and other South Asian workers against terrorists attack in Iraq.

"We can't promise protection to every worker that goes there. We all know that. That is the nature of the circumstances. It is a dangerous place. There are dangers and there are attacks on a variety of different targets in addition to coalition forces," US State Department

Spokesman Richard Boucher said here recently.

His reply comes following a question about the workers from countries like India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and others who are in Iraq though their countries are not part of the US-led coalition.

"There is a lot we can do

generally to create a more secure environment working with the Iraqi Government. But, no, we can't promise protection for every worker."

"Increasingly, (there are) attacks on Iraqis who are trying to reconstruct their country, and we cannot of-

fer protection for every single Iraqi," he said.

At the same time, Boucher said, "we can do a lot to try to create a more secure environment, working with Iraqis, training them up, helping them provide security for their country the way they wish to, as well as the activities that we have against the groups that might be trying out attacks or the sources of the weapons or the infiltration or things like that." — MNA/PTI

## British military police open probe into 48 Iraqi deaths

LONDON, 9 Aug — British military police have opened investigations into 48 cases of Iraqis who died in incidents involving British troops in Iraq since last May, the *Independent on Sunday* newspaper reported.

The latest figures, a jump of nearly a third in the previously disclosed official statistics, were set to climb even higher, the paper said.

The paper said the British Ministry of Defence (MoD) still has no clear figure of Iraqis who died in incidents involving British troops since the US-led occupation began on May 1 last year.

The MoD admitted on Friday that Armed Forces police have investigated, or are still looking into a total of 94 cases of alleged deaths in custody, illegal shootings, injuries and suspected ill-treatment involving British troops in Iraq.

In face of mounting allegations from lawyers and human rights groups that abuses of Iraqis by British troops were being ignored, the Armed Forces Minister, Adam Ingram, ordered all military units that have served in Iraq to check their records and produce a full list of every incident where an Iraqi was killed.

According to the paper, the MoD's search for unreported Iraqi deaths, expected to take several months, was the latest in a series of concessions being made by the British Government over the Armed Forces' rules and policies in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indian Premier briefs President about BIMSTEC Summit

NEW DELHI, 9 Aug — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh called on President APJ Abdul Kalam and briefed him on the progress made at the recent BIMSTEC Summit in Thailand.

Singh had led the Indian delegation to the two-day summit of the seven-nation grouping in Bangkok and made a number of proposals for further consolidating co-operation among member countries which were readily accepted by them.

The proposals include hosting a BIMSTEC ministerial meeting on energy co-operation in India next year, a workshop of Tourism Ministers in 2005 as also setting up a BIMSTEC Centre on weather and climate research and information in New Delhi.

The Prime Minister had advocated sharing of remote

sensing data on agriculture and offered 150 ITEC scholarships for the member countries next year in addition to the existing 150 scholarships besides 30 scholarships in traditional systems of medicine.

At the request of all the participants, India agreed to host the next BIMSTEC Summit in 2006.

The Singh-Kalam meeting, which lasted for an hour, was part of regular interactions between the two leaders, S M Khan, Press Secretary to the President, said.

The Prime Minister also apprised the President about his discussions with Thai

and other leaders in Bangkok.

Singh's recent visit to flood-affected areas also figured during the discussions, Khan said.

MNA/PTI

## Iran dismisses Iraqi official's request of returning planes

TEHRAN, 9 Aug — Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi on Sunday dismissed a top Iraqi official's request that Teheran immediately return the Iraqi planes sent to Iran for shelter from the 1991 Gulf War.

"We have more important issues to discuss, and we will negotiate these with the future elected government, not with the interim

A militiaman allied to radical Iraqi Shiite cleric Moqtada al Sadr loads a mortar in the city of Najaf on 9 August, 2004.

INTERNET

government," Asefi said.

Kuwaiti daily newspaper *Al-Anbaa* recently reported that Hazem al-Shaalan, Defence Minister of the Iraqi interim government, said that Iran should "now" return the planes in question.

"The 130 planes should be given back to Iraq now," Shaalan said in an interview with the Kuwaiti daily.

The figure is less than what Iraqi officials had previously asked Iran to return, namely 113 military and 33 civilian planes entrusted to Teheran by the former regime of Saddam Hussein on the eve of the 1991 Gulf War.

Teheran said that it was holding only 22, and insisted that it was ready to return them if asked by the United Nations. In 1991, Iraq also sent four planes to Tunisia and six to Jordan.

MNA/Xinhua

## Succession of mortars, rockets hit central Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 9 Aug — Guerillas fired 10 mortar bombs and rockets in central Baghdad late on Saturday, with some landing near the Green Zone compound that houses the interim Iraqi Government and the US Embassy, *Reuters* witnesses said.

Sirens sounded from the Green Zone after the blasts shook the Iraqi capital, the latest in a series of late-night attacks aimed at destabilizing the administration of Prime Minister Iyad Allawi.

It was not clear if there were any casualties from the blasts, which come hours after Allawi announced an amnesty for Iraqi fighters.

MNA/Reuters



## UN inspectors complete Iraq nuclear inventory

VIENNA, 9 Aug — Inspectors from the UN nuclear watchdog have completed an inventory of Iraq's declared nuclear material and the agency's head said UN arms experts should return to the country to finish their job.

The routine survey of Iraq's stocks of natural and low-enriched uranium accounted for all the material remaining in the country, International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) spokeswoman Melissa Fleming said on Saturday.

"No nuclear material had been diverted," Fleming said.

The United States removed 1.8 tons of nuclear material from Iraq after the facility it was stored in was looted.

Unlike their prewar counterparts, these inspectors were not searching for signs of a nuclear weapons programme in Iraq.

They were performing a routine stock-taking task that even Iraq's former president Saddam Hussein allowed the UN agency to carry out after barring UN weapons inspectors from the country in the wake of US and British bombing raids in 1998.

"The material — natural or low-enriched uranium — is not sensitive from a proliferation perspective and is consolidated at a storage facility near the Tuwaitha complex, south of Baghdad," the IAEA said in a statement.

IAEA chief Mohamed

ElBaradei said last month that Iraq's interim government had requested the return of IAEA inspectors to verify the status of Iraq's nuclear material.

ElBaradei repeated that he hoped this would be a step towards the resumption of full inspections ordered by the UN Security Council, aimed at ruling out the possibility that Iraq under Saddam had restarted a clandestine nuclear arms programme.

"This week's mission was a good first step," ElBaradei said. "Now we hope to be in a position to complete the mandate entrusted to us by the Security Council, to enable the Council over time to remove all sanctions and restrictions imposed on Iraq," he added.

In four months of inspections before the war started in March 2003, the IAEA never found any signs that Saddam had revived his nuclear weapons programme — despite US and British assertions that he was pursuing nuclear arms.

But in its prewar reports to the Security Council, the IAEA never ruled out the possibility that US and British charges were true.

MNA/Reuters



A roadside bomb apparently targeting a US convoy has exploded in central Baghdad with no casualties, on 9 Aug, 2004. The blast slightly injuring two soldiers, the US military said. Their Humvee was also damaged. — INTERNET



Myanmar Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party meet Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai and party at the Government Office in Hanoi. —MNA

## PM thanks all ASEAN nations...

(from page 16)

Myanmar and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Next, the Prime Ministers inspected the guard of honour.

Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai presented the welcoming party comprising Deputy Prime Minister Mr Vu Khoan, ministers, deputy ministers and high-ranking officials to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greeted the Ambassadors of ASEAN countries to Vietnam. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented Myanmar goodwill delegation members Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the ministers, the deputy minister for foreign affairs and the heads of department to Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai.

Then the ceremony concluded.

Afterwards, together with the Vietnamese Prime Minister and party, the Myanmar Prime Minister and his entourage proceeded to the Government Office in Hanoi. First, the two Prime Ministers had a documentary photo taken in front of the meeting hall where the two countries would meet.

Next, the meeting between the two countries commenced at the meeting hall of the Government Office at 11.10 am.

Present together with Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, SPDC member Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi

Sone, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Tin Latt, Director-General of the Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint and departmental heads. Present together with Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai were Deputy Prime Minister Mr Vu Khoan, Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Nguyen Dy Nien, Minister of Public Security Mr Le Hong Anh, Minister of Trade Mr Tuong Dinh Tuyen, the Head of Government Office, deputy ministers and Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Pham Quang Khon.

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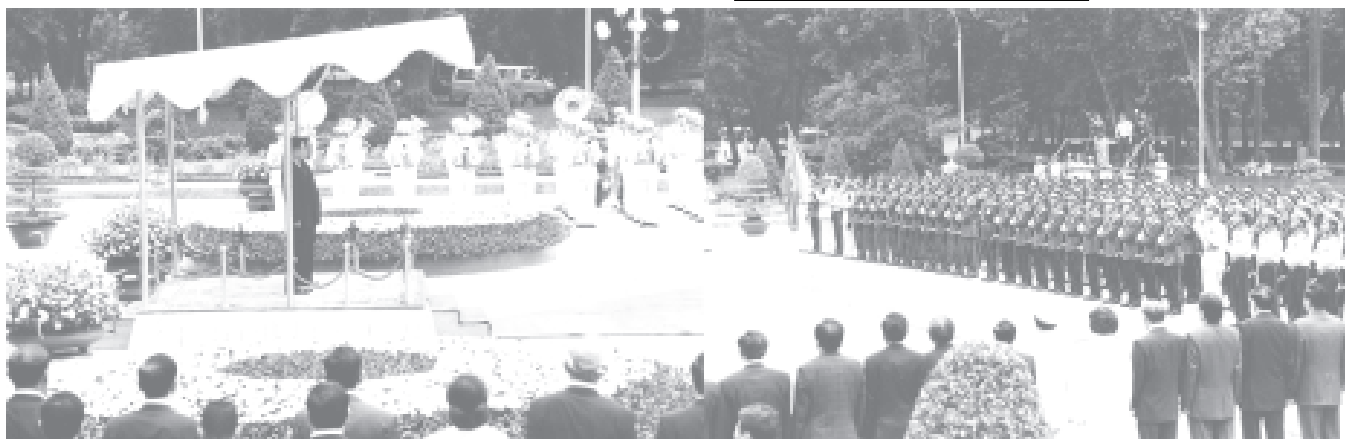
*PM General Khin Nyunt*

**Traditionally, the two countries already have established bilateral friendly ties. Both countries have valued and observed the policy of respecting each other's sovereignty, non-interference and the policy of the right to decide one's own future. Vietnam understands and supports Myanmar's endeavours for success of the policy programmes for restoring national consolidation and transition to democracy.**

*Vietnamese PM Mr Phan Van Khai*



Myanmar Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai inspect the guard of honour. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai take the salute of the guard of honour. — MNA

## PM thanks all ASEAN nations...

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During the discussions, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that his goodwill visit is meant to maintain and promote the long-lasting bilateral friendly relations, mutual understanding and good neighbourliness of the two nations, to continue to promote the matters that are mutually beneficial for both countries. He thanked with pleasure all ASEAN nations including Vietnam for understanding and supporting Myanmar's developments. Myanmar is also making utmost efforts together with other ASEAN nations for unity of the Association and regional



Myanmar Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt toasts prosperity at the luncheon hosted by the Vietnamese Prime Minister. — MNA



Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai toasts prosperity at the luncheon at the State Guest House. — MNA

Vietnam believes that Myanmar will successfully carry out the duties. He expressed satisfaction for bilateral cooperation between the two countries. Vietnam has wished to promote cooperation to increase the trade volume between the two countries, health, beneficial use of the Mekong river and tourism industry. The two countries will continue to enhance cooperation in international and regional issues, while trying to further cement the ASEAN unity, he said. Vietnam supports Myanmar's participation in the Asia-Europe Meeting, he said.

After the talks, the agreement signing ceremony between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam was held. Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing and Minister of Public Security of the SRV Mr Le Hong Anh signed the Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Prevention and Fighting Against Crime and they exchanged the documents.

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**Vietnamese PM Mr Phan Van Khai**

development and peace and stability, he said, explaining the process of work to implement seven-point future policy programme of the State.

Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai said that traditionally, the two countries already have established bilateral friendly ties. Both countries have valued and observed the policy of respecting each other's sovereignty, non-interference and the policy

of the right to decide one's own future, he said. Vietnam understands and supports Myanmar's endeavours for success of the policy programmes for restoring national consolidation and transition to democracy, he said. Vietnam on its part always remembers Myanmar's assistance and sympathy for her during her national liberation struggle, he said.

As Myanmar will chair ASEAN in 2006,



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai exchange souvenirs at the luncheon. — MNA



Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt exchange souvenirs at the luncheon. — MNA

## PM General Khin Nyunt calls on General Secretary of Vietnamese Communist Party

YANGON, 10 Aug.—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt called on General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam Mr Nong Duc Manh at the meeting hall of the Headquarters of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam at 2.45 pm yesterday.

Also present on the occasion together with Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Tin Latt, Director-General at the Prime Minister's Office U Soe Tint and heads of department. General Secretary Mr Nong Duc Manh was accompanied by Assistant to the General Secretary Mr Ho Tian Nghi, Head of External Relation Board of CCCP Mr Nguyen Van Son, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Pham Quang Khon and high-ranking officials.

At the meeting, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that the aim of his visit to Vietnam is to further cement the long-lasting friendly ties between the two nations; that there has been mutual understanding as the two nations have a lot in common as regards the history of independence struggle and co-existence of the national races; and that the Myanmar government and the people are grateful to ASEAN nations including Vietnam for their understanding and support of Myanmar. General Secretary Mr Nong Duc Manh expressed his belief that the process of transition to democracy of Myanmar will meet with success; that Myanmar has the right to decide her future; and that the two countries will continue cooperating in the field of international relations while further strengthening their existing close friendship. After the meeting, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party had a documentary photo taken together with General Secretary Mr Nong Duc Manh and party.

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**Myanmar has the right to decide her future; and the two countries will continue cooperating in the field of international relations while further strengthening their existing close friendship.**

*General Secretary Mr Nong Duc Manh*



*General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam Mr Nong Duc Manh greets Myanmar Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. — MNA*

**There has been mutual understanding as the two nations have a lot in common as regards the history of independence struggle and co-existence of the national races. Myanmar government and the people are grateful to ASEAN nations including Vietnam for their understanding and support of Myanmar.**

*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt*



*PM General Khin Nyunt meets General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam Mr Nong Duc Manh on 9-8-2004. — MNA*



*Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing and Minister of Public Security of the SRV Mr Le Hong Anh sign the Cooperation Agreement between Myanmar and SRV on Prevention and Fighting Against Crime on 9-8-2004. — MNA*

## PM thanks all ASEAN ...

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Next, Prime Minister of SRV Mr Phan Van Khai hosted a luncheon in honour of Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt at the government guest house in the afternoon.

Present on the occasion together with Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the ministers, the deputy minister for Foreign Affairs and Myanmar Ambassador to the SRV. Also present on the Vietnamese side were Deputy Prime Minister Mr Vu Khoan, the ministers, the deputy ministers, SRV Ambassador to Myanmar, senior officials and ambassadors of ASEAN nations. The two Prime Ministers joined in a toast at the luncheon.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party went to Noi Bai International Airport to leave for Vientiane, the Lao People's Democratic Republic.

Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the SRV Mr Le Cong Phung and Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Pham Quang Khon and officials, Myanmar Ambassador U Tin Latt and wife Daw Htwe Htwe Mya, Military Attaché Col Tin Soe and staff of Myanmar Embassy saw off the Prime Minister and party. The Prime Minister and party then left for LPDR.—MNA

# **Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt pays working visit to Socialist Republic of Vietnam**



*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt being greeted by Chairman Mr Nguyen Van An of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam at Ba Dinh Hall in Hanoi on 9-8-2004. — MNA*



*Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai presents the welcoming party to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. — MNA*



*Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai cordially greets Secretary-I of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win. — MNA*



*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt being welcomed back at the airport by Dean of Diplomatic Corps Singaporean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Simon Tensing de Cruz, ambassadors of foreign embassies in Yangon and resident representatives of UN agencies. — MNA*



*Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the SRV Mr Le Cong Phung and officials bid farewell to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party at Noibai International Airport in Hanoi. — MNA*



*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party being welcomed at Noibai International Airport by the Myanmar Ambassador and staff and families. — MNA*



*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party being welcomed at Noibai International Airport by the Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam, embassy staff and families. — MNA*

## Bago Division concludes ploughing season for 2004-2005

YANGON, 10 Aug—Bago Division concluded its ploughing season for the year 2004-2005 and direct paddy seeding contest at Mayin Village-tract, Bago Township, Bago Division, yesterday morning.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Bago Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Southern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and General Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service Dr Min Aung attended the ceremony.

Also present on the occasion were CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, departmental heads, officials, local authorities, local people and others.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than in his speech said that restoration of peace and stability, raising the State's economy and human resources development play the most important role in rapid development of the nation.

In this regard, the government is implementing the border areas and national races development project, the 24 regions development project and the five rural development tasks so as to narrow the development gap.

With the aim of exceeding the targeted output of monsoon and summer paddy, the government has built so far 162 dams and reservoirs, 28 under construction and 30 to be built across the nation. In Bago Division, a total of 40 irrigation facilities have been built.

And it has built 185 bridges that are 180 feet or above long and 39 under construction the length and breadth of the nation so as to uplift the living standard of the entire people and to ensure fast flow of commodities.

In conclusion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than called on those responsible and farmers to participate in the tasks for transforming conventional farming into mechanized farming.

Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko also delivered an address.

Afterwards, the direct seeding contest followed. After



*Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party view round Agricultural Mechanization Department's farm implements. — MNA*

the contest, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and the minister presented first, second and third prizes to Bago District (A) team, Pyi District (B) team and Bago District (B) team.

Then, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and

the minister and party and guests viewed farm implements displayed at exhibition booths of Bago Division Agricultural Mechanization Department under the Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation.

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## Upgrading of Kandawgyi and Zoo coordinated

YANGON, 10 Aug— The coordination meeting of work committee on upgrading the environs of Kandawgyi and Yangon zoological gardens was held at the agricultural museum of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Education Zone of Kandawgyi garden here this morning and Chairman of work committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended it together with members of the committee as well as

departmental heads and guests.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe first gave a speech.

Those present at the meeting reported on the implemented tasks for timely completion of upgrading Kandawgyi environs and Yangon Zoological garden as well as the tasks for environmental conservation. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe fulfilled the needs for timely completion of the projects and the meeting ended.

After the meeting, the commander and party inspected the project site and instructed to complete the project with quality. — *MNA*



*Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects all-round upgrading tasks of Kandawgyi Garden. — MNA*

## Yangon City Upgrading Project under way

YANGON, 10 Aug—Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected tasks for upgrading of Yangon City this morning.

The commander and the mayor inspected laying of concrete tiles on platforms on both sides of the roads, building of traffic islands, unblocking and dredging of drains, expansion of the roads and growing of landscaping plants in Pabedan, Mingala Taungnyunt, Bahan, Kamayut and Insein townships. Officials conducted them round the sites.

During the inspection tour, the commander and the mayor gave instructions to the officials on tasks for cleanliness and beautifying of Yangon City and fulfilled the requirements.

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## PRC presents Audi saloons

YANGON, 10 Aug— A ceremony to sign the note concerning 30 Audi saloons presented by the Government of the People's Republic of China to the Government of the Union of Myanmar was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of National Planning & Economic Development at 11 am today.

In the presence of Minister for National Planning & Economic Development U Soe Tha and Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jin Jun, Acting Director-General of Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department U Win Aung and Economic and Commercial Counsellor of the PRC Embassy Mr Tang Hai signed the documents.

The note is an integral part of the Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement between Myanmar and China signed on 24 March 2004 during the goodwill visit of PRC Vice Premier Madame Wu Yi to Myanmar.

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## Minister receives Japanese Ambassador

YANGON, 10 Aug — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa received Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yuji Miyamoto at his office this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy-Minister for Immigration U Maung Aung, heads of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Ministry of Immigration, Head of Office and officials. — *MNA*



*Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa receives Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yuji Miyamoto. — MNA*

## Thailand unveils plan to generate more scientists

BANGKOK, 10 Aug—The Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST) of Thailand has unveiled a three-pronged strategic plan for the creation of more scientists, noting that the greater global acceptance of Thai scientists would lead to a huge boost in national revenue from research.

Referring to the three-pronged plan for the creation of more scientists, Director of IPST board,

Pornchai Matangsombat said that at the initial level, the target would be to ensure that children undergoing compulsory education would learn to think like scientists by using reasoning and analytical skills, the *Thai News Agency* reported on Monday.

Pornchai said that children would need the potential to study science within higher education, reserving the current situation in which around 70

per cent of higher education students spurned science subjects.

Young people with high potential should be encouraged to research and invent, going on to achieve masters and doctoral degrees, he added.

We aim that by the Year 2020, the annual university intake of students for science-related subjects will be 200,000-280,000, compared to only 40,000 at present," Pornchai said.

MNA/Xinhua



Zoo keeper Lucy Truelson (L) cleans the teeth of Silva the Seal (R), a 16-year-old Australian fur seal, rescued after being caught in a drift net as a yearling, at the Melbourne Zoo. — INTERNET

## Cambodian King, Chinese top legislator reiterate friendship

BEIJING, 10 Aug—China is ready to expand the traditional friendship with Cambodia to greater depth and stronger position in the new century, Chinese National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee Chairman Wu Bangguo said here Monday.

Wu met with the King of the Kingdom of Cambodia, Norodom Sihanouk, and Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk in the Great Hall of the People Monday afternoon.

Wu said thanks to the attention and cultivation of the King and three generations of Chinese leadership, Sino-Cambodian friendship had withstood

great changes in the international situation and continued to grow stronger.

Wu said the new leadership of China treasures the friendship between the two countries and is ready to deepen and consolidate the friendly, cooperative and good-neighbourly relationship in an all-round way.

Wu appreciated the King and government of Cambodia for their consistent adherence to the "one-China" policy and firm support of the Chinese Government's stance on such issues as Taiwan and Tibet.

Sihanouk reiterated that Cambodia will continue to adhere to the "one-China" policy and firmly oppose to separatist activities of the

separatist force seeking "Taiwan independence".

Sihanouk reviewed his friendship with the three generations of Chinese leaders and praised China as a trustworthy friend of Cambodia. He thanked the Chinese people and government for their support and assistance to Cambodia over the years and for their remarkable contribution to the peace and development of Cambodia.

King Norodom Sihanouk and Queen Norodom Monineath Sihanouk arrived in Beijing from Pyongyang on August 3 for a routine medical examination and short retreat in China.

MNA/Xinhua

## Blue-eyed, stripeless white tiger born in Spain

MADRID, 10 Aug — A blue-eyed, stripeless white Bengal tiger, one of about 20 in the world, has been born in Spain, a wildlife refuge said on Monday.

The three-month-old cub has been named Artico, Spanish for Arctic.

"His parents are normal Bengal tigers, orange with black stripes, but because of a genetic mutation he is completely white with no stripes," said

Serafin Domenech, director of El Arca (The Ark) refuge in the southeastern province of Alicante.

Artico's carers delayed announcing his birth until now because he was so weak when he was born they were not sure he would survive. The cub still has trouble digesting food and requires special care.

Domenech said such tigers are sometimes born

in the wild but it is almost impossible for them to survive for long as their strange colouring causes them to be rejected or even attacked by other tigers.

El Arca will look for a permanent home for Artico once he is strong enough.

"Everybody wants a white tiger. It's not going to be hard for him to find a nice place to live," Domenech said.

MNA/Reuters

## Contaminated food sickens one million Thais yearly

BANGKOK, 10 Aug—More than one million Thais suffer disease borne from tainted food a year, local Press quoted official sources as saying Monday.

The Thai Government last year announced to set this year as Year of Food Safety in a bid to campaign for food safety in the kingdom with a population of more than 60 million.

Related government agencies and officials were required to keep a close watch over safety of fresh food.

As a result, the food safety of fresh food had

increased from 67 per cent in March 2003 to 98 per cent in March this year, Deputy Public Health Minister Anuthin Chaanveerakul was quoted by newspaper *The Nation* as saying.

Six dangerous substances — salbutamol, salicylic acid, borax, formalin, sodium hydro-sulfite and pesticide — had been less used in food industry, he said.

However, salbutamol and pesticide were still found in 6 per cent of samples.

Meanwhile, about 74 per cent of food-processing factories in the country

passed the Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) standard for food production.

The Public Health Ministry in June declared results of a survey of 10,000 food samples, which showed that 92 per cent were uncontaminated but the rest 8 per cent could pose a danger to consumers.

Food and water-borne diseases kill more than three people a minute or about two million a year around the world, according to a report of the World Health Organization.

MNA/Xinhua

## Children's books on Deng Xiaoping published in Jiangsu Province

NANJING, 10 Aug — A line of children's books about Deng Xiaoping, called "Hello Xiaoping", went on sale Monday in east China's Jiangsu Province to mark the 100th birth anniversary of the late Chinese leader.

Deng, known as the chief architect of China's reform, opening to the outside world and

modernization, was born in 1904 and died in 1997. Deng's 100th birth anniversary is August 22.

To help acquaint the youth with the great man's outstanding deeds during his life time, the Jiangsu Provincial Education Bureau and the Jiangsu Fine Art Publishing House designed and published the book

series.

The series consists of three versions, one with Chinese phonetic alphabets for pre-schoolers, one for elementary school-age children and one for middle school students. The series illustrates the thinking, stories and great deeds of the late Chinese leader.

MNA/Xinhua

## India modifies import ban on meat, poultry, livestock products

NEW DELHI, 10 Aug—Indian Government has lifted the ban on import of processed meat and to facilitate import of breeding stock for poultry industry. It also allowed import of eggs and chicks from countries which have not reported the outbreak of highly pathogenic avian influenza or bird flu.

However, as a precautionary measure, the ban on import of a series of live-stock, meat and poultry products has been extended by another six months to prevent the spread of the deadly bird-flu or fowl plague into the country.

According to a notification issued here by the Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, the ban on import of domestic and wild birds has been extended by another six months.

Similarly, import of live pigs and pig meat products, meat and meat products from avian species including wild birds is also banned but an exception has been made in case of processed meat.

To ensure adequate grand parent stock for poultry breeding, import of day-old chicks, ducks, turkey and other newly

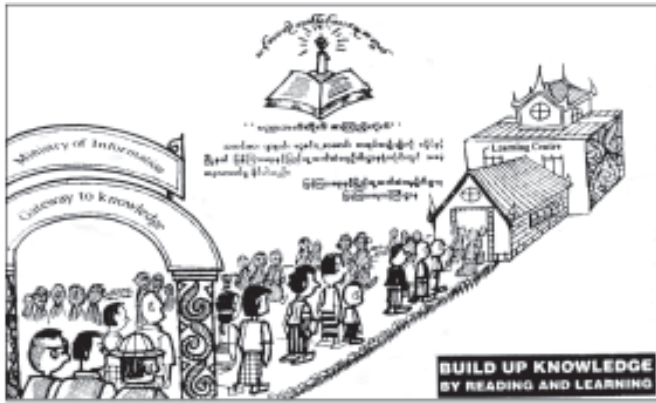
hatched avian species will be banned into India from only those countries reporting the outbreak of bird-flu.

Similarly partial ban will be imposed on the import of hatching eggs, eggs and eggs products, feathers, pig meat products, pathological material and biological products from birds. A total ban, irrespective of the country of origin has been imposed on the semen of domestic and wild birds and products of animal origin (from birds) intended for use in animal feeding or industrial use.

MNA/PTI

**LAW JOURNAL COMES OUT:** The Office of the Attorney-General at No 101, Pansodan, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, has published the Law Journal (volume 6, number 1). It is available at K 600 per copy at the Office of the Attorney-General, Sarpay Beikman bookshop, Ava bookshop and News & Periodicals Enterprise bookshop. The journal carries English and Myanmar articles by veteran lawyers and scholars namely Dr Tun Shin, U Ba Kyaing, U Aung Than Tun, U Han Nyunt, U San Lwin, U Than Saw, Dr Marlar Aung, Daw Thida Oo, U Nyan Shwin. — (H)





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## Over 130 cockle hunters rescued from Morecambe Bay

LONDON, 9 Aug — More than 130 cockle pickers were rescued from Morecambe Bay in northwestern England after they became stranded in treacherous sands when two tractors collided on Saturday.

A group of 60 Scottish cocklers and another team of 76 cocklers were guided to safety, only a few miles from where 21 Chinese

cockle hunters drowned in February.

Hovercraft, helicopters and boats were used to carry out the rescue before the afternoon high tide, but no body was injured, said a BBC report.

Cumbria Police spokesman Mike Head said police were probing the incident to see if any criminal offenses had been committed.

A spokesman for the Liverpool Coast Guard said it was the 16th operation launched this year to rescue stranded cocklers in the area.

Geraldine Smith, the Labour lawmaker for Morecambe, has made fresh calls for tougher regulations for cockle picking in the area.

"There is a tragedy waiting to happen in that bay," she said.—MNA/Xinhua

## British rowers rescued after Atlantic storm wrecks boat

LONDON, 9 Aug — Four Britons trying to break a world Atlantic rowing record were rescued on Sunday after storms split their boat in two off the coast of Britain.

A Scandinavian vessel picked up the *Pink Lady* crew who had been clinging to a life raft about 300 miles west of the Scilly Islands, Britain's Coast Guard said.

The rowers had set off from Newfoundland, Canada, at the end of June,

aiming to make the 2,100-mile Atlantic crossing to Britain in 35 to 40 days and beat the current 55-day record.

The crew alerted Coast Guards just after 0130 GMT and remained in regular contact with Falmouth Coast Guard by hand-held satellite phone.

A Coast Guard spokesman said a Royal Air Force helicopter was on its way to which skipper Mark Stubbs, Pete Bray, Jonathan Gornall

and John Wills aboard and take them back to Britain.

Coast Guards had sent a marine patrol aircraft to fly over their position and broadcast Mayday signals to alert passing vessels.

Heavy storms had forced the rowers to go 45 miles out of their way, while in the first days of the challenge they encountered twice as many icebergs as usual off the Canadian coastline.

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## Bahraini royal tortured at Guantanamo

MANAMA, 9 Aug — A Bahraini rights group said on Saturday it had received reports a member of the country's royal family had been tortured at Guantanamo Bay.

It is the second report of abuse of a Bahraini national at the US naval base in Cuba where hundreds of people seized during the 2002 US-led war in Afghanistan are held.

The Bahrain Centre for Human Rights (BCHR) said an Arab recently freed from the base had said Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim al-Khalifa, a distant relative of Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa al-Khalifa, had been tortured but did not elaborate.

The charge comes a day after Bahrain said it would ask its close ally the United States to investigate allegations US troops in Guantanamo tortured another

Bahraini detainee Juma al-Dossary. A report by BCHR quotes three Britons freed from the base as saying al-Dossary was repeatedly beaten by US soldiers.

"One of the Arabs who was recently freed from Guantanamo told our centre that Sheikh Salman was also tortured," BCHR's president, Nabeel Rajab, told Reuters.

"He said Sheikh Salman was mistreated because he was not cooperative..." Rajab said, declining to give the name or nationality of his source. Bahraini Foreign Ministry official Youssef Mahmoud told Reuters the Gulf Arab state's query to Washington would also include Sheikh Salman and four more Bahrainis who have been held at Guantanamo for more than two years.

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## Int'l meeting of medical students ends in Macedonia

TIRANA, 9 Aug — The 53rd General Assembly of the International Federation of Medical Students' Associations (IFMSA) ended Sunday in Ohrid, south-western Macedonia, the MIA news agency reported.

During the six-day meeting, more than 700 delegates from 82 countries discussed such issues as medicine education, public and reproductive health, AIDS, refugees, professional research and student exchanges, and there was also a special thematic session called "Health and Violence".

MNA/Xinhua

## Some 26 migrants die off Italian coast

PALERMO, 9 Aug — At least 26 African immigrants died trying to reach Italy in a rickety wooden boat, police said on Sunday, citing accounts from some of the survivors rescued by a merchant ship off the Sicilian coast.

A Gibraltar merchant ship plucked 75 African immigrants to safety on Sunday who had been drifting in a 14-metre boat 75 miles off the Italian coast with little food and water.

The migrants said about 100 people had been in the boat when it left the coast of Libya nine days ago but a quarter of those died on the way and the survivors threw their bodies overboard, police officials said.

The migrants said they were from Sudan, Liberia, the Ivory Coast and Sierra Leone and had paid 800 US dollars-1,800 US dollars for their passage, police said.

MNA/Reuters



## SPORTS

**Bulgaria replaces Slavkov as Games delegation leader**

SOFIA, 10 Aug—Bulgarian Olympic Committee (BOC) president Ivan Slavkov was replaced as leader of the country's delegation for the Athens Games on Sunday following his suspension from the IOC over corruption allegations. BOC general-secretary Belcho Ivanov will replace Slavkov as leader of the delegation, BOC sports director Pavel Shtarbanov told *Reuters*.

The International Olympic Committee (IOC) executive board provisionally suspended Slavkov on Saturday pending an inquiry following the claims in a British television documentary broadcast this week.

Slavkov's accreditation to the Olympic Games which starts on Friday in Athens was also withdrawn.

Slavkov, also president of the country's football union, vowed earlier this week to fight to clear his name and that of his country.

He said at the time that he and Takach had tried to pull a reverse-sting operation to catch what they thought were "corruptors" of the Games bidding process. Slavkov was accused in the 1998 Salt Lake City voting bribe scandal that shook the Olympic community but was later cleared.—*MNA/Reuters*

**Tottenham miss out on Murphy signing**

LONDON, 10 Aug—Liverpool midfielder Danny Murphy's proposed three-million-pound move to Tottenham Hotspur has fallen through, Tottenham's web site reported on Monday.

The 27-year-old, who has nine England caps, travelled to north London for talks but failed to reach agreement with the Premier League club now managed by former France coach Jacques Santini.

"We have withdrawn from these negotiations following a meeting with the player," a club statement said. "We acknowledge that a guaranteed first-team place was a deciding factor in his decision and we wish him well."

Murphy, who has two years left on his Liverpool contract, has also attracted interest from Charlton Athletic and Everton.

*MNA/Reuters*



English Premiership side Tottenham have pulled out of talks to sign Liverpool midfielder Danny Murphy because they could not guarantee him first-team football.—*INTERNET*

**World champion Young tested positive for EPO in Paris**

PARIS, 9 Aug—World 400 metres champion Jerome Young tested positive for the banned endurance booster erythropoietin (EPO) at last month's Paris Golden League meeting, French sports daily *L'Equipe* reported on Sunday.

The newspaper said the American's 'A' sample tested in a Paris laboratory showed traces of the blood-boosting substance. The 'B' sample was sent to another lab in Lausanne.

If the 'B' sample confirms the results of the tests in Paris, 27-year-old Young could face a lifetime ban and may also be stripped of his world title.

The tests were performed during the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Paris meeting at the Stade de France on July 23, where Young came

sixth. The IAAF could not be reached for comment on Sunday morning.

Young, who failed to qualify for the Athens Olympics, had already tested positive for the banned anabolic steroid nandrolone in 1999.

However, he was cleared by the American governing body USA Track & Field (USATF) and competed at the Olympics in Sydney where he won a gold medal as a member of the 4x400 metres relay team that included five-times Olympic champion Michael Johnson.—*MNA/Reuters*

**Cacau hat-trick inspires Stuttgart to victory**

BERLIN, 9 Aug—A hat-trick by Brazilian striker Cacau helped VfB Stuttgart to a 4-2 win over Bundesliga newcomers FSV Mainz on Sunday.

Mainz, promoted to the Bundesliga last season for the first time in their 99-year history, played aggressive, attacking football but their defence proved vulnerable.

The absence of defender Fernando Meira, travelling to Athens with the Portuguese Olympic team, weakened Stuttgart's back four but Mainz always looked more vulnerable and could not cope with Stuttgart's accurate crosses into the penalty area.

"I'm pleased we won but I see we've got a lot of work to do," said new Stuttgart coach Matthias Sammer.

Mainz managed to score twice from free kicks but were let down by a leaky defence.

"I'm pleased we got two away goals but we must and can play better in defence," coach Juergen Klopp said. "Overall it was a fair result."

The day's only other Bundesliga match resulted in a goalless draw between Arminia

Bielefeld and Borussia Moenchengladbach, marred by the sending off in the 36th minute of Moenchengladbach defender Marcelo Pietsch for a second yellow card.

Bielefeld coach Uwe Rapolder took a risk by bringing on Croatian striker Marijo Maric for defender Markus Schuler in the final 15 minutes but the move failed to inspire Bielefeld's unimaginative attack.

"We were the stronger team for as long as our opponents had 11 men," said Rapolder. "But after that we didn't manage to win tackles. I'm not pleased with this result but overall we dominated and controlled the match over 90 minutes."

The new season started in earnest on Saturday with a 2-0 win for Bayern Munich over Hamburg SV thanks to goals from Michael Ballack and Sebastian Deisler. Champions Werder Bremen beat Schalke 04 1-0 on Friday.

*MNA/Reuters*

**Celtic make winning start to title defence**

GLASGOW, 9 Aug—Scottish champions Celtic began the defence of their Premier League title with a stylish 2-0 home victory over Motherwell on Sunday.

Celtic captain Jackie McNamara—who had unfurled the league flag to commemorate last season's title triumph before a vibrant 60,000 Parkhead crowd prior to kick-off—gave his side an ideal start with a powerful long range opener on seven minutes.

Alan Thompson crossed for Chris Sutton to tuck home the second on 55 minutes after Celtic had squandered several first-half chances to increase their lead.

Manager Martin O'Neill handed Henri Camara—who has joined Celtic on a season's loan deal from Wolverhampton Wanderers—his competitive debut as a second-half substitute for John Hartson but the Senegal striker could not get among the goals.

Motherwell's young side fought gamely but did not have the quality to trouble a home side who were playing their first league match after the departure of their revered Swedish striker Henrik Larsson—Celtic's third-top scorer of all time with 242 goals—to Barcelona during the close season.

Celtic probably should have won by a greater margin as Hartson blazed over on the half hour while Sutton saw a header hacked off the line and a shot shave a post either side of halftime.

O'Neill's side move two points ahead of Rangers after their city rivals were held to a 0-0 draw at Aberdeen on Saturday.

Celtic are joined on three points by Hearts, Kilmarnock and Livingston who also picked up wins on Saturday.—*MNA/Reuters*

**Utrecht sink Ajax in Dutch Super Cup last-gasp win**

AMSTERDAM, 9 Aug—Utrecht scored three last-gasp goals as the Cup holders sank league champions Ajax Amsterdam 4-2 to win the Dutch Super Cup on Sunday.

Ajax were leading 2-1 and looked set to win the match with only three minutes of normal time remaining.

But Belgian Hans Somers equalized in the 87th minute and went on to score a second goal in stoppage time to put Utrecht 3-2 up, before an own goal from Maxwell ensured Utrecht lifted the trophy.

The game began poorly with few chances in a goalless first half before Steven Pienaar opened the scoring six minutes after the break to give Ajax the lead.

A minute later the league champions were down to 10 men after Tom Soetaers was sent off.

The dismissal gave Utrecht a chance to

fight back and their efforts were rewarded when centre back Alje Schut headed home the equalizer 19 minutes from time.

However, Utrecht too found themselves down to 10 men soon after when midfielder Joost Broerse was sent off.

Dutch international Wesley Sneijder, who had started on the bench, capitalized and appeared to seal the outcome of the game when he scored Ajax's second goal 10 minutes from time.

The lead lasted only seven minutes as Somers made sure Utrecht snatched the trophy from Ajax's grasp in the tantalizing final moments.

*MNA/Reuters*

**Agassi outguns Hewitt to lift Cincinnati title**

CINCINNATI (Ohio), 9 Aug—Andre Agassi confirmed his remarkable return to form when he beat Australian Lleyton Hewitt 6-3, 3-6, 6-2 to win his first title in nine months at the Cincinnati Masters Series on Sunday.

The 34-year-old 11th seed's triumph over a fellow former No. 1 was the Las Vegas's 59th career title and silenced the doubters who believed he was all but finished.

The victory was also the oldest by any player on the ATP tour since a 37-year-old Jimmy Connors won in Toulouse in 1989.

"Lleyton's more of a counter-puncher than me," an emotional Agassi said.

"He has faster wheels and absorbs pace better. He wanted to settled into using his legs and I didn't want to

be too aggressive. It was cat and mouse and I made a few good decisions at the right time.

"It couldn't have come at a better time for me. I am overwhelmed. It's been a bit of a struggle for me this year. There's no way I can say what it means to me. It's amazing."

The early pattern of the match showed that while Hewitt had a little more speed of foot, Agassi was often able to produce sharper angles, and it was he who forced the only break of serve in the first set.

It was only the second time Hewitt had been broken in the tournament.

However, the 10th seeded Hewitt bounced back in the second set, forcing the eight-times Grand Slam winner into a series of errors to take the match into a deciding set.

Agassi shrugged off the loss of the second set and raced into a 4-1 lead in the third before withstanding another Hewitt fightback to break again in the eighth game when the Australian double faulted on match point.

"I have shown here that if I let my game go I can give the guys a lot to deal with," said Agassi, who is missing the Athens Olympics to concentrate on the US Open in three weeks time.

"I only wish the Open was next week."

The charismatic American had suffered a depressing run, raising speculation that he would soon call it a day after losing in the first round of the French Open, one of three consecutive opening-round defeats, and missing Wimbledon.

He was also knocked out in the second round of the Toronto Masters, just before Cincinnati, by Austria's Jurgen Melzer, ranked 62 in the world.

*MNA/Reuters*



Andre Agassi returns a volley to Lleyton Hewitt of Australia during the finals of the 2004 Western & Southern Financial Group Masters Tennis tournament in Cincinnati, on 8 August, 2004. Agassi won the match, 6-3 3-6 6-2.—*INTERNET*

**MRTV -3**
**11-8-2004 (Wednesday)**  
**(Programme Schedule)**  
**Morning Transmission**  
**(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Bagan, Our Pride and Glory of the Past
- 9:10** **Headline News**
- 9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Clam Omelette"
- 9:15** **National News**
- 9:20 Yaw Clothes From Yaw Region
- 9:25 Long Drum Folk Song & Dance
- 9:28 Village of "EN"
- 9:30** **National News**
- 9:35 Travelogue "Pyin Oo Lwin"
- 9:40 Myanmar Modern Song "Greetings From Chin Hills"
- 9:45** **National News**
- 9:50 A visit to Lwe National
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**11-8-2004 (Wednesday)**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 15:36 Yaw Clothes From Yaw Region
- 15:40** **Headline News**

- 15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Clam Omelette"
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 Bagan, Our Pride and Glory of the Past
- 15:55 Long Drum Folk Song & Dance
- 15:58 Village of "EN"
- 16:00** **National News**
- 16:05 Travelogue "Pyin Oo Lwin"
- 16:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Greetings From Chin Hills"
- 16:15** **National News**
- 16:20 A visit to Lwe National
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 Pa-an-ma Aae' Khan Gita Than (Welcoming music, a curtain raiser)
- 16:40 Making Myanmar Marionette
- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 Marquetry
- 16:55 Kham Traditional Cultural Dance
- 16:58 Women with Remarkable Necks
- 17:00** **National News**
- 17:05 Myanmar As Told by History
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Loving Smile"
- 17:12 Ancient City, Pakhangyi
- 17:15** **National News**
- 17:20 Wonderful Swiftlets Dwelling in House
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**11-8-2004 (Wednesday)**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic

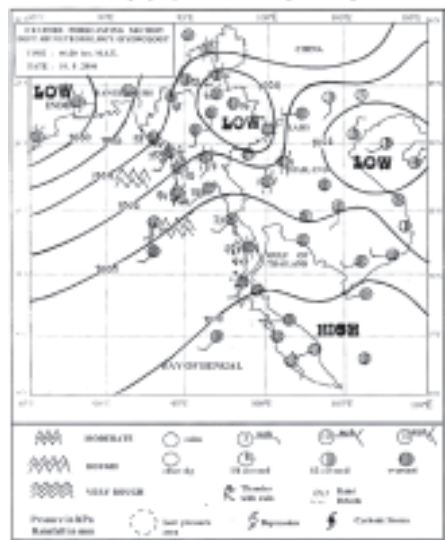
- Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Typical Traditional Customs of Mor Shan
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 Art of Carving on Fruits
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 Usefulness of Nipa Palm
- 19:55 Lon Yuu Festival Dance
- 19:58 Lucky Bamboo
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:05 Kanbawza Thardi Museum
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Rain, Please Tell My Lover"
- 20:12 Travelogue "Sa-gaing"
- 20:15** **National News**
- 20:20 Myanma Mat
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern Song "Moonlight"
- 20:30** **National News**
- 20:35 Myanma Eretes Sticticus
- 20:40 Myanma Traditional Snacks
- 20:45** **National News**
- 20:50 Oil Painting Model Demonstration
- 20:55 Tu Hna Thwe
- 21:00** **National News**
- 21:05 PaO Traditional Bag
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Saying with the Eyes!"
- 21:12 Melodious Myanmar Harp (Auspicious Blessing)
- 21:15** **National News**
- 21:20 Myanma Ancient Ornaments Show-room
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 21:36 Yaw Clothes From Yaw Region
- 21:40** **Headline News**
- 21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Clam Omelette"

- 21:45** **National News**
- 21:50 Bagan, Our Pride and Glory of the Past
- 21:55 Long Drum Folk Song & Dance
- 21:58 Village of "EN"
- 22:00** **National News**
- 22:05 Travelogue "Pyin Oo Lwin"
- 22:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Greetings From Chin Hills"
- 22:15** **National News**
- 22:20 A visit to Lwe National
- 22:25 Myanmar Modern Song "A Compassionate Love Boat"
- 22:30** **National News**
- 22:35 Pa-na-ma Aae' Khan Gita Than (Welcoming music, a curtain raiser)
- 22:40 Making Myanmar Marionette
- 22:45** **National News**
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**Rainfall on 10-8-2004**

- 1.03 inches at Yangon Airport,
  - 0.87 inch at Kaba-Aye,
  - 0.63 inch at central Yangon.
- Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was**
- 1896 mm (74.65 inches) at Yangon Airport,
  - 1882 mm (74.10 inches) at Kaba-Aye and
  - 1870 mm (73.62 inches) at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER**

Tuesday, 10 August 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Ayeyawady Division, isolated heavyfalls in Kayah, Mon States and lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Phayapon (5.87) inches, Hpa-an (5.24) inches, Ye (4.92) inches, Myaung Mya (4.76) inches, Patheingyi (3.82) inches, Mawlaik and Hinthada (3.15) inches each, Maubin (3.03) inches.

Maximum temperature on 9-8-2004 was 28.6°C (84°F). Minimum temperature on 10-8-2004 was 19.2°C (67°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 10-8-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 9-8-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 10-8-2004 was 26 mm (1.03 inches) at Yangon Airport, 22 mm (0.87 inch) at Kaba-Aye, 16 mm (0.63 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1896 mm (74.65 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1882 mm (74.10 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1870 mm (73.62 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from Northwest at 14:20 hours MST on 9-8-2004.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is vigorous in the Andaman Sea and strong in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 11-8-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan, Kayah States, and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kayah, Mon States and Ayeyawady Division. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**State of the sea:** Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely off and along gulf of Mottama, Mon and Taninthayi coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-8-2004:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-8-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Flood Warning**

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 10-8-2004)

The water level of Sittoung River at Taungoo may rise 40 cm (about 1.5-ft) and reach the danger level (600) cm during the next (48) hours commencing noon today.

The water level of Dokhtawady River at Myitnge may rise 30 cm (about 1-ft) and reach the danger level (870) cm during the next (24) hrs commencing noon today.

**Flood Bulletin**

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 10-8-2004)

The water level of Bago River at Bago is (13) cm (about 0.5-ft), above the danger level. The water level may remain above the danger level during the next (2) days commencing noon today.

**Myanma Port Authority Warning of Hightide**

The Public are here by informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20:01 ft to 20.51 ft high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period, 16th August to 22nd August, 2004.


**Wednesday, August 11**  
**View on today:**

- 7:00 am**
1. Parittas Recitation by Mingun Sayadawgyi
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. မြေကြီးမြေကြွယ်သည့်ကျေးဇူးအက
- 8:10 am**
6. အရေးကြီးပုံ
- 8:20 am**
7. ပုံသွင်းတန်းတော်
- 8:30 am**
8. International news

- 8:45 am**
9. Learning English the Easy and Happy Way for Children and Beginners
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. Practice in Reading
- 5:45 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အဝေးသံတူသီချင်း ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဝဏ္ဏမင်္ဂ (ရက္ခမင်း) သတ္တမင်း (ရက္ခမင်း)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Songs of national races
- 5:30 pm**
7. လက်ဆွဲသီချင်းပေးတေး
- 5:45 pm**
8. Classical songs
- 6:00 pm**
9. ရွှေလုံနံလင် အသံသံအစဉ်

- 6:10 pm**
10. Discovery
- 6:15 pm**
11. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm**
12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
14. မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ တရုတ်သံတော်များ ယခု တိုင်းရင်းသားတို့၏ တရုတ်သံ
- 7:15 pm**
15. Musical programme
- 7:30 pm**
16. Strong and healthy Myanmar
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. ကောင်းသောအကြံ (သတ္တမင်း) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာသံတော်များ အဆိုအက၊ အရေး၊ အသံ၊ ဖြစ်ပုံ "ဆွန်ဆင်မင်းတော်တော်ကြီး" (ဝဏ္ဏမင်္ဂ) (ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း-ဝ) (ဝဏ္ဏမင်္ဂ)
21. The next day's programme


**Wednesday, August 11**  
**Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: I feel so fine
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: Bring it all back
- 8:50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: Hey you
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: Take your chance
- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music
- Stay the same
  - Love doesn't have to hurt
  - I just wanna be with you
- 9:00 pm** Variations on a tune:
- Will you still love me tomorrow
- 9:15 pm** Article/Music
- 9:25 pm** Music at your request
- I will always love you/Shooting star
  - Only love
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



PM General Khin Nyunt calls on Chairman Mr Nguyen Van An of the National Assembly of the SRV hold a meeting at Ba Dinh Hall in Hanoi. — MNA

## PM meets National Assembly Chairman of Vietnam

YANGON, 10 Aug — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt called on Mr Nguyen Van An, Chairman of the National Assembly of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, in Ba Dinh Hall in Hanoi at 2 pm yesterday.

Together with Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt at the call were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the ministers and officials. Together with Mr Nguyen Van An were Vice-Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Department of Vietnam Mrs Ton Nu Thi Nimh, Vice-Chairman of Committee on Economics, Mrs Duong Thu Huong, Vice-Chairman of NA Office, Mr Tran Quoc Than, Vietnam Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Pham Quang Khon and high-ranking officers.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that the purpose of his visit was to further

**Based on its own experiences, Vietnam understands Myanmar's efforts for perpetual existence of her independence and sovereignty. Vietnam will maintain traditional friendship between the two nations and continue cooperation with Myanmar for mutual benefit.**

*National Assembly Chairman Mr Nguyen Van An*

**The visit is to further cement amicable relations and boost cooperation between the two countries. Myanmar and Vietnam are cooperating with the ASEAN in the tasks for greater prosperity and development of the region through the ASEAN.**

*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt*

cement the amicable relations and boost cooperation between Myanmar and Vietnam. The two countries are cooperating with the ASEAN in the tasks for greater prosperity and development of the region through the ASEAN. He said he was encouraged by cordial cooperation with understanding between the two sides. He also dealt with Myanmar's Seven-Point Policy Programme and development.

Mr Nguyen Van An said that he understands Myanmar's endeavours. Based on its own experiences, Vietnam understands Myanmar's efforts for perpetual existence of her independence and sovereignty. He pledged that Vietnam will maintain traditional friendship between the two nations and continue cooperation with Myanmar for mutual benefit. Next, he cordially greeted Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party.

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## PM thanks all ASEAN nations including Vietnam for understanding Myanmar's developments

### Vietnam supports Myanmar's participation in Asia-Europe Summit

#### PM General Khin Nyunt meets Vietnamese counterpart Mr Phan Van Khai

YANGON, 10 Aug — At the invitation of Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Phan Van Khai, Prime Minister of Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Bounnhang Vorachith and Prime Minister of Cambodia Mr Samdech Hun Sen, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, SPDC member Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and the ministers left here for Vietnam by special flight of Myanmar Airways International yesterday morning as first part of the three-country goodwill visit and arrived at Noibai International Airport in Hanoi at 9.50 am local time.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party were welcomed there by Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Vietnam Mr Le Cong Phung, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Pham Quang Khon and welcoming party, Myanmar Ambassador to Vietnam U Tin Latt and wife Daw Htwe Htwe Mya, Military Attaché Col Tin Soe, staff of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attachés Office and their families. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and his entourage went to the Presidential Palace from the air port in a motorcade to attend the ceremony to welcome the Myanmar's Prime Minister. On arrival at the palace, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party were welcomed by Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai. At the welcoming ceremony, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Prime Minister Mr Phan Van Khai went to the dais and took the salute of the Guard of Honour. In the meantime, the State band played the national Anthems of the Union of

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt being greeted by his Vietnamese counterpart Mr Phan Van Khai in front of the meeting hall. — MNA