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**Efforts to be made actively through bilateral cooperation between two countries and within ASEAN framework for regional peace, stability, prosperity**  
**Myanmar, Laos ready to cooperate in regional, international issues**  
**Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt discusses bilateral cooperation with Laotian counterpart**

YANGON, 11 Aug — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by 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 and party, left Hanoi in Socialist Republic of Vietnam by the special flight of Myanmar Airways International at 4.10 pm on 9 August and arrived at Wattay International Airport in Vientiane in Lao People's Democratic Republic at 5.15 pm local time at the invitation of Prime Minister of LPDR Mr Bounnhang Vorachith.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party were welcomed there by Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane and party, Myanmar Ambassador to Lao PDR U Tin Oo and wife Daw Thida Htay, Military Attaché Col

Hla Myint and wife Daw Theingi Soe, staff of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Office and families.

Accompanied by Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavad and officials, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Myanmar delegation members arrived at the National Assembly where Prime Minister of the Lao PDR Mr Bounnhang Vorachith welcomed them.

The two Prime Ministers proceeded to the dais and took the salute of the Guard of Honour. At that time, the State Band played national anthems of the two countries. Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith inspected the Guard of Honour.

Afterwards, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith presented his entourage comprising Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and



*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greets Laotian PDR Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith.— MNA*

**Myanmar and Laos are not only neighbours but also enjoying a very close fraternal relations. There is not a single problem between the two countries, and the area of their bilateral cooperation is expanding. The two nations established diplomatic relations in 1956, and the bilateral relations are flourishing at an unprecedented degree at present. It is encouraging to see the flourishing bilateral cooperation between the two countries.**

*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt*



*PM General Khin Nyunt and party and Laotian counterpart Mr Bounnhang Vorachith and party hold talks.— MNA*

Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, the ministers, deputy ministers, senior military and police officers, high-ranking officials of the government to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Similarly, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented his entourage to the Laotian Prime Minister.

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## PERSPECTIVES

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### Prime Minister's visit to promote Myanmar-Vietnam friendship

Myanmar and Vietnam have long enjoyed friendly ties. Each values and respects the other's sovereignty, adheres to the policy of non-interference in each other's internal affairs and believes that a nation has the right to determine its own destiny.

With the purpose of maintaining and promoting the long-lasting bilateral friendly relations, mutual understanding and good neighbourliness of the two nations and promoting cooperation that are mutually beneficial for both countries, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt, together with 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 and ministers, paid a State Visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on 9 August.

At the meeting held at the Government Office in Hanoi, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt thanked with pleasure all ASEAN nations including Vietnam for understanding and supporting Myanmar's developments. He also stressed that Myanmar is making utmost efforts together with other ASEAN nations for unity of the Association and regional development and peace and stability, explaining the process of work to implement the seven-point future policy programme of the State.

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

Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam Mr Phan Van Khai said that Myanmar will chair ASEAN in 2006 and that Vietnam believes Myanmar will successfully carry out the duties. He also added that Vietnam supports Myanmar's participation in the Asia-Europe Meeting.

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.

Bilateral cooperation between the two countries are satisfactory and both nations have wished to promote cooperation to increase the trade volume between the two countries, health, beneficial use of the Mekong river and tourism industry. We believe that Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt's visit to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam will contribute a lot to mutual friendship and bilateral relations.

### UMFCCI Vice-President leaves for Malaysia

YANGON, 11 Aug — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry Vice-President U Aung Lwin left here by air today to attend Exhibition Survey Trip to Malaysia SMEs 2004 from 12 to 17 August. He was seen off at Yangon International Airport by UMFCCI President U Win Myint, Vice-President U Zaw Min Win, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and officials. — 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



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi reports on the project for substitution of compressed natural gas for fuel to Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win at the demonstration. — MNA

### Use of compressed natural gas ...

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Also present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported on the project for substitution of compressed natural gas for fuel, estimated cost, the use of compressed natural gas, types of automobiles to be used with compressed natural gas and benefits; Director (Offshore) of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise U Myint Htay, on technological points on natural gas-used automobiles and filling stations; and Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, on production of cylinders to be used for natural gas-used automobiles.

It was followed by a general round of discussions.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win gave instructions on cooperation among respective ministries.

After that, the Secretary-1 and party inspected compressed natural gas-used automobiles.

The Ministry of Energy carried out tests on compressed natural gas in 1986. Since then gas cars have been used safely, drawing the attention of car owners. So, the ministry will install gas tanks to more cars.

Compressed natural gas brings such benefits as saving of fuel, effective use of locally produced gas, prevention of air pollution, speedy flow of passengers and commodities, and catching up with modern technology.

MNA

### Those who participated in public welfare activities honoured

YANGON, 11 Aug — Those who participated in public welfare were honoured at a ceremony held at the brokerage house of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Mayangon Township this afternoon.

The ceremony was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and the deputy minister, officials concerned and those who were to be honoured.

The commander and the minister delivered speeches, honouring those who participated in public welfare. Twenty-six wellwishers donated K 2,583,000. The commander, the minister and the deputy minister accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to them.

The commander and the minister presented certificates of honour and cash awards to those who participated in public welfare. On behalf of those who are hon-

oured, Deputy Director-General of the Fire Services Department U Aung Soe expressed thanks.

After the ceremony, fire-fighters presented a fire-fighting demonstration with the use of multi-purpose extinguishers. — MNA

### 97,000 stimulant tablets seized in Lashio

YANGON, 11 Aug — A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Lashio Anti-drug Squad on 19 June searched the house of Phon Kyi and Ma May Zi of Ward-7, Region-6, Lashio, and seized 97,000 stimulant tablets. The team also arrested Pelauk Khine who was in the house.

In connection with the case, No 1 Police Station of Lashio filed a criminal case against Phon Kyi, son of U Shauk Kwe, Ma May Zi, daughter of U Shauk Chu, and Pelauk Khine, son of U Shauk Kywan, of Lashio under Sections 15/19 (A)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA



Phon Kyi, Ma May Zi and Pelauk Khine seized with stimulant tablets in Lashio. — MNA

### MWEA delegation leaves for Brunei Darussalam

YANGON, 11 Aug — A Myanmar delegation led by Adviser to Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs' Association retired Prof Daw Yi Yi Myint, MWEA Secretary Daw Hla Wady, Daw Kyi Kyi Nyein, Daw Nyein Nyein Ei and Deputy Director of Social Welfare Department U Aye Win left here by air on 6 August to attend the 2004 ASEAN Youth Day and the prize-distribution ceremony of ASEAN youths' business performance in the city of Brunei Darussalam. The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by MWEA Chairperson Daw Khin Myint Myint, Vice-Chairpersons Daw Thet Yi and Daw Nu Nu Yi and CEC members.

MNA



# Occupation HQ attacked in central Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 10 Aug—**Rocket-propelled grenades and mortars have hit the headquarters of US-led occupation forces in Baghdad.

Reporting from the eastern al-Rustamiya district, Aljazeera sources said the attack on Tuesday was carried out at the same time as a similar raid on the Ministry of Culture.

Another bomb targeted a US convoy travelling in a street next to the Palestine and Sheraton hotels.

Iraqi police were unable to confirm if the attacks had resulted in casualties.

During the night on Monday, Iraqi resistance fighters fired a dozen mortars at

central Baghdad's Green Zone compound housing the interim Iraqi government and the US and British embassies, Aljazeera's correspondent reported.

In the past week, fighters have stepped up mortar and rocket attacks in Baghdad.

A series of strong explosions were also heard in Baghdad early on Tuesday, coming from the direction of the Sadr City neighbourhood.

Internet



Followers of rebel Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr fight during clashes between al-Mahdi army and US and Iraqi forces in Najaf, southern Iraq on 10 Aug, 2004.

INTERNET

## Lebanese hostage freed after week in Iraq

**BEIRUT (Lebanon), 10 Aug—**A Lebanese businessman was freed Tuesday after about a week in captivity in Iraq, his father said.

Robert Antoun said his son Antoine contacted him from the Iraqi capital, saying he was safe and in good health. He said his son was released Tuesday and would return to Lebanon later in this week.

The younger Antoun, who worked in a dairy factory in Iraq, was snatched by gunmen from a Baghdad street earlier this week.

His father, who spoke to *The Associated Press* from the family home in the northern Lebanese town of Qoubaiyat, refused to say whether any ransom had been paid.

While some kidnappings in Iraq have been staged by groups with political aims, many more have been purely for financial gain, with wealthy Iraqis as well as foreigners among the victims.

Jordan's official Petra news agency

said Tuesday that a Jordanian businessman had been taken hostage in Baghdad by kidnappers demanding \$250,000 in ransom. It said Jamal Sadeq al-Salaymeh, who works as an agent for a Japanese company, was kidnapped by three men Monday from his home on Baghdad's outskirts.

Antoun's release came just hours after two other Lebanese hostages were reported freed. The wife of one of them, Nada Sayour, told AP late Monday that she received a call from her husband, truck driver Kassem Murqbawi, saying he was in good condition and would be home in three days.

Murqbawi told her a fellow Lebanese driver who was kidnapped this month was also released. Sayour said he was one of two kidnapped brothers, Taha and Nasser al-Jundi, but it remained unclear which one.

Internet

## Pacific leaders reiterate adherence to One-China policy

**APIA (Samoa), 10 Aug—**Leaders of Pacific island countries have reiterated their governments' adherence to the One-China policy here.

At meetings with Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhou Wenzhong on the weekend, leaders of the region also spoke highly of the relations between China and island countries in the region.

They expressed appreciation over the assistance China provided their countries over the years. They also expressed the hope that

cooperative relationship with China will be further enhanced so to benefit between peoples of China and their countries.

Among regional leaders Zhou met are Fijian Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase, Micronesian President Joseph Urusemal, Nauruan President Ludwig Scotty, Niue Prime Minister Young Vivian, Papua New Guinean

Prime Minister Michael Somare, Toga Prime Minister Ulukala Lavaka-Ata and Vanuatu Vice-Prime Minister Maxime Korman. The leaders are here to attend the 35th Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) Summit which concluded Saturday and will start their meetings with 12 forum dialogue partners including China on Monday.

MNA/Xinhua

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## 'UK violating Geneva Conventions in Iraq'

**COPENHAGEN, 11 Aug—**British forces in Iraq are systematically violating the Geneva Conventions in their treatment of prisoners, Danish Colonel Henrik Flach claimed in a daily paper here on Tuesday.

Flach was head of the Danish contingent of 500 soldiers deployed in southern Iraq, serving under British command around Basra, until he was replaced last week over ill treatment of Iraqi prisoners at the hands of Danish troops.

"The British treat their prisoners in a manner which does not, as we think in Denmark, conform with the Geneva Conventions," Flach told the independent Information daily.

He added that he remained concerned that the Danish forces were obliged to hand over Iraqi captives to the British forces in charge of southern Iraq.

The British methods of interrogation were "significantly more severe than what went on at Camp Eden", the Danish military base at Al Qurna, where Iraqis were ill-treated according to a Danish interpreter

and freed prisoners.

Danish soldiers subjected Iraqi prisoners to ill-treatment including verbal humiliation, forcing them to maintain painful postures and restricting access to food, water and toilets, according to the initial findings of an army investigation released last week.

Flach insisted that the British meted out worse punishment.

"The British systematically placed blindfolds over their captives' eyes for long periods, forcing them to adopt stressful positions, and had the right to shout right in their faces, methods which I don't think are covered under the Geneva Conventions on the treatment of prisoners," he added.

The Danish Colonel advocated the release from British or Iraqi police custody of those suspected of committing common crimes. —Internet

## Pacific Islands Forum accepts Thailand as 13th dialogue partner

**APIA, 10 Aug—** The 35th Pacific Islands Forum summit announced Saturday to accept Thailand to be its 13th Post-Forum dialogue partner to take effect at the 36th Forum next year.

A communique issued after the summit said that considering Thailand's relationship with Pacific Island Countries, its support to the region in global fora, the potential for future development of linkage with the region in trade and investment and in the provision of technical assistance, leaders of the Forum member states "welcomed Thailand as the 13th Post-Forum dialogue partner."

Currently, the Forum has 12 dialogue partners including Britain, Canada, China, the European Union, France, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, the Philippines and the United States.

The first Post-Forum dialogue was held in 1989 with Britain, Canada, China, France, Japan and the United States. The European Union joined the Post-Forum dialogue in 1991,

South Korea in 1995 and Malaysia in 1997.

The Philippines was accepted as a dialogue partner at the 1999 Forum and attended its first Post-Forum dialogue meeting in 2000. Indonesia was admitted inter-sessionally as a Post-Forum dialogue partner in 2001. India successfully applied for dialogue status at the 2002 Forum and attended Post-Forum dialogue meetings from 2003.

The Post-Forum dialogue functions as a ministerial-level exchange, scheduled directly after the annual Forum meeting. By inviting partners to the ministerial-level consultations, the Forum signals the importance and value it attaches to the dialogue partners' continuing commitment to the well-being of the region and to dialogue on issues of regional concern. —MNA/Xinhua

## Australia appoints new High Commissioner to India

**CANBERRA, 10 Aug—** The Australian Government announced on Monday the appointment of the new Australian High Commissioner to India.

John McCarthy, a career

diplomat, will replace Penny Wensley who has been High Commissioner to India since November 2001 and ambassador to Bhutan since May 2003.

McCarthy, currently

serving as Australia's Ambassador in Tokyo, is expected to take up his appointment, with concurrent accreditation to Bhutan, in December.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Marine armoured vehicle patrols a street in Najaf on 10 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

## 'Egyptian spy' beheaded in Iraq

DUBAI, 11 Aug—An Islamist website carried a videotape on Tuesday that purported to show the beheading by a militant group in Iraq of a man identified as an "Egyptian spy" working for US forces.

The tape, purportedly made by the Tawhid and Jihad Group of al Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, showed the Egyptian giving his name as Mohammed Mutawalli and saying he had helped US forces pick targets for their attacks on insurgents. "I worked as a spy for the Americans in Iraq and I used to take women to the Americans at the airport to do with them as they wished."

Meanwhile, a Jordanian

businessman was kidnapped while two Jordanians and one Lebanese were freed in Iraq on Tuesday.

The Jordanian businessman was kidnapped on Monday from his Baghdad home by an unidentified group demanding a 250,000-dollar ransom for his release, reported Jordan's official news agency *Petra* on Tuesday. *Petra* named him as Jamal Sadek al-Salaymeh, saying he was an agent for a Japanese motor tyre firm. "He

was taken by three men in police uniform who burst into his home in the Al-Saydiyah district and drove him away in a white car to an unknown destination," the agency said.

A telephone caller to Salaymeh's office manager later demanded a ransom of \$250,000 for his release. Seven Jordanians kidnapped in July in a wave of hostage-taking for political or criminal purposes in Iraq have been freed recently, two of them late on Monday. Mean-

while, a Lebanese businessman held hostage in Iraq was released on Tuesday, his family said.

Antoine Antoun was kidnapped along with his Syrian driver Issa al-Sheik Awad at the end of last month by gunmen who burst into the Baghdad dairy where he worked. Awad was freed on Monday.

Two Jordanian truck drivers kidnapped in Iraq last month were freed on Monday and were being looked after by embassy officials in Baghdad, officials and family. "They were freed thanks to mediators," said a Jordanian official, without elaborating. —Internet

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## Iraq hostage-takers demand ransom for Jordanian

BAGHDAD, 10 Aug—A Jordanian businessman has been snatched from his Baghdad home by an unknown group demanding a US\$ 250,000 ransom for his release.

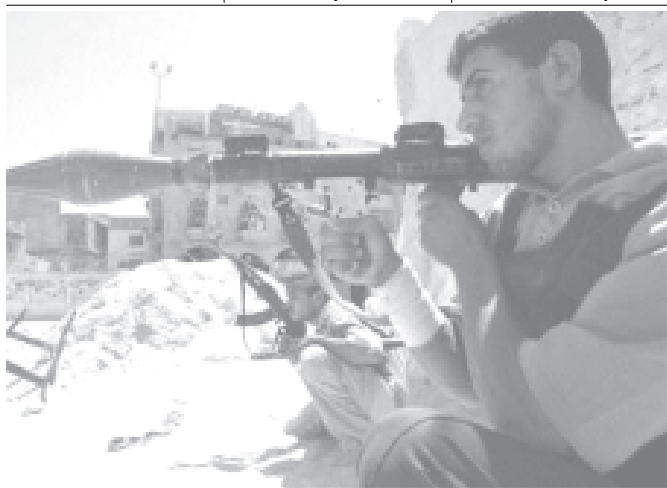
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Militiamen loyal to Moqtada Sadr armed with a grenade launcher and an assault rifle take position on 10 Aug. 2004. —INTERNET

## Vietnam, China cooperate to exploit iron ores, build steel plant

HANOI, 10 Aug — Vietnamese and Chinese partners are joining hands to exploit iron ores and build the first steel plant in Vietnam's northern Lao Cai Province.

"The two sides plan to implement two projects on annually exploiting 2.5-3 million tons iron ores for local sales and export to China, and constructing a steel plant with a yearly capacity of 500,000 tons," the provincial Department of Planning and Investment told *Xinhua* on Monday.

Of the iron ores to be annually tapped in the Quy Xa mine with an estimated reserve of 120 million tons, 1-1.5 million tons will be exported to China in exchange of fat coal and coke, 500,000 tons supplied to an existing steel factory in northern Thai Nguyen Province, and the rest to a future steel plant in Lao Cai.

The steel plant, the first of its kind in the province, will annually turn out 500,000 tons of cast iron in the first phase, 500,000 tons of steel billet in the second phase, and 500,000 tons of construction steel in the third phase.

"The two projects involve three partners,

namely the Vietnam Steel Corporation, the Lao Cai Mineral Company and China's Kunming Steel Group. The Vietnamese side is expected to contribute 51 per cent of the total capital," said Le Tien Dung, head of the department's External Relations Bureau.

The two projects will be submitted to the Vietnamese Government for approval before October 2004, he noted, adding that the Vietnam Steel Corporation and the Chinese partner signed a memorandum of understanding late last month.

According to the corporation, investment for mining the Quy Xa will stand at 40-60 million US dollars, and for building the steel plant reach 200 million dollars.

Now, Lao Cai is home to 23 foreign-invested projects with total registered capital of 35 million dollars, of which 18 are Chinese ones worth 20.3 million dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cycling safety campaign launched in HK

HONG KONG, 10 Aug — Hong Kong police on Sunday launched a two-week bicycle safety campaign to educate riders on road safety and take stringent enforcement action against law offenders.

According to statistics from the Hong Kong Government, traffic accidents involving bicycles surged 23 per cent to 961 in the first half of this year, over the same period last year. Of the 1,011 casualties, 826 cyclists were injured and five killed.

Police Saturday said the campaign would target motorists, reminding them to

watch for cyclists, and they would also distribute leaflets in accident blackspots and areas frequented by cyclists to enhance road safety awareness. Offenders will be given verbal warnings during the first week, except blatant offenders, and stringent enforcement action will be taken afterwards, police added.

Common cycling of-

fences include carrying another person, carrying any animal or article which obstructs the cyclist's view, riding a bicycle on footpaths and riding without necessary lights illuminated.

Once on the road, a cyclist is obliged to obey all traffic laws which apply to drivers and mind other road users. — MNA/Xinhua

## Shot soldier's family urges Iraq pullout

LONDON, 10 Aug—The family of a British soldier shot dead by militiamen in Iraq just days before he was due home have called on the Prime Minister to pull British troops out of the country. Private Lee O'Callaghan, 20, died on Monday after being shot in the chest when a gun battle broke out in Basra between British forces and gunmen thought to be loyal to the radical cleric, Moqtada al-Sadr.

Pte O'Callaghan was "excited" about the prospect of returning home to see his parents in London on Wednesday next week his aunt, Margaret Evans, said.

Mrs Evans, 51, from Blackheath, south London, described her nephew as "a really great kid".

Fighting back tears, she told reporters that the family was "absolutely distraught, devastated".

"My message to Tony Blair is we should not be there. Why are we in Iraq? It is my personal opinion only, but my message would

be, get the rest of the kids out. Pte O'Callaghan, who was not married, was serving with the 1st Battalion, the Princess of Wales' Royal Regiment, based in Tidworth on the Wiltshire-Hampshire border.

He died as days of tension in the southern Iraqi city burst into violence, with gun battles throughout Monday in which two army Land Rovers were destroyed and several other British soldiers injured.

He was the 62nd British serviceman to die in Iraq since the beginning of the invasion last year. —Internet

## Third children's chorus festival held in S-W China

KUNMING, 10 Aug—Twenty-nine children's choruses convened at Kunming, capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, to participate in the third children's chorus festival that opened Sunday.

More than 2,000 participants attended the festival this year, many more than the previous two festivals.

Chorus has been an important way to cultivate children's understanding of art. During the festival participants enjoy various speeches and exchanged latest developments in children's chorus, said Nie Zhongming, chairman of Chinese Association of Chorus.

Yunnan Province has

been known as "music sea" in China since locals are renowned for their singing and dancing abilities. The province is also home to Nie Er, composer of China's national anthem.

Chinese Association of Chorus organized the first children's chorus festival in 1993.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Marine convoy patrols a street in Najaf, 160 km south of Baghdad, on 10 Aug. 2004. Fresh fighting broke out in Iraq's Najaf on Tuesday, with explosions and gunfire coming from the heart of the city where militiamen loyal to a radical Shiite Muslim cleric are dug in, a Reuters witness said. — INTERNET



# ABA condemns torture of prisoners by US forces

ATLANTA, 10 Aug—The American Bar Association on Monday condemned the torture of prisoners held by US forces and urged the Bush Administration to “comply fully” with the US Constitution and international laws that forbid such abuse.

The resolution passed by the ABA’s policy-making body also urges the creation of an independent, bipartisan commission to prepare a full account of detention and interrogation practices carried out by the United States. The ABA wants the commission to make those findings and recommendations public.

“The use of torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment by US personnel in the interrogation of prisoners captured in the Afghanistan and Iraq con-

flicts has brought shame on the nation and undermined our standing in the world,” a report accompanying the resolution said.

The ABA, the nation’s largest group of lawyers, has previously taken strong stands against some of the Bush Administration’s anti-terrorism policies, particularly those that deprive detainees and enemy combatants of legal rights.

“We cannot stand mute. We must speak out,” said Bettina Plevan, president of New York City’s bar asso-

ciation, who presented the anti-torture resolution during Monday’s session.

By adopting the report, the ABA said that when Congress and the Executive Branch makes policy about the treatment of detainees it should consider how US practices affect the treatment of Americans who might be captured by other nations.

The group said that while the US Government is moving to punish the acts at Abu Ghraib, the fundamental concerns about US treatment of detainees has not been addressed.

It said that US officials interpretation of executive branch memoranda developed to justify interrogation

procedures “do not represent sound policy, risk undercutting the government’s ability to assert any high moral grounds in its ‘war on terrorism’ and put Americans at risk of being tortured.”

The resolution said the public has still not been adequately informed of the extent to which prisoners have been abused or given over to foreign government known to torture prisoners. It said there is concern the current investigations into abuse are moving too slowly and are too limited in scope.

“We do not yet know who is being detained, where they are, what are the conditions of their detention and interrogation,” it states.

MNA/Reuters



British troops patrol the streets of the southern town of Basra amid the latest unrest with followers of Shiite Cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in southern Iraq on 10 Aug, 2004. A British soldier was killed Monday in an attack on British vehicles in Basra during clashes with guerillas.—INTERNET

## Curfew declared in embattled Baghdad suburb

BAGHDAD, 10 Aug—Iraq’s interim government imposed a curfew on a Shiite suburb of Baghdad on Monday because of fighting between US forces and militiamen, an Interior Ministry source said.

The curfew would be in force from 4 pm to 8 am “until further notice due to the troubles in the area”, the source said.

Fighters loyal to radical Shiite Muslim cleric Moqtada al-Sadr have clashed with US and Iraqi forces in Sadr city, a sprawling slum home to two million, for the past five days.

Dozens have been killed. Over the same period Sadr’s followers have been battling US forces in the holy city of Najaf to the south, with hundreds killed. — MNA/Reuters

## Heat wave hits Holland

BRUSSELS, 11 Aug — The Netherlands was officially in the midst of a heat wave on Monday afternoon as the temperature hit 30 degrees Celsius, Dutch weather bureau KNMI said on Monday.

A heat wave was declared when the KNMI has measured at least five days in a row of at least 25 degrees, three of which must be 30 degrees or more.

“At one o’clock Monday afternoon, those criteria were met,” said Radio Netherlands.

It is the 35th heat wave since KNMI started measuring heat waves in 1901, but the hot days will not last for much longer. The weather bureau has forecast storms for the coming days.

Despite this, the temperature is expected to remain warm, hovering between 25 and 29 degrees, local Dutch newspaper *De Telegraaf* reported.

The longest Dutch heat wave in recorded history took place in 1975 when 18 summer days in a row were measured, six of which were tropical. — MNA/Xinhua



A US Army Humvee vehicle burns after it came under attack by a rocket propelled grenade in north-east Baghdad on 10 August, 2004. The attack was followed by a firefight between US troops and attackers, allegedly from a nearby building.—INTERNET

## Five hostages freed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 Aug — Five hostages, including two from Lebanon, two from Jordan and one from Syria, were released Monday by their captors in Iraq, sources said.

All hostages were in good condition, according to the sources. The two Jordanian truck drivers, Fayez Saad al-Udwan and Mohammad Ahmed Salamaal-Manaya’a, arrived at the Jordanian Field Hospital in Fallujah, a city west of Baghdad, the sources said.

They were kidnapped two weeks ago by Iraqi militants demanding their company quit the country.

The two Lebanese were taken hostage last week when their truck convoy was on the way from Baghdad to Ramadi.

The Syrian driver was kidnapped more than a week ago. About dozens of foreigners were kidnapped in Iraq since April by militants bent on driving out foreign troops and companies. Most were released, but some were killed with at least several beheaded. — MNA/Xinhua

## British Airways hit by price war

LONDON, 11 Aug — Shares in British Airways Plc fell to fresh nine-month lows on Monday as fierce price competition hit fares in the first three months of its financial year and it doubled long-haul ticket surcharges due to soaring oil prices.

Europe’s second-biggest airline said its fares yield — average revenues per passenger carried and kilometre flown — fell 4.5 per cent in

the three months to end June. Analysts had expected its yield to rise due to a weak comparative period.

Like most European airlines British Airways (BA) is recovering from last year’s market slump due to the Iraq war, sluggish economies and the SARS virus. But fares have suffered amid an industry price war and fuel costs are eating into earnings.

The airline, which also faces a strike threat by ground staff, said it was raising a fuel surcharge introduced on long-haul tickets in May to 12 pounds (21.87 US dollars) per return journey from 5 pounds.

British rival Virgin Atlantic later announced it would also raise its surcharge by the same amount. Virgin competes with British Airways in the long-haul market where fuel makes up 20 per cent of its costs. — MNA/Reuters

## Car bomb kills three, wounds 14 north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 10 Aug — A car bomb exploded outside the house of a local official north of Baghdad on Monday, killing at least three people and wounding 14, police sources said.

They said deputy governor for Dila Province Akil Hamed was among the wounded and was rushed to a US military hospital after the attack on his house in the village of Balad Ruz. His condition was not immediately known.

The other casualties, who included police and members of Hamed’s family, were taken to a local hospital.

Guerillas have killed scores of local officials who had been appointed by US forces since the fall of Saddam Hussein last year. — MNA/Reuters

## First Lady, Edwards clash over Bush stem cell policy

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — First Lady Laura Bush and Democratic vice-presidential nominee John Edwards clashed on Monday over whether President George W Bush’s restrictions on stem cell research should be maintained or lifted.

On the third anniversary of Bush’s decision to allow stem cell research only on a limited number of embryonic stem cell lines, the Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry is seeking to use the issue to portray Bush as out of touch with mainstream America.

The Kerry campaign got a boost when Ron Reagan, son of the late ex-President Ronald Reagan, who died of Alzheimer’s, appeared at the Democratic convention last month and said stem cell research “may be the greatest medical breakthrough in our lifetime” and could help save the lives of millions of people who suffer from diabetes and Alzheimer’s.

Laura Bush told the Pennsylvania Medical Society in Langhorne, Pennsylvania, that Bush’s policy “makes it possible for researchers to explore the potential of stem cells, while respecting the ethical and moral implications associated with this research.”

She said embryonic stem cell research is “very preliminary right now, and the implication that cures for Alzheimer’s are around the corner is just not right.”

“And it’s really not fair to the people who are watching a loved one suffer with this,” she said, noting her father died of Alzheimer’s.

Edwards, in a conference call with reporters, vowed that a Kerry administration would reverse Bush’s policy and expand stem cell research if elected.

“We have a plan to have groundbreaking stem cell research done that can affect millions of Americans. They are blocking that research,” Edwards said.

He said Kerry would increase stem cell research funding from 25 million US dollars to 100 million US dollars, with the possibility of much more. — MNA/Reuters

## British troops, militia clash on streets of Basra

**BASRA (Iraq), 10 Aug**—British forces fought gun battles with militiamen on the streets of Basra on Monday and a military spokeswoman said the situation in Iraq's second largest city was "extremely tense".

Two British military Land Rovers were set on fire by guerrillas as militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr roamed the streets brandishing assault rifles and firing on troops with rocket-propelled grenades.

"There are ongoing engagements, it's certainly a conflict," a spokeswoman for British forces in Basra said. "I can confirm that two vehicles have been destroyed, but other than that it's a confused situation at

this point."

She said there was no word on whether British forces or the militia fighters had suffered any casualties.

A Basra resident who declined to be identified said militia were clashing with British forces near their headquarters in the former Olympic building and engaging the better armed foreign troops with RPGs.

He said the Mehdi Army had control of several major intersections in the city, but

that could not be independently confirmed.

Militia loyal to Sadr have risen up against US, British and other coalition forces in several cities across southern Iraq and in Baghdad for the past five days, with the heaviest clashes occurring in the holy city of Najaf.

In April and May, heavy fighting in Basra between British troops and Sadr's militia over several days left more than a dozen militants dead.

MNA/Reuters



*Iraqi policemen in Najaf. Intense fighting continued for a sixth straight day in Najaf around the central city's vast cemetery between US and Iraqi forces and Iraqi Shiite Muslim militiamen loyal to radical cleric Moqtada. — INTERNET*

## Irish-Americans protest Aegis security deal in Iraq

**WASHINGTON, 10 Aug** — Irish Americans want the Bush Administration to revoke a 293-million-US-dollar security deal given to a British firm in Iraq, citing the company head's former role in Northern Ireland, an Irish-American group said on Monday.

The US-funded contract was awarded in May to London-based Aegis Defence Services Ltd., run by retired Lieutenant-Colonel Tim Spicer, commanding officer of the Scots Guards in Belfast in 1992 when two of his soldiers killed teenager Peter McBride.

The Reverend Sean McManus of the Irish National Caucus, a Washington-based lobbying and human rights group, said Irish Americans were enraged the deal went to Spicer, who played a controversial role in other conflict areas.

"He (Spicer) has a terrible record in Northern Ireland and yet despite this gets this contract. This is deeply offensive to the McBride family and to the rest of us," said McManus.

Spicer had defended the actions of his two soldiers, who were convicted of the murder of 18-year-old McBride but were released early and allowed to rejoin their regiment.

"I am confident we will be able to block the contract," said McManus, adding it would become an issue in the November presidential election if the deal were not revoked.

McManus said he wrote to President George W. Bush about the issue and was

lobbying other officials from his administration about the contract, which involves coordinating the work of thousands of private security contractors in Iraq.

In London, a spokeswoman for Aegis defended their work in Iraq and said any allegations against Spicer and the company were "absolute nonsense".

"What we have said throughout is that the contract was a public tender and the terms and conditions were vigorously applied, as you would expect from the US Government," said spokeswoman Sara Pearson, declining further comment.

While Irish Americans are angry over Spicer's record in Northern Ireland, others have raised questions about his past involvement in a number of conflict zones, including Sierra Leone and Papua New Guinea.

In the late 1990s, Spicer was a director of Sandline International, a company that broke a UN embargo to ship tons of arms into Sierra Leone during that country's civil war.

Spicer later said he had acted with British Government approval, but a British inquiry cleared government ministers of any wrongdoing.

MNA/Reuters

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## Sadr militia "kidnaps" Iraqi police officer

**DUBAI, 10 Aug** — Al Jazeera television aired a video tape on Monday it said was from guerrillas loyal to radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr who said they had kidnapped an Iraqi police officer.

The Arabic channel said Sadr's Mehdi Army militia abducted Brigadier-General Ra'ad Mohammed Khadr and would release him once the Interior Ministry freed detained members of the group.

The video showed four masked gunmen standing around a seated man who appeared to be in police uniform. One man was reading a statement but he could not be heard.

There was no immediate confirmation from the Iraqi authorities or Sadr's office. The video tape could not be authenticated.

MNA/Reuters

## Mortar rounds hit Iraq Oil Ministry

**BAGHDAD, 10 Aug** — Guerrillas fired mortar rounds on the Oil Ministry and other government compounds on Monday after a night of intermittent shelling in central Baghdad, witnesses said.

The most intense salvos fell on the Oil Ministry compound in the east side of the capital facing Sadr city, a stronghold of the Mehdi Army militia fighting US forces. Rounds also fell on the nearby water resources ministry compound.

There were no immediate reports of casualties. Seven mortar rounds hit the Oil Ministry on Saturday, injuring one guard.

"They are becoming more accurate," one employee said.

MNA/Reuters

## Epidemics infection soaring in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 10 Aug** — The Epidemics Control Centre, a department of the Iraqi Health Ministry, announced that the number of recorded epidemic infection during one month reached 35,274, which led to 304 deaths, the local newspaper *Al Nahdhah* reported Monday.

An official at the centre said that the epidemics were divided into three types, namely, those that transfer through drinking water or food, those that transfer through breathing, and those that transfer in other ways. He pointed out that eight cases of AIDS had been recorded since the toppling

of the former regime, three of which were foreigners and the other five were Iraqis.

Iraq had totally eliminated all those diseases in the 1980s, but after the imposing of the economic sanctions as a result of the Gulf War, many unknown epidemics appeared in Iraq. — MNA/Xinhua

## China enlists Pacific island countries as tourist destinations

**APIA (Samoa), 11 Aug** — China announced Monday that it enlists South Pacific Island states of Fiji, Vanuatu, Tonga and the Cook Islands as tourist destinations for its citizens.

The announcement was made by Chinese Vice-Foreign Minister Zhou Wenzhong at a dialogue meeting between China and the 16-member Pacific Islands Forum (PIF) here.

There are still some other South Pacific Island countries asking China to grant them the Approved Destination Status like the four countries, Zhou told reporters after the meeting.

The meeting is one in a series PIF holds with its 12 dialogue partners after its 35th summit concluded last Saturday.

He described the meeting as a "fruitful dialogue."

Zhou also said China will inject 800,000 US dollars to the PIF Trade Office in China to cover its operation from 2005 to 2008. China will run a training programme for diplomats of South Pacific Island countries for PIF members and Secretariat representatives in October, according to Zhou. "All these measures give expression to the Chinese government's sincerity to develop friendly relations with PIF and its members," he said. — MNA/Xinhua

## Four Iraqis killed in blast west of Baghdad

**KHALIDIYAH, 10 Aug** — At least four Iraqis were killed on Monday when a civilian bus was caught in a blast west of Baghdad, witnesses said.

They said a bomb, possibly in a car, blew up on a main road in Khalidiyah Village near the flashpoint of Fallujah, 32 miles west of Baghdad. US forces regularly use that road.

Reuters Television footage showed the charred vehicle and the remains of what appeared to be of a car next to it. Two bodies lay on the road as US forces and Iraqi police inspected the site.

MNA/Reuters



*A US Army armoured vehicle burns after it was hit by a rocket propelled grenade in north-east Baghdad neighbourhood of Baladiyat on 10 August, 2004.*

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## People in close proximity

*Maung Hsu Shin*

Faces familiar ten years ago were seen. Despite no time to chat, we have been close in mind. Some of them have got brown skin. Others have grown older. There are of course those who are no longer with us. To continue to do the duty they left unfinished is to ease our heavy hearts. Serving the country and the community is a substitution for the memory of those who are no more.

Unlike Kyaikkasan Grounds, Nyaungnabin Camp is a bit different and surrounded by woods and plantations. However, there was nothing to be mistaken for. Fluttering boastfully at the top of the archway was the Union of Myanmar Flag.

Among the delegates to the National Convention are national race women dressed in their traditional costumes. Various as their modes of dress are, those who have a wide scope of knowledge can guess easily which national race is which.

They exchanged greetings with one another. There was no way to know what they were chatting about. Yet, their exchange of greetings could be but health and well-being.

After filling their names in the registration books, they went inside the hall. The sound of applause echoed in the hall from time to time.

Amid thousands of national races delegates and office staff, chances to meet with friends were very slim as the schedules were very tight. However, we could meet with our friends in free times. It was in such times that a friend of mine patted me saying that he was from Magway Division. He also told me his penname. Another recalled that he had met me when I was in Kachin State.

I also met with my friend, a poet and surgeon. In

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one free time, a retired officer gave me a hug, saying that he had heard my voice only on radio. I also received smiles from my acquaintances. On one occasion I left my eye-glasses at a barber's. However, they called my name and gave me back my eye-glasses.

I thus met those who are intimate with me. There remained some of my acquaintances, with whom I did not meet. Seeing some familiar faces in news programme on TV, I did utter something like, "Oh, that's him!" and "Ah, he is also there." Sometimes, on seeing someone I knew on TV, a thought struck me that we had been out of touch for ages and I had business to do with him. "If willing to visit, distance does not matter", so goes a saying.

It was the day on which the National Convention was adjourned that I offered a ride to a woman friend of mine on my return to the downtown. But, she had already had a friend from Kengtung for the ride. When I said the time had come to say goodbye, she replied in eagerness, "No way, We will surely meet again soon." We all will meet in the open season. What is needed is to bring along our open mind then.

Now, they all have gone home. The responsible officials of the National Convention expressed their thanks and wished them well for their concerted coordination by keeping in harmony their desire and life. They pledged that they would try to improve the arrangements for accommodation better than before. They also bid farewell to the delegates at their hostels. Now those who had lived and worked in close proximity for nearly seven weeks at the same place so as to lay down basic principles for the future of Myanmar through coordination and discussion are now in their respective dwellings. In fact, the Union in which they reside is none but their native land.

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## Computer programming & web development contests to be held

YANGON, 11 Aug — In conjunction with the annual meeting of Myanmar Computer Scientists Association at MICT Park here, a paper-reading session on Myanmar software industry will be held for two days. Altogether 20 resource persons will read papers.

Under the aegis of the Myanmar Computer Scientists Association, a computer programming contest and a web development contest will also be held and those wishing to participate are to get themselves enrolled at Myanmar Computer Scientists Association through telephone number 652276 not later than 25 August. — MNA

YANGON, 11 Aug — A seminar on safety of vessels was held at Myathida Training School of Inland Water Transport in Botahtaung Township here at 8 am today.

Present on the occasion were IWT Managing Director U Soe Tint, General Manager U Maung Maung Lwin, the deputy general managers, officials, employees and trainees.

In delivering an address at the seminar, the



IWT Managing Director U Soe Tint delivers an address. — MNA

managing director said that safety of watercraft is important and thus serious

attention is to be paid for preventing accidents and hazards. He urged all to

strive for safety of passengers and goods.

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## Boxing tourney concludes

YANGON, 11 Aug — The prize-distribution ceremony of boxing tournament for novices and class-C for the trophy of the Myanmar Boxing Federation President was held at Bahtoo Gymnasium in Mandalay on 3 August evening. Present on the occasion were Divisional Peace and Development Council Secretary Lt-Col Kyi Thein, Divisional General Administration Department Head U Kyin Lin, MBF Vice President Deputy Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thein Aung, Secretary U San Myint, Joint Secretary U Than Zaw, Deputy Director of Mandalay Division SPED U Soe Nyunt, guests and athletes. — MNA

## Seminar on safety of vessels held

## Efficient use of electricity

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

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

## All this needs to be known

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

## Efficient use of fuel

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

## Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 11 Aug — The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

One 200 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000; one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000.

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General (Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Director (Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 071-21012), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-54657). — MNA

## UMFCCI officials meet guests

YANGON, 11 Aug — President of Indian Federation of Plywood & Panel Industry Mr S P Goenka and Vice-Chairman of Kitley Industries Ltd Mr Eugene Gensolves called on Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry (UMFCCI) Vice-President U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, CEC members U Tun Aung (Myanmar Nyunt) and U Aye Lwin and executives yesterday afternoon at the UMFCCI head office here. They discussed matters on investment opportunities and industrial cooperation between the two countries.

Similarly, Chairman of Shanghai Zu Fa Industry Co Ltd Mr Yao Rong Hua called on UMFCCI General Secretary-2 Dr Maung Maung Lay and executive U Myo Thant at the UMFCCI head office yesterday afternoon. Matters relating to investments, bilateral trade and visits of delegations between the two countries were discussed at the meeting.

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PM General Khin Nyunt and Laotian PM Mr Bounnhang Vorachith taking the salute of the Guard of Honour in front of National Assembly.—MNA

## Efforts to be made...

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Accompanied by Laotian Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat

Lengsavad, the Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt in a motorcade proceeded to the Prime Min-

ister's Office in Vientiane at 6 pm. They were welcomed there by Laotian Prime Minister of the Lao PDR Mr Bounnhang

Vorachith.

The bilateral talks between Lao and Myanmar delegations were held at the meeting hall of the Prime Minister's Office at 6.10 pm. Also present at the meeting 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 for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister for

Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Myanmar Ambassador U Tin Oo, Director-General U Soe Tint at the Prime Minister's Office and departmental heads.

The Laotian Prime Minister was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Minister of Trade Mr Soulivong Dalavong, Minister of Information Mr Phandaungchith Vongsa, Minister of Home Affairs Mr Sautchay Thammassith, Minister of Tourism Mr Somphong Mongkhonvilay, Cabinet Minister Dr Phankham Viphavanh, deputy ministers, Laotian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane and high-ranking officials.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that Myanmar and Laos are not only neighbours but also enjoying a very close fraternal relations. There is not a single problem between the two countries, and the area of their bilateral cooperation is expanding. The two nations established diplomatic relations in 1956, and the

bilateral relations are flourishing at an unprecedented degree at present. It is encouraging to see the flourishing bilateral cooperation between the two countries in the areas of cooperation among the CLMV countries to narrow the development gap among the ASEAN nations, and the Ayeyawady-Chao-Phraya-Mekong four-country economic cooperation. Future programmes are to be jointly implemented by the two nations, he said, adding Myanmar and Laos are ready to cooperate in regional and international issues.

Efforts actively be made actively through the bilateral cooperation between the two countries and within the ASEAN framework for regional peace and stability and prosperity.

The Laotian Prime Minister expressed pleasure to see the Government of Myanmar and the people striving with might and main for unity of the national races, peace and stability and development with the leadership of Senior General Than Shwe.

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**Lao PDR Prime Minister  
Bounnhang Vorachith**



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith inspect the Guard of Honour. —MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith enjoy Laotian traditional dances at the dinner. — MNA





Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivers an address at the dinner.—MNA

## Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt visits Lao People's Democratic Republic

### Efforts to be made...

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The two countries value their bilateral friendly relations and cooperation in the same degree. Besides, as they have mutual understanding, they are ready to cooperate in the regional and international issues. He expressed wish to hold a ceremony marking the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two nations in 2006, in which, the 50th anniversary falls. He also discussed matters relating to promotion of bilateral trade, construction of a friendship bridge on the Mekong, and anti-narcotic drugs cooperation.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Prime Min-

ister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith posed for documentary photo. The two Prime Ministers cordially met at the lobby of Lao Plaza Hotel at 8 pm, and exchanged gifts.

Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith hosted a dinner in honour of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and delegation at the hotel at 8.30 pm. Also present at the dinner 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, the Myanmar Ambassador and heads of department.



Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith delivers an address at the dinner.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith exchange souvenirs at Lao Plaza Hotel.—MNA

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**Lao PDR Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith**

Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, the ministers, the deputy ministers, members of the National Assembly and high level officials of the host nation were also present. The two Prime Ministers proposed toasts. During the dinner, the guests were entertained by the Lao cultural troupes with songs. The two Prime Ministers presented bouquets to the members of cultural troupes.

Yesterday morning, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met with staff of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Of-

fice at a hall of the hotel.

At 7.45 am, the Laotian Prime Minister met the Myanmar Prime Minister at the hotel lobby. Mr Bounnhang Vorachith presented the documentary album of the goodwill visit to General Khin Nyunt. Also present 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, the Myanmar Ambassador and heads of department.

Prime Minister General

Khin Nyunt and delegation arrived at Wattay International Airport to leave Laos for Phnom Penh in Cambodia at 9 am. They were seen off at the airport by Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavad, Ambassador of Laos Mr Chanthavy Bodhisame and officials and Myanmar Ambassador U Tin Oo and wife Daw Thida Htay, Military Attaché Col Hla Myint and wife Daw Theingi Soe, Embassy staff and families.

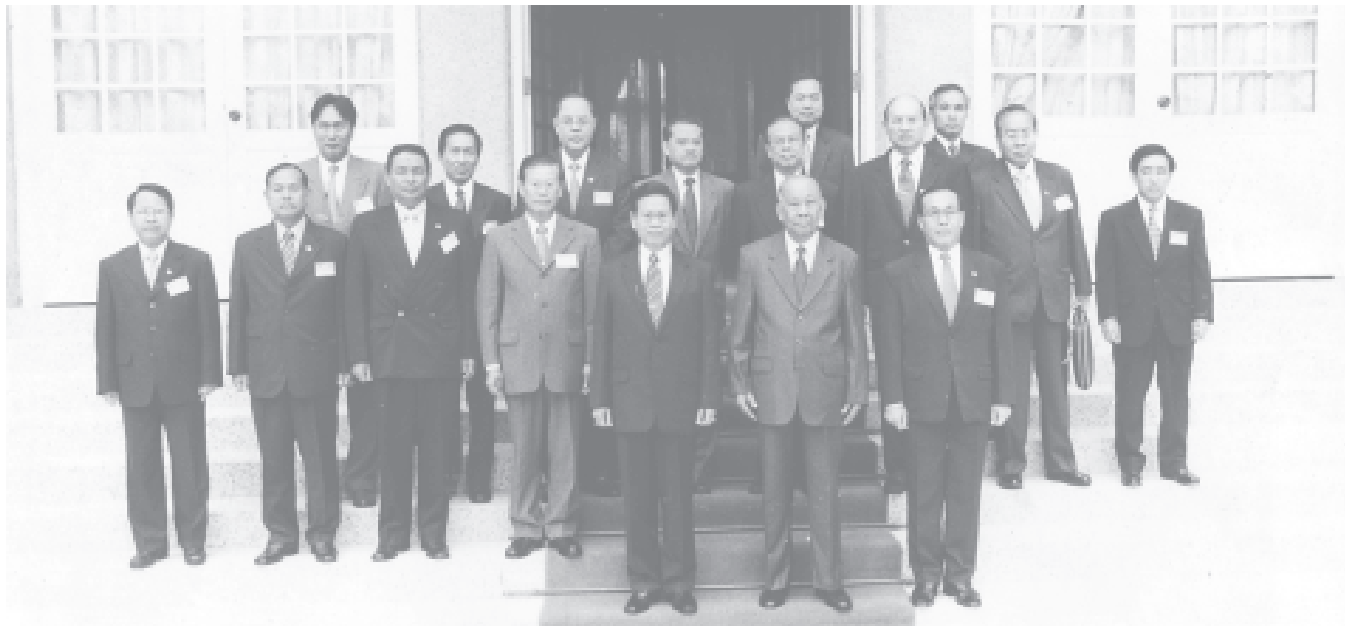
The Prime Minister and delegation left Vientiane for Cambodia by special flight.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents flower basket to dance troupe at the dinner hosted by Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith.

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*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party and Laotian President Mr Khamtay Siphandone and party pose for documentary photo in front of Presidential House on 10-8-2004.—MNA*



*Staff of Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché's Office pay respects to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt at Lao Plaza Hotel on 10-8-2004.—MNA*



*Secretary-I Lt-Gen Soe Win greets Laotian President Mr Khamtay Siphandone at Presidential House on 10-8-2004.—MNA*



*Laotian Deputy PM and Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Somsavat Lengsavad and party bid farewell to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party at Wattay International Airport.—MNA*

## PM General Khin Nyunt visits Lao PDR to further strengthen Myanmar-Lao friendship



*Laotian Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith greets Myanmar delegation members.—MNA*

**Existing fraternal ties between Myanmar and Laos further strengthened**



## Recycled bio gas electric power station opens in Baingda Village in Nyaunglebin

YANGON, 11 Aug—

The opening of recycled bio gas electric power station was held at Baingda Village in Nyaunglebin Township on 9 August, attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present were members of Division, District and Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations and local people.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivered a speech. He said now the government is building a modern developed nation. Electricity is essential for development of industries and uplift of living standard of the people. Therefore, the government has laid down plans for generating of electricity while endeavouring for emergence of a modern developed nation.

Out of 11 electric power projects, construction of 280-megawatt Paunglaung hydel power project, 75-megawatt Mone hydel power project and 120-megawatt Tikyit power project will be completed soon and the country will get more power supply year after year.

He said 75-megawatt Shwekyin hydel power project, 60-megawatt Kun Creek hydel power project, 32-megawatt Pyu Creek hydel power project, 30-megawatt Khabaung hydel power project and 25-megawatt Yenwe hydel power project are under construction in Bago Division. Arrangements have been made for construction of another two hydel power projects—Bawgahta and Thauk-yekhat—which will be able to generate 160 and 150 megawatts respectively.

As the government is implementing hydel power projects, it also provides assistance for construction of self-reliant small-scale



*In the presence of Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko formally unveils the bio gas electric power station. MNA*

hydel power stations and paddy husk-fired and recycled bio gas power station in villages. So small power stations including the present one that will be able to generate 50 kilowatts can be found in the country.

Next, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko spoke on the occasion.

Bago Division USDA had donated 1 million to the power station. Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko formally opened the signboard of the power station. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than launched the station.

After that, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected the power station. The power station uses paddy husk.

The establishment of the power station enables the locals to use electricity at a reasonable price. K 10.5 million was spent and the project was launched on 18 May 2004. The power station installed with a 100 HP engine can generate 50 kilowatt of electricity covering 326 households.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party attended opening of new two-storey school building of Basic Education Middle School in Kanyutkwin, Pyu Township. Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and CEC member of USDA Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min formally opened the new

school building. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than formally unveiled the stone inscriptions and sprinkled scented water on it and so did Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected the new two-storey school building and signed in the visitors' book of the school. Later, patron of the construction of the two-storey school building U Aung Myint explained the purpose of the donation and member of school board of trustees U Myint Maung handed over related documents of the school to Director

(Academic) U Tun Kyi of No 1 Basic Education Department.

The minister donated K 3 million; Captain Myint Lwin (Retd) of Bago, 90 sets of benches worth K 1.5 million; and Daw San Kyi of Kanyutkwin, four acres of land for construction of the school. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Headmistress Daw Khin Maw expressed her thanks.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than made a speech on the occasion, saying that the government has been taking measures for development

of human resources and enabling all school-going age children to attend classes so as to enhance the rural education standard. The government is building more basic education schools, upgrading the schools and appointing teachers where necessary. More and more multimedia classrooms are being opened thanks to the combination of the government and local wellwishers. The government designated 24 development regions and opened universities and hospitals. Therefore, local students have already got access to pursue higher education within the regions

of theirs. He urged officials to preserve the school for its durability, to come out intellectuals and intelligentsia, and the students to try their best in pursuing their education.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party, members of school board of trustees, teachers and students posed for a documentary photo. The school was built spending K 22 million and it is 140 feet in length and 30 feet in width. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected monsoon paddy plantations along Yangon-Mandalay Highway in Pyu, Nyaunglebin, Kyauktaga, DaikU and Bago townships. MNA



*Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects drilling of test well in Kyaukpadaung. — ENERGY*

## PM General Khin Nyunt pays courtesy ...

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Minister of Foreign Affairs of the LPDR Mr Somsavat Lengsavat, Minister and Chief of Cabinet of the Presidential Office Mr Souban Srithirath, Cabinet Minister Dr Phankham Viphavanh, Lao PDR Ambassador Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane and high ranking officials. Speaking on the occasion, Lao PDR President Mr Khamtay Siphandone said that Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt has been to the LPDR many times, so the Myanmar Prime Minister and they are friendly with each other like relatives. The two nations maintain fraternal relations with mutual respects as if they were brothers. Regarding the bilateral relations, friendship has been set up and mutual understanding built well in the range of heads of the nations to the lowest levels. Therefore, it is sure bilateral relations and cooperation will trend towards better conditions. He wish Myanmar leaders may make efforts with might and main in the interest of their nation. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that it is encouraging to hear the invaluable words of Laotian President Mr Khamtay Siphandone. Historically, the two nations have gained similar experiences. He expressed his belief that the two nations are brothers and thus will continue to cooperate with mutual support and help in the regional and international affairs. After the meeting, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party posed for a documentary photo together with Lao PDR President Mr Khamtay Siphandone and party. — MNA

## Chauk oil field, Sale fertilizer plant inspected

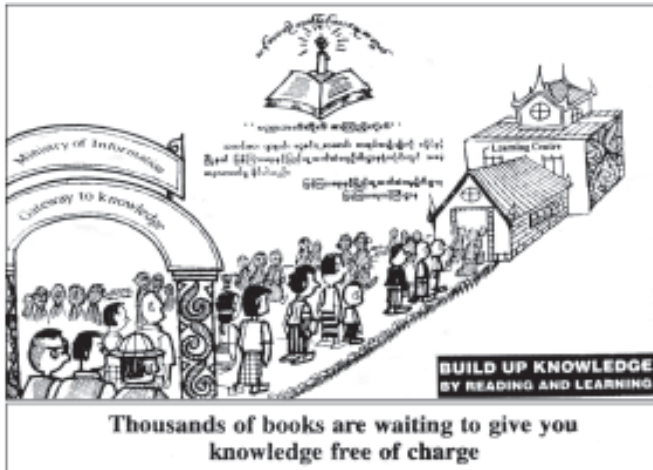
YANGON, 11 Aug — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspected Chauk Oil Field in Chauk Township, Magway Division, yesterday morning.

At the briefing hall, the oil field general manager and officials reported to the minister on production and functions of the divisions concerned. The minister gave instructions on security of the oil field and systematic use of funds and laid down future tasks for boosting production of oil and natural gas.

The minister inspected preparations for installation of pipelines across rivers. At Well No 1154, the minister saw over tasks of the well. The minister gave instructions on timely drilling of the well at over 8,000 feet deep, geological survey at Thagyitang, Sabei and Ayadaw regions and arrangements for drilling the wells.

At No 1 Fertilizer Plant (Sale), the minister heard reports on tasks being carried out by the Managing Director of Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise and officials.

In the evening, the minister proceeded to Ngashantaung region in Kyaukpadaung Township and inspected drilling of Ngashantaung Test-well being jointly undertaken by Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and Chinnery Assets Ltd (CAL). The minister instructed officials to continue drilling of new wells in Gwaycho/Ngashantaung regions so as to conduct survey prospects of oil and natural gas and worksite safety. Later, the minister inspected progress in drilling the well. — MNA



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### NASA says "Hubble" telescope instrument out of order

WASHINGTON, 10 Aug — An instrument that helped the orbiting *Hubble Space Telescope* look at black holes, newly forming stars and far-off galaxies has broken down, and NASA said on Monday it is looking at possible ways to fix it.

The instrument, called the Space Telescope Imaging Spectrograph, was installed in 1997 and was designed to operate for five years. But it may be possible to rescue some of its operations, NASA said.

MNA/Reuters

### Tanzanian park says drivers to be fined for ramming dead animals

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 10 Aug — Drivers, foreign or local, ramming dead wild animals in Tanzania's Mikumi National Park will be fined just as poachers, it was learned here Monday.

The fines will range from 50,000 Tanzanian shillings to 3.5 million shillings (50-3,500 US dollars) depend-



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### Cape Town floods leave thousands homeless

JOHANNESBURG, 10 Aug — Severe storms and flooding have forced thousands of people from their shanty homes in townships near Cape Town, officials said on Monday.

Council workers have set up emergency shelters in community halls for the homeless in the Cape Flats area, said Johan Minnie, spokesman for the city's disaster management centre. "There are 15,000 affected — but not all displaced. It's difficult to say how many are displaced," he said. "We are providing around 15,000 meals every day."

Winter floods often hit the sprawling Cape Flats, a densely populated area of slums and shanty towns rife with gang violence, and just a few miles away from the plush shopping centres and beaches that draw wealthy tourists to Cape Town from around the world.

MNA/Reuters

### Toxic weeds victimize livestock in Inner Mongolia

HOHHOT, 10 Aug — A poisonous weed in the grassland of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region has killed 1,180 livestock and poisoned 68,000, causing a loss of about 125,300 US dollars.

Statistics from the Stock-breeding Bureau of Alxa Left Banner (county) revealed that about 1.172 million hectares has been affected by the weed this summer.

Confirmed as a variation of *astragalus membranaceus* or the root of membranous milk vetch — a raw material for Chinese herbal medicines — this toxic weed grows and spreads very fast.

Livestock that ate it would become immobile and possibly die. —MNA/Xinhua

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### Doctor says acne treatment threatens pregnant women

BANGKOK, 10 Aug — Pregnant women should not use acne treatments or any other substance containing the retinoid isotretinoin or they will pose treats to the babies, said a dermatologist.

Pregnant women who use acne treatment ran the risk of miscarrying or crippling their baby, said Dr Prawit Phisanbutra, a lecturer at the department of pharmacology at Chulalongkorn University. Foetuses that have been exposed to isotretinoin can suffer facial defects, brain damage or in-vitro death. As many of the acne treatments contain Tetracycline, they can also lead to liver damage.

Tetracycline can prove toxic if it is ingested after the expiry date, said the doctor. Prawit meanwhile suggested people suffering from acne seek out advice from dermatologists. "It is the best solution."

If leave untreated, acne can in itself be fatal. Severe cystic acne, especially when it appears on the face, can create brain abscesses that ultimately kill the patient, Prawit said.

MNA/Xinhua

### Int'l seminar on Jewish culture to be held in N-E China

HARBIN, 10 Aug — An international seminar on Jewish history and culture will be held in Harbin, capital of China's northeast Heilongjiang Province, from 30 August to 2 September.

The seminar is sponsored by the Jewish Studies Centre with the Heilongjiang Provincial Academy of Social Sciences, the Association of Former Jewish Residents of China in Israel and Israel-China Friendship Society.

One hundred experts of Jewish culture and history from countries such as China, Israel, the United States, Britain, France and Russia and diplomats from Israeli Embassy in Beijing will attend the seminar, said information from the Heilongjiang Provincial Academy of Social Sciences.

During the seminar, participants will carry out discussions on topics ranging from the trend of Russian Jews flocking to China to the work of the Israel-China Friendship Society. — MNA/Xinhua

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John Shemkunde, head of the Mikumi National Park, has revealed alarming figures of animals killed by careless drivers especially at night along that road.

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## Brazil strengthens security in Tri-border area

BRASILIA, 11 Aug—Brazil has created a new police unit and will increase river and air patrols in its border region with Argentina and Paraguay to combat drugs and arms smuggling, federal police said on Monday.

The United States has pushed Brazil to step up security in the Tri-border area, which has a large Arab community and is known for smuggling as well as money-laundering.

The US Government says is a source of financing for Islamic militant groups.

The measures include the creation of a special police unit of 20 officers to patrol the waters of the Parana River and Itaipu Dam—the world's biggest—that form the border between the three countries.

They will be equipped with three new high-speed patrol boats and an airplane. The boats are armour-plated and have a fixed, heavy machine gun on board to catch smugglers' vessels. A new police headquarters is being built to house 250 officials.

"The government's concern is to step up patrols to counter rising crime," said a spokesman for the federal police in the state of Parana.

The effort represents another move by President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva's Gov-

ernment to clamp down on rising flows of drugs into Brazil, which is fuelling gang violence in cities. In July it decided to enact a law to shoot down aircraft suspected of smuggling drugs across its jungles.

Brazilian and Paraguayan police are adamant that the region's 12,000-strong Muslim community does not harbour militants, a view which US authorities have come to accept. However, they suspect that funding is raised there for Islamic militants.

The area is a major spot for smuggling, mainly of drugs, guns, cigarettes and alcohol from Paraguay to Brazil and Argentina. Cars stolen in Brazil are frequently taken into Paraguay. In 2003 there were 2,000 cases of suspected smuggling in the area, police said.

Much of the contraband is smuggled in cars across the bridge between Brazil and Paraguay, but criminals increasingly use boats to get their goods into Brazil as land patrols have been stepped up.

MNA/Reuters

## Thai firms urged to cut energy consumption

BANGKOK, 11 Aug—Thai firms are urged by the government to reduce the energy consumption by 20 per cent to offset rising oil prices, the state-run Thai News Agency reported here on Monday.

The demand was made by Finance Minister Somkid Jatusripitak at Sunday's meeting with leading private firms of the country. The companies have agreed to come up with their own methods to reduce energy consumption. With cooperation from the private sector, Somkid said he was confident that the energy consumption in Thailand would be reduced in a more concrete manner. Somkid added that he had assigned PTT Public Company Limited (PTT) to work out a guideline on ways to save energy and distribute it to shops and private organizations.

PTT President Prasert

Bunsumpun said reducing energy consumption by 20 per cent could save the country 100 billion bahts (about 2,380 million US dollars). He admitted that global fuel prices were likely to rise further until the end of the year since there were high external uncertainties and speculations by hedge funds upon concern over the violence in the Middle East.

Moreover, fuel prices will normally increase in an advent of winter season as many countries need to reserve oil for consumption. Retail petrol price in Thailand has now climbed to 19.99 bahts per litre. Despite major firms' agreement to help the government promote energy conservation drive, Dhanin Chearavanont, chairman of the CP Group, the country's largest agricultural conglomerate, said he would not commit to a price freeze on CP products. "We have to consider the actual outcome of the government's 20-per cent initiative. If other manufacturers raise their goods prices, we may have to follow suit," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## High temperatures to hit China

BEIJING, 11 Aug—China will experience its highest temperatures of the year over the next two days, said a Central Meteorological Station forecast.

The forecast said temperatures in some parts of East China, such as Zhejiang Province, north-east part of Jiangxi Province and north part of Fujian Province, will reach 40 degrees Celsius in the coming two to three days, while temperatures elsewhere will range from 35 to 38 degree Celsius.

The Central Meteorological Station has released a high-temperature warning for the week to remind citizens to prevent heatstroke and to arrange reasonable working plans.

The record high temperatures will continue to put pressure on the country's already strained power supply. The Central Meteorological Station warned relevant departments to arrange scientific power consumption.

MNA/Xinhua

## Bush nominates new CIA chief

WASHINGTON, 11 Aug—US President George W Bush has nominated Porter Goss, a Republican representative of the US House from Florida, as head of the Central Intelligence Agency to replace former CIA chief George Tenet. Bush announced the nomination at the White House Tuesday, saying that Goss has "strong experience" in the US intelligence service.

"He knows the CIA inside and out. He's the right man to lead this important agency at this critical moment in our nation's history," Bush said. But Bush's nomination must be approved by the Senate.—MNA/Xinhua



A man looks over a digital image on display screen in the art gallery at SIGGRAPH 2004, a computer graphics conference and exhibition in Los Angeles, California, on 10 August, 2004.—INTERNET

## World's first marine energy test centre opened in Scotland

ORKNEY ISLANDS, 11 Aug—The world's first marine energy test centre, the Europe Marine Energy Centre (EMEC), was opened Tuesday on Orkney Islands, Scotland.

This represented an ambitious move for Britain to become the world leader in the renewable industry.

Speaking at the opening, Deputy First Minister of Scotland Jim Wallace said, "The ongoing success of this centre will be pivotal to the growth of the marine energy sector both in Scotland and throughout the world."

At present, 10 per cent of the energy used in Britain is renewable and the government targets at 20 per cent by 2020. That means it will take full advantages of its highlands, islands and coasts to generate wind, wave and tidal energy. Orkney Islands, located in the north sea, is an ideal place for developing marine energy. The centre is located in a house beside the sea where the switchgear, control equipment, and grid connection to the British electricity grid were installed. From there, cables are run underground and along the seabed to four offshore testing berths.

Andrew Mill, the managing director of the centre, told Xinhua that the five million pound (nine million US dollar) project attracted a number of energy developers. A local company called Ocean Power Delivery is the first company to have a wave energy device on site. The 750-kilowatt wave energy converter is 150 metres long, 3.5 metres in diameter and 750 tons in weight, which looks like four train carriages.

MNA/Xinhua

## Breastfeeding moms hold 'nurse-in' at Starbucks

SEATTLE, 11 Aug—More than two dozen mothers staged a breastfeeding "nurse-in" at a Starbucks Corp store in Maryland over the weekend in an effort to get the world's largest coffee shop chain to adopt a policy allowing breastfeeding in all its US stores.

Lorin Charkoudian, who organized the event, said on Tuesday that she began her quest a month ago when she was nursing her 15-month-old daughter at the store in Silver Spring, Maryland, and was asked by a Starbucks employee to cover up with a blanket or breastfeed in the bathroom.

She protested and, after eventually reaching the regional vice president, got Seattle-based Starbucks to recognize a Maryland law that allows mothers to breastfeed their children in public.

Starbucks spokeswoman Audrey Lincoff said in a statement that the coffee chain "quickly apologized for her negative experience" and reminded employees at its Maryland stores to comply with the law. Charkoudian argues that

our stores, we welcome nursing mothers to our stores," Lincoff said in a prepared statement, "Starbucks complies with all applicable state and local laws regarding breastfeeding."

MNA/Reuters

## Flight turns back after cat scratches pilot

BRUSSELS, 11 Aug—A cat running loose on a Belgian commercial flight attacked a pilot and forced the crew to turn back to the airport.

The grey cat, named "Gin", broke out of its cage about 20 minutes after take-off and scurried to the cockpit where it scratched the co-

pilot, SN Brussels Airlines said on Tuesday. The flight with 62 crew and passengers had left Brussels for Vienna on Monday when the cat, a prized animal that travels to cat shows around the world, started wandering around the passenger cabin.

"The passenger was asleep and at that point the cat managed to escape the cage," an airline spokesman said. The cat managed to slip through the cockpit door as a flight attendant served lunch to the pilots.

MNA/Reuters

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## SPORTS

## Liverpool midfielder Murphy joins Charlton

LONDON, 11 Aug— Liverpool midfielder Danny Murphy has joined Charlton Athletic on a four-year deal for 2.5 million pounds, the Premier League club said on Tuesday.

The 27-year-old, who has nine England caps, had two years left on his contract at Anfield.

"Danny is a player we have been tracking for some time but he only became available last week," Charlton manager Alan Curbishley said on the club's web site.

"We moved in straight away and, although he was publicly linked with other clubs, we were always confident we would sign Danny."

Murphy had been in talks with Premier League rivals Tottenham Hotspur but the move fell through on Monday because he wanted a guarantee of first-team football.

Murphy joined Liverpool from Crewe Alexander in 1997 for 2.5 million pounds and made 249 appearances, scoring 44 goals.

MNA/Reuters



CSKA Moscow's Alexei Beresutskiy, left, competes for the ball with Glasgow Rangers' Ignacio Novo during their UEFA Champions League first leg qualifying soccer match in Moscow, on Tuesday, 10 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

## Sheringham gets West Ham off the mark

LONDON, 11 Aug— Former England striker Teddy Sheringham scored a fine late goal to give West Ham United a 1-0 home win over Reading and put them among a leading group in the English second division on Tuesday.

The 38-year-old Sheringham, lurking on the edge of the six-yard box, swept in a low shot to the far post from midfielder Luke Chadwick's cross from the right in the 81st minute.

Hammers manager Alan Pardew was delighted with the win over his former club but only after sorting out some problems at halftime, according to Sheringham.

"Reading had us on the rack in the first half but the manager put some things right at halftime," the ex-Manchester United and Tottenham Hotspur striker said.

Wigan won 2-0 at Millwall with second-half goals from Lee McCulloch and Jason Roberts to go top on goal difference after taking four points from two matches.

The other teams on four points are promoted Plymouth, 2-0 winners over 10-man Brighton, Cardiff City, who came from behind to beat Coventry 2-1, Stoke City, who drew 0-0 at Sheffield United despite being a man short for 39 minutes, and West Ham.

Leeds United, relegated from the Premier League in May, were checked in their bid for a quick return with a 2-1 defeat at modest Gillingham.

Leeds, who beat Derby County 1-0 at home in their opening game on Saturday, fell behind to a fourth-minute goal by Darren Byfield.

Iwan Roberts added the second on the stroke of halftime and defender Danny Pugh's late goal was merely a consolation for Leeds.

Brighton's Daniel Harding was sent off for a second bookable offence one minute before halftime at home to Plymouth.

Paul Wotton converted the 45th-minute penalty to put Plymouth two up after they had taken the lead with an own goal by Danny Cullip in the 11th.

MNA/Reuters

## Solskjaer likely to miss entire season

LONDON, 11 Aug— Manchester United forward Ole Gunnar Solskjaer is likely to miss the whole season after an arthroscopy showed there was still serious damage to a knee cartilage, the Premier League club said on Monday.

"Ole Gunnar Solskjaer underwent an arthroscopy yesterday (Sunday) in Gothenburg. This unfortunately confirmed persistent damage to the articular cartilage of his right knee," a United spokesperson told the club's official web site.

"He will undergo further treatment but it is likely that Ole will miss the whole of this season."

The 31-year-old Norway international missed five months of last season, from September to February, and a third of United's Premier League matches after undergoing surgery on the knee.

MNA/Reuters

## Greek police arrest Mexican "tramp", TV crew

ATHENS, 11 Aug— Greek police on Monday arrested a Mexican actor and his television crew in central Athens after he dressed up as a tramp and pretended to be shoplifting, authorities said.

This was the fourth incident involving Greek security forces, on high alert ahead of this week's Olympics, and Mexican television crews in the last seven days.

"The man was dressed as a tramp and pretended to be stealing things from a shop," a police spokeswoman told Reuters. "The Mexicans who work for Televisa told us they wanted to see and record the reaction of the people."

She said the shop owner was aware the man was an actor. The actor, his producer and his cameraman were arrested after locals spotted them at the foot of the Acropolis near the busy Plaka District and called the police. They were released after police checked their identity cards.

MNA/Reuters

## Sweden's Djurgarden hold Juventus to shock draw

TURIN, 11 Aug— Sweden's Djurgarden held Juventus to a 2-2 draw in the first leg of their Champions League third qualifying round on Tuesday, stunning the Italian giants in their first match under new manager Fabio Capello.

The Swedish champions took a two-goal lead before French striker David Trezeguet and Brazil midfielder Emerson, on his Juventus debut, dragged the Turin club back into the match.

"I am happy with the result because the way the game was going at one point we were really in a really bad position," Capello told reporters.

Djurgarden pressed Juventus from the start, forcing two early corners and a reaction save from goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon. After 30 minutes Fredrik Stenman struck a shot past Buffon but his effort was ruled offside.

Djurgarden took a shock lead when Andreas Johansson converted a penalty in first-half stoppage time after a foul by Alessio Tacchinardi.

TACCHINARDI.

The Swedish side then made it 2-0 four minutes into the second half when Tobias Hysen charged into the penalty area, latched on to a backheeled return pass from Johan Arneng and fired a shot past Buffon.

Juventus, missing injured Czech playmaker Pavel Nedved, pulled a goal back within a minute through Trezeguet, who intercepted a pass and, with Djurgarden's goalkeeper Demba Touray diving the wrong way, swivelled to score from close range.

Then Emerson, playing his first game for Juventus since following manager Capello from Roma to the Turin club, met a cross from Ruben Olivera at the far post and powerfully headed home to equalize.

MNA/Reuters

## Gerrard double earns Liverpool 2-0 win at Graz

VIENNA, 11 Aug— A goal in each half from captain Steven Gerrard gave Liverpool a 2-0 win in their Champions League third qualifying round first leg at Austrian champions Graz AK on Tuesday.

Despite the high stakes, Liverpool rested Michael Owen, increasing speculation that the England striker may be set to join Real Madrid.

New Liverpool coach Rafael Benitez was happy with his side's performance.

"We were strong on defence and sometimes on offence. It was very important for us to control the match from the beginning," he told reporters.

Gerrard's opening goal in the 23rd minute highlighted an exciting first half as Euro 2004 top scorer Milan Baros and new French signing Djibril Cisse attempted to get on the scoresheet for Liverpool.

The England midfielder's sweet drive into the top corner, which gave keeper Andreas Schranz no chance, followed smart play by Australian forward Harry Kewell, who knocked the ball back to Dietmar Hamann and allowed the German to square to Gerrard. Liverpool could have been two goals up within minutes but Baros and Cisse wasted good chances.

The English side kept up the pressure in the second half as Graz lost momentum. Gerrard had a scorching shot into the net disallowed but doubled his tally 11 minutes from time with another powerful strike into the far corner. —MNA/Reuters

## Greek President "bitter" over attacks on Games

ATHENS, 11 Aug— Greek President Costis Stephanopoulos on Monday said he was bitter at what he thought were unjustified attacks on the organizers of the 2004 Athens Olympics.

"Greece did her best to prove she deserved the honour and that she could stand up to the responsibility," Stephanopoulos told the opening of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) session in the Greek capital. "That is why I personally felt bitter when, beyond the balanced and justified recommendations voiced by your committee and by sincere friends of the Olympic idea, I came across a number of malevolent or ironical comments by others who were anticipating an organizational failure and rejoicing in advance."

Stephanopoulos said final conclusions could only be drawn at the end of the Games on August 29.

"What I cannot admit ... is the assertion that in awarding the Games to Greece you supposedly committed and error," he told the 120 plus members of the IOC.

"Greece does not claim any reward in

return for her past contribution to the Olympic idea, nor shall we request your indulgence in the aftermath of the Games.

"Yet, we want to convince everyone that our country undertook the organization of the Games with all the affection and the commitment that the Games deserve and fully conscious of the serious character of the exercise.

The preparations for the Games were plagued by delays and political infighting, but after a late scramble the infrastructure and facilities now look ready for Friday's opening.

Stephanopoulos said that Greece had "embarked on an effort to underscore the spiritual dimension of the Games".

"Since there were no sophists, orators, philosophers and poets around, whom we could entrust with duties during the Olympic Games, we greatly invested in theatrical performances, concerts, dance performances and painting exhibitions. —MNA/Reuters



A Greek worker fixes chairs at the Olympic Aquatic Centre in Athens on 10 August, 2004 as the US synchronized team members prepare for practice. The Athens 2004 Olympic Games run from 13-29 August. — INTERNET



**MRTV -3**
**12-8-2004 (Thursday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 9:06 The Beauty of Zwegabin and Livelihood of Kayin National
- 9:10 National News**
- 9:12 Traditional Food of the Region Myeik
- 9:15 National News**
- 9:20 Toddy Palm Arts
- 9:25 Scenic Beauty of Falam and Cultural Dance
- 9:28 Safari in Style
- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 Travelogue "Inlay"
- 9:40 Myanmar Modern Song "The Outstanding Ones"
- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 Traditional Art of Making Goldware
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**12-8-2004 (Thursday)  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 The Beauty of Zwegabin and Livelihood of

- Kayin National
- 15:40 National News**
- 15:42 Traditional Food of the Region Myeik
- 15:45 National News**
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- 16:30 National News**
- 16:35 Ornamental Jewellery of Outstanding Designs
- 16:40 SA-LE Monastery Decorated with Handicrafts
- 16:45 National News**
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- 16:55 Shutaing Thaswa Nandar Kan Ahla
- 17:00 National News**
- 17:05 Thabotseik Village on Seaside
- 17:10 Song "Wonderful Country"
- 17:15 National News**
- 17:20 The Splendour of Mt Victoria (Natmataung)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**12-8-2004 (Thursday)  
Evening Transmission  
(19:30 - 23:30)**

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

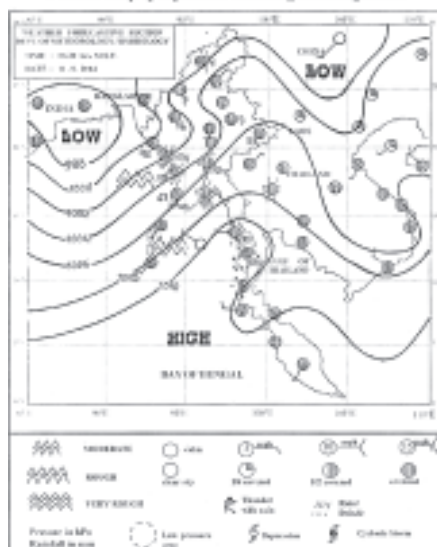
- Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 19:36 Yaw Clothes From Yaw Region
- 19:40 National News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes "Clam Omelette"
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:50 Bagan, Our Pride and Glory of the Past
- 19:55 Long Drum Folk Song & Dance
- 19:58 Village of "EN"
- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 Travelogue "Pyin Oo Lwin"
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Greetings From Chin Hills"
- 20:15 National News**
- 20:20 A visit to Lwe National
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern Song "Flowers in Profusion"
- 20:30 National News**
- 20:35 Pa-na-ma Aae' Khan Gita Than (Welcoming music, a curtain raiser)
- 20:40 Making Myanmar Marionette
- 20:45 National News**
- 20:50 Marquetry
- 20:55 Khame Traditional Cultural Dance
- 20:58 Women with Remarkable Necks
- 21:00 National News**
- 21:05 Myanmar As Told by History
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Loving Smile"
- 21:12 Ancient City, Pakhangyi
- 21:15 National News**
- 21:20 Wonderful Swiftlets Dwelling in House
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:35 The Beauty of Zwegabin and Live-

- lihood of Kayin National
- 21:40 National News**
- 21:42 Traditional Food of the Region Myeik
- 21:45 National News**
- 21:50 Toddy Palm Arts
- 21:55 Scenic Beauty of Falam and Cultural Dance
- 21:58 Safari in Style
- 22:00 National News**
- 22:05 Travelogue "Inlay"
- 22:10 Myanmar Modern Song "The Outstanding Ones"
- 22:15 National News**
- 22:20 Traditional Art of Making Goldware
- 22:25 Myanmar Modern Song "Secret Love"
- 22:30 National News**
- 22:35 Ornamental Jewellery of Outstanding Designs
- 22:40 SA-LE Monastery Decorated with Handicrafts
- 22:45 National News**
- 22:50 Red Panda
- 22:55 Shutaing Thaswa Nandar Kan Ahla
- 23:00 National News**
- 23:05 Thabotseik Village on Seaside
- 23:10 Song "Wonderful Country"
- 23:15 National News**
- 23:20 The Splendour of Mt Victoria (Natmataung)
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**Rainfall on 11-8-2004**

- 1.96 inches at Yangon Airport,
  - 1.77 inches at Kaba-Aye and
  - 1.77 inches at central Yangon.
- Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1946 mm (76.61 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1927 mm (75.87 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1915 mm (75.39 inches) at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER**

Wednesday, 11 August 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin State, scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division, isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Thandwe (7.44) inches, Pyapon (6.02) inches, Maungtau (4.17) inches, Ye (3.90) inches, Patheingyi (3.82) inches, Dawei (3.35) inches.

Maximum temperature on 10-8-2004 was 28.0°C (82°F). Minimum temperature on 11-8-2004 was 19.2°C (67°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 11-8-2004 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 10-8-2004 was (0.8) hour approx. Rainfall on 11-8-2004 was 50 mm (1.96 inches) at Yangon Airport, 45 mm (1.77 inches) at Kaba-Aye, 45 mm (1.77 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1946 mm (76.61 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1927 mm (75.87 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1915 mm (75.39 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 8 mph from Southwest at 18:40 hours MST on 10-8-2004.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is strong in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 12-8-2004:** Rain will be isolated in Kayin State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**State of the sea:** Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 12-8-2004:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 12-8-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Flood Bulletin**

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 11-8-2004)

The water level of Dokahtawady River at Myitnge is (17) cm (about 0.5 ft), above the danger level. The water level may rise about 0.5 ft above the present water level during the next (3) days commencing noon today.

The water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is (52) cm (about 2 ft), above the danger level. The water level may remain above the danger level during the next (5) days commencing noon today.


**Thursday, August 12  
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
- 7:50 am**
5. Dance of national races
- 8:00 am**
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am**
7. Dance variety
- 8:20 am**
8. ဘိုင်းဒါးရေလှောင်တံခွန်

- 8:30 am**
9. International news
- 8:45 am**
10. Let's Go
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အခင်းသစ်တစ်ခုရယ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ဒုတိယပိုဒ် (သဒ္ဒါစာ၊ စာတုစာ၊ အထူးပြုစာ) (စာတုစာ)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Cute little dancers
- 5:30 pm**
7. "သတိတရားရှိရုံကတိသက်အမှား" ကျော်မင်းမောင်၊ ကြည်လှိုင်လှိုင်၊ သကြီးအောင်၊ ခါရီကတိ-စောစောလှိုင်
- 5:45 pm**
8. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာကဏ္ဍ

- 6:00 pm**
9. Musical programme
- 6:15 pm**
10. နိုင်ငံအဝန်းသစ်တောစွမ်းပြိုင် စိမ်းလန်းရေးရည်
- 6:30 pm**
11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ "လူမှုနိမိတ်ကောင်း" (အပိုဒ်-၁)
- 7:30 pm**
14. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm**
15. မြန်မာပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 pm**
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. စကားသစ်အကြောင်း (သဘာဝ) မြန်မာစာရင်းစာအုပ်အမှတ်အားဖြင့် အတီး၊ အရေး၊ အတီး ပြိုင်ပွဲ "ဆန်ဆန်စိမ်းစာတိုကောင်းကြီး" (ဝတ်စုံ) (ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း-၁) (ဒုတိယပိုဒ်)
20. The next day's programme


**Thursday, August 12  
Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: Can't get you out of my world
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: Mysterious time
- 8:50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music: We've got tonight
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music: Don't go away
- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Lunch time music -Twenty five lovers -Cover girl -Diamonds never make a lady -Baby
- 9:00 pm** Aspects of Myanmar
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Pourri
- 9:30 pm** Favourite songs chosen by music lovers
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



**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

## PM General Khin Nyunt pays courtesy call on Laotian President Myanmar and Laos friendly with each other like relatives Two nations to continue to cooperate with mutual support, help in regional and international affairs

YANGON, 11 Aug — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt paid a courtesy call on President of the Lao People's Democratic Republic Mr Khamtay Siphandone at the hall of the Presidential House in Vientiane at 8.10 am yesterday morning.

Also present 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, 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 for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister for



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt pays courtesy call on Laotian President Mr Khamtay Siphandone at Presidential House in Vientiane on 10-8-2004.— MNA

**Myanmar and Lao PDR maintain fraternal relations with mutual respects like brothers.**

Regarding the bilateral relations, friendship has been set up and mutual understanding built well from heads of the nation to the lowest levels. Therefore, it is sure bilateral relations and cooperation will be better.

*President Mr Khamtay Siphandone*

Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Myanmar Ambassador to Laos U Tin Oo and departmental heads.

The Laotian President was accompanied by Deputy Prime Minister and

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**Historically, the two nations have gained similar experiences. It is believed that the two nations are brothers and thus will continue to cooperate with mutual support and help in the regional and international affairs.**

*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt*

## Use of compressed natural gas demonstrated



State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects parts of vehicles which will use compressed natural gas. — ENERGY

YANGON, 11 Aug — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win this afternoon attended the demonstration of the use compressed natural gas to be substituted for fuel of automobiles at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Energy this afternoon.

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**The Ministry of Energy carried out tests on compressed natural gas in 1986. Since then gas cars have been used safely, drawing the attention of car owners. So, the ministry will install gas tanks to more cars.**

Compressed natural gas brings such benefits as saving of fuel, effective use of locally produced gas, prevention of air pollution, speedy flow of passengers and commodities, and catching up with modern technology.