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YANGON, 14 Aug — Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Mr Zeng Qinghong, Vice-President of the People's Republic of China for the great loss of life and property caused by the devastating earthquake occurred in Yunnan Province and by the typhoon that swept the eastern coast of the People's Republic of China. — MNA

Township level officials are to set up model farms and to distribute quality pedigrees and livestock breeding techniques, to make arrangements for prevention of diseases and for conservation of forests, and to make plans for conservation of the existing forest reserves.

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt formally unveils the signboard of the e-Library in Magway. — MNA

Development of a township depends on concerted efforts, diligence and goodwill of departmental officials Only when there is rural region development, will the whole Union develop Prime Minister inspects development projects in Magway Division

YANGON, 14 Aug — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Develop-

ment Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left here by air and arrived at Magway in Magway Division on 13 August morning.

They were welcomed there at Magway Airport by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Develop-

ment Council Col Zaw Min, civilian and military officers and members of social organizations.

Together with Col Zaw Min, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Aunglan, where they were welcomed by local authorities, service personnel and social organi-

zations. Chairman of the National Health Committee General Khin Nyunt went to Aunglan People's Hospital. Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Maung Yu and medical staff welcomed them at the hospital.

The General looked into the X-ray room, store, op-

eration theatre and wards of the facility and attended to the needs.

The General met members of Township PDC, departmental officials, social organizations and local senior citizens at Aungmye Shwe Wah Hall in Aunglan.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Help implement greening projects

Myanmar is mostly lush and green blessed with natural resources. But, it is dry and hot in the central part of the country and trees are rarity in the region. Due to the fact that the weather in these regions is irregular and erratic, water is scarce for both agricultural purpose and household use.

Therefore, measures are being taken by the State to conserve the natural environment. In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe on conservation of natural resources, the nine-district Greening Project was implemented in 1994.

Under the project, forest plantations have been established in Monywa, Sagaing, Myingyan, Meiktila, Yamethin, Pakokku, Minbu, Magway and Thayet districts. Now, the project has been expanded to 13 districts also covering Gangaw, NyaungU, Kyaukse and Shwebo districts.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party, on 4 August, made inspection tour of Yesagyo in Pakokku District, Magway Division and fulfilled the requirements in education, health, agriculture and livestock breeding and rural development.

In meeting with service personnel, townselders and members of social organizations at the office of Yesagyo Township Peace and Development Council, the Prime Minister said that as the region is in the dry zone, regional greening tasks are to be undertaken covering the projects to set up tree plantations, re-generation of hills including the Shinnataung.

As Yesagyo region is located in the arid zone, river water pumping stations are being built to supply water for agricultural purpose. With the development in the agriculture sector of the region, efforts are to be made for local food sufficiency. Myanma Agriculture Service is to develop a high-yield paddy strain that suits the dry region and to lead farmers for agricultural progress.

In the livestock breeding sector, the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries is to provide assistance including setting up of model farms for the region to conduct breeding of pig, goat, sheep and cow that suit the region.

Farmers, on their part, are to extend cultivation of edible oil crops and beans and pulses that grow well in the region.

We would like to urge local farmers to expand their agricultural and livestock breeding business while actively participating in greening projects that will contribute much towards greening a their environs.

Meeting of ASEAN experts on international trade of endangered flora and fauna to be held

YANGON, 14 Aug—The Third Working group Meeting of ASEAN experts on international trade of endangered flora and fauna will be held at Sedona Hotel here from 17 to 19 August 2004. — MNA

*The best time to plant a tree
was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.*

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



Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe delivers an address at the opening ceremony. — F&R



UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing presents a certificate to a trainee. — UMFCCI

Training course concludes

YANGON, 14 Aug— The training course on human resource development, jointly sponsored by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry and the AOTS of Japan, concluded at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel here at 6.30 pm on 13 August.

Present on the occasion were UMFCCI President U Win Myint, officials, course instructors and trainees. The 10-day course was attended by 40 trainees.

MNA

Table-tennis Tournament opens

YANGON, 14 Aug—The First Table-tennis Tournament of the Ministry of Finance & Revenue was opened with ceremony at the hall of the Myanmar Table-tennis Federation at the National Swimming Pool on U Wisara Road here at 8 am today. Deputy Minister for Finance & Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe delivered an address and declared the tournament open. Next, Chairman of the Table-tennis Sub-committee of the Ministry of Finance & Revenue Managing Director of Myanma Investment and Commercial Bank U Mya Than presented K 200,000 donated by the ministry for the Myanmar Table-tennis Federation to the MTF President. Altogether 12 teams are taking part in the tournament. — MNA

Special Appellate Bench hears special appeal cases

YANGON, 14 Aug — The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of the Supreme Court U Thein Soe, and Supreme Court (Yangon) Justices Dr Tin Aung Aye and U Chit Lwin, sat at Court Room No 1 of Supreme Court (Yangon) this morning and delivered judgments on three special civil appeal cases and eight special criminal appeal cases.

They also heard three special civil appeal cases filed under Section 7 of the Judiciary Law 2000. — MNA

Open Golf C'ship of Myanmar Golf Tour 2004 continues

YANGON, 13 Aug— Shwesaryan Open Golf Championship, first leg of Myanmar Golf Tour 2004, organized by the Myanma Professional Golfers Association and the Myanmar Golf Federation, continued for the third day at Shwesaryan Golf Resort in Mandalay at 7.30 am today.

After the third day 18-hole round, Soe Kyaw Naing (Pan-West) maintained his lead in the professional golfers event with 211 strokes. His runners-up were Zaw Zaw Latt (Pan-West) with 213 strokes, Min Naing (Srixon) with 220 strokes, and Aung Win (YCDC) with 221 strokes.



In the men's amateur event, Aung Aung Kyaw

and Myo Min Aung were leading with 226 strokes. Naing Naing Lin was in the second place with 227 strokes followed by Zaw Zin Win with 229 strokes.

Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd sponsored the championship together with co-sponsors — Air Mandalay, Tiger Beer, Alpine Drinking Water, Htoo Trading, KM Golf Centre, Maruman, Tour Stage, Srixon, Wilson, Grandslam (Munsing Wear), Accel International Co Ltd (Canon), Sedona Hotel (Mandalay), and Sun Far Travels & Tours.

The Open Golf Championship continues tomorrow.

MNA



Professional golfer Soe Kyaw Naing takes part in the golf tourney. — MGF

Protests erupt in five Iraqi cities over Najaf

BAGHDAD, 13 Aug — Mass protests against the US assault on the sacred Shi'ite city of Najaf broke out in five Iraqi cities on Friday, with some demonstrators calling for interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi to step down.

In one of the biggest protests, enraged Iraqis in the southern town of Diwaniya swarmed over the local office of his political party,

ripping down signs and throwing rocks.

A military offensive by US and Iraqi forces against militiamen of radical Shi'ite

cleric Moqtada al-Sadr has inflamed passions among Iraq's majority Shi'ites.

Thousands also protested in central Baghdad, Kufa

and Samawa. The military campaign infuriated residents of the Sunni-dominated town of Fallujah, a hotbed of resistance.

About 3 thousand demonstrators marched in the centre of Fallujah carrying pictures of Sadr and placards denouncing the US bombing of Najaf, where the cleric and his followers are surrounded.

"Long live Sadr. Fallujah stands by Najaf against America," the demonstrators shouted.

Internet



Supporters of Moqtada al-Sadr rally during a demonstration in Fallujah, Iraq, on 13 August, 2004. — INTERNET

Sadr sets 10 conditions for truce

BAGHDAD, 13 Aug — Iraqi radical Shi'ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr has set 10 conditions for a truce with US and Iraqi forces, one of his spokesmen said Friday.

The conditions were announced at a Press conference in the Iraqi holy city of Najaf by Sheikh Ali Sumeisim.

According to Sumeisim, Sadr is ready to let his Mehdi Army pull out of Najaf once coalition forces and Iraqi army withdraw and religious authorities agree to administer the city.

Sadr also demands the release from jail of all his followers who took part in the resistance and restoration of all basic

services in Najaf, Sumeisim said.

Meanwhile, Sadr wants his Mehdi Army to be granted an amnesty and allowed to participate in the country's political process, the spokesman added.

However, Iraqi Minister of State Qassim Dawoud told al-Arabiya TV channel that he was not aware of these conditions albeit he was attending a cabinet meeting in the afternoon. But he said he could see several positive points in these conditions. — Internet

Nigeria boosts agricultural research for food security

LAGOS, 13 Aug — Nigeria is boosting agricultural research to improve the availability and accessibility of food in the West African country, a senior official said here Wednesday.

"Since the ecological condition of Nigeria does not permit the transfer of better crop yields from abroad, we have through research developed indigenous better yielding crop varieties like the 'Oloyi,' a local maize variety," said Benjamin Ogunbodele, director general of the Nigeria Store Product Research Institute (NSPRI).

He said however that more efforts were needed to develop agriculture in Africa's most populous country as food supply was still hampered by the use of crude implements, the decline in soil fertility, ravaging impact of pest and weed and inadequate irrigation facilities.

Agricultural production in Nigeria has been on the decline over the years. For instance, from a contribution of 31 per cent to gross domestic product in 2002, it declined to 27 per cent in 2003.

The official said the gov-

ernment was making efforts to provide infrastructure like roads and electricity in the rural areas to retain the

youths in villages for agriculture, as there was high unemployment in the urban centres. — MNA/Xinhua

IFAW moves to curb elephant poaching in Congo's Garamba Park

NAIROBI, 13 Aug — The International Fund for Animal Welfare (IFAW) announced here Wednesday that it will work with other organizations to curb poaching in Garamba National Park in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

Covering 4,900 square kilometres, Garamba is located in the northeast corner of the DRC and supports a major population of elephants.

Garamba Park was declared a World Heritage Site in 1980, and was listed as a World Heritage Site in Danger in 1996.

However, in recent years, the park has faced significant challenges, including poaching from armed Sudanese and lack of resources, resulting in a significant loss of wildlife, IFAW's East Africa Regional office said in a Press release.

The elephant population has been decimated from 11,000 in 1995 to 1,453 in 2003. The park is also the last refuge of the northern white rhino which is the rarest sub-species of large mammals on earth. The rhino population was reduced from 1,500 between 1960 and 1965 to an estimated 100 individuals today, according to the release.

MNA/Xinhua

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US military deaths in Iraq climbs to 930

BAGHDAD, 13 Aug — As of Friday, 13 August, 930 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 692 died as a result of hostile action and 238 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 63 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 792 US soldiers have died 583 as a result of hostile action and 209 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defence Department. — Internet

Iranians protest US actions in Iraq

TEHRAN, 13 Aug — Thousands of Iranians marched through the streets of Teheran on Friday to protest US military actions in Iraq after a senior hard-line cleric praised the resistance of Shi'ite Muslim guerillas in Najaf.

Chanting "Death to America" and burning US flags, the protesters flooded streets in central Teheran carrying banners proclaiming: "Death to the occupiers" and "American democracy massacre of innocent people." Similar state-sponsored rallies were planned across the country.

Shia Muslim Iran has consistently called for US-led forces to leave Iraq and expressed outrage at the presence of multinational forces in holy Shia cities Najaf

and Kerbala.

"They (Americans) want to fully eliminate Islamic groups from the Iraqi scene and give power to a laic group who are US agents," Ayatollah Ahmad Jannati told worshippers at Friday prayers in Teheran before the protest march started. "I must appreciate those who are resisting around the holy shrine (of Imam Ali in Najaf) against the bloodthirsty wolves," he said.

Internet



Iranian protesters burn a US flag during a demonstration after Teheran's Friday prayers, on 13 August 2004. — INTERNET

Security still key obstacle for Iraq contractors

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug — US officials say billions will be spent in the coming months rebuilding Iraq but some development experts say progress has been too slow in a wildly dangerous place where security still hampers work.

Progress in water and electricity — key sectors meant to bring more stability to Iraq — has been slower than expected with contractors struggling to get work done in the face of mounting attacks and kidnappings.

"It's security, security, security. That's what's affecting a lot of our work," said one US Government

contractor, who asked not to be named.

"What's really key here is how does safety input what you are doing and how much can you do. At what point do we say 'it's all not worth it?'" he said.

Iraqis have been critical of what they say is the slow pace of reconstruction, a factor that has fuelled anti-

American sentiment on the street.

Security has slowed down a lot of the work funded by 18.4 billion US dollars set aside by the US Congress last year to rebuild Iraq but some experts say the US approach to reconstruction was misguided in the first place and poor postwar planning was to blame. — MNA/Reuters

London confirms British journalist kidnapped in Iraq

LONDON, 13 Aug — A freelance journalist working for the *Sunday Telegraph* in Iraq has been kidnapped in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, Britain's Foreign Office in London said.

"We can confirm that James Brandon, a British national, has been kidnapped in Basra," a Foreign Office spokeswoman told AFP.

"We are urgently liaising with the local authorities. We are in touch with his next of kin," she said. "The last thing

we want to do is raise the profile of this case any further."

Sunday Telegraph deputy editor Matthew d'Ancona said in a written statement that they were greatly concerned by the abduction.

"James Brandon was in Basra filing materials for this

Sunday newspaper amongst other projects," he said.

Hotel employees in Basra told AFP earlier Friday that a man registered as "working for the *Sunday Telegraph*" had been abducted from the hotel.

About 20 masked gunmen,

some wearing police uniform, stormed into the Al-Diyafa hotel at about 11.00 pm (1900 GMT) and dragged the bleeding man out after shots were fired, said a hotel employee, who wished to remain anonymous.

A video tape was released showing a hooded militant standing next to a bare-chested Brandon wearing what appeared to be a white bandage on his head.

Internet



US soldiers check an Iraqi man and his car in the southern city of Najaf, at dusk, on 13 August, 2004. —INTERNET

Malaysian police bust drug distribution syndicate

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 Aug — Kuala Lumpur Police said on Thursday they have busted a drug distribution syndicate with the arrest of two men and the seizure of some four kilos of heroin in the city's suburbs last night.

The city's police chief for Brickfields, Zulhasnan Najib Baharudin, told reporters that the two men aged 26 and 34, believed to be the syndicate masterminds, were caught red-handed with the drugs in the 11.30 pm raid at a flat in Sri Sentosa off Jalan Klang Lama.

He said the unprocessed heroin was believed in the midst of being refined to be packaged into smaller sachets to be sold for 200 ringgit (52.63 US dollars) each. Police also seized apparatus including a digital weighing machine, plastic bags, rub-

ber hose and candles as well as a mobile phone and cash.

Under Section 39B of the Malaysia Dangerous Drugs Act 1952 it carries the mandatory death sentence upon conviction. He said the drug syndicate was believed to have been operating for the past four years distributing drugs in Lembah Pantai, Pantai Dalam, Brickfields and Jalan Klang Lama, suburbs of the capital.

Zulhasnan said police believed the syndicate operated a drug processing centre and they were hot on its

trail. It is estimated that some 30,000 addicts are sent to rehabilitation centres in various parts of the country each year, and of the number, 70 per cent are aged between 19 and 39. — MNA/Xinhua

Romania, Germany to further develop economic ties

BUCHAREST, 13 Aug — Romanian Prime Minister Adrian Nastase said Thursday that his country will develop economy by taking advantage of Germany's economic strength and boost bilateral economic relations to a new level.

Nastase made the remarks during a meeting with visiting German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

Romania expects Schroeder's visit will help

Ugandan govt releases \$5.7m for school feeding

KAMPALA, 13 Aug — The Ugandan Government has provided 10 billion shillings (about 5.7 million US dollars) for the Home Grown School Feeding Programme during the current financial year which started on 1 July.

Uganda's state-owned newspaper *The New Vision* on Thursday commended that hunger in primary schools will soon be history as the government has provided the money to the programme. — MNA/Xinhua

promote bilateral economic and trade ties and attract more investments from Germany.

During a meeting between Romanian and German entrepreneurs Thursday, the two countries signed eight commercial contracts and economic agreements.

Germany is Romania's second biggest trade partner. Trade between the two countries totalled 6.3 billion US dollars in 2003 and reached 3.77 billion US dollars in the first six months of this year. Germany's investment amounted to 948 million US dollars up to June, 2004, ranking third after the Netherlands and France.

Germany's investments in Romania focus on energy projects, infrastructure construction, auto parts and commerce. — MNA/Xinhua

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US soldier killed in Najaf

NAJAF, 13 Aug — A U.S. soldier was killed during fighting in Najaf, the military said on Friday. The soldier, from a special forces unit, was killed during a raid on Thursday on a school in the holy city of Najaf, where militia loyal to radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr have been fighting US and Iraqi forces for over a week.

US and Iraqi forces scaled down an offensive against Shiite militiamen in the holy city Najaf Friday to let government officials pursue talks with supporters of Moqtada al-Sadr to end more than a week fighting, a military official said.

Internet

Massive rally in Bahrain to protest US blitz in Iraq

MANAMA, 14 Aug — More than 10,000 people led by religious leaders, members of Parliament and political figures took to the streets of Manama yesterday to protest the US blitz of the Shiite holy cities in Iraq.

The late afternoon march brought traffic to a halt on one side of the highway leading to the capital's commercial centre.

The protesters marched down a major highway in the Seef district of Manama chanting anti-US slogans. They demanded a halt to hostilities and held the United States responsible for any "desecration" and destruction that results from the attack.

Women marchers, covered head to toe in black robes, followed the men, all of them demanding that America leave Iraq and let the people decide their own future.

In Najaf, nine days of fighting between US forces and Moqtada Sadr's militia

was suspended yesterday for truce talks. Before Thursday, the US military has estimated that hundreds of militias had been killed in the Najaf fighting since it began last week, but the militants dispute the figure.

The protesters called on the Iraqi political factions to resolve their differences through dialogue to spare the Iraqi people further pain and spare Iraq further destruction.

Internet

British journalist freed in Basra

BASRA, 13 Aug — Iraq resistance fighters have released a British journalist taken captive in the Iraqi city of Basra on Friday, witnesses said.

James Brandon, who was working for Britain's *Sunday Telegraph* newspaper, was handed over to the Basra office of Shia leader Moqtada al-Sadr.

"I'm grateful to the Mahdi Army and I'm in good health now," Brandon told reporters shortly after his release.

Brandon, said he was treated roughly at first, but then the mood of his captors softened.

Al-Sadr's office were instrumental in securing his release.

Al-Sadr's followers in the Mahdi Army have been involved in a resistance battle against the US-led occupation in Najaf since 5 August. — Internet

Dutch economy grows by 1% in second quarter

BRUSSELS, 13 Aug — The Dutch economy grew by 1 per cent in the second quarter of this year, mainly thanks to exports, official figures indicated on Thursday.

The Central Bureau of Statistics of the Netherlands, known as the CBS, published a report Thursday comparing growth in the second quarter this year with the same period the year before. The rise in productivity per worker was "considerable", the CBS noted on its web site.

It has forecast growth for the whole of 2004 will reach 1.25 per cent, compared with a fall of 0.9 per cent for 2003.

But it also noted that Dutch economic growth is still well behind other European countries, with Germany and France also publishing figures on Thursday putting their growth at 2 and 2.2 per cent, respectively, said the CBS.

The value of Dutch exports rose 6.7 per cent in the second quarter of 2004 compared with the same period last year, the largest growth since the end of 2000.

Export growth in the first quarter of this year was up 2.3 per cent. Exports rose by 5.5 per cent in the period April to June 2004, according to the CBS. — MNA/Xinhua



A militiaman loyal to radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr carries a grenade launcher in Baghdad's predominantly Shiite Sadr City on 13 August 2004.

INTERNET

Reform group slams overcrowding in British prisons

LONDON, 13 Aug — Overcrowding in prisons in England and Wales has hit record levels with inmates having to defecate in front of one another and eat meals sitting on the toilet, a penal reform charity said on Friday.

A report by the Prison Reform Trust (PRT) said the cramped conditions in nearly two thirds of jails had contributed to a significant rise in drug abuse and violence.

It criticized Britain's Prison Service for failing to meet seven of its 18 key performance targets last year, including those related to drugs, serious assaults and overcrowding.

Around 16,500 prisoners are living in cells designed for one inmate but holding two, the Trust said.

The number of positive random drug tests rose to 12.3 per cent against a target of 10 per cent. The ratio of serious assaults was also up, meaning the Prison Service had

failed to meet its target on violence for the seventh successive year.

"This report demonstrates that overcrowded jails don't work. They are unsafe, inhumane, and ineffective," the report's author Enver Solomon said.

The Trust said there were 75,146 prisoners in England and Wales on 1 August, 2004, a rise of 1,235 from last year. Of 138 prisons, 83 were overcrowded, it added.

The Prison Service said in its annual report issued last month that it had made progress and achieved good results in education and resettlement and in cutting the number of escapes.

MNA/Reuters

Kerry slams Bush's tax cuts plan during California campaigning

LOS ANGELES, 13 Aug — US Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry on Thursday slammed President George W Bush's tax cuts policies, saying that they failed to create jobs and spur economic growth.

In his speech at California State University in Carson, Kerry said that the country could return to the prosperous years it enjoyed under former president Bill Clinton, Bush's Democrat predecessor.

"Let's not forget what we did in the 1990s," Kerry said. "We (Democrats) balanced the budget. We paid down the debt. We created 23 million new jobs. We lifted millions out of poverty and we lifted the standard of living for the middle class."

"Over the last four years, again and again, we were promised that tax cuts for the wealthiest individuals would create millions of new jobs," he added. "Instead, we've lost jobs, and these unaffordable tax cuts have led America into deficits as far as the eye can see."

Since Bush took office, 1.1 million jobs have been lost, and last week, the government reported that just

32,000 net jobs were added in July, the smallest gain in hiring since December.

Kerry also criticized Bush for saying this week that the country should "explore seriously" a proposal to replace the income tax with a national sales tax, saying the notion added "insult to injury. (Americans) will go back to paying the same taxes they paid when Bill Clinton was president, a time when the rich got richer, and so did everyone else," Kerry said, vowing to cut taxes for the middle class.

Kerry's economic plan includes increased tax breaks for health care and college tuition, as well as an increased child tax credit. Kerry also wants to help companies create jobs with a tax credit that would cover the employer's payroll taxes for a short time.

Kerry will travel to Oregon after his short stay in California to start the two-

week tour focused on economy and jobs.

A *Time* magazine poll this week showed that 27 per cent of Americans put the economy as the election's top issue, ahead of the war against terrorism. Another poll showed that Kerry led Bush with a 52-37 per cent on voter confidence in their ability to steer the economy.

MNA/Xinhua

Zimbabwe to introduce import tracking control

HARARE, 13 Aug — The central bank of Zimbabwe will introduce an Import Tracking Control Number (ITCN) for the importation of goods and services and for other users of foreign currency to protect the country's scarce foreign currency, according to the *Herald* newspaper on Thursday.

As spelt out in the second quarter review of the monetary policy statement, the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe (RBZ) has moved a gear up in introducing the cheques and balances in all foreign currency transactions.

This initiative was mooted following the realization that some importers and foreign currency dealers abused the standing foreign currency regulations for purposes other than what they were designed for, such as repeated access of foreign exchange on the auction for externalization motives, hoarding foreign currency using fake import bills for material not currently required, cancellation of import orders after accessing foreign currency.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis march from the nearby town of Kufa, to show their support to militiamen in Najaf, on 13 August, 2004. —INTERNET

Najaf deputy governor resigns to protest fighting in holy city

BAGHDAD, 13 Aug — The deputy governor of Najaf has resigned in protest against the US offensive in the city as fighting between US Marines and Mahdi fighters entered a second week, Qatar-based al-Jazeera TV channel reported Thursday.

"I resign from my post denouncing all the US terrorist operations that they are doing against this holy city," the channel quoted Jawdat Kadhu Najim al-Kuraishi, deputy governor of Najaf, as saying on Thursday.

The resignation came as explosions and machine-gun fire echoed from the southern parts of the city. Smoke could be seen from the area early on Thursday, witnesses said.

There were also reports that the occupation troops and Iraqi forces had blocked off all roads leading to the Imam Ali shrine located in the heart of Najaf.

Fighting in Najaf entered

its second week as the clashes broke out on Thursday at around 7 am (0300 GMT) with the US occupation forces backed by two heli-

copters flying over the central Iraqi town's Shiite cemetery, a stronghold of the Mahdi army.

MNA/Xinhua

At least 72 killed in Iraq's Kut fighting

KUT (Iraq), 13 Aug — At least 72 people were killed and 148 wounded on Thursday in US air raids and fighting between the Iraqi police and Shiite militia in the southern city of Kut, a Health Ministry official said.

Falah al-Dirmani told *Reuters* the casualties were taken to hospitals in the city, 105 miles southeast of Baghdad. Security sources said most of the victims fell when US warplanes bombed a district controlled by Mahdi Army militia at dawn.

Mahdi Army militiamen, loyal to firebrand cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, had killed five police in clashes on Wednesday. — MNA/Reuters

US federal budget deficit hits new record

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug — US federal budget deficit hit a record of 395.8 billion dollars in the first 10 months of the current fiscal year, which ends on 30 September, the Treasury Department said Wednesday.

The 395.8-billion-dollar deficit was up 22 per cent from the same period a year earlier and now has passed the record deficit of 374.3 billion dollars for all of last year.

Through the first 10 months of this fiscal year, the US Government collected revenues of 1.53 trillion dollars, showing 4 per cent more than was collected during the same period in 2003.

However, the government has spent 1.93 trillion dollars, which represents a 7.2-per-cent increase over spending in the same period in 2003. In July, federal deficit totalled 69.2 billion dollars, up 27.5 per cent from the shortfall of 54.2 billion dollars a year earlier. Revenues in July this year stood at 134.4 billion dollars and outlays at 203.6 billion dollars.

The US Government is expecting the deficit for all of the 2004 budget year to be 445 billion dollars. The defi-

cit forecast of 445 billion dollars for the entire fiscal year was reduced on July 30 from the 521 billion dollars budget gap the Bush Administration had estimated in early February.

The Congressional Budget Office has also revised its 2004 deficit fore-

cast down to 422 billion dollars from the 477-billion-dollar deficit it estimated at the beginning of this year.

This year will be the third budget deficit in a row after four straight years of surpluses that reflected the economic boom of the 1990s.

MNA/Xinhua

US commercial oil inventories down sharply last week

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug — The commercial inventories of crude oil in the United States declined sharply last week at a time when the US energy prices continued soaring in recent weeks, a US Energy Department report showed on Wednesday. The report said that crude oil inventories fell by 4.3 million barrels to 294.3 million barrels in the week ending on August 6. It compared with an inventory of 280.2 million barrels at the same time of last year.

US stocks of gasoline also dropped by 1.8 million barrels to 208.3 million barrels in the last week.

Meanwhile, a parallel survey by the American Petroleum Institute showed that US crude oil stocks slumped by 5.2 million barrels to 294.3 million barrels last week and gasoline stocks fell by 2.4 million barrels to 210.3 million barrels. — MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers stand guard at a vehicle check point in the southern city of Najaf, at dusk, on 13 August, 2004.

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US Marines, Shiite militia battle in Najaf

NAJAF (Iraq), 13 Aug — US Marines, backed by aircraft, battled Shiite militia dug in at a cemetery in the holy Iraqi city of Najaf on Thursday, a day after the military said it would launch an offensive to end a week-long rebellion.

It was not clear if the fresh fighting was the final push by US and Iraqi Government forces to root out militiamen loyal to radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, but residents said the fighting was some of the heaviest since the conflict erupted.

A senior official from Sadr's Mehdi Army, Sheikh Asaad al-Basri, had warned that militiamen would blow up pipelines in the south if US forces tried to storm their Najaf bases.

Wednesday's threat came a few hours after crews finished repairing Iraq's main southern oil export pipeline and were awaiting

orders to start pumping after sabotage stopped operations for three days, an official said.

Oil prices climbed after the threat, with US light sweet futures up six cents to 44.58 US dollars in floor trade, more than one dollar up from the day's low.

Warplanes and helicopter gunships pounded the outskirts of Najaf's cemetery on Thursday, and gunmen responded by firing rocket-propelled grenades and mortar bombs at US positions, witnesses said.

"The fighting is very heavy. I see smoke rising from the cemetery and war-

planes circling overhead," one resident said.

Most of Sadr's men and the young Muslim cleric himself are holed up around Najaf's ancient Shiite cemetery or the adjoining Imam Ali Shrine. Storming such holy symbols could touch off a firestorm among Iraq's majority Shiite community.

As the bloody showdown loomed between US troops and Sadr's militia, thousands of his supporters vented their anger against interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi in the streets of Nassiriya and several other cities on Wednesday.

In another development on Wednesday, a web site

used by Islamic militants carried a video purporting to show militants beheading a "CIA agent" in Iraq.

The four-minute-long footage showed a Western-looking man sitting on a chair surrounded by armed masked men. One of the men struck the captive's neck repeatedly with a sword, severing his head amid shouts of "Allahu Akbar" (God is greatest).

The video could not be immediately authenticated.

MNA/Reuters

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Two US Marines killed in helicopter crash in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 13 Aug — Two US Marines were killed when a helicopter crashed in al-Anbar Province, west of Baghdad, the US military said Thursday.

The CH-53 helicopter was flying in support of "security and stabilization operations" on Wednesday night when it came down. Three other people were also injured in the incident. "No enemy fire was observed in the vicinity of the aircraft. The cause of the mishap is currently under investigation," the US military said in a statement. — MNA/Xinhua

India's hostage rescue efforts in limbo

NEW DELHI, 13 Aug — Efforts to secure the release of the three Indian hostages in Iraq went into limbo with no contact between their Kuwaiti employer and the abductors a day after the company broke off with negotiator Sheikh Hisham al-Dulaimi.

Adding to the mounting concerns in the 20-day hostage crisis was the absence of any response from the abductors on the offer of Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Company to replace Dulaimi with a new negotiator or hold direct talks.

"We are no more in touch with the abductors' side. We are still waiting to hear from them on our proposal," KGL spokesperson Rana Abu-Zaineh told PTI over phone from Kuwait.

The company, which pulled out of talks, said it was willing to negotiate with the abductors if the latter deputed a new representative or engaged directly.

Zaineh ruled out resuming talks with al-Dulaimi, who was negotiating on behalf of the abductors since July 25, four

days after the kidnapping, accusing him of "playing games" and "not being serious to ensure freedom of the hostages" Antaryami, Sukhdeo Singh and Tilak Raj.

"We are willing to hold negotiations for release of the hostages. It is our sincere intention to see the captives' lives are saved and they are free," Zaineh said.

She, however, said that after the experience with Dulaimi, KGL wanted the abductors to "talk to us directly or depute someone else." Meanwhile, the Indian Government's Crisis Management Group (CMG) held two rounds of meetings Monday and the government said it was "closely monitoring the situation".

MNA/PTI



British soldiers patrol in the southern Iraqi city of Basra recently. — INTERNET

China raises alarm on Beijing power shortage

BEIJING, 13 Aug — China has issued a warning on power shortages in the capital, Beijing, and urged residents and businesses to scale back electricity use, the *China Daily* said on Thursday.

The Beijing Municipal Development and Reform Commission has issued a "yellow alert", suggesting an expected power shortfall of 300,000 kilowatts requiring local businesses and government offices to take action, the newspaper said.

The move was the latest by energy-thirsty China to battle its worst power crunch in years that has been fuelled by breakneck economic growth and scorching summer heat affecting swathes of the world's most populous nation.

Temperatures in the day in the eastern financial hub of Shanghai have hit 35 degrees Celsius (95 degrees Fahrenheit) over the last three weeks, prompting a failed effort on Tuesday to seed clouds to create rain.

Lights have been switched off on the city's famed riverside Bund, the government has told 2,100 factories to switch to graveyard shifts and restaurants to restrict use of air-conditioners.

Government offices in Beijing, where it rained heavily on Thursday, must use energy-saving lighting and raise air-conditioned room temperatures to around 26 degrees Celsius (79 Fahrenheit), the *China Daily* said. Industrial firms were urged to operate when residential electricity consumption was low, i.e. at night, it said.

Yellow is the commission's lowest warning level, followed by orange and then red,

which denotes an electricity shortfall greater than 700,000 kilowatts and requires emergency measures, it said, without elaborating. — MNA/Reuters

Nigeria plans to hike crude oil output

ABUJA, 13 Aug — Nigeria plans to achieve a crude oil production target of 2.6 million barrels per day (BPD) in 2005 and more in the following two years, from its current OPEC quota of 2.018 million bpd, Nigerian Finance Minister Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala said here on Wednesday.

However, the quantity to be produced would depend on the outcome of discussions between the Nigerian Government and the OPEC (Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries), she said at the Federal Executive Council (FEC) meeting held in Abuja, Nigeria's capital.

Nigeria is Africa's largest producer or the world's sixth largest exporter of crude oil, which generates over 90 per cent of its foreign exchange earnings. The minister also said the Nigerian Government planned to shift from single year budgeting to a Medium Term Expenditure Framework (MTEF) of three years, which would be based on average production of 2.6 million bpd for 2005, 2.67 million bpd for 2006 and 2.7 million bpd for 2007. — MNA/Xinhua

India, Japan to set up JWG on counter terrorism

NEW DELHI, 13 Aug — Highlighting the importance of enhancing the effectiveness and credibility of the UN Security Council, India and Japan Thursday agreed to support each other's candidature for permanent membership and set up a Joint Working Group on counter terrorism.

The two sides also agreed to enhance dialogue and co-operation on security issues, External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh told reporters after wide-ranging discussions with his visiting Japanese counterpart Yoriko Kawaguchi.

He said India and Japan "share the understanding that it is of great importance to enhance the effectiveness

and credibility of the Security Council" by enlarging its membership, both in permanent and non-permanent seats. He said based on the shared view that both countries are "legitimate candidates" for permanent membership in the light of the current realities of the international community, they will support each other's candidature.

Kawaguchi said "Japan identifies India as a major power in Asia and the world for international peace, stability and prosperity".

The Japanese Minister, on her second visit to India in two years, will be calling on Prime Minister Manmohan Singh Friday and have meeting with National Security Adviser J N Dixit.

MNA/PTI



British soldiers patrol the streets during fighting between British forces and militants loyal to the radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr in the southern city of Basra, Iraq on 11 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET



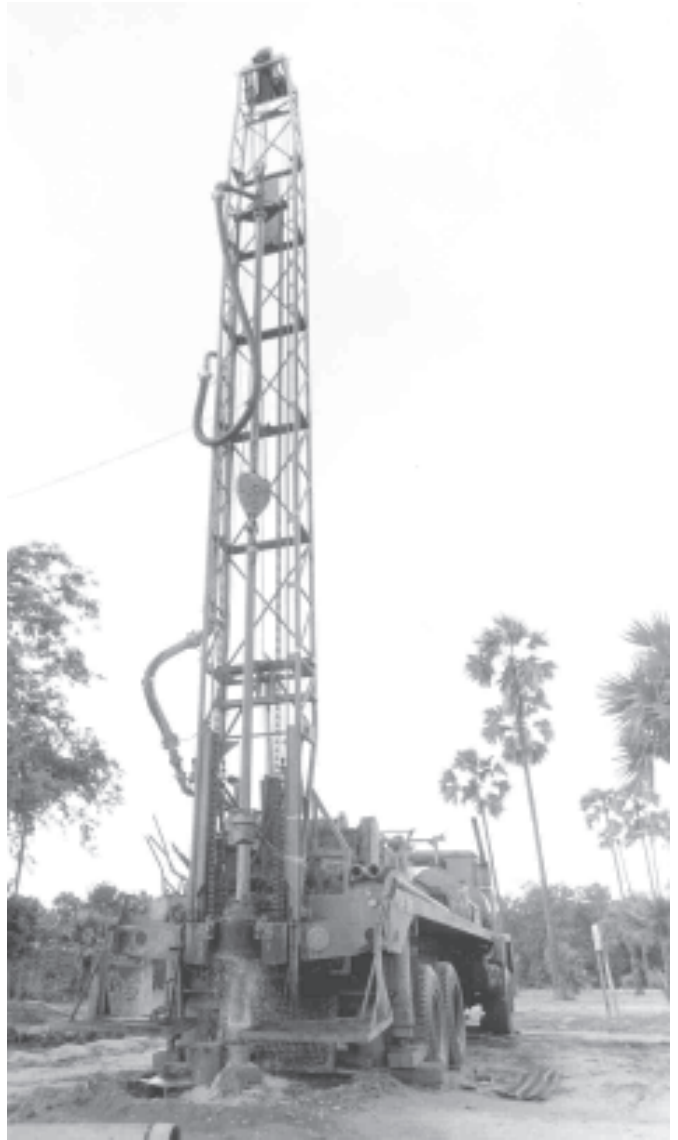
Water is being supplied to the villagers through tubewell in Nyaungbinkan Village, NyaungU Township, Mandalay Division.—PBANRDA



Rural people living in Yone village in Kyaukpadaung Township, are fetching potable water from a tubewell.—PBANRDA



Drilling machines at work to get potable water for local people in Kantha village, Budalin Township, Sagaing Division.—PBANRDA



A tube-well sinking truck in action in Pyibin Village, Chauk Township, Magway Division to supply potable water to rural people.—PBANRDA

Endeavours to quench the thirst of rural people



An artesian well at Kyundaw village in Taungdwingyi Township.

PHOTO:—PBANRDA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets local authorities, departmental officials, personnel of social organizations and townselders in Minhla BEHS. MNA

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party proceeded to Thayet, where they were welcomed by local authorities, departmental staff and members of social organizations.

First, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party arrived at Thayet Cement Plant operated by the Ministry of Industry-1. At the plant, Managing Director of Myanma Ceramics Industries Col Soe Yi reported on installation of Kiln Nos 1, 2 and 3, supply and production of fuel oil, major repairs of machines, survey for availability of coal to produce and utilize as coal fuel, data of limestone reserve in Thayet, and requirements to be fulfilled. Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Kyaw Win presented additional reports on the occasion. After hearing the reports, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt oversaw the Kiln Nos 1 and 2, the control room, the Kiln No 3, which was designed and constructed by Myanmar technicians.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party went to Aungmyingala Monastery, where they paid homage to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Vice-Chairman Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Thayet Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara. On the occasion, Prime Minister General Khin

Nyunt offered provisions to the Sayadaw.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party also went to People's Hospital in Thayet District, where they were welcomed by the medical superintendent of the hospital, specialists, medical doctors and nurses. After inspecting the training room, medical store, lab, X-ray room, dental room, surgical room and patient wards, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gave instructions.

At the hall of Thayet District, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met local authorities, departmental staff, members of social organizations and townselders. At the get-together, Thayet District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung San reported on location of the district, its area and population, the setup plan of the district, land resources, rainfall, water resources, agricultural undertakings, targeted sown acreage of monsoon paddy for 2004-2005, arrangements for cultivation of summer paddy, townshipwise food sufficiency, cultivation of ten major crops for 2004-2005, measures taken to obtain targeted yield, industrial conditions, and matters related to education and health.

After hearing the reports, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt donated TVs, VCPs and computers to BEHS Nos 1 and 2 through the school heads of the two schools.

- * Departmental officials are to constantly take innovative measures for promotion of the region's agriculture and livestock breeding sectors and productive forces.
- * Better ways and means are to be sought for adopting prudent projects in respective fields.
- * Efforts are to be made to boost production of oil crops such as beans and pulses, sesamum and sunflower in accord with the objective to make Magway Division become edible oil bowl of the State.
- * Plans suitable for climatic conditions of the region are to be laid down systematically and implemented for the realization of the targeted yield of ten main crops,
- * Local people are to raise chicken, pigs, cows, goats and sheep on a commercial scale in respective townships.



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greets students at Aunglan BEHS-1. — MNA

Later, departmental officials reported on education, health, agriculture, establishment and conservation of forest plantations, improvement of transport system, and regional development tasks. After asking for the requirements of regional development tasks including health and education, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt fulfilled the needs and delivered an address.

In his speech, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that he and party were on a trip to three townships, namely, Aunglan, Thayet and Minhla to provide necessary assistance to the townships. He visited Aunglan and Thayet and made arrangements for development of economic sector such as agriculture, livestock breeding and production in the townships. He also said he made arrangements for education and health down to the grass-roots levels for development of human resources which can promote regional development in the long run.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Zaw Min formally open the e-Library (Magway). — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents offertories to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara. — MNA

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Therefore, he urged township level officials to implement the tasks practically through the assistance of the State to enable the people to enjoy the benefits.

In connection with extended cultivation of paddy, he said the central level provided suitable strains of high yield paddy in the regions for local rice sufficiency. He spoke of the need for township level officials to distribute them and cultivation techniques to farmers.

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Plans suitable for climate and conditions of the region are to be laid down systematically and implemented for realization of the targets of ten major crops, he added.

He said local people are to raise chicken, pigs, cows, goats and sheep on a commercial scale in respective townships and arrangements are to be made for distribution of quality pedigree after conducting research on establishment of model farm by the central level.

He said township level officials are to set up model farms, to distribute quality pedigrees and livestock breeding techniques, to make arrangements for prevention of diseases and for conservation of forests that keep moisture and climate of the region and to make plans for conservation of the existing forest reserves.

He stressed the importance of implementation of five rural development tasks for all-round development of rural regions. He said government departments are responsible for development of the regions, agriculture, livestock breeding and production and uplift of quality of life of rural people and respective tasks for departments concerned were laid down. Officials are to provide mutual assistance among the departments while implementing their tasks in the interest of the people, he added. He urged them to carry out their respective tasks in harmony for regional development through cooperation and coordination. Cooperation makes administrative machinery effective and dynamic. Regional development tasks are to be undertaken with the participation of the people and social organizations, he said.

He said officials can win public confidence by serving

the interest of the people. Strength of the departments, the people and social organizations are to be combined unitedly for regional development and public interest.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greeted those present. Next, the Prime Minister and party went to Minhla Township where they were welcomed by the township PDC members, departmental officials, social organizations and local people. National Health Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt visited Minhla Township People's Hospital and inspected the wards and medical store. He then fulfilled the requirements of the hospital.

The Prime Minister and party attended the opening of multimedia classrooms of Minhla BEHS. Also present on the occasion were district and township PDCs members, those of social organizations, the director general of No 2 Basic Education Department and officials, members of the school board of trustees, the school head, teachers and students and guests. Headmaster U Maung Kyaing and Chairman of the school board of trustees Dr Aung Myint opened the multimedia classrooms by cutting the ribbon. Myanmar Education Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt formally unveiled the signboard of the classrooms. The Prime Minister and party inspected the language lab, computer application room, e-learning centre, printed media and art studio. Next, the Prime Minister watched skill demonstration of students at music studio.

At Minlatwa Hall of the school Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met the township PDC members, service personnel, social organization members and townsellers.

Township PDC Chairman U Aung Kyaw Oo reported on set-up of the township, its population, geographical conditions, cultivation of the 10 main crops, cultivation targets of monsoon and summer paddy for 2003-2004 and paddy yield, local self-sufficiency in rice and edible oil, livestock breeding, industry, education, health and transport. The Prime Minister presented, a TV, a video recorder and a set of computer for the school to the headmaster.

Departmental officials presented their reports on matters related to education, health, transport, agriculture, livestock breeding, forestry and rural development. In response

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to the reports, the Prime Minister made a speech, saying that Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and high-ranking officials made field trips right down to rural regions and gave instructions for bringing about harmonious development across the nation and fulfilled the requirements, he said.

At such a favourable time, officials at grassroots level are to try their utmost to help make the assistance and arrangements of government effective while officials at state, division and district levels are to provide proper supervision. Meanwhile, township-level departmental officials are to exert integrated and well-coordinated efforts for regional development.

Development of a township depends on concerted efforts, diligence and goodwill of departmental officials.

The Development Affairs Committee is the most responsible for development of a township. In the process, the committee in cooperation with other departments and organizations are to make efforts for enabling their township to possess the characteristics of a town, maintenance and renovation of streets in the town, growing of trees, flowery plants and shade trees and proper water supply in the town. Village-to-village roads and town-to-village roads are to be built and maintained to narrow the development gap among villages in a township.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects construction of the main building of Magway University on 13 August. — MNA

WHAT OTHERS SAY:

The CIA's prisoners

The Washington Post

(The following is a reproduction of a Washington Post article carried in the WHAT OTHERS SAY section on page 10-A of The Nation of Thailand published on 17-7-2004.)

WASHINGTON, DC—For decades the United States led the denunciation of despots whose enemies “disappear”—vanish into official custody, with no accounting for their whereabouts or treatment, no notification of their families and sometimes, no acknowledgment that they are being held. Now that same term is being applied to prisoners held by the Bush administration in the war on terrorism. According to the International Red Cross, a number of people apparently in US custody are unaccounted for. Most are believed to be held by the CIA in secret facilities outside the United States. Contrary to the Geneva Conventions, the detainees have never been visited by the Red Cross; contrary to US and international law, some reportedly have been subjected to interrogation techniques that most legal authorities regard as torture. According to the independent group Human Rights Watch, this exceptional practice is “perhaps unprecedented in US history”.

At least a dozen of the CIA detainees are senior figures in the al-Qaeda organisation, such as Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, an alleged organiser of the attacks of September 11, 2001, and Abu Zubaida, the group's operations chief. Few question their status as dangerous enemy combatants or the need to interrogate them about al-Qaeda's networks and plans for attacks—and no one suggests that they have been murdered, like many of the “disappeared”

in other countries. But some of these men have been held incommunicado since before April 2002, or long past the time when urgent questioning or strict seclusion might have been necessary. Yet still the administration refuses to reveal where they are to allow visits by the Red Cross—something the United States often has advocated for prisoners elsewhere in the world, including other terrorists. The White House reportedly has exempted the CIA's prisoners from the reviews that have been granted to detainees held at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, prison. And it has not disclosed the interrogation techniques approved for use by the CIA, though it has released those for Guantanamo.

What is known, mostly through leaks to the media, is that several of the CIA's detainees probably have been tortured—and that a controversial Justice Department opinion defending the abuse was written after the fact to justify the activity.

The Pentagon and Congress are investigating the army's handling of foreign detainees; though they are slow and inadequate, these probes contrast with the almost complete absence of scrutiny of the CIA's activity. This failure of oversight must be corrected. Though the United States is at war, it cannot be acceptable to hold enemy combatants indefinitely in secret prisons, with no external review or humanitarian oversight of any kind. Congress, or the courts, must step in to correct what appears to be a systematic violation of international law—and fundamental American values.

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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.

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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



GOODWILL VOLLEYBALL MATCH: A goodwill volleyball match between the Myanmar Volleyball Federation selected team and Athletes in Action team of Canada was held at National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna, Yangon, on 14 August. Canadian players seen retrieving the ball. The Myanmar team beat the Canadian team 25-19, 25-13 and 25-19 in the match. — NLM



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party pose for a group photo with teachers and students at Minhla BEHS on 13 August. — MNA

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In addition, systematic steps are to be taken for ensuring water supply for agricultural purpose and potable water.

Efforts are also to be made for promoting the education standard of rural regions and health care services of the people while striving for development of agriculture, livestock breeding and economy of rural people.

Only then, will the objectives of the five rural development tasks be realised. Only when there is rural regions development, will the whole Union made up of townships, districts, states and divisions develop. Therefore, it is incumbent upon township level departmental officials who are the most responsible for development of rural regions to make strenuous efforts.

Departmental officials are the ones who are to serve and provide assistance to the people. With this concept, they are to ensure the participation of the people by serving their interest, thereby contributing to successful realization of their departments' goals.

Enlisting the strength of the people and social organizations, departmental officials are to make constant ef-

forts for national and regional development.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party had a documentary photo taken together with members of the school board of trustees, teachers and students.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party arrived back in Magway in the evening.

The opening of Pyinnya Alin e-Library was held at the structure at 6.30 pm, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), deputy ministers, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, local authorities, departmental officials and others.

Member of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min formally opened the library. Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt unveiled the signboard of the library. Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party and guests inspected basic computer course being conducted at the library,

Internet linkage, CD-Rom on education, health, culture and arts and science subjects and learning of students.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to the main hall construction project site of Magway University. At the briefing hall, Rector U Tin Maung Oo reported to the Prime Minister on academic and administrative matters of the university. Next, Senior Engineer of Public Works U San Wai reported on construction of convocation hall and main hall to the Prime Minister who attended to the needs.

After that, the Prime Minister looked into construction of the convocation hall and the main hall.

Later, the Prime Minister and party arrived at the Magway Division Organization for Women's Affairs Office where they were welcomed by Leader of the organization Daw Tin Tin Htwe and members. Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected building of the office. Afterwards, they proceeded to the Natmauk Yeiktha in Magway.

In the evening, the Prime Minister and party paid homage to Myathalon Pagoda in Magway and made cash donations there. Next, the Prime Minister and party arrived back at the Natmauk Yeiktha in Magway. — MNA



MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe attends the opening of Youth Education Training Camp and Yangon Division MCWSC Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay explains purpose of opening the camp. MNA

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe attends opening of Youth Education Training Camp

YANGON, 14 Aug — With the assistance of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, the Youth Education Training Camp (8/2004), organized by Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, was opened at the hall of Yangon Command this morning.

The opening ceremony was attended by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC members, Yangon Division MCWSC Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay and members of the panel of patrons, Chairman Head of Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint, military region commanders, chairmen of District Peace and Development Councils, presidents of MCWA branch offices and guests.

Yangon Division MCWSC Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay explained the purpose of opening of the camp and educative works being carried out for reproductive health as part of the health sector. Daw Khin Thet Htay presented a commemorative pennant to MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe cordially greeted those present and youth trainees.

The youth education training camp has been opened eight times and a total of 280 young persons have attended the education camp training. Present training camp is being attended by 40 youths. — MNA

Medical Conference for nurses

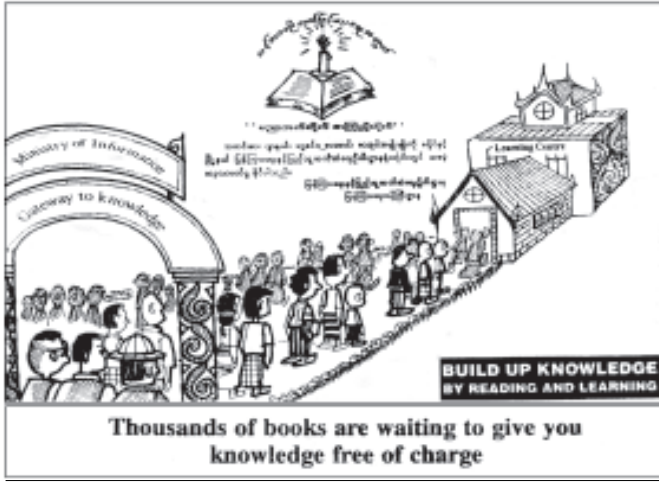
YANGON, 14 Aug—The Medical Conference for nurses jointly sponsored by Myanmar Nurses Association (Central) and Mo Aia Co Ltd (Dumex) took place at the Diamond Jubilee Hall of Yangon University on Pyay Road here this morning. It was attended by President of MNA (Central) Daw E Babro and executives, MNA members, nurses from hospitals, regional health centres and private medical centres.

President of MNA (Central) Daw E Babro made a speech. Next, Mo Asia Co Ltd (Dumex) presented K 200,000 for MNA (Central) through Daw E Babro.

Next, MNA Executive Lecturer Major Daw Than Aye (Retd) of Defence Services Institute of Nursing explained health and nutrition and support for dysfunctional family; Lecturer and Head of Department Daw Yin Mya of Institute of Nursing (Yangon), healthy mother healthy infant; and Nutritious Manager Dr Beauty Kyi of Mo Asia Co Ltd (Dumex), the smart fats.—MNA



President of MNA (Central) Daw E Babro accepts K 200,000 donated by Mo Asia Co Ltd (Dumex). — MNA



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Botataung Yangon

Germany's EON to boost gas exports to Britain

FRANKFURT, 13 Aug—Germany's largest utility EON is to export four billion cubic metres a year of gas to its Britain division in 10-year deal starting this winter, the company said on Thursday.

The imports from EON will account for about 4 per cent of Britain gas market, the largest in Europe.

EON chief executive Wulf Bernotat said the deal would provide gas at competitive prices to EON's Britain division which has a re-

tail supply business, trades gas and owns gas-fired power stations.

The gas will be sourced by EON's German gas supplier, Ruhrgas which obtains most of its gas from Norway and Russia.

"EON Ruhrgas can significantly raise its gas shipments to Britain and expand its position as a leading gas supplier in the European markets," Bernotat told reporters during a conference call about the company's first half results.

Ruhrgas is a shareholder in Britain's main import pipeline, a link running from Bacton in eastern England to Zeebrugge in Belgium.

It can import 8.5 billion cubic metres a year but is being expanded to import 16.5 billion cubic metres by December 2005 and 23.5 billion cubic metres by December 2006. EON is to invest 100 million euros in a new pipeline to be built from the Netherlands to Britain in which it has a 20 per cent stake.—MNA/Reuters

US military helicopter crashes on Japan campus

TOKYO, 14 Aug—A US military helicopter crashed in the grounds of a university on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa on Friday and burned, injuring four military personnel, but there were no reports of civilian injuries.

A fire department official in the city of Ginowan said the injured were probably the helicopter's crew but that details were unclear.

Kyodo news agency said the helicopter brushed a building on the campus of Okinawa International University and crashed, bursting into flames. It is the summer vacation so there were probably few people on campus.—MNA/Reuters

Hurricane "Charley" builds, evacuations in Florida

HAVANA, 13 Aug—Cuba batted down against a strengthening Hurricane Charley on Thursday as hundreds of thousands of people were ordered to evacuate Florida's Gulf of Mexico coast.

Charley's sustained winds rose to 105 mile per hour as it hammered the northern Caribbean. Officials in Florida's St. Petersburg-Clearwater area told 350,000 people to leave beach communities, mobile home parks and other vulnerable areas in advance of Charley's expected arrival on Friday.

Cuban authorities have evacuated thousands and were prepared to move up to 200,000, depending on the storm's path.

Tropical Storm Bonnie faded as it hit shore and moved through the Florida Pan-

handle toward Georgia, threatening floods in an area already soaked by recent rains.

Charley was expected to hit Cuba full force on Thursday night and to pass near the capital, Havana. Florida's popular tourist island, Key West, 90 miles north of Cuba, could see hurricane conditions within a day.

Jamaican authorities said one person was killed as Charley swept south of the island on Wednesday. The man drowned while trying to rescue a group of people from floodwaters in the village of Big Woods in St. Elizabeth parish.—MNA/Reuters

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV QING CHUN MEN VOY NO (087)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV QING CHUN MEN Voy No (087) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15-8-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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WHO awards Uganda on banning public smoking

KAMPALA, 14 Aug—The World Health Organization (WHO) has awarded Uganda a respectable trophy and certificate in appreciation of steps taken toward banning public smoking, Radio Uganda reported on Thursday.

WHO representative Oladapo Walker handed the award to Ugandan Minister of Water, Lands and Environment Kahinda Otafiire at the ministry headquarters in Kampala on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua

Study finds bacteria give coral its orange glow

WASHINGTON, 13 Aug—The soft orange glow of a common Caribbean coral comes not from the coral itself but from bacteria that live inside it, US scientists said on Thursday.

And the bacteria not only give the coral a little night light, but they also break down seawater to help nourish the coral, the researchers said.

Michael Lesser of the University of New Hampshire and colleagues were studying the Caribbean Great Star coral, known scientifically as *Montastraea cavernosa*.

It grows in formations that resemble large boulders or rock shelves and often emits a fluorescent glow,

typical of the algae known as zooxanthellae. These are known to exist symbiotically with coral, providing their hosts with food such as carbohydrates.

But sometimes the coral glows during the day, absorbing blue light and emitting orange. This is more typical of bacteria, the researchers wrote in this week's issue of the journal *Science*.

Lesser's team took a closer look and found both algae and bacteria were liv-

ing in the coral.

The bacteria, a type called cyanobacteria, were providing the coral with nitrogen, they found.

Corals need nitrogen to grow but most of the nitrogen in seawater comes in a form that the corals cannot use. The bacteria convert nitrogen in seawater into ammonia, which the corals can use, Lesser found.

And the symbiosis may work three ways. The nitrogen from the cyanobacteria may also help the zooxanthellae algae, which may return the favour by giving the cyanobacteria carbohydrates—in this case glycerol—as fuel, the researchers said.—MNA/Reuters

Underground rail service to Heathrow Airport halted

LONDON, 14 Aug—All underground rail services to London's Heathrow Airport were suspended on Friday following a murder at one station overnight, a spokesman for British Transport Police said.

"There is no service on the Piccadilly Line to Heathrow. It could last up to midday," he told Reuters.

The Piccadilly Line is the sole underground rail route to Heathrow, the world's busiest international airport.

The police spokesman said a fast overground rail link was still operating normally, and London Underground said it was trying to arrange buses to take some of the stranded passengers.

Police said an 18-year-old man had been stabbed at Hounslow West station and later died in hospital.

MNA/Reuters

Bax Global Ltd starts new business in south China

GUANGZHOU, 14 Aug—Bax Global Limited, a supply chain and transportation solution company based in the United States, on Thursday inaugurated its new business — Bax Global Freight Forwarding Company Ltd — in Guangzhou, capital of south China's Guangdong Province.

With the inauguration of the new company, Bax Global Limited, a member of home security giant the Brink's Company, will set up a logistics center in Guangzhou to provide service to businesses in Guangzhou and in other cities of the Pearl River Delta, said corporate sources.

Bax Global Limited is the first global logistics service provider that was given by the Chinese Government last March the permit to establish a solely invested subsidiary in China.

Bax Global Freight Forwarding (Guangzhou) Company Ltd. will provide clients with services ranging from international freight forwarding agent service, global transport agent service for exhibits, personal property and cargo for Customs clearance, to consultancy in transportation solutions and freight forwarding services.

Bax Global Limited entered China in 1990s. In addition to Guangzhou, the company's China business is also available in Beijing, Shanghai, Shenzhen, Suzhou, Dalian, Fuzhou, Nanjing, Ningbo, Qingdao, Tianjin and Xiamen, most of which are coastal cities.

MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

UEFA Cup victory for Steaua, Partizan held

LONDON, 13 Aug—Former European champions Steaua Bucharest claimed a 4-2 victory away to Serbo-Montenegrin side FK Zeleznik in the first leg of their UEFA Cup second qualifying round on Thursday.

Steaua, who won the European Cup in 1986, stormed to a 4-0 lead in Belgrade with Adrian Neaga scoring twice before the home side staged a late rally. Elsewhere Partizan Belgrade, who reached the Champions League group stage last season, could only manage a 0-0 draw at Romanian side FC Otelul Galati.

Partizan were reduced to 10 men on 67 minutes when defender Nemanja Rnic was sent off for his second yellow card.

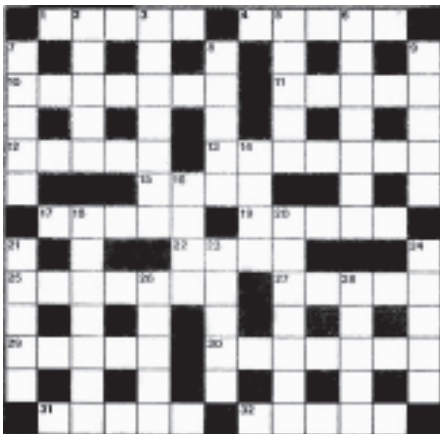
Dinamo Zagreb virtually booked their place in the next round with a 4-0 home victory over Slovenian outfit Primorje.

Turkish side Genclerbirligi, who last season beat Blackburn Rovers, Sporting Lisbon and Parma before losing to eventual winners Valencia, enjoyed a 1-0 home victory against Croatians Rijeka. Slavia Prague came from behind to beat Dinamo Tbilisi 3-1, while in Bulgaria Levski Sofia crushed FK Modrica 5-0 to ease their passage to the next round. The second leg of the ties are due to be played on 26 August.—MNA/Reuters



Netherlands' Macha Van Der Vaart (L) celebrates a goal for her team while South Africa's Lindsey Carlisle (R) looks down during the first half of their women's preliminary pool B field hockey match at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games on 14 August, 2004.—INTERNET

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Gastropod
- 4 Room
- 10 Reveal
- 11 Dodge
- 12 Rhythmic throbbing
- 13 Taken for granted
- 15 Tender
- 17 Not limp or flabby
- 19 Apart
- 22 Competent
- 25 Fried meat cake
- 27 Rustic
- 29 French capital
- 30 Forsake
- 31 Farrier
- 32 Backless seat

DOWN

- 2 New
- 3 Disease
- 5 Squeeze
- 6 Enchanted
- 7 Modify
- 8 Evergreen conifer
- 9 Prepared
- 14 Fasten tightly
- 16 Milk-white gem
- 18 Speaker's platform
- 20 Taverns (anag.)
- 21 Fruit of vine
- 23 Commenced
- 24 Empty
- 26 Attack
- 28 Wild West show

Iraq stun Portugal 4-2 at Athens Games

ATHENS, 13 Aug—Iraq's footballers brought a ray of comfort to the war-torn country by upsetting Portugal 4-2 in their opening game of the Olympic men's soccer tournament on Thursday.

Striker Younis Mahmoud snatched a 56th-minute winner to settle a bad-tempered game for Iraq, who overcame major hardship to reach the quarterfinals of the Asian Cup in China last month.

The game was marred by controversy, however, with Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo lucky to escape with only a yellow card after a blatant elbow on

Mahmoud in the 19th minute that opened a nasty cut above the Iraqi forward's eye.

Ronaldo's teammate Luis Boa Morte was not so fortunate, the Fulham striker being sent off for a wild lunge on Iraqi left back Bassim Abbas six minutes into the second half.

Portugal, looking to restore some pride after their senior side were stunned by Greece in the Euro 2004 final, took the lead in the 12th minute in Patras thanks to an own goal from Haidar Jabar.

Iraq hit back to take a 2-1 lead through Emad Mohammed and Hawar Mohammed, only for Portugal to equalize on the stroke of halftime when Porto midfielder Jose Bosingwa volleyed home from the edge of the box.

But Iraq, forced to share a training pitch with grazing sheep in Baghdad, again demonstrated their resilience as the heavily bandaged

Mahmoud swept home an Emad Mohammed pass after springing the Portuguese off-side trap.

Substitute Salih Sadir added a fourth in injury time to complete Portugal's misery.

In the other Group D match, Costa Rica were held to a goalless draw by Morocco in Heraklio, Crete.

Meanwhile, Italy escaped a similar fate to Portugal as they fought back from two goals down to salvage a 2-2 draw with Ghana in Group B.

Striker Alberto Gilardino pounced in the 83rd minute to earn Italy a point after an absorbing game in Volos. Paraguay moved top of the group with a 4-3 victory over Japan in Thessaloniki.

The men's soccer is an Under-23 tournament with three over-age players permitted per team. The Athens Olympics formally open on Friday.—MNA/Reuters

Bnei Sakhnin set for Arab first in UEFA Cup

JERUSALEM, 13 Aug—Israel's Bnei Sakhnin will set a precedent in European soccer by becoming the first Arab side to compete in a UEFA competition when they play Partizani Tirani of Albania at the National Stadium in Tel Aviv on Thursday.

Excitement is mounting in the small town set in the verdant Galilee hills in northern Israel as the team prepares for its UEFA Cup second qualifying round tie.

Sakhnin earned their place after last May's emotional 4-1 cup final victory over Hapoel Haifa.

"As the kickoff nears excitement is growing, this is a historic moment for us," club spokesman Mondar Halaila said.

Interest in Sakhnin's exploits has spread beyond Israel's borders as soccer fans throughout the Arab world tune in. Offers for funding to help the poorest club in the Israeli Premier League have also come from donors in the oil-rich Gulf states.

Israel's Arabs have long been ostracized by their fellow Arabs from neighbouring countries, most of which do not have diplomatic ties with the Jewish state.

Sakhnin's cup final win in Tel Aviv in front of 40,000 spectators — double the town's population — was hailed as a triumphant sporting first for Israel's Arab minority who number some 1.1 million, nearly a fifth of the population.

MNA/Reuters

Double-bogey leaves Woods playing catch-up

KOHLER (Wisconsin), 13 Aug—Tiger Woods showed no sign of ending his winless streak in majors as he slumped to a three-over-par 75 in the first round of the US PGA Championship on Thursday.

The world number one never recovered from a double-bogey seven at the 11th, his second hole, and now faces a fight to avoid missing the halfway cut after finishing 10 shots behind early leader Darren Clarke.

Woods birdied his first hole of the day on the 7,514-yard Whistling Straights course but his round began a downward spiral when he was disturbed by a spectator during his backswing on the monster 618-yard par-five 11th.

He pulled his drive into thick rough and then failed to locate the fairway with his second shot before three-putting to rack up an ugly seven.

The 28-year-old, who has gone nine majors without victory since winning the 2002 US Open, followed up with bogeys at the next two holes to go to three over.

He drove the green at the par-four 14th before sealing a birdie to move back to two over, but Woods was clearly struggling to find his form.

After going out in 38 he dropped three more shots on the homeward nine and not even birdies on two and four could salvage his round.

Woods was tied for 97th and two shots off the cut line. The last time he missed the 36-hole cut was at the 1997 Bell Canadian Open — 128 events ago.

MNA/Reuters



Jae Woo Lee of Korea (L) shoots past Demetrio Lozano of Spain during their preliminary pool A men's handball match at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games on 14 August, 2004.—INTERNET

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15-8-2004 (Sunday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)
9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 Alms-Food (Soon)
9:10 Headline News
9:12 Clothes make the
Woman
9:15 National News
9:20 Myanmar Movies
Impact
9:30 National News
9:35 Our Coffee Town
9:40 Melodious Myanmar
Harp
9:45 National News
9:50 Architecture of the
Great Ananda
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and
See Myanmar"

15-8-2004 (Sunday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)
15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myan-
ma Sentiment"
15:36 Alms-Food (Soon)
15:40 Headline News

15:42 Clothes make the
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15:45 National News
15:50 Myanmar Movies Im-
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16:00 National News
16:05 Our Coffee Town
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16:35 Unforgettable Trip to
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16:40 Marvel of a Pagoda
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16:50 PaO Nationals' Tra-
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16:55 Dasagiri's Proposal
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17:00 National News
17:05 Sagaing Pagoda-stud-
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17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "We'll be wait-
ing for you"
17:15 National News
17:20 Myanma Traditional
Bronze Casting
17:25 Song of Myanmar
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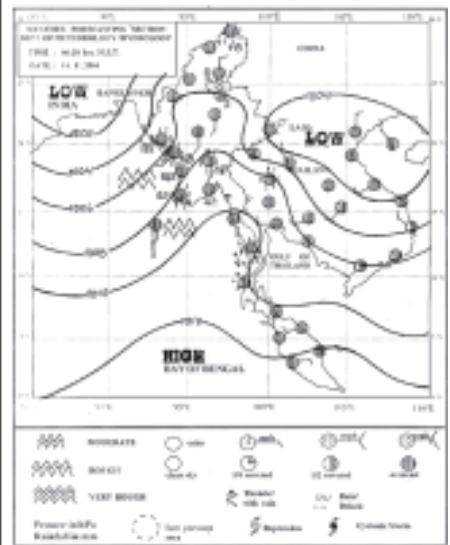
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Chin Mountain
Ranges
19:40 Headline News
19:42 Fish Breeding of
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gion
19:45 National News
19:50 Traditional Folk
Weaving Works
19:55 Performance of King
Brahminy Bird
Dance
20:00 National News
20:05 Native of Pa O Na-
tionals
(Kyauktalone)
20:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "This Rain"
20:12 Usefulness of the
Whole Toddy Palm
20:15 National News
20:20 How To Make Chin-
lone
20:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "Peace be with
you"
20:30 National News
20:35 Wildlife Conserva-
tion in Myanmar
20:40 Myanmar Traditional
Food "Pone Ye Gyi"
20:45 National News
20:50 The King of Musical
Instrument
21:00 National News
21:05 Myanmar Modern
Song "Evergraceful
Lady"
21:10 Kambozathadi, Pal-
ace of Conquerors
21:15 National News
21:20 Myanmar Rattan
Furniture For the

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Rainfall on 14-8-2004

— 1.46 inches at Yangon Airport,
— 1.65 inches at Kaba-Aye,
— 2.64 inches at central Yangon.
Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 2122 mm
(83.54 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2060 mm
(81.10 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2053 mm (80.83
inches) at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 14 August 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours
MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain has been isolated in upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Yangon Division, Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States and isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and Ayeyawady Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyaukpadaung (7.48) inches, Hinthada (5.71) inches, Sittway (5.35) inches, Maungdaw (5.04) inches, Putao (4.72) inches, Ye (3.86) inches, Mawlamyine (3.54) inches and Ann (3.35) inches.

Maximum temperature on 13-8-2004 was 28.2°C (83°F). Minimum temperature on 14-8-2004 was 19.5°C (67°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 14-8-2004 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 13-8-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 14-8-2004 was 37 mm (1.46 inches) at Yangon Airport, 42 mm (1.65 inches) at Kaba-Aye, 67 mm (2.64 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 2122 mm (83.54 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2060 mm (81.10 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2053 mm (80.83 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Southwest at 16:25 hours MST on 13-8-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is moderate in the Andaman Sea and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 15-8-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Taninthayi Division, Shan and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate Monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-8-2004: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-8-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Sunday, August 15
View on today:

7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas
by Missionary Say-
daw U Ottamathara
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလီမှု (၃၀) မိနစ်
8:05 am
6. အမိမြို့ပွင့်
8:15 am
7. ရွှေလိပ်တေး
8:30 am
8. International news
8:45 am
9. Islands of Dhamma
8:50 am
10. ဘုရားအားတော်အား (အဘိဓမ္မာ
မဟာရဋ္ဌဂုဏ်) ခုတ်ယူပူဇော်
ပညာရေး နည်းစနစ်
မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့၊ ယောသီတာ
ရာဇဝတ်တော်အဖွဲ့၊ ယောသီတာ
ဥပသီတာအဖွဲ့တို့က ပူးပေါင်း
ပြုလုပ်သော

11:00 am
1. Martial song
11:10 am
2. Musical programme
11:25 am
3. Round-up of the
week's International
news
11:40 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ
"သမ္မာဓိစာပေ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)
12:20 pm
5. လောကီစီရင် နှစ်ပတ်လည်
ဆန်းစစ်ချက်
12:35 pm
6. Myanmar video
feature:
"ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်
နယ်မြေ
လူမှုဝတ်စုံ
ပြပွဲ"
2:30 pm
7. ဖောင်းကတောရေလှောင်တံ
2:45 pm
8. International news
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. အမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန
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(ပညာရေး) ပညာရေး
(အထက-၁၊ ၁၇)
(အမျိုးသားစတုရန်း)

5:00 pm
4. အဆောင်တော်အဖွဲ့
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်္ဃန်
- ခုတ်ယူပူဇော် (အထက-၁၊
၁၇)
5:15 pm
5. Dance of national races
5:30 pm
6. Musical programme
5:45 pm
7. Sing and enjoy
6:30 pm
8. Evening news
7:00 pm
9. Weather report
7:05 pm
10. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ
"ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်
နယ်မြေ
လူမှုဝတ်စုံ
ပြပွဲ"
(အပိုင်း-၆)
7:35 pm
11. Agricultural Source
Country's Develop-
ment
7:45 pm
12. ထုတ်ဝေသော
အချက်အလက်
8:00 pm
13. News
14. International news
15. Weather report
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(အပိုင်း-၁၆)
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18. The next day's
programme



Sunday, August 15
Tune in today:

8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: First Love
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: Big big
world
8.55 am National news/
Slogan
9.05 am Music: Try again
9.10 am International news
9.15 am Cultural Images of
Myanmar:
- Show dexterity
in Performing
Arts
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Story for children
1.50 pm Songs for children
9.00 pm Weekly news
review
9.10 pm Music
9.15 pm Article
9.25 pm Radio Play:
- Melody at
Myaung Thayar
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL



Myanmar Education Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects multimedia classrooms of Minhla BEHS on 13-8-2004. —MNA

Development of a township ...

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The chairman of Township PDC reported on location, area and population of Aunglan Township, conditions on the region's natural resources, measures for supply of more water for agricultural purpose, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy in 2003-2004, targeted acres for growing monsoon and summer paddy in 2004-2005, sufficiency of food and edible oil, targets for cultivation of ten major crops, work progress and output, steps being taken to meet the target and livestock breeding, education, health sectors and requirements.

Next, the Prime Minister presented a TV, video cassette player and computer each to Aunglan Basic Education High School Nos 1 and 2 through principals.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements for regional development in-

cluding the region's education, health, livestock breeding, forestry, development affairs, transport sectors, saying that the inspection tour was aimed at attending to the needs for regional development. Just after the arrival at the region, he inspected Aunglan People's Hospital and fulfilled the requirements for raising the health standard of local populace.

Unlike other 25-bed township people's hospitals, Aunglan People's Hospital is a 50-bed one, reflecting a fine result of medical benefits created by the State. Therefore, it is incumbent upon those responsible in the health sector to be imbued with goodwill and to strive for ensuring the hospital to be a reliable facility through beneficial and effective use of the good results created by the government.

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agement, perseverance and goodwill of respective township level departmental officials. Hence, only when the departmental officials make combined endeavours through coordination among the departments or sector-wise committees, will respective regions meet greater progress. In particular, those responsible are to make field trips down to respective rural areas to attend to the needs of local residents in accordance with the five rural development tasks for ensuring all-round development of these areas.

Aunglan Township has achieved success in the economic sector and the per capita income of locals is high. Departmental officials are to constantly take innovative measures for promotion of the region's agriculture and livestock breeding sectors and productive forces.

In order to accomplish

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PM General Khin Nyunt sends message of sympathy to PRC

YANGON, 14 Aug — General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Mr Wen Jiabao, Premier of the State Council of the People's Republic of China for the great loss of life and property caused by the devastating earthquake occurred in Yunnan and by the typhoon that swept the eastern coast of the People's Republic of China.— MNA

this goal, better ways and means are to be sought for adopting prudent projects in respective fields. In the drive for regional progress, measures are to be taken for effectively enlisting the strength of social organizations and fulfilling the requirements of local residents so as to obtain participation of the people.

In conclusion, the General called for collective efforts of departmental officials, the people and social organizations for

greater progress of respective townships, wards and villages.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greeted those present on the occasion. Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party went to No 1 BEHS in Aunglan, where they were welcomed by members of the school board of trustees, the school head, teachers and students.

At the school, Prime Minister General Khin

Nyunt and party viewed wall magazines exhibited from 9 to 13 August to mark the 'School Health Week' activities.

MEC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt also went to the Ywahtaung Basic Education Middle School in Aunglan, where he met the school head and teachers and fulfilled the requirements after hearing reports on pedagogic matters and staff welfare.

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USDA Secretariat Member carries out rural development in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 14 Aug — Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Aung Thaung yesterday met secretaries and executives of Division, District and Township USDAs in Mandalay Division USDA Office and gave instructions on carrying out the five rural development tasks and

participation in public welfare activities.

The secretaries and executives reported on public welfare tasks being undertaken and implementation of the five rural development tasks in their regions.

Member of Central Organizing Committee of Myanmar War Veterans

Organization Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met chairmen and secretaries of Kyaukse, Myingyan, Meiktila, NyaungU, PyinOoLwin and Yamethin District Supervisory Committee for War Veterans Organizations at Mandalay Division USDA Office. The MWVO Central Organizing Committee member gave a speech and fulfilled requirements of respective district organizations. The minister then met factory managers in Mandalay and Sagaing Division at Mandalay Brewery.

This morning, the Secretariat Member inspected new Mandalay District USDA Office in Maha Aungmye Township. In the meeting hall, he instructed secretaries and executives of division, district and township USDAs to participate in public welfare activities.

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MWVO COC member U Aung Thaung meets chairmen and secretaries of Mandalay Division and District WVO Supervisory Committees.— INDUSTRY-1