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## Rules for Tatmadaw Day commemorative poem contest announced

YANGON, 18 Aug —Hailing the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day which falls on 27 March 2005, the Poem Contest Organizing Sub-committee under the Poem and Arts Competition Organizing Work Committee, chaired by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, announced to hold the Poem Contest to mark the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

The contestants can present objectives of the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, matters related to fine traditions of the Tatmadaw, historic events occurred in the periods of Konbaung Era (AD 1824), Independence Era (1948-1988) and the State Peace and Development Council, endeavours of the State Peace and Development Council in religious affairs, construction, peace negotiation and drug elimination sectors.

The entries will be scrutinized with three sectors—theme style of presentation and composing.

The poem contest will be divided into two categories. Those who won first second or third prizes in the Poem Contest to mark the Armed Forces Day and the National Motto Contest, Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award Contest and the poem contest of the Pakokku U Ohn Pe Literary Award Contest and National Literary Award winners may participate in the level-1 and those who did not

win the prizes may take part in the level-2. Those who did not win the prizes can participate in the level-1. However, one contestant may take part in one level only, and the level number must be written on the entry. There will be two events at the level-1—the long poem and the short poem. The contestant can participate in both or one of them. However, it must be one entry for one event. The short poem must be between 100 and 300 stanzas and the long one between 1,000 and 2,000 stanzas. The entries must be in line with the rules. The free verse and modern poems will not be accepted.

The poem must be written on one side of paper and the two copies of the entry must be submitted. And, the entry must be attached with name of the contestant, pen-name, names of parents, education, occupation and address together with three 2" x 2.5" size colour photos. The entry must be own creation and has not featured in any book yet. The State has authority to use the prize-winning works. The entries are to be sent to Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Retd) (Myinmu Maung Naing Moe), Chief Editor, Naingngan Gonyi Literary House, Sarpay Beikman, 531, Merchant Street, here, Tel: 374532, not later than 31-1-2005.

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### Four political objectives

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

## Myanmar delegation leaves for PRC

YANGON, 18 Aug— A cultural delegation led by Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung left here for the People's Republic of China this afternoon by air to attend the opening ceremony of the 6th Asian Art Festival to be held in the PRC from 18 to 25 August for cultural exchange and cooperation between China and Myanmar and promotion of friendly relations between the two peoples.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, departmental heads, officials and staff of the Chinese embassy.

The deputy minister



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung sees off Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung and party at the airport.—MNA

was accompanied by Director-General U Kyaw Win of Fine Arts Department, Director Daw Nu Mra Zan of

Department of Cultural Institute, Professor Daw Khin Kyi Pyar of University of Culture (Yangon), Director

U Hla Gyi Maung Maung of Archaeology Department and Head of Section U Tun Lwin. — MNA

## CITES experts meeting continues for second day

YANGON, 18 Aug — The second-day session of the Third Meeting of the ASEAN Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna, jointly conducted by the Ministry of Forestry and ASEAN Secretariat, was held at Sedona Hotel here today.

Director-General of Forest Department U Soe Win Hlaing acted as chairman of the meeting and Ms Atty Annalizer A Vitug of the Philippines as vice-chairman.

The experts attending the meeting discussed matters relating to 12 proposals on restrictions on wild flora and fauna which will be submitted to 13th meeting of CITES member countries in Bangkok, Thailand, in October 2004.

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Accelerate momentum of rural development work

The Government of Myanmar has been implementing development project, especially the development project, for border areas and national races, the 24-region development plan and the five rural development tasks for bringing a harmonious development to the entire Union.

Most the population of the Union of Myanmar live in rural areas and the main industry of rural people is agriculture and livestock breeding.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe on one occasion gave guidance on development of rural areas. He said that transport and communications, water supply and agriculture are the major requirements for rural development and it is necessary to encourage livestock breeding in addition to agriculture, the main economy of the rural areas.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, roads linking villages and towns and bridges are being built one after another. For rural development, the tasks for improving transport and communications, supplying sufficient water for agricultural and drinking purposes, raising the educational standard of rural people, providing wider health care services and developing rural economy should be given top priority.

As the Government is fulfilling all the requirements for the development of rural areas, wellwishers, local people and social organizations, on their part, are enthusiastically lending themselves to rural development tasks.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence on 9 August attended the ceremony to mark the completion of cultivation work for 2004-2005 and to demonstrate the use of the direct seeding machine in Mayin village in Bago Division. During his visit to Bago Division, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attended the opening of the Recycled bio gas electric power station in Baingda village in Nyaunglaybin township. The station with a 100-hp engine has the capacity of producing 50 kilowatts and can supply electricity to more than 300 households in the village. The small electric power station is the result of cooperation between local people and the Union Solidarity and Development Association of Nyaunglaybin Township.

At a time when rural development tasks are being carried out in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, we would like to call on wellwishers, local people and social organizations to cooperate with the Government in all the national endeavours including rural development.

### Annual meeting of MCF to be held on 28 Aug

YANGON, 18 Aug — The annual meeting of the Myanmar Computer Federation (MCF), the Myanmar Computer Scientists Association (MCSA), the Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association (MCIA) and the Myanmar Computer Enthusiasts Association (MCEA) will be held at MICT Park in Hline Township, here, at 8 am on 28 August 2004. All members can attend the meeting and proposals to be discussed at the meeting are to be sent to the MCF not later than 25 August. — MNA

### School Health Week exhibition

YANGON, 18 Aug — The School Health Week exhibition was held at BEPS-7 in Tamway Township here on 13 August. Director-General of No 3 Basic Education Department (Yangon City) U Aye Kyu and officials viewed round the exhibition. — MNA

### People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the opening of Indian Film Week.

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### Minister attends launching of Indian Film Week

YANGON, 18 Aug — The Indian Film Week was launched at Nay Pyi Daw Cinema on Sule Pagoda Road, here, at 6.30 pm today, attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads under the Ministry of Information, Ambassadors and charges d'affaires of the foreign missions in Yangon, resident representatives of UN agencies and officials, embassy staff of the Indian Embassy to Myanmar, officials of the Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and Myanmar Motion Picture Association and guests.

First, Indian Ambassador Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia presented bouquet to Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and extended greetings. Next, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address.

Later, the Mother India film was shown to the audience. The Indian Film Week will be held up to 24 August. During the period of the film week, Indian films will be presented at Nay Pyi Daw Cinema. — MNA

### Cash donations invited for Maha Rathabhi Samaggi Pagoda in Panglong

YANGON, 18 Aug — As the symbol of unity and consolidation of national brethren of the Union of Myanmar, the Maha Rathabhi Samaggi Pagoda has been built on Vikasini Hill in Panglong, Loilem District, Shan State (South).

Wellwishers can make cash donations for golden umbrella to be hoisted atop

the pagoda and nine Buddha Images with different mudras (hand postures). A ceremony to make cash donations will be held at Vijaya Mingala Hall on Kaba Aye hillock here at 1 pm on 24 August, it is learnt. — MNA

### Hole-in-one scored at Dawei Golf Club

YANGON, 18 Aug — U Pe Lwin (Dawei Golf Club), together with his partners Maj Shwe Pyi Hein, U Yu Sein and U Htay Win, scored hole-in-one at the 11th hole of Dawei Golf Club on 15 August.

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### Lecture on national policy given

YANGON, 18 Aug — Union Solidarity and Development Association Central Executive Committee member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave lectures on National Policy and seven-step road map to 100 trainees of USDA executive management course No 15 of Dalla Township USDA in Yangon (South) District this afternoon. — MNA

### Advertising Division (Mandalay Branch) opens

YANGON, 18 Aug — The Advertising Division (Mandalay Branch) was opened on 15 August 2004 for those wishing to place their advertisements in Myanmar Alin, Kyemon and the New Light of Myanmar dailies published by the News and Periodicals Enterprise. Those who wish to put their advertisements or supplementary advertisement sheets may contact Mandalay Sub-Printing House between 20th and 21st Streets and 82nd and 83rd Streets in Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay, (Tel: 02-32729 or 02-39935).

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### Commerce Minister inspects rice reprocessing plant

YANGON, 18 Aug — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, accompanied by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun, inspected No 282 Rice Reprocessing Plant in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

Next, the minister gave instructions to the officials. They also looked into the shade trees, landscaping trees, plantations, nurseries, paddy fields, livestock breeding farm and fish breeding ponds and left instructions on speeding up the agriculture and livestock breeding tasks. — MNA

### Soccer team leaves for SRV

YANGON, 18 Aug — The Myanmar soccer team led by U Wai Yan Aung left here by air this morning for Ho Chi Minh, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, to participate in LG Trophy Soccer Tournament to be held from 20 to 28 August.

The team was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Patron of Myanmar Football Federation Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, officials of the Ministry of Sports, President of the MFF U Win Aung and executives, and their family members. The team comprises 26 members — seven members of the administrative body, a football referee and 18 players. — MNA

### Navigational stations launched for safety of vessels

YANGON, 18 Aug — The Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers are raging now because of the downpours. With a view to ensuring safety of vessels sailing under the bridges across these rivers, the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems has launched navigational stations near the facilities so as to provide them with navigational facts and present situations of the waterways.

A navigational station each has been built at Shwekyetyet for Sagaing Bridge, on Lanywa Bank for Anawrahta Bridge in Chauk, near Myathalon Pagoda for Magway Bridge, at Mya Village for Nawaday Bridge in Pyay, at Sakkawt for Bo Myat Tun Bridge and at Ahtet Taloklat for Maubin Bridge along the Ayeyawady River, and at Ahlon for Monywa Bridge and at Amyintywa for Hsinbyushin Bridge along the Chindwin River.

The Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems today announced that the vessels moving downstream the rivers are to get navigational facts from respective stations. — MNA



# US casualty figure in Iraq sharply rises to 943

BAGHDAD, 18 Aug—As of Tuesday, 17 August, 943 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 703 died as a result of hostile action and 240 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, seven; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in

Iraq had ended, 805 US soldiers have died - 594 as a result of hostile action and 211 of non-hostile causes.

Since the start of US military operations in Iraq, 6,497 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defence Department's weekly tally.

*The latest deaths reported by military:* —A US

soldier was killed Monday in a series of grenade and explosives attacks in eastern Baghdad.

—A Marine was killed in action Tuesday in Anbar Province.

*The latest identifications reported by the military:*

Killed Sunday by hostile fire in Najaf, Iraq; assigned to the 2nd Battalion, 12th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood,

Texas:—Army 2nd Lt James Michael Goins, 23, Bonner Springs, Kan.

—Army Spc Mark Anthony Zapata, 27, Edinburg, Texas.

Killed Sunday in Anbar province; assigned to the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

—Marine Pfc Fernando B. Hannon, 19, Wildomar, Calif.

—Marine Pfc Geoffrey Perez, 24, Los Angeles.

*Internet*

## TV says Lebanese man held hostage in Iraq

BEIRUT, 17 Aug—Lebanese satellite television channel LBC aired a tape on Tuesday it said showed a Lebanese driver held hostage in Iraq.

The tape showed a man kneeling and holding an identity card surrounded by men with guns. LBC identified the man as Mohammad Raad and said militants had threatened to kill him if the company he worked for did not pull out of Iraq in 72 hours.

It said he worked for a Lebanese engineering firm and that his kidnappers belonged to a group calling itself "The Islamic Movement for the Mujahedin of Iraq."

The television channel interviewed Raad's mother, who said she was not aware her son was working in Iraq and thought he had gone there for a cousin's engagement party.

Several Lebanese nationals have been taken hostage in Iraq. In June, one who had Lebanese kidnapped by militants was killed, but all the others have been released.

*Internet*

## Relics found in Kaesong

### industrial park construction site

SEOUL, 17 Aug—The archaeologists of South Korea and North Korea have discovered thousands of pieces of relics and historic remains from the construction site of an industrial park in Kaesong, North Korea's border town, reported South Korean *Yonhap* news agency on Monday.

The (South) Korea Land Corp, one of the co-developers of the Kaesong Industrial Complex, was quoted by *Yonhap* as saying 20 South Korean and 40 North Korean archaeologists conducted a joint survey of 330,000 square metres of land inside the complex site for two months starting in June.

This is the first joint excavation by the two countries since the division of the Korean Peninsula a half-century ago. During the survey, led by the Land Museum, which is owned by Korea Land, the archaeologists discovered various historic sites and unearthed thousands of items that date from the Old Stone Age to the Joseon Dynasty (1392-1910), the report said.

The relics include crafted stone axes from the Old Stone Age, earthenware with a comb-tooth pattern from the New Stone Age and coins, glass beads and ceramic ware from the Goryeo Dynasty (918- 1392), it said.

Kaesong had been the capital of Goryeo Dynasty for more than 400 years and that of Joseon Dynasty in the kingdom's early years before it relocated the capital to Seoul in 1405. Seoul and Pyongyang agreed to build the Kaesong Industrial Complex to attract South Korean enterprises' investment.

The two sides started the construction earlier this year. Korea Land and South Korea's Hyundai Asan company are co-developers of the project.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Mahdi soldiers clash with British forces in the southern city of Basra, Iraq, on 17 Aug, 2004.

*INTERNET*

## British soldier killed in Basra

BASRA, 17 Aug—A British soldier has been killed and another injured after clashes with militants in the Iraqi city of Basra, the Ministry of Defence said.

Further details would be withheld until next of kin have been informed, according to an MoD statement. Speaking earlier from Basra, UK forces spokesman Major Ian Clooney said militia attacked as night fell.

British troops have been battling Shia militia thought to be loyal to radical Iraqi cleric Moqtada Sadr. The incidents follow the roadside bombing of three British civilian vehicles in Basra. A UK forces spokesman confirmed three vehicles were damaged and said there were no reports of injuries.

*Internet*



Lebanese satellite television channel LBC aired a tape on 17 August, 2004 it said showed a Lebanese driver held hostage in Iraq.

*INTERNET*

## Toyota to begin local production for developing regions

Tokyo, 17 Aug— Japan's Toyota Motor Corp is about to launch a project to locally produce pickup trucks and multipurpose vehicles for markets in developing regions of Asia, Africa and Latin America, the company said Monday.

The project to manufacture "international multipurpose vehicles", or IMVs, will begin in Thailand this summer, it said.

The largest Japanese auto maker produces some 200,000 vehicles a year at its two plants in Thailand. The IMV project aims at manufacturing pickup trucks and vehicles that can carry a large number of people.

Toyota will then begin an IMV project in Indonesia in September, and one in South Africa and one in Argentina in 2005.

Output under the IMV programme is targeted at 550,000 units for 2006, compared with Toyota's plan to produce more than seven million vehicles in the world in 2004.

Toyota relies heavily on the North American market for its profits. With the IMV programme, Toyota intends to create a new manufacturing structure to make low-cost vehicles with high local content responsive to local needs.

According to the auto maker, almost all the parts for IMVs to be produced in Thailand will be procured from suppliers in Southeast Asia.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Thai King calls for appropriate application of genetics knowledge

BANGKOK, 17 Aug— King of Thailand on Monday called for the appropriate application of genetics knowledge in order to provide the highest benefits and safety for humankind. At the opening ceremony of the Fifth Princess Chulabhorn International Science Congress in Bangkok, King of Thailand Bhumibol Adulyadej said at present, the study and research on genetics have made much headway and the achieved results have been applied extensively in various fields.

"Though having many benefits, if not used appropriately and correctly, with good and careful consideration, the knowledge may cause grave impact and damage on life, way of living and the environment," the King noted.

The Congress, organized by the Chulabhorn Princess Institute to commemorate Queen Sirikit's 72nd birthday anniversary, focuses on the theme "Evolving Genetics and Its Global Impact".

Comprising plenary sessions, symposia, discussion sessions and satellite workshops, the meeting will address ways in which the revolution in genetics and its aftermath help to provide opportunities in the studies of diseases, the interaction between genes and the environment and the development of technology.

Information on the human genome provides opportunity for studying many diseases of genetic origin, which will revolutionize medical practice and biological research, said Princess Chulabhorn at the opening ceremony.

More than 600 participants from 32 countries will share their experience and the research findings at the five-day congress. The first Princess Chulabhorn International Science Congress was held in 1987 to commemorate the 60th birthday anniversary of King Adulyadej. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Some groups of Americans growing skeptical of Iraq war effort

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug—Nine months of chaos and casualties in Iraq since Saddam Hussein's capture have taken a heavy toll on American opinion of President Bush's decision to go to war.

Last December, when Saddam was caught, public support for Bush's decision to go to war was 2-to-1 in favour. Now the public is evenly divided on whether the war was the right thing to do or whether it was a mistake.

Older people, minorities, people with lower incomes,

residents of the Northeast and Catholics are among those increasingly skeptical of the war effort, according to *Associated Press* polling.

These shifts in public sentiment reflect the difficulties in Iraq — including a death toll nearing 1,000 US soldiers, the violent insurgency against the new Iraqi government and US forces and the failure to find weapons of mass destruction, which was among the central justifications for Bush's decision to go to war.

"It was a mistake," said 73-year-old Mil Jenkinson, a retired schoolteacher and a Democrat from Dickinson, ND "There were no weapons of mass destruction. I keep thinking it's not our place to rule the world. Everyone does not think our way of life is the right way."

"It's arrogant of us to go into a country and tell them what kind of government to have."

Both Democrats and independents lost enthusiasm for the war during the period since Saddam was captured.

*Internet*

### Marine killed in Iraq province

FALLUJAH, 17 Aug—A Marine assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force was killed in action during "security and stability operations" in Iraq volatile Anbar Province on Tuesday, the military reported.

The Marines name was being withheld pending notification of next of kin.

Anbar includes the restive cities of Fallujah, Ramadi and Qaim on the Syrian border. —*Internet*



American soldiers patrol the streets of the besieged city of Najaf, in southern Iraq on 17 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET

## Singapore Airlines carries more passengers in July

SINGAPORE, 17 Aug—Singapore Airlines (SIA), the island state's national carrier, carried more passengers and cargo in July from a year ago.

According to a statement by the airline on Monday, the SIA flew 1.4 million pas-

sengers in July, up 19.5 per cent while cargo traffic rose 7.4 per cent to 605 million freight tons kilometres.

The airline's cargo unit has expanded its operating fleet to 14 aircraft with the delivery of a new *Boeing 747-400* freighter, and such

expansion will allow SIA Cargo to increase services to China and India from September.

Currently, SIA Cargo, Asia's biggest freight carrier by traffic, offers services to 68 cities in 36 countries and regions. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Thailand turns state-run MCOT into public company limited

BANGKOK, 18 August — The state-run Mass Communication Organization of Thailand (MCOT) has been legally registered as a new public company limited.

A ceremony in which the Department of Business Development presented a company registration document to the newly-established MCOT Public Company Limited was held Tuesday afternoon at the company's operational building here. Chairman of the company's board, Rewat Chamchalerm, was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying that the general public would mostly benefit from the conversion of the then state-run MCOT to the new public company limited.

The conversion signals MCOT's change to become a modernized media firm in all aspects, he noted. Rewat noted the MCOT had actually changed, phase by phase, to become a modernized media firm since November 6, 2003 when the then state-run MCOT launched its "modernine TV" initiative with the introduction of the

new logo for TV channel 9, now widely known as "Modernine TV", and "new looks" of its programmes.

Meanwhile, the MCOT Director-General, Mingkwan Sangsuwan, said that the MCOT would launch the Modernine TV's phase 5 on September 6. MCOT's conversion to the new public company limited is part of the state-run MCOT's privatization plan. It is expected that the new company will be listed on the Stock Exchange of Thailand (SET) in September-October.

Earlier, Mingkwan told journalists that the key reason which the MCOT has to be privatized is that it needs to enhance its competitiveness and potential by expanded capitalization to serve its growing projects amid intense competition in the industry both locally and abroad. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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## Jordanian hostage freed in Iraq—Jazeera TV

DUBAI, 17 Aug — Iraqi police said a Jordanian hostage had been released in Iraq, Arabic television Al Jazeera reported on Tuesday.

The satellite channel was quoting the chief of police in Kerbala, 68 miles southwest of Baghdad, and said the hostage was an employee of Jordan National Bank.

It did not give his name or further details.

Militant groups in Iraq have kidnapped dozens of foreign hostages to pressure allies of the United States and foreign firms to withdraw from Iraq. Some hostages have been killed and others released unharmed.

Two Jordanians were among five Middle Eastern truck drivers held hostage in Iraq and freed earlier this month. The two had been held for two weeks by militants demanding their company stop working with the US military in Iraq.

Armed Iraqis freed four other Jordanian hostages in a raid on their captors' hide-out this month. —*Internet*

## Singapore launches Lee Kuan Yew public policy school

SINGAPORE, 17 Aug—Singapore on Monday launched the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy (LKYSPP) at the National University of Singapore (NUS).

Speaking at the launching ceremony, Singapore's Minister for Education Tharman Shanmugaratnam said that the school will strive to become a global centre of excellence in the study of public policy.

"I expect that it will develop expertise in a range of areas relevant to Asian nations, ranging from the study of industrial and trade policies, financial regulation and monetary management, the restructuring of state-owned enterprises and agricultural reform, health and education, transport policies and

international arrangements to boost collective prosperity," said the minister.

He said that the LKY SPP has been established as an autonomous school within NUS, and represents a microcosm of university autonomy.

Lee Kuan Yew, founding father of Singapore, is now senior mentor of the island state's new Cabinet led by his son, Lee Hsien Loong, who was sworn in as Singapore's third Prime Minister last week.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Beijing to ensure compulsory education for migrant children

BEIJING, 18 August — China's capital Beijing has vowed to ensure equal opportunities for all migrants' children to receive at least nine years of education.

The Beijing municipal government is responsible for offering the nine-year compulsory education to all school-age children, both local and migrant, says Long Xinmin, deputy secretary of the Beijing Municipal Committee of the Chinese Communist Party.

By the end of July, Beijing had reported 288,400 migrant children, 235,000 of whom were from the country's rural areas, Long told a working conference on primary and secondary school education Monday.

Some 189,100 of these children are

attending public schools in Beijing and another 99,200 are going to small-scale private schools that are run by migrant workers exclusively for the migrant children, according to Long. He said Beijing presently has 299 such migrant schools, most of which are located on the city's outskirts where large numbers of migrant workers live.

However, only 13 of these small, inexpensive schools are up to the standards set by Beijing's education authorities in terms of facilities as well as the number and qualification of teachers. — *MNA/Xinhua*



US Army tanks make their way through the old city of Najaf on 17 Aug, 2004. The heart of Najaf was engulfed in fierce fighting as delegates from Iraq national conference arrived on a mission to coax Shiite militia leader Moqtada Sadr into abandoning his stronghold in the holy city. —INTERNET



# Iran asks UN to intervene to end Najaf bloodshed

UNITED NATIONS, 17 Aug — Predominantly Shiite Muslim Iran has asked the United Nations to help stop the bloodshed in Iraq's city of Najaf, a holy site of particular significance to Shiites everywhere, a UN spokesman said on Monday.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan is willing to intervene if asked by both sides in the fighting — Iraq's interim government which is backed by a US-dominated multinational force, and the Mehdi militia of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, UN chief spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi telephoned Annan over the weekend to ask him "to do whatever he could do to defuse the situation" in Najaf, where Shi'ite militiamen and their supporters were battling US troops, Eckhard said.

"The Secretary-General's position on that is that he is prepared to play a facilitating role if it can help and if all sides agree to it," he said.

The fighting in Najaf has killed hundreds and undermined the authority of Iraq's new interim government.

The two sides have also battled in a Shiite slum in Baghdad, and there have been protests by Sadr supporters in a number of other Iraqi cities.

However, Najaf is revered among Shiite Muslims around the world as the home of the golden-domed shrine of Imam Ali bin Abi Talib, which stands in the heart of the ancient town. Imam Ali was the cousin and son-in-law of the Prophet Mohammad and his tomb is marked by the Imam Ali Mosque.

Annan first offered UN help in ending the conflict on August 7. But Iraqi Prime

Minister Iyad Allawi quickly rejected that offer, UN officials said.

Sadr has also showed little interest in a compromise, vowing to fight to the death.

Iraqi political and religious leaders meeting in Baghdad over the weekend to pick an interim national assembly agreed to send a delegation to Najaf to try to end the fighting, however, and an aide said the cleric would meet with them.

But while the delegation was arranging travel to Najaf, fierce fighting raged on in the heart of the city as US forces backed by tanks exchanged fire with militiamen entrenched around the sacred Imam Ali Mosque and an ancient cemetery.

MNA/Reuters



American soldiers gather in the city of Najaf, in southern Iraq on 17 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

## Turkey, Iraq pledge cooperation on security, trade

ANKARA, 17 Aug — Turkish President Ahmet Necdet Sezer and his visiting Iraqi counterpart Ghazi al-Yawar vowed on Monday to rein in kidnappings targeting Turkish drivers and further promote bilateral economic and trade ties.

They made the pledge at a joint Press conference after al-Yawar kicked off a two-day official visit to Turkey on bilateral cooperations in security and trade.

Sezer said these hostage-takings were directly affecting not only Iraqi people but also foreigners who work in the country to help Iraq back on its feet.

"Attacks against Turkish citizens working in Iraq and attempts to take them hostages increased Turkey's concerns," Sezer said.

Several Turkish truck drivers were taken hostages in Iraq by militants bent on forcing their foreign employers to quit the country.

Sezer expressed hope that the Iraqi situation would stabilize as soon as possible, adding that Turkey was employing all diplomatic means to assure security and stability in the region, especially in Iraq.

On economic and trade ties, Sezer said "Iraq is one of our prominent trading partners. We believe that al-Yawar's visit will

further improve our economic and trade relations."

"There were difficulties that the two countries should get rid of to establish a more comprehensive and efficient cooperation," Sezer said, adding that "securing transportation and trade was one of our main goals."

"Underlining the reality that all Iraqi cities belong to Iraqi people, we think that attempts by some groups to possess Kirkuk, where Turkmen, Arabs, Kurds, Assyrians and Iraqis co-exist, will jeopardize Iraq's stability and peace," Sezer said.

"Turkey will support all steps to be taken by the Iraqi interim government in order to create an Iraq living in peace, unity and stability. Turkey will help Iraqi people in this process," the President said.

Al-Yawar, on his part, said that Iraq would not condone survival of any organization on its territory which poses a threat to the security of its neighbours.

MNA/Xinhua

## Sistani worried about violence in Najaf

LONDON, 17 Aug — Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric who is undergoing medical treatment in London, is worried about violence in Najaf and wants to return as soon as he can, his spokesman said on Monday.

"He has been worrying and is deeply concerned about what is happening in Iraq in the last few days," a spokesman for Sistani in London told Reuters.

"He intends to return to Iraq as soon as possible."

Hundreds have died in the fighting, which has been particularly fierce in the holy city of Najaf, where Sistani lives.

The spokesman said exactly when the Muslim cleric returned would depend on doctors' advice. He came to London on August 6 and had an operation to unblock a coronary artery in a London hospital last week. Sistani also underwent eye surgery on Monday.

"We know that he has come out of the operation he had on his eye and there have been no problems, everything seems to be alright," a source close to the cleric told Reuters. No further details of the operation were available.

MNA/Reuters

## 25 kilos of drugs seized on Iraqi-Jordanian border

BAGHDAD, 17 Aug — The Jordanian Customs seized 25 kilos of narcotics Sunday at the Jordanian Karama border point abutting Iraq, local *Al Mashriq* newspaper reported Monday.

Dhamin Al Fawaz, head of the Customs at the Jordanian Karama border point, said that the Customs officers foiled an attempt to smuggle hashish in one of the Iraqi cars that a group of men tried to take through the borders.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thai national science week to be held

BANGKOK, 17 Aug — The annual "National Week of Science" will be held from August 18-21 at the Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST).

Various activities will be held during the exhibition, the Institute for the Promotion of Teaching Science and Technology (IPST) director Pisan Soydhurum was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying Sunday.

MNA/Xinhua

## High rate of resistance to AIDS drugs due to non-adherence

NEW DELHI, 17 Aug — AIDS/HIV patients in India in future may need high cost imported drugs effectively making treatment out of reach of the poor as they become resistant to available drugs because of non-adherence, a World Bank report has warned.

"In Mumbai 18 per cent of the people recently diagnosed with HIV were resistant to at least one anti-retroviral drug," the report entitled 'HIV/AIDS Treatment and Prevention in India-Modelling the Cost and Consequences' said.

Although India has had access to AIDS therapy only since 2001, the resistance figure is already higher by 4 per cent than in North America in 2001.

As the percentage of recently diagnosed people with resistant strains grows over time, the inexpensive generic brands of anti-retroviral therapy drugs currently available in India would cease to be effective, it said.

Unless Indian pharmaceutical manufacturers are able to produce generic versions of all these newer drugs, people with HIV/AIDS would have no choice but to buy imported drugs at prices

that would be beyond the reach of all but a microscopic minority, the report warned.

The report said that in India the annual incidence of anti-retroviral therapy drug resistance is reported at 8 per cent in programmes that carefully monitor their patients. However, evidence shows that few Indian antiretroviral therapy patients are being monitored closely.

MNA/PTI

## Tata steel acquires NatSteel of Singapore for 13.3b rupees

MUMBAI, 17 Aug — India steel major Tata Iron and Steel Company Ltd Monday signed an agreement to acquire the steel business of NatSteel Ltd for 13.13 billion rupees which would also enable the Tata Group company access to the Asian market.

The Singapore-based company is to spin off its entire steel business into a wholly owned subsidiary, NatSteel Asia Pte Ltd (NatSteel Asia). Subsequently Tata Steel would acquire the company, Tata Steel managing director B Muthuraman told newsmen from Singapore via a

videoconference.

The acquisition, he said, includes a 26-per-cent stake owned by NatSteel in Southern Steel Berhad, the 1.3-million-ton steel maker in Malaysia.

He said under an agreement, the enterprise value is subject to certain adjustments

for any net debt, minority interest and other liabilities and for working capital variance relative to 225 million Singapore dollar. According to Muthuraman the transaction is expected to close in five-six months after obtaining necessary approvals.

MNA/PTI



Fighters loyal to Shiite Muslim cleric Moqtada al-Sadr are seen carrying a rocket propelled grenade launcher and light arms next to a burning vehicle after violence erupted in the southern city of Basra, Iraq, on 17 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET

## Family of Iraq abuse whistleblower threatened

WASHINGTON, 17 Aug — Relatives of the US soldier who sounded the alarm about abuse of Iraqi detainees at Abu Ghraib Prison said on Monday the family was living in protective custody because of death threats against them.

Reservist military police officer Staff Sergeant Joseph Darby alerted US Army investigators about the abuse by fellow soldiers of prisoners at Abu Ghraib Prison near Baghdad, a move his wife says has angered people in their community in western Maryland.

"People were mean, saying he was a walking dead man, he was walking around with a bull's eye on his head. It was scary," said

Bernadette Darby from Corriganville, Maryland.

Mrs Darby said it was difficult living in protective custody, and she missed her privacy. She did not say who was providing the protection.

"There's always someone with you," she told ABC's "Good Morning America" show.

Despite the threats, Mrs Darby she believed her husband made the right choice exposing the abuse.

"Joe is the type of person to take what is going on around him and be like, 'How would I feel if that was my wife?' ... He just could not live with himself knowing that that was happening and he did not do anything about it," she said.

Darby's sister-in-law, Maxine Carroll, said people had written graffiti on her fence but she also applauded what her brother-in-law did and said she was horrified by a series of graphic photographs Darby handed over to investigators.

"That's not what we are there for (in Iraq). We are there to show them the right way. When Joe can talk, then that is what he will say," she said.

In testimony this month at a hearing for one of the soldiers accused of abusing prisoners, Darby said he struggled with the decision to turn over the photos because he was friendly with one of the accused.

What he saw on the CDs containing the photos, he said, "violated everything I personally believed in and everything I had been taught about the rules of war."

MNA/Reuters

## Syrian paper condemns US assaults on Iraq's Najaf

DAMASCUS, 17 Aug — Syria's official *Al-Thawra* newspaper on Monday condemned the US assaults on the Iraqi holy city of Najaf and called for an immediate US withdrawal from the country.

The US bombardment of Najaf was to compensate for the military, moral and political malfunction of its invasion of Iraq and to stop the resistance of the Iraqi people, the paper said in a commentary.

The US occupation of Iraq proved that it is not for the liberation and democratization of Iraq, but to "subjugate the Arab country and steal its resources and oil", said the paper.

It accused the United States of trying to turn Iraq into one of its bases in the Middle East, urging the United States to admit that the invasion was a big strategic mistake.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indian Airlines to expand operation in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 18 Aug — Amid growing competition in air travel market, the Indian Airlines has come up with an expansion plan in

Bangladesh offering special incentives for passengers.

The Indian state-run carrier planned to increase flight frequency to five

flights a week from existing three on Kolkata- Dhaka route, *The Daily Star* reported Tuesday.

The Indian Airlines on Monday launched the Frequent Flyer programme, which offers a set of incentives to passengers including free ticket on mileage point, excess baggage carrying, queue-free check-in and priority confirmation from the waiting list, the report said.

Indian Airlines connects 64 Indian cities and 16 international destinations.

The report said that increased air travel will strengthen trade relations between India and Bangladesh. Trade between the two countries has already witnessed an increasing trend. Export from Bangladesh to India is likely to cross 100 million US dollars mark this fiscal (2004-2005) year from 84 million dollars in the previous year. The Indian High Commission in Dhaka issues about 400,000 visas every year to Bangladeshi people who go to India for medical treatment, travelling, business and other purposes. — MNA/Xinhua



Moghtada al-Sadr's Mahdi soldiers clash with British forces in the southern city of Basra, Iraq, on 17 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET

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Masked Iraqi militiamen flash the victory sign near a burning British vehicle after it came under attack in the southern city of Basra on 17 August, 2004.

INTERNET

## Police release reporter in Najaf, threaten others

BAGHDAD, 17 Aug — Iraqi police released an Arab journalist they arrested on Monday in the holy city of Najaf, where they also threatened to kill other foreign reporters if they left a hotel where many are staying, witnesses said.

Dubai-based Al Arabiya television said police had released its correspondent Ahmed al-Saleh, who along with many other reporters has been covering fighting between US forces and Shiite militiamen loyal to radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr.

"We don't know yet why they arrested him, but they have released him," editor Abdul Sattar Ellazan told *Reuters*, adding that Saleh would continue to cover events in Najaf. Witnesses said police had come to

the hotel and arrested Saleh.

"We will kill you if you leave the hotel. I will put four snipers on the roof to shoot anyone who leaves," a police lieutenant said.

Police then fired into the air and pointed their guns at the hotel, witnesses said.

One officer said they were also looking for the correspondents from *Reuters* and the *Associated Press*.

MNA/Reuters

## Suspected militants kidnap Iraqi officer

DUBAI, 18 Aug — Suspected militants have kidnapped an Iraqi intelligence officer in response to the fighting in the holy city of Najaf, Al-Jazeera television reported on Tuesday.

The channel showed footage of a man standing between two masked men. It said they were militants who had identified themselves as "the Brigades of Defence Against Holy Sites".

There was no audio, but Al-Jazeera said the militants said they had kidnapped the officer in response to the fighting in Najaf.

"A militant group calling

itself the Brigades of Defence Against Holy Sites claimed it has kidnapped an Iraqi intelligence officer named Osama Abdul Jabbar. One of the masked men read out a statement and said the kidnapping was in response to the circle of fighting in Najaf," Al-Jazeera said.

"The captive revealed his name and post," it added.

Fierce fighting erupted in

the centre of Najaf on Monday as US forces, backed by tanks, exchanged fire with Shiite militiamen entrenched around a holy site and an ancient cemetery, witnesses said.

Militiamen loyal to radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr have battled US and Iraqi Government forces for the past 12 days. A two-day lull was shattered on Sunday after talks to end the conflict peacefully collapsed.

The Shiite uprising has spread to seven cities. Sadr's militiamen also battled US forces in a Baghdad suburb on Monday, destroying a tank. The crew escaped with minor wounds, a US military spokesman said.

Iraqis meeting to pick an interim national assembly in Baghdad said on Monday they would send a delegation to Najaf to try to convince Sadr to end a conflict that has killed hundreds and undermined the authority of Prime Minister Iyad Allawi. — MNA/Reuters

## CNOOC, Husky sign deepwater oil exploration contract

BELING, 18 Aug — China National Offshore Oil Corporation (CNOOC) inked a petroleum exploration contract with Husky Oil China Ltd, a subsidiary of Canada-based Husky Energy Ltd, on Monday for deepwater block 29/26 in the Pearl River Mouth Basin of the Eastern South China Sea.

"This is the second deepwater exploration contract signed between CNOOC and Husky, and also seventh total contract signed between them," said Zhang Guohua, the senior vice-president of CNOOC.

Block 29/26, one of the 12 deepwater blocks offered by CNOOC in 2002 for open tender, is located about 300 kilometres southeast off Hong Kong. Covering a sea area of 3,965 square kilometres, the block has a water depth averaging 300 to 2,000 metres. — MNA/Xinhua



# Myanma aviation industry spreads its wings



*Mandalay International Airport in TadaU Township in Mandalay Division equipped with modern facilities. — MNA*



*Newly-inaugurated runway seen at Kyaukhtu Airport built in Saw Township, Magway Division. — MNA*



*The new Magway Airport building. — MNA*



*The new Magway Airfield and runway ready to receive jumbo jets. — MNA*



*Kawthoung Airport in Taninthayi Division. — MNA*

# Strengthening friendship and unity among Ayeyawady-Mekong fraternal nations

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Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt went on two-day goodwill visits to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Kingdom of Cambodia on 9 and 10 August. He led a delegation comprising Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win and officials.

In Hanoi, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt held separate meetings with his Vietnamese counterpart Mr Phan Van Khai, General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Vietnam Mr Nong



*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially converses with Cambodian Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen at the luncheon at Raffles Hotel Le Royal in Phnom Penh.*

Duc Manh, and Chairman of the National Assembly of SRV Mr Nguyen Van An. During the meetings he exchanged views and discussed matters of mutual friendship and mutually beneficial issues with the hosts.

As it is the two-day three-country trip, he had to give more time to meetings, although he was able to briefly study the developments of the three cities — Hanoi, Vientiane and Phnom Penh. During the goodwill visits, he stayed for over six hours in Vietnam, about 16 hours including sleeping time in Laos, and five and a half hours in Cambodia totalling only about 28 hours in the three countries.

The hosts of the three countries also made every arrangement for the convenience of the Myanmar Prime Minister and delegation during their stay. They made efforts for the delegation's convenience to that degree as Myanmar and Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia are fraternal countries.

The Ayeyawady-Mekong friendship visit was a short one, but so much fruitful and beneficial to the countries concerned. The visits help Strengthen the traditional friendly relations and cooperation between Myanmar and the three countries.

The Myanmar Prime Minister had cordial discussions with President of Laos Mr Khamtay Siphandone and Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith, during which both sides exchanged views. In Cambodia, he held talks with Prime Minister Mr Samdech Hun Sen, and with Acting Head of State and Chairman of the Senate Mr Samdech Chea Sim. The talks were centred on ASEAN solidarity and firmness and international affairs in addition to mutually beneficial issues.

Myanmar and the three countries had similar experiences in history, striving to ward off foreign interferences and pressures, with similarities in culture, lifestyles and traditions. As Myanmar and the three countries are late-comers of the ASEAN, they have unity among themselves as the four CLMV countries. Moreover, they, located in the Greater Mekong Subregion, have the strong desire for national as well as regional development. Cambodia, Laos and Myanmar are active participants in the Ayeyawady-Chao-Phraya-Mekong Economic Cooperation Forum. They are inviting Vietnam to join the organization.

Once, the four countries were facing backwardness, political instability and poverty due to their internal armed

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conflicts. Thus, they are the brethren nations having the same goal of striving tirelessly to become developed and prosperous nations as a means to free their people from the sufferings of the past.

So, all the discussions were held in a sincere and cordial atmosphere, although there was diplomatic talk which cannot be avoided. Myanmar and the three countries showed mutual understanding between each other. Now, I will present the brief accounts of the leaders of Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia during their talks with the Myanmar Prime Minister as follows:

“We observe and value the principles of having mutual respect for each other's sovereignty, non-interference, and the right to make decision for one's own future. Only Myanmar has the right to decide her future.”

“We understand and support Myanmar's endeavours for national consolidation and transition to democracy.”

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“We totally support Myanmar's seven-point future policy programme, and believe that due to Myanmar's situation in all aspects, transition to democracy will be successful only if it is being gradually carried out.”

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*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greets Lao PDR Prime Minister Mr Bounnhang Vorachith.*

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"Regional peace and stability and prosperity will be given due respect, while extending traditional friendly ties and mutual understanding and cooperation."

"Cooperative efforts will be made for the ASEAN integration."

More or less, there are differences in the choice of words among the leaders of the three countries, but their words vividly show the friendship and solidarity among the four Ayeyawady-Mekong nations.

Their words indicate the importance of mutual love, friendship, respect, support and cooperation, equality, and the participation in the regional and international peace and development.

During the goodwill visits, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt also explained Myanmar's current developments, the future seven-point policy programme, friendship and

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*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt being greeted by his Vietnamese counterpart Mr Phan Van Khai in front of the meeting hall on 9-8-2004. — MNA*

Myanmar and Vietnam or the CLMV countries will have to strive to catch up with other member nations. In addition, it is important for them to closely work together and coordinate among themselves to face and overcome challenges."

His words covering bilateral relations and multilateral relations are meaningful and beneficial to all the four countries.

While in Vietnam, Minister Col Tin Hlaing and Minister of Public Security of the host country Mr Le Hong Anh signed the Cooperation Agreement between the Government of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam on Prevention and Fighting Against Crime. It is one of the developments in the bilateral relations between the two countries.

During the whole goodwill visit, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and the leaders he met were able to show mutual love and respect and transparency and hold discussions on matters of common interest. They were able to further cement the existing traditional friendly relations between Myanmar and their countries.

It is the benefits of the three-country goodwill visits of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, reflecting the closer friendly relations and strengthened unity among the Ayeyawady-Mekong fraternal nations.

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(Translation: TMT)

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## India, China discuss cooperation between police forces

**BEIJING, 18 Aug—India and China have for the first time explored the possibilities of bilateral cooperation between their police forces to safeguard internal security, including counter-terrorist activities, a senior official said here on Tuesday.**

Both the countries have viewed terrorism as a global phenomenon and decided to fight the menace together and explore possibilities for future cooperation at a meeting between officials from the Indian Home Ministry and Chinese People's Armed Police (PAP) here.

There was unanimity of opinion on both sides that terrorism has become a global phenomena and the need for both India and China to cooperate to face the menace, Indian Joint Secretary (Police), Ministry of Home Affairs, A K Jain said. Jain, who is currently leading the first-ever Indian police delegation to China, said he

had "excellent" meetings with senior officials of China's police agencies and the two sides have decided to explore opportunities to cooperate and chart out a structured programme for future cooperation.

Jain called on the Commander of the Chinese People's Armed Police, General Wu Shuang Zhan and also held in-depth discussions with the PAP deputy commander, Lieutenant-General Liang Hong here on Monday.

He also visited a local PAP unit and was shown an exhibition of Chinese-made security gadgets.

MNA/PTI

## China donates relief food to Kenya's drought victims

**NAIROBI, 18 Aug—**China's Red Cross Society donated some 60,000 kilos of maize flour to drought-hit Kenya on Monday, to help Kenyans who were affected by the crippling disaster.

The donation worth 20,000 US dollars are all purchased locally, Chinese Ambassador Guo Chongli, who made the donation on behalf of the Red Cross, said at the hand-over ceremony.

"It is our sincere hope that these suppliers can help brotherly Kenyan people when they are in difficulties," the ambassador said, adding that "we firmly believe that,

under the leadership of President Mwai Kibaki, with the joint efforts made by the government and the people, and assisted by the international community, Kenya will be the winner in this national battle against drought." Kenyan Minister of State for Special Programmes Njenga Karume said at the ceremony that the Chinese Government and the Chinese people have always stood by Kenyans in times of disaster, for every time we have problems, they come to help us." Karume promised that "those who need it (the relief goods) will get it."

MNA/Xinhua

### CORRIGENDUM

Please read "the People's Republic of China" instead of "the Republic of China" in the news report in columns 1, 2 and 3 on this page of 3-8-2004 issue of the NLM. Error is regretted. — Ed

## Chinese V-P places importance on links with Nepal

**BEIJING, 18 Aug —** Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong said here Tuesday China regards its relations with Nepal as an important link in its relationships with neighbouring countries.

Zeng made the remark during his meeting with visiting Crown Prince of the Kingdom of Nepal Paras Bir Bikram Shah Dev in the Great Hall of the People Tuesday afternoon.

Zeng said no matter what changes occur internationally, China will remain steady and fast in its policy toward Nepal.

Noting that China and Nepal are close neighbours sharing a long history of friendly communication, he said the two countries have treated each other as equals and enjoyed mutual trust and support over the years.

Although the two

countries are of different sizes and national conditions, they have maintained the momentum of sustained, healthy relations, Zeng said.

He said their relations are a model of friendly co-existence between countries with different social systems.

Zeng said China cherishes its traditional friendship with Nepal as it pursues foreign policy of treating neighbours as friends and partners.

Paras said the royal family and government of Nepal appreciate the long-term assistance and support of China. He said Nepal will always support China, adding that the country is willing to expand mutually beneficial exchange and cooperation in all fields with China.

MNA/Xinhua

## Saudi Arabia wants oil down to \$25-\$30

KUWAIT, 17 Aug — Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah, prefers to see world oil prices between 25 US dollar-30 US dollar a barrel and said Riyadh will pump “as much as fields allow” to cool off overheated markets.

In an interview published in Kuwaiti newspaper *al-Seyassah* and its sister publication *Arab Times* on Monday, Abdullah said the world's top crude exporter already is pumping oil at “record levels” to keep prices from harming world economic growth.

“We never wanted the price to cross the 30 US dollar barrier...we see that prices should fluctuate between 25 US dollar to 30 US dollar a barrel so that countries are not hurt,” said Abdullah.

“We are not here

talking about big countries, but poor countries who will suffer and whose development will halt with a rise in oil prices.”

The Crown Prince did not specify which crude price he was referring to, but officials from countries in the Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries generally refer to the cartel's reference index, which last stood at 41.33 US dollar.

That implies the kingdom wants to see oil prices drop by more than 10 US dollar-15 a barrel from current levels. Benchmark US oil futures, worth a premium over heavier OPEC crude, on Monday traded as high as 46.91 US dollar a barrel, a record.

Saudi Oil Minister Ali al-Naimi said last week the kingdom's production had risen to an average 9.3

million barrels per day (bpd) during the past three months and that crude requirements for September were at least that high.

Abdullah said the kingdom would pump “as much as our fields will allow in order to curb Prices”, and Western oil industry sources said they see Saudi output near 10 million bpd next month.

“We are doing our best to slow down this trend by increasing our production which is at record high levels,” said the Crown Prince. “We can only increase our production, the rest is not in our hands.” Naimi said last week Riyadh had 1.3 million bpd of production to spare and the Crown Prince also made clear that Riyadh stood ready to boost production higher.

MNA/Reuters



A general view of a giant flower carpet at Brussels' Grand Place, on 13 August, 2004. The traditional carpet, made of about 700,000 begonias laid to form a floral decoration of 1,850 square metres, 'Art Nouveau' inspired, is on display for two days. —INTERNET

## New Zealand to give more aid for Afghan reconstruction

WELLINGTON, 18 Aug — New Zealand Foreign Minister Phil Goff said Tuesday that the New Zealand Government would spend up to another 5 million NZ dollars (about 3.3 million US dollars) to aid the reconstruction in Afghanistan.

Goff made the announcement in Afghanistan where he is currently on a visit, according to a government statement.

Goff said the money would go on education, agriculture and governance particularly in the south-east province of Bamiyan where a New Zealand provincial reconstruction team is based. He will visit the New Zealand Defence Force (NZDF) personnel based in Bamiyan on Wednesday.

Goff has been in the capital Kabul where he met Afghan President Hamid Karzai and Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah. He was briefed on the outlook for

Afghanistan by the United Nations Secretary-General's special representative Jean Arnault and International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) commander General Jean-Louis Py.

“President Karzai expressed profound gratitude for New Zealand's substantial contributions towards achieving improved security and economic conditions for the people of Afghanistan — the combat operations of our Special Air Service, the great work of the NZDF provincial reconstruction team in Bamiyan, our participation in ISAF, and development assistance,” Goff said.

Goff announced the further allocation of up to 5 million NZ dollars for the ongoing reconstruction assistance for 2004/05, “with a priority focus on education, agriculture and governance particularly in Bamiyan.”

MNA/Xinhua

## Schroeder adopts Russian girl

BERLIN, 18 Aug — German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and his wife Doris have adopted a three-year-old Russian girl, *Bild* newspaper reported on Tuesday.

The Schroeders adopted the child from a children's home in St. Petersburg and picked her up several weeks ago, the newspaper reported. The government could not immediately be reached for comment. Schroeder's fourth wife Doris, who used to work for *Bild* newspaper, has a 13-year-old daughter, Klara, from a previous relationship. Klara lives with the Schroeders in the northern city of Hanover. St. Petersburg is the home town of Russian President Vladimir Putin, with whom Schroeder has established a close relationship in recent years.

MNA/Reuters

## Britain carries out clean-up operation after flood devastation

LONDON, 18 Aug — A massive clean-up operation was under way in North Cornwall, southwest England, after devastating flash floods hit the area on Monday afternoon, the BBC reported Tuesday.

Half of the village of Boscastle remained under a police cordon on Tuesday morning, after heavy storms caused 6 centimetres of rain to fall in two hours in the area, one of Cornwall's most picturesque and historic tourist spots.

Local police have appealed for sightseers to

stay away and thousands of homes in North Cornwall were also put on alert after several buildings in Boscastle were destroyed and more than 50 cars swept away by a wall of water three metres high.

Over 100 people were airlifted to safety during a rescue operation involving the British Royal Air Force and emergency services which ended on early Tuesday. Eight people received minor injuries and no-one was reported missing. The search and rescue operation continued

as six teams checked that no one has been trapped under rubble or in any of the cars.

The BBC quoted Coast-guard Agency officer Fred Caygall as reporting that there was one police dive team involved and a specialist body recovery team “in case of any eventuality”.

A building surveyor would assess the safety of any buildings affected and a vet was on hand to deal with any animals which may be found, the BBC said. — MNA/Xinhua

## EU plans ban on aggressive fishing to protect coral

BRUSSELS, 18 Aug — The European Union could soon ban aggressive fishing practices around some of Europe's cold-water coral reefs to protect vulnerable marine life, the European Commission said on Monday.

“The European Commission has proposed measures to ensure protection for deep-sea corals around the Azores, Madeira and the Canary Islands until long-term rules can be established later on this year,” the EU executive said in a statement.

A Commission official said the pre-emptive ban would outlaw a practice known as “bottom trawling”, which involves ships dragging huge weighted nets in very deep water near underwater mountains known as seamounts.

The nets scoop up all marine life in their path, from valuable fish to inedible species and delicate corals.

At present, only domestic fleets from Portugal are allowed to fish off Madeira and the Azores, with similar provisions in force for Spanish fleets fishing off the Canary Islands. Those fleets do not practise bottom trawling, but the restrictions are set to expire at the end of this year. — MNA/Reuters

## Arab needs \$63.5b for five-year oil, gas investment

KUWAIT CITY, 18 Aug — Arab countries need about 63.5 billion US dollars to finance oil and gas projects between 2002 and 2006, the *Kuwait News Agency* reported here Monday.

Most of the investments will come from international banks due to the limited financial capabilities of Arab banks, a study in the quarterly magazine of the Organization of the Arab Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OAPC) was quoted as saying.

The study estimated that investments in gas, refining and petrochemical projects in Arab states during 2002-2006 will amount to 63.5 billion US dollars, with 36.5 billion US dollars for natural gas projects, about 20 billion for the petrochemical projects and the rest for refining projects.

Most of the investments will go to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Egypt, Libya, Algeria, Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates and Oman, added the study. The study further noted that to maintain and increase the capacity of oil production, Arab countries need another 49 billion US dollars during the same period. — MNA/Xinhua



DELEGATION ARRIVES BACK: The 26-member delegation led by Secretary of Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association Daw Hlawaddy arrived back in Yangon by air on 18 August after attending the SEMS' International Trade Fair in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia from 12 to 14 August. The delegation seen on arrival back at the Yangon International Airport. — MWEA



## Information Minister inspects two new rotary presses imported from India

YANGON, 18 Aug — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein went to Bo Aung Kyaw Container Yard at noon today and inspected two new four-unit rotary presses imported from India to be installed at Government Press (Mandalay) of Printing and Publishing Enterprise in Upper Myanmar.

First, the minister inspected loading of the containers onto the vehicles. Acting Managing Director of PPE U Thet Soe, Deputy General Manager (Press) U Kyaw Thu and officials reported on matters related to arrangements for sending the presses to Mandalay.

The minister gave instructions on prevention against damages of machine parts in the containers, safety of the machines along the route and systematic installation of the machines at the Government Press (Mandalay).

Later, the minister inspected putting the machines into the containers. — MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein inspect loading of parts of the rotary presses onto the vehicles. — MNA

## Mayor inspects road repairs

YANGON, 18 Aug — Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor of Yangon City Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected repair work of roads in Bahan, Kamayut and Hline townships.

He also went to stone crusher in Dawbon Township and inspected stockpile of cement and tar, production of paving slabs, concrete slabs and inter lock and stone crushing. — MNA

## Minister inspects Fresh Water Fish Garden construction

YANGON, 18 Aug — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein this morning attended the meeting on construction of Fresh Water Fish Garden held at the briefing hall of Kandawgyi aquarium construction site here.

At the meeting, member of the supervisory committee for construction of Fresh Water Fish Garden Deputy Director of the Fisheries Department U Min Thein reported on progress of work and tasks being undertaken.

Later, the minister inspected the construction work including ponds, pavements in the garden and construction of a tunnel.

To upgrade the Kandawgyi Garden and Zoological Gardens (Yangon), Fresh Water Fish Garden will be constructed in the Education Zone of the garden by the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries. — MNA



SOCCER TEAM LEAVES FOR VIETNAM: The Myanmar soccer team seen at Yangon International Airport before departure for LG Soccer Tournament to be held in Vietnam on 18 August. — NLM

## HK population increases by 0.6%

HONG KONG, 18 Aug— Hong Kong's population stood at 6.84 million (provisional) at mid-2004, representing an increase of 38,800 or 0.6 per cent over that of mid-2003, the Census and Statistics Department announced here Tuesday.

The overall population increase of 38,800 comprises a natural increase of 8,100 and a net inflow of 30,700 residents.

The department said both births and inflow of

One-way Permit holders (OWPHs) were important constituents of the overall population increase.

The ratio of the number of births, at 44,500 during mid-2003 to mid-2004, to the overall population increase over the same period was 115 per cent.

The ratio of the inflow of OWPHs, at 41,500, to the overall population increase was 107 per cent.

Deaths in the meantime offset part of the increase.

The ratio of the number of deaths, at 36,400, to the overall population increase was 94 per cent.

The Hong Kong population is measured on the definition of Resident Population, which comprises Usual Residents and Mobile Residents.

Among the total population at mid-2004, 6.65 million were Usual Residents and 186,400 were Mobile Residents.

MNA/Xinhua

## One more Vietnamese suspected to contract bird flu

HANOI, 18 Aug— A child from Vietnam's southern Hau Giang Province, the home to most suspected cases of bird flu in the country, received treatment after showing symptoms of fever and breathing difficulties.

The two-year-old boy, who is in stable condition in the Pediatrics Hospital in the southern city of Can Tho, was hospitalized on August 14 after several poultry raised by his family died suddenly, an official from the Hau Giang Preventive Medicine Bureau said on Tuesday.

"The Pasteur Institute in Ho Chi Minh is testing the samples taken from the patient for bird flu virus," he noted.

Since July 19, nine people from the northern province of Ha Tay and the two southern provinces of Tra Vinh and Hau Giang were hospitalized with bird flu symptoms, of whom six died. However, recent testing conducted at the institute showed that two patients from Hau Giang and Tra Vinh were tested

negative for bird flu viruses.

Of the deaths, two children from Ha Tay and a young woman from Hau Giang were caused by infection with the H5N1 strain of bird flu, a local doctor at the Vietnam's Hygiene and Epidemiology Institute said, explaining that further testing showed that they contracted the H5N1, not just H5 in initial testing.

After informing the WHO about bird flu situations in Vietnam, the country's Department of Animal Health, on Monday, had an expert-level working session with the WHO on cooperation in research and coordination to prevent a bird flu outbreak among humans. A small group of WHO experts are expected to arrive in Vietnam to offer technical assistance in the next few days. Eleven

southern localities, including the city of Can Tho and the provinces of Hau Giang, Long An, Bac Lieu, Tra Vinh, Dong Thap, Vinh Long, Tien Giang, Ba Ria Vung Tau, Kien Giang and Ben Tre, have been hit by bird flu, which has either killed or led to the forced culling of some 63,000 fowls, mainly chickens and quails since late June.

In late March 2004, Vietnam declared an end to bird flu that killed 17 per cent of its poultry population, and claimed 16 human lives since its previous outbreak last December. A total of 43.2 million fowls nationwide either died or were culled, causing direct losses of 1.3 trillion Vietnamese dong (82.8 million US dollars) to the local poultry industry.

MNA/Xinhua

## China's largest private art gallery under construction

NANJING, 18 Aug— A private investor and avid artwork collector based in the eastern China province of Jiangsu has spent 18 million US dollars to build the country's largest private art gallery.

The Yilanzhai Art Gallery, wholly owned by Yilanzhai Artwork Co, covers 96,700 square metres in the provincial capital Nanjing, a "laudable move" to be taken by a private company, as Xu Huping, curator of the Nanjing Museum, puts it. Xu said it was the first time for a private investor to build an art gallery of its size.

"The new gallery under construction will be twice as big as the provincial art gallery. It'll promote cultural deve-

lopment in the province," he added.

Yilanzhai Artwork Co, whose name means "house of artwork and orchids" in Chinese, is a professional collector of ancient paintings and calligraphic works. It has collected nearly 3,000 authentic works from the Ming (1368 - 1644) and Qing (1644 - 1911) dynasties over the past two decades, more than 20 of which have been listed by the Chinese Government as national gems.

The company will put its collections on display at the new gallery, which will have exhibition halls, collection centres, conference rooms and workshops dedicated to keeping ancient artwork intact upon its completion next year, say sources with

Yilanzhai Artwork Co.

The gallery is the 27th art gallery designed by noted Japanese architect Kisho Kurokawa, whose other works included the Van Gogh Museum in Amsterdam, the National Art Centre in Tokyo and many other architectures in the world.

The same investor will also build a cultural community in Hexi New District, where the new art gallery is located, featuring bookstores, art promotion centres, artists' studios and theaters.

Observers say China's private entrepreneurs started to invest in art galleries in the 1990s, but most of these earlier establishments were too small to be compared with Yilanzhai.

MNA/Xinhua

## MoU signed for producing bio-diesel from jetropha

CHENNAI (Tamil Nadu), 18 Aug— A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Tuesday between England's D1 Oils Limited and Chennai-based Mohan Breweries and Distilleries Limited for producing bio-diesel from jetropha and to set up a refinery for it.

The MoU was signed in

the presence Chief Minister Jayalalithaa of the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu at the state secretariat here, an official Press release said.

"This is for the first time that such a MoU has been signed for producing bio-diesel through jetropha. Also, this is the first time that an England-based unit has signed such an agreement

with an agency outside its country," the release said.

Under the agreement reached Tuesday, quality seeds would be supplied to farmers to enable them increase their productivity. "This will also help increase rural employment and put fallow lands into productive use", the release said.

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**Morocco detains  
229 African migrants**

**RABAT, 17 Aug** — Moroccan authorities have detained since Friday 229 Africans trying to migrate illegally to Europe, official media said.

The Royal National Police of Taza arrested 155 people from Mali, Senegal, Mauritania, Gambia and Guinea aboard a cooling truck and a van on Friday and Saturday in the northern Moroccan mountains, news agency MAP said. They have since been expelled.

In two other incidents authorities caught 74 illegal immigrants aboard three boats in the Mediterranean off the coast of Morocco on Saturday. Two captains were arrested, MAP said.

MNA/Reuters

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**Southern Africa urged to see  
AIDS as wider crisis**

**GRANDE BAIE (Mauritius), 17 Aug** — Southern Africa should treat AIDS as a political, social and economic crisis because it is killing off people crucial to its development, Malawian President Bingu wa Mutharika said on Monday.

Almost two-thirds of the world's HIV/AIDS sufferers — or 25 million people — live in sub-Saharan Africa, while the southern African nations of Botswana and Swaziland have the highest prevalence rates, above 35 per cent.

Mutharika, who was elected earlier this year, told an annual summit of the Southern African Development Community (SADC) that the region was losing professionals and officials at a rate faster than replacements could be trained.

"We continue to lose prominent politicians and Members of Parliament to the AIDS pandemic," he said.

Some countries, like sparsely populated Botswana, are pulling out all the stops to halt the spread of the epidemic while others are doing relatively little. South Africa launched its first programme to distribute life-prolonging antiretroviral drugs early in 2004.

MNA/Reuters

**Azerbaijan crash  
involving petrol  
tanker kills 13**

**BAKU, 17 Aug** — Thirteen people were killed and five injured on Monday in a collision between a minibus and a petrol tanker, local television said.

ANS television said the accident took place on a key highway near the Caucasus republic's northern border with Russia. Officials were not immediately available for comment.

A spokesman for Russian oil company LUKOIL, a major fuel supplier and investor in oil-rich Azerbaijan, said one of its tankers was involved in the accident. Company representatives had been sent to the scene to investigate.

He gave no further details. — MNA/Reuters

**S African police nab  
10.5 kilos of cocaine  
at airport**

**JOHANNESBURG, 17 Aug** — Three men have been nabbed by South African police respectively since last Wednesday for allegedly having in their possession cocaine worth more than 4.7 million rand (723,000 US dollars) and weighing 10.5 kilos in total.

Two of the men were South African citizens and the third a Ghanaian, a report of the South African Press Association quoted police spokesman Eugene Opperman as saying.

A 34-year-old South African arriving at the Johannesburg International Airport from Brazil's Sao Paulo last Wednesday was identified as a possible drug courier and searched.

Officials found packages containing about 2.5 kilos of cocaine strapped to his thighs and shins. The drugs had a street value of about 1.125 million rand, Opperman said.

A 39-year-old Ghanaian was arrested as he arrived last Thursday at the airport from his home country, under way to Sao Paulo.

He was traced by a bag found containing cosmetic powder brushes with cocaine powder concealed in the handles. The cocaine, about three kilos, had an estimated street value of 1.35 million rand, Opperman said.

On Monday, a 42-year-old South African was identified at the airport as a possible drug smuggler as he arrived on a flight from Sao Paulo. Officials found about five kilos of cocaine, worth about 2.25 million rand, in women's underwear concealed under his clothes.

MNA/Xinhua



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## Water scarce in Havana from “Charley’s” passage

HAVANA, 17 Aug — City workers distributed water in tanker trucks and urged some 1.4 million residents of the Cuban capital with no running water on Monday to remain calm four days after Hurricane Charley roared through the area.

A government official in a car with loudspeakers on the roof urged residents to conserve water and said it could take several days to restore services to 70 percent of the city with no water.

The Aguas de La Habana water company said the hurricane had disrupted power

supplies needed to pump water into the city of two million from outlying areas and eight Havana districts were without running water.

"We have never been affected so much. True, the hurricane passed through the city, but four days without light and water is horrible," said an

angry 25-year-old man who asked not to be named. Charley hit Cuba with 105-mile per hour winds, killing four people and damaging 40,000 homes when it barreled through Havana Province and the western side of Havana on Friday.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Zambian maize much sought after in southern Africa

**LUSAKA, 18 August** — **Zambian produce is now a much sought after commodity in the hungry region of southern Africa, with the number of countries seeking to import maize from Zambia swollen to seven.**

Zambian Agriculture and Cooperatives Minister Mundia Sikatana said in an interview that Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Namibia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), Malawi, Kenya and Mozambique have indicated their wish to import maize from Zambia.

Sikatana indicated that initially only Tanzania, Zimbabwe and Namibia had indicated their wish to import maize from Zambia.

According to official

data, Zambia has recorded bumper harvests successively for two years, despite the almost universal decline of food crop yield in the southern African region.

Maize production alone in the region is estimated at 8.28 million tons, a decline of 15 per cent on 9.71 million tons harvest during the previous season. About 6.5 million people suffer food shortages in this region this year.

The countries in the re-

gion have sought ways to tackle the problem. An Extraordinary Summit on Agriculture and Food Security was convened in May in Dar-es-Salaam to address the stagnation of agricultural production and persistent food shortages in member countries of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), which include Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Namibia, the DRC, Malawi and Zambia.

MNA/Xinhua

## Study says Vitamin E wards off colds in elderly

**CHICAGO, 18 August —** Vitamin E supplements ward off colds in the elderly and may help some seniors avoid upper respiratory tract infections that can prove deadly, researchers said on Tuesday.

In the study of 617 nursing home patients aged 65 or older, those who swallowed a Vitamin E supplement daily had significantly fewer common colds and had a 20-percent overall lower risk of acquiring a cold, compared to participants given a harmless placebo.

More patients taking the vitamin avoided upper respiratory tract infections than in the placebo group during the one-year study period. However, the vitamin did not reduce lower respiratory tract infections.

Respiratory illnesses in the elderly can be debilitating and lead to complications and death, study author Simin Meydani of Tufts University in Boston wrote in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

"It is recognized that nutrition has a major impact on disease resistance, and Meydani's group has previously shown that Vitamin E supplementation improves measures of immune response. The current study shows an impact on actual disease incidence," Annette Dickinson, president of the Council for Responsible Nutrition, a trade group for the nutritional supplement industry, said in a statement.

*MNA/Reuters*



## West Nile virus dangerous for immune suppressed

**CHICAGO, 17 Aug—**Organ transplant recipients are at particular risk of developing serious complications from West Nile virus because they take pills to suppress their immune systems, a study said on Monday.

Immune suppression drugs are routinely prescribed for the 25,000 Americans annually who receive a transplanted organ, making them more vulnerable to the mosquito-borne infection, according to the study published in *The Archives of Neurology*.

Researchers at the Uni-

versity of Colorado in Denver monitored 11 transplant patients who contracted West Nile virus in the summer of 2003, and found 10 of them

developed meningoencephalitis, an inflammation of the brain and a membrane surrounding the brain and spinal cord. —*MNA/Reuters*

## Hurricane "Charley" death toll in Florida hits 17

**PUNTA GORDA (Florida), 17 Aug** — Relief supplies poured rapidly into southwest Florida after Hurricane Charley's devastating rampage but some of the thousands of newly homeless seethed with frustration on Monday as they faced rebuilding their lives.

The death toll for the fiercest storm to hit Florida in 12 years climbed to 17, Florida emergency officials said, but it looked like the final total would not be as high as originally feared. Three days later, more than 2,000 people were still in shelters, according to Florida emergency officials, and many more had sought refuge with relatives, friends or in hotels.

MNA/Reuters



*A Calayan Rail is held after its discovery by Filipino and British wildlife researchers on the tiny forested island of Calayan in the northern Philippines, in this undated image made available by the expedition. Unlike its close relative the moorhen, the Calayan rail is 'almost certainly flightless' and may be new to science, the British conservation group BirdLife International said on 17 Aug. 2004. —INTERNET*

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## SPORTS

**Luo wins China's first pool gold**

ATHENS, 17 Aug—World champion Luo Xuejuan brought China their first swimming title of the Athens Olympics with a brave victory in the 100-metre breaststroke on Monday.

Australians Brooke Hanson and Leisel Jones gave chase but Luo, who appeared to be tying up in the race to the wall, managed to keep them at bay and won in one minute 06.64 seconds, breaking the Olympic record set by Jones in Sunday's semifinals.

Hanson took the silver in 1:07.15 and world record holder Jones, silver medalist at the 2000 Sydney Olympics, had to settle for the bronze, just 0.01 seconds behind.—MNA/Reuters



China's Lao Lishi and Li Ting dive in the women's synchronised 10 metre platform final at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games on 16 August, 2004.—INTERNET

**China wins third diving gold**

ATHENS, 17 Aug—China collected their third straight diving gold of the Athens Olympics on Monday when Lao Lishi and Li Ting won the women's synchronized 10-metre platform event.

Russian pair Natalia Goncharova and Yulia Koltunova won silver and Blythe Hartley and Emilie Heymans of Canada took bronze.

The Chinese pair stayed in front from the first round while the Canadians and Russians fought a close battle for silver. Goncharova and Koltunova got in front in the fourth round and held on to keep second spot.

MNA/Reuters

**Rangers midfielder Rae handed five-match ban by UEFA**

GENEVA, 17 Aug—Rangers midfielder Alex Rae has received a five-match European ban for gross unsporting conduct after kicking out at CSKA Moscow's Serguei Dadu in a Champions League qualifying defeat, UEFA said on Monday.

Rae, making his European debut in Rangers' 2-1 defeat in Russia on August 10, was found guilty of kicking Dadu in the head in the 79th minute of the third qualifying round, first-leg match.

Dadu fell to the ground following a challenge with Rae and was seen to handle the ball.

Rae then appeared to kick the ball with his left foot before kicking Dadu in the head with his right.

Dutch referee Jan Wegereef only saw the handball and restarted the match with a free kick to Rangers, leaving CSKA players and officials outraged.

Video evidence was used by UEFA and European soccer's governing body said it "took into account that the action could have resulted in a serious injury to the Russian player," in handing out the hefty suspension.

Rae has until midnight on Thursday to appeal against the decision.

The second leg takes place in Glasgow on August 25.

MNA/Reuters

**Ballack replaces Kahn as Germany captain**

BERLIN, 17 Aug—Germany's new coach Juergen Klinsmann named midfield playmaker Michael Ballack as his captain on Monday in place of goalkeeper Oliver Kahn.

Klinsmann made the announcement two days before his first match in charge of the national side, a friendly against Austria.

"I wanted as the captain an outfield player who was in contact with all members of the team. Ballack is exactly the linkman I had imagined," Klinsmann told reporters.

"I spoke with both players about this and both accepted the decision. Oliver Kahn will deputize for Ballack in future," Klinsmann added.

The Germans opted to replace the fiery Kahn, who often berated his colleagues since taking over from Oliver Bierhoff in 2001, with the more softly-spoken Ballack, eight years his junior at 27.

Ballack's midfield dominance and goals helped Germany reach the 2002 World Cup final, and the national side has been built around him ever since, although his form dipped by his own high

standards last season.

Ballack said he was looking forward to the challenge.

"I am often criticized for not being loud enough on the pitch. But I am a central midfielder and so am able to influence the team. I will now take on more responsibility," he said. Kahn said he accepted the decision, although he expressed less delight at Klinsmann's proposal to rotate the three goalkeepers, believing he was the clear number one.

Germany were forced to replace defenders Jens Nowotny and Arne Friedrich who were both injured in weekend Bundesliga action.

Chelsea's Robert Huth, who turns 20 on Wednesday, wins his first call-up to the national squad. Bayern Munich's Thomas Linke has also been drafted in at the age of 34 after a two-year absence.

Werder Bremen striker Miroslav Klose also had to withdraw after injuring his



Juergen Klinsmann watches newly appointed team captain Michael Ballack (R) during Klinsmann's first practice session as new head coach of the German national team, in Frankfurt, on 16 August, 2004.—INTERNET

thigh in training. The friendly international on Wednesday marks the centenary celebra-

tions of the Austrian Football Association.

MNA/Reuters

**Sampanis gives Greece a medal**

ATHENS, 17 Aug—Shi Zhiyong completed a golden day for China's weightlifters, winning the 62 kilos men's Olympic title on Monday, but the biggest cheers belonged to Leonidas Sampanis who gave Greece their first medal of the Games.

Shi laid the groundwork for his victory in the snatch with a huge lift of 152.5 kilos then combined it with 172.5 kilos in the clean and jerk to take the gold with a world-record equalling total

of 325 kilos, ahead of compatriot Le Maosheng on 312.5 kilos.

But the large crowd inside the Nikaia weightlifting hall had come to see just one man and the 33-year-old

Sampanis did not disappoint.

A tense evening of competition to see which athlete could lift the most was in the end decided by who weighed the least. Sampanis also lifted 312.5 kilos but Maosheng finished ahead because he was 22 grammes lighter.

Bronze or silver, it did not matter for the flag-waving, chanting crowd. Sampanis's medal-winning effort relieved days of pent-up anxiety for the hosts, who had fretted over a drug-test scandal involving the country's two top athletes Costas Kenteris and Katerina Thanou and talk of poor ticket sales.—MNA/Reuters



Greece's Leonidas Sampanis shouts as he lifts during the men's 62kg weight lifting category at the Athens 2004 Olympics on 16 August, 2004.—INTERNET

**11th ASEAN Schools Gymnastics C'ship opens in Singapore**

SINGAPORE, 17 Aug—The 11th ASEAN Schools Gymnastics Championships opened here on Monday with the participation of 73 players and 39 officials from five countries. The five participating countries are Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand and Vietnam.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Singapore's Minister of State for Education Chan Soo Sen said that in recent years, the standards of gymnastics in the countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have shown considerable improvement, largely attributed to the efforts made by the ASEAN Schools Sports Council.

MNA/Reuters

**Greece wins its first gold in diving**

ATHENS, 17 Aug—Host nation Greece won its first gold medal of the Athens Olympics on Monday when Nikolaos Siranidis and Thomas Bimis triumphed in the men's synchronized three-metre diving.

The crowd at the indoor pool in the Athens Olympic complex erupted in cheers as their victory was announced and the divers danced around the pool to traditional Greek music played over the public address system.

The Chinese pair were heading for victory but their final effort was declared a no-dive and they received no points, letting in Siranidis and Bimis for victory.

The American team also dived badly in their final-round bid for gold, scoring poorly.

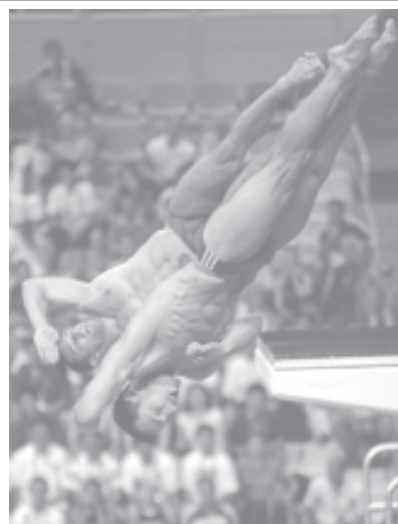
MNA/Reuters

**Guyart wins physical battle to take men's foil**

ATHENS, 17 Aug—France's Brice Guyart was not afraid to resort to the rough stuff on his way to the men's individual foil Olympic gold on Monday (15-13) in a final which often resembled a rugby match against Italian Salvatore Sanzo.

The Frenchman was warned first for shoulder-barging and then for "rucking" his opponent who fell to the floor. Sanzo was also warned for foul play.

French President Jacques Chirac sent Guyart a message of congratulations.—MNA/Reuters



Greece's Nikolaos Siranidis, front, and Thomas Bimis dive to the gold medal in the Men's 3 metre synchronized springboard diving event at the 2004 Olympic Games in Athens, on Monday, 16 Aug, 2004.—INTERNET



ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရ  
ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန  
သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း  
အမှတ် ၂၁၂၊ သိမ်ဖြူလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း The New Light of Myanmar သတင်းစာတိုက်တွင် အထက်တန်းသတင်းထောက် (သို့မဟုတ်) စာပေလက်ထောက်-၂ (လစာနှုန်းကျပ် ၅၄၀၀-၁၀၀-၅၄၀၀) ရာထူးနေရာများအတွက် သတ်မှတ်အရည်အချင်းနှင့်ပြည့်မီသူများ လျှောက်ထားနိုင်ပါသည်။

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-  
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စု မြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။  
(ခ) တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာကို ဂုဏ်ထူးဖြင့် အောင်မြင်သူများ (သို့မဟုတ်)အင်္ဂလိပ်ဘာသာအဓိကဖြင့် တက္ကသိုလ်တက်ရောက်နေသူများ (နေ့ပိုင်း) သို့မဟုတ် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ အရေးအစပ်အပြောကျွမ်းကျင်ပြီး တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုခု (နေ့ပိုင်း) တွင် တက်ရောက်နေသူများ။

(ဂ) နေ့/ည တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်နိုင်သူ ဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ အထက်ပါအရည်အချင်းများနှင့် ကိုက်ညီသူများအား အောက်ပါအကျိုးခံစားခွင့်များ ခွင့်ပြုမည်-  
(က) တက္ကသိုလ် (နေ့ပိုင်း)သို့ တက်ရောက်ခွင့်ပြုပြီး ကျောင်းပြီးသည့်အထိ လစာကျပ် ၄၈၀၀/-ကို လစဉ်ခံစားခွင့်ပြုမည်။

(ခ) ကျောင်းတက်နေစဉ်ကာလအတွင်း လိုအပ်သလို ကူညီထောက်ပံ့ပေးမည်။

(ဂ) စာမေးပွဲကျမှီပါက တောက်ပုံကြေးအားလုံးကို ပြန်လည်ပေးလျှော်ရမည်။

(ဃ) ကျောင်းပြီးပါက အထက်တန်းသတင်းထောက် (သို့မဟုတ်)စာပေလက်ထောက်-၂ (လစာနှုန်းကျပ်၅၄၀၀-၁၀၀-၅၄၀၀) ရာထူးတွင်ခန့်ထားမည်။

(င) အနည်းဆုံးလုပ်သက် တစ်ဆက်တည်း (၁၀)နှစ် တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ရမည်။  
ပျက်ကွက်ခြင်း၊နုတ်ထွက်ခြင်း၊ထုတ်ဝယ်ခြင်းခံရပါက ကျပ်၂၅၀၀၀၀/- (နှစ်ဆယ့်ငါးသိန်း) ပေးလျှော်ရမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း ကတိခံစာချက်ရေးထိုးရမည်။

(စ) လုပ်ငန်းတွင်ထူးချွန်ပါက ပြည်ပသင်တန်းများသို့ စေလွှတ်သင်ကြားပေးမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာများကို အောက်ပါစာရွက်စာတမ်းများပူးတွဲလျက် သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း (ရုံးချုပ်)၊ ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (သတင်း)၊ အမှတ်-၂၁၂၊ သိမ်ဖြူလမ်း၊ရန်ကုန်မြို့သို့ ၂၀-၉-၂၀၀၄ရက်နေ့ နောက်ဆုံးထား၍ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်-

(က) တက္ကသိုလ်ဝင်စာမေးပွဲ အောင်လက်မှတ်မိတ္တူနှင့် အမှတ်စာရင်းမိတ္တူ

(ခ) သက်ဆိုင်ရာမြို့နယ်ရဲစခန်းမှ လျှောက်လွှာပို့ရက်တိုင်မီ (၆) လအတွင်း ရရှိထားသည့် ပြစ်မှုကင်းရှင်းကြောင်းထောက်ခံချက်မူရင်း

(ဂ) မြို့နယ်အလုပ်သမားညွှန်ကြားရေးဦးစီးဌာနတွင် အလုပ်သမားမှတ်ပုံတင်ထားသည့် အလလခ ပုံစံ(၂)စာတိုင်ပုံမိတ္တူတစ်စောင်

(ဃ) လိုင်စင်ဓာတ်ပုံနှစ်ပုံ (ဓာတ်ပုံ နောက်ကျောတွင် အမည်နှင့် နိုင်ငံသားစိစစ်ရေးကတ် အမှတ်ရေးသားရန်)

(င) ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ကျပ် ၂၀၀/-ပေးသွင်းသည့်ချွန်မှုရင်း (သို့မဟုတ်) စာတိုက်ငွေပို့လွှာ (Money Order)ပြောစာမူရင်း

၅။ စာမေးပွဲဝင်ကြေး ငွေကျပ်၂၀၀/- ကို ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ မြန်မာစီးပွားရေးဘဏ်၊ စက်မှုလက်မှုဥစ္စာဌာန စာရင်းအမှတ် (SEE 4201-N) သို့လည်းကောင်း၊ သက်ဆိုင်ရာစာတိုက်မှတစ်ဆင့် ဤလုပ်ငန်း(ရုံးချုပ်) သို့ ငွေပို့လွှာ (Money Order) ဖြင့်လည်းကောင်း ပေးသွင်းရမည်။

၆။ အသေးစိတ် အကြောင်းအရာများကို သတင်းနှင့် စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း (ရုံးချုပ်)တယ်လီဖုန်း အမှတ် ၂၄၄၆၂၁သို့ စုံစမ်းနိုင်ပါသည်။



Thursday, August 19  
Tune in today:

8.30 am Brief news

8.35 am Music: Turn back time

8.40 am Perspectives

8.45 am Music: -Best friend

8.50 am National news/Slogan

9.00 am Music: -Fame

9.05 am International news

9.10 am Music: -If you wanna party

1.30 pm News/Slogan

1.40 pm Lunch time music:

-Maggie May

-My world

-La La means I love you

9.00 pm Aspects of Myanmar

9.10 pm Article

9.20 pm Pourri

-Osteoarthritis cream has short-term effect

-Scientists make mad cow prison in lab for the first time

-Molecules in betel leaf holds cancer drug promise

9.30 pm Favourite songs chosen by music lovers

-Forever and ever

-Unchained melody

-Eternal flame

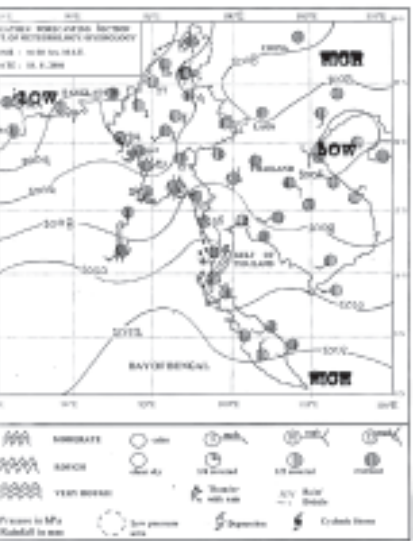
9.45 pm News/Slogan

10.00 pm PEL

Rainfall on 18-8-2004

- 2.48 inches at Yangon Airport,
  - 2.44 inches at Kaba-Aye,
  - 2.60 inches at central Yangon.
- Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was
- 89.41 inches at Yangon Airport,
  - 87.48 inches at Kaba-Aye and
  - 87.36 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 18 August 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain has been isolated in Kayah State, scattered in Mandalay and Magway Divisions, and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bago (6.10) inches, central Yangon (2.60) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon) (2.48) inches, Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (2.44) inches and Kyaukpadaung (2.44) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 17-8-2004 was 31.0°C (88°F). Minimum temperature on 18-8-2004 was 20.0°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 18-8-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 17-8-2004 was (4.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 18-8-2004 was 63 mm (2.48 inches) at Yangon Airport, 62 mm (2.44 inches) at Kaba-Aye, 66 mm (2.60 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 2271 mm (89.41 inches) at Yangon Airport, 2222 mm (87.48 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 2219 mm (87.36 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Southwest at 15:45 hours MST on 17-8-2004.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is generally moderate in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 19-8-2004:** Rain will be scattered in Kayah State, Mandalay, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%).

**State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30) to (35) mph.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** General decrease of rain in eastern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-8-2004:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).  
**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-8-2004:** Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Warning

(Issued at 13:00 hrs MST on 18-8-2004)  
The water level of Bago River at Bago may rise 30 cm (about 1-ft) and reach the danger level (910) cm during the next (24) hours commencing noon today.



Thursday, August 19  
View on today:

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw 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. Dance of national races

8:05 am

6. Dance variety

8:20 am

7. မြူးချောင်းတံတား

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Let's Go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

-တတိယနှစ် (စာတုမ္မာအထူးပြု) (စာတုမ္မာ)

5:15 pm

6. Cute little dancers

5:30 pm

7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းစားကိတား

5:45 pm

8. Musical programme

6:00 pm

9. "ဆေးလိပ်ကင်းကျော အနုပညာကမ္ဘာ"

(လွင်ဗို၊ မင်းမောင်ထွန်း၊ စာနုညီ)

ကင်းကောင်း၊ ခိုးခြံကုန်

လှအောင်တင်၊ ကြည့်လိုလဲဦး၊

ဂွမ်းဖို)

6:15 pm

10. Musical programme

6:30 pm

11. Evening news

7:00 pm

12. Weather report

7:05 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းစဉ်

"လူမှုနိဗ္ဗာန်ကောင်း" (အပိုင်း-၃)

7:35 pm

14. နိုင်ငံအခန်းသစ်တောစွမ်းဖြင့်

မိန်းလန်းအေးရမည်

7:45 pm

15. ကျေးလက်ဒေသတစ်ခွင်

အလှဆင်

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. Myanmar video feature:

"သမုဒ္ဒရာနက်ရှိုင်းသောအချိန်"

(အပိုင်း-၁)

ဒွေး၊ ဖြိုးငွေမိုး၊ နန္ဒာလှိုင်၊

ခါရိုက်တာ-ကိုစော် (အရက်ဦး)

20. The next day's programme

## Excavated artifacts prove Tagaung as a region of ancient Pyus

YANGON, 18 Aug — After finding some Pyu cultural earthen objects and a foundation of a building in Tagaung region in 1997, the Archaeology Department (Upper Myanmar) has been paying special attention to searching more ancient objects and buildings of Pyu culture in the region, continuously discovering urns, beads, bricks, bronzeware, moogyothwa (a kind of mineral), bronzeware, ironware and coins of Pyu era.

The department of the Ministry of Culture found the objects and the foundation of the building in a cultivation field of U Tin Win near Hsinnyaut village, Tagaung region,

Thabeikyin Township, Mandalay Division.

At present, the department is excavating and discovering collections of urns and goglets, that are rare to be found even in other Pyu regions — Hanlin, Beikthano and Srikestara.

Finding of Pyu era artifacts at two places, that have been named plot No 1 and plot No 2, in the compound of Tagaung Basic Education High School, has definitely proved Tagaung region as the place where ancient Pyu race had once lived.

When a hole was dug in the earth for a school toilet at the southeast corner of the compound, a vase-like pot together with its lid

was accidentally found at the depth of four feet on 3 July 2004. The pot was fixed as No 11 pot. Of the three rows of the palace walls of Tagaung, the pot was found at a place that was inside the second wall or Bagan Wall. The pot also contained 15 small bells, 12 earthen beads, one iron bracelet, broken pieces of iron bracelets, one bronze ring, two silver bracelet-like artifacts, two orange colour beads, a necklace of beads whose shape resembles that of a mini long drum, a cylinder-shaped bead, one small white bead, a small black bead and one coin.

Headmaster of the school U Win Myint handed over the objects to Sayadaw U Panditananda, who is serving as the curator of a temporary museum, displaying objects of Tagaung era.

A team comprising Director U Wai Lwin of Archaeology Department (Upper Myanmar), expert Tampawady U Win Maung, writer Chit San Win, ancient artifacts keeper U Aye Lwin continued to excavate the place and found four more pots, which they named Pot No 12, Pot No 13, Pot No 14, and Pot No 15. Twenty-three objects — five urns, 16 goglets, one plate and a cup were found at the place on 11 August.

After analyzing the finds at the place, the team made an excavation at a new place lying six feet north of it. At the depth of two feet, the team found a collection of three urns and nine goglets.

When the Pot No 14 and



Officials and researchers observe urns of Pyu period at the compound of Tagaung BEHS in Thabeikyin Township.— CULTURE

Pot No 15 were opened in the presence of local authorities and experts, two curved knives, one short knife, a sword, one iron rivet, one 11.5-inch bronze spoon, one earthen lid, two bronze lids, 31 beads, one-inch square gold plate, human skulls, and cremated bones of human vertebra, hand, leg, fingers, toes and buttock. The pot No 14 is 15 inches long, with a 12-inch diameter base. The diameter at the open is 6.5 inches. A lid and a rattan circular frame were also found together with it. The circular frame is one inch thick and the diameter of

the lid is three inches thick and nine inches wide.

Inside the urn-15 are a sword, ironware, a bead, six molars and three teeth, a small necklace, a short drum-shape bead, a hexagonal glass bead, 15 plastic beads and an arrow.

The urn-15 with circular shape frame and a lid is ten inches in height and its diameter is 8 inches. The circular shape frame is one inch high, the lid is four inches and its diameter is seven inches.

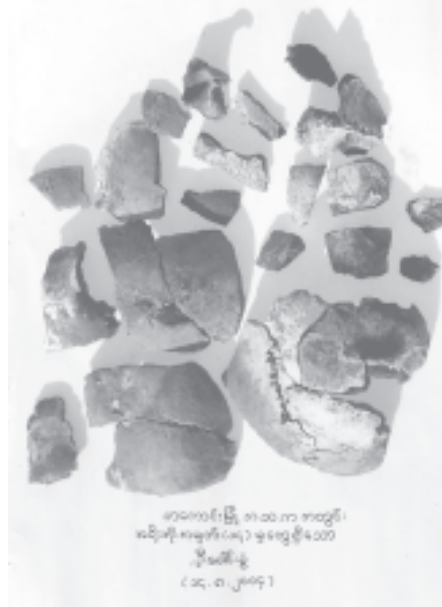
The urns and goglets excavated were decorated with the pictures of rooster and bowls on the neck and

upper part of the goglets. On the body of the urn are the designs of straight line, diamond and waves. The neck of the urn is small and there is nothing in it.

The urns of Pyu period and artifacts are ancient objects with high historical value and are very important for historians who are conducting research of the history of ancient Tagaung.

The Ministry of Culture is making arrangements for construction of a museum where all these objects were found. Excavation continues at nearby places.

MNA



Skulls from No 14 urn of Pyu period unearthed in Tagaung region, Thabeikyin Township.— CULTURE

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### Deputy Minister arrives back from India

YANGON, 18 Aug — Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than and party arrived back here yesterday after studying railways services in India.

They were welcomed back by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin and officials.

Director-General of MR U Min Swe and Assistant General Manager (Civil) U Than Htay of MR also arrived back here on the same flight.—MNA

### Study group concludes visit

YANGON, 18 Aug — The study group led by Lt-Gen Tariq Wasseem Ghazi of National Defence College of Pakistan left home this afternoon after visiting Myanmar.

They were seen off at the airport by Deputy Commandant of National Defence College Brig-Gen Than Maung, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, Ambassador of Pakistan to Myanmar Mr Muhammad Nawaz Chaudhry and officials.—MNA

### Stimulant tablets seized in Tachilek

YANGON, 18 Aug — A combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit, Tachilek Special Anti-Drug Squad and local battalion, acting on information, searched the house of Ar Be in Adee Village, Lwedawkham Village-tract, Tachilek Township, on 29 December 2003. The authorities seized 40,000 stimulant tablets, a USA-made shotgun, 12 rounds of ammunition, one Czech-made .22 gun, one USA-made 9mm pistol, 50 rounds of its ammunition and one-hand made shotgun kept under his bed.

Tachilek Police Station filed him with FIR 89/2003 and 90/2003 under the Sections 15/ 19(A)/22 (B) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Tachilek District Court sentenced Ar Be, son of U Lau Phe to 30 years' imprisonment under Sections 19 (A) and 22 (B) and Ar Gel (a) Zaw Tun, son of U Ar The to 16 years' under Section 19(A) and 30 years' under Section 21 of the law.—MNA

### Gem & Jade Sale continues

YANGON, 18 Aug — Gem Merchants at home and abroad totalling 889 today observed the gem and jade lots displayed at the 17th gem and jade sale for the year 2004 of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd at the Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here. Gem and jade bargain forms will be opened at 7.30 am tomorrow.

The sale will be launched at 9 am tomorrow and jade and gem lots will be sold through tender system and competitive bidding.

Managing Director of UMEH Ltd Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) this morning inspected the gem and jade lots and cordially greeted the merchants.— MNA



Managing Director Maj-Gen Win Hlaing (Retd) inspects jewellery at the Sale.—MNA