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NHC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets surgeons who performed liver transplant at New General Hospital (Yangon) on 25-8-2004 evening.—MNA

Myanmar performs liver transplant successfully for first time PM views operation, meets surgeons Success of operation pride for nation, people

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YANGON, 26 Aug—Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance to establish Myanmar Academy of Medical Science with the aim of enabling the retired medical experts and the medical experts still in service to participate in the tasks for transforming the nation into a modern and developed one and advancement of the nation's medical science by effectively exerting their vast medical knowledge and invaluable experiences.

In accord with the guidance given by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, Myanmar Academy of Medical Science has come into being for four and a half years.

Since its birth, the MAMS has been able to make remarkable contributions towards measures for uplift of the nation's medical science as well as health care concerns. As an organization on through efforts of individual members, MAMS is taking part in health care services being carried out by the Government. Besides, it participated in special four-year national education promotion plan (health sector), tasks on teaching of public health care, systematic formation of private clinics, import of medicines, standardization, drafting of the law on control of tobacco, prevention of SARS and bird flu, poison control centre and blood and also attended the seminars jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and WHO. The MAMS held its Biannual Plenary Meeting (2004) at the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street in Lanmadaw Township yesterday.—MNA

YANGON, 26 Aug — A liver transplant operation was conducted successfully for the first time in Myanmar at the New General Hospital here yesterday. Chairman of the National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt viewed the operation and fulfilled the necessary requirements.

Accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Prime Minister arrived at the hospital at 6 pm, and viewed the operation

being conducted by a team led by Prof Dr Norman Hla.

The Prime Minister heard a report on the operation presented by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and surgeons.

After attending to their

needs, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the surgeons and medical staff of the operation team, and left the hospital.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Success of liver transplant, pride for nation, people

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On 25 August, a team led by Surgeon Dr Thant Zin successfully took the liver of Ma Aye Mon out of her body during a surgical operation which lasted from 7.30 am to 11.45 am. At 10.15 am the same day, another team led by surgeon Dr Norman Hla started the operation and removed the hardened liver of Ko Khin Zaw Htet who was suffering from liver cirrhosis. The liver transplant started at 7.30 pm and was completed successfully at 11.45 pm. The whole operation took thirteen and a half hours, and the health condition of the patient is improving. Physicians and nurses are providing health care for the patient round the clock.

For the operation to be successful, the Government has made arrangements for medical experts to go abroad for further studies since 2002 and purchased necessary equipment. On 13 May 2003, the Ministry of Health formed the liver transplant committee and sub-committees and assigned duties to them. Ko Khin Zaw Htet, a liver recipient and patient of liver cirrhosis, was able to speak 12 hours after the operation. His health is improving.

He severely suffered from the disease, growing his stomach big and vomiting blood five times and he may even die within a period of 6 to 12 months.

The liver transplant is very delicate for the medical experts, costing between 75,000 and 100,000 US dollars in the western countries. The government provided necessary assistance for the operation.

It is obvious that the Government has been making all-out efforts for providing health care services to the entire national people. Renal transplant, operations on coronary artery, blood vessels, brain, liver and others have been successfully performed since four years ago. Conjoined twins operations have been launched in Myanmar since 1960. Myanmar can take pride in her accomplishments in the health sector.

All this needs to be known

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

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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

Pre-primary school handed over to Hline Township MCWA

YANGON, 26 Aug — A ceremony to open the pre-primary school was held at the delivery room of Hline Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association this morning, attended by President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

Shwe Pazun Family built the pre-primary school for Hline Township MCWA spending K 14,088,000 under the arrangement of MMCWA.

President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and Dr Tint Soe Lin, on behalf of donor Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Nwe Yi, formally opened the school.

After delivering an address, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented school equipment to Patron of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for MCWA Daw Khin Thet Htay. Dr Tint Soe Lin and Daw Pwint Mar Khine from Shwe Pazun Family handed over documents related to the school to Daw Khin Thet Htay. Next, on behalf of the wellwishers, Chairman of the Township Peace and Development Council U Ngwe San presented Chairperson of the Township MCWA Daw Htar Htar Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Kyi Soe, CEC members, departmental officials and guests. Later, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party visited the school building. — MNA



MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents toys to children at the school. — MNA



Wellwishers Dr Tint Soe Lin and Daw Pwint Mar Khine hand over documents relating to the school to Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay. — MNA

Myanmar Gazette

YANGON, 26 Aug — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Chief Engineer (Bridge) (Upper Myanmar) of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction U Han Zaw as Managing Director of Public Works on probation from the date he assumes charges of his duties. — MNA

45 persons exchange arms for peace in June, July

YANGON, 27 Aug — The State Peace and Development Council, upholding the Our Three Main National Causes, is striving for national reconsolidation and making concerted efforts for development of the entire nation. Armed groups, who realized correct endeavours and genuine goodwill of the government and understood their destructive acts, exchanged arms for peace at the camps individually or in group in June and July 2004.

Pvt Myint Lwin of No 2 Battalion of No 4 Brigade of KNU armed group, Sgt Naing Soe (a) Naing Lin Htet of No 3 Battalion of ABSDF armed group and Pvt Aung Zaw Latt of Mon Splinter armed group bringing together with one AK-47, one magazine and 20 rounds of ammunition, Lt Ha Do with one AK-47, on rifle, two magazines and 40 rounds of ammunition and tax collector Maung Nyan with one AK-47, one magazine and seven rounds of ammunition exchanged arms for peace in South-East Command area; Pvt Hla Thein and Tun Paik of No 11 Battalion of No 4 Brigade of KNU armed group bringing together with two grenades in Coastal Region Command area; Pvt Aik Sein of No 626 Battalion of No 759 Brigade of SURA armed group with one AK-47, one rifle, two magazines and 120 rounds of ammunition and one mine in Eastern Command area; Sai Nwe of SURA armed group and Vice-Chairman U Khin Maung Lat (a) Kya De and wife Daw He Mi, Secretary U Yaw Han, Joint-Secretary U Kya Htaw (a) U Bay Le and wife Daw Na Mi, Company Commander U Win Maung (a) Yaw Han, Pvt Gu Ja, Kya Bo, Ya Pa, Kya Wai, Kya He, Kya Khi, Kya Kyu, Pa Phu, Ai Naut, Kya Har, Kya Kyit, Kyu Khat, Kyu Ka, Kha He, Kya Pha, Kya Nu, Kya Khi, Kya Bo, Kya Law, Kya Shaw, Al Wai, Kya Phu, Kya Phu Dein, Peter Lu, Ya Pho and their family members Ei Nan, Na Law Say, Na Lei, Le Er and Na He of Lahu armed group (LDF) bringing together with two revolvers, one pistol, four M-22s, one carbine, three one-barrel shotguns, four magazines, 290 rounds of ammunition, one grenade, one mine and one ammunition bar in Triangle Region Command area. Officials of respective military camps warmly welcomed 45 persons who exchanged arms for peace and fulfilled their needs. More persons are still to exchange arms for peace. — MNA

Lectures on National Policy, Road Map given

YANGON, 26 Aug — Union Solidarity and Development Association Central Executive Committee member Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave lectures on the State Policy and seven-step Road Map at the basic organizational course No 1/2004 of the Dagon Myothit (North) Township USDA from 8 am to 4 pm today. The course is being attended by 81 trainees. — MNA



Iraq prison probe faults intelligence unit

WASHINGTON, 24 Aug—More than two dozen soldiers and contractors attached to a military intelligence unit at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq approved or took part in abuses of Iraqi detainees, an Army investigation has found in one of the most comprehensive looks to date at the scandal that damaged America's image around the world.

A few of the abuses amounted to torture, Maj Gen George Fay, one of the chief investigators, said Wednesday.

Officers in charge of the prison were negligent in the training and management of their troops, and some may face criminal charges, Army officials said. Until now, just seven lower-ranking military police soldiers have been charged.

In Philadelphia, Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry repeated his call for Defence Secretary Donald H Rumsfeld to resign and for President Bush

to appoint an independent commission.

The new report identifies 27 people attached to the 205th Military Intelligence Brigade, which oversaw interrogations at Abu Ghraib, who are accused of complicity in the abuses. Of those, 23 are soldiers and four were civilian contractors working for the unit.

The investigation report says the violent and sexual abuses — particularly those captured in the now-famous pictures of naked and frightened prisoners — were mostly the work of a group of guards and military intelligence per-

sonnel who were not conducting interrogations but instead amusing themselves. The report distinguishes this group of abuses from mistreatment committed during actual interrogations, which also occurred.

Some 15 of 23 soldiers from the 205th who are accused of abuse were interrogating prisoners and wrongly believed they were using approved techniques to question them, Army officials said. One such unapproved technique was interrogating a detainee naked, the report said.

The Army's findings appear to widen to more than

50 the number of people who may face charges or disciplinary action for the abuses at Abu Ghraib. Criminal allegations against civilian contractors will be referred to the Justice Department for possible prosecution.

Investigators recommended that five officers with command responsibilities, including Col. Thomas Pappas, commander of the 205th, and Lt Col Stephen Jordan, director of the Abu Ghraib interrogation centre face possible disciplinary action, Army officials said.

While these individuals did not directly take part in abuses, their poor leadership contributed to the conditions that allowed them to occur, officials said. —Internet



A member of the Iraqi Intervention Force patrols near Najaf on 25 Aug, 2004. Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, returned to Iraq on Wednesday and was heading for his home in the war-scarred city of Najaf, a senior Shiite cleric said. — INTERNET

New tuberculosis vaccine developed by Indian scientists

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug—Indian scientists have developed a new tuberculosis vaccine and found it to be safe and effective for low immunity cases too in animal-trial stage.

The candidate vaccine, a possible weapon against tuberculosis which has re-surfaced as a killer especially in combination with AIDS, has been developed by the scientists at the Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI) in northern Indian city of Lucknow.

The vaccine is a live form of a different strain of Mycobacterium, the bacteria that cause tuberculosis, a Council of Scientific and Industrial Research report said.

"The candidate vaccine should be evaluated in clinical trials," it said.

While Mycobacterium Tuberculosis causes tuberculosis in human beings, a different strain, Mycobacterium Habana, is reported in mice, guinea pig and monkey without causing the disease, the report said.

The studies found that

live M Habana generates an immune response against tuberculosis in mice. It is possibly due to certain similarities between M Habana and M Tuberculosis, it said.

Mice vaccinated with live M Habana remained healthy, gained weight and survived with organ functioning also remaining normal.

This implied that live M Habana was safe, the report said. The vaccine was cleared from the body in about three months. The vaccine was found to be effective in protecting against TB infection — 70 per cent of vaccinated mice when infected with tuberculosis survived while unvaccinated mice died within 25 days of infection, the report said.

The load of disease causing bacteria was markedly less, at least 100 fold, in the lungs of vaccinated mice compared to the unvaccinated infected mice, it said. The damage to lungs was limited with lesions being very small.

Thus vaccination prevented death of mice from TB, protected against lung

damage and restricted multiplication of TB bacteria, the report said. — MNA/PTI

Koizumi to pitch for permanent Security Council seat

TOKYO, 25 Aug—Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi said Tuesday he will make a pitch for Japan getting a permanent seat at the UN Security Council in his speech to the upcoming General Assembly.

"I would like to mention the Japanese idea in such a way that there could be a permanent member different from the permanent five members and that is Japan," *Kyodo News* quoted Koizumi as saying at his office. The five are Britain, China, France, Russia and the United States.

Koizumi is planning to attend the Assembly in late September to deliver an address after visiting Brazil and Mexico. Regarding the chances of Japan obtaining permanent membership, he said, "The chances are there, but it is a difficult issue." US Secretary of State Colin Powell said earlier this month that Japan needs to review the war-renouncing Article 9 of its Constitution if it wants to become a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda said Japan will pursue the seat under the Constitution as it stands and that it has confirmed with Washington that Powell's comments are not meant to put conditions for the United States supporting Japan's bid.

"Our position has been consistent. We want to take on greater responsibility as a permanent Security Council member within the bounds of the Constitution," Hosoda, the top government spokesman, told a Press conference.

MNA/Xinhua

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

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug—As of Wednesday, 25 August, 964 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 722 died as a result of hostile action and 242 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; 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, 826 US soldiers have died — 613 as a result of hostile action and 213 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers Wednesday. —Internet

Billboard clocks Iraq war's cost

NEW YORK, 24 Aug—A giant clock ticking the cost of the war in Iraq lit up in Times Square Wednesday, making its debut by flashing \$134.5 billion.

The amount on the clock

will grow at a rate of \$177 million a day, \$7.4 million an hour and \$122,820 per minute, said the advocacy group Project Billboard which put it up.

Project Billboard is supported by the Centre for American Progress, a liberal think tank headed by John Podesta who served as chief of staff under former President Bill Clinton. The clock was unveiled just days before Republicans gather in New York for their national convention.

As intended, it caught the eye of many passersby in the busy intersection. "Just think of the things you could do with that money," said tour guide Farah Perez. "No way

am I voting for Bush."

The message may not reach everyone, however, as the clock sits above a much larger billboard of a woman wearing nothing but a pair of sneakers. "First I saw the other billboard, but then I saw the cost of the Iraq war and the number took my breath away," said passerby Greg Boris. "Then I went back to looking at the other billboard."

"That money should be spent here in the United States," he added. The new clock sits just a couple of blocks away from a spot where an earlier clock used to flash the growing size of the US national debt.

This clock is part of a legal settlement reached between Project Billboard and

Clear Channel Communications after the advocacy group sued the media giant for breaking a contract over the posting of an antiwar billboard in Times Square during this month's convention.

Clear Channel settled the case by agreeing to give Project Billboard two Times Square locations instead of one. In return, the group dropped its plan for a billboard that Clear Channel said it found distasteful.

The advocacy group's other billboard displays a large peace dove and the words "Democracy Is Best Taught By Example, Not By War." Both billboards are scheduled to run for four months, said a spokesman for Project Billboard. —Internet



Iraqi Shiite men chant slogans welcoming Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric, outside the al-Hakim Mosque, where Sistani is staying in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 25 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET

Web site shows 'beheading of American spy' in Iraq

DUBAI, 26 Aug—A militant group posted pictures on its Web site on Wednesday of what it said was the beheading of a man it called a US Central Intelligence Agency spy in Iraq.

Army of Ansar al-Sunna's site showed five sequential photographs of the apparent beheading and threatened the same fate for other people who it caught spying.

It was not immediately possible to verify the authenticity of the pictures.

The group said in an accompanying statement that Jamal Tewefic Salman, who became an US citizen in 1980, confessed to be masquerading as a journalist in Iraq to spy on Islamic fighters for the CIA.

"A group of mujahideen were able to kidnap a spy called Jamal Tewefic Salman, who got US citizenship in 1980. He changed his name to Khaled Abdul Messih," it said.

Ansar al-Sunna has claimed many attacks since the US-led invasion of Iraq last year but no official link has been made between the group and the attacks it has claimed.

The group on Sunday showed individual pictures of 12 Nepalis it said it was holding in Iraq.

Militants in the country have waged a campaign of kidnapping aimed at driving out individuals, companies and troops supporting US-led forces and the new Iraqi interim administration.

Scores of hostages have been taken. Some have been released but at least nine have been killed. — *Internet*



Pakistanis burn a US flag during a rally in Karachi on 25 Aug, 2004. Activists from the group Sunni Tehreek held a rally on Wednesday to condemn a US-led assault on the sacred city of Najaf, Iraq. — *INTERNET*

About 200,000 cases of chickenpox declared in France

PARIS, 25 Aug—Chickenpox continues to rage in several French regions with 200,000 persons infected, declared Tuesday the French national Sentinel-Inserm network.

"About 200,000 persons saw a general doctor for chickenpox during some 10 epidemic weeks, from May 31, to August 8 said the network.

"Among them, half are men, 90 per cent are at the age of 10 years and 6 per cent showed some complications," it noted.

Three regions have exceeded the epidemic line (17 cases for every 100,000 habitants) over the week from August 16 to August 22 Languedoc-Roussillon (south, 408 cases per 100,000 habitants), Alsace (east, 60) and Bretagne (west, 18), said the network.

Concerning gastroenteritis the epidemic line was also exceeded in five regions during the same period in mainland France: Midi-Pyrenees (south, 1,066 cases per 100,000 habitants), Limousin (centre, 531), Pays de la Loire (west, 348), Lorraine (east, 192) and Bretagne (west, 179), according to the network.

Chickenpox is a contagious viral disease. The sufferer may develop hundreds of itchy, fluid-filled blisters that burst and form crusts.

MNA/Xinhua

Florida man burns Marine van after being told son died in Iraq

NAJAF (Iraq), 25 Aug—A man who had just been told his Marine son had been killed in combat in Iraq set fire to a Marine Corps van and suffered severe burns Wednesday, police said.

Three Marines went to a house in Hollywood to tell the parents of Pfc. Alexander Arredondo that the 20-year-old died Tuesday in Najaf, according to police and television reports.

Carlos Arredondo, 44, then walked out of the house with a torch and what appeared to be a container of flammable liquid, reports said.

Police said that despite the Marines' efforts to stop him, Arredondo set the van and himself on fire. The Marines pulled him out of the burning vehicle and put out the flames, police said. Arredondo was listed in serious condition at a Miami hospital.

"We have not seen this type of reaction. Every reaction is negative, it's the loss of a loved one," said Marines spokesman Maj Scott Mack. "I don't think any of us are qualified to go into the depths of the mind and truly anticipate how somebody is going to react." — *Internet*

West Nile virus takes fourth toll in Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 25 Aug — US public health officials confirmed Monday that a 62-year-old man died due to complications from West Nile virus, making him the fourth Los Angeles County resident to die from the mosquito-borne disease.

Green Party activist Walter Sheasby died Thursday at a Fontana hospital of encephalitis, or swelling of the brain, which can be triggered by the mosquito-borne virus. Blood tests done on Sheasby confirmed the presence of the virus, said Luci Kwak of the public health department.

The virus, which causes only flu-like symptoms in most people, just arrived on the West Coast this year. So far, seven people have died from West Nile virus in the western US state of California. On Thursday, health officials confirmed that a 60-year-old Pico Rivera man died August 12 from encephalitis, also a result of West Nile. — *MNA/Xinhua*

US researchers discover drug that slows cancer cell growth

LOS ANGELES, 25 Aug—US researchers have found a drug that specifically targets tumour cells and slows the growth of cancer cells, researchers at University of Southern California announced Monday.

The drug, Zebularine, slows growth by as much as 68 per cent in cancer cells, but only by 21 per cent or less in normal cells, said researchers from USC's Keck School of Medicine.

Much of the difference comes from the way the drug is preferentially taken up by the cancer cells, they said.

"Our results demonstrate that Zebularine can be selective toward cancer cells and may hold clinical promise as an anti-cancer therapy," the researchers wrote in their study. The new study was published in this month's issue of *Cancer Cell*. Peter Jones, director of the USC/

Norris Comprehensive Cancer Centre, was the principal investigator on the study.

The researchers looked at the effects that Zebularine had on a panel of seven different human tumour cell lines, and compared them with its effects on four different cell lines of normal human fibroblasts, which are cells that produce collagen fibres and retain an ability to differentiate and grow.

In all seven cancer cell lines, treatment with Zebularine slowed tumor-cell growth between 32 and 68 per cent, while the fibroblasts showed only a 12-21 per cent slowdown, according to the

Police seize 239 kilos of heroin in northeastern Iran

TEHRAN, 26 Aug — Iranian anti-drug police seized 239 kilos of heroin in a recent operation in the northeastern province of Semnan, the official IRNA news agency reported Tuesday.

The report said the anti-drug police squad confiscated the haul in an ambush upon a suspected vehicle and police officers clashed with the driver. The amount of heroin seized in the operation can be used by six million people, the report said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Fort Hood soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 Aug—Family and friends are mourning a Fort Hood soldier who died in a rocket-propelled grenade attack in Iraq. The Defence Department today identified the victim as Staff Sergeant "Robbie" Thornton, Jr, 35, of Rainbow City, Alabama. Thornton was killed on Monday in Baghdad.

He was part of the first Squadron, Seventh Cavalry Regiment of the Fort Hood based First Cavalry Division. Relatives say Thornton was the son of a retired lieutenant colonel and planned to make the military his career. He had been on active duty for 12 years and served in Operation Desert Storm as a reservist. Thornton leaves behind a wife and two children. Burial is expected at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. — *Internet*

Turkish security forces seize 109 kilos of heroin

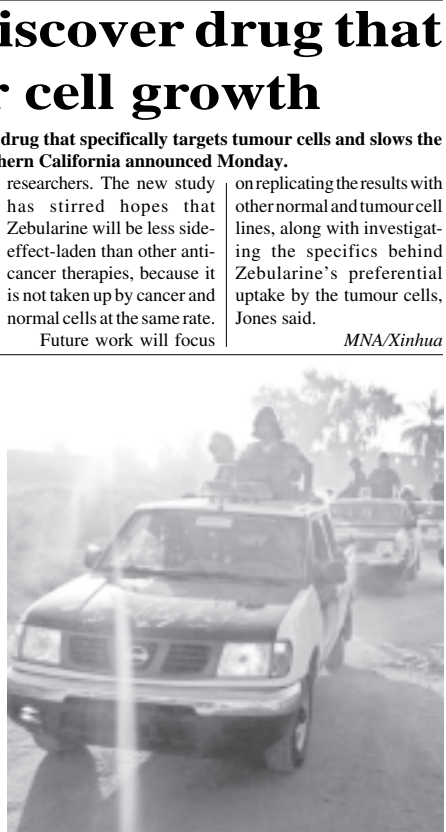
ANKARA, 25 Aug— Turkish security forces seized 109 kilos of heroin in an operation in Istanbul, the largest city of Turkey, semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Tuesday.

Istanbul Police Narcotics Department Deputy Director Hakan Unsal Yalcin was quoted as saying that acting on a tip-off, the security forces had stopped and searched a lorry in Istanbul, which was destined for a country in the Balkans.

During the search, they found 109 kilos of heroin with the help of sniffer dogs, said Yalcin, adding that two suspected people were detained in the operation.

Anatolia also reported other security forces raided a house in an operation in northern province of Samsun on the same day and seized 70 kilos of base hashish.

Located on the crossroad of Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the Mediterranean Sea, Turkey's central geographical position, having both land and sea connections, gives the country the potential to be an important route in the heroin trade destined for Europe. The market value of heroin is estimated to be more than 450,000 euros (\$488,800 US dollars). — *MNA/Xinhua*



Iraqi security forces escort the convoy of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric, as it drives out of the southern city of Basra on 26 Aug, 2004. — *INTERNET*

Heavy fighting continues in Najaf

NAJAF (Iraq), 26 Aug — Several blasts echoed throughout the Iraqi holy city of Najaf on Wednesday as fighting continued between Shiite militiamen holed up in the Imam Ali Shrine and the US-backed Iraqi forces.

US tanks and armoured vehicles came closer to the shrine early in the morning through the main streets in the city as loud explosions caused by artillery and machine gunfire resonated throughout the area, Aziz al-Shammari, an Iraqi journalist in the city told *Xinhua*.

Elsewhere in central Najaf, a group of Iraqi national guards, equipped with small arms and rocket-propelled grenades, were deployed in the city to control any possible riot in the city, Aziz said.

"My fighters (national guards) are controlling the city centre. They were trained to deal with any possible riot among civil-

ians," the commander of the group, Lieutenant Haider Hassan was quoted by Aziz as saying.

In another development, Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani is on his way home to the country from a heart treatment in London and calls on all Iraqis to march to the city of Najaf, Sistani's senior aide said on Wednesday.

Hamed al-Khafaf, Sistani's aide told Dubai-based al-Arabiya TV Sistani will arrive within hours. The aim of the march is to save the "burning city of Najaf".

MNA/Xinhua



A large cloud of smoke drifts over the Iraqi city of Najaf after a building caught fire during fighting, on 25 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET

Vietnam's exports up in first 8 months

HANOI, 25 Aug— Vietnam is estimated to gain export turnovers of roughly 16.8 billion US dollars in the first eight months of this year, a year-on-year surge of 25.7 per cent, according to the Ministry of Planning and Investment on Tuesday.

In August alone, the country's export turnovers are predicted at 2.3 billion US dollars, the record-high within a month, mainly due to month-on-month growths in revenues of crude oil, rubber, footwear, farm produces, seafood and woodwork.

Vietnam is forecast to reap some 710 million dollars, 227 million US dollars and 65 million US dollars from shipping rice, rubber and tea respectively in the first eight months, posting year-on-year rises of 26.2 per cent, 12.2 per cent and 81 per cent.

Meanwhile, its import turnovers are estimated at nearly 19.8 billion US dollars, up 20.3 per cent. Key imports include machines, equipment and petroleum products.

MNA/Xinhua

New foreign secretary says no Philippine troops back to Iraq

MANILA, 26 Aug — Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) Wednesday clarified that the country will not deploy another humanitarian contingent to Iraq.

The newly-appointed foreign secretary, Alberto Romulo, doused reports that the Philippines would send troops to the war-torn country. "I don't foresee in the near future that it will be considered."

Contrary to the remarks of his predecessor Delia Albert that Manila will send another batch of contingent to Iraq under the aegis of the United Nations, Romulo said that it would be premature to discuss the matter at this point.

"Let's do it one at a time. It's too early to talk about this," he said.

The Philippines was delisted as a member of the US-led coalition in Iraq after it pulled out the 51-member contingent for the release of Filipino trunk driver kidnapped by Iraqi militants.

Earlier this month, the DFA said that it set up two task forces to assess the security situation in Iraq and mull possible humanitarian contributions to that war-torn country.

Former foreign secretary Albert said that although the Philippines is no longer a part of the US-led coalition, it will continue its humanitarian assistance to Iraq in accordance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1546.

"The Philippines will continue to do what it can, within its capabilities and pursuant to its interests, and in the context of and guided by UN Security Council resolution in helping the people of Iraq," she said.

On the other hand, the government maintained its ban on the deployment of the overseas Filipino workers in Iraq and appealed for understanding and cooperation from the public.

"The Philippine Government has been exerting all its efforts to keep Filipino workers in Iraq away from harm," Presidential Spokesman Ignacio Bunye said in a Tuesday statement.

A Filipino engineer, Danilo Pacia, was wounded when Iraqi rebels opened fire with automatic rifles Sunday on a car transporting him and three others to their work site in Mosul City in northern Iraq to install a mobile telephone network.

"The tragedy that befell a Filipino engineer is clear proof of the threat that still lurks in danger zones," Bunye added. However, several hundred labour forces hold protest rallies here against the deployment ban last week, asking for the lift of the ban so that they could seek jobs in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

India GCC to sign economic cooperation pact

NEW DELHI, 25 Aug— India and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) are expected to sign a path-breaking Framework Agreement on Economic Cooperation Wednesday, the Indo-Asian NewsService (IANS) reported Tuesday.

The agreement will be signed during the visit by Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Al-Sabbah Al-Salem Al-Sabbah.

Kuwait currently holds the rotating presidency of the six-nation GCC. Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) are the other members of the grouping.

The Kuwaiti leader is arriving here Tuesday evening on a three-day visit after spending a day in Mumbai.

Al-Sabah is also chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Kuwaiti Fund for Arab Economic Development.

The agreement is expected to eventually lead to a free trade agreement between the two sides.

Apart from signing the framework agreement, the Kuwaiti foreign minister's trip is significant because it ends a long hiatus in high-level bilateral visits. — MNA/Xinhua

Two Turks kidnapped in Iraq, risk execution

ANKARA, 25 Aug— A Turkish television channel aired footage showing two Turks believed to be held hostage in Iraq by armed militants who have threatened to execute them unless their company withdraws from the country within 72 hours.

The NTV news channel identified the hostages as Abdullah Ozdemir and Ali Daskin, two engineers kidnapped from their worksite at an unidentified location in Iraq.

The video shows the two men sitting on the floor, holding their passports up, as two hooded and armed militants stand on either side of them with a black and white flag with Arabic writing in the background.

Turkish officials could not immediately confirm the abduction, but said they were investigating the report.

Internet



Abdullah Ozdemir, right, and Ali Daskin, Turkish men who were reportedly kidnapped from a construction site in Iraq, are seen holding their passports in this image made from Turkish television on 25 Aug, 2004. — INTERNET

Report says US financial sector warned of insider crimes

WASHINGTON, 25 Aug — US banks and other financial institutions must do more to protect themselves from computer crimes by insiders, the *Wall Street Journal* reported Tuesday.

The nation's financial sector is as vulnerable to crimes by employees as it is from outsider computer hackers, the report quoted the US Secret Service as saying.

In a first-of-its-kind study on the vulnerabilities of systems critical to the US economy, the Secret Service found that though financial institutions have spent heavily to create fire walls and other protections against sophisticated computer attacks, there is an equally large threat from relatively simple inside jobs.

The study found that banks, investment firms, insurance companies, credit bureaus and others are failing to take the most basic steps such as proper employee background checks to prevent embezzlement, credit and accounting fraud and other crimes.

Insiders pose a substantial threat to companies "by virtue of their knowledge of and access to their employers' systems and/or data-bases, and their ability to bypass existing physical and electronic security measures through legitimate means", according to the study.

The study, "Insider Threat Study: Illicit Cyber Activity in the Banking and Finance Sector", produced by researchers at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, examined 23 incidents carried out by 26 insiders in the banking-and-finance sector between 1996 and 2002.

While strictly advisory, the study has been widely disseminated in the financial industry and among regulatory agencies and congressional committees charged with coordinating and developing efforts to improve security in the financial sector which might bring about new regulations to deal with insider crimes, predicted the report.

MNA/Xinhua

Lt-Gen Ye Myint attends opening of multimedia classrooms in Mindon, Kanma

YANGON, 26 Aug—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Mandalay Division PDC Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Zaw Min, senior military officers, and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments, inspected conditions on the bridges and thriving plantations of monsoon paddy and crops along Patheingyi-Monywa Road on 24 August morning. They arrived at Mindon Township People's Hospital, where they were welcomed by local authorities and officials. Medical Superintendent Dr Aung Myo reported on the medical facility. Looking into the male ward, laboratory, operation theatre, delivery room and female ward, Lt-Gen Ye Myint comforted the patients, and gave instructions to the officials. He also inspected the self-reliant X-ray room.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended the opening of the multimedia classrooms of Mindon Basic Education High School. The headmistress and the chairman of the school board of trustees formally opened the multimedia classrooms. Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the signboard of the facility and inspected it. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party watched entertainment programmes of the schoolchildren and presented cash awards to them.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint held a meeting with members of social organizations in Mindon later in the morning. The Township PDC chairman reported on facts about the township, agricultural sector, progress in cultivating ten major crops, regional paddy output, regional food sufficiency, and education, health and livestock breeding sectors. Departmental officials also reported on ongoing tasks department-wise. Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the needs, and presented a computer and accessories to the school.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that being situated on the other side of Patheingyi-Monywa Road, Mindon does not deal with other regions very much. So, the entrance road has to be upgraded for further development of the region. Only when the communication sector makes progress, will the region develop, he said.

Service personnel are to make field trips down to the grassroots level to carry out regional development tasks in cooperation with local residents. More vacant and fallow land is to be reclaimed for extended cultivation of paddy and other crops. The region's production of paddy and edible oil crops is in surplus, so the surplus is to be supplied to the townships in Magway Division and the regions that do not meet food sufficiency. He highlighted the importance of extended growing of pepper and other perennial crops as well as livestock breeding.

Only when the agricultural and livestock breeding sector makes progress, will the region enjoy development with a boost in trade. He also called for extended breeding of fish. In conclusion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint called on social organizations to cooperate with service personnel and local people in carrying out regional development undertakings.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party posed for a documentary photo together with the principal, members of the school board of trustees, teachers and students. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint looked into conditions on the bridges and progress in cultivating monsoon paddy and crops along Patheingyi-Monywa Road, the entrance road to Kanma and the earth road leading to Kanma-Pyay Road and left instructions.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected Kanma People's Hospital, where he was conducted round the facility by Medical Superintendent Dr Myint Oo and medical staff. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on taking self-reliant measures in carrying out some tasks without placing too much reliance on the State's assistance.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects multimedia classroom in Mindon BEHS. — MNA

They proceeded to Kanma BEHS. Lt-Gen Ye Myint pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the multimedia teaching centre of the school, and inspected multimedia classrooms. Lt-Gen Ye Myint met departmental officials and social organizations at the school. Officials reported on sown acreage of the township, irrigation water, progress in growing ten major crops, and livestock breeding, education, health, potable water supply and transport sectors. Departmental officials reported on work progress. Lt-Gen Ye Myint fulfilled the requirements. He presented a computer set to the school through the headmaster. Lt-Gen Ye Myint in his speech said that the government has been taking steps in border areas development project, development regions project and the five rural development tasks for ensuring equitable development of all parts of the nation.

In order to accomplish these projects, departmental personnel are to make efforts in cooperation with social organizations and local populace for development of the respective regions in which they are assigned duties. Departments concerned are to carry out regional development tasks together with local residents, whereas the government is implementing major projects. He underlined the importance of expansion of the horizon of the agriculture and livestock breeding sphere for ensuring regional development and higher living standard of local people.

As regards transportation, Kanma Township has to rely on waterway only. It is located 13 miles 6 furlongs east of Patheingyi-Monywa highway. From that road to Pyay is 44 miles 5 furlongs. Now, a short cut road from Kanma to Pyay with the length of 28 miles 4 furlongs is being built. Along the way from Kanma to Thayet, a bridge across Mindon Creek is being built. These efforts are aimed at further developing the region. Departmental personnel and local people are to take part actively in the regional development endeavours, he said. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Ye Myint posed for a documentary photo with the headmaster, teachers and students. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt's wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and wives of military attaches enjoy a musical performance of students of University of Culture. — MNA

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wives of military attachés enjoy cultural performances

YANGON, 26 Aug — A team comprising Daw Khin Than Nwe, widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Daw Khin Aye Kyin, wife of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt, wife of Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Mrs Sadaf Ihsan, wife of the Dean of Military Attaché to Myanmar Pakistani Military Attaché and wives of military attachés of foreign missions led by Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, arrived at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street this afternoon to enjoy practising works of students from University of Culture (Yangon) in painting, sculpture, music and drama subjects.

They were welcomed there by Rector U Tin Soe, faculty members and students.

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UNICEF, UNDP resident representatives study recruitment of new Tatmadaw members

YANGON, 26 Aug — UNICEF Resident Representative Mrs Carroll C Long and Deputy Resident Representative Mrs Elke Wisch and UNDP Resident Representative Mr Charles Petrie, together with Director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Nyunt Swe and Deputy Director U Ko Ko Shein, studied recruitment of soldiers at the Tatmadaw Recruitment Unit of Mandalay Station on 19 August.

Col Aung San Tin of the Adjutant-General's Office of the Ministry of Defence briefed them on policies, orders and instructions on the recruitment of Tatmadaw members, saying that the Tatmadaw is systematically recruiting new Tatmadaw members in accord with its rules and regulations. The age limit for new members to join the army is from 18 to 25, he said, adding that close supervision is being made for preventing against recruitment of those who are under the age limit and those who are not willing to join the army. Next, the visitors viewed the wall posters, pamphlets and contracts for recruiting new Tatmadaw members, recruitment of new members and others.

Later, the visitors met with 164 recruits and left there. — MNA



Resident Representatives of UNICEF and UNDP and party meet the recruits of the Tatmadaw. — MNA

Facilities for better transportation



Bala Min Htin Bridge across Ayeyawady River in Myitkyina, Kachin State. — MNA



Gyaing Bridge (Zathabyin) that links Kayin and Mon States across the Gyaing River. — MYANMA ALIN



Kissapanadi Bridge in Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State. — MYANMA ALIN

Myanmar performs liver transplant ...

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Yesterday, a team led by Surgeon Dr Thant Zin successfully took the liver of Ma Aye Mon out of her body during a surgical operation which lasted from 7.30 am to 11.45 am. At 10.15 am the same day, another team led by surgeon Dr Norman Hla started the operation and removed the hardened liver of Ko Khin Zaw Htet who was suffering from liver cirrhosis. The liver transplant started at 7.30 pm and was completed successfully at 11.45 pm.

The whole operation took 13 and a half hours,

Myanmar) Col Than Aung, visited the patient and checked his health conditions at the New YGH this morning.

Physicians explained the improving health condition of the patient. The minister fulfilled the requirements.

The minister and party posed for a photo together with the team led by Dr Norman Hla and other physicians and surgeons and nurses, who provided assistance to the team, in front of the hospital, and nurses at different levels who were on duty at the operation theatre in front of it.

MNA



NHC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets who performed liver transplant at New General Hospital (Yangon) on 25-8-2004.— MNA



Liver transplant was carried out successfully on patient Ko Khin Zaw Htet.— MNA

and the health condition of the patient has been improving. He can now move his hands and legs. Physicians and nurses are providing health care for the patient round the clock.

Physicians (some professors and lecturers of institutions of higher learning), matrons and nurses also joined the surgical team led by Dr Norman Hla. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo fulfilled the requirements for the success of operation. The management provided by Acting Director-General of Health Department Dr Tin Win Maung, the assistance rendered by Director (Laboratory) Dr Tin Nyunt and Director (Treatment) Dr Tin Min, the arrangement made by Medical Superintendent of Yangon General Hospital Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha and Medical Superintendent of New YGH Dr Daw Hla Kyin and the collective co-operation of the officials concerned also helped the team to successfully perform the operation.

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Patient Ko Khin Zaw Htet wave his hand to mediamen of Myanmar News Agency after undergoing liver transplant.— MNA



Patient Ko Khin Zaw Htet's wife Daw Tin Tin Myint expresses gratitude to specialists who performed liver transplant on her husband and the State for providing necessary assistance. — MNA

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Performing Arts Competitions held in Yangon North District

YANGON, 26 Aug — Yangon North District held its 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions at Yandayataung Hall in Insein Township, this morning.

Accompanied by military region commanders, local authorities, artistes of Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon and officials, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the competitions.

After opening the competitions, gold medal winners in the previous competitions performed entertainment to the audience.

The commander presented flower baskets and cash prizes to them.

The district level performing arts competitions will continue tomorrow at the same venue. Altogether 136 persons are taking part in the amateur level and 47 in the professional level competitions. — MNA



NHC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets those who performed liver transplant at New General Hospital (Yangon) on 25-8-2004. — MNA



Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and officials pose for a group photo together with Dr Norman Hla and specialists who performed the first liver transplant in Myanmar. — MNA



Dr Norman Hla, the leader of surgeons who performed the first liver transplant in Myanmar. — MNA

Bonus presented to employees under Yangon Division All Bus-Line Control Committee

YANGON, 26 Aug — A ceremony to present prizes to conscientious and honest workers of bus lines under the All Bus-line Control Committee (Yangon Division) for 2003-2004 financial year this morning, taking place at the committee's office on Laydaunkan Road in Tamway Township.

Chairman of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were military region commanders, authorities, members of the supervisory committee, chairmen of bus lines, Chairman of the All Bus-line Control Committee Brig-Gen Myint Swe (Retd) and officials.

In his address, Maj-Gen Myint Swe said there are over 2,200 buses under the supervision of the All Bus-line Control Committee. Over 1,800 buses carry over 2.4 million passengers plying over 17,500 times daily, he added. The commander warned that if drivers and conductors break traffic rules, action will be taken against them.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe then presented bonus for the bus owners, workers and staff of the bus line branches. He handed over K 10,545,940 for the branch-1, K 7,294,880 for the branch-2, K 9,673,570 for the branch-3, K 6,143,300 for the branch-4, K 700,110 for the branch-5, K 6,286,890 for the branch-6, K 7,730,890 for the branch-7, K 8,360,870 for the branch-8, K 10,968,830 for the branch-9 and K 2,618,100 for the staff of the headquarters to officials.

Later, officials presented cash prizes to 73 conscientious and honest workers and gifts to officials of the Traffic Police Force. — MNA



Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and officials pose for a group photo together with Dr Norman Hla and specialists who performed the first liver transplant in Myanmar. — MNA

Yangon Int'l Airport Services Supervisory C'tee meets

YANGON, 26 Aug — The meeting (13/2004) of Yangon International Airport Services Supervisory Committee was held at the Civil Aviation Department this morning, with an address by Committee Patron Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe. It was attended by Brig-Gen Hla Aung of the Ministry of Defence, CAD Director General U Win Maung, Myanma Airways Chief Engineer U Yan Pyay and committee members, officials of air lines and guests.

At the meeting, Supervisory Committee Secretary Maj Win Tun Oo presented resolutions of the previous meeting (12/2004) and U Soe Win Tun of CE Technology reported on arrangements for installation of electronic ground support equipment after the airport extension. Chief Engineer U Yan Pyay reported on facts about the equipment and Director General U Win Maung on repair of the airport archway. Next, Brig-Gen Hla Aung discussed matters to be coordinated by various departments for the convenience of airport services. — MNA

Blood is thicker than water

Phado Tin Shwe

What was featured in the 14 August 2004 issue of The Bangkok Post daily is a meaningful news report that is so auspicious. It made me feel so excited that I even lost interest in all other news reports of the daily. In addition to concerning the cause of the entire Kayin race, it is also a crucial factor for Myanmar. After reading it, I lost in thought.

It is none other than the news about the reaching of a cease-fire agreement between our brethren of the Karen National Union (KNU) and the State Peace and Development Council in January and February 2004, in which the KNU says that the two sides have already reached a cease-fire agreement through delicate efforts; that the matter will be continued to materialize; and that the KNU is waiting for an auspicious day on which it will hold talks with the State Peace and Development Council.

The news report said that at a ceremony, held at Mi-e-bu Camp in Tak, Measot District, Thailand, on 12 August 2004, KNU General Secretary Phado Mahn Sha and KNU Chairman Phado Saw Ba Thin Sein, who sent a message to the ceremony, expressed their stand, urging KNU troops under their command to restore peace with the Myanmar Tatmadaw Government. Thus, there comes out a ray of hope for peace.

According to global peace researchers, the world has already seen over 14,000 large, medium and small wars including the two major wars — World War I and World War II. About four billion human lives were lost in the wars. The number 'four billion' is rather large if we compare it with the present global population of over 6.3 billion. During WWII, the Soviet Union alone faced the destruction of 1,710 towns, 7,200 villages and 32,000 factories. The global military expenditure since 1945 has reached US \$ 60,000, billion which is equal to the gross domestic product of the world nations in 1976, and over half of the amount was used by the United States alone.

The above mentioned figures are based on the book 'After 1,400 Wars' compiled by a Russian writer Yuri Kashlev. He is a journalist, specializing in international

It is obvious that the national races of border regions and hill regions, where peace has been restored, are now enjoying all-round development in security, peace and stability, transport, health, education, economy and jobs.

the Tatmadaw is indivisible with that of the nation. If we study our history, we will find that roundabout 30,000 officers and other ranks of the Tatmadaw sacrificed lives for the nation, and another 70,000 sacrificed their limbs. All the Tatmadawmen including those who sacrificed lives or limbs for the nation joined the Tatmadaw of their own volition, based on patriotism.

They joined the institution not because of any one's incentive. According to War Diary, the death ratio between the Tatmadaw and its enemy is 1:10. Every time a Tatmadawman sacrifices life for the nation, ten enemy troops are killed.

There is one important question. Are the human resources from the Tatmadaw as well as from the enemy troops, which vanish in the battles, exported living beings? No. They all are good sons of the Union of Myanmar. How heart-rendering to know about it? The tears of the wives, children and relatives of those who died in battle can form a sea. Their sufferings are beyond imagination. And the loss of natural resources, manpower, finance and social environment is immeasurable. So, everybody wants peace as war is evil.

Colonialism reached its peak during WWI from 1914 to 1918, and it is still going on well till WWII from 1939 to 1945. But in the later periods, there emerged independence struggles in Asian countries. From that time on, colonialism was on the wane, till the largest colonial empire met its end. But the old method of colonialism is substituted with neo-colonialism, after reinforcing it with the Marshall Plan and through mutual cooperation.

The colonialists granted freedom to countries they had already exploited, due to inevitable situation. But they assassinated national leaders of those countries. They tried to break up the organizations that were in the forefront during the independence struggles. They tried to sow seeds of mistrust among the people of a nation, using religious or racial differences as a weapon. The consequences are the Vietnam War, the internal conflicts in Myanmar, and the Middle East problem. The evil legacy of the old colonialists and the neo-colonialism can be found in many parts of the world including in Myanmar. The break-away countries of the dissolved Soviet Union and the former socialist countries of the East Europe are trying to enter NATO.

Throughout the course of her long history, Myanmar has been a place where over 100 national races are living in weal and woe or through thick and thin. Myanmar stood as a nation under her own monarchs with full national characteristics and high dignity. With the collective force of all regions and nations, the world at present is on the road to peace and development. There is no alternative.

As the Buddha taught us that unity was the foundation of prosperity, we all should love peace. It would not be wrong if we say that the nation faced the most violent storm in history during the 1988 unrest. During the time, the neo-colonialist tried to gain a foothold in the nation. But the 17 armed groups upholding the objective conception of historian returned to the legal fold through the door opened by the Tatmadaw. The brethren, separated for a long time, met each other again in the embrace of mother nation. No other government throughout the successive eras had been able to restore mutual understanding and peace and stability to the degree the Tatmadaw Government has achieved so far.

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affairs, as well as a scientific historical researcher. The book was first published in 1979 by the Progress Publisher in Moscow.

I was born on Saturday. My birth date according to Myanmar calendar is 9th waxing of Kason 1300 (1938). My father was a patriot, who took part in the 1938 National uprising of peasants against the colonialists who were exploiting and manipulating the motherland. Father died, one month before I was born. He left no photos of his. WWII broke out when I was only seven, and the nation had to face its terrible consequences. I left university and joined the Army before I was 18. Since 20, I had been fighting against multi-coloured insurgents as a junior and mid-level officer in various parts of the nation.

An annual gathering of our friends was held at a restaurant in Mingaladon on 16 July 2004. For certain reasons, only 12 of us could attend it. I was counting the number of classmates who were killed in action and who died of certain diseases.

What I want to present here is that the history of

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

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Blood is thicker than ...

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Political science is the centre of all fields of social science. Military science is just a branch of it. However, some quarters are not able to see and understand the clear political, organizational and national stand of the brilliant leaders of the Tatmadaw from the objective point of view. Instead, they are slandering the Tatmadaw leaders.

It is obvious that the national races of border regions and hill regions, where peace has been restored, are now enjoying all-round development in security, peace and stability, transport, health, education, economy and jobs.

The people of the areas which were once covered with the haze of gunpowder and where the sound of guns never ended, lagged behind in development in the past. They were not able to use the rich underground and aboveground resources. There was not any improvement in their qualifications and progress in human resources. The people of the regions enjoying the taste of peace and progress have sympathy for them.

In 1993, the work to draft a constitution, which will determine the fate of the entire Myanmar people,

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started. I was the first to make cash donation for the National Convention. I had much hope for it. But sadly, a certain party left the National Convention in 1996, and all hopes were in vain. The people were so disappointed by the party's actions. Every nation in the world must have a constitution. There must be all organs of power from the government to the authorities. The Tatmadaw Government has laid down the Road Map, and reconvened the National Convention on 17 May this year. At present, a portion of the process of the Convention has already been completed successfully.

Self interest plays a meaningful role in international relations as well as in personal relations, and the method of giving priority to self interest is called protectionism. Everybody should consider the nation's interest as his own. If there is a country which says that it has greater sympathy for Myanmar, I would like to discuss with a responsible personnel from it. Every country extends bilateral relations with the aim of making political and economic gains. In this situation, some big countries are trying to find minions to set up a sphere of influence. Their last resort is to use force to encroach on others sovereignty, with unreasonable excuses. Later, they launch attacks on all fronts to install a puppet government.

In line with a dictum of political experts — a race will have to share all the sufferings and joys together — the people of Kayin race are also of the national races of the motherland. They are included in the family of Myanmar race. It is natural that sometimes there may be problems among the members of a family. But they are temporary ones, and do not exist long. Disguising themselves as a savior, the wicked schemer or the neo-colonialists, waiting for an opportune moment, will come from all directions to interfere in the affairs of a nation, taking advantage of the family problem, while hiding his iron fist under the velvet gloves. They will target those with strong feelings to incite them.

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The national races are living in unity in all the places of the entire nation. Although there are a number of national races including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan, they all are brethren of the same family living in unity and oneness. The word 'Myanmar' stands for all the national races including Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan.

Nobody except Buddha can have the great sympathy for human beings. But, the neo-colonialists of the West are making lies, with false promises, saying that they with great sympathy for Myanmar and her people wish to see it as a democratic nation; and that they wish to see the people enjoying human rights. With those lies, they are openly interfering in the internal affairs of Myanmar. They are hatching evil plots, as they see the prey. But in the long run, they cannot hide their evil face any more.

Beginning 17 May, the people born of the Union are making use of the sound opportunity effectively for ensuring the right to self-determination, and are achieving success to a certain degree. The brethren will meet again at the National Convention in the coming open season.

Myanmar is not a place where people of different opinions are living together. And there is no place in the country for the national traitors to exist.

The Tatmadaw Government always holds its door open to the golden age, inviting and welcoming all the national forces except foreigners. It has paved the road laid with flowers. We will have to march forward on the road with our own efforts, while protecting our own nation with internal strength.

The Tatmadaw leaders cherish peace. They adhere to the policy of social development. They will continue to carry out the national development endeavours with sincerity and with the national strength.

Thus, the KNU, I would like to say that there is no doubt at all that blood is thicker than water. These is no way what has been started in January and February will end without a good result.

(Concluded)

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Bullying at school rises in Britain

LONDON, 26 Aug — More and more British children are calling a helpline to seek advice about bullying at school, charity ChildLine said on Wednesday.

ChildLine said it had seen a 42 per cent rise in the number of children it counsels about bullying in the past year — the biggest annual increase in its 18-year history.

More than 31,000 children and young people spoke to a ChildLine counsellor about bullying in the year to March, 2004, up from around 22,000 the previous year.

A spokesman for the charity said the increase in calls could be related to a higher awareness of the service or that children increasingly felt they did not have to put up with bullying.

ChildLine said around a quarter of children calling about bullying had already told a teacher about the problem, but had still felt the need for further advice. It said the figures echoed recent research showing that pupils believed if they told a teacher they would not be taken seriously or suffer reprisals.

"I feel as if I can't ever get away from them — they wait for me after school," said one 11-year-old male caller quoted by the charity in a statement.

"Last Friday I was hiding in the changing rooms and they found me and blocked the door. One of them had a knife." Around half of those who talked to the charity said they had been called names and experienced other forms of verbal abuse, while a third said they had been punched, kicked and pushed around, and some had been seriously assaulted. Bullies are also using text messages and e-mail to communicate abuse, children told the charity.

"Bullying wrecks lives — it cannot only destroy children's happiness but also seriously damages children's capacity for learning and for enjoying school," ChildLine chairwoman Esther Rantzen said. "While many schools have taken positive steps in recent years to acknowledge that bullying exists and to tackle the problem... there is still much to be done." — MNA/Reuters

British lawmakers plan to impeach Blair

LONDON, 26 Aug — A group of British lawmakers plan to invoke a parliamentary procedure last used more than 150 years ago to impeach Prime Minister Tony Blair over the war in Iraq, British newspapers said on Thursday.

Eleven Members of Parliament (MPs), mainly Welsh and Scottish nationalists who opposed the war and two opposition Conservatives, want to use the dated practice to force Blair to defend himself at Westminster over his decision to go to war.

Although it has almost no chance of success and is likely to be seen as little more than a publicity stunt, the plan will throw the spotlight back on the reasons Blair gave the country for going to war, the newspapers said.

The backlash over Iraq has seen Blair's trust rating plummet, and although opinion polls say he is on course to win a third general election expected next year, opponents hope to use the issue to question his credibility.

The impeachment process can be invoked against any person accused of "high crimes and misdemeanours"

if a single MP persuades Parliament there is a case to answer. It was last used in 1848 and was last successfully invoked almost 200 years ago in 1806, the newspapers said. In 1967 a parliamentary committee recommended the right to impeach should be abandoned as "the circumstances in which impeachment has taken place are now so remote from the present that the procedure may be considered obsolete".

However, the right was never repealed. The 11 MPs said they wanted to use the power because they believed Blair acted dishonestly in taking Britain to war by overstating the threat posed by Iraq.

"This will be the first time a group of MPs has taken this step for over 150 years," Welsh nationalist Adam Price said.

"For the Prime Minister to mislead Parliament and public and get away with it is simply not acceptable."

A top-level inquiry in July cleared Blair of tricking Britain into war but did criticize him for relying on deeply flawed pre-war intelligence. — MNA/Reuters

New York kids flee dangerous schools for safety

NEW YORK, 24 Aug — More than 2,500 high school students fled their public schools last year out of fear for their safety, *The New York Post* reported Monday.

According to information obtained by the paper through Freedom of Information Law request, the city's department of education approved "safety transfers" for 2,540 students from September through June because they were beaten, bullied and threatened by their

classmates.

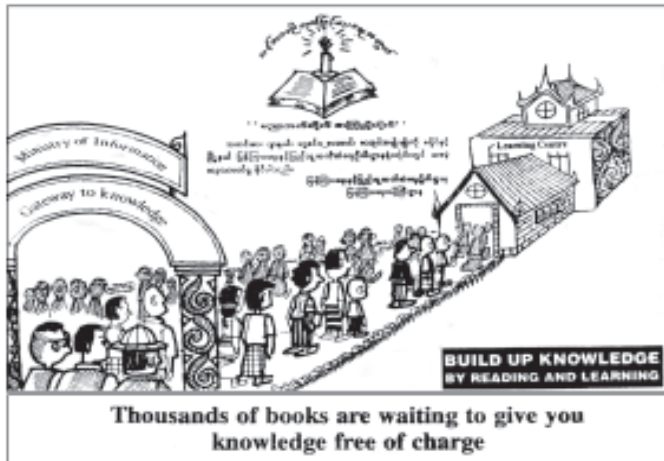
The figure means an average of two students obtained a safety transfer for each school, as the city has about 1,300 public schools. Schools in Region 9 taking in much of Manhattan and part of the South Bronx led the city with 343 transfers. The figure did not surprise staffers and students at Washington Irving high school, which landed on Mayor Michael Bloomberg's list of most dangerous schools follow-

ing a rash of violent incidents last fall, with about 50 students requesting safety transfers in the fall term alone. Officials in Region 6 in south Brooklyn approved 129 safety transfers, just for the month of September. The region includes a handful of schools that landed on the mayor's most dangerous list. Some education watchdogs said the number of safety transfers was alarming — and the worst part is that the problem is probably understated.

Teachers-union president Randi Weingarten said the transfer statistics show that violence is not limited to the 18 schools that the mayor has flooded with additional police and support.

"The fact that thousands of our kids are so fearful for their personal safety shows that school security is an issue that the administration has to constantly keep its focus on, not just in a few schools but all over the system," she said.

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NZ scientists to create GE sheep for disease research

WELLINGTON, 25 Aug — New Zealand researchers have won approval to create the world's first flock of sheep that will be genetically engineered (GE) to get Huntington's disease, *New Zealand Press Association* reported Tuesday.

The flock of about 60 ewes and their descendants will give their lives to help scientists learn about how the fatal hereditary disease develops, and potentially help save the lives of the children and grandchildren of humans who now suffer from it.

But the sheep will be bred in Adelaide, Australia, because the scientists say they cannot afford to get regulatory approval for the project in New Zealand.

Lead researcher Russell Snell was quoted as saying that New Zealand's AgResearch was keen to do the work, but getting approval was likely to cost too much and take too long.

"We have to be a little bit pragmatic and do it where we can," he said.

Scientists at the state-owned South Australian Research and Development Institute will now create the Huntington's flock by injecting a synthetic copy of the genetic mutation that causes Huntington's disease into

sheep embryos fertilized artificially in the laboratory.

The embryos will be implanted into sheep's wombs to grow like normal lambs, and if the plan works, a proportion will grow up with the Huntington's gene.

Once a stable sheep line with the gene has been established, the institute will kill one infected sheep and one normal sheep every three months and send their brains to Auckland for analysis.

Professor Richard Faull of Auckland University, a co-leader of the research, said humans with Huntington's did not notice any symptoms until the disease was well advanced, with many brain cells already destroyed.

"We'll do very careful chemical studies to see if there is any evidence (of brain cell death in the sheep) before there are any symptoms," he said.

Professor Faull, who grew up on a Taranaki dairy farm, and Dr. Snell, whose father ran the Telford farm training school in Otago, said the sheep would not suffer before they were killed.

The Auckland researchers will make the sheep available to any scientist in the world who wants to test a potential treatment for Huntington's.

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Dredging project at Yellow River estuary starts

JINAN, 25 Aug — The work of dredging a river course at the estuary of the Yellow River, the country's second longest, has been launched in a bid to remove silt and lower the riverbed, according to a source with the government of Dongying City at the estuary on Tuesday.

The dredging project will be carried out at a 2,600-metre-long section, costing an estimated investment of 4.8 million yuan (approximately 580,000 US dollars).

When the project is completed by late October, the riverbed will be 1.5-1.6 metres lower than the present level, making it easier for shipping vessels passing through and anchoring at the site.

The river mouth was silted up over recent years, and the riverbed became increasingly higher with each year. The river course, with a radius of three square metres to the Hongguang Fishing Port, is now two metres higher than the required depth of the navigation channel. — MNA/Xinhua

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Shelter belt project begins around the Three Gorges reservoir

CHONGQING, 25 Aug — A trial project to build a shelter belt around the reservoir of the Three Gorges Project, a massive hydroelectric project on the upper reaches of the Yangtze River, is under way in Yunyang County, southwest China's Chongqing Municipality.

Based on the trial project, the Chinese Government will pour 1.7 billion yuan (205 million US dollars) to improve local ecological environment within the next three years, according to the forestry department of Chongqing.

The project area will cover 26 districts and counties of Chongqing and central China's Hubei Province.

According to the plan, 48,800 hectares of reclaimed land will be returned to forests, more than 11,900 hectares of barren hills will be covered with trees and 7,200 hectares of mountains will be fenced up for tree planting, and more than 50,900 hectares of farmland will be built in the areas closely around the Three Gorges reservoir between 2004 and 2007.

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Honda presents night vision pedestrian warning system

TOKYO, 25 Aug — Honda Motor Co. said Tuesday it has developed the world's first pedestrian warning system that uses "far infrared" cameras to detect pedestrians at night and provide the driver visual and audio cautions to prevent accidents involving pedestrians.

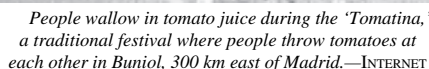
The new system will be available on the Honda Legend car model to be released in Japan this fall, the automaker said.

The Intelligent Night Vision System uses images obtained from two far-infrared cameras positioned in the lower section of the front bumper to detect the posi-

tion and movement of infrared heat-emitting objects and determine whether they are in or approaching the vehicle's path.

The system also determines whether the detected object is a pedestrian based on its size and shape, according to Honda.

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Nearly 200 emergency teams, involving a total of 5,000 agro-technicians, have been sent to the rice paddy to help farmers tackle problems with cater-

Summarizing this year's experience, many agricultural experts held that local governments should channel more money into the insect pest monitoring system. Given no money has been input since the system's establishment in 1971, numerous facilities could not function well this year, they acknowledged.—MNA/Xinhua

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With a total install capacity of 7 million kilowatts now, the plant is expected to generate 37.5 billion kilowatt hours of electricity this year, 15 billion kilowatt hours more than original plan. This will greatly ease power shortage across the country, especially in the central and eastern regions, said Zhang.—MNA/Xinhua

Zhang said that during the Beijing Olympics, people all over the world will

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About 2 per cent are ethnic Portuguese and local-born residents of mixed Portuguese and Asian extraction. About 100 other nationalities, mainly Philippine and Thai citizens, make up the remaining 2 per cent of Macao's population.

The Macao Special Administrative Region comprises the 8.7-square kilometre Macao Peninsula and two off-shore islands, the 6.3-square kilometre Taipa Island and 7.6-square kilometre Coloane Island, as well as a 4.7-square kilometre land reclamation stripe between the two islands. —MNA/Xinhua

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Manchester United's Cristiano Ronaldo (L) battles for the ball with Dinamo Bucharest's Leonard Naidin (R) in their Champions League third qualifying round, second leg soccer match at Old Trafford, Manchester, on 25 Aug. 2004. Manchester United defeated Dinamo Bucharest 3-0. —INTERNET

Olympics-Track&Field:

Sebrle wins men's decathlon gold

ATHENS, 25 Aug — World record holder Roman Sebrle of the Czech Republic underlined his dominance at the men's decathlon by winning the gold medal here Tuesday in the Olympic track and field competition.

Sebrle collected a total of 8,893 points, beating the Olympics record of 8,847 set by Daley Thompson of Britain 10 years ago in 1984.

The silver medal was taken by Bryan Clay of the United States with 8,820, and the bronze went to Dmitriy Karpov of Kazakhstan, 8,725.

Sebrle, who has been holding the world record with 9,026 points since 2001, but had not claimed any world and Olympic titles,

placed second after five events, trailing 95 points behind Karpov.

Karpov remained the leader after eight events, but Sebrle turned the tables after the javelin throw. He threw 70.52 meters to collect 897 points, while Karpov only got 671 points from a poor performance of 55.54m.

With last event to go, Clay crawled his way up to the second, 63 points less than the leader, but more than 100 points than Karpov.

Karpov, bronze medalist at the world championships last year, felt very satisfied with his third finish because the Asian champion lifted his personal best from 8,512 to 8,725. — MNA/Xinhua

Ronaldo sends Real through to Champions League

MADRID, 26 Aug — Ronaldo scored twice to set Real Madrid on their way to a 3-1 win over Wisla Krakow on Wednesday and lead the nine times European Cup winners through to the Champions League group phase on a 5-1 aggregate.

Real, forced to go through the qualifying round after finishing fourth in the league last season, added to their 2-0 lead from the away leg with Ronaldo's first in the third minute.

Portuguese midfielder Luis Figo skipped his way down the right wing, clipped in a neat pass across the face of the goal and Ronaldo bundled the ball in at the far post.

The Brazilian struck again on 31 minutes with a similar goal, controlling the ball with his thigh and then poking it home after defender Michel Salgado had swung in a cross.

Ronaldo could have claimed his hat-trick before the half was out when he danced his way past the Wisla defence but the Brazilian saw his powerful shot blocked by keeper Radoslaw Majdan.

Raul, still struggling for form, scooped wide after being put through by Zinedine Zidane and the outstanding Figo had three stinging shots beaten away by Majdan. — MNA/Xinhua

Russian Bondarenko injures lumbar spine in men's vault final

ATHENS, 25 Aug — Russian gymnast Alexei Bondarenko, who won the silver medal on vault at the Sydney Olympics, sustained a lumbar spine injury during the men's vault final at the Athens Olympics on Monday night.

Bondarenko fell twice in two attempts and scored no point for his second. He finished eighth with 4.55 points.

So far, the athlete showed no sign of neurological semeiology but was rushed to the KAT hospital for X-ray test, with a possibility of a magnetic tomography test too. — MNA/Xinhua



AC Milan's Brazilian player Cafu (L), jumps for the ball against Barcelona's Swedish player Henrik Larsson during the Gamper trophy soccer match in Barcelona, Spain, on 25 Aug. 2004. — INTERNET

Real, Man United, Juventus book Champions League spots

LONDON, 26 Aug — Real Madrid, Manchester United and Juventus booked their Champions League places on Wednesday as Europe's elite teams safely negotiated the third qualifying round for the continent's leading club competition.

Juventus, held 2-2 by Djurgarden in the first leg in Turin, won 4-1 in Sweden, two goals by France striker David Trezeguet and one each from Italy playmaker Alessandro del Piero and Czech midfielder Pavel Nedved sealing victory for the Serie A giants.

Manchester United defeated Dinamo Bucharest 3-0 at Old Trafford to advance 5-1 on aggregate. England forward Alan Smith scored twice soon after halftime to set

up a comfortable win for the injury-hit English team who have twice lifted the European Cup. Dutch midfielder Mark van Bommel claimed two goals to inspire PSV Eindhoven to a 5-0 rout of 1991 European champions Red Star Belgrade and a 7-3 aggregate win.

Germany's Bayer Leverkusen, 2002 Champions League runners-up, lost 2-1 at Banik Ostrava but advanced comfortably following their 5-0 first-leg victory.

Ukrainian clubs Dinamo Kiev and Shakhtar Donetsk both progressed. Kiev beat Trabzonspor 2-0 in Turkey to progress 3-2 on aggregate, while Shakhtar drew 2-2 with Club Brugge to seal a 6-3 aggregate victory. — MNA/Reuters

Olympics-Weightlifting:

Russian Berestov wins men's 105kg weightlifting gold

ATHENS, 25 Aug — Dmitry Berestov of Russia took the gold medal of men's 105kg champion with a total of 425kg to win the first weightlifting gold medal for Russia at the Athens Olympic Games here on Tuesday.

Ferenc Gyurkovics of Hungary, ranked sixth in last year's world championships, clinched the silver medal in 420kg. Igor Razorov of Ukraine had the bronze due to bodyweight difference from Gyurkovics as both lifted a total of 420kg.

The main threat to Berestov in the competition was from Gyurkovics when both of them hoisted 195kg in the snatch.

However, the 24-year-old Berestov got off to a flying start in the clean and jerk when he lifted 230kg in his second attempt while Gyurkovics failed in his two attempts but take a risk hoisting 225kg to catch the silver. — MNA/Xinhua

Olympics-diving:

Chinese Peng Bo claim men's 3m springboard title

ATHENS, 25 Aug — Peng Bo clinched the fourth diving gold medal for China Tuesday when he held his nerves to win the men's 3m springboard title at the Olympic Games.

Peng, denied a chance for the synchronized title on August 16 after they scored a no-dive in the last dive, redeemed his loss with the victory in 787.38 points.

Athens World Cup Alexander Despatie of Canada leapfrogged to take silver in 755.97 after collecting 91.80 from his sixth and final dive.

Sydney Olympic synchronized platform champion Dmitri Sautin was pushed to the third place in 753.27.

It is the fourth diving gold China has won here after they triumphed in the both women's synchronized platform and 3m springboard as well as the men's synchronized platform. — MNA/Xinhua



Real Madrid's Brazilian Ronaldo (L) and Wisla Krakow's Marusz Kukiela battle for the ball during their Champions League third qualifying round second leg soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu Stadium in Madrid on 25 Aug. 2004. Ronaldo scored twice in the match. Real Madrid won the match 3-1. — INTERNET

Diego to miss European Super Cup match

LONDON, 25 Aug — Porto's Brazilian midfielder Diego will miss this week's European Super Cup match against Valencia in Monaco with a thigh injury, the Portuguese club said on Monday.

Diego suffered the injury in the first half of Porto's 1-0 Portuguese Super Cup win over Benfica last Friday and will be out for three weeks, according to the club's media officer Rui Carvalho.

The 19-year-old will also miss the European champions league's opening game at Braga on September 12 as well as Brazil's 2006 World Cup qualifier against Bolivia on September 5. Diego joined Porto from Brazilian side Santos for seven million euros (8.59 million US dollars) last month. — MNA/Xinhua

Olympics-Track&Field:

American Joanna Hayes wins women's 100m gold

ATHENS, 25 Aug — Joanna Hayes of the United States captured the title of the women's 100m hurdles at the Olympic Games here on Tuesday.

The 27-year-old, who never won a major world title in this event, clocked 12.37 seconds, an Olympic record, for the gold medal.

Ukraine's Olena Krasovska won the silver in a personal best time of 12.45 and another American Melissa Morrison timed 12.56 to retain the bronze medal she won in the Sydney Olympic games four years ago.

Reigning world champion Perdita Felicien of Canada did not finish the race after hitting the hurdle and falling to the ground. — MNA/Xinhua



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein meets shooters of Myanmar shooting team at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Secretary-2 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein sees off Myanmar Tatmadaw shooting team

YANGON, 26 Aug — Chairman of Tatmadaw Sports and Physical Education Administrative Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein saw off the Myanmar shooting team led by Lt-Col Thurein Thant Zin of Bahtoo Station to take part in the 14th ASEAN Tatmadaws (Army) Shooting Competition to be held in Indonesia.

Also together with the Secretary-2 were Members

of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chief of Staff (Navy) Captain Nyan Tun, Vice-Chiefs of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Win Myint and Maj-Gen Aung Kyi, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and officials at Yangon International Airport.

Before their departure, the Secretary-2 met mem-

bers of the shooting team at the Special Lounge of the airport and gave encouragement to them. — MNA

The team will take part in 14th ASEAN Tatmadaws (Army) Shooting Competition to be held in Indonesia.

Priority given to health and fitness of the entire nation

YANGON, 26 Aug—The government has been making all-out efforts for providing health care services to the entire national people residing in the Union including those living in far-off regions and outlying districts.

The government is opening the rural health care centres and sub-rural health care centres while building more and more hospitals and upgrading the old ones. The Medical Research Department has produced hepatitis B vaccine since ten years ago. Furthermore, the Hepatitis B Vaccine Factory was built in Ywathagyi near Yangon, and the factory is now in the process of producing hepatitis B vaccine. Hence, it's safe to say that the nation will be able to produce hepatitis B vaccine at home in the next two years.

It is imperative to produce more competent medical experts at all levels in order to accomplish health care activities. In the process, the respective courses have been conducted at 14 medical institutions including the institutes of medicine, the institutes of dental medicine, the institutes of nursing and the institutes of traditional medicine and at other medical training centres to be able to produce new generation medical professionals. Master degrees, PhD and doctorate degrees courses are being conducted alongside bachelor degree courses and post-graduate diploma courses. A large number of post-graduate trainees have been sent abroad yearly for further medical studies. In addition, medical trainees of the respective subjects have been sent abroad for further studies.

Renal transplant, operations on coronary artery, blood vessels, brain, liver and others have been successfully performed since four years ago. Conjoined twin operations were launched in Myanmar in 1960. In 2003, surgical operations were successfully performed on conjoined twin sisters Moe Ma Ma Aung and Moe Pa Pa Aung in Mandalay.—MNA

Govt provides assistance for successful performing of liver transplant

YANGON, 26 Aug—The liver transplant was performed successfully for the first time in the history of Myanmar at New Yangon General Hospital on 25 August.

In order to do so, the government had made arrangements for medical experts to go abroad for further studies since 2002 and purchased necessary equipment.

On 13 May 2003, the Ministry of Health formed The Liver Transplant Committee and sub-committees and assigned duties to them.

The liver transplant was performed by two groups. Surgeon Dr U Thant Zin took out the liver from a donor with the help of first junior doctor Dr U Saw Mardo Thein, second junior doctor U Nyi Nyi Swe and assistant doctor Dr Daw Aye Mya Mya Zaw.

The operation was conducted by Professor Dr U Norman Hla with the assistance of Associate Professor Dr U Win Maung, surgeon Dr Daw Thida Aung and assistant specialist Dr U Maung Maung Soe.

Ko Khin Zaw Htet, a liver recipient and patient of liver cirrhosis, was able to speak 12 hours after the operation. His health is improving.

He severely suffered from the disease, growing his stomach big and vomiting blood five times and he may even die within a period of 6 to 12 months.

The liver transplant is very delicate for the medical experts, costing between 75,000 and 100,000 US dollars in the western countries.

The government provided necessary assistance for the operation.

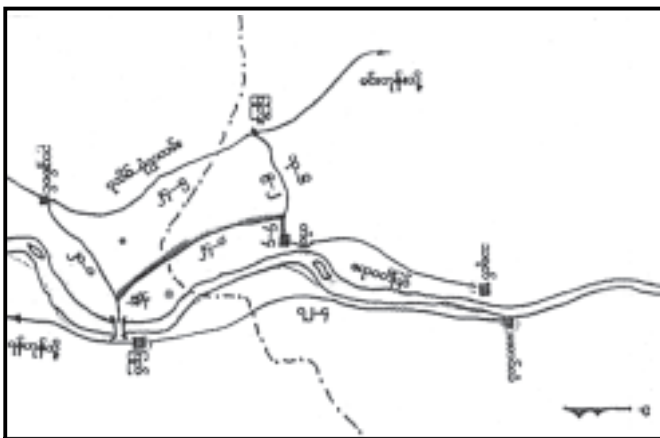
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The old road (Kanma-Pyagyi-Okshikpin-Pyay) is 58 miles 3 furlongs. The new road (Kanma-Pyay) which is 28 miles 4 furlongs long is being built. Distance is reduced by 23 miles 7 furlongs. — (News on page 6)