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## Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends message of Congratulations to Pakistani PM

YANGON, 28 Aug — General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of Congratulations to His Excellency Mr Shaukat Aziz, Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan on his assumption of the High Office of the Prime Minister of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan.—MNA

## Government making efforts to set up national backbone, to improve international access, last mile link PM addresses Annual General Meeting of MCF and Myanmar computer associations

YANGON, 28 Aug—The Annual General Meeting of the Myanmar Computer Federation, the Myanmar Computer Scientists Association, the Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association and the Myanmar Computer Enthusiasts Association took place at the MICT

Park in Hline Township here this morning, with a speech by Chairman of the Myanmar Computer Science Development Council Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Devel-

opment Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Yangon Mayor, Chairman of e-National Task Force Minister for Communica-

tions, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and members, the deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC Office, departmental heads, members of the MICT DC Board of Directors and e-Government Implementation Committee, executives and members of the computer associations and distinguished guests.

Chairman of the MCF U Thein Oo reported on organizational set-up and objectives of the federation and other computer associations, implementation of the ICT Master Plans for development of socio-economy, constantly organizing of seminars, holding of international ICT exhibitions, visits of IT caravan to various townships, publishing of pamphlets and books, establishment of the Resource Centre in MICT Park, sending of State scholars abroad for further studies, courses opened at (See page 8)



Myanmar Computer Science Development Council Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses Annual General Meeting of MCF and Myanmar computer associations.—MNA

### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

Myanmar ICT (Information and Communication Technology) Development Master Plan Project is being launched under the Initiation for ASEAN Integration (IAI) in order to systematically implement ICT development tasks in Myanmar and detailed programmes to link international networks are also being carried out in accord with ICT Master Plan drafted by Myanmar Computer Federation. The ICT sector is making progress with greater momentum due to participation of MCF in ICT development programmes.



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

## PERSPECTIVES

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## For speedy implementation of agreements between Myanmar and PRC

Peace prevails throughout the Union of Myanmar. Unity among national brethren is also consolidated. Roads and bridges, factories, mills, dams and reservoirs, universities, colleges, hospitals, dispensaries, power plants and communication stations are mushrooming all over the country. There are also development in the political, economic and social sectors of the State. In addition to these developments, Myanmar and international community have been able to promote friendly cooperation for their mutual interest.

Nowadays, rapid changes can be witnessed in the international sphere. At such a time, Myanmar, without losing sight of the development of the world, has been promoting cooperation with neighbouring countries as well as countries in the region.

In his address at the coordination meeting on implementation of agreements between the Union of Myanmar and the People's Republic of China and cooperation in all sectors held at the Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar on 27 August, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that as there have been exchanges of goodwill visits between the high-ranking officials including the State leaders of both nations, the two nations were able to sign agreements on mutual cooperation.

In July this year, Myanmar delegation led by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt paid a State Visit to the People's Republic of China. During the visit, friendly ties and cooperation between the two countries have been cemented. Moreover, agreements and memorandum of understandings were signed.

At present the respective ministries are engaging in translating the agreements signed between Myanmar and the People's Republic of China into action. Coordination and cooperation are to be made among the ministries for speedy implementation of the tasks.

While relentless efforts are being exerted with added momentum on Myanmar side, officials, technicians and businessmen from the PRC side have made frequent visits to Myanmar and met their Myanmar counterparts for implementation of the agreements.

Promoting cooperation between Myanmar and her neighbouring countries including the People's Republic of China, and regional countries will surely benefit them.

Myanmar is in a strategic position which can link South Asia and South East Asia regions and so it can provide assistance for transport among neighbouring countries and those in the regions. We firmly believe that the ministries concerned are able to make concerted efforts for speedy implementation of the agreements between the two countries and promotion of bilateral cooperation in all sectors.

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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

## POEM:

## Exasperating Granduncle Phyo

- \* They are extending themselves  
While trying to break up us apart  
What kind of guys are they
- \* They are joining force together  
And trying to divide us  
How unjust are they
- \* Speaking about human rights  
What's their intention  
Switch off their programmes  
I am tired of hearing them
- \* Granduncle Phyo  
Living a peaceful life  
But they are trying to exasperate him  
To make him angry  
Who are they
- \* Ah, they are none other than  
The West media.

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The book titled "A Myanmar Tapestry".

## A Myanmar Tapestry

YANGON, 28 Aug — A collection of articles on Myanmar cultural life with the title "A Myanmar Tapestry" written by Professor Daw Kyi Kyi Hla who is contributing editor of the Myanmar Perspectives English magazine has now been published by Taw Win

Publishing House.

The book is now available at bookstores in the city. — MNA

## Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 28 Aug — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay Padetha Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary assistance to growers and attracting the public to be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming.

Kitchen crops, fruits and saplings of herbal plants are being shown at the festival. Poultry farming and fish breeding are also exhibited there.

Educative booklets and pamphlets on utilization of fertilizers and pesticides are also available there.

MNA



Director-General of Development Affairs Department Col Myo Myint inspects construction of rural houses in NyaungU Township. — PBNRDA

## Rural development works inspected

YANGON, 28 Aug — Director-General of the Development Affairs department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Myo Myint together with officials inspected the construction of 15 rural houses along Byatta Panset Road in Bagan-NyaungU on 26 August morning. Next, they proceeded to Kyaukpadaung and inspected the basic training course on maintenance of tubewells there. Next, they went to Natmauk and inspected paving of roads. Afterwards, they went to Myothit and met with staff of Development Affairs department.

They also inspected the construction of Bo Min Yang Road there. — MNA

## Croatian Ambassador calls on UMFCI officials

YANGON, 28 Aug — Croatian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Zeljko Cimbur called on Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry President U Win Myint, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint Secretary Dr Maung Maung Lay and CEC member U Tun Aung at the UMFCI head office here at 3 pm yesterday. They discussed matters on bilateral trade promotion and sending of delegations.

Similarly, Acting Director of Kyoto University Dr Koichi Fujita and JICA expert Dr Masahiko Matsuda called on UMFCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing at the UMFCI head office here at 10 am the same day. They discussed matters on export of agricultural produce. — MNA



The UMFCI President meets the Croatia Ambassador. — UMFCI



# Malaysia downplays chances of troop deployment in Iraq

**KUALA LUMPUR, 27 Aug** — The proposed deployment of Muslim peacekeeping troops in Iraq under the United Nations' banner might not be possible because there was no sign that the United States was ready to relinquish control, Malaysia said.

Malaysia heads the 57-member Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC), which is considering a Saudi Arabian proposal for an Arab or Muslim force to replace the US-led troops in Iraq.

Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar told a news conference Friday that OIC countries did not want to participate under US leadership and there was no indication that Washington was prepared to withdraw in favour of a UN force.

"I don't think the US is interested to leave. From the beginning, I was of the view that the idea looks good but

how do we go about implementing it? There are so many complex and technical issues that need to be resolved.

"My own view is that the idea of (troop) replacement may not be practical or possible," Syed Hamid said.

"Generally, the OIC countries feel that if they participate, they do not want to participate under the multinational force. They want it to be under the blue berets, which is the UN peacekeeping force."

Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said earlier this month that Malaysia was

"considering very deeply" the Saudi proposal and was open to deploying peacekeeping troops in Iraq, but only if the security situation stabilized.

Syed Hamid pointed out that the idea of a UN force was not even on the table for discussion at the Security Council, which would have to give it a mandate.

"We have been reading some indications that the Americans will never agree (to pull out). It will be difficult if the US don't agree and it is not on the agenda of the Security Council," he said.

The idea of an OIC force

was "under discussion in the region and among Muslim countries but it has not picked up. There is no concrete decision."

"Ultimately for OIC countries to be involved, it must be at the call of the Iraqi people and not anyone else. The core element of security, safety and the creation of a peaceful environment should be on the Iraqis themselves," he said. —*Internet*

## US bombs Fallujah in Iraq, unidentified witnesses tell AP

**BAGHDAD, 27 Aug** — The US bombed the eastern neighbourhood of al-Askari in the Iraqi city of Fallujah today, the *Associated Press* reported, citing unidentified witnesses.

A warplane dropped at least two bombs on Fallujah, AP said, citing the witnesses. Fallujah is a bastion of loyalists to the regime of deposed dictator Saddam Hussein and has become a staging area for foreign fighters and other guerillas, according to the US.

—*Internet*

## State force is linked to Iraq abuses

**WASHINGTON, 27 Aug** — Nine members of a Connecticut-based military intelligence unit face possible charges for involvement in the Iraq prisoner abuse scandal.

At least two soldiers of the Waterbury-based 325th Military Intelligence Battalion will be charged soon with abuses at the Abu Ghraib prison, an Army prosecutor has said. But it was unclear Thursday what action, if any, will be taken against the others. None was identified by name in an Army report on the scandal this week.

Lt Col Pamela Hart, an Army spokeswoman, said punishment will be meted out by individual unit commanders after a review of the cases.

Army probes reported Wednesday that 23 soldiers in military intelligence units and four civilian contractors were involved in,

or condoned, prisoner abuses. Some of those abuses amounted to torture, the investigators said. In all, more than 50 people may face discipline or criminal charges in the burgeoning scandal.

"Every command is looking at this report to see if the soldiers are part of their units," said Linda Jeleniewski, spokeswoman for the 94th Regional Readiness Command based in Devens, Mass. "It will go up the chain of command."

So far, only seven lower-ranking military police soldiers have been charged in connection with the Abu Ghraib abuse.

—*Internet*

## Italian FM urges release of hostage in Iraq

**ROME, 27 Aug** — Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini has called on the Iraqi militant group claiming to have kidnapped Italian journalist Enzo Baldoni to release him, local media reported on Thursday.

"To Baldoni's captors I say: free a journalist who has fought against the war, who has criticized US," Frattini said in an interview with Rome-based daily *Il Messaggero*.

Frattini added Baldoni's reports had been critical of Italy's role in the US-led campaign in Iraq.

In an exclusive interview with Qatar-based satellite television al-Jazeera Wednesday night, Frattini said Baldoni is in Iraq to serve the Iraqis, help them, alleviate their suffering and publish images of what is happening in Iraq.

Earlier on Tuesday, al-Jazeera reported that an Iraqi militant group said it was holding an Italian who identified himself as Enzo Baldoni, a 56-year-old journalist, who also worked as a Red Cross volunteer in Iraq.

The group gave Italy 48 hours to announce its pullout of troops from Iraq. The Italian Government has rejected the demand.

Italy did not participate in the war on Iraq but has 3,000 troops in the country as part of a British-led multinational stabilization force in southern Iraq.

Italy is prepared to pull its troops out of Iraq if the Iraqi interim government makes such a request, Frattini said.

Baldoni's family is in constant touch with the Italian Foreign Ministry and has also sought the help of the Italian Red Cross (CRI) in Iraq.

Maurizio Scelli, CRI chief in Iraq, said Wednesday night that his organization had contacted Iraqi religious leaders in an attempt to find Baldoni. — *MNA/Xinhua*



An Iraqi civilian minibus drives near a burning oil pipeline near the city of Baquba, north of Baghdad on 27 Aug, 2004. —*INTERNET*

## Sistani heads to Najaf

**NAJAF (Iraq), 27 Aug** — Iraq's most influential Shiite cleric headed for the battered city of Najaf on Thursday to try to persuade rebels holed up inside a sacred shrine to leave and end a three-week uprising that has killed hundreds.

Just after Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani began his journey, explosions rocked the main mosque in Kufa, a town adjacent to Najaf, killed 25 and wounded 60 people, a Shiite cleric at the scene told *Reuters*.

The cause of the blasts was unclear, but Kufa is a key powerbase for radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, whose Mahdi Army militia has led the rebellion in Najaf.

A *Reuters* photographer at a Kufa hospital said many casualties were being brought in. As the Shiite cleric at the scene spoke, screams and ambulance sirens could be heard.

Sistani left the southern city of Basra in a huge convoy of some 50 police cars and 10 British military vehicles, witnesses said. Hundreds of cars driven by his supporters joined the trip, which will take several hours.

He will unveil a plan in Najaf to get the Mahdi militia out of the Imam Ali mosque and call on US Marines encircling Iraq's holiest Shiite shrine to leave the city, his aides said.

The reclusive 73-year-old Sistani has also called for his supporters to march on Najaf to help end fighting between the rebels and US forces that has crept closer to the shrine. But amid fears of violence with rival Sadr supporters, he urged his followers converging on Najaf to wait outside the city and get instructions when he arrived, a senior aide said.

"On his arrival, a (peace) initiative will be launched," Hamed al-Khafaf told *Reuters*.

Sadr supporters accused US-led forces of launching the Kufa attack. The US Army had no immediate comment.

—*MNA/Reuters*

## French fighter jet crashes in training flight

**PARIS, 27 Aug** — A French military fighter jet crashed Thursday in a training flight, with no casualties, French Defence Ministry announced.

The *Mirage 2000*, victim of a malfunction, crashed at about 11.15 local time (0915 GMT) in a corn field north to Colmar in Alsace (east France), French Defence Ministry's spokesman Jean-Francois Bureau said at a news conference.

The fighter jet took off from an air base of Nancy in northeastern France. "The crewmen were obliged to bail out after driving the aircraft to an uninhabited zone," said a statement published by the Defence Ministry.

The two pilots, safe and sound, have been taken to a hospital for examination and the accident investigation office of the Defence Ministry has opened an inquiry to determine the cause of the accident, said the statement.

—*MNA/Xinhua*



A US soldier stands in front of destroyed buildings recently in the old city of Najaf as a standoff between Iraqi Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and US-led Iraqi forces came to an end. —*INTERNET*

# Crude oil rises as fighting in Iraq heightens supply concern

**NAJAF, 23 Aug 23** — Crude oil futures rose, after falling from a record on Friday, as fighting in Iraq's holy city of Najaf heightened concern crude exports from the Middle East's fifth-biggest oil producer would be disrupted.

US planes launched air strikes in the southern city yesterday as fighting recommenced. Oil prices slumped Friday on expectations of a cease-fire between Shiite militiamen in Najaf and Iraqi and US troops. Traders are concerned that Iraq's exports, which have returned to normal rates, are still vulnerable.

"It's still Iraq that's

keeping prices up," said Sam Tilley, an analyst at Sudden UK Ltd, a London futures brokerage. Traders are "wary of calling an end to the rally."

Crude oil for October delivery rose 42 cents, or 0.9 percent, to \$47.14 a barrel in out-of-hours electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange at 11.05 am London time. Friday, the September crude contract in its last day of

trading fell 84 cents to \$47.86 a barrel after touching \$49.40, the highest since oil began trading in New York in 1983.

Brent crude oil futures for October settlement rose 38 cents to \$43.92 a barrel on London's International Petroleum Exchange at 11:07 am Brent touched a record \$45.14 on Friday.

Shiite militants last week burned down offices

belonging to Iraq's South Oil Co., which has blamed oil pipeline stoppages on fighting and the lack of security.

Oil in New York has risen to a record every day but one this month on doubts the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries has the spare capacity to make up any shortfall in supply. Prices are up 45 per cent so far this year.

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## Powell echoes Bush on Iraq errors

**WASHINGTON, 27 Aug** — US Secretary of State Colin Powell Friday echoed President's Bush's comments that "miscalculations" had been made in Iraq.

"You make plans, but what you have to be able to do is adjust those plans when faced with reality," he told Tony Snow's talk radio show. "There is an old army expression, 'No plan survives first contact with an enemy.'"

In a New York Times interview Friday, Bush said he made a "miscalculation of what the conditions would be" after U.S. troops went to Iraq. —Internet



A US Army soldier guards an outpost in an office complex in central Najaf, Iraq on 26 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

## UNSG welcomes Sistani's peace proposal to end fighting in Najaf

**UNITED NATIONS, 27 Aug** — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan on Thursday welcomed efforts by Iraq's leading Shiite cleric to end three weeks of fighting in the holy city of Najaf.

"The Secretary-General welcomes the efforts by Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani to find a peaceful solution to the situation in the holy city of Najaf, and is encouraged by reports that an agreement to halt the armed hostilities in Najaf has been reached," Annan said in a statement.

The UN chief called upon all parties to respect the sanctity of the Imam Ali Mosque, which is one of the holiest shrines for Muslims all over the world.

Meanwhile, Annan expressed his grave concern over the violent incidents in Kufa and other locations in Iraq. "He is particularly troubled by the high toll of dead and wounded, including civilian casualties," said the statement.

He reiterated that the world body "stands ready to assist Iraqis in the transitional political process and calls upon them to resolve their differences through peaceful means".

Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani reached a peace deal in direct talks with radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, only hours after making a dramatic return to Najaf.

The Iraqi Government later accepted the three-point deal which demands all foreign troops to be pulled out of the holy city, Iraqi national guards to take charge and its authorities to compensate the suffered.

MNA/Xinhua

## Two Turkish firms to quit Iraq on hostages' plea

**ANKARA, 27 Aug** — Two Turkish companies working in Iraq are to pull out of the country after two of their engineers were abducted, private news channel CNN Turk said on Thursday.

Sa-Ra, a construction firm, and Usluer will leave the country after their employees Abdullah Ozdemir and Ali Daskin were seized from their workplace by Iraqi guerillas, CNN Turk said.

A videotape aired on Turkish television on Wednesday night showed the hostages seated in front of armed and masked militants, who threatened to kill the Turks within 72 hours unless their firms left Iraq.

Officials from neither company were

immediately available for comment on the CNN report.

Scores of foreign workers in Iraq have been kidnapped since April. Many have been released but some have been killed. Several Turkish firms have already withdrawn amid security concerns for their personnel.

Turkish trucks and trailers make around 700,000 trips to Iraq each year, earning Turkey billions of dollars in exports.

MNA/Reuters

## Kuwaiti firm bows to kidnappers' demands, stops work in Iraq

**DUBAI, 27 Aug** — The Kuwaiti firm which has seven truck drivers held hostage in Iraq has decided to halt operations in the troubled country, bowing to the kidnappers' condition for their release, it said.

"The Kuwait Gulf and Link (KGL) has decided to halt activities in Iraq completely," KGL spokeswoman Rana Abu Zaineh told the Dubai-based al-Arabiya television station.

"We do not have at the moment any presence in Iraq," she added.

On Thursday, a group said in a statement that it would free the seven hostages it has been holding for more than a month as soon as their company says it will no longer

operate in Iraq. The seven — three Indians, three Kenyans and an Egyptian — are all lorry drivers working for the Kuwaiti transport company. They were abducted on 21 July and threatened with execution if KGL did not end its work in Iraq.

In addition to the withdrawal of KGL from Iraq, the SIA also demanded the release of Iraqi prisoners held in Kuwait and in detention centres run by the United States.

Internet

## Kenya cannot confirm reported kidnapping of fourth nat'l in Iraq

**NAIROBI, 27 Aug** — A Kenyan Government spokesman told Xinhua here Wednesday that the government cannot confirm the reported kidnapping of a fourth Kenyan national in Iraq.

Alfred Mutua said Kenya is trying to establish whether the claims are true.

"We are trying to establish whether one of the two latest abductees was a Kenyan as was reported," Mutua told Xinhua by telephone.

According to reports in an Islamist web site, a brigade of the martyrs of Iraq kidnapped the Kenyan and a Jordanian as the two were returning to an American base to supply food.

In a statement whose authenticity could not be verified, the group says they will soon release the names and pictures of the two men and make their demands known on video. "The names and pictures of the two

men, as well as demands for their release will soon be revealed in a video," the group reportedly said in the statement.

Guerillas in Iraq have kidnapped dozens of people, including three Kenyan's and several Jordanian truck drivers and businessmen, in their campaign to drive the coalition forces out of their country.

Mutua said efforts are continuing to secure the release of the three Kenyan hostages kidnapped in Iraq on 21 July by the group calling it Black Banners.

He said Kenyan ambassador to Saudi Arabia is leading the efforts to secure the release of the three hostages.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Army soldier looks over the destruction from an outpost in central Najaf, Iraq on 26 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET



# Kerry renews call for Rumsfeld to resign

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug — US Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry on Wednesday called on Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to resign, saying an investigation into prisoners abuses at Iraq's Abu Ghraib Prison demonstrated a failure of civilian leadership.

The report issued on Tuesday by a four-member panel showed there was a "failure of the civilian chain of command", Kerry told supporters in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Civilian leaders in the White House and the Pentagon should be held accountable for abuse at Iraq's Abu Ghraib Prison, he said.

"It's about leadership and it's about accountability," and Americans "want the truth and they want accountability," Kerry said.

The panel, headed by former Defence Secretary James Schlesinger and created by Rumsfeld in May, blamed commanders in the field for the abuses and said senior civilian and military leaders in Iraq and the Pentagon could be faulted for inattention to prisoner abuses.

Kerry repeated his call for Rumsfeld to resign and for President George W Bush to appoint an independent commission to look into the abuse scandal. "It's not just the little person at the bottom who ought to pay the price...the buck doesn't stop at the Pentagon," he said.

In May, Kerry called for Rumsfeld's resignation over the abuse scandal and said at the time he had urged the Defence Secretary to quit months earlier due to miscalculations on Iraq.

Photographs showing naked Iraqi prisoners stacked in pyramids, threatened by dogs, connected to wires and held on a leash by US soldiers in the Abu Ghraib Prison were made public in April, which caused a widespread outrage, particularly in the Arab world, prompting President George W Bush to apologize. — MNA/Xinhua



A US Army Apache helicopter flies over an empty street in the Iraqi city of Najaf, on 26 Aug, 2004.—INTERNET

## Bodies of 2 Turkish hostages found in Iraq

DUBAI, 28 Aug — The bodies of two Turkish hostages have been found north of the Iraqi town of Baiji, apparently shot dead, Arabic television station Al Jazeera reported on Friday.

The station said Iraqi police had discovered the bodies thrown on the sides of a road and handed them over to the nearby hospital.

At least four Turks have been kidnapped in Iraq this month, two on August 5, one on August 7 and one on August 16. Two Turkish companies working in Iraq, Sa-Ra and Usluer, have said they will leave the country after their employees were seized from their workplace by Iraqi guerrillas.

Several Turkish firms have already withdrawn from Iraq amid security concerns for their personnel.

Scores of foreign workers in Iraq have been kidnapped since April. Many have been released but some have been killed.

MNA/Reuters

## Indian Govt welcomes Iraqi abductors' statement

NEW DELHI, 27 Aug — The Indian Government on Thursday night welcomed the statement of abductors of three Indians in Iraq dropping nearly all their demands for the release of the captives and hoped for a positive outcome.

"I heard about the statement (of the Iraqi militant group 'The Holders of the Black Banners'). We welcome it," junior federal Minister for External Affairs E Ahamed told PTI from Colombo.

"We hope everything will move in positive direction," said Ahamed, who heads the Crisis Management Group set up by the government on the issue.

Earlier in the day, Al-Arabiya television reported that the militant group holding three Indians—Antaryami, Tilak Raj and Sukhdev Singh—three Kenyans and an Egyptian hostage dropped nearly all its demands and will release the men if their Kuwaiti trucking company agrees to stop working in Iraq.

MNA/PTI

## India's important projects suffered due to US sanctions

NEW DELHI, 27 Aug—A number of important defence projects of India, including the one for the Light Combat Aircraft 'Tejas', suffered delay due to sanctions imposed by the US and other countries, after the country's nuclear tests in 1998, which still remain partially in force.

"Important projects and programmes of Defence Research and Development Organization suffered delay due to the sanctions", Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee said in reply to a question in the Lok Sabha (lower house).

He said projects or programmes which got delayed were Tejas-Light Combat Aircraft development programme, Kaveri engine development programme, Electronic Warfare programme for Army and Navy and Futuristic Infantry Combat Vehicle (ICV- Abhay).

"The sanctions still remain partially in force", he said adding the steps taken by the government in this regard were thrust for research, indigenous development of components, materials and sub-systems, as national effort.

The setback was overcome through indigenous effort by pooling national talents, third source development initiative and design adaptation, he added.

MNA/PTI

## Iranian cleric says Sistani's return like Khomeini's

TEHERAN, 28 Aug — A top Iranian cleric on Friday likened Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani's return to Iraq to end the stand-off in Najaf with the 1979 home-coming of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini which swept aside the US-backed shah.

Influential former President Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani told worshippers at Friday prayers at Teheran University both cases showed Islam's "great

power".

"Sistani's brave return to Najaf which ended the crisis is similar to our leader's return to Iran which ended the shah's rule," Rafsanjani said.

Sistani, Iraq's top Shiite cleric, returned from Britain to be swept into the battered city of Najaf by thousands of followers and on Thursday persuaded radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's Mehdi Army militia

to leave a shrine and end a three-week uprising that has killed hundreds. Khomeini made a triumphant return to Iran from exile in France in 1979 to be greeted by a sea of people and take charge of a popular revolution that overthrew the shah and overturned decades of powerful US influence on the ancient country.

Rafsanjani, a key adviser to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's most powerful figure, praised Sistani's "brave return", but he also hailed Sadr's Shiite Muslim militia for rising up against the US occupation.

"The heroic young

people's 21 days of resistance with their bare hands and Sistani's political measures to end the crisis, both are popular and show the power of Islam's devotees."

MNA/Reuters

## China, Russia contributes on banning weapons in outer space

GENEVA, 27 Aug—China and Russia presented new contributions Thursday on banning weapons in outer space, which got immediate support and appreciation from other countries.

At a meeting held here by the United Nations Conference on Disarmament (CD), China and Russia presented two informal papers concerning formulating a new international legal in-

strument to advance the work of the CD on the prevention of an arms race in outer space.

Hu Xiaodi, ambassador for disarmament affairs of China, said the priority

concern was to further consolidate the international consensus on the prevention of the weaponization of an arms race in outer space in the form of a legal commitment or a legal instrument.

In June 2002, seven delegations including China and the Russian Federation, tabled a working paper entitled "possible elements for a future international legal agreement on the prevention of the deployment of weapons in outer space, the threat or use of force against outer space objects".

Russian Ambassador Leonid Skotnikov recalled that filling the gaps in existing international outer space law had been the purpose of the proposal by Russia and China.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi firefighters arrive at the scene of eight burning pipelines, 40 km south of Basra, southern Iraq on 26 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

## BHEL wins Indian Government's award

NEW DELHI, 27 Aug—Twenty three power stations equipped with generating equipment built by the state-owned Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited have won the Government of India's Gold Shields for outstanding performance.

A total of 23 power stations, 21 thermal and two atomic, received the power ministry's national award for meritorious performance, a BHEL release said here on Thursday. The performance awards were given to 27 power stations. AP Genco's 1260 MW Vijaywada Thermal Power Station in the southern state of Andhra Pradesh) equipped with BHEL sets has consistently been winning this award for last 12 years since 1992 and won the gold medal for the tenth consecutive year.

BHEL-built thermal sets achieved an all-

time high Plant Load Factor (PLF) of 74.2 per cent in 2003-04, which was 2.6 per cent higher than the national average.

Moreover, BHEL-built thermal sets generated a record 318.8 billion units of power, constituting 79 per cent of the country's total power output. The state-owned power equipment engineering major has fully established state-of-the-art technology for design, manufacture, erection and commissioning of thermal sets up to 500 MW rating and has the capability to manufacture sets up to 1000 MW.—MNA/PTI

# Anti-Bush NY protests could spark confrontation

NEW YORK, 27 Aug — Protests — and arrests — began in New York on Thursday, days before the start of the Republican convention, where President George W Bush will be nominated for re-election in a city that voted overwhelmingly for his opponent four years ago.

About a dozen AIDS activists stripped naked and stopped traffic outside New York's Madison Square Garden to demand that Bush help developing countries fight the epidemic. They were taken away in handcuffs.

And police led two men away after they descended on ropes down the face of the iconic Plaza Hotel to drop

a huge banner displaying two opposing arrows — with "Truth" pointing one way, and "Bush" pointing in the opposite direction.

Security is ultra-tight in New York, which remains on high alert for another strike almost three years after 2,800 people died at the World Trade Center in the September 11 attacks. The Bush Administration singled

out the New York convention and the Democrats' nominating meeting in Boston last month as attractive terrorist targets.

More volatile confrontations threatened during the weekend, as demonstrators seemed bent on gathering in the city's famed Central Park despite court rulings barring protests there.

The anti-war ANSWER

group — denied a permit for 75,000 people to rally in the park on Saturday — said they will gather there anyway before the August 30-September 2 convention.

Organizers of a march against Bush Administration policies and the Iraq war on Sunday — which organizers expect to bring more than 200,000 protesters past Madison Square Garden — said they expect people to go to the park afterward.

Leslie Cagan, spokeswoman for march organizers United for Peace and Justice, said she planned to head up to Central Park for a picnic after the march ends.

"We all know that large amounts of people are going to go to Central Park on Sunday despite the court's ruling," she said.

The New York Supreme Court this week denied protesters permission to rally in the park, siding with city officials who said they feared damage to the grass and that security could not be ensured. —MNA/Reuters



*Iraq's top Shi'ite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani arrives in Najaf with a police escort on 26 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET*

## Some 74 killed, hundreds wounded in violence in Kufa, Najaf

BAGHDAD, 27 Aug — Some 74 people were killed and at least 315 others wounded in violence Thursday in Iraq's Kufa and its nearby southern holy city of Najaf, the Health Ministry said.

The Shiite sister-cities have earlier witnessed a mortar attack on the main mosque in the city and a shooting attack from an Iraqi National Guard base on Shiite crowd who were marching to Najaf.

The death toll from several attacks in Najaf and Kufa on Thursday has risen to 74 with 315 wounded, the Health Ministry said.

"The Najaf hospital received 39 bodies and 255 wounded and the one in Kufa 25 bodies and 60 wounded," a ministry official said, add-

ing the bodies of another 10 people were transported to nearby cities of Diwaniya and Hilla.

"We cannot distinguish between those who died in the bombing of the Kufa mosque and those who were killed in the demonstration," the official said.

The bloody attacks coincided with the return to Najaf of Iraq's most revered Shiite cleric Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, who had returned Iraq on Wednesday from London, where he received medical treatment for three

weeks. After his arrival in Najaf Thursday afternoon, Sistani's spokesman Ahmed al-Khaffaf noted that talks has started between aides of Iraq's radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and the Shiite spiritual leader in order to solve the crisis in the holy city peacefully.

"We have begun contacts with Sadr and we are waiting now, hoping that we will succeed in saving Najaf from destruction," said the spokesman.

Meanwhile, the US military also announced that US forces will suspend its military actions for 24 hours against Shiite militia holed in Najaf shrine.

"Grand Ayatollah Ali Hussein al-Sistani is working toward a peaceful solution to hostilities in Najaf," said a US military spokesman, adding the US-led multinational forces will support Sistani's effort to return the city to its citizens.

Najaf has witnessed fierce battles between US-backed Iraqi Government forces and Shiite militiamen loyal to radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr for three weeks, leaving several hundreds of Iraqis killed.

MNA/Xinhua



## 14 Nepali citizens arrested in Iraq

KATHMANDU, 27 Aug — At a time when 12 Nepalis have been taken hostage by a militant group in Iraq, another group of 14 Nepali citizens, who entered into Iraq illegally, have been arrested in Iraq, the Nepali Foreign Ministry said here Thursday.

"The Iraqi Embassy in New Delhi, which also looks after Nepal, informed that 14 Nepalis were arrested in Iraq, and we are trying to get detail information about them," the ministry said in a statement without giving details.

Meanwhile, the Nepali Government has sent a formal letter to the Iraqi Government requesting it to initiate appropriate mediation to secure the release of Nepali hostages.

"We have sent the letter to the Iraqi Government keeping in view that the process of releasing Nepali hostages would be easier, if the Iraqi Government initiates mediation," said Nepali Foreign Secretary Madhuraman Acharya.

"We haven't received any response from the Iraqi militants so far," he said, adding that the Nepali Government has already appealed to Iraqi militants directly or indirectly to release the Nepali hostages, who were not involved in any military assistance in Iraq.

The 12 Nepalis kept hostages by the Iraqi guerillas in a video tape telecast by the well-known Arabian Al-Jazeera Television appealed to the Nepali Government to initiate all possible steps to rescue them.

They also appealed to the government to take stern action against the Moonlight Manpower Company, a foreign employment agent who forced them to go to Iraq despite their unwillingness to go there.

MNA/Xinhua

## Philippines, Iran agree to strengthen bilateral ties

MANILA, 27 Aug — The Philippines and Iran have agreed to strengthen bilateral cooperation in energy and oil sectors, the Philippine Government said Thursday.

The accord was forged during a meeting Thursday afternoon between President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo and Iranian Foreign Affairs Minister Kamal Kharrazi who paid a courtesy call at the Philippine Presidential Palace.

During their meeting, Arroyo and Kharrazi explored several areas of bilateral cooperation, notably in energy and agriculture, specifically talking about oil supply, exploration and development of natural gas, and construction of new power plants.

"This is very promising.

Our countries could be complementary," Arroyo said.

Kharrazi also told Arroyo of his country's interest in geothermal plants. The Philippines is the world's second largest user of geothermal energy.

"I invited your companies to come over to Iran to help us in geothermal energy (development) as we would like to diversify our sources of energy, not only in oil and natural gas," he said.

Kharrazi also discussed possible cooperation in the agriculture sector as he noted that most of the exchanges

between the two countries deal with oil. He said Iran also produces agricultural machinery such as tractors and irrigation systems.

Arroyo was very receptive as she noted the need to irrigate one million hectares of land as part of her ten-point development agenda.

Considered the world's second largest producer of oil and natural gas, Iran supplies 60,000 to 70,000 barrels of crude oil per day to the Philippines, representing about 25 per cent of the country's fuel requirements.

MNA/Xinhua

## India emerges as destination for "IT" outsourcing

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug — India has emerged as the world's "premier destination" for information technology outsourcing but is yet to catch up in terms of globalization, consulting firm AT Kearny has said.

In its 2004 Index on Globalization, it said India has emerged as the world's premier destination for information technology outsourcing. Simultaneously, Internet growth in India exploded with the number of people surfing the World Wide Web growing by 136 per cent, albeit totalling 2 per cent of the population.

However, in terms of globalization South Asia continues to be the least integrated region in the world — owing in large part to the massive size of its populations, the firm said.

India ranked next to last at 61st and Pakistan at 46th place. A T Kearny said India experienced a difficult economic year as the slowing global market and violence in Gujarat trimmed trade, investment and growth.

Ireland was ranked as the most globalized country for the third year in a row and Singapore second. — MNA/PTI



*Iraqi police officers run during a neighbourhood patrol in Najaf, on 26 Aug, 2004.*

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## To uplift the health standard of the entire nation



*To provide better health care services for local people, a station hospital was built in Homein, Maukmai Township, Shan State (South).—KYEMON*



*To uplift health standard of the entire nation, the government is implementing various health projects. Photo shows progress in construction of the University of Traditional Medicine in Mandalay.—MNA*



*Nurses Training School in Kengtung, Shan State (East) is producing qualified nurses.—MNA*

## Government making efforts to set up ...

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the e-Learning Centre, organizing of weekly seminars of experts under the patronage of the Special Internet Group - SIG, study visits to foreign nations for development of ICT Industry, presenting of National ICT awards, measures for standardization of Myanmar character set and programmes for ICT research.

The Prime Minister in his speech said that now is regarded as IT age because information communication technology is the most influential in all the advancements over the world. As such a time, in its drive for shaping a brighter future in the interest of the nation and its people, the government is providing effective encouragement for enabling the nation to catch up with world class communication technology.

Now, some Western powers are taking full advantage of technological gap in order to widen the gap of development and wealth and they are resorting to all the possible ways and means to get the developing countries under their thumb.

Only if a developing nation like Myanmar is able to make progress in science and technology, it can polish national prestige and integrity and safeguard the sovereignty.

That is why the government is making concerted efforts not only for ensuring the nation's IC standard to be on a par with that of international level but also for boosting of the national interest through effective use of modern technologies.

Therefore, the government established the Myanmar Computer Federation and other computer associations with the aim of organizing national computer scientists, industrialists and enthusiasts to be a strong national force.

The ICT scientists, industrialists and enthusiasts who were scattering all over the nation could be organized together into the computer associations and the Computer Federation which were formed in 1998. Thus, the Computer Federation representing the private ICT sector has been able to make concerted efforts under the leadership of the government. Accordingly, the government has been able to provide assistance with the federation. Furthermore, the federation is now able to deal with the international ICT field with dignity, representing Myanmar.

Nowadays, Myanmar is in the position of Readiness of Institutionalisation for development in ICT sector for effective use of benefits of ICT technology in developing the whole socio-economic life.

The government has been making efforts with added momentum after forming the national committees needed for timely implementation of the ICT sector development tasks under e-ASEAN Frame Work Agreement signed at the ASEAN Leaders' Summit held in Singapore in October 2000.

The e-Government Implementation Committee was formed to effectively implement e-National Task Force and e-Government tasks. Work is well under way to systematically implement the six tasks that are to be carried out under e-ASEAN Frame Work Agreement: to ensure the development of Information Infrastructure, to ensure the emergence of e-Commerce system, to ensure the emergence of e-Government system, to reduce restrictions on ICT commodities, services and investment, to increase the investment on ICT commodities and services and to ensure the ICT Capacity Building to be able to create a e-Society after reducing the Digital Divide among ASEAN member nations.

The tasks of e-ASEAN Frame Work Agreement are making progress since systematic steps are being taken in Myanmar. Therefore, Myanmar has been on a par with other ASEAN nations in terms of work progress. Some ASEAN member nations started to launch e-Visa, e-Passport, e-Government Portal and e-Procurement that have been already in place in Myanmar.

Nowadays, the government is implementing the e-Government tasks with added momentum. With the emergence of the e-Government system, tasks of the governmental departments and enterprises which are being carried out across the nation will improve all the more, thereby contributing much to effective management of governmental bodies.

Therefore, the Government Network linking fibre optic lines among governmental bodies will emerge in the very near future.

The Government is making efforts to set up a national backbone and to improve international access and last mile link for development of information infrastructure. Arrangements are under way to install fiber optic links to set up a national backbone in major towns in addition to Yangon and Mandalay. The Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and Bagan Cyber Tech have ensured V-Sat and i-Pstar satellite system link for the areas beyond the fiber optic link's reach. In addition to satellite, se-me-we (3) submarine cable can be linked for progress of international access and Internet. The bandwidth can be extended as necessary. Wireless broad band and asynchronous digital subscriber line (ADSL) has been installed for last mile link in Yangon and Mandalay. Infrastructure has also been developed. Necessary laws have been enacted for drafting of a comprehensive Cyber law. The Ministry of Science and Technology has set up computer universities in Yangon and Mandalay, and 24 computer colleges in major towns for human resources development. Institutions of higher learning under the Education Ministry are also conducting computer diploma courses. Multimedia centres have been opened in all high schools,

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a large number of middle schools and some primary school.

The private sector is also running computer courses in many towns in addition to Yangon and Mandalay. Thanks to the MCF and assistance of friendly nations, the nation is sending scholars to Japan, India, Singapore and Malaysia annually, and the Myanmar-Japan e-Learning Centre has been opened and international-level courses are being conducted at the centre, with the help of instructors from foreign countries. The JITEC examinations, MCSA examinations and e-Government courses will help develop the ICT sector. A Certification Authority (CA) has already been set up to ensure security for e-Commerce system. As in other countries, Myanmar has established Computer Emergency Response Team (MMCERT).

An e-Procurement system has been in use for progress of government to business (G2B). Implementation of a trade electronic data interchange (TEDI) system in cooperation with CLMV nations is in progress. At present, there is development in advertising and services sectors, B2C and on-line payment. Import tariffs will be reduced in accord with the ASEAN agreement. As necessary infrastructure and foundations have already been set up, efforts should be made for rapid development of the ICT.

He said after formation of a group, the experts are conducting research on standardization of Myanmar character set that can be accepted in accord with the ISO Standard and contribute towards the development of ICT in Myanmar and use of languages of national races. Myanmar ICT Development Master Plan Project is being launched under the Initiation for ASEAN Integration (IAI) in order to systematically implement ICT development tasks in Myanmar and detailed programmes to link international networks are also being carried out in accord with ICT Master Plan drafted by the MCF, he said.

He said ICT sector of the State is making progress with greater momentum due to participation of MCF in ICT development programmes. He said better results have been achieved in the development of ICT sector in Myanmar and linking ASEAN community and international ICT development due to cooperation with friendly nations including ASEAN member countries in the State and national levels and private sector. He called on national computer scientists, computer industrialists and computer enthusiasts to make efforts for development of Myanmar ICT sector up to international level under the banner of MCF.

In conclusion, he urged MCF and other associations to make endeavours for development of ICT in accord with national visions, to provide assistance for development of education, health, social, economic, security and defence sectors and to serve the national interest. He wished MCF and other associations success in their fields.

Next, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present at the meeting.—MNA

## MCF, Associations hold annual general meeting

YANGON, 28 Aug — The annual general meeting of Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar Computer Scientists Association, Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association and Myanmar Computer Enthusiasts Association was held at MICT Park in Hline Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force Member of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint and members of the task force, chairmen and vice chairmen, executives of MCF, MCSA, MCIA and MCEA and guests.

President of the federation U Thein Oo presided over meeting together with Vice-President Dr Kyaw Thein and U Tin Win Aung.

Secretary of MCSA U Khun Oo submitted the report of the MCSA, Treasurer Daw Khin Aye Win, the financial statement and Auditor U Soe Win Tun, the audit report. Next, new executives were substituted.

Similarly, MCIA Secretary U Thein Tun Pe presented the report of the association, Treasurer Daw Tin Tin Aye, the financial statement and Auditor Daw Thin Thin Myat, the audit report. Afterwards, some executives were substituted.

Secretary of MCEA Daw Su Su Hlaing read out the report of the association. Next, new executives were substituted. Then, e-National Task Force Chairman CSSTB Member U Aung Myint, MCF President U Thein Oo, Vice-Presidents Dr Kyaw Thein and U Tin Win Aung, Chairman of MCSA U Thang Tin and Chairman of MCIA U Aung Zaw Myint presented certificates of honour to those who passed the Myanmar-Japan Cross Certification Exam, MCSA Exam and the multimedia training course organized by MCSA and those who contributed to hold the exams and instructors who gave lectures at e-learning centres. Later, seminars, programming contests and web development contests were held.—MNA



## “Soon” offered to members of Sangha at Sasana University

YANGON, 28 Aug — Under the patronage of the Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and wife Daw Khin Aye, staff families of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement offered a day's *Soon* to the Rector Sayadaw of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) and lecturer Sayadaws and the Sayadaws who have passed the examination totalling 450 at Moegok Refectory, Kaba Aye Hill yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Re-

settlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and wife Daw Khin Aye, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and wife, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung and wife, wife of Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thauung, directors-general and their wives and staff families.

The ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa*. The congregation received the *Five Precepts* from Rector Sayadaw of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pandita

Bhivamsa.

Next, the Rector Sayadaw and members of Sangha were offered provisions by the minister and the deputy minister and directors-general and wives.

Afterwards, the minister presented K 301,000 donated by the ministry for the Rector Sayadaw and members of Sangha to Deputy Director-General U Tun Myat Aung of the Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana and the latter gave away certificates of honour to officials and the congregation shared merits gained.

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Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents flower basket to artistes. — MNA

## Yangon South District holds performing arts competitions

YANGON, 28 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the opening ceremony of the 12th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions of Yangon South District in Kyauktan Township this morning.

Also present on the occasion were No 4 Military Region Commander Col Yan Naing Oo, Thanlyin Station Commander Captain Maung Oo Lwin (Navy), local authorities, artistes of Myanmar Music Asiayon and Myanmar Thabin Asiayon and officials.

Chairman of Yangon South District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Pyay opened the competitions and gave an opening speech.

The competitions is being held at three places in the township. Altogether 87 contestants are taking part in the amateur level and 13 in the professional one. — MNA



USDA Secretariat member U Aung Thauung presents a prize to a student at Welaung BEHS Taungtha Township. — MNA

## USDA Secretariat member attends prize presentation ceremonies in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 28 Aug — Secretariat Member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thauung attended the 9th prize presentation ceremony held in Bo Ya Nyunt hall of Welaung Basic Education School, Taungtha Township, Mandalay Division yesterday afternoon.

After the minister had made a speech on the occasion, principal of the school U Tha Htoo presented reports on measures being taken for promotion of education of the students. And the minister gave away prizes to the principal and teachers who taught the students to pass the matriculation examination with distinctions and three-distinction winners in 2003-2004 academic year Maung Kyaw Zin Thein and Maung Chan Min Ko Ko.

Next, wife of the minister Daw Khin Khin Yi and Managing Director of Myanmar Textile Industries U Oo Thein Maung, Managing Director of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries Lt-Col Soe Hlaing and Chairman of Myingyan District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Win Myint presented prizes to distinction winners. Afterwards, officials presented prizes to outstanding students who stood at first, second and third from one to ninth standard during 2003-2004 academic year. On arrival at Welaung Station Hospital in the evening, the minister attended to the needs and drove stake to build the school hall at Semekan Basic Education School (Branch), Taungtha, and attended prize presentation ceremony of the school. Later, the minister presented K 1 million for building the school hall at Semekan Basic Education School (Branch) and met organizers of seven village-tract USDAs in the evening. — MNA

## Nepali PM hopes to strengthen Nepal-China cooperation

KATHMANDU, 28 Aug — Nepal and China need to explore more fields of cooperation in order to further strengthen the traditional friendship between the two neighbours as well as the reciprocity of bilateral trade, Nepali Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba said here Friday.

“As Nepal and China are both members of the World Trade Organization, we should have more fields of economic cooperation. The Nepali Government appreciates its economic and trade cooperation with China, especially with Henan Province,” Deuba told a visiting Henan provincial government delegation from China.

The eight-member delegation led by Li Chengyu, governor of Henan Province, arrived here Thursday for a three-day visit at the invitation of the Nepali Government.

“Our two sides can further develop cooperation in the fields of industrial and agricultural products, textile, automobile and information technological items. We welcome Chinese companies and businessmen to operate in Nepal,” Deuba told the delegation. — MNA/Xinhua

## ICO foreign ministers to discuss violence in Najaf

KUALA LUMPUR, 28 Aug — The Organization of the Islamic Conference (ICO) foreign ministers will meet in New York on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly this September to discuss the escalating violence in Iraq's Najaf.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar made the announcement at a news conference here Thursday. Malaysia is current chairman of the 57-member group which was set up in 1970.

There was a need for different factions in Iraq to sit down and discuss ways to bring back peace and stability to the war-torn country, the minister said.

Syed Hamid will leave for New York on September 20 while Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi will fly to New York on September 26, after the ruling party's general assembly.

Syed Hamid said that only the Iraqis themselves could bring in peace and stability, as well as reduce their sufferings.

“It is important for the Iraqis to ensure there is peace and stability in the country with the coming of elections this January. This will bring back the government that will be elected by the people and install a democratic system in Iraq,” he said.

“This is a way forward in bringing Iraq to a new era and the Iraqis deserve a new life,” he said.

Syed Hamid said that he did not see the need for the ICO to hold a summit to discuss the Iraq issue since the issue depends on the Iraqis themselves.

A few days ago, Iran called for a Special ICO Summit to discuss the Iraq issue.

However, he said, Malaysia was willing to be part of the foreign assistance to be extended in the reconstruction of Iraq.

When the Prime Minister visited the United States last July, he announced that Malaysia was going to send a sizeable medical team to Iraq and was keen to take part in the rebuilding of the war-torn nation. Supporters of Iraq's Shiite cleric Muqtada-Sadr have been waging a bloody conflict with US forces in Iraq's southern Shiite holy city of Najaf and some other cities for three weeks. Hundreds were killed and thousands wounded during the fighting. — MNA/Xinhua



No 11 LID Commander Col Hla Htay Win gives away the soccer championship shield to the winning team. (News on page 16) — MNA

# Those who see white as black

*Maung Pwint Lin*

If a person sees what is pure white as black, he may be suffering from colour-blindness or he may be a person without a correct outlook or he may have poor eyesight.

But if he is not suffering from colour-blindness or has no poor eyesight or has no tendency to seeing things from the wrong way, and yet he sees what is white as black, he would be a person suffering from mental illness, having an evil mind, a pessimist or a liar.

And if he is bent on saying brazen lies, it is sure that he is not a person suffering from mental illness, but just a wicked person. In this world, man has the highest intellectual power, and the ability to effectively and wisely use it. But if his intellectual ability is too low even to correctly differentiate between the two colours — black and white — he will be pursuing a worthless life till his end. He is like a person under the darkness, dominated by anger, disillusion, greed and evil. He cannot see things in a correct way as he is totally under the control of extreme selfishness.

Myanmar is an independent and sovereign nation, formed with the Panglong spirit and resolve of over 100 national races of the country. The spirit and resolve has been upheld till now by the nation's population of 53 million. Unfortunately, Myanmar fell under the colonialist unjust subjugation and exploitation of natural riches for about a century. Despite possessing the rich land and water resources, the country and the people were poor because of the alien enslavement. As the people could not own the nation's rich resources, and even their own produce, they fought back the colonialists, sacrificing a lot of lives and blood to regain independence.

It was a hard-won victory for Myanmar people to restore independence and sovereignty, and to effectively utilize and harness the rich resources of the land for national interest, in other words, to ensure the right to self-determination or the basic human rights of the Myanmar society.

During the colonial period, all the Myanmar races from hill regions to the plains fought back the occupiers

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to regain independence. And during the 1824 First Anglo-Myanmar War, the 1852 Second Anglo-Myanmar War, and the 1885 Third Anglo-Myanmar War, the national races joined hands with one another to attack the colonialists, with unyielding spirit, and of their own volition, despite the remoteness and rough terrain of the places they were living in and the difficult transport.

One of the wicked schemes the colonialists were using then was to weaken the strength of a nation they had chosen to occupy. Under the scheme, they would try to cause dissension between the people, flood the nation with narcotic drugs and alcohol to increase the number of

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drug addicts and alcoholics, and swallow its traditions and culture with their own.

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The colonialists were shocked by the unity, gallantry and zeal of Myanmar during the independence struggle, and they are the true identity and spirit of the Myanmar people. However, there were also traitors and minions in the nation, and because of them, Myanmar fell under subjugation. Myanmar during the time called the colonialists of the West 'White Kala' or 'Evil'.

While the patriots were launching the independence struggle at the risk of their lives facing imprisonment and capital punishment, some persons of the country were vying for the colonial government's deputy posts offering lavish salaries. The colonialists tricked the Myanmar forces on both banks of the Ayeyawady by disguising a Myanmar traitor, Maung Ba Than, as a royal prince during their upstream sale on the river to seize the Yadanabon Royal City. There were also other minions who sent false telegraphic messages that anyone who fought back the colonialists would be regarded as insurgents, to Minhla and Inwa forts to prevent Myanmar soldiers from attacking the intruding enemy army.

During the anti-Fascist struggle there were traitors serving as informers of the Special Branch Police or Kempeitai. The Fascists were able to kill or arrest and torture Myanmar patriots with the help of the traitors.

Myanmar regained independence as the national races were able to show their unity at the Panglong Conference in 1947. But the nation saw a bloodbath after the regaining of independence as armed conflicts broke out due to instigation of the colonialists and the rise of political and ideological prejudices and the self-centred dogma to grab power. In reality the internal strife broke out in accord with the scheme of the colonialists to weaken the nation.

Usually, multipolitical ideologies and parties do exist in a developing country or a less developed country. With the aim of weakening the strength of those countries, the powers of the West are trying to make them believe that the existence of a number of different ideologies and parties is a characteristic of democracy. But the powers (old colonialists and neo-colonialists) themselves have not tolerated the leftist ideologies or political parties, and branded the communist party as illegal, and disbanded it, while urging others to accept pluralism.

Till now, there are pessimists seeing what is white as black. They have no regard for the gratitude they owe to the motherland. They are ready to betray the nation and the people at any time. Periodicals have dubbed them as expatriates. In the four-point People's Desire, they are branded as stooges, holding negative views, and relying on aliens.

At present, peace is prevailing in the whole Union, and the national unity is strong. New facilities including, dams, bridges, institutions of higher learning, power stations, hospitals, bridges and high-rise buildings are emerging at a fast rate in many parts of the country. There is gradual development in political, economic and

## 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

## All this needs to be known

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

social sectors, and thanks to her firm and correct foreign policy, Myanmar has been enjoying friendly relations with other countries, and cooperating with them for mutual, regional and multilateral interest.

However, the national traitors or expatriates are slandering the unprecedented peace and stability and all-round development of the country as a person who sees what is white as black. Those traitors are working for the colonialists for money under the guise of democracy activists. Myanmar according to them is the worst place to live in. The traitors and the colonialist media are in cahoots for common goal.

Myanmar has laid down the seven-point future policy programme and is in the process of building a genuine democratic nation, enjoying peace, prosperity and progress. The reconvening of the National Convention is the first step of the seven-point future policy programme.

Thanks to the Union Spirit, strength and unity of the people, the nation is enjoying peace and stability and rapid development, despite the multi disturbances of the colonialists from abroad and traitors. It is the result of the harmonious efforts of the persons who see things in an objective way or white as white. On the other hand, the ones who wish to see do see white as black will continue to face the ostracism of the entire people of Myanmar.

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(Translation: TMT)

(Myanma Alin+Kyemon: 28-8-2004)

**Till now, there are pessimists seeing what is white as black. They have no regard for the gratitude they owe to the motherland.**

**They are ready to betray the nation and the people at any time. Periodicals have dubbed them as expatriates.**

**In the four-point People's Desire, they are branded as stooges, holding negative views, and relying on aliens.**



## Indian Premier makes impassioned appeal for code of conduct

**NEW DELHI, 28 Aug —** Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Thursday made an impassioned appeal for a code of conduct to avoid disruption in Parliament in the thick of a government-opposition face off that paralyzed proceedings in the two Houses during the current session.

The stand-off touched a new low on Wednesday after a delegation of the main opposition Bharatiya Janata Party said the Prime Minister declined to accept a memorandum and suggested the opposition call off their boycott of the Budget debate. The BJP denounced Singh's refusal "impolite".

Singh on Thursday, in his brief address to both the Houses, avoided any reference to Wednesday's controversial meeting with opposition leaders while expressing concern over Parliament's disruption "in the recent months".

Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee joined the opposition in accusing Singh of "impolite and unbecoming conduct" but the government hit back saying it would not be "cowed down" by its tactics.

As both Houses adjourned sine die a week ahead of schedule, the Prime Minister expressed anguish over Parliament not being allowed to function and asked "where are we leading the country to?"

Earlier, the BJP-led NDA (National Democratic Alliance) decided to boycott passage of the Finance Bill in protest against the "insulting" attitude of the Prime Minister on Wednesday.

"We should look inside us. All political parties must evolve a code of conduct for behaving inside and outside Parliament," he said in the customary address as the two Houses wound up their business for the budget session. He was hopeful that a mechanism would be found before the coming winter session to ensure that "what has happened in recent months..... truly becomes a thing of the past". — *MNA/PTI*

## India, Kuwait for effective int'l cooperation to combat terrorism

**NEW DELHI, 28 Aug —** India and Kuwait on Thursday shared concerns over threats from terrorism and extremist violence to democratic societies and called for effective international cooperation to combat the menace and deny sanctuaries to terrorist outfits.

They also highlighted the importance of peace and stability in the Gulf region and the need to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of countries in this region.

A joint statement issued here at the end of the three-day visit of Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah, said the two sides welcomed the increased role for the United Nations in Iraq, while noting with satisfaction that the process of political transition in the war-ravaged country, including restoration of its sovereignty, was underway.

The two sides underlined the need to

revitalize the Middle East peace process, based on the relevant UN resolutions, the Arab initiative and the "Road-Map" to achieve a just, lasting and comprehensive peace in the region. They wanted to see Israel and Palestine, living side by side in peace and security. The Kuwaiti side recognized the positive efforts made by India to help secure peace and stability in the Middle East.

On a three-day visit, Al-Sabah called on Indian President APJ Abdul Kalam, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Speaker of the Lower House of Parliament, Somnath Chatterjee.

The statement said

both countries reaffirmed their commitment to the implementation of reforms within the UN, including the reform of the Security Council and expansion of both permanent and non-permanent membership.

Focussing on the need to further strengthen bilateral relations, it said both sides recognized shared cultural commitment to a democratic policy and an open liberal society.

Observing that the Indian community in Kuwait constituted a valued link between the two countries, the statement said this contributed to further strengthening of bilateral economic and cultural relations. — *MNA/PTI*

## One billion people still drink unsafe water

**GENEVA, 27 Aug —** More than one billion people drink unsafe water and over 2.6 billion, around 40 per cent of the world's population, have no access to basic sanitation, UN agencies said on Thursday.

"Around the world, millions of children are being born into a silent emergency of simple needs," said UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy. "We have to act now to close this (health) gap or the death toll will certainly rise," she added.

The World Health Organization and UNICEF, the Children's Fund, said in a report children were particularly vulnerable to sicknesses brought on by dirty water and poor hygiene. Diarrhoea kills some 1.8 million people each year, most of them

children under five, with millions left permanently debilitated, they said. The report — Meeting the Millennium Development Goals — aims to measure progress in achieving the UN target of halving the percentage of people around the world without safe water and sanitation by 2015.

For water, the goal was clearly achievable, with some 83 per cent of people already having access to supplies giving some guarantees of safety, up from 77 per cent in 1990 — the base year for the millennium goals, they said.

But progress was uneven, with some 42 per cent of the 1.1 billion people without access to safe water living in sub-Saharan Africa. On sanitation, however, the picture was less encouraging, with the percentage of those with at least a minimum acceptable standard rising only to 58 per cent in 2002, the last year for which figures were available, from 49 per cent in 1990. On current trends, that would leave 2.4 billion without such access in 2015, little changed from the current figure.

— *MNA/Reuters*



*The Records of Myanmar Literacy Campaign.*

## Armed Forces Day commemorative colour photo contest to be held

**YANGON, 27 Aug —** The Work Committee for the Organizing 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day 2005 Commemorative Literary and Colour Photo Competition will hold the Colour Photo Contest. Photo enthusiasts can send up to four entries for each title. The size of the print photo entry should measure 10" by 12" and above. As those who won first, second and third prizes in the previous contests will be categorized into separate groups, it means that there are many chances of winning prizes for those who have not yet won any prizes. Data and caption regarding the photo should be provided on a separate sheet of paper and enclosed. If there are any models in the photo, their content will be needed.

The entry photo must be a never-before-published work and prize-winning work in local and foreign photo competitions. The entry photos taken by digital camera will not be considered. Winners standing first, second and third will be awarded in Yangon on 27 March 2005, when the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day will be observed.

Consolation prizes will also be presented to winners at the 60th Anniversary Armed Forces Day ceremonies to be held at the respective military commands and LIDs concerned. The entry photos should be sent to U Tun Min, Director, Information and Public Relations Department, not later than 14 February 2005. — *MNA*

## Frantic efforts underway to rescue Kenyan hostages in Iraq

**MOMBASA (Kenya), 28 August —** Frantic efforts are continuing to secure the release of three Kenyan hostages in Iraq more than a month after they were taken captive, Kenyan President Mwai Kibaki announced here Thursday.

Kibaki said his government was doing everything possible to ensure that the three nationals being held captive in Iraq are released.

"The government is doing everything possible to ensure that our nationals being held captive in Iraq are released. While these efforts are going on, I would like to urge all Kenyans to continue praying for their safety," Kibaki appealed.

This was the first

public statement by the President since the hostages were held captive in Iraq.

Truck drivers Ibrahim Hamisi Iddi, Jalal Mohamed Awadh and Faiz Khamisi Salim have been in the custody of a militant group, the Black Banners Division of the Islamic Secret Army, since they were captured on July 21.

Efforts by their employer, the transport

firm Kuwait Gulf Link (KGL), to secure their release have been unsuccessful.

Relatives and friends of the captives have accused the government of not doing enough to have them freed.

They were particularly disappointed when the Minister of Foreign Affairs announced in early August that the hostages had been freed yet they were still in the hands of their captors.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

## Pakistan, GCC sign agreement for economic cooperation

**ISLAMABAD, 28 Aug —** Pakistan and a six-member Gulf group here Thursday signed an economic agreement to strengthen their economic, commercial, technical and investment cooperation.

The Framework Agreement for Economic Cooperation was jointly signed by Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid Kasuri, visiting Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah and Abdul Rahman bin Hamad Al-Attiah, secretary-general of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC).

At a joint news

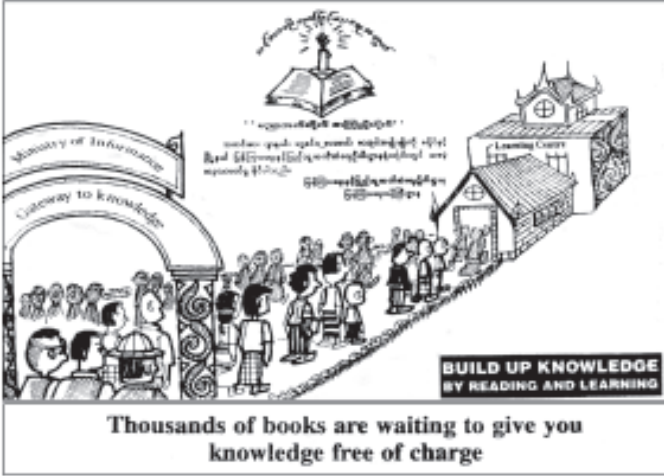
conference with his Pakistani counterpart, Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah said the agreement will "hopefully result in a free trade area" in the future. Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah arrived in Islamabad Wednesday for a two-day visit.

The agreement will enable Pakistan and the GCC to promote economic cooperation, exchange information in various

economic fields and encourage necessary technical economic cooperation.

It will particularly enhance exchange of information on foreign trade, encourage business communications and impart training and exchange of technology transfer, according to a statement issued by Foreign Office.

— *MNA/Xinhua*



## ADVERTISEMENTS

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရ  
ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန  
သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း  
အမှတ် ၂၁၊ သိမ်ဖြူလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့  
လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်းတွင်ပူးတွဲသည့်အမျိုးမျိုး  
အဆင့်(လစာနှုန်းကျပ်၅၄၀၀-၁၀၀-၅၉၀၀)ရာထူးနေရာများ  
အတွက် သတ်မှတ်အရည်အချင်းနှင့်ပြည့်စုံသူများ လျှောက်ထား  
နိုင်ပါသည်။

(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

(ခ) အောက်ပါဒီပလိုမာတွဲ၊ ရရှိပြီးသူများ ဖြစ်ရ

မည်-

(၁) A.G.T./GTC(Civil)

(၂) A.G.T./GTC(Mechanical)

(၃) A.G.T./GTC(Electrical)

(ဂ) နေ့/ည တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်နိုင်သူ ဖြစ်ရမည်။

(ဃ) အနည်းဆုံးလုပ်သက် တစ်ဆက်တည်း (၅)နှစ်တာဝန်  
ထမ်းဆောင်ရန် ကတိခံဝန်ချက်ချေထိုးရမည်။

(င) အသက် ၃၅နှစ် ထက်မကြီးစေရ။

(စ) နေ့/ည လုပ်ငန်းတာဝန်ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်၍ အမျိုးသား  
များသာ သင့်တော်ပါသည်။

၂။ ရွေးချယ်တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ခြင်းခံရသူများအား အောက်ပါအတိုင်း  
ခံစားခွင့်များခွင့်ပြုမည်-

(က) ခုတိယကြိမ်ကြိမ်စာမေးပွဲများ (လစာနှုန်းကျပ် ၅၄၀၀-  
၁၀၀-၅၉၀၀)နေရာတွင် စတင်ခန့်ထားမည်။

(ခ) လုပ်ငန်းတွင်ထူးချွန်စွာ ထမ်းဆောင်နိုင်မှုအပေါ်မူတည်၍  
ရာထူးအဆင့်တိုးပေးခြင်းနှင့် ပြည်ပသင်တန်းများသို့  
ရွှေ့ပြောင်းသင်ကြားပေးမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာများကို အောက်ပါစာရွက်စာတမ်းများပူးတွဲလျက်  
သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်း(မှူးချုပ်) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး(စီမံ)  
အမှတ် ၂၁၊ သိမ်ဖြူလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့သို့ ၃၀-၉-၂၀၀၄ရက်နေ့  
နောက်ဆုံးထား၍ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်-

(က) ကောင်စီဝင်မှတ်စိတ္တနှင့် အမှတ်စာရင်းစာရွက်

(ခ) သက်ဆိုင်ရာမြို့နယ်ရဲစခန်းမှ လျှောက်လွှာပို့ရက်

မတိုင်မီ (၆)လအတွင်းရရှိထားသည့် မြစ်ဖုတ်ခရီး

ကြောင်း ထောက်ခံချက်မူရင်း

(ဂ) မြို့နယ်အလုပ်သမားညွှန်ကြားရေးဦးစီးဌာနတွင်  
အလုပ်သမား ဖုတ်ပုံတင်ထားသည့် အလုပ်ခံစာ (၂)  
စာတိုင်မိတ္တူတစ်စောင်

(ဃ) လိုင်စင်စာတိုင်ပုံနှိပ် (စာတိုင်နောက်ကျောတွင် အမည်နှင့်  
နိုင်ငံသားစိစစ်ရေးကတ်အမှတ်စဉ်များရရှိ)

(င) ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ကျပ် ၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းသည့် ချွေလန်စုရင်း  
(သို့မဟုတ်)စာတိုင်ငွေပို့လွှာ (Money Order) ပြေစာ  
မူရင်း

၄။ စာမေးပွဲဝင်ကြေး ငွေကျပ် ၂၀၀/-ကို ရန်ကုန်မြို့ မြန်မာ  
စီးပွားရေးဘဏ်၊ စက်မှုလက်မှုဥစ္စာဌာနစာရင်း အမှတ် (SEE-  
4201-N)သို့လည်းကောင်း၊ သက်ဆိုင်ရာစာတိုင်မှတစ်ဆင့်  
ဤလုပ်ငန်း(မှူးချုပ်)သို့ ငွေပို့လွှာ (Money Order) မြို့  
လည်းကောင်းပေးသွင်းရမည်။

၅။ အသေးစိတ်အကြောင်းအရာများကို သတင်းနှင့်စာနယ်ဇင်း  
လုပ်ငန်း(မှူးချုပ်)တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် ၂၀၀၈၀၃ သို့မူရင်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

Drive safely

## ပြည်တွင်းပြင်ကိုအားပေးပါ

### ARRIVAL/CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV "BAGO" VOY NO BG 777/N

Consignees of cargo carried on MV "BAGO" Voy No BG 777/N are hereby notified that the vessel arrives at Yangon port on 29-8-2004 and will be berthing on about 30-8-2004 and cargoes will be discharged into the premises of MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.30 am and 12 noon to 4 pm upto Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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### British cleaner thinks modern art is garbage

LONDON, 27 Aug— A cleaner at London's Tate Britain modern art gallery threw out a bag of garbage which formed part of an artwork because it was thought to be trash. British newspapers reported on Friday. The transparent bag of garbage — full of newspaper, cardboard and other bits of paper — formed part of a work by German-born artist Gustav Metzger called "Recreation Of First Public Demonstration Of Auto-Destructive Art".

MNA/Reuters

### ပြည်ထောင်စု မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော် ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာရေးကော်မတီ ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့

ရက်စွဲ၊ ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ ဩဂုတ်လ ၂၃ ရက်

### ချိပ်ပိတ်ဈေးနှုန်းလွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာရေးကော်မတီ၏ လုပ်ငန်း  
သုံးအတွက်လိုအပ်သောဘိလပ်မြေ (Portland Cement)  
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ဝယ်ယူလိုပါ သဖြင့် C & F (Yangon) နေ့စဉ်ဖြင့် ဈေးနှုန်းလွှာ  
တင်သွင်း နိုင်ပါကြောင်း မိတ်ခေါ်ပါသည်။

ဈေးနှုန်းလွှာပိတ်ရက်မှာ ၁၆-၉-၂၀၀၄ နေ့(၁၆:၀၀) နာရီ  
ဖြစ်ပြီး ဈေးနှုန်းတင်သွင်းလွှာပုံစံတစ်စုံလျှင် ကျပ် ၁၀၀၀/-  
(ကျပ်တစ်ထောင် တိတိ)နှုန်းဖြင့် ဘတ်ဂျက်နှင့်ငွေစာရင်းဌာန၊  
ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရောင်းချရေးဌာနမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

အသေးစိတ်အချက်အလက်များကို ဖုန်းအမှတ်-၂၅၂၇၄၄၊  
၂၄၈၁၁၂ (လိုင်ခွဲ)၂၃၇ တို့သို့ ဆက်သွယ်မေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

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ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့

## IATA says air traffic profits undercut by sky-high fuel prices

GENEVA, 27 Aug— The International Air Transport Association (IATA) said here Thursday that sky-high fuel prices would undercut airlines' profits earned by traffic growth this year.

"International passenger and cargo traffic growth continued to exceed expectations through July, however, the extraordinarily high level of oil prices points to yet another year of significant airline losses," Giovanni Bisignani, director-general and CEO of IATA, said in a Press release.

According to IATA statistics, Asia continues to display a strong rebound from the traumatic events of 2003 with the January to July passenger traffic showing a 29.4-per-cent improvement on 2003 levels. Middle Eastern carriers exceeded that with 33.5-per-cent growth. All other regions also reported double digit year-on-year growth for the January to July period.

When compared to the same period in 2000, the severe shocks of the last several years are apparent. Global passenger traffic in the first seven months of 2004 was just 8.2 per cent above 2000 levels. By comparison,

European carriers posted only 2.1-per-cent growth for the same period.

Freight volumes show solid and accelerating growth. Driven by buoyant world trade and far less distorted by SARS and other shocks affecting passenger traffic, year-on-year freight volumes grew 14.1 per cent in the first seven months of 2004 over 2003 and 15.3 per cent when compared to 2000.

"Positive traffic results have been overtaken by fuel costs. They are our biggest nightmare," said Bisignani.

According to IATA, one US dollar added to average price of a barrel of Brent over the year adds one billion US dollars to the industry's costs.

IATA said airlines are using capacity wisely with passenger load factors rising to 78.4 per cent in July 2004 and are also taking a wide range of measures to improve fuel efficiency.

MNA/Xinhua

### ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော် ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၃၃/၂၀၀၄ (၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ ဩဂုတ်လ ၂၅ ရက်) လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

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(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

(ခ) ၂၀-၉-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက  
အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်) ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့  
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၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရရှိမည့် စာရွက်  
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ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာစာအရ လျှောက်လွှာများသို့  
လျှောက်လွှာ တင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်  
များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန် ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်မန္တလေးမြို့များတွင် ရေဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများ  
ထားရှိမည်။ မိမိဖြေဆိုလိုသော စာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရင်းလင်း  
တိကျစွာ ဖော်ပြရမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်  
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ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၂၀-၉-၂၀၀၄ နေ့အရောက်  
ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ခါးတံပုနှင့်အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့  
တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၉-၁၀-၂၀၀၄ နေ့နှင့် ၁၀-၁၀-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ်  
ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၇-၁၀-၂၀၀၄ နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်း  
အထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးတို့တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့်  
ကတိပြုချက်ကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ စုစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ လူထုလိုက်ကြည့်စေ၊  
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## Flash floods kill 15 in northeast Nigerian town

LAGOS, 27 Aug— Fifteen people were killed after heavy rains in a remote Nigerian town, a government spokesman said on Wednesday, taking to 38 the death toll in flash floods that swept through the northeast region in the last two weeks.

At least 3,000 people were displaced and crops, livestock and buildings were washed away in Gombe by the flooding caused by hours of heavy downpour on Saturday, Gombe state spokesman Mohammed Ahmed Yidikawu said. "Fifteen people were killed, 1,500 houses destroyed and 434 families or 3,000 people displaced by the floods," Yidikawu said by phone from Gombe, 300 miles east of the capital Abuja.

It was the worst flooding in the town in 40 years, he said, adding that relief materials have been dispatched to the victims who are now staying with relatives pending their relocation by the government.— MNA/Reuters



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## ISRO says India to test reusable launch vehicle in five years

BANGALORE, 27 Aug—India plans to test a technology demonstrator of a reusable launch vehicle (RLV-TD) in the next four to five years, Indian Space Research Organization Chairman G Madhavan Nair said on Wednesday.

"We will be testing the technology demonstrator of an RLV in four to five years. We will use the conventional (solid booster) rocket engine in the initial development phase," Nair told reporters here.

"One of the rocket engines for Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV) will be used in the RLV-TD," he said after delivering a lecture on 'Future Space Transportation Systems' on the 18th National Aerospace Laboratory foundation day.

Nair said parallel development of an RLV powered by an air breathing engine rocket had also begun and ISRO would test it "as and

when it qualifies".

Giving a glimpse of ISRO's future programmes in his address, Nair said India's space transportation costs 12,000 US dollars per kilo as against 20,000 US dollars per kilo in advanced nations.

Observing that the space transportation costs had to be drastically reduced, he said only reusable launch vehicles and recovery systems would drive down costs and India was working towards this aim. "The conceptual studies have been completed for the RLV-TD and preliminary design studies have started," Nair said. — MNA/PTI

## Hurricane "Frances" grows quickly in Atlantic

MIAMI, 28 Aug — Hurricane Frances gained strength and became a major hurricane with 115 miles per hour winds in the Atlantic on Friday as it took a path that should carry it north of the vulnerable northeastern Caribbean islands early next week.

Another storm system, not yet a tropical storm or hurricane, prompted forecasters to issue a tropical storm alert for a portion of the US eastern seaboard.

The system, which could become Tropical Storm Gaston, was about 140 miles southeast of Charleston, South Carolina.

A tropical storm watch, alerting residents to possible storm conditions within 36 hours, was in effect from Surf City, North Carolina, southward to Fernandina Beach, Florida.

Frances, meanwhile, powered up over the warm Atlantic waters but was still many days from striking any

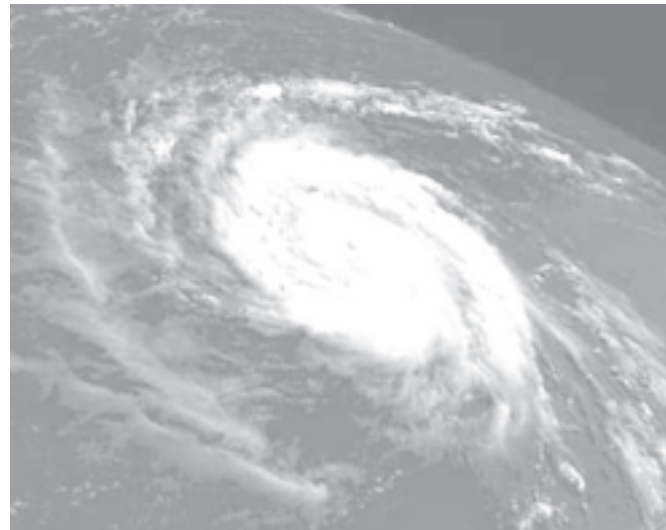
populated land area.

At 5 p.m. EDT (2100 GMT), its centre was about 800 miles east of the Leeward Islands at Latitude 15.7 north and Longitude 49.8 west, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

It was moving to the northwest at about 12 mile per hour, forecasters said.

Frances had grown quickly since it formed in mid-Atlantic and was a Category 3 hurricane on the five-stage Saffir-Simpson scale of hurricane intensity. Forecasters said it could become a Category 4 storm during the weekend.

Hurricane Charley was a Category 4 when it struck southwest Florida two weeks ago, causing an estimated 7.4 billion US dollars in damage. If that estimate holds true, Charley would be the second costliest hurricane in US history. — MNA/Reuters



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## UN warns of full-scale locust plague in Africa

ROME, 27 Aug—Locust swarms infesting Mauritania and other African nations could develop into a full-scale plague without additional foreign aid, the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said on Thursday.

"Many African countries do not have sufficient funds to finance national control campaigns fully and avoid crop losses," it said.

"Aircraft, pesticides, vehicles, sprayers, monitoring capacity and technical support are lacking in all affected countries."

The region is facing its most serious locust crisis in 15 years, with swarms of desert locust moving from northwest Africa into Mauritania, Mali and Niger, where many of the people are subsistence farmers.

FAO said there was also a moderate risk that swarms would reach Darfur, Sudan, where violence has already left two million people short of food and medicine.

Desert locust swarms usually contain about 50 million insects per square kilometre and can travel up to 150 kilometres (93 miles) a day. They can devastate entire crop fields in minutes, adult locusts munching their own weight, about two grammes, a day.

The swarms are stoking fears of famine, and the Rome-based UN agency said

the situation was deteriorating in countries like Mauritania and Mali.

"FAO estimated that up to around 100 million US dollars are needed to control the current locust upsurge and stop it from developing into a full-scale plague," it said in a statement.

It said the international community had already earmarked some 32 million US dollars in aid, and FAO said it had provided another five million US dollars from its own resources. Some African nations have also mobilized their own resources.

MNA/Reuters

## Russia mourns dead in air crash

UZLOVAYA (Russia), 27 Aug—Russia on Thursday observed a day of mourning for at least 89 people who died in a mysterious double air disaster.

Flags flew half-mast and comedies were pulled from theatres and television schedules as relatives of those who died in the Tuesday's still unexplained plane disasters arrived at the crash sites to help identify the dead.

Russian media scorned statements that the two plane crashes within minutes of one another were the result

of technical fault or human error.

One aircraft, a TU-134 flying to Volgograd, went down near the town of Tula south of Moscow. Moments later a TU-154 bound for Sochi crashed near the southern city of Rostov-on-Don.

The planes, which crashed 500 miles apart, both left from Moscow's Domodedovo Airport.

Siber Airlines said the pilots of the TU-154, which had 43 passengers and crew on board, triggered a hijack alert just before their plane crashed.

It also said the fact the wreckage of the plane was scattered across several square miles indicated the plane might have been destroyed by a mid-air explosion.

Prosecutor-General Vladimir Ustinov said he could not rule out a terrorist act or human and technical errors at a Wednesday meeting with President Vladimir Putin, who rushed to Moscow after breaking off his holiday in the Black Sea resort of Sochi.

But a spokesman for FSB security service said that initial investigations showed no reasons to believe the planes had been victims of an attack and focused more on possible faults with the planes or human error.

MNA/Reuters

## Britain bans US doctor over animal rights views

LONDON, 27 Aug—Britain has banned a US doctor from entering the country because of his views that violence against scientists who experiment on animals can be justified, the government said on Thursday.

Jerry Vlasak, a former vivisectionist who now advises British animal rights group SPEAK, was due to visit Britain in September to speak at a conference.

"Jerry Vlasak and his wife have been excluded because their presence in Britain would not be conducive to the public good," a Home Office spokesman said.

Pressure had grown on the government to ban Vlasak after he made controversial remarks during an interview last month.

MNA/Reuters

## US says over 100 arrested in Internet crime sweep

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug—More than 100 people have been arrested in the largest global crackdown to date on identity theft, hacking and other Internet-based crimes, US Attorney General John Ashcroft said on Thursday.

The arrests followed a three-month investigation into a range of crimes from reselling co-workers' Social Security numbers to disabling web sites, Ashcroft said.

"The common thread here is the Internet," he told a news conference. "We do not believe the Internet to be off base for law enforcement. We will be there with as much intensity and presence as we can muster."

Officials from the Justice Department, the Federal Trade Commission and the US Postal Inspection Service said the crackdown is designed to deter cybercriminals and reassure consumers and businesses that the Internet is safe.

"The Internet is stimulating the development of innovative products and services that were barely imaginable only a few years ago," said FTC chairwoman Deborah Majoras.

MNA/Reuters

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## SPORTS

## Anju qualifies for women's long jump final

ATHENS, 27 Aug—Anju Bobby George became only the second Indian woman to make an entry into the final of an Olympic Games athletic event when she qualified for the long jump title round with her very first attempt at the Olympic Stadium here on Wednesday night.

World number six Anju, the only realistic medal hope remaining for the country in the Olympics, leaped to a distance of 6.69 m in her first attempt, four centimetres better than the qualifying mark, to make it to the final.

The 27-year-old athlete followed the footsteps of her compatriot P T Usha, who did so in the 400 m hurdles at the Los Angeles Games in 1984.

Some of her more fancied rivals like Marion Jones of America had to wait till their second jump to attain the grade of 6.65 m.

The Kerala-born Anju took off from at least five cm behind the mark to easily clear the needed distance in group-A and skipped the remaining two jumps having achieved her objective.

Anju fell two centimetres short of her season's best of 6.71m but since it was only the qualification round she did not exert herself too much.

"My objective was to qualify for the final, that is the first step. I just played it safe and jumped from a little behind. I did not stretch myself much, did not go for distance".

"I am happy that I have made it to the final. The real competition will come in the final, so I am just preparing myself for it. There I will try to give my best," she said.

Bronze medallist at the Sydney Games, Marion Jones of the USA fouled her first jump but leaped to a distance of 6.70m in her second attempt to also qualify for the title round.—MNA/PTI



American Sheryl Swoopes (R) and Russia's Natalia Vodopyanova (L) duel in the air for the ball in the women's basketball semifinals match at the Olympic Indoor Hall in Athens as the USA won 66-62 and qualified for the gold medal match.—INTERNET

## Celtic sign in Juninho from Middlesbrough

LONDON, 27 Aug—Brazilian midfielder Juninho has joined Scottish champions Celtic on a two-year contract from Premier League side Middlesbrough. The 31-year-old, who has 50 international caps and helped Brazil win the 2002 World Cup, was unveiled at a Press conference at Celtic Park of Glasgow on Wednesday. "It is a privilege to sign for Celtic and I am very much looking forward to this new challenge in my career," Juninho said.

Juninho could make his debut against arch-rivals Rangers on Sunday in the first Old Firm derby of the season, subject to receiving a work permit. He will wear the number seven shirt worn by Henrik Larsson, who became the Celtic's third highest scorer ever with 242 goals in seven years before leaving for Barcelona during the close season.

Wolves striker Henri Camara joined Celtic on a season's loan last month and manager Martin O'Neill continues to search for new players before the August 31 signing deadline for the Champions League.

Juninho, who began his career at Brazilian club Sao Paulo, had three spells at Middlesbrough and played for Spanish side Atletico Madrid.—MNA/Xinhua

## Italy beat Iraq to take bronze

ATHENS, 28 Aug—Italy extinguished Iraq's dreams of an Olympic medal in the men's soccer tournament with a 1-0 win on Friday in their bronze medal match.

Italy's players wore black armbands for the game in Thessaloniki in honour of an Italian journalist who was killed by kidnappers in Iraq.

Parma striker Alberto Gilardino headed home a cross from captain Andrea Pirlo after just eight minutes to end Iraqi hopes of a second Olympic medal in the war-torn country's history.

Reporter Enzo Baldoni was seized by Islamic extremists on a road between Baghdad and Najaf. The Italian Government said on Thursday that his captors had killed him.

Argentina take on Paraguay in the Athens Olympic final on Saturday.—MNA/Reuters

## Bastia draw 1-1 at Nice to take Ligue 1 lead

PARIS, 28 Aug—Bastia drew 1-1 with Mediterranean rivals Nice to go top of Ligue 1 on Friday, in a match played behind closed doors following crowd trouble in last season's fixture.

Nice opened the scoring in the fifth minute thanks to a blasting shot in the far corner by Sebastien Roudet but the visitors dominated the second half and equalized nine minutes from time with a Tony Vairelles header.

Bastia top the table before the rest of the weekend's matches with eight points from four games. Nice move up to 14th.

RC Lens, Toulouse, Olympique Marseille and Metz, who all have seven points, are in action on Saturday.—MNA/Reuters



Italian Cesare Bovo (L) vies for the ball with Iraqi Razzaq Farham while teammate Emiliano Moretti (R) looks on during the bronze medal men soccer match at Thessaloniki stadium. Italy won the bronze medal. Italy won 1-0.—INTERNET

## Arab team set for UEFA Cup tie with Newcastle

MONACO, 28 Aug—Israel's Bnei Sakhnin, the first Arab side ever to play in European competition, were rewarded with a trip to English Premier League side Newcastle United in the UEFA Cup first round draw on Friday.

None of the club's representatives were on the Cote d'Azur to delight in their historic breakthrough, however, as their flight departure time after the qualifier with Partizani Tirana on Thursday meant they were unable to arrive before the draw.

Parma, UEFA Cup winners in 1995 and 1999, and Feyenoord, who won the competition in 1974 and 2002, will take on Slovenia's Maribor and Odd Grenland of Norway respectively, while former European champions Benfica face Dukla Banska Bystrica of Slovakia as the seeding system prevented any major clashes.

Parma's Serie A rivals

Lazio will meet Ukraine's Metalurg Donetsk, Real Zaragoza face Czech side Sigma Olomouc and Rangers, who missed out on the Champions League after losing to CSKA Moscow in the third qualifying round, play Maritimo of Portugal.

Shelbourne of Ireland, who came close to becoming the first club to battle through from the first qualifying round of the Champions League to the competition proper before losing to Deportivo Coruna this week, were rewarded with a tie against Lille, who qualified for the UEFA Cup through the Intertoto Cup.

Millwall of the English Second Division, playing in Europe for the first time after reaching the FA Cup final last season, will face Ferencvaros of Hungary.

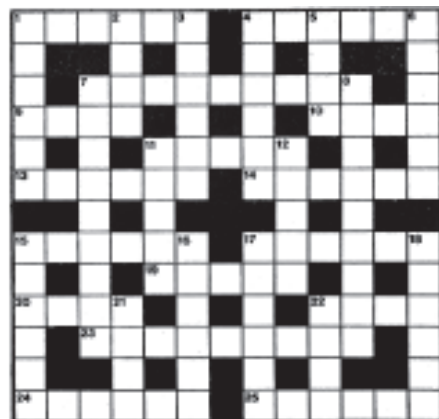
MNA/Reuters

## Argentina wins first Olympic gold in 52 years

ATHENS, 28 Aug—Argentina won its first Olympic gold medal in 52 years in the soccer final Saturday, while the US women's basketball team atoned for their men's failure by storming to victory.

Argentina dominated an ill-tempered clash before 44,000 spectators at the Olympic Stadium, winning 1-0 after Carlos Tevez tucked in a Mauro Rosales cross in the 18th minute. — Internet

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## ACROSS

- 1 Two-wheeled cab
- 4 Impressions
- 7 Wrongly asserted
- 9 Spare
- 10 Highland dagger
- 11 Demon
- 13 Menace
- 14 Cotton material
- 15 Wedged
- 17 Thief's (anag.)
- 19 Cold vegetable dish
- 20 Number of Muses
- 22 Blood-sucker
- 23 English cricket county
- 24 Alarm-bell
- 25 Remembrance

## DOWN

- 1 Small village
- 2 Twirl
- 3 Old firearm
- 4 Calm
- 5 Frozen over
- 6 Ailing
- 7 Wedlock
- 8 Airship
- 11 Challenges
- 12 Ruled
- 15 Sweetened curds
- 16 Reduce the light
- 17 Get to the bottom of
- 18 Cordial, robust
- 21 Ages
- 22 Out of



Captain of Valencia CF David Albelda holds the cup with his teammates as they win the UEFA Super Cup final soccer match against FC Porto, at the Louis II stadium in Monaco, on Friday, 27 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET



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**29-8-2004 (Sunday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Innwa Ancient Capital
- 9:10 **Headline News**
- 9:12 The Unique Pindaya Shan Paper
- 9:15 **National News**
- 9:20 Myanmar Movies Impact
- 9:30 **National News**
- 9:35 Rakhine State Cultural Museum
- 9:40 Song "Have Sweet Dreams"
- 9:42 Stone Inscription
- 9:45 **National News**
- 9:50 Picturesque Views in Southern Shan State (Part-II)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

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- 16:35 The Patheon Umbrella
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- 16:50 Putao Surrounded by Natural Scenic Beauty
- 16:55 Kachin Dance
- 17:00 **National News**
- 17:05 Central Glass Pavilion
- 17:08 Myanmar Modern Song "Lovers' Life"
- 17:12 Citrus Products of Shwe Kyn
- 17:15 **National News**
- 17:20 Gold Honey, Honey Gold
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission  
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Golden Mandalay Hills
- 19:40 **Headline News**
- 19:42 Fish Finglings Breeding Ceremony
- 19:45 **National News**
- 19:50 Illustrious handiwork in Kyeethe'
- 19:55 Dancing Duo
- 20:00 **National News**
- 20:05 Traditional Chin Cuisine
- 20:10 Song "Heralding Could"
- 20:15 **National News**
- 20:20 Picturesque Views in Southern Shan State (Part-I)
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern Song "Hill Resort Town"

- 20:30 **National News**
- 20:35 The Wonderful Peikchin Ravine
- 20:40 The Ancient City Thirikkhitaya
- 20:45 **National News**
- 20:50 Myanmar Movies Impact "History, written Personally"
- 21:00 **National News**
- 21:05 Handiworks of Pride
- 21:10 Song "Speaking through our eyes"
- 21:12 Attractive Myanmar Snacks
- 21:15 **National News**
- 21:20 Seed Production in Myanmar
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:35 Innwa Ancient Capital
- 21:40 **Headline News**
- 21:42 The Unique Pindaya Shan Paper
- 21:45 **National News**
- 21:50 Where the Rhododendron blooms
- 21:55 Ah -Hla-Thun-Lok Ah-Ka-soon-Aok
- 22:00 **National News**

- 22:05 Rakhine State Cultural Museum
- 22:10 Song "Have Sweet Dreams"
- 22:15 **National News**
- 22:20 Picturesque Views in Southern Shan State (Part-II)
- 22:25 Songs On Screen "Heh! Little Girl"
- 22:30 **National News**
- 22:35 The Patheon Umbrella
- 22:40 The Making of a Myanmar Saung (Harp)
- 22:45 **National News**
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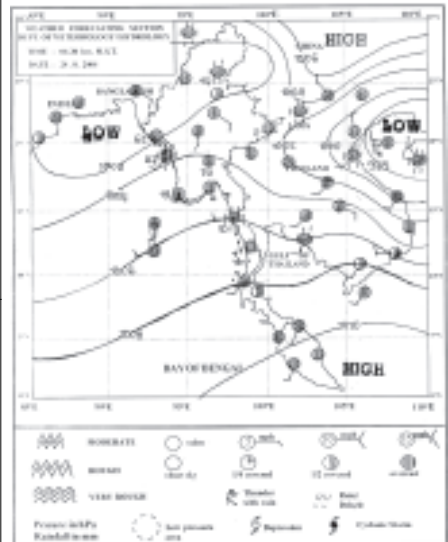
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas


**WEATHER**

Saturday, 28 August 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay Division, scattered in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (4.84)inches, Hkamti (4.29)inches, Hpa-an (2.80)inches, Thaton (2.56)inches and Sittwe (2.48)inches.

Maximum temperature on 27-8-2004 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 28-8-2004 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 28-8-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 27-8-2004 was 4.2 hours approx.

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**Bay inference:** Monsoon is generally moderate in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 29-8-2004:** Weather will be partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan, Kayin, Kayah and Mon States, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of decrease of rain in Southern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-8-2004:** Some bright hours with one or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-8-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

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Obstetrics & Gynecologist

(သားဖွားနှိပ်နည်းဆရာတော်)

Age 74

The only daughter of (Thakhin Ba Maung - Daw Sein), beloved wife of Professor Dr. Mya Thuang (Advisor/Consultant Urologist to the Defence Service Military Academy/Military Hospital), beloved mother of Major Zaw Win Aung (Retired Director, Director, Pole Star Survey Co., Ltd.) - Daw Oo Oo Mya, Dr. Khin Maung Phyu (A&O Co., Ltd.) - Daw Mon Mon Mya, Lt. Col. Aung Kyaw Hla - Daw Ei Ei Mya, U Soe Min - Dr. Khine Yi Mya (Singapore), U Aung Kyaw Mya (MD, Aurora Corporation, Japan) - Daw Cho Hla Myint, (U Win Mya) - Daw Aye Aye Kyaw, beloved grandmother of 11 grand children, peacefully passed away on Friday 27-8-2004 at the residence No. 42 (A), Bawdiyeiktha, Thanlwin Road, Golden Valley (2), Bahan. Cortege left the residence on 12:30 pm on the same day for Yay Way Cemetery and the remain was cremated at the Yay Way Crematorium.


**Sunday, August 29  
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. စစ်တွေနဲ့ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီးထေရုပ္ပတ္တိဓာတ်ကုန်း
- 8:00 am
5. Nice and Sweet Song
- 8:15 am
6. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(၃၈)ပြာအလံ
- 8:25 am
7. ဂေါ်လ်ဖ်
- 8:30 am
8. International news
- 8:45 am
9. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am
2. Musical programme

- 11:25 am
3. Round-up of the week's TV international news
- 11:35 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမ္မာရဇ်ဝန်" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)
- 12:15 pm
5. ချောင်းမြစ်(မြို့) ရေကောင်းတံခံ (ပဲခူးတိုင်း)
- 12:25 pm
6. Myanmar Video Feature: "မုလုံငါးမျှ" နှိုင်းစင်လှိုင် လူမျိုးသမ္မာနယ်၊ ခါးရိုးတံတား-သန့်စေလေး
- 2:45 pm
7. International news
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:25 pm
3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း အမှတ်(၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာနဆရာတော်ကြီးစာအုပ်တိုက်ဝတ်စုံပုံစံပြပွဲ (ဒုတိယဆု) (အထက-၆ - ဒီလီတထောင်) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်စုံအဖွဲ့)
- 4:45 pm
4. အထူးသတိပြုရန် ပညာရေးရန်မြှင့်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ပထမနှစ် (ရက္ခတေး၊ သတ္တဓာတ်အသံပြုစုသူ) (ရက္ခတေး)

- 5:00 pm
5. Dance of national races
- 5:15 pm
6. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm
7. Agricultural Source Country's Development
- 5:40 pm
8. Sing And Enjoy
- 6:30 pm
9. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
10. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
11. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်ကြွေသွားတဲ့လင်းမိုင်းလေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၀)
- 7:35 pm
12. စစ်တွေတောင်ရိုးပညာသင်တန်း (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:45 pm
13. မြန်မာ့အေးလောကစီ သမိုင်းမှတ်တိုင်သစ် (အသံသွင်းအစားထိုးကုသခြင်း) (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 8:00 pm
14. News
15. International news
16. Weather report
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နုလင်းသားထဲကတစ်ခုစာအုပ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)
18. The next day's programme


**Sunday, August 29  
Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: Good sign
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: Tarzan & Jane
- 8:55 am National news/Slogan
- 9:05 am Music: Baby one more time
- 9:10 am International news
- 9:15 am Cultural Images of Myanmar - Pickled Tea
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Story for Children
- 1:50 pm Songs for Children
- 9:00 pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Music
- 9:15 pm Article
- 9:25 pm Let's Improve English Through Songs! -Top of the world -Stoney
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL
- 10:30 pm Close

## Agricultural tasks inspected in Thanlyin, Kyauktan and Thongwa

YANGON, 28 Aug — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe this morning inspected agricultural tasks in Thanlyin, Kyauktan and Thongwa townships.

Thanlyin Station Commander Captain Maung Oo Lwin (MN) and officials welcomed the commander at Agricultural Educative Farm in Nyaungwaing Village, Kyauktan Township, this morning.

They inspected paddy growing with the use of water from Bantwegon Dam and cultivation of paddy through direct seeding system in the special zone of the farm.

The commander inspected harvesting of first monsoon paddy and ploughing for second paddy and winnowing of paddy near Sitpingwin Village, Thanlyin Township.

At the paddy special zone near Thaikugan Village, Thongwa Township, the commander saw over cultivation and harvesting of first paddy, ploughing of second paddy and thriving paddy fields.

The commander gave instructions on systematic use of cultivation methods in monsoon. Next, he met local farmers in Thaikugan Village and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects paddy fields in Thanlyin. — MNA

## Upgrading of Yangon City inspected

YANGON, 28 Aug — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected tasks for sanitation and beautifying of Yangon City this morning.

The commander and the mayor inspected laying of concrete tiles on platforms on both sides of the roads, laying of tarred roads, growing of flowery plants, dredging tasks and sanitation works in Pabedan, Lanmadaw, Bahan and Kamayut townships.

During the inspection, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Yangon City Mayor YCDC Chairman Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin gave instructions to the officials on tasks for cleanliness and beautifying of Yangon City and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect sanitation works. — MNA

## Soccer tourney held

YANGON, 28 Aug — Final match of No 11 Light Infantry Division Commander's shield football tournament was took place in conjunction with the prize presentation at sports ground of the division in Indaing Station this morning. After the final match, Commander Col Hla Htay Win presented the championship shield to the winning team. Individual prizes were also given away by the officias concerned.

Among the spectators were military officers and their wives, families of other ranks and athletes. — MNA

## Bush admits Iraq "miscalculations"

NEW YORK, 28 Aug — President Bush acknowledged for the first time on Thursday that he had miscalculated post-war conditions in Iraq, the *New York Times* reported.

The paper quoted Bush as saying during a 30-minute interview that he made "a miscalculation of what the conditions would be" in post-war Iraq.

But he insisted that the 17-month-long insurgency was the unintended by-product of a "swift victory" against Saddam Hussein's military, the *Times* reported.

Bush said his strategy had been "flexible enough" to respond. "We're adjusting to our conditions" in places like Najaf, the paper quoted him as saying.

The *Times* said Bush deflected further inquiries as to what had gone wrong with the occupation. According to the Pentagon, 969 US

troops have died in Iraq since the invasion, 828 of them since April 30, 2003. An additional 6,690 service members have been wounded, most of them during the occupation. The President also discussed the issue of North Korea and Iran's nuclear ambitions, saying that he would not be rushed to set deadlines.

The newspaper said "Bush displayed none of the alarm about North Korea's growing arsenal that he once voiced regularly about Iraq". It quoted him as saying about the leaders of North Korea and Iran: "I don't think you give timelines to dictators".

Bush told the newspaper he would continue diplomatic pressure. It said he gave no hint that his patience was limited or that at some point he might consider preemptive military action. — MNA/Reuters

## MRC to strengthen cooperation with China, Myanmar

HANOI, 27 Aug — The Mekong River Commission (MRC) Secretariat is proposing increased technical cooperation with China and Myanmar as part of its Water Utilization Programme, a source from Laos said on Thursday. Siripong Hungspreug, chairman of the MRC Joint Committee for 2004/2005, told delegates at the 9th Dialogue Meeting of the MRC held Wednesday in Vientiane that the cooperation would evolve around visits to the MRC Secretariat and to the Mekong Delta and Tonle Sap areas.

The Dialogue Meeting involves discussions between the four member countries of the MRC, namely Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam, and delegations from China and Myanmar. "As these six countries share the waters of the Mekong River, it is in their mutual interest to cooperate for the wider development of the

Basin, towards its peoples' well-being and protection of its natural resources," Hungspreug said. Following a technical cooperation agreement signed between the MRC and China in April 2002, which was implemented in 2003, China has been sending 24-hourly water level and 12-hourly rainfall data to the MRC to aid in flood forecasting.

Hungspreug said the MRC was grateful to China for this cooperation, which had a significant potential for further enhancement, and the commission also appreciated the willingness of Myanmar in sharing hydrological data from the Mekong station located at its stretch of the river.

At the Dialogue Meeting the MRC members briefed their dialogue partners on trans-boundary issues involved in the MRC's four core programmes and sharing information on fisheries-related hydrological data and fish ecology. — MNA/Xinhua

## Kerry blames Bush for "downsizing" American dreams

DALY CITY (California), 28 Aug — Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry said on Friday the latest report showing a slowdown in economic growth is proof President George W. Bush is presiding over a downsizing of "dreams and possibilities".

Speaking to a forum on the economy at a school near San Francisco, Kerry said, "to be stronger at home we need an economy that's working for the American people and we need a president who understands what's happening."

"Every time people try to get ahead something else happens ... it seems to be out of control" whether it is disappearing jobs or rising drug costs, the Massachusetts senator said.

The Commerce Department said the gross domestic product — which measures a country's total output — expanded at a 2.8-per-cent annual rate in the second quarter, down from the 3 per cent pace estimated last

month and 4.5 per cent in the first quarter.

With some polls showing Bush being hurt prior to the November 2 election by his handling of the economy, Kerry jumped on the new figures to say the Bush Administration had no plans on how to deal with a record budget deficit and the greatest job loss since President Herbert Hoover and the Great Depression.

"I believe we should stop downsizing the dreams and possibilities and start putting people back to work," Kerry said.

The Bush campaign countered that Kerry was ignoring the 1.5 million new jobs created in the past year following a major job loss after the September 11, 2001, attacks on New York and Washington.

"John Kerry's campaign of pessimism is intent on talking down our economy and ignores the challenges and progress we have made," said Bush campaign spokesman Steve Schmidt. — MNA/Reuters

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