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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends felicitations to Malaysia

YANGON, 31 Aug — On the occasion of the 47th Anniversary of the National Day of Malaysia, which falls on 31 August 2004, General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Dato' Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia. — MNA

Researchers urged to continue research work on quality strains that can earn foreign exchange General Khin Nyunt inspects Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project in Pinyinmana

YANGON, 30 Aug — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), deputy ministers, officials

of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department, left here by air on 28 August morning and arrived in Taungoo, Bago Division at 9.30 am.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Develop-

ment Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, senior military officers and division level departmental officials.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project site in Pinyinmana Township, Yamethin District, Manda-

lay Division, where they were welcomed by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint and departmental officials.

At the briefing hall, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported to the Prime Minister on construction of the main gravel-filled dam by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, progress in construction of spillway and irrigation network, work being

carried out and future tasks. Director-General of Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win reported to the Prime Minister on constant maintenance of Paunglaung Dam, arrangements being made for storage of more water and others.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint reported on power supply across the country through the grid after installation of turbine No 4 at the underground power station, more power to be supplied after installation of turbine No 3 in September. (See page 8)

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

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Installation of turbine No 4 of Paunglaung Dam was completed cent per cent and with its 70-megawatt generation capacity, it will supply power across the nation through the national grid. It is also learnt that installation of the remaining three turbines will be completed before the end of this year.



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects installation of machines at Paunglaung Underground Power Station.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 31 August, 2004

Towards mechanized farming

The State Peace and Development Council is striving for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation after laying down political, economic and social objectives.

The seven-point future policy programme of the State has already been laid down and, the convening of the National Convention, the first step of the policy programme is in progress.

Chairman of the Agricultural Development Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, on 29 August, met with officials and farmers of Hmawby, Hlegu and Mingaladon townships at the Balar farm of Yangon Command.

On the occasion, the Secretary-2 said that a portion of the National Convention has already been implemented successfully at present, and that there are three basic requirements in the process of transition to modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

The three basic requirements which the Secretary-2 stated in his speech are State peace and stability and the rule of law; a robust national economy, sufficiency in food, clothing and shelter needs and improving of living standard; and the high intellectual standard, the efficiency of consideration and human qualification. Only if the nation can fulfil the requirements, will it be able to reach a modern and developed democratic nation, the goal of the people.

The agriculture sector plays a meaningful role in ensuring a robust economy. Thus, harmonious efforts are required for strengthening the national economy.

Nowadays, efforts are being made to transform the conventional farming into mechanized one. Farmers will have to use more farm machinery to reduce cost and cut cultivation time. As building of an industrial nation is needed for national economic progress, industrial zones have been set up in various parts of the nation and the private sectors have been given encouragement in all sectors. The zones are manufacturing and distributing farm machinery, and the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Industry-2 are also producing farm machinery.

Use of machines in the entire farming work will cut cultivation time and reduce labour and cost, leading to further improving the living standard of peasants.

For ensuring strong economy of the State and raising the living standard of the entire people, farmers are urged to actively participate in endeavours for transforming the conventional farming into mechanized one.



Customs Department Director-General Col Khin Maung Lin gives away certificate to a trainee. (H)

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Please read "Croatian Ambassador" instead of "Ambassador of New Zealand" in the captions of photos on page 1 of 28-8-2004 issue of the NLM. Likewise, please read "Ambassador of New Zealand" instead of "Croatian Ambassador" in the captions of photos on page 16 of 28-8-2004 issue of the NLM. — MNA

People's Desire

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

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

YANGON, 31 Aug — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the proposed appointment of Mr Jonas Hafstrom as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Sweden to the Union of Myanmar, in succession to Mr Jan Axel Nordlander.

Mr Jonas Hafstrom was born in 1948, in Stockholm, Sweden. He obtained a Bachelor of Law from Lund University in 1974. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1979 and served as First Secretary in Swedish missions in Teheran and Washington D C. From 1987 to 1994, he served as a foreign policy advisor to the chairman of the Moderate Party and former Prime Minister Mr Carl Bildt. From 1998 to 1999, he was a member of the Swedish Defence Committee. He has served as Deputy Director-General, Head of the Department for Consular Affairs and Civil Law at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 2000 to 2004.

Mr Jonas Hafstrom will be concurrently accredited as the Swedish Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar, with residence in Bangkok. He is married with three children. — MNA

FM U Win Aung sends felicitations to Malaysia

YANGON, 31 Aug — On the occasion of the 47th Anniversary of the National Day of Malaysia, which falls on 31 August 2004, U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Datuk Seri Syed Hamid bin Syed Jaafar Albar, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Malaysia. — MNA

Tailoring, Cookery courses concluded

YANGON, 30 Aug — Closing of Tailoring Course No (34/2004) and Cookery Course No (17/2004), and opening of Tailoring Course No (35/2004) organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare

Association, were held at the hall of the association at the corner of Parami and Thanthuma streets in South Okkalapa this morning.

Present on the occasion were President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, CEC members, members of supervisory committee and honorary patrons, course instructors and trainees.

After President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe made a speech on the occasion, she presented completion certificates of cookery course to the trainees and so did Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, to those of tailoring course.

Next, President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented prizes to outstanding trainees and member of supervisory committee honorary patron Daw San San Myint accepted souvenirs presented by the trainees. One of the trainees expressed her thanks.

The MMCWA conducts tailoring courses regularly every two months. Those interested may enlist the courses.

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MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents an outstanding prize to tailoring course trainee Ma Thet Htar Nwe. — MNA

Pilgrimage to Budh Gaya

YANGON, 30 Aug — Pilgrimage to four significant places (Samvejanaya in India and Nepal) will be arranged by the Ministry of Religious Affairs in fiscal 2004-2005. The 15-day tour will be Yangon-Pattana flight via Kolkata and from Pattana to Raj Gaha, Budh Gaya, Migadanvum (Baranasi), Sawutti, Lumbini (Nepal), Kisinaron and Vesali regions by car. Those wishing to go on pilgrimage can contact Aung Chanthath Budh Gaya pilgrimage service at Power Palace Hotel on Pyithaya Road, Baukhtaw, here and Yangon Budh Gaya pilgrimage service on 17th Street, Latha Township, here. MNA

Workshop opened

YANGON, 30 Aug — The WTO Customs Valuation Agreement Workshop for private sector (batch-5) concluded at UMFCCI Training Centre on Bo Sun Pet Street at 11 am on 27 August. It was sponsored jointly by the Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance & Revenue and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry.

Customs Department Director-General Col Khin Maung Lin and UMFCCI Advisor U Khin Maung Yi delivered addresses. The director-general gave away certificates to the trainees.

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Course on testing of water quality opened

YANGON, 30 Aug — The opening ceremony of the training course on testing of water quality was held at the meeting hall of the Development Affairs Department on Thanlyetsoon Road in Botahtaung Township here at 9 am today. Director-General of the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Myo Myint attended it and delivered an address. Altogether 45 trainees are attending the course. — MNA



Director-General Col Myo Myint addresses the opening ceremony. PBANRDA

New York marchers condemn Bush, Iraq war

NEW YORK, 29 Aug—Demonstrators carrying colourful banners and signs marched up one of New York's main avenues on Sunday to protest President Bush's policies over the Iraq war and the economy the day before the Republican convention opens.

The marchers, estimated by the United for Peace and Justice coalition to reach more than 200,000, were to pass the Madison Square Garden convention site on Eighth Avenue as Republicans and visitors converge on New York for the gathering that will end with Bush's renomination for president.

The start of the march took on a carnival atmosphere with people carrying large banners, shouting "No More Bush" and beating drums. The heat and humidity pushed the temperature to almost 85 degrees Fahrenheit (29 Celsius).

Many held banners and signs such as "Say No to the War Economy," "Bush Must Go" and "Bush lied, thousands died" in opposition to the war. The Bush administration said it invaded Iraq to rid Saddam Hussein of weapons of mass destruction that threatened America's security but no stockpiles were found.

Organizers and a series

of prominent speakers including civil rights activist Jesse Jackson, film maker Michael Moore and some New York elected officials boosted the protesters with speeches before the start of the event.

Since Thursday, police have arrested more than 300 people in an array of demonstrations in which activists have stood naked in front of Madison Square Garden, swarmed central Manhattan in bicycles and solemnly rang

bells at the World Trade Center site destroyed in the Sept 11, 2001 attacks by Islamic militants.

Streets were closed and concrete barriers put in place to deter car or truck bombs amid warnings from the government that al Qaeda or other groups might attack the United States during the election season.

Sunday's march takes place as the 50,000 visitors come to New York for the four-day convention to nominate the president for a second term in the White House. He will face Democratic candidate Sen John Kerry of Massachusetts in the November election.—Internet



Guerrillas take up a position to fight US troops in Fallujah, Iraq, on 28 Aug, 2004. US warplanes and tanks bombarded targets and US forces had sporadic exchanges of fire with guerrillas in Fallujah on Saturday. —INTERNET

China approves convention on safeguarding cultural heritage

BEIJING, 29 Aug—China's top legislature on Saturday voted to approve UNESCO's convention on safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

Sun Jiazhang, Chinese Minister of Culture, said China is rich in intangible cultural heritage, as it has 5,000-year-long civilization without interruption. However, as a developing country, China's intangible cultural heritage protection is at the verge of risk under the impact of the country's modernization drive.

He said the approval of the convention by the 11th session of the 10th National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee will make local governments and cultural organizations intensify the protection of intangible cultural heritage.

The convention on safeguarding intangible cultural heritage was passed by United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization on November 3, 2003. By July 14, 2004, the convention has been approved by seven countries and it will go into effect after being approved by 30 countries.

With nine chapters and

40 items, the convention stipulates conception of intangible cultural heritage and regulates a nation's duties of intangible heritage protection. It also sets objective, form, condition and procedure for applying international assistance on intangible heritage protection.

The convention on safeguarding intangible cultural heritage defines the intangible cultural heritage as the practices, representations, expressions, as well as the knowledge and skills, that communities, groups and, in some cases, individuals recognize as part of their cultural heritage. It is sometimes called living cultural heritage.

Fable, ballad, adage, music, dance, drama, shadow play, paper-cut, painting, sculpture, embroidery printing and dyeing, as well as rituals and festive events are all included in the scope of intangible cultural heritage.

Protection of intangible cultural heritage is not opti-

mistic in China. For instance, only a few aged artists could play Nuoxi, a local drama in southern China nowadays. Shadow play, which was once popular in north China's Shannxi Province, had more than one hundred programmes before 1950s, but today its programme number dropped to less than 30.

Chinese Government has recognized the importance and urgency of safeguarding intangible cultural heritage.

The Ministry of Culture has launched some projects and set up regulations in a bid to protect intangible cultural heritage. Some colleges have introduced living cultural heritage into their curriculum.

China's Kunqu opera and Guqin, or seven-stringed plucked instrument, have been proclaimed by the UNESCO as masterpieces of the oral and intangible heritage of humanity respectively in 2001 and 2003.

MNA/Xinhua

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US troops clash with assailants in Iraq

MOSUL, 29 Aug—Guerrillas fired rocket-propelled grenades from a mosque at US troops in northern Iraq on Sunday, prompting fighting that left two attackers dead and 34 civilians wounded, the military said.

No US casualties were reported. Army Capt Angela Bowman said patrolling US forces were attacked twice before dawn near Tal Afar, about 30 miles west of Mosul. Soldiers returned fire during both assaults, killing two of the attackers, she said. No US casualties were reported.

Citing a doctor at a hospital in Tal Afar, the US military said 34 civilians were wounded, 26 of them women and children, "by flying debris and broken glass during the attacks on multinational forces. Many civilians were sleeping on their rooftops to escape the summer heat."

The military said troubles began at 3 am when guerrillas fired eight rocket-propelled grenades at a passing US patrol. Seven of the RPG rounds were fired from a nearby mosque, the statement said.

Guerrillas attacked again three hours later, also from the mosque, and US troops fired back, killing two assailants, the statement said.—Internet

Southern Iraq oil pipeline attacked

BASRA, 29 Aug—A pipeline in southern Iraq was sabotaged at dawn, said workers from the South Oil Company (SOC) as they battled to extinguish the raging fire.

The damaged pipeline links the Rumayia and Zubeir 2 oilfields, about 100 kilometres (60 miles) south of the main southern city of Basra, the source added. From Zubeir 2, oil is pumped out to the southern export terminals.

An SOC official also said a leak had been discovered on a pipeline leading to the Hamar Mishrif pumping depot, 60 kilometres south of Basra.

On Thursday, officials said eight pipelines, part of a cluster of 20, that feed two southern oilfields were sabotaged in an overnight explosion, affecting exports and deal-

ing a blow to Iraq's vital but beleaguered oil industry.

Threats against oil infrastructure during the recent conflict between US troops and Shiite Muslim fighters in the holy city of Najaf had helped force world oil prices to record highs.

Before Sunday's sabotage attack, southern oil exports had fallen from around 1.8 million barrels per day to 800,000 bpd.

Disruption to Iraqi exports and frequent sabotage cost the government millions of dollars of lost revenue every day when infrastructure operates below par.—Internet

Bangladesh evaluating \$2b Tata investment proposal

DHAKA, 29 Aug—Bangladesh Saturday said a two-billion-US-dollar investment proposal by the Tata group remained "under scrutiny" and any decision would be taken keeping the country's interest in mind.

Industries Minister Matiur Rahman Nizami, who heads the evaluation com-

mittee for the project, told reporters that evaluation was yet to be "finalized" and "the proposal remained under scrutiny".

"So, no comment at this stage," he said.

Tata has proposed to invest two billion dollars in Bangladesh for setting up of a 1000MW power station in

two phases, a base steel mill also in two phases, and a million-ton-capacity fertilizer factory.

The committee was considering the proposal with an "open mind", but the final decision "will be taken protecting the interest, not at the cost of the country's interest", he said.—MNA/PTI



Smoke rises up after a US airstrike in Fallujah, Iraq, on 28 Aug, 2004. The attacks struck the city's eastern al-Askari neighbourhood as well as the industrial area at the eastern entrance of Fallujah destroying four homes and injuring several people. — INTERNET

Iraqi ministers survey Najaf, meet Sistani

NAJAF, 30 Aug — Five Iraqi ministers visited battle-scarred Najaf on Saturday and discussed plans for rebuilding the holy city with Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani who brokered a deal to end the three-week clashes.

The ministers arrived in two US *Black Hawk* helicopters and were driven through Najaf streets littered with wreckage and ammunition in a convoy led by police cars with sirens wailing.

They surveyed the city's Imam Ali shrine which had hosted supporters of firebrand Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr since August 5 but was now empty.

During a 20-minute meeting, the ministers mulled with Sistani a government plan to rebuild Najaf and to restore water, electricity, sewage and hospital services there.

Fighting between Sadr's Mehdi Army and the US-led Iraqi forces ended on Thursday when Sistani returned after medical treatment in London.

Both Sadr and the Iraqi government accepted Sistani's five-point peace plan to end the standoff which had killed hundreds of Iraqis and injured thousands of others.

MNA/Xinhua

Minister hopes for early release of Indians in Iraq

BANGALORE, 30 Aug — India's External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh Saturday said "there is some hope" for early release of the three Indian hostages in Iraq and Indian Embassy officials were in touch with all people involved in securing their release.

"We are in touch, our embassy (in Kuwait) is in touch with all involved in the exercise (trying to secure the release of Indians)," Singh told reporters here.

He said "there is some hope. I don't want to say anything beyond that." Singh did not comment when asked to specify on future course of action by India following the decision by the Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Company (KGL) to abide by the demand of the kidnappers to stop its transportation operations in Iraq.

"...As this is a very sensitive and delicate issue and we have reached a stage where the less I say the better it is," he said. Black Banners Brigade, a unit of the Islamic Secret Army, had claimed responsibility for abducting seven truck drivers, including three Indians and had demanded withdrawal of any support to the US-led coalition in Iraq.

MNA/PTI

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Two Turkish hostages freed in Iraq

ISTANBUL, 29 Aug — Two Turkish hostages were freed by Iraqi militants Sunday, a Turkish Foreign Ministry official said, less than a week after the men's employers said they were ending operations in Iraq to save the lives of their employees.

The Turkish engineers — Ali Daskin and Abdullah Ozdemir — "were released. They're now at the embassy in Baghdad," Turkish Foreign Ministry spokesman Namik Tan told *The Associated Press*.

The two men were kidnapped from a construction site in Iraq. In a video broadcast Wednesday on two private Turkish television stations, the militants said they would kill the men if their companies did not leave within three days.

Hours later, the two companies that employed the men said they were withdrawing all staff from Iraq. —*Interent*



A man dressed as US President Bush performs during a fake trial against him on 28 Aug, 2004, in front of the US Embassy in Mexico City to protest against the Republican Convention and the war on Iraq. —*INTERNET*

Thousands of demonstrators march against Bush in NY

NEW YORK, 30 Aug — Hundreds of thousands of demonstrators toting colourful banners and shouting "no more Bush" took to the streets of New York on Sunday, the day before the Republican convention was to open, to decry the US-led war in Iraq and President George W Bush's policies.

Organizers for United for Peace and Justice coalition estimated 400,000 people marched for more than five hours in summer heat and humidity. Police declined to estimate the size of the crowd, but it stretched out more than a mile along two main avenues in central Manhattan.

"I am just burning with anger about what our country is doing," said protester Cornelius Boss, an ex-

Marine from Columbus, Ohio, about Bush's foreign policy.

Police said there were more than 200 arrests during the day, most unrelated to the march, but there was at least one clash between self-styled anarchists and police along the route. Three police officers were injured.

About 500 people have been arrested since anti-Bush protests began on Thursday when AIDS activists stood naked in front of Madison Square Garden.

Within an hour of the march ending, police arrested as many as 60 protesters who went to Times Square theaters to encounter Republican delegates. Thousands also gathered in Central Park in defiance of a city ban on a rally there, including a comic troupe of clown-faced soldiers in military green jumpsuits.

Hundreds of people lay on the grass in the park and formed a massive human peace sign.

Among the demonstrators in Times Square were "Queer Fist," a group of young gays and lesbians who took part in a "kiss-in" on the sidewalks of the theatre district. Police moved in and arrested them and put them in handcuffs outside a hotel.

In the march, people of all ages and demonstrating on a wide array of issues from the war, to health care, the environment and the economy, chanted, "Hey Ho, Hey Ho, Bush Has Got to Go." The peaceful crowd walked in a carnival atmosphere, banging drums and waving banners past the Madison Square Garden convention site. Republicans and other visitors arrived in the city for a four-day event where Bush will be nominated for another four-year term. He faces Democratic candidate Senator John Kerry of Massachusetts in the November 2 election.

MNA/Reuters

China to launch campaign on IPR protection in September

BEIJING, 29 Aug — China will launch a one-year-long campaign from September to crack down on infringements on intellectual property rights (IPR), according to a national meeting Friday.

"Turning a blind eye to IPR infringement is a short-sighted act," Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi told the meeting. "Such acts will not only seriously undermine market economic order and hamper China's economic growth, but also ruin the prestige and image of the country and influence China's future opening-up," she said.

Wu, who heads China's IPR protection working group, said the Chinese Government has always attached importance to the IPR protection. So far, China has established a relatively complete legal system and law enforcement system in the regard in line with international standards.

"After years of efforts, China has achieved considerable progress in IPR protection. It's really an easy job for a developing country to achieve this in such a short time," she pointed out.

On the campaign, the Vice-Premier said regional officials that fail to contain infringement of intellectual property rights will be seriously punished. According to the meeting, the campaign will investigate a number of serious IPR infringement cases, particularly the cases on trademark, copyright and patent rights.

During the campaign, actions will also be taken to educate the public about the importance of intellectual property rights protection.

MNA/Xinhua

Putin to pay "historical" visit to Turkey

ANKARA, 30 Aug — Russian President Vladimir Putin will pay a two-day official visit to Turkey next week to further develop bilateral relations between the two countries, Turkish Foreign Ministry announced on Saturday.

Putin, who will visit Turkey from September 2 to September 3, will be the first Russian leader paying an official visit to Turkey in the last 32 years. Putin will be accompanied by Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov.

His visit will be a sign of mutual confidence and dialogue which have been developing in recent years between the two countries.

Turkish sources said Turkey wanted to establish friendly and good relations based on cooperation with its all neighbouring countries, adding that Turkey's basic goal was current problems should be solved peacefully in international and regional area and the region should reach stability, confidence and prosperity.

MNA/Xinhua

Arab sulphur output accounts 11% in world

ABU DHABI, 30 Aug — Production of sulphur and sulphur acid in Arab countries stood at 4.4 million tons in 2003, accounting for 11 per cent of total world output, the UAE official WAM news agency reported Friday.

Citing a report released by the Arab Fertilizers Union (AFU), WAM said that exports by Arab sulphur producers were 4.3 million tons in 2003, accounting for 27 per cent of the world total.

MNA/Xinhua



A tire burns as rebel cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's supporters set up a roadblock in the slums of Sadr City of Baghdad, on 28 Aug, 2004. US and Iraqi forces fought militants loyal to al-Sadr in Iraq's capital in battles on Saturday that left three dead and 25 injured. —*INTERNET*

US soldier says torture encouraged

BERLIN, 30 Aug—A US soldier expected to plead guilty to charges of abusing Iraqi prisoners told a German magazine he deeply regretted his actions but said the abuses were encouraged by military intelligence services.

Staff Sergeant Ivan Frederick told the weekly *Der Spiegel* conditions in Baghdad's Abu Ghraib jail were a "nightmare" with no clear line of command and conflicting demands placed on junior soldiers with insufficient training.

"I didn't know at all who was actually in charge," he said, according to a German translation of his remarks.

"The battalion wanted one thing from you, the company wanted something else and the secret service had their own ideas. It was just chaos," he said.

The abuse and torture of Iraqi prisoners in Abu Ghraib caused worldwide outrage when photographs of the incidents emerged earlier this year.

A special Army investigation acknowledged last week

that torture had occurred and more soldiers may face trial, although so far only Frederick and six other military police reservists serving at Abu Ghraib have been charged.

Frederick said after a pretrial hearing in Germany last week he would plead guilty to some charges including assault, cruelty and indecent acts at a court martial on 20 October.

"I want to apologize to the victims and their families. And in the trial, I will accept responsibility for my actions. But I hope others will follow my example," he said.

He said a notorious incident in which he was involved where naked Iraqi prisoners were photographed piled up into a pyramid occurred after a female US soldier was struck in the face with a stone by a

prisoner.

"First we searched them, got them stripped naked and then pushed them into this pyramid -- and then everything got out of control," he said. "One of the methods was to humiliate them so that they would break down and talk."

"I know today that I was wrong. On the one hand I was full of rage that this prisoner had injured a soldier. And they'd told me 'humiliate them'. On the other hand, no one explained in detail, how we should do it."

Frederick, a prison official in civilian life, said he had received no special training in treating military prisoners and was encouraged by intelligence officers to break prisoners down for interrogation, by any means.

MNA/Reuters



US soldiers patrol an area in Najaf, Iraq on 28 Aug, 2004. On Friday, militants loyal to rebel Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr filed out of the city's revered Imam Ali Shrine ending three weeks of devastating fighting.—INTERNET

"Agni-II" test fired

BALASORE (Orissa), Aug 30 — India's surface-to-surface missile *Agni-II* was test fired on Sunday from the Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Wheeler's island in the Bay of Bengal off the Orissa coast in eastern India, Defence sources here said.

The sleek missile roared into the sky from a mobile launcher at launch complex (LC) four of ITR at 12.55 pm under an overcast sky leaving behind a trail of white smoke.

India's Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee, Scientific Adviser to the Defence Ministry, VK Atrre and Project Director, Agni, RN Agrawal along with over 100 defence scientists were present at the launch complex to witness the test firing of the missile.

This is the third test flight of *Agni-II* developed by the Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO). The first experiment was conducted on April 11, 1999 and second on 17 January, 2001.

Agni-II, an intermediate range ballistic missile, has a range of 2000 to 2500 kilometres which can carry both conventional as well as nuclear warheads weighing up to

1,000 kg.

The test launch of *Agni-II* was being termed as "contained test fire" for effective monitoring and collection of data by Indian defence scientists though the re-entry control and guidance technology had already been established during earlier tests, the sources said. The indigenously developed 20-metre long two-stage missile weighed 16 tons and was powered by solid-solid propellants. It has a diameter of one metre.

Its strap down inertial navigation system provided the necessary guidance accuracy and used advanced composite structure for protecting payload during the re-entry phase, the sources said. According to a defence analyst, it takes only 11 minutes for such type of delivery system to travel a length of 2,200 kilometres of which the powered phase was two minutes. — MNA/PTI

Indian Air Force Chief to visit Israel

JERUSALEM, 29 Aug — Signalling continuity in the high profile strategic defence partnership between New Delhi and Tel Aviv, Chief of the Indian Air Force, Air Chief Marshal S Krishnaswamy, would pay a five-day visit to Israel early next month.

"His visit is a part of the annual plan to strengthen bilateral military cooperation between the two countries," a spokesperson for the Israeli Defence Forces said here.

The visit to commence on 5 September "will reciprocate an earlier visit to India by Israeli Air Force Commander Major-General Dan Halutz last year, the official said.

Air Chief Marshal Krishnaswamy will visit various Israeli Air Force installations during the visit, besides meeting his Israeli counterpart and other senior government and defence officials.

It will be the first visit by a senior Indian Air Force official after the signing of the *Phalcon* deal and the third by a senior defence official after the Congress-led government came to power in New Delhi.

India's current Chief of Navy Staff, Admiral Arun Prakash had visited Israel in July shortly before taking charge. India's Vice-Chief of Army Staff, Lieutenant-General Shantano Choudhary was also here in June, weeks after the formation of the new government in New Delhi.

MNA/PTI

French President to visit UN Hqs on development issue

PARIS, 29 Aug— French President Jacques Chirac announced Friday that he will go to the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 20 September to make proposals on development issue.

The invitation came from Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva as well as the Director-General of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Juan Somavia.

"The globalization raises the social question in the world," Chirac told French envoys around the world who gathered Friday in Paris their annual conference.

Chirac is expected to make proposals on trade, economic development and environment.

MNA/Xinhua

Saboteurs hit more Iraq pipelines, exports slip

BAGHDAD, 29 Aug — Saboteurs attacked two pipelines linking the Rumaila oil fields to export storage tanks in southern Iraq on Friday, an Iraqi oil official said.

Oil exports from the southern terminals at Basra and Khor al-Amaya were running at about 1.5 million barrels per day, compared to 1.6 million BPD on Thursday and 2.0 million earlier in the week.

It was unclear whether the fall was due to sabotage or to normal fluctuation in flow rates, shipping agents said. Saboteurs on Thursday

attacked eight pipelines linking a southern oilfield to a pumping station near Basra.

One of the pipelines is 36 inches in diameter linking the South Rumaila oil field to storage tanks at the Zubair One station near the city of Basra. The station pumps crude to Iraqi offshore Gulf terminals for exports.

The second 48-inch pipeline that was hit is also

part of the export network, linking the North Rumaila field to storage tanks in the West Qurna oil field.

Another set of pipelines from South Rumaila to Zubair One was attacked on Thursday and was still on fire on Friday, *Reuters* Television footage showed. A bridge running over the pipelines was also destroyed.

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Released "IRNA" reporter arrives Iran

TEHERAN, 29 Aug — Mostafa Darban, a correspondent of Iran's official *IRNA* news agency who had been arrested by Iraqi police, was released and returned Iran on Friday noon, *IRNA* reported.

Darban was handed over to local officials and then sent back to Iran's Kermanshah, capital city of the homonymous western province, said the report.

Upon his arrival in Kermanshah, Darban publicly appreciated efforts that led to his release.

"I feel obliged to all those reporters who pursued the news related to my probable release from interim Iraqi Government's prison during the past few days and sympathized with my family," he said.

Darban also said his general health con-

dition was satisfactory. As to the reason of his detainment, Darban said "that is still not clear to me, but I believe it was all due to a misunderstanding".

It was previously reported that Darban's release was the result of persistent efforts made by Secretary-General of the Supreme Assembly for Islamic Revolution of Iraq Seyyed Abdol-Aziz Hakim.

Darban, Baghdad bureau chief of the official *IRNA* news agency, was arrested on 9 August by Iraqi police, along with three of his Iraqi staff. — MNA/Xinhua



Smoke bellows across the sky, allegedly coming from a US army vehicle that was hit by al-Sadr's supporters in a narrow alley, in Sadr-city in Baghdad, on 28 Aug, 2004. US and Iraqi forces fought militants loyal to rebel Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr in Iraq's capital in battles Saturday that left three dead and 25 injured.—INTERNET

Kerry steps up attack on Bush's economic record

SEATTLE, 29 Aug — John Kerry, stepping up his attack on US President George W Bush after bad news about the economy, said on Saturday the country cannot afford another four years of lost jobs, slow growth and creeping poverty.

The Democratic presidential nominee sounded the theme as he wound up a week-long, cross-country trip that raised millions of dollars for his party's causes.

He planned to spend most of next week on the Massachusetts island of Nantucket while Republicans take the stage and media spotlight in New York for the convention that will nominate Bush to run for a second term.

"Forty-one years ago, Martin Luther King gave his 'I Have a Dream' speech,"

Kerry said in a statement released in advance of a rally in the Seattle area. "He told us his dream that one day, all Americans would have the chance to share in the promise of our great country."

"John Edwards (his running mate) and I have the same dream and together, we can make it a reality. Together, we can build an America that's stronger at home and respected in the world."

"I don't believe that four years of lost jobs, lower wages, higher health care costs, higher tuitions and tax

cuts for the few are the best we can do," Kerry said.

"The fundamental choice we face is this: Do we want an economy that benefits the special interests or do we want an economy that works for middle-class families?"

Kerry sharpened and raised the volume of his criticism of Bush's record in the wake of back-to-back government economic reports.

The Commerce Department said on Friday the nation's gross domestic product, measuring 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 percent in the first quarter of 2004.

That followed an annual Census Bureau report that said 1.3 million Americans slipped into poverty in 2003 as the ranks of the poor rose 4 percent to 35.9 million, the highest level since 1998, with the number of those without health insurance coverage rising to the highest level since 1999.

"There's a dark cloud hanging over Washington, DC and we need to get it out of there — blow it away," Kerry told a forum on the economy on Friday in Everett, a blue-collar town north of Seattle that is Boeing's manufacturing base.

MNA/Reuters



Kuwait firm says halting Iraq work to free hostages

KUWAIT, 29 Aug — Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Co (KGL) said on Friday it would halt its operations in Iraq after a group holding seven of its drivers hostage said they would release them if the firm ended its work in the country.

"KGL welcomes the statement by the ... (group) on its willingness to release the seven drivers. And so the company has agreed to stop its operations in Iraq and would like to say it has no presence currently in Iraq," a company statement said.

A group calling itself the Black Banners Division of the Islamic Secret Army said in a video statement on Thursday it would free the three Kenyans, three Indians and one Egyptian and that it only demanded that KGL end its work in Iraq first — forsaking other conditions the kidnappers had made earlier.

The video showed the seven captives sitting in front of the group's flag and surrounded by masked militants.

In addition to leaving Iraq, the group had earlier demanded that KGL pay compensation to families who had suffered in airstrikes on the Iraqi city of Fallujah. The company statement said nothing about any compensation.

Talks between KGL and the group to free the seven men captured in July had been mediated by Iraqi tribal leader Sheikh Hisham al-Dulaymi.

MNA/Reuters



Policemen question a suspect after several mortars landed in eastern Baghdad, Iraq, on 28 Aug, 2004. At least two civilians died and several were injured after guerrillas fired a barrage of mortars into eastern Baghdad on Saturday. —INTERNET

Saudi weapons amnesty expires

RIYADH, 29 Aug — Saudi Arabia's two-month amnesty for citizens to surrender unlicensed weapons without penalty expired on Friday.

The Gulf state, battling a wave of militant violence, announced the amnesty in late June, less than a week after it granted a one-month amnesty to al-Qaeda militants to surrender.

It was not clear how many people had responded to the arms amnesty. Only a handful of wanted militants had handed themselves in under the initial amnesty.

"As of Saturday, fines and prison terms will be handed down to anyone holding an unlicensed weapon or using a licensed weapon for the wrong purpose or in the wrong place," Interior Ministry spokesman Mansour al-Turki told al-Riyadh daily.

The newspaper said offenders could face a fine of up to 50,000 riyals (13,330 US dollars) and a 10-year jail sentence.

Authorities have seized huge caches of weapons including rifles, pistols, hand grenades, mortars, rocket-propelled grenade launchers and tons of explosives.

Interior Minister Prince Nayef has said that foreigners who have been unnerved by the recent violence may be granted licences to carry weapons. The state news agency SPA has said that no new licences have been issued for more than two years.

MNA/Reuters

Tropical Storm "Gaston" swamps South Carolina

CHARLESTON (South Carolina), 30 Aug — Tropical Storm Gaston swept ashore in South Carolina on Sunday with near-hurricane force winds and sheets of rain that knocked down trees, downed power lines and left low-lying streets waist-deep in water.

Gaston hit land in the late morning but by evening it had weakened to a tropical depression as it headed toward North Carolina.

At 8 pm (midnight GMT) the storm was 20 miles east of the town of Florence, South Carolina, carrying winds of just 35mph as it moved north at around 8mph, the US National Hurricane Centre in Miami said.

Far out in the Atlantic,

Hurricane Frances swirled slowly west. With winds of 125mph it was slightly weaker than earlier in the day as it took a path that would take it north of the vulnerable islands of the eastern Caribbean early this week.

Tropical storm warnings were issued on Sunday for the northern Leeward Islands of Antigua, Barbuda, Saint Maarten and Anguilla,

meaning residents should expect tropical storm conditions in the coming 36 hours.

Even though Gaston quickly weakened as it moved ashore, the storm carried torrential rains and brought havoc along parts of the South Carolina coast. Governor Mark Sanford declared a state of emergency.

MNA/Reuters

Aziz says dialogue with India to continue

ISLAMABAD, 29 Aug — Pakistan's Prime Minister-elect Shaukat Aziz Friday said he would continue the policy of dialogue with India to seek peaceful settlement of all issues, including Jammu and Kashmir, but asserted that his government would strive to "refine" the country's nuclear programme which was "central" to the national defence.

Addressing the National Assembly soon after he was declared elected as the leader of the 342-member House by Speaker Amir Hussain, Aziz said his government would continue the policy of dialogue with India and strive to seek peaceful settlement of all issues.

While thanking President Pervez Musharraf for backing him for Prime Ministership, Aziz, 55, said his government would also strive to maintain good relations with all neighbouring as well as Islamic countries and the major world powers.

Aziz said Pakistan is a peace-loving country and has no aggressive designs. But at the same, his government would accord top most priority to the national defence and take necessary steps to further strengthen it.

"We are fully aware that Pakistan's nuclear programme is central to our national defence and with this in view, this programme would not only continue but it would be further refined," Aziz, the former Citibank executive who till now served as Finance

Minister since 1999, said.

Aziz said he would try his best to come up to the expectations of the masses and would seek guidance from the holy Quran and Islamic teaching in conducting the affairs of the State. He expressed his gratitude to Musharraf for giving him an opportunity to serve the country by picking him as Finance Minister and later as Prime Minister.

Aziz said Musharraf is an asset who took the country out of the dark period of history and put it on the road to progress and prosperity. He said the government would continue to benefit from the wisdom and experience of the President.

Aziz said poverty is not the destiny of Pakistani people as the country has the necessary potential to make an economic turn around. He said policies of last five years have proved Pakistan can take a lead forward in economic development "if we steadfastly pursue the charted course of action". — MNA/PTI



Dozens of municipal workers were out for the first time in weeks, sweeping debris off roads lined with battle-scarred buildings that US bombs had torn huge chunks out of in the holy city of Najaf, Iraq, on 28 Aug, 2004. —INTERNET

To provide better health care services for the public



Newly built City Hospital in Mandalay. — MNA



To produce qualified physicians and health staff, institutes of medicines, institute of traditional medicine and institute of dental medicine have been built. Photo shows Magway Institute of Medicine. — KYEMON



People's Hospital built by Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development in Dagon Myothit (South) Township. — MNA

Researchers urged to continue research work ...

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arrangements for installation of turbines No 1 and No 2 in November and December 2004 and work being carried out among the departments to the Prime Minister.

Minister for Electric Power maj-gen Tin Htut reported on matters related to Upper Paunglaung hydel power project to be implemented on the Paunglaung Creek 26 miles east of Pyinmana with the aim of fulfilling the electricity demand of the State.

In response to the reports, the Prime Minister gave instructions, saying that the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Electric Power that are engaged in Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project are to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts for timely completion of the project.

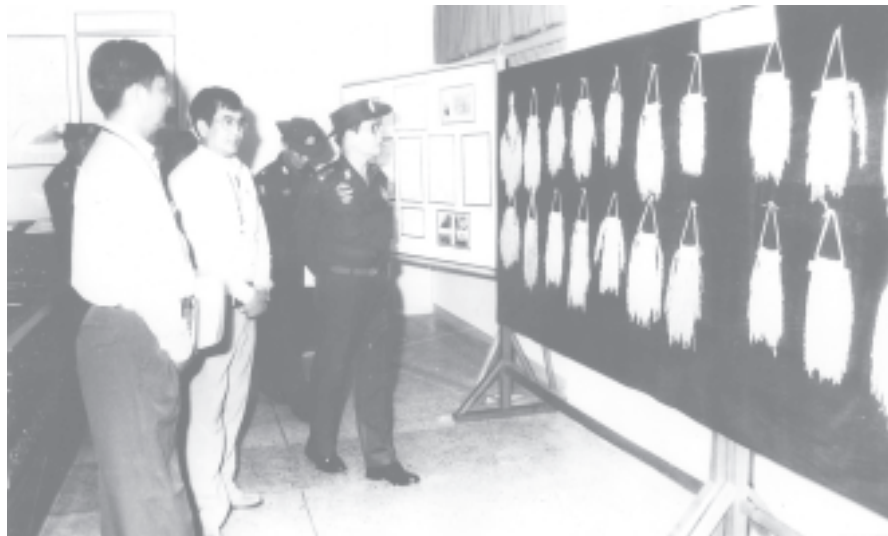
Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected in-flow and storage of water from the briefing hall. Next, the Prime Minister and party viewed construction of main gravel-filled dam with the use of heavy machinery.

Next, they inspected construction of stable water pond level 1, 2, 3 and 4, and Intake Tower.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on conservation of the forests and trees in accord with rules and regula-



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects pilot-growing of crops at Yezin Agricultural Research Department in Pyinmana Township.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Myanmar paddy strains and crops at Yezin Agricultural Research Department in Pyinmana Township.— MNA

tions for greening of the area of the project.

Later, the Prime Minister and party inspected progress of installation of turbines No 1, No 2, No 3 and No 4 and measures being taken, and Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut and officials reported on matters related to the work.

The Prime Minister and party inspected power control room, where they were briefed by Deputy Director-General U Aung Koe Shwe of Hydroelectric Power Department. Next, the Prime Minister presented a fruit basket to Chairman of YMEC of the People's Republic of China Mr Feng Ke and party who are engaged in the project.

After that, Chairman of YMEC of the People's Republic of China Mr Feng Ke and party presented a picture of Paunglaung Dam multi-purpose project.

Installation of turbine No 4 of Paunglaung Dam was completed cent per cent and with its 70-megawatt generation capacity it will supply power across the nation through the national grid. It is also learnt that installation of the remaining three turbines will be completed before the end of this year. The Prime Minister and party went to Agricultural Research Department in Yezin, Pyinmana Township where they were welcomed by acting Director-General of Agricultural Research Department Dr Tin Soe, heads of departments and officials.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported on the history of ARD and conducting agricultural research after establishment of new ARD for boosting production of crops in accord with the guidance

of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.

Acting Director-General Dr Tin Soe reported on formation of ARD with the aim of development of agricultural sector and national economy and uplift of life of farmers by using modern agricultural results, conducting research, collecting genes, records, preservation and application, human resource development, measures undertaken for dissemination of technology, production of seeds of maize, edible oil and industrial crops, seeds bank and pilot plantations, cooperation of international research organizations and future programmes.

In his discussions, the Prime Minister said as Myanmar is an agro-based country, agricultural research is of great importance for the nation. It is an important task for development of the national economy. The government has formed Agricultural Research Department in order to conduct research, he said. By conducting research work on various kinds of crops, opportunities to promote research work have been created, he added.

He said Head of State Senior General Than Shwe laid down the objectives for ten major crops. Agricultural research work will assist the realization of the objectives. The central level will provide assistance and ARD will also seek modern cultivation methods and quality strains and distribute them. He called on researchers to continue research work on quality strains that can earn foreign exchange and to preserve the country's original species of crops. Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected publications on research, different kinds of genes of crops and modern equipment. They inspected plantations of hybrid paddy and other crops. The Prime Minister then gave instructions. The Prime Minister and party arrived back Pyinmana in the evening. — MNA

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects construction of Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project.— MNA

PM General Khin Nyunt lays cornerstone for ...

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Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected progress of construction of supporting buildings in the area chosen for constructing the multi-purpose diesel engine factory. Managing Director of Myanmar Industrial Construction Services U Ye Tun reported on workshops to be built in the area and their designs, water supply tasks, progress of growing trees and constructing buildings, roads and fence.

The Prime Minister attended to the needs and gave instructions on conservation of the woods and trees in the area, planting of teak and other hardwood trees, and growing such plants as cashew and mango at the vacant land of the factory compound.

The Prime Minister greeted the Chinese experts, saying that the project was initiated in 1998 and it is one of the projects under the all-round cooperation programmes between the two nations.

Myanmar and the PRC have preserved Paukphaw friendship for the successive eras. Paying goodwill visits more frequently between leaders of the two countries, the friendly relation has been further strengthened to fraternal relation. A lot of agreements and MoUs have been signed between the two countries. This factory project emerged from the industrial, economic and technical cooperation between the two countries.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on the Chinese experts to make efforts for successful realization of the project with a view to enabling the factory to be able to produce international standard engine

parts. The Chinese entrepreneurs and experts pledged that they will continue to endeavour in accord with the instructions of the Prime Minister to ensure successful implementation of the project and further industrial and technical cooperation between the two countries. The Chinese Government has given guidance to them to see to the factory to produce quality diesel engines, they added.

Then, the Prime Minister and party posed for a documentary photo together with departmental heads, the Chinese Charge d' affaires and Chinese experts. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt lays cornerstone for building Multi-purpose Diesel Engine Factory in Thagara, Yedashe Township, on 29-8-2004.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially converses with Chinese experts at Multi-purpose Diesel Engine Factory Project site in Thagara, Yedashe Township, on 29-8-2004.—MNA

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party pose for documentary photo with Chinese experts at Multi-purpose Diesel Engine Factory Project site in Thagara, Yedashe Township, on 29 August.—MNA

A historical milestone leading the nation to a new age — 8

Aung Moe San

In this world, cause and effect are interacting with each other in every matter. All effects have a cause, and every cause has its own effects. A person who knows the law of interaction between cause and effect sees what will happen actually in the future. But the one who does not know about it is like a blind person.

Man after realizing the law of certainty of natural science and social science serves mankind's interest. Hence, the human society is ever developing and changing. For example, the formation of water, the boiling point of water and the melting point of iron are the law of certainty of natural science.

According to the law of social science, market economy cannot emerge without the economic freedom of the private sector; democracy can take root only in a country which has advanced production forces; and the enactment of laws alone cannot set up a new system, only a sufficient society can do the job. No one can go against the law, or can materialize all his wishes. Man needs to know and observe the laws of natural science and social science to serve the interest of his own nation.

In Myanmar which is in the process of democracy transition, there are some quarters that wish to give priority to changing just the superstructure without developing the foundation of the social life of the people. Their option is totally in contradiction to the Tatmadaw's view — The superstructure must be changed while improving the people's social standard. The option of giving priority to changing the superstructure is the system of copying a West Europe democracy. It is against the Myanmar society. For example, China which is paying attention to developing the economy and production industries and improving the social system is enjoying unprecedented peace and progress, while East Europe countries, that have copied the Western style of democracy, are facing poverty and hardships.

In this regard, the Tatmadaw Government laid down the seven-point future policy programme of the State, that is in accord with the requirements of Myanmar society, and is implementing them to build a democratic nation. Since its assumption of the State duties, the Tatmadaw Government has been paying special attention to the development and advancement of the production industries of the nation, and improving the social standard of the people. In building a democratic nation in line with the seven-point future policy programme of the State, the

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The seven-point future policy programme will surely serve as a cause to produce an effect — a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. But why do some quarters choose the policy of intransigence, when they are saying that they are in favour of democracy? It is time, all forces who love democracy should unitedly build a democratic nation. As we have already found the right way, we don't need to beat about the bush. If a person is under the influence of a wrong vision, he will have a dogmatic approach to every matter. He has no ability to differentiate between what is right and what is wrong, however, is thinking himself too great and always right.

Government has reconvened the National Convention, the first step of the policy programme. And a portion of the National Convention has been completed successfully at present. Thus, the seven-point future policy programme is the cause for actual emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Its objective steps are as follows:

- (1) — Reconvening of the National Convention that has been adjourned since 1996.
- (2) — After the successful holding of the National Convention, step by step implementation of the process necessary for the emergence of a genuine and disciplined democratic system.
- (3) — Drafting of a new constitution in accordance with basic principles and detailed basic principles laid down by the National Convention.
- (4) — Adoption of the constitution through national referendum.
- (5) — Holding of free and fair elections for Pyithu Hluttaws (Legislative bodies) according to the new constitution.
- (6) — Convening of Hluttaws attended by Hluttaw members in accordance with the new constitution.
- (7) — Building a modern, developed and democratic nation by the state leaders elected by the Hluttaw; and the government and other central organs formed by the Hluttaw.

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In accord with a saying, which goes, "It is never too late to mend", the forces and organizations, which have not yet reached the road to re-consolidation, should discard their old political prejudices, and join hands with the entire national people to build a democratic nation in accord with the seven-point future policy programme. Because the seven-point future policy programme is the cause for the emergence of a democratic nation. In this regard, I would like to present that the seven-point future policy programme is a historical milestone leading the nation to enter a new age.

(Translation: TMT)

(Kyemon + Myanma Alin: 24-8-2004)

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

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လိုက်နာရမည့်အချက်များ

- (က) ရေကိုကျိုချက်မသောက်ပါ။
- (ခ) ရေမြောင်းများရေစီးရေလွှာကောင်းအောင် ကိုယ့်အားကိုယ်ကို၍ ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။ လိုအပ်ပါက စည်ပင်သာယာအဖွဲ့များမှ အကူအညီရယူပါ။ ယင်လုံအိမ်သာသုံးစွဲကြပါ။
- (ဂ) အမှည့်လွန်သစ်သီးများစားခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။ စားကြွင်းစားကျန်များကို စနစ်တကျစွန့်ပစ်ပါ။ (တွင်းတွင်စွန့်ပစ်ပါ။)
- (ဃ) မိမိအိမ်တွင် မြင်း၊ ယင်များမရှိအောင် သင့်ရာနေသည့်မြင်းခိုခင်းပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ ဆေးဖျန်းခွင့်ရသည့် အခါအားလျော်စွာ ပြည်သူလူထုနှင့်ပူးပေါင်း၍ မြင်း၊ ယင်များကို ခိုခင်းပေးပါမည်။
- (င) ယင်နားစားများစားခြင်း၊ မသန့်ရှင်းသောအစားအသောက်များစားခြင်း ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (စ) ထမင်းမစားမီနှင့် ထမင်းစားပြီး လက်ကို စင်ကြယ်စွာဆေးကြောပါ။
- (ဆ) ရေချိုးခေါင်းလျှော်သတိထားပါ။
- (ဇ) မိုးမီလျှင် ဆွေးနွေးထွေးထွေးနေပါ။
- (ဈ) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းရေးကိုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- (ည) ရုပ်ကွက်သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို အပတ်စဉ် စုခေါင်း၍ဆောင်ရွက်ကြပါ။

၅။ ဤသို့တားဆီးကာကွယ်နေသည့်ကြားမှ ရောဂါများဖြစ်ပွားလာပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးခန်းဆေးရုံးများသို့သွားရောက်ပြသ၍ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win attends opening of ...

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of Trustees; K 600,000 by U Saw L Bo Kanaung and family; K 300,000 by teachers, parents and students; and K 100,000 by Kyimyindine Township Peace and Development Council.

The Mayor also accepted K 150,000 donated by Kayin Amyotha Ward Peace and Development Council of the township; K 100,000 by U Saw Bo Gyi; K 100,000 by Grace Home; and K 100,000 by U Saw Palar Htoo.

Deputy Ministers U Myo Nyunt and Col Aung Myo Min and directors-general of the Ministry of Education accepted donations from the wellwishers.

Deputy Minister Col Aung Myo Min reported that the Ministry of Education cooperates with other organizations for opening the multimedia classrooms for uplift of education standard with modern teaching aid and turning out intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Next, the Secretary-1 cordially met those present. The Secretary-1 and party posed for documentary photos with the headmistress, teachers, members of SBT, wellwishers and students. Before their departure, the students presented the song entitled "Zartiman". — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win meets students at multimedia classrooms at Kyimyindine BEHS-4. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win poses for documentary photo with officials and students at the opening of multimedia classrooms at Kyimyindine BEHS-4. — MNA

Coordination Meeting on Fourth World Buddhist Summit held

YANGON, 30 Aug — The coordination meeting on Fourth World Buddhist Summit between Work Committee of Myanmar for hosting Fourth World Buddhist Summit and Nenbutsushu Buddhist Sect of Japan was held at the meeting hall of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University in Mayangon township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Work Committee Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, deputy ministers, heads of department, officials of the work committees and subcommittees, Secretary-General Ven Hiroshi Fujikura and party of the Buddhist Summit and Nenbutsushu Buddhist Sect of Japan.

The meeting was opened with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa*. The minister made a speech on the occasion.

Officials of the subcommittees reported on preparations for holding the summit and replied to the queries raised by the Japanese Buddhist mission.

Next, the meeting ended with concluding remarks made by the minister. — MNA

Yangon Division holds coord meeting to implement plans

YANGON, 30 Aug — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council held a meeting to review progress in implementing the plans in 2004-2005 financial year and coordinate future tasks at the office of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Office this morning, with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe. Speaking on the occasion, the commander said departmental officials are to make efforts to boost production in agriculture, livestock breeding, industry, forest and other sectors so as to exceed the target in 2004-2005 financial year. Development of services and net product at division-, district- and township-wise can reflect economic development of the State. If the economic sector develops, uplift of education and health sectors and per capita income will be improved. So, the State will have highly-qualified human resources for building a modern nation. All-round discussions were then held and the meeting ended with concluding remarks by the commander. — MNA

USDA basic organizational multiplier course concludes

YANGON, 30 Aug — Basic Organizational Multiplier Course No 13 of Latha Township Union Solidarity and Development Association concluded this morning at the office of the association. At the concluding ceremony, Central Executive Committee Member of USDA Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone briefed on the national policy and measures being undertaken to implement the seven-step policy programme of the State.

CEC members presented certificates to the trainees and also gave away prizes to the outstanding ones.

After the ceremony, Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone and Vice-Mayor of Yangon City Col Maung Pa went to the 17th Street (lower) in Latha Township and attended to the needs for laying of new water pipeline being carried out by Latha Township USDA. — MNA



The Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project. (News on page 1) — MNA

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Nigerian Vice-President to visit Uganda

KAMPALA, 29 Aug — Nigerian Vice-President Abubakar Atiku will visit Uganda in October to explore investment opportunities in the East African country, reported state-owned *The New Vision* newspaper on Saturday.

Atiku received the invitation when his Ugandan counterpart Gilbert Bukenya met him at his official residence at the presidential villas in Abuja earlier this month. The two vice-presidents agreed to make use of private business ventures alongside inter-government relations to cement the bond between the two countries. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Mummified Canadian man goes unnoticed for 2 years

WINNIPEG (Manitoba), 29 Aug — A reclusive Canadian man, who neighbours thought may have gone travelling, was found mummified in his bed this week, almost two years after he died, Manitoba's chief medical examiner said on Friday.

Winnipeg police found the body of 52-year-old Jim Sulkers preserved in his tidy apartment after a relative phoned police to ask them to check on him. Sulkers, who had multiple sclerosis, preferred to be left alone. His bill payments and pension deposits were handled automatically.

"It was a very well-kept second floor condominium, neat and clean, with everything in its place, and there was a body of a man on the bed, covered in a sheet, like he was sleeping, except that the body was mummified," said Thambirajah Balachandra, who investigates deaths in the province.

A newspaper dated November 21, 2002, was in the apartment in an upscale Winnipeg neighbourhood. Balachandra said the man died of natural causes.

"In this case, apparently this man was very reclusive. He kept to himself, he lived alone, and he didn't have contact with anybody," Balachandra said. The hot, dry and clean environment meant the body did not decompose, but rather dried up, he said.

MNA/Reuters

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Russia to meet commitments in exporting oil to China

Moscow, 29 Aug — Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov said on Friday Russia would keep meeting its commitments in exporting oil to China. "There are no reasons for any emergency", Fradkov was quoted by *Interfax* news agency as saying. "Oil products will keep going to China the way they have been," he noted.

Russia has repeatedly pledged to continue oil supply to China by rail despite a warning from the embattled oil giant YUKOS, the main oil supplier to China, that it may have to stop oil exports by rail, including to China.

YUKOS and the Russian railway company have signed a contract on increasing oil export to China and transport issues. According to the contract, Russia will transport 6.4 million tons of oil to China, and the figure will surge to 8.5 million tons in 2005 and 15 million tons in 2006.

YUKOS, the largest oil company in Russia, is fighting a legal battle with the Russian Tax Ministry over a back taxes bill of 3.4 billion US dollars. It has warned the tax bill will drive it into bankruptcy. Fradkov also said that construction of a pipeline from Angarsk in Siberia to Fast East port of Nakhodka facing Japan is "a debatable point" and that "this matter has not been submitted to the government".

China and Russia have signed a framework agreement to build a pipeline linking Russia's Angarsk to China's Daqing. However, the Kremlin became ambiguous over the project after Japan offered the rival pipeline that would bypass China and stretch to Nakhodka.

MNA/Xinhua

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Scrap metal dealers arrested for stealing iron bridge

SARAJEVO, 29 Aug — Six scrap metal dealers have been arrested for stealing an Austro-Hungarian-era 13-metre-long iron bridge, Bosnian police said on Friday.

"The six dismantled the iron bridge built 150 years ago and sold its parts to a nearby junk yard last week for 174 US dollars," a spokesman for the regional Interior Ministry Drzen Mustapic told *Reuters* by telephone.

He said the police were alerted by villagers near the southern town of Mostar who saw the gang loading the bridge parts into vans. — *MNA/Reuters*

**ပြည်ထောင်စုရရှိနိုင်သော
ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာရေးကော်မတီ
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California becomes worst US State of West Nile infections

LOS ANGELES, 29 Aug — The populous US State of California has replaced Arizona as the worst West Nile state with the highest number of human cases of such virus infections, California Department of Health Services said Friday. The department said that West Nile virus has been detected in 343 people in Southern and Central California, an increase of nearly 38 percent in a week.

The mosquito-borne illness so far this year has killed 10 people in California, more than any other state in the nation.

Arizona, the only state where authorities had declared an epidemic because of the virus, had reported 309 cases as of Friday. According to the US Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, West Nile virus has infected at least 843 people and killed 20 nationwide. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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Experts welcome hint of climate softening

OSLO, 29 Aug— Environmental experts hailed on Friday a hint of a softening in US scepticism about global warming but saw scant chance that President George W Bush might ever rejoin international efforts to cap greenhouse gases.

Some said the US Administration report this week, saying warmer temperatures in North America since 1950 were probably caused in part by human activity, might simply be a bid to reach out to green voters before the November presidential election.

"I don't think there is any policy shift at all," said Steve Sawyer, climate policy director at environmental group Greenpeace. "It's election season and Bush may be trying to reach out to the elusive centre." Bush dismayed many allies in 2001 by pull-

ing the United States out of the UN's Kyoto Protocol, the main international pact meant to cap emissions of greenhouse gases.

Despite White House denials of a shift in policy, the report seemed to contradict Bush's long-held view that there is no scientific proof that human use of fossil fuels like oil and coal is an underlying cause of global warming.

And some experts said evidence for global warming was likely to strengthen and could eventually put pressure on Bush to do more,

if he beats Democratic challenger John Kerry.

"This report could be very significant," said Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, a director of the Tyndall Centre for Climate Change Research in England. "If Bush wins, he may have to soften his opposition to the idea of global warming and this could be an advance sign."

But none saw Bush as a convert to concerted international action.

"Any new Bush Administration will not change its climate policy radically," said Pal Prestrud, head of the

Centre for International Climate and Environmental Research in Oslo.

The administration report, sent to Congress this week, said: "North American temperature changes from 1950 to 1999 were unlikely to be due only to natural climate variations."

It said temperature trends were consistent with human interference including emissions of greenhouse gases, mainly carbon dioxide from cars, power plants and factories, that scientists say are blanketing the planet.

MNA/Reuters

Russia names new space station crew

Moscow, 30 Aug— Russia, which provides the only link to the International Space Station from Earth, named on Saturday three new crew members to replace the current two-man crew in October, Interfax news agency reported.

Anatoly Perminov, head of Russia's space agency Roskosmos, was quoted as saying Russian Salizhan Sharipov, NASA astronaut Leroy Chiao and Yuri Shargin, a lieutenant-colonel in Russia's space forces, were due to blast off on 9 October.

Russian cosmonaut Gennady Padalka and NASA's Michael Fincke have been manning the 16-nation station since mid-April and they will return home aboard a Soyuz spacecraft with Shargin, who will stay aboard the space station for 10 days to carry out experiments.

The latest crew will be the 10th for the station. Russia has launched all manned and cargo ships to it since February 2003, when the United States grounded its shuttle fleet after Columbia disintegrated on re-entry, killing the seven astronauts on board.

MNA/Reuters

"Clone towns" attacked by British think-tank

LONDON, 30 Aug— British towns are losing their individuality as chain stores turn high streets into lookalikes, a think-tank warned on Saturday.

The New Economics Foundation (NEF) said local businesses are being hounded out of town centres by bigger retailers, planning decisions and regeneration projects which it says are often hostile to small firms.

"The apparent spread of clone towns has economic consequences as well, but more than that it suggests that outside a few metropolitan hotspots, we are moving from

'Cool Britannia' to 'Clone Town Britain'," NEF's policy director Andrew Simms said in a statement.

NEF said the replacement of local businesses by chain stores stunts consumers' choice and can damage the local economy as profits drain out of the area and local employment dries up.

Behind this process are wider trends which are destroying diversity in food pro-

duction, arts, media, culture and even human physical appearances, the think-tank said. Supermarket chains like Tesco and J Sainsbury have bought up large numbers of convenience stores across the country and have also expanded their product ranges to include clothes, household, and electrical goods in their bigger stores, often competing with local shops.

MNA/Reuters



Workers prepare the arrivals area for the MTV Video Music Awards at the US Air Arena in Miami, on 28 Aug, 2004. Nominees and guests will arrive by boat for the award show which will take place on 29 Aug. —INTERNET



The first A380 super jumbo leaves the Airbus factory at Toulouse-Blagnac in France to undergo tests. The rivalry over Asian skies between US aerospace giant Boeing Co and European rival Airbus is heating up as premium airlines boost their long-range fleets and prepare for the arrival of super jumbos. —INTERNET

US says no reason to panic over flu vaccine problem

ATLANTA, 29 Aug— Contamination in a British factory that supplies flu vaccine to the United States is expected to cause some delays but no shortage of flu shots this year, federal health officials said on Friday.

"This is not a crisis," Dr Julie Gerberding, director of the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention, said in a conference call. "This is not likely to impact our ability to protect people." Gerberding's comments came one day after Chiron Corp said it was delaying shipment of 50 million doses of its Fluvirin influenza vaccine because it had discovered some batches in its Liverpool plant did not meet sterility standards. The California-based company had been expected to supply about half the estimated 100 million doses ordered for the 2004-2005 flu season in the United States. It expects to deliver up to 48 million doses in October, a month later than

expected. Gerberding noted that many clinics would be able to administer flu shots as planned because about half the nation's supply was coming from another manufacturer, Aventis Pasteur, which has reported no production problems. Aventis, a unit of European pharmaceuticals group Sanofi-Aventis, said on Friday it was considering increasing production above the more than 52 million doses of Fluzone vaccine it intends to ship to the US market.

Although 180 million Americans are encouraged each year to get a flu shot, only about half actually do. The CDC recommends that people, especially the elderly, health care workers and others in high risk groups get vaccinated in October and November, before the flu season typically peaks. Despite assurances that enough vaccine will be on hand, the problems at Chiron have stirred memories of the troubling vaccine-production glitches that marked the 2000-2001 flu season.

The United States could be vulnerable to an unexpectedly severe flu epidemic if the disease strikes earlier in the year as it did during the 2003-2004 season, which was considered one of the worst in recent memory.

MNA/Reuters

France reiterates support for Turkey's entry into EU

PARIS, 29 Aug — French President Jacques Chirac reiterated Friday its support for Turkish membership for the European Union (EU).

Chirac noted that "in any case, we should take all the necessary time to allow this country to share the benefits of the Union".

"In this world of today or tomorrow, the interest of the Union, as of Turkey, is to take a common road," he said.

He also noted that EU is established on the political and democratic values that are imposed to everyone.

He said that the heads of state and government of the 25 EU members are expected to announce in December to officially kick off the negotiations with Ankara on its entry to EU.

MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

El Guerrouj scores double triumph

ATHENS, 30 Aug—Hicham El Guerrouj completed a historic Olympic 1,500-5,000 metres double on Saturday after a battle royal with Kenenisa Bekele.

The Moroccan emulated the 1924 achievement of Finn Paavo Nurmi as he cruised to victory in the 5,000 in one of the most eagerly awaited head-to-head of the Athens Games.

He timed 13 minutes 14.39 seconds. Silver went to Ethiopia's Bekele, a metre back, with 19-year-old world champion Eliud Kipchoge of Kenya taking bronze just behind.

Bekele, 22, had been hoping for a double of his own. The 10,000 winner, he hoped to become the first man since compatriot Miruts Yifter in 1980 to win the long-distance double. El Guerrouj, however, played the perfect waiting game under the Olympic stadium floodlights, allowing the Ethiopians and Kenyans to dictate the early pace.—MNA/Reuters



Morocco's Hicham El Guerrouj celebrates his two gold medals after winning the men's 5,000 metres final at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games, on 28 August, 2004.

INTERNET

Borzakovskiy snatches men's 800m gold

ATHENS, 30 Aug—Russia's Yuriy Borzakovskiy snatched the Olympic men's 800 metres gold medal on Saturday, timing a late surge to the line to perfection.

The 23-year-old Russian, who won silver at last year's world championships, powered past Denmark's Wilson Kipketer and Mbulaeni Mulaudzi of South Africa in the final few strides to win in one minute 44.45 seconds.

Mulaudzi out-dipped Kipketer to win silver in 1:44.61 to add to the world indoor gold he won in March.

Kipketer, the three-times former world champion and world record holder, had to be content with bronze in 1:44.65.—MNA/Reuters



China's Liu Yanan (4) reacts with teammates Yang Hao (3) and Zhou Suhong after their volleyball gold medal round win over Russia at the 2004 Olympics Games in Athens, Saturday, 28, Aug, 2004. China won 28-20, 25-27, 25-20, 25-23, 15-12.—INTERNET

China wins gold after 20 years

ATHENS, 30 Aug—Twenty years after China won their only Olympic women's volleyball gold, the team did it again, winning a hard-fought battle with Russia on Saturday to bag the top prize in Athens.

After Russia took the first two sets in marathon battles, 2003 World Cup winners China clawed their way back for a 28-30, 25-27, 25-20, 25-23, 15-12, win.

China put up a strong defence and a row of blockers at the net to neutralise Sydney silver medallists Russia in the tie-break set.

Captain Feng Kun, the tournament's most valuable player, led the team in blocks.

The Russians, led by towering spiker Ekaterina Gamova who scored 33 points, held off one match point but Yuehong Zhang spiked a winner past Russian blockers to win the match.

Cuba, the gold medallists in the last three Olympics, beat Brazil 3-1 to win the bronze medal. China had shattered Cuba's hopes of winning four in a row with a tie-break victory in the semi-final match.

Cuba's strong blocking and powerful hitters helped them overpower Brazil 25-22, 25-22, 14-25, 25-17.

They lost momentum and Brazil picked up their defence to take the third set but in the fourth, Cuba shot to a 6-1 lead and never let Brazil gain control.—MNA/Reuters

Thai wins light-welterweight gold

ATHENS, 30 Aug—Thailand's Manus Boonjumnong outpointed Cuba's Yudel Johnson to win the light-welterweight gold medal at the Olympic boxing tournament on Saturday.

Manus relied on an awkward, yet effective style to frustrate the more spectacular Cuban and win a 17-11 decision.

Johnson kept battling on but his opponent counter-punched methodically. With the victory secured, Manus avoided the Cuban by running around the ring in the final round, prompting a few jeers from the crowd at the Peristeri Hall.

Johnson's defeat means Cuba, who had seven fighters in the finals, can no longer match their tally of seven boxing titles from the 1992 Olympics, a record at non-boycotted Games.

MNA/Reuters



Thailand's Boonjumnong Manus celebrates his gold medal victory during an awarding ceremony for the light-welterweight boxing in the 2004 Athens Summer Olympic Games.

INTERNET

Uzbek Taymazov pins for 120-kg freestyle gold

ATHENS, 30 Aug—Artur Taymazov of Uzbekistan pinned Iranian opponent Alireza Rezaei to win the gold medal in the Athens Olympics 120-kg freestyle wrestling on Saturday.

Taymazov registered the only fall in any of the men's finals during the Olympic competition in both Greco-Roman and freestyle disciplines and looked the more dominant of the two big men, leading by two points

from an early move.

The bout was over in a little over four minutes and as the disconsolate Iranian rose from the mat and settled for the silver medal, Taymazov shook the referee's hand before going off to celebrate his golden victory with his coaches. Aydin Polatci of Turkey won the bronze medal by beating Marid Mutalimov of Kazakhstan in another slow, lumbering bout.—MNA/Reuters

British stun US in sprint relay

ATHENS, 30 Aug—Britain took a shock gold in the men's Olympic 4x100 metres relay on Saturday, pipping favourites the United States by one hundredth of a second.

Mark Lewis-Francis held off 2000 Olympic 100 metres champion Maurice Greene in a blistering last leg to clinch the gold in 38.07 seconds. It was Britain's first gold in the event for 92 years.

The US quartet had to be content with silver in 38.08 seconds with Nigeria taking bronze in 38.23.

MNA/Reuters

Gaydarbekov wins middle-weight gold

ATHENS, 30 Aug—Russian Gaydarbek Gaydarbekov outpointed Kazakhstan's Gennadiy Golovkin to win the middle-weight gold medal at the Olympic boxing tournament on Saturday.

The final between European champion Gaydarbekov and world champion Golovkin was fierce if not a spectacular.

There was plenty of holding in the last round with Gaydarbekov keen to protect his lead and doing just that to win a 28-18 decision.

Gaydarbekov handed Russia their second boxing gold medal of the Athens competition after Alexei Tichtchenko outpointed North Korea's Kim Song-guk in the featherweight final.

MNA/Reuters

Thorkildsen takes javelin gold for Norway

ATHENS, 30 Aug—Andreas Thorkildsen won the Olympic javelin gold medal on Saturday to give Norway their first gold medal in the men's event since 1956.

The 22-year-old sent his second throw 86.50 metres, a personal best by 72cm, and was never subsequently threatened. Vadims Vasilevskis of Latvia took silver with a personal best 84.95 with Russian world champion Sergey Makarov repeating his bronze of Sydney with 84.84.

Czech Jan Zelezny, seeking a fourth successive Olympic gold and fifth successive Olympic medal, finished ninth with 80.59 while Briton Steve Backley, second in the last two Games and third in 1992, bowed out of international competition with a fourth-place throw of 84.13.

MNA/Reuters

Hu wins platform for sixth Chinese gold

ATHENS, 30 Aug—Hu Jia, Olympic silver medallist in 2000, went one better on Saturday to win the men's platform crown on Saturday and bring China six of the eight diving titles at the Athens Games.

Hu pulled off a great final dive which netted him five perfect 10s and 100.98 points, effectively sealing his gold medal with his three biggest rivals still to dive.

Australia's Mathew Helm also pulled out a prodigious final dive, worth 99.96 and with four 10s from the seven judges, to snatch the silver from defending champion Tian Liang by less than a single mark.

Hu amassed 748.08 points from his four semifinal and six final dives, with world silver medallist Helm taking another silver with 730.56 and world bronze medallist Tian another bronze with 729.66.—MNA/Reuters

Argentina wins title for first time

ATHENS, 30 Aug—Argentina capped a golden day in their sporting history on Saturday, beating Italy 84-69 to win the Olympic men's basketball title for the first time.

The South American country had not tasted Olympic victory of any sort since 1952. But earlier in the day Argentina won the soccer gold medal at the Athens Games.

Ginobili led the team all through the tournament, with his leadership and 29 points helping beat three-times defending Olympic champions, the United States, in the semi-finals. But in the final it was Luis Scola who made the difference, scoring 25 points and grabbing 11 rebounds.

Ginobili got Argentina off to the start they wanted, firing in 13 points in the first half to help Argentina to a 12-point lead.

But Italy closed the gap to two and eventually tied the score at 51-51 in the third quarter before Scola began dominating at both ends of the court.

Gianmarco Pozzeco and Matteo Soragna both had 12 points for Italy, who were looking to take their first gold in the sport to go along with a silver they won in 1980. It was Argentina's first Olympics basketball medal.—MNA/Reuters



Argentina (top) celebrate their gold medal success in the men's basketball competition at the Athens 2004 Olympic Games as bronze winning US team (bottom) look away, August 28, 2004. Argentina beat Italy 84-69 to win the men's Olympic basketball gold on Saturday, the country's first medal in the sport.—INTERNET

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**31-8-2004 (Tuesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Producing of Quality
Medicine
- 9:10 National News**
- 9:12 Breeding of Mythun
- 9:15 National News**
- 9:20 Fabulous Bagan (II)
- 9:25 Kayan Dance
- 9:28 Dat Taw Gyaik Waterfall
- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 Unforgettable Traditions of PaO National Myanmar Modern Song "Dakukuku"
- 9:40 Myanmar Modern Song "Dakukuku"
- 9:42 Naga Traditional Costumes & Dance
- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 Traditional Myanmar Pickled Tea
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**31-8-2004 (Tuesday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 Producing of Quality
Medicine
- 15:40 National News**

- 15:42 Breeding of Mythun
- 15:45 National News**
- 15:50 Fabulous Bagan (II)
- 15:55 Kayan Dance
- 15:58 Dat Taw Gyaik Waterfall
- 16:00 National News**
- 16:05 Unforgettable Traditions of PaO National Myanmar Modern Song "Dakukuku"
- 16:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Dakukuku"
- 16:12 Naga Traditional Costumes & Dance
- 16:15 National News**
- 16:20 Traditional Myanmar Pickled Tea
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 16:30 National News**
- 16:35 Ancient Pakhangyi Monastery
- 16:40 Myanmar Traditional Folk Songs
- 16:45 National News**
- 16:50 Parabaik Writings
- 16:55 Dance of the Drums
- 17:00 National News**
- 17:05 Myanmar's Pride & Glory
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Come to Myanmar (The Golden Land)"
- 17:12 Mother O'pearl Mosaic Painting
- 17:15 National News**
- 17:20 Travel & Description (Yangon to Thanlyin-Kyauk Tan)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See Myanmar"
- Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**
- 19:30 Signature Tune

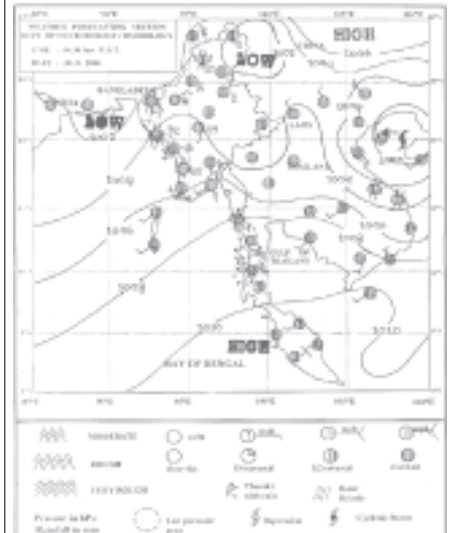
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- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
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- 19:36 Peaceful & Developed Dawei
- 19:40 National News**
- 19:42 New, Modernized Myanmar Food
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:50 Fabulous Bagan (I)
- 19:55 The Beauty and Grace of the hands
- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 Tour In Myanmar "Sagaing Mingun"
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Greeting from Chin Hill"
- 20:12 Baungte: My village
- 20:15 National News**
- 20:20 A Pilgrimage to Dhammayangyi
- 20:25 Songs On Screen "Where does love begin"
- 20:30 National News**
- 20:35 Myanma Bamboo Xylophone (or) Pattala
- 20:40 Greening of the Hills and Ranges, in order to achieve climate change (Shinmataung) (Magway Division)
- 20:45 National News**
- 20:50 Mazi Industry's Wood Products
- 20:55 Lon Yuu Festival Dance
- 20:58 Spirulina Products
- 21:00 National News**
- 21:05 King Thawaddy's Bell
- 21:10 Songs On Screen "Phenomena of Love"
- 21:12 Yangon, the Capital
- 21:15 National News**
- 21:20 Hta Pwe (or) Mogok

- Gems Market
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
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Rainfall on 30-8-2004

- 0.52 inch at Yangon Airport,
 - 0.12 inch at Kaba-Aye,
 - 0.08 inch at central Yangon.
- Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was
- 96.46 inches at Yangon Airport,
 - 93.03 inches at Kaba-Aye and
 - 95.20 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas


WEATHER
Monday, 30 August 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and Magway, Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Kachin State and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Ye (2.60) inches, Mogok (2.13) inches, and Kawthong (2.05) inches.

Maximum temperature on 29-8-2004 was 91°F. Minimum temperature on 30-8-2004 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 30-8-2004 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 29-8-2004 was 4.8 hours approx.

Rainfall on 30-8-2004 was 0.52 inch at Yangon Airport, 0.12 inch at Kaba-Aye and 0.08 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 96.46 inches at Yangon Airport, 93.03 inches at Kaba-Aye and 95.20 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 14 mph from West at 12:30 hours MST on 29-8-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Special Features:** According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's tropical depression over South China Sea has moved westward and centred at about (250) miles southwest of Hanoi (Vietnam) and it is forecast to moved westerly direction.

Forecast valid until evening of 31-8-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, scattered in Ayeyawady Bago and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Mon and Taninthayi coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar water. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Increase of rain in eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-8-2004: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-8-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.


**Tuesday, August 31
View on today:**
7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:15 am

2. တီပိတကရ ဓမ္မဘူတဂါရီတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာဗုဒ္ဓိတ၊ အာဒိတိရိတ၊ အိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning news

7:40 am

5. မင်းကွန်း ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဓမ္မစုပ္ပန်တော်ကွန်း "ပထမဆယ်စုပ္ပန်" (အပိုင်း-၁)

7:50 am

6. Nice and sweet song

8:00 am

7. ကဗျာနိဗ္ဗာန်

8:10 am

8. Song of yesteryears

8:20 am

9. ပုလင်းရေလှောင်တံ

8:30 am

10. International news

8:45 am

11. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အဆေးသင်ကြားသလို ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - တတိယနှစ်

4:45 pm

- (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြုစု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

4. Dance of national races

5:15 pm

5. မံတော့ဆေးအင်္ဂါတော်ဝင်

5:30 pm

6. မြန်မာစား၊ မြန်မာကား

5:30 pm

7. Sing and Enjoy

6:10 pm

8. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းကွဲ "ဗျော့မင်းရဲစုန်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

6:30 pm

9. Evening news

7:00 pm

10. Weather report

7:05 pm

11. သားငါးဖွံ့ဖြိုး ပြည့်အထွေ့

7:20 pm

12. The mirror images of the musical oldies

7:35 pm

13. အဟာရပြည့်လျှင် ရောဂါဝေ ဖျော်လျှင် ကျန်းမာစိတ်ချမ်းသာ

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. လပတ်စီလေးသန့်စေလေစေ ခန့်မှန်းချက်

18. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းကွဲ "တစ်ရံရောအေး" (အပိုင်း-၁၅)

19. The next day's programme


Tuesday, August 31
Tune in today:
8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music: Exposed to love

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music: Hungry heart

8:50 am National news/Slogan

9:00 am Music: Anyone of us

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music: I count the minutes

1:30 pm News/Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music

-Where you are

-Have you ever been in love

-Am I the only one

-Can you hear me

9:00 pm English Speaking Course Level - 1 Unit (28)

9:15 pm Article/Music

9:25 pm Weekly sports reel

9:35 pm Music for your listening pleasure

-Joy and pain

-Face of love

9:45 pm News/Slogan

10:00 pm PEL



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt hears reports on production of multi-purpose diesel engine by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin on 29-8-2004.— MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt lays cornerstone for building Multi-purpose Diesel Engine Factory in Yedashe

YANGON, 30 Aug — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the ceremony to lay cornerstones for construction of Multi-purpose Diesel Engine Factory of the Ministry of Industry-1 in Thagara, Yedashe Township, yesterday morning.

Accompanied by Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, the ministers, the

Chief of Staff (Navy), the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, the Prime Minister flew to Thagara, Yedashe Township, Bago Division, at 9.15 am from Pyinmana Township, Mandalay Division.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, senior

military officers and officials. In the briefing hall of the factory, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin reported to the Prime Minister on the purpose of building the factory, location and area, tasks coordinated for building the factory, engine model and capability, usefulness of each engine, investment and tasks being carried out.

Managing Director U Soe Thein of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries submitted reports on mechanical facts about the engine to be manufactured, technology transfer and power supply.

The Prime Minister

gave necessary instructions.

Next, the cornerstone laying ceremony for the factory was held at the designated place, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party, Charge d'Affaires of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China Mr Yu Boren and officials, President Mr Wang Jinian and party of XJ Group Corporation of PRC, departmental heads of the

Ministry of Industry-2 and guests. First, the Prime Minister and party took the designated places. At 9.54 am, the Prime Minister put the nine-gem casket in the centre of the foundation. Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commanders Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for

Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe laid cornerstones.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt placed the stone plaque on the foundation and sprinkled scented water on it. Then he performed rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the success of the ceremony.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspected progress of construction of supporting buildings in the area chosen for constructing the multi-purpose diesel engine factory.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win attends opening of multimedia classrooms at Kyimyindine BEHS-4

YANGON, 30 Aug — A ceremony to open multimedia classrooms for Basic Education High School No 4 in Kyimyindine Township was held at the school this morning, attended by Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Ministers for Education U Myo Nyunt and Col Aung Myo Min, officials of the

State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, officials, the headmistress and teachers, social organization members, wellwishers and students.

The students welcomed the Secretary-1 and party by singing the song entitled "Myanma Kyaung".

Next, the commander, Deputy Minister Col Aung Myo Min and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Saw Lun Tin formally opened the ceremony. The Secretary-1 unveiled the signboard of the multimedia classrooms.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party inspected the multimedia classrooms and viewed the students learning at

the multimedia classrooms with the use of modern teaching aids. And, they inspected the domestic science room.

At the opening ceremony, students presented songs and dances to the audience. Afterwards, Headmistress Daw Khin Thida and Patron of the SBT U Saw Bo Gyi briefed them on efforts made for opening the multimedia classrooms.

The Secretary-1 presented cash for the modern teaching aids to the headmistress. The mayor also presented cash for the equipment to the headmistress. Next, the commander accepted K 500,000 donated by School Board

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MEC Vice-Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win unveils the signboard of multimedia classrooms of Basic Education High School No 4 in Kyimyindine Township.— MNA