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## Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Uzbekistan

YANGON, 1 Sept — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Islam A Karimov, President of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan, which falls on 1 September 2004. — MNA



Head of State Senior General Than Shwe greets Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA

### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## Senior General Than Shwe receives Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army

YANGON, 31 Aug — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence

Services Senior General Than Shwe received Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and party at Zeyathiri

Beikman on Konmyintha, here, at 11 am today.

Also present at the call were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development

Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, mem-

ber of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, (See page 9)

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 1 September, 2004

### Towards development of agricultural research

A strong national economy is an essential factor for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democracy and development of the agricultural sector plays a vital role in strengthening the national economy. Therefore, agricultural research is very important to development of the agricultural sector, the main pillar of the national economy.

The Government has established Agricultural Research Department so that research on agriculture can be seriously carried out.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt on 28 August visited Agricultural Research Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Pyinmana Township.

In his meeting with responsible personnel at the meeting hall of the Seed Bank in Yezin, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that, as Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on the cultivations of ten major crops, Agricultural Research Department will have to do a lot of research to translate the guidance of the Head of State into reality.

Now, in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, Agricultural Research Department has been conducting research in all seriousness. Owing to the establishment of Agricultural Research Department, it is possible to conduct various research on agriculture in one place and to modernize the research work.

As it is necessary for responsible personnel to render assistance, Agricultural Research Department will have to not only provide quality strains but also disseminate modern cultivation methods to farmers. Moreover, researchers will have to continue research work on quality strains that can earn foreign exchange and preserve the country's original species of crops.

Agricultural Research Department is now taking all the necessary measures to carry out research on genetics of plants, species, and cultivation of maize, edible oil crops, beans and pulses and industrial crops.

We would like to call on agricultural experts and researchers to do more research work so that they will be really able to contribute to the development of agriculture, the main industry of the nation.



MCF President U Thein Oo delivers an address at the opening ceremony. —MCF

### Training course opened

YANGON, 30 Aug — Under the joint sponsorship of the Myanmar Computer Federation (MCF) and the Association for Overseas Technical Scholarship (AOTS), a training course on programme on basic IT for IT engineers was opened at 9 am today at MICT Park here.

The course is being attended by 31 trainees.

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### People's Desire

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

### Myanmar-Saudi diplomatic ties established

YANGON, 1 Sept — The Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, desirous of establishing friendly relations and mutually beneficial cooperation on the basis of the principles of the Charter of the United Nations and norms of International laws in accordance with the Vienna Conventions on Diplomatic Relations and on Consular Relations, have decided to establish diplomatic relations between the two countries at Ambassadorial level with effect from 25 August 2004.

The agreement to establish diplomatic relations between the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia was signed by the Ambassadors of the two countries in New York on 25 August 2004. — MNA

### Thai association to donate robes to 30,000 Myanmar monks, nuns

YANGON, 31 Aug — Myanmar officials and Thai would-be donors today discussed the holding of a ceremony to present robes and offertories to 30,000 Myanmar Buddhist monks and nuns by a religious association in Thailand.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung gave a speech at the meeting where participants discussed arrangements for the convenience of the association — the Dhammaland Foundation to Support the World Daen Mahamongkol — of Kachanaburi, Thailand, to make donations for the monks and nuns in Myanmar. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko explained the work programmes, and other participants including the deputy commander of Yangon Command, departmental officials and local authorities gave suggestions and proposals. The minister attended to their needs. — MNA

### Alternative chairmen of National Convention plenary session meet

YANGON, 31 Aug — The members of the panel of alternative chairmen of the Plenary Session of the National Convention held a coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the National Convention Convening Work Committee at Kyaikkasan Grounds here this morning.

At the meeting, Dr Myo Thant Tin acted as alternative chairman.

It was attended by members of the panel of alternative chairmen Daw Khin Nu, U Tun Yin Law, U Yaw Aye Hla, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint, U Mya Aye, Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw and Maj-Gen Aung Thein. Joint-Secretary-2 Dr U Thaung Myint of the NCC Work Committee, members U Ba Han and U San Tun, Director of the Office of the Work Committee U Than Aung, and others.

At the meeting, discussions were made for the compilation and scrutinization of the data collected by the panel of

alternative chairmen from the papers submitted by the eight delegate groups in respect of the distribution of legislative power at the National Convention held from 17 May to 9 July so as to submit them to the National Convention by the time it is reconvened.

The meeting came to an end in the afternoon.

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### FM U Win Aung sends felicitations to Uzbekistan

YANGON, 1 Sept — U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Mr Sodyk Safayev, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Uzbekistan, which falls on 1 September 2004. — MNA

POEM:

### We, Myanmar

- \* One who deliberately creates difficulty  
Again shaping himself to be a saviour  
He deceives human beings,  
Makes them believe.  
If one relies on such person,  
He will likely be surrounded by social evils.
- \* Despite much difficulty,  
We will never fall into the den of hardships of others  
Only when we solve the problem,  
And overcome the hardships  
Can we be able to live independently and prestigiously.  
My life will become independent one with prestige  
With this conviction and perseverance,  
We will go on forever.

Byan Hlwar (Trans)

### Dr Myint Thein wins Asian Veterinary Science Prize, Hill's Award

YANGON, 31 Aug — The Annual General Meeting for 2004 sponsored by the Asian Association of Veterinary Schools was held in conjunction with the paper reading session at the Sunway Lagoon Resort Hotel in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 23 August.

Professor (Head of Department) Dr Myint Thein of Surgical and Reproductive Science Department of the University of Veterinary Science under the Ministry of Livestock & Fisheries attended the meeting and presented a research paper on test-tube baby calf.

The association chooses and awards the best three resource persons. This year also, two papers presented by experts from the Republic of Indonesia and Malaysia, and one paper presented by Dr Myint Thein of Myanmar have been chosen as the best papers. And Dr Myint Thein was presented Asian Veterinary Science Prize, Hill's Award together with ¥ 100,000. Dr Myint Thein obtained Ph.D degree from Putra University, Malaysia in 2003. — MNA



*Let's render helpful hands to establishment of self-reliant libraries at every village*

*As of 31 August 2004, altogether 6,750 self-help libraries have been opened nationwide*

**Books and periodicals can be donated at  
District/Township Information & Public Relations Department**



# War in Iraq stokes fire of marchers

BAGHDAD, 30 Aug—Angered by the war in Iraq and determined to oust the President who launched it, hundreds of thousands of people marched Sunday to protest the Bush administration on the eve of the Republican convention.

Marchers banged drums and tambourines, carried peace signs and cardboard coffins, chanted and blew whistles as they followed a 45-block route that passed Madison Square Garden, the site of the Republican convention beginning Monday.

Protesters' signs ranged from the prosaic to the profane and called Bush names ranging from "warmonger" to "bad public speaker."

Opposition to the war in Iraq and criticism of the Bush administration's justification for it were the overarching themes. "We have no business there," said Robin Gearling, 42, of Canton, Ohio, whose son Richard Stano is an Army private now serving in Iraq. "We're looking for something we'll never find. All we're doing is killing our children."

Gearling, a bartender, said she had learned Thursday that her son is hospitalized in Iraq for reasons she does not know.

Her sign included a photograph of her son and the words: "Hey Bush, my kid is in Iraq. Is yours?" The President "is a money-grubbing pig. All he wants out of Iraq is the oil," Gearling said.

"He's a Bible-toting liar," said Sue Niederer, 55, a real-estate agent from Hopewell, NJ, whose son, Army Lt. Seth Dvorin, was killed in Iraq in February.

United for Peace and Justice, the group organizing the march, claimed that 400,000 people participated. Police would not give an estimate of the crowd. An unnamed city official told the *Associated Press* there were 120,000 people. Four hours after the march up Seventh Avenue began at 23rd Street, protesters were still passing Madison Square Garden nine blocks north, and marchers at the back of the assembly point waited nearly an hour and a half to begin walking.

Police lined the streets with metal barricades and wooden sawhorses. Where the route turned south, rows of officers in riot helmets and on horseback blocked the northbound streets. Lynne Gordon, 56, of White Plains, NY, was among the demonstrators offended by the Republicans' choice of New York for a convention. She was working across the street from the World Trade Centre when it was attacked.

"When we were running for our lives, he was sitting in a classroom," Gordon said, referring to Bush's visit to a Florida school the morning of September 11. "He thinks the war would stop terrorism?" she said, starting to cry. "Terrorism has escalated since then. ... He hasn't protected me. He didn't rescue me. How dare he?" —*Internet*

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## Oil attacks hurt Iraq badly

BAGHDAD, 30 Aug—An attack on Iraq's main southern pipeline has seriously hampered critical oil exports in the struggling country, Iraqi officials say.

The attack took place Sunday, officials said, and repairs will take about a week.

Such attacks, Iraq's Interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi said in an exclusive interview with CNN's Walter Rodgers on Monday, were "hurting Iraq quite badly."

"The revenues, the oil prices have increased dramatically, and this is causing great loss for the Iraq people in terms of revenues which could be used for the reconstruction of the country, and to pay the people and get the economy cycle back again," he said. "Unfortunately this is not happening yet because of the sabotage that is happening all the time by terrorists."

Attacks on the oil lines — and the continuing insurgency Allawi said, were "a sign of a determined enemy to wreck Iraq and to wreck the political process in Iraq and to undermine Iraq in order to undermine the whole region and shake the peace of the world." "This is how we see things in Iraq," he said. —*Internet*



*Iraqi soldiers keep guard in Najaf, Iraq, on 30 Aug, 2004. After last Friday's peace deal between rebel Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and US soldiers in Najaf, the situation is slowly getting back to normal. — INTERENT*

## France races against clock in Iraq hostage crisis

CAIRO, 30 Aug—France scrambled to secure the release of two French journalists kidnapped in Iraq by militants who have given Paris until Monday evening to drop its ban on Muslim headscarves in schools.

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier, visiting Egypt as part of a French mission to rally support in Iraq and the region, made an impassioned plea to the Islamic Army in Iraq to free Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot.

The militant group, which last week said it had killed Italian journalist Enzo Baldoni, Saturday gave the French government 48 hours to rescind the headscarf ban, without saying what would happen to the two Frenchmen if it failed to comply.

"We will continue, come what may, to follow all contacts... with civil and religious personalities to explain the reality of the French republic... and obtain the release of these people," Barnier said in Cairo.

Iraqi Sunni and Shiite Muslim groups outside Iraq urged the kidnappers to release the journalists, noting France's opposition to the Iraq war and saying journalists were not combatants.

The crisis stunned France, which waged a campaign against the US-led war and so had considered itself relatively safe from militant attack. France also opposed the 1990-2003 economic sanctions on Iraq.

Chesnot of Radio France Internationale and Malbrunot, who writes for the dailies *Le Figaro* and *Ouest France*, disappeared on August 20 on their way from Baghdad to

Najaf, the day after Baldoni was taken hostage.

"France, due to its position on the war in Iraq, could

have hoped it was safe," *Le Figaro* said. "This was not the case."

—*Internet*

## Shaukat Aziz sworn in as Pakistani Premier

ISLAMABAD, 30 Aug—Pakistan's new Prime Minister, Shaukat Aziz, a technocrat and trusted ally of military leader President Pervez Musharraf, was sworn in on Saturday.

A former Citibank executive who has led the turnaround of the economy from the verge of bankruptcy over the past five years, Aziz was elected to the post on Friday by a vote in the National Assembly, a formality given its pro-military majority.

Musharraf, dressed in a suit rather than military uniform, stood alongside Aziz at the President's House as the two men read the swearing in oath following a Muslim prayer and the playing of the national anthem by a military band. Sheikh Rashid Ahmed, the information minister in the former Cabinet, said Aziz would announce his Cabinet on Tuesday or Wednesday. Aziz is expected to keep the finance portfolio.

—*MNA/Reuters*

## Pakistan seeks for "strategic restraint"

ISLAMABAD, 30 Aug—Pakistan Sunday sought to play down India's test-firing of the *Agni-II* missile, saying that it has taken note of it and would hold talks with New Delhi on the subject in near future while maintaining that "strategic restraint" is in the interest of both nations.

"We have noted that India has tested a surface-to-surface missile. In accordance with an existing understanding, the Indian Government, through our High Commission in Delhi, had given us prior notification about this test," Pakistan Foreign Office spokesman

Masood Khan said in a statement.

Khan said Pakistan too has been testing missiles in the recent past to validate technical parameters of its missile systems.

"Pakistan and India are committed to working towards strategic stability."

We would hold further talks on this subject in the near future. Pakistan does not favour an open-ended arms race in South Asia. We believe that a strategic restraint is in the interest of both nations," Khan said.

—*MNA/PTI*

## India's Broadcasting Minister says Media Commission soon

HYDERABAD, 30 Aug—With the growth of electronic and print media, the Indian Government plans to set up a Media Commission to act as a monitoring body of code of ethics being followed in news industry, federal Information and Broadcasting Minister S Jaipal Reddy said.

"The Media Commission will replace the Press Commission as numerous television channels have cropped

up", Reddy said at a book release function in the capital city of the southern state of Andhra Pradesh on Sunday.

He also sought suggestions from various journalist unions and academies to provide more teeth to the Commission as the existing Press Council has "limited say in implementing ethics code in publishing".

The enormous growth rate in the print and elec-

tronic media should be properly utilized and caution comes as a password in dealing with delicate matters, he said.

Media should play a constructive role and as the dividing line between editors and owners has been slowly erasing, it is necessary to have a Media Commission to safeguard the values of fourth estate, he said.

—*MNA/PTI*



*A woman walks through her partially destroyed home in Najaf, Iraq, on 30 Aug, 2004. After last Friday's peace deal between rebel Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and US soldiers, the city is slowly on its way back to normal life.*

—*INTERENT*

# Australia's Labour renews pledge to bring troops home from Iraq

**SYDNEY, 30 Aug**—The opposition Labour Party renewed its pledge to withdraw Australian troops from Iraq if it wins October 9 elections, setting relations with ally Washington at the centre of the election campaign.

Australia's conservative Prime Minister, John Howard, contributed 2,000 soldiers to the US-led invasion of Iraq last year and about 850 Australian troops remain in the area.

Labour Party leader Mark Latham opposed the war and drew a sharp rebuke from US President George W Bush earlier this year for vowing to withdraw the Australian contingent from Iraq by Christmas, something Bush said would be "disastrous".

Latham reaffirmed Mon-

day that Labour stood by the Christmas pullout target, but said a Labour government would continue to aid the reconstruction of Iraq through the United Nations.

"It is a matter of Australia's national interest and the best contribution we can make in Iraq, in Labour's judgment all along ... needs to be made through the UN," he said. "That's where our policy is pitched."

Latham, who once famously called Bush the most dangerous and incompetent

US president in living memory, countered that a strong alliance with Washington did not mean having to agree on every policy.

"You can have disagreements and with the appropriate diplomatic language you can make those disagreements known and get on with the business," he said.

Howard, 65, will be the first of the three allied leaders who invaded Iraq to put his fate in the hands of voters when he seeks a fourth term of office on October 9.

Bush faces a presidential election three weeks later on November 2 and British Prime Minister Tony Blair's government is expected to go to the polls early next year.

Spain's conservative Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar was the first to pay the price for his government's involvement in Iraq, although he only sent troops in once the regime of President Saddam Hussein had been toppled.

A wave of train bombings in Madrid on March 11 was linked to Spain's troop presence in Iraq and played a central role in his election defeat three days later at the hands of the Socialist Party.

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## Syria, Iraq endeavour to develop cooperation in power supply

**DAMASCUS, 30 Aug**—Syria and Iraq expressed on Friday their willingness to further develop cooperation in the field of electricity, the official SANA news agency reported.

Syrian Minister of Electricity Mohammad Munib Saem al-Daher and his visiting Iraqi counterpart Ayham al-Samaray discussed issues such as the Syrian-Iraqi power line and how to increase the amount of electricity Iraq imports from Syria, according to the report.

The implementation of a power project that links Dayr az Zawr in eastern Syria and the Iraqi region of al-Qaem was particularly underlined at the meeting, said SANA.

The two ministers reviewed all stages of the project that had become more important with the participation of Libya and Lebanon, said Daher, adding that the project was scheduled to be completed in 2006.

The issues of Arab power linkage with Turkey and building more power plants were also discussed, the report said. Samaray arrived here Friday on an official visit to boost cooperation between the two countries in power supply.

MNA/Xinhua



Workers clean up debris in the streets after weeks of fighting in Najaf, Iraq, on 29 Aug, 2004. — INTERENT

## Ex-BBC journalist blasts government over Hutton

**EDINBURGH, 30 Aug**—Former BBC journalist Andrew Gilligan had harsh words for Tony Blair's Government and the BBC's board of governors on Saturday in his first public appearance since resigning in the wake of the Hutton report.

"My main feeling now ... is not of anger. It's of open-mouthed awe at the government's 45-carat, ocean-going, industrial-strength shamelessness," he told a group of Britain's top TV executives at an industry conference in Edinburgh.

"Why on earth did they do it?" Gilligan's report that Blair's government "sexed up" evidence of banned Iraqi weapons set off a chain of events that led to the suicide of his source, scientist David Kelly, and the greatest crisis in the BBC's history. Director-General Greg Dyke, Chairman Gavyn Davies and Gilligan himself were forced to resign after Lord Hutton excoriated the BBC and largely upheld the government's case.

Gilligan defended the core assertion of his story, while admitting he had made certain errors in reporting on the government's dossier on Iraqi weapons.

"It is now clear that that legendary dossier was thorough equivalent, for a journalist, of

writing a front-page news story based on something your minicab driver heard down at the pub in 1995," he said. "Now of course I don't deny my part in the crisis. But a far greater part was played by the lethal combination of Lord Hutton's utterly unbalanced judgement, and the over-reaction of the BBC governors."

He warned that the BBC is in danger of shying away from investigative reports on government, with a new complaints procedure whose "guiding principle is a presumption that the complainant is right".

A BBC spokesman said the complaints procedure's purpose "is not to determine the truth — that way madness lies". The spokesman said that there is no burden of proof on the complainant or the BBC, but that the complaints department will determine if the BBC's procedures and guidelines have been followed.

Gilligan declined to dish any dirt on individuals at the BBC, aside from acknow-

ledging that he had "issues" with some people on staff.

He said: "I'm mostly going to observe the protocol that you shouldn't speak ill of your ex." —MNA/Reuters

## Tobacco kills 16,000 in Gulf region annually

**ABU DHABI, 30 Aug**—Over 16,000 people are killed annually by tobacco in the member countries of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), the *Gulf News* daily reported on Saturday.

The GCC groups the oil-rich states of Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Based on a report by the World Health Organization (WHO), member countries of the GCC spend 819.67 million US dollars on tobacco products every year and 45 deaths occur among smokers in these countries every day, the daily reported. —MNA/Xinhua

## UAE ranks among advanced countries in human development

**ABU DHABI, 30 Aug**—The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has retained its position among the world's most advanced countries in terms of human development, the official WAM news agency reported Saturday.

According to the United Nations Human Development Report for 2004, the UAE ranks the fourth among the Arab world and the 49th among a total of 177 countries in the list.

The report showed UAE's gross domestic product (GDP) per capita was 22,420 US dollars in 2002.

MNA/Xinhua



US troops deploy in Sadr City on 30 Aug, 2004. Talks between the Iraqi government and the office of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr aimed at ending violence in the Baghdad slum of Sadr City were stumbling over the fate of weapons belonging to Sadr's Mehdi Army. — INTERENT



# Iraqi son urges release of French newsmen

DUBAI, 30 Aug — The son of an Iraqi driver taken hostage along with two French reporters urged their kidnappers on Sunday to release them unharmed.

Ayman al-Jundi, son of driver Mohamed al-Jundi, told Al-Jazeera television his father had worked with journalists Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot for more than a year.

On Saturday, Al Jazeera said both men had been kidnapped by a militant group called the Islamic Army in Iraq, which demanded the French Government revoke a ban on Muslim headscarves within 48 hours. The group did not give an ultimatum.

"He was never afraid, he knew the people he worked with were loved by the Iraqis," Jundi said in an interview from Baghdad.

"I would like to tell the people who took them that these journalists support Muslims and Iraqis, everyone knows the French Government supports the Iraqi people, they have

nothing to do with the decision of their government.

"Please, please, let my father go. He has a wife and children who are waiting for him," he said, adding that his father was the only breadwinner in a family of five.

France's opposition to last year's US-led war on Iraq and the ensuing occupation won it public support in the Middle East, where the conflict has inflamed anti-US sentiment.

But France's ban on Muslim headscarves in state schools sparked criticism by some Muslim scholars in the region.

On Sunday, President Jacques Chirac sent Foreign Minister Michel Barnier to the Middle East to try to win freedom for the journalists, who disappeared on the road to Najaf on August 20.

MNA/Reuters



A US Army soldier guards the perimeter as Iraqi fire fighters work on controlling a burning pipeline near Baghdad on 30 August, 2004.

INTERNET

## Chirac sends FM to Mideast to win Iraq hostage release

PARIS, 30 Aug — French President Jacques Chirac sent his foreign minister to the Middle East on Sunday to try to win freedom for two journalists held in Iraq by militants.

"Today, the whole nation is united because the lives of two Frenchmen are at stake," Chirac said in a televised address on Sunday evening.

"Backed up by this national unity, I solemnly call for the release of Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot. Everything is being done and everything will be done in the coming hours and days to achieve this."

Shortly after Chirac laid out France's position, Foreign Minister Michel Barnier flew to Cairo on a Middle East tour meant to tap regional contacts and win the journalists' release.

The Islamic Army in Iraq, which last week said it killed Italian journalist Enzo Baldoni, on Saturday gave Paris 48 hours to rescind France's headscarf ban, without saying what would happen if it does not. Chesnot worked for Radio France International (RFI) and Malbrunot for daily newspapers *Le Figaro* and *Ouest France*. They disappeared en route from Baghdad to Najaf on August 20, the day after Baldoni was taken hostage. — MNA/Reuters

## Chirac delays Russia trip over Iraq hostage crisis

PARIS, 30 Aug — French President Jacques Chirac has put off his planned departure for talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder in Crimea because of the Iraq hostage crisis, his office said on Sunday.

Chirac, who won Putin's and Schroeder's backing last year in his campaign against the US-led war in Iraq, was due to leave during the day on Monday for the two-day meeting in the Black Sea resort of Sochi. — MNA/Reuters

## British oppsn attacks US for shielding Blair

LONDON, 30 Aug — Britain's opposition leader accused the US Administration on Saturday of protecting Prime Minister Tony Blair after a daily newspaper reported that he had been told he would never meet the US President.

Conservative leader Michael Howard was reportedly barred from the White House because he criticized Blair's stance over the Iraq war.

*The Sun* newspaper said President George W Bush's top political adviser told Howard's office "in a furious phone call" in February that he would never meet the President.

"You can forget about meeting the president full stop. Don't bother coming, you are not meeting him," the adviser, Karl Rove, said, according to *The Sun*.

In a statement released on Saturday, Howard did not

explicitly confirm the story.

But he said: "If some people in the White House, in their desire to protect Mr Blair, think I am too tough on Mr Blair or too critical of him, they are entitled to their opinion."

"But I shall continue to do my job as I see fit."

The right-wing Conservatives have in the past been natural allies of Bush's Republican Party. But the close personal relationship between Blair and Bush has overtaken traditional party loyalties.

Howard reiterated his warmth in general to the United States and said he

could work with either Bush or Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry after November's election.

"Britain shares with the United States many interests and many values, and the USA is our closest ally," he said.

"A Conservative government would work very closely with President Bush or President Kerry, but my job as leader of the opposition is to say things as I see them in the interests of our country and to hold our government to account."

The Conservatives are trailing Blair's centre-left Labour Party by several

percentage points in most recent polls, and analysts are predicting a third Blair victory at a British general election expected next year.

The Conservatives — including Howard — supported Britain's decision to join the US-led invasion of Iraq last year.

But Howard, who did not lead the Conservatives at the time, said recently he would not have backed the war had he known then what is now known about faulty intelligence on Saddam Hussein's supposed weapons of mass destruction.

MNA/Reuters

## UAE labour market grows 7.5% annually

ABU DHABI, 30 Aug — The working population in the United Arab Emirates has doubled in the last 10 years, increasing by more than 109 per cent between 1993-2003, the English-language *Khaleej Times* reported Friday.

According to the statistics provided by the Ministry of Planning, the total population increased by 79 per cent during the same period, with an average annual

growth rate of 6 per cent, probably the highest in the world, the newspaper said.

Three-fourths of the working population, which has witnessed an

average annual growth rate of 7.5 per cent during the 10-year period, are now engaged in the tertiary service sector, the report added.

MNA/Xinhua

## UAE cement sector hit by surge in global coal prices

ABU DHABI, 30 Aug — The cement sector in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) is affected by a recent surge in international coal prices, the local *Khaleej Times* reported here Friday.

Sources from the sector said global prices for coal, which is used in the cement manufacturing process, have registered a 14-per-cent increase in the last three months, soaring to 90 US dollars per ton against 77 dollars per ton earlier, the newspaper reported.

The current price is a 55-per-cent increase over that of last year when prices were hovering around 40 dollars per ton.

Local coal importers believe a hike in freight rates coupled with increase in fuel prices have aided the hike in coal prices, the newspaper quoted the sources as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

## China's mobile phone export value doubled in January-July

BEIJING, 31 Aug — China, the world's biggest exporter of mobile phones, saw a 104.9 per cent increase in the value of its mobile phone export, which stood at 7.15 billion US dollars in the January-July period this year, the Ministry of Commerce said Monday.

The country exported 73.41 million handsets during the period, up 55.9 per cent year on year, and 94 per cent of the cell phones were exported by means of processing trade.

Producers of the exported handsets are mostly joint ventures with companies. Motorola, Siemens, Nokia and Ericsson accounted for 66 per cent of GSM mobile phone units exported. Home-grown GSM mobile phone companies exported only 4 per cent of the total GSM handsets.

China's cell phone exports cover 99 countries and regions worldwide. The United States, Hong Kong, Germany and Singapore are the four largest markets, occupying three quarters of the total export. The rapid growth in cell phone export resulted in a surplus of 6.3 billion US dollars in the seven months, up 270 per cent over the same period last year.

Ministry officials attributed the surplus to China's increasing R&D capacity, which enabled domestic manufacturers to rely less on imports when they expanded their production capacity. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi man wheels his bicycle past a destroyed Najaf building after a peace agreement on 28 August, 2004. — INTERNET

# Those who daren't show their face — 59

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It is a common knowledge that the foreign radio stations — the BBC, the VOA, the RFA, and the DVB — that are under the influence of neo-colonialists, are airing daily news reports, letters to the editor and interviews, which are slandering Myanmar and her Government. They are also broadcasting special news reports in commemoration of the occasions which they said were meaningful, just to discredit Myanmar.

The radio stations are grieving tearfully over the sudden end of the anarchy of the 1988 unrest, and the VOA aired a crazy interview with a person by the name 'U Win Naing' about the matter in a four-part series on 5 and 6 August 2004.

I will now present only the summary of the interview. According to the analysis of U Win Naing, the 1988 unrest failed because of the lack of both individual and collective leadership, as well as the military's ruthless acts to crush it. In addition, he said that not any of the foreign nations had provided any assistance for the uprising; that only some of the embassies provided only a small token of assistance, instead of giving a substantial help. Finally, he said in a sorrowful voice that because of those situations, the four-8 unrest was ended in a total failure.

How ridiculous the interview was for all the people of Myanmar? The basic cause of the failure of the four-8 disturbances, or in other words, the anarchy created by the destructionists from inside and outside the country and political opportunists, who were so-called democracy activists, was none other than the acts to grab power through short cut.

When the anarchy started to rule the whole nation, the so-called democracy leaders tried to form a parallel government to vie with each other for power. Other so-called democracy leaders who were behind the scene, began to attack and slander the so-called members of the illegal parallel government, with the newspapers of poor quality published by their own groups. And all sincere efforts to make them united failed because of their craze for power. Later, the disturbances become more violent, for rebellious demonstrators formed strike camps and

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defined their own territories, guarding them with their pocket armies holding swords and spears and were ready to attack others. I wonder why he (U Win Naing) was so crazy about mentioning the evil images of the anarchy as a democracy uprising.

It is crystal clear that democracy and anarchy are totally different from each other like the east and the west. Because of their terrible situation they were facing during the unrest, the people of Myanmar have understood that it is the Tatmadaw that saved the nation in time from the brink of falling into an abyss. Nobody can deny the fact that the four-8 disturbances met its end as it failed to win the public support. I pity and also like to ridicule him much for presenting a wrong analysis at the interview.

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But what the Myanmar people have gained from the interview is that they have become to realize that a person like U Win Naing will have no hard feelings to see the country dying in a blood bath, or being reduced to ash; and that his words show that his desire is not for democracy but just to grab power. Now, I will conclude my article. U Win Naing, an opportunist politician, has shown his ugly face while speaking in his interview with the VOA. And his words are like announcing the foolishness and power craze of all the destructive elements from inside and outside the country including political opportunists like U Win Naing. So, the people of entire Myanmar pity them as the persons who daren't show their face in public.

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(Translation: TMT)

(Myamma Alin + Kyemon: 31-8-2004)

## 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

## မိုးရာသီတွင် ဖြစ်တတ်သောရောဂါများ

### ကာကွယ်ရေးနည်းဆောင်ရွက်

- ၁။ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတစ်ဝှမ်းလုံးတွင် မိုးရာသီရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားခြင်း နှစ်စဉ် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးရေးအတွက် ပြည်သူလူထု တစ်ရပ်လုံးမှ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနနှင့်ပူးပေါင်းပြီး ဆောင်ရွက်ကြရန် တိုက်တွန်းနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။
- ၂။ မိုးရာသီတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများမှာ အောက်ပါအတိုင်း ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
  - (က) ဝမ်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ ဝမ်းဆွဲခြင်း၊ ဝမ်းကိုက်ခြင်း။
  - (ခ) အဆေးမိချောင်းဆိုးခြင်းနှင့် တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါ။
  - (ဂ) အသက်(၁၀)နှစ်အောက်ကလေးများတွင် သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါ
  - (ဃ) အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါရောဂါ
- ၃။ ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားရခြင်းမှာ အောက်ပါအကြောင်းများကြောင့်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
  - (က) ရေကိုကျိုချက်မသောက်ခြင်း။
  - (ခ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တွင် ရေမြောင်းများ၊ပိတ်နေခြင်းနှင့် ရေဆိုးများ ရှိနေခြင်း။
  - (ဂ) ယင်လုံအိမ်သာမသုံးခြင်း။
  - (ဃ) ဝမ်းနူးစားများစားခြင်း၊ အမှည့်လွန်သစ်သီးများစားခြင်း။
  - (င) ရာသီအလိုက်ပေါ်သော သရက်သီး၊ နာနတ်သီး စသည့် အချို့ ဓါတ်ပါဝင်သောသစ်သီးများ စားကျွမ်းစားကျန်များ အိမ်နားတွင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်း။
  - (စ) ယင်နားစားစားခြင်း၊ လမ်းဘေးမသန့်ရှင်းသော ဈေးဆိုင်များမှ အစားအစာများစားခြင်း။
  - (ဆ) မိမိအိမ်တွင်း၌ ခြင်္သေ့ယင်များကို မခိုခင်းနိုင်ခြင်း။
  - (ဇ) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှု မရှိခြင်း။
- ၄။ ဤအထက်ပါရောဂါများကို ကြောက်လန့် စိုးရိမ်သွယ်ရာမရှိပါ။ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးသည့် ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သွယ်ရာမရှိပါ။ သို့ဖြစ်၍ ပြည်သူ လူထုတစ်ရပ်လုံးသည် ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနနှင့်ပူးပေါင်း၍ ကာကွယ် တားဆီးကြရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

### လိုက်နာရမည့်အချက်များ

- (က) ရေကိုကျိုချက်မသောက်ပါ။
- (ခ) ရေမြောင်းများ၊ရေစီးရေလှောင်ကောင်းအောင် ကိုယ့်အားကိုယ်ကို၍ ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။ လိုအပ်ပါက စည်ပင်သာယာအဖွဲ့များမှ အကူအညီရယူပါ။ ယင်လုံအိမ်သာသုံးစွဲကြပါ။
- (ဂ) အမှည့်လွန်သစ်သီးများစားခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။ စားကြွင်းစားကျန်များကို စနစ်တကျစွန့်ပစ်ပါ။ (တွင်းတွင်စွန့်ပစ်ပါ။)
- (ဃ) မိမိအိမ်တွင် ခြင်္သေ့၊ ယင်များမရှိအောင် သင့်ရာနည်းဖြင့်ခိုခင်းပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနမှ ဆေးဖျန်းအဖွဲ့သည် အခါအားလျော်စွာ ပြည်သူလူထုနှင့်ပူးပေါင်း၍ ခြင်္သေ့၊ ယင်များကို ခိုခင်းပေးပါမည်။
- (င) ယင်နားစားများစားခြင်း၊ မသန့်ရှင်းသောအစားအစာများစားခြင်းကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (စ) ဝမ်းမီး၊ ဝမ်းနူး၊ ဝမ်းနူး၊ လက်ကို စင်ကြယ်စွာဆေးကြောပါ။
- (ဆ) ရေချိုးခေါင်းလျှော်သတိထားပါ။
- (ဇ) မိုးမီလျှင် ဆေးဆေးထွေးထွေးနေပါ။
- (ဈ) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းရေးကိုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- (ည) ရုပ်ကွက်သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို အပတ်စဉ် ခုခေါင်း၍ဆောင်ရွက်ကြပါ။

၅။ ဤသို့တားဆီးကာကွယ်နေသည့်ကြားမှ ရောဂါများဖြစ်ပွားလာပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးခန်းဆေးလျှော့သို့သွားရောက်ပြသ၍ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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## Achievements in the energy sector



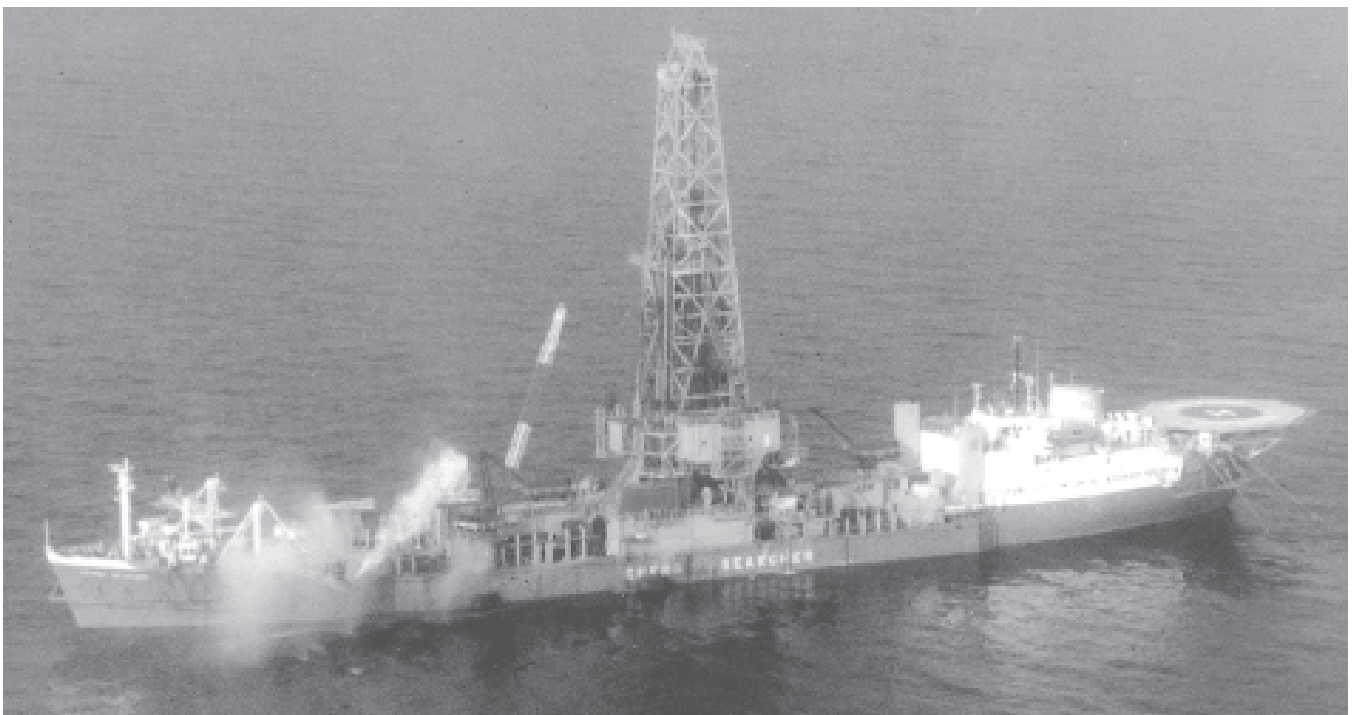
*Liquefied gas factory of the Ministry of Energy in Nyaungdon-Pantanaw-Maubin oil field.—MNA*



*No 21 well of Nyaungdon oil and gas field. — ENERGY*



*Oil Field No-1 of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in Thagyitaung oil and gas field, Pauk Township, Pakokku District, Magway Division.  
MYANMA ALIN*



*The Energy Searcher Drilling Machine at work at the Shwe-1 test well in Block No A-1, offshore Rakhine coast. — MNA*



## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives visiting Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army

YANGON, 31 Aug — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar at 6 pm today. Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Vice-Chief-Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win.

The visiting Thai General and party were accompanied by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Military Attaché Col Kasam Nakpun.—MNA



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA*



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA*

### Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San welcome ...

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Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal, Military Attaché Col Kasam Nakpun and officials.

At 9.45 am, the special aircraft of Royal Thai Army carrying the Thai goodwill delegation led by the Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army and wife arrived at Yangon International Airport where they were welcomed by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San and party. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and the Thai General went to the dais in the lounge of the airport to take the salute of the Guard of Honour. Afterwards, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and the Thai General inspected the Guard of Honour.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted those who accompanied the Thai General and wife. Similarly, Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra greeted those who accompanied Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, wife Daw Mya Mya San. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party saw off the Thai General and wife and party before their departure for No 1 Defence Services Guest House.—MNA



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra inspect Guard of Honour.—MNA*



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra taking salute of the Guard of Honour.—MNA*





Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and party visit Drug Elimination Museum. — MNA

## Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army visits downtown Yangon, Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 31 Aug— Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra, his wife and party, who are on a goodwill visit here at the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Brig-Gen Kyaw Han of the Ministry of Defence, Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and the Military Attaché Colonel Kasam Nakpun and officials, visited the Drug Elimination Museum in Kamayut Township at 2 pm today.

Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and party were welcomed there by member of Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win and officials.

Next, Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win and officials conducted the visiting Thai General and party round the booths of the museum displaying the drug elimination activities

undertaken from the times of Myanmar monarchs to this date. The visiting Thai General signed in the visitors' book.

They proceeded to the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road in Dagon Township. Major Kyaw Kyaw Myint of the Directorate of the Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute and officials welcomed them. The visiting Thai General and party were conducted by officials round the booths in the museum. The visiting Thai General signed in the visitors' book.

On arrival at Shwedagon Pagoda, the visiting Thai General and party were welcomed by members of the pagoda board of trustees. They paid homage to the pagoda and the visiting Thai General signed in the visitors' book at the ancient Buddha images Tazaung. Later, they presented cash donations to members of the pagoda board of trustees and left there. — MNA

## Madame Veena Shinawatra visits Gems Museum

YANGON, 31 Aug—Madame Veena Shinawatra, wife of General Chaisit Shinawatra, Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army, accompanied by Daw Yin Yin Nwe, wife of Brig-Gen Kyaw Han of the Ministry of Defence, Daw Khin Win Kyaw, wife of Myanmar Military Attaché to Thailand Col Ko Ko Maung, Mrs Venus Nakpun, wife of Thai Military Attaché to Myanmar Col Kasam Nakpun and officials, at 11 am today, arrived at the Myanmar Gems Museum on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here and they were welcomed there by Assistant Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thit Lwin and officials.

Madame Veena Shinawatra and party were conducted round the Myanmar Gems Museum by Adviser to the Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Ohn Myint and Deputy Assistant Director Daw Aye Myo Naing.—MNA



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein sees off Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party at the Yangon International Airport. — MNA

## Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win leaves for Indonesia

YANGON, 31 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, accompanied by Director of Ordnance Services Maj-Gen Sein Lin of the Ministry of Defence and officials, left here by air for Indonesia this morning to attend the ceremony to commence the 14th ASEAN Defence Services (Army) Shooting Competition to be held in Indonesia. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Defence Services Sports and Physical Education Administrative Board Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Vice-Chiefs of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and Maj-Gen Nyan Win, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence and officials.— MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe ...

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Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

General Chaisit Shinawatra was accompanied by Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Military Attaché Colonel Kasam Nakpun. — MNA

## Upgrading of roads inspected

YANGON, 31 Aug— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor of Yangon Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected the tasks of upgrading and beautifying the roads in Yangon and gave necessary instructions fulfilling the needs.

The commander and the mayor saw over paving concrete slabs, replacing concrete kerb stones, placing lids on drainage, repaving the roads in Mingala Taungnyunt, Bahan and South Okkalapa Townships and inspected construction of cross-over bridge that links Kandawgyi and Zoological gardens.

The head of engineering department (roads/bridges) of YCDC reported them on the tasks implementing for making the city beautiful and tidy. They gave necessary instructions on timely completion of the projects.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and wife being welcomed by Malaysian Ambassador Dato Cheah Sam Kip and wife at the dinner hosted to mark the 43rd Anniversary of the National day of Malaysia on 31 August 2004. — MNA



*Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt being welcomed by local people on arrival at Yedashe on 29 August. — MNA*



## Economic infrastructure and regional economic standard depend much on correct management of township level departmental officials

### PM General Khin Nyunt inspects development of Yedashe, Toungoo

YANGON, 31 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, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, left Thagara on 29 August morning by helicopter and arrived Yedashe at 11.45 am.

They attended the ceremony to lay cornerstone for Multi-purpose Diesel Engine Factory of the Ministry of Industry-2 in Thagara, Yedashe Township, Bago Division, in the morning. They were welcomed by Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Thura Maung Ni, senior military officers, local authorities and local people.

On arrival at Yedashe Basic Education High School, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by teachers and students. At Aung San Hall of the school, the Prime Minister met local authorities, departmental personnel and social organization members.

Chairman of Yedashe Township Peace and Development Council U Kyaw Than reported on location, population, land and water resources, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy in 2003-2004, cultivation target for monsoon and summer paddy in 2004-2005, local food and edible oil sufficiency, production of 10 main crops, livestock breeding, education, health and requirements of regional development.

The Prime Minister heard reports on education, health, agriculture, livestock breeding sectors, afforestation, development and transport tasks by officials and fulfilled the requirements. The Prime Minister in his speech said that the purpose of his tour was to fulfil the requirements for development of Yedashe Township. In the previous tour of Yedashe Township, he also attended to the need for regional development. At the present ceremony, in response to the reports by the officials, he had attended to the requirements for raising the education and health sectors as well as regional development through coordination. In this regard, respective departmental officials, townelders and people on their part are to make concerted endeavours for regional and national development. Departmental officials and the entire people are to make combined efforts to achieve success in building the three fundamental requirements essential for national development. The first fundamental requirement is to ensure stability, peace and prevalence of law and order. Only when there is community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order, will the State's administrative machinery be effective over the nation and can development projects be implemented in a systematic way.

In the past, peace and stability could not be restored in Bago Yoma mountain range region and its environs including Yedashe Township owing to armed insurgency. But now peace and stability has been restored, so township level departmental officials are to make field trips down to rural areas to organize local people by fulfilling the requirements in order to win their enthusiastic participation for ensuring prevalence of law and order.

The second fundamental requirement is to build economic foundation and to ensure strong economy of the State.

Economic infrastructure for rural regions and townships and regional economic standard depend much on the correct management of township level departmental officials. The departmental officials engaged in the sector of agriculture and livestock breeding, fundamental businesses of rural people, are to take a leading role and to attend to their needs. Based on interrelation, departmental officials and local people are to be united in carrying out the tasks to boost productivity and to further strengthen the regional economy and to elevate the living standard of local people. The third fundamental

requirement is to ensure oneness of the people with firm resolution or to ensure national solidarity of the entire people. Only when the entire people are well equipped with national spirit, patriotism and Union Spirit flourish and they join hands firmly in discharging nation-building duties, will the nation develop and exist as long as the world does. Adhering to the concept that with equitable development of all parts of the Union, national solidarity can be strengthened more and more, the government has been implementing different development projects including the five rural development tasks across the country.

Through the effective exertion of the strength of social organizations in respective townships and enlisting their great strength, township level departmental officials are to make zealous efforts for regional development then all-round development of the Union.

The more the people witness correct endeavours and sympathetic assistance of departmental officials, the more they will place their reliance on the State and participate in the nation-building endeavours and the greater success can be achieved in carrying out regional development undertakings. With the participation of the people in unison in nation-building endeavours under the leadership of the government, nationalistic fervour, patriotism, the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit will flourish further among the people. In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on township level departmental officials to take a leading role in building strong foundations in rural regions and townships, and social organizations, townelders and the people to take part in these tasks. Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented TV, VCR and computer for Yedashe BEHS and Thagara BEHS to the school heads. After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present.

On arrival at Yedashe Township Hospital, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Medical Superintendent Dr Tun Nay Aung, doctors and nurses. The Prime Minister inspected units of the hospitals and gave necessary instructions. Next, they went back to Pinyinmana.

The Prime Minister and party yesterday morning arrived at Pinyinmana Township Hospital where Deputy Director-General Dr Hla Pe of Health Department, Medical Superintendent Dr U Nyunt Hlaing, doctors and officials welcomed them. The Prime Minister inspected units of the hospital. Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and officials conducted the Prime Minister round the hospital. Next, the Prime Minister gave instructions on clean and pleasant of the environs of the hospital and attended to the needs. Afterwards, they flew to Toungoo from Pinyinmana by helicopter. The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials. The Prime Minister and party went to Toungoo University where Deputy Director-General U Sein Win of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar), the rector, faculty members and departmental officials welcomed them.

In the briefing hall, Rector U Kyaw Myint Oo reported to the Prime Minister on academic and management matters, progress of construction works and future tasks. Minister for Education U Than Aung and Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko gave supplementary reports. The Prime Minister instructed them to build the university in a grand style in accord with the master plan in a short time and attended to the needs. He then inspected the site for construction of the main building of the university and progress of tasks.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to self-reliant Linyanggyi Library and Basic Post-Primary School in Lebu Model Village beside Toungoo University Road and fulfilled the requirements. The Prime Minister then met local people. On arrival at Toungoo Government Technological College, Director-General U Kyaw Soe of Mechanical and Vocational Education Department, Principal U Soe Win and teachers welcomed them. In the meeting hall, Principal U Soe Win presented reports on academic and management matters of the college and the design for new Toungoo GTC. Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug gave a supplementary report. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions and inspected the design of the college. Then, he cordially greeted the faculty members. At Toungoo Government Computer College, the principal and teachers welcomed the Prime Minister and party. In the meeting hall, Principal Daw Khaing Moe Nwe reported on academic and management matters and requirements of the college. Minister U Thaug gave a supplementary report. Next, the Prime Minister cordially met with the teachers after fulfilling the requirements.

Next, the Prime Minister inspected the site for the main building of the college. The commander and officials conducted the Prime Minister round the site. The Prime Minister attended to their needs. Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party went to Toungoo Airport. Next, they left there and arrived back here in the evening. — MNA



*Three-storey buildings of Toungoo University. — MNA*



# Government paying serious attention not only to economic development but also to long-term development of people

## Thephyu Dam—163rd in the country— opened

YANGON, 31 Aug— A ceremony to open Thephyu Dam built on Thephyu Creek to the north-west of Yebyayoe village, Lewe Township, Yamethin District in Mandalay Division by Construction-5 of Irrigation Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation was held yesterday morning, attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Mandalay Division PDC Chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for A&I Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, senior military officers of the Central Command, officials of SPDC office and Irrigation Department, division-level departmental personnel, local authorities, members of social organizations, local people, band troupe and pom pom troupe totaling 8,000.

In his address, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that Thephyu Dam will benefit 500 acres of sugarcane and 700 acres of paddy field. Moreover, the dam will be able to irrigate other farmland through Yeni, KyaukOho diversion weir, he said.

Water for agricultural purpose is scarce in most of the townships in Mandalay Division and farmers had to rely on rain to grow crops, he said. Therefore, with the aim of raising the living standard of locals and ensuring water for both agricultural purpose and household use, dams and reservoirs have been built, river water pumping projects and underground water tapping projects implemented in the regions including Mandalay Division where water is scarce, he stressed.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint continued to say that at a time when all-out efforts are being made for national development based on the agriculture sector, water resource is being pooled for agricultural development. Increased use of water resource is important to greening environs and raising the socio-economic life of the people, he said. Altogether 42 dams and reservoirs including Thephyu dam have been built in Mandalay Division and these facilities benefit over 334,000 acres of farmland, he elaborated. The government spent 10,067.61 million kyat on building these irrigation facilities, he said.

Moreover, 70 river water pumping stations have been built in Mandalay Division to irrigate over 53,686 acres of land and nine river water pumping projects which are under implementation will be able to supply water to 66,700 acres of land in the near future, he said. In the whole country, there are now 163 dams including Thephyu Dam, he said.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as giving guidance that dams and reservoirs are being built throughout the country for agricultural development and thus farmers, on their part, are to effectively use the water supplied by these dams for food sufficiency and regional development.

In accord with the guidance, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said, efforts are to be made by using water supplied by the dams for regional economic development and national development. In implementing water supply tasks in the arid zones where water is scarce, the government is paying serious attention not only to economic development but also to long-term development of local people, development of the agriculture sector, raising the living standard of locals, greening environs and other consequences, he said.

As ways and means are being sought to supply water, the government, hand in hand with the people, have been able to implement such tasks as forest conservation, afforestation, establishment of firewood plantations and using wood-substitute fuel successfully, he said.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint emphasized that without forest



*Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveils the stone inscription of Thephyu Dam in Lewe Township.— MNA*

conservation, the dams which have been built spending a large sum of money would not be able to store water and as a result, water for agricultural purpose would be scarce and thus preventive measures are to be taken.

He urged all the local people to lend themselves to efforts for implementing arid zone greening project.

With greening in all the arid zone, it can be witnessed that the weather become regular and the agriculture sector develop significantly, he said. All the ten major crops are thriving well in Mandalay Division and kitchen crops are grown in the division and thus it can be said that Mandalay Division is the division on which the State can rely economically, he said. He continued to say that 12 per cent of national economy was contributed by Mandalay Division in 2003-2004 fiscal year and the economy of the division plays a vital role for the State's economy. He urged the local people to effectively use the infrastructures built by the State in Mandalay Division for the division to become a region that will be able to contribute much towards the economic development of the State. He also urged them to pay serious attention to greening environs and forest conservation.

The government is striving for equitable development of all regions in the country, he said. He quoted Senior General Than Shwe as saying that if the government is striving day in day out in the interests of the people; if the Tatmadaw is not only performing its national defence duties but also serving in the interests of the people and if the people, on their part, are participating to their capacity in the nation-building tasks, the nation will surely develop. In accord with the guidance, he said, farmers and service personnel are needed to double their efforts. The united efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw will surely bring about equitable development of all regions in the State and she will be able to stand tall among the nations of the world. Realizing goodwill of the State, he said, all are to participate in national development endeavours and regional development tasks. Moreover, all are to participate, hand in hand with the government, in endeavours for successful implementation of the seven-point policy programme of the State, he said.

In conclusion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, on behalf of the State, honoured the officials of the Ministry of A&I and urged the local people to strive for agricultural development in the region using water supplied by Thephyu Dam and also urged them to maintain the dam.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin made a speech. He

said that Thephyu Dam is the 163rd one of its kind built in the time of present government, that dams and reservoirs and river water pumping stations built in the country are now benefiting over 40 million acres of farmland, that the capacity of growing crops has reached 153 per cent throughout the country, that there are good foundations for agricultural development, that effective use of these foundations will diminish the barriers, that Thephyu Dam will contribute much towards growing sugarcane that is important to sugar mill in the region, that the Ministry of A&I is striving for raising the living standard of farmers and agricultural development, that agricultural development will surely raise the living standard of farmers thereby contributing much towards development of the State's economy, that in today's world, there are limitations in tapping water resources and all are paying serious attention to decrease of water resource, that it can be seen that the situation in Myanmar can overcome these difficulties and thus all are striving for national development.

In conclusion, the minister urged the farmers to effectively use the water for growing crops and greening environs. Afterwards, the commander made a speech. In his speech the commander said that in 2003-2004, 614,305 acres of land were put under monsoon paddy and 192,099 acres under summer paddy in Mandalay Division, that in three years period from 2004-2005 to 2006-2007, arrangements are being made to put 726,179 acres of land under monsoon paddy, that Thephyu dam is the 42nd one in Mandalay Division and that local people are to conserve forests in the watershed areas. Next, a local thanked the government for building the dam. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the stone inscriptions of the dam. The commander and the minister formally opened the dam. Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander, the minister and departmental heads had documentary photo taken together with local people and students. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed round the dam.

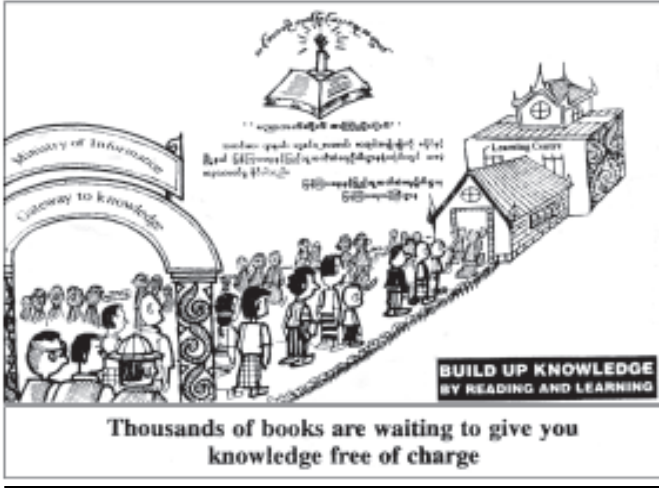
With the total length of 3030 feet and height of 90 feet, Thephyu Dam is located eight miles from Thabyaybin village in Lewe Township to the north-west of Yebyayoe village in the township of Yamethin District, Mandalay Division. It is the 163rd one of its kind built by the State. It will benefit 1200 acres of farmland in Yebyayoe, Innbin and Nyaungmoteik village tracts and it will supply water for agriculture purpose in Lewe region and contribute towards greening of environs and regional development.

After the ceremony, Director U Victor of Construction-5 reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint on geographical conditions of the dam, background history of the dam and arrangements being made for supplying water to farmland. Director-General U Kyaw San Win made a supplementary report. After giving instructions on supplying water to monsoon paddy fields, Lt-Gen Ye Myint left the dam.— MNA

**Thephyu Dam is the 163rd one of its kind built in the time of present government. Dams and reservoirs and river water pumping stations built nationwide are now benefiting over 40 million acres of farmland. The capacity of growing crops has reached 153% throughout the country. Thephyu Dam will contribute much towards growing sugarcane.**



*Newly opened Thephyu Dam built on Thephyu Creek in Lewe Township.— MNA*



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## Romania floods kill five, damage homes, land

BUCHAREST, 30 Aug — Five people died in floods which swept across eastern and southern Romania at the weekend, damaging hundreds of homes and disrupting road and rail traffic, authorities and media said on Sunday.

Three children and an elderly woman in the eastern county of Vaslui drowned after being caught by swollen rivers when coming back from the fields. Officials said another woman, aged 76, was killed by swollen waters in

the south-eastern county of Tulcea.

Nearly 1,000 houses were flooded in the Balkan country, with over 350 houses damaged the southern county of Constanta, the worst hit by the floods.

Television images showed tourists walking waist-deep in water on the streets of Black Sea resorts and cars stuck on roads with water nearly reaching the windshield.

Authorities said about 200 litres of rain per square

metre fell in Constanta over the past 24 hours, exceeding the sewage system's capacity.

Around 60 kilometres of roads across the country were covered by muddy waters and traffic had to be halted, while two kilometres of rail were deep under water.

Preliminary data showed that over 6,300 hectares of farm land, mainly vineyards in the eastern county of Vrancea, were damaged.

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## Eight dead in French motorway crash

PARIS, 30 Aug — Eight people were killed and about 40 injured on Sunday when a Spanish bus and at least three other vehicles crashed on a motorway in southwestern France, a local official said.

The bus, which was taking Spanish, Portuguese and North African passengers

from northern Portugal to Paris, apparently flipped over on the rain-swept highway after the driver jammed on the brakes, he said.

The accident site near Salles, south of Bordeaux, was a confusing mass of wrecked vehicles and contradictory reports on the dead and injured. At one point,

local traffic officials were reporting up to 20 dead.

"It was raining this morning on the motorway and the bus probably braked hard, possibly because of an object on the road, and flipped over," Alain Gehin, prefect of the Gironde department, said after visiting the site

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## Powerful typhoon Chaba set to hit southern Japan

TOKYO, 30 Aug — A powerful typhoon was poised to strike the southwestern Japanese island of Kyushu on Monday, threatening large areas of the country with strong winds and heavy rain.

The storm is likely to be the strongest to hit Japan this year. Winds at its centre were gusting at up to 180 kilometre 110 miles per hour, the Kyodo news agency reported.

The arrival of Chaba, whose name means "hibiscus" in Thai, coincides with the highest tides of the year, leading to increased concern about potential damage in coastal areas.

In affected areas, at least three people were slightly injured and more than 600 evacuated. Over 20,000 households faced blackouts, and more than 100 were flooded.

Transport was badly disrupted in southern Japan, with 275 flights cancelled, affect-

ing 19,000 people. Kyodo reported. Ferry services in southern and western areas were also cancelled.

At 7 pm (1000 GMT) Sunday, Chaba was located about 160 kilometres south-southeast of Yakushima Island in Kagoshima Prefecture, moving northwest at 15 kilometre per hour. The slow speed of the typhoon is likely to mean it causes more damage, with up to 800 millimetres of rain expected in some areas over the next day.

After hitting Kyushu, Chaba is expected to turn to the northeast, the Meteorological Agency said. It is then forecast to move along Japan's western coast on a path similar to that of typhoon Megi, which set off landslides and flooding that killed 10 people in Japan and at least three in South Korea earlier this month.

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## Lack of funds blocking Brazil's space programme

BRASILIA, 30 Aug — Insufficient funds constituted the main reason for the failure of Brazil's space programme, which has seen three unsuccessful attempts at sending a rocket into space, the legislative commission said on Saturday.

The latest failure took place on 23 August, 2003, in which a rocket that was going to send two national satellites into orbit exploded, killing 21 Brazilian experts.

The commission's conclusion echoed the opinion of Brazilian Defence Minister Jose Viegas, who admitted the shortage of funds was the root cause for the space tragedy although official report showed that the accident was caused directly by a short circuit in the rocket systems.

The commission said lack of investments in new equipment, security measures and training of the personnel working on the space programme led to the tragedy.

According to the government-appointed commission, the government budget on space programme was reduced to 15.3 million US dollars in 2002 from 86 million dollars in 1998.

In addition, Terezinha Fernandes, a member of the commission, said low salaries at the Space Base of Alcantara made many technicians and officials hold extra jobs to meet their own needs.

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## More New Zealanders support giving aid to poorer countries

WELLINGTON, 31 Aug — The number of New Zealanders who support giving international aid to poorer countries is growing, according to a new public opinion poll result released on Monday.

Some 76 per cent of New Zealanders surveyed support the government providing aid, which is up from 71 per cent in 1999.

NZAID, the New Zealand Government's aid agency, and CID, the Council for International Development, commissioned the poll by UMR Research in February and March 2004.

Commenting on the poll, Minister for Aid Marian Hobbs said people wanted New Zealand to take some responsibility to help people suffering terrible poverty in other countries.

"They see it as our international duty," Hobbs said, adding: "We feel more connected to the world today. People under-

stand that our investment in international development and aid are our long term insurance policy against the sorts of violence seen in recent years, and the spread of diseases like SARS".

New Zealand's aid budget supports such activities as promoting good governance and primary school education, for example in countries like Solomon Islands where less than 40 per cent of children complete primary school.

It also helps establish small business ventures in many Pacific countries, fight the spread of HIV/AIDS. It has supported the reconstruction of schools and providing clean water in countries like East Timor, Iraq and Afghanistan. — MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia reports more forest fires on Kalimantan island

JAKARTA, 31 Aug — Forest fires and hot spots were spreading at an alarming rate across the Indonesian island of Kalimantan, at a rate of over 100 a day over the last week, an Indonesian official said.

"The latest report on Saturday from our staff in west, central and east Kalimantan says that the hot spots have reached 400 while on Thursday and Friday hot spots were only 200 and 300 respectively," Deputy Forestry Minister for Ecosystem Maintenance Sudaryono was quoted Monday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

He said that the quick spread of fires was caused by strong winds in some ar-

eas, which pushed the fires to the east from west Kalimantan to the forested areas of central Kalimantan and east Kalimantan.

Local ministry officials together with local plantation and forest agencies had been trying to stem the spread of the fires, said Sudaryono, adding "However, we have not been very successful because we don't have enough personnel to cover such a wide area."

Sudaryono said the condition could worsen as the fires had hit the peat moss areas in central and east Kalimantan while people in those areas continued to burn the forest to make way for plantations.

The worst haze occurred in 1997, and to a lesser extent in 1998 when it enveloped parts of Southeast Asia for months, causing serious health problems and traffic hazards. — MNA/Xinhua

## Canada, US fail to resolve beef trade dispute

OTTAWA, 30 Aug — Canada and the United States have failed to reach an agreement on resuming US imports of Canadian live cattle, local Press reported on Sunday.

Canadian Agriculture Minister Andy Mitchell came away empty-handed Saturday after arguing the case for reopening the Canada-US border to live cattle exports in a meeting with his American counterpart on Saturday.

Mitchell travelled to New York City specifically to meet US Agriculture Secretary Ann Veneman face to face for the first time and described her as "very business-like" as they discussed the mad cow crisis that has been crushing the Canadian cattle industry for 16 months.

In a brief interview after the meeting, Mitchell said he argued the Canadian case

based on science, but it was not clear how well his position was received by Veneman.

The fact that Washington is moving so slowly toward reopening the border makes a "made-in-Canada" solution all the more important, he added. "It's clear there's no specific end dates to the American review process," Mitchell said.

The United States and other countries closed their borders to Canadian beef exports after a single case of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or BSE, was discovered in May 2003 on a farm in Canada's western province of Alberta.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thailand to host PATA Travel Mart

BANGKOK, 30 Aug — The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) will host the 27th Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Travel Mart 2004 (PTM) next month.

The 27th PATA Travel Mart 2004 will be held at the Queen Sirikit National Convention Centre here on September 22-24, TAT Governor Juthamas Siriwan was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying Saturday.

The three-day event is aimed at promoting tourism-related businesses in

the region.

Juthamas said it would be a good opportunity for Thailand to publicize its improved communication networks and infrastructure at the event, including sky train, subway, the new Suvarnabhumi International Airport, the expansion of commercial aviation routes, the operation of low-cost airlines, and the

expansion of hotels.

She said the PTM would also assist member states in marketing strategies, and in promoting Thailand's tourism destinations.

Thailand has hosted PTM twice — the first one in Bangkok in 1984 and the second one in Pattaya in 1996.

MNA/Xinhua



Retired airline pilot George Brunstad, 70, enters the water at Dover, England, on 28 Aug. 2004, in his bid to become the oldest person to swim the English Channel. Brunstad, from Ridgefield, Conn., who is the uncle of Hollywood star Matt Damon, hopes to beat current record holder Bertram Batts, from Australia, who was 67 when he made the 21-mile journey in 1987. — INTERNET

## 70-year-old becomes oldest channel swimmer

LONDON, 30 Aug — The 70-year-old uncle of Hollywood star Matt Damon became the oldest person to swim the English Channel on Sunday, arriving on the French coast in the early hours after a gruelling 21-mile swim.

"I am tired, but this is it, I've got the world record and I feel wonderful," George Brunstad told *Reuters* by telephone from the British port of Dover, after returning by boat and having a short sleep.

"When I arrived I just said 'Praise the Lord', stood on the beach and raised my arms in a V sign," the retired American pilot

added.

The swim took 15 hours and 59 minutes and Brunstad, a champion swimmer who had trained for the challenge for a year, took the record from a 67-year-old.

He raised about 12,000 dollars for Haitian children. — MNA/Reuters

## China proposes spending \$120b on power by 2010

BEIJING, 30 Aug — China, plagued by energy shortages that threaten to crimp economic growth, could spend a hefty 1 trillion yuan (120 billion US dollars) to boost power generation capacity more than 50 per cent by 2010, industry officials said on Sunday.

The world's second-biggest power user after the United States, China could add 215,000 to 245,000 megawatts of capacity between 2006 and 2010, according to a report to be submitted to the government by the China Electricity Council.

Investment in power generation was estimated at 1.0 trillion yuan over the five years, while spending on power grids could be 750 billion yuan, the proposal said.

China now has 400,000 megawatts of installed capacity and is estimated to have a 40,000-megawatt shortfall.

With power shortages striking more than two-thirds of China, electricity producers have poured billions of dollars into building new generators, but many will take years to come on line.

Meanwhile, blackouts have forced factories and businesses to shut down for hours or days at a time, and top officials have said the

shortages could hit the booming economy, which expanded 9.6 per cent in the second quarter compared with a year earlier.

The report, which includes proposals for inclusion in China's next Five Year Plan mapping out broad economic targets, said the country should accelerate reform of the sector by turning power companies into shareholding firms and encouraging cash-starved grid companies to list on stock markets. — MNA/Reuters

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## SPORTS

**Croatia, Denmark underline power**

ATHENS, 31 Aug— World champions Croatia underlined their pre-eminence in men's handball with a 26-24 victory over Germany while Denmark's women won their third successive gold medal.

Denmark prevailed in a nail-biting contest against South Korea. With the contest all-square at 34-34 at the end of two periods of extra-time, the match went to a penalty shoot-out.

Danish goalkeeper Karin Mortensen produced a good save with her right leg to deny Kyeong O Lim and then Pil Hee Moon fired her effort straight into the Dane's midriff. When Henriette Mikkelsen buried Denmark's fourth, the gold was won.

Ukraine took the bronze on their Olympic debut while world champions France went away disappointed to come fourth.

The men's final did not go to penalties but it was equally tense as Croatia and Germany went to the wire.

The Germans have not won the gold as a united country since they introduced the sport in 1936. East Germany won in 1980.

Russia, the champions in Sydney, took the bronze.

MNA/Reuters

**Brazil celebrates men's gold**

ATHENS, 31 Aug — An ecstatic team of Brazilian volleyball players cried, threw their coach in the air and dived head first on to the ground in unison after beating Italy 3-1 to win the men's Olympic gold medal on Sunday.

Tears of joy as they received their gold medal were replaced by huge grins as they stood in a circle just minutes later to toss head coach Bormardo Rezende into the air.

In addition to diving for balls in the final match, the world's top ranked side put up a wall of blockers and launched speedy attacks to rack up their 25-15, 24-26, 25-20, 25-22, victory against Italy.

In the bronze medal match earlier, Russia beat the United States in straight sets.

The Sydney silver medallists' towering spikers and effective blocks at the net led them to a 25-22, 27-25, 25-16, victory over the United States.— MNA/Reuters



Woody Austin, from Derby, Kan., holds up his 2004 Buick Championship trophy after he won during regulation playoff against Tim Herron to finish 10-under par, in Cromwell, Conn., on Sunday, 29 Aug., 2004. — INTERNET

**Irishman assaults marathon leader**

ATHENS, 31 Aug— A former Irish priest pushed Brazil's Vanderlei de Lima off the road when he was leading the Olympic marathon on Sunday, almost certainly costing him victory in the last event of the 16-day Games.

The man was arrested and taken to a police station. A government spokesman said he was a former Irish priest, Cornelius Horan, who interrupted the British Formula One Grand Prix last year by running on to the Silverstone track.

"The man says he is Irish, he is also drunk. He had been to a taverna earlier," a police source told Reuters.

After being pushed into the crowd, a grimacing De Lima got away from the spectator and rejoined the race, holding his leg, with around 15 minutes to run.

He soon lost the lead to Italian Stefano Baldini. Baldini won the race and De Lima took bronze.

"If that spectator didn't jump in front of me in the middle of the race, who knows what would have happened? Maybe I would have won. It disturbed me a lot," De Lima told reporters.

Brazil's Olympic Committee said it will appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) over the assault. The Brazilians protested immediately after the event, asking for De Lima to be given a duplicate gold medal, but it was turned down.

**Artayev named Best Boxer of Athens tournament**

ATHENS, 31 Aug — Olympic welter-weight champion Bakhtiyar Artayev of Kazakhstan was named Best Boxer of the Athens Boxing Tournament on Sunday. Artayev extended his brilliant run by beating Cuba's Lorenzo Aragon in Sunday's final.

The 21-year-old Kazak, who had defeated double Olympic gold medallist Oleg Saitov of Russia in the semifinals, won a 36-26 decision after a fierce contest.

MNA/Reuters

**S Korea's Moon knocks out Greek**

ATHENS, 31 Aug— South Korea's Moon Dae-sung won the men's taekwondo over 80-kilo gold medal at the Olympics on Sunday, knocking out his Greek opponent in the first round of the final.

Moon caught Alexandros Nikolaidis in the temple with a reverse roundhouse kick just over a minute into the bout.

Nikolaidis slumped to the mat and although he was helped to his feet by his coach, he did not regain full consciousness for a couple of minutes.

"I am touched by what he (Moon) did after the fight, it was a nice touch but it didn't sugar the bitter pill," said Nikolaidis.

MNA/Reuters



New York/New Jersey MetroStars midfielder Amado Guevara, right, grabs the jersey of Columbus Crew, forward David Testo as they battle for control of the ball during the second half on Sunday night, 29 August, 2004, at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford. The game ended in 1-1 tie. — INTERNET

**Spectators, competitors brawl after bout**

ATHENS, 31 Aug— A brawl erupted between spectators, officials, police and competitors at the Olympic freestyle wrestling on Sunday after a close bout between a Russian and Belarussian athlete.

As world champion Buvaysa Saytiev of Russia and Murat Gaidarov left the mat they appeared to exchange heated words and punches, triggering a melee that delayed the competition for several minutes.

The International Wrestling Federation (FILA) said the athletes and federations faced sanctions and a possible 10,000 US dollars fine.

"I have issued both delegations warnings and both athletes and federations face the possibility of sanctions and a minimum fine of 10,000 US dollars depending on the findings of the disciplinary committee," said FILA president Raphael Martinette.

Resembling a scene from professional wrestling, the officials appeared uncertain what to do as spectators quickly joined the scuffle and members of both teams swung wildly at each other.

The two wrestlers have a long history of bad blood, and on Sunday Gaidarov walked off after their quarterfinal bout without waiting for the traditional raising of the winner's hand.

The 74-kilo bout had ended controversially after six seconds of added time when Saytiev secured the decisive point after Gaidarov received a warning for unsporting behaviour.— MNA/Reuters

**Greeks go dancing in the moonlight after Games**

ATHENS, 31 Aug — Greece staged a giant party on Sunday to celebrate bringing the Olympics back to their spiritual homeland in triumphant style.

"You have won," International Olympic Committee President Jacques Rogge told the fiercely proud Greeks at the closing ceremony.

"These Games were held in peace and brotherhood. These were the Games where it became increasingly difficult to cheat (with drugs) and where clean athletes were better protected." The words were sweet music to the Greeks, who defied the doom merchants who said Athens could

never pull off the greatest sports show on Earth.

"The Olympics came home and we've shown the world the great things Greeks can do," said Athens Games boss Gianna Angelopoulos.

"Athens was great for the athletes, Greece was great for the Games."

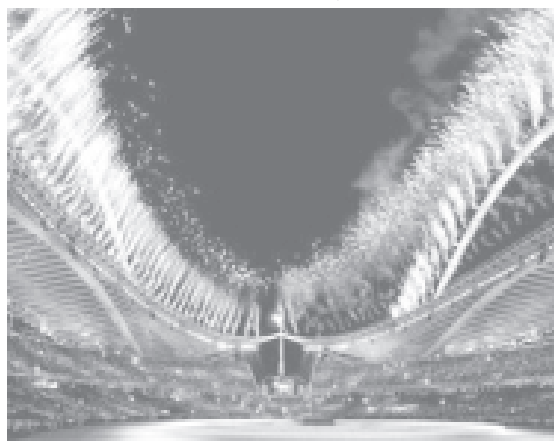
For this country of 10 million, the closing ceremony crowned an extraordinary summer of sport when the eyes of the world were on them. First came their improbable victory as 80-1 outsiders in the Euro 2004 soccer tournament. Then, still nursing a nationwide hangover, they hosted 10,500

Olympic athletes from 202 countries with barely a hitch.

Thanking those athletes, Angelopoulos said: "Because of you, the Olympic Games are the most powerful source of inspiration and hope to humanity."

In Athens, the athletes were outnumbered seven to one by security personnel in Europe's biggest peacetime security operation that Rogge described as "flawless".

That comment proved premature when a lone man burst onto the road during Sunday's men's marathon and bundled the race leader, Brazilian Vanderlei de Lima, into the crowd.—MNA/Reuters



Fireworks explode at the start of the closing ceremony of the Athens 2004 Olympic Games on 29 August, 2004. The next Olympic Games will be held in Beijing in 2008. — INTERNET

**US win light-heavyweight gold**

ATHENS, 31 Aug — Andre Ward (US) won the light-heavyweight (81-kilo) boxing gold medal at the Olympics on Sunday.

Magomed Arifgadiev (Belarus) took the silver. Utkirbek Haydarov (Uzbekistan) and Ahmed Ismail (Egypt) both took bronze.—MNA/Reuters

**Cuban wins bantamweight gold medal**

ATHENS, 31 Aug — Guillermo Rigondeaux (Cuba) won the bantamweight (54-kilo) boxing gold medal at the Olympics on Sunday.

Worapoj Petchkoom (Thailand) took the silver. Bahodirjon Sooltonov (Uzbekistan) and Aghasi Mammadov (Azerbaijan) both took bronze.— MNA/Reuters



**MRTV-**
**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
- 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
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- 15:50 Fabulous Bagan (II)
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Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanmar 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

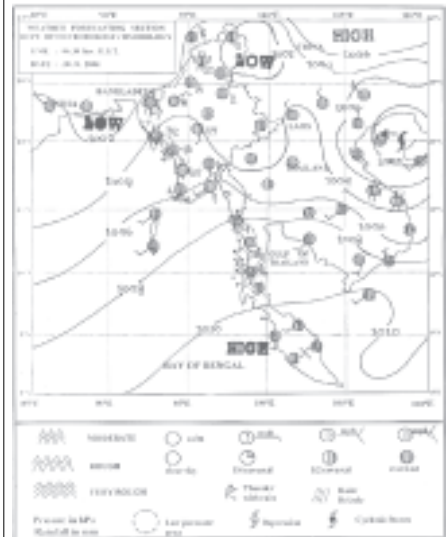
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- 19:32 Song of Myanmar  
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Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanmar Sentiment"
- 19:36 Peaceful & Developed Dawei
- 19:40 National News**
- 19:42 New, Modernized Myanmar Food
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:50 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 Myanmar 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

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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. တိပိဋကဓရ ဓမ္မဘူတဂါရီတ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာဗုဒ္ဓိတ၊ အဗ္ဗန္ဓာသိရိရာဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္နိပါဠိတော်

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. ကဗျာနှင့်ဥယျာဉ်

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 (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြုများ) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

4:45 pm

4. Dance of national races

5:00 pm

5. ခံစားနားဆင်တေးစာတံဝင်

5:15 pm

6. မြန်မာစား၊ မြန်မာကား

5:30 pm

7. Sing and Enjoy

6:10 pm

8. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းကွဲ "ဗျော့စင်းရဲနုနု" (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. အဟာရပြည့်လျှင်ရောဂါမရှိ ဗျော့စင်းရဲနုနုနားဆင်တေးသံ

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. လပတ်စီမံရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

- 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

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San welcome Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army and wife

YANGON, 31 Aug — The Thai goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and wife Madame Veena Shinawatra arrived here by special flight of Royal Thai Army this morning to pay a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar at the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye.

The Thai goodwill delegation was welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and their wives, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, senior military officers, (See page 8)



*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San welcome Thai General Chaisit Shinawatra and Madame Veena Shinawatra at the airport. — MNA*

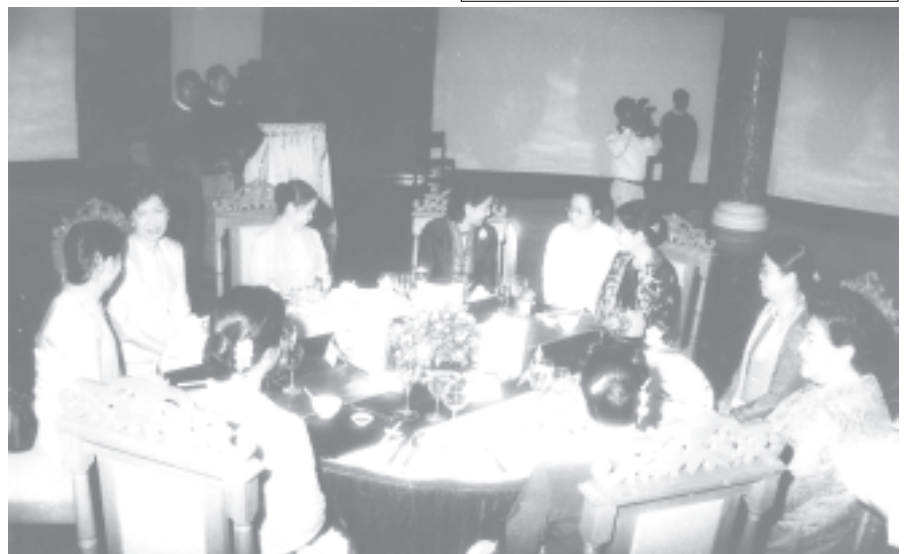
## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye hosts banquet in honour of Thai delegation



YANGON, 31 Aug — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San this evening hosted a banquet in honour of Thai goodwill delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and wife Madame Veena Shinawatra at Zeyathiri Beikman here.

It was also attended by State Peace and Development Council Member General Thura Shwe Mann and wife Daw Khin Lay Thet, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and their wives, Members Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and their wives, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein and wife, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, senior military officers, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and Military Attaché Col Kasam Nakpun and officials. Before and during the banquet, artistes of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture entertained to the audience with Myanmar traditional music and dances. After the banquet, Myanmar traditional songs and dances were presented at the Thabin Hall. Thai General Chaisit Shinawatra and wife presented the flower baskets to the artistes and had a documentary photo taken. — MNA

*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and visiting C-in-C of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra. — MNA*



*Daw Mya Mya San and Madame Veena Shinawatra seen at the dinner at Zeyathiri Beikman. — MNA*

## Mugabe says will never retreat

HARARE, 30 Aug — Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe vowed on Sunday he would never retreat in the face of what he called US and British Government attempts to oust him. In a speech to thousands of mourners at the burial of veteran Zimbabwean nationalist Eddison Zvobgo, Mugabe said the two countries wanted to topple his government following his seizures of White-owned farms to resettle landless Blacks. "They talk about regime change unashamedly... Who are they to us?" he said to loud applause. "It's not going to happen in this country. There will not be regime change except through the people of Zimbabwe. They are the only ones who can bring about regime change," he said. Mugabe, in power since Zimbabwe won independence from Britain 24 years ago, has been at the centre of a storm over charges he rigged his ZANU-PF Party's victory in parliamentary polls four years ago and his own re-election in 2002. Mugabe said his government's Western opponents, led by Britain, had deployed hundreds of people working under NGOs to destabilize Zimbabwe, and to try to oust him. "We are now wise, too wise to be cheated," he said. "We shall never retreat." In June, Blair told Parliament his government was working closely with Zimbabwe's opposition Movement for Democratic Change on measures to be taken in Zimbabwe. — MNA/Reuters