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## 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

**Pupils will always be well-behaved, nurtured only if teachers themselves are trying to enhance their knowledge**  
**Teachers are to uphold the concept that the people's knowledge and education is the State's greatest resource**  
**MEC Vice-Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses opening ceremony of Special Refresher Course No 55 for Basic Education Teachers**

YANGON, 2 Sept—The Special Refresher Course No 55 for Basic Education Teachers was opened at Nawarat Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township here this morning, with an address delivered by Myanmar Education Committee Vice-Chairman and State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Present on the occasion were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman and Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the at-

torney-general, the chief justice, the auditor-general, the chairman of Civil Service Selection Training Board, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, members of CSSTB, the deputy auditor-general, senior military officers, responsible officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, the rector of CICS and heads of departments, course instructors and others. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win said the analytical approach to the reason for the attendance of the course will enable the basic education teachers who are bring-

ing about human resources on which the State can rely in the future to understand the transitional process, the development trends of world nations, the educational reform programmes in Myanmar as truly as the way they are. Moreover, they will also come to know more clearly the value and dignity of teachership.

Present era has seen the rapidly increasing advancement of science and technology, especially the incredible progress of Information Technology. The volume of global changes is immeasurable. That's why the world has been compared to the global village,

he continued. The Secretary-1 also said that it has become a reality that a certain event of the other part of the world can be known and seen by the rest of the world within an hour or two. Furthermore, miles of distance between one region and the other has no longer been a problem and lost its meaning. It is therefore of especial importance to fully and unreservedly realize that the advent of IT age flooded with new technologies has become real on account of invention and innovation by men.

The Secretary-1 continued that in such an age the onus is on every world na-

tion to produce educated persons capable of braving and surmounting future challenges and to take constant steps to readjust educational systems in their respective countries.

In the efforts to turn our country that lags behind in development for various reasons into a modern and developed one that can keep

pace with other nations as quickly as possible, simultaneous measures are being taken to reshape all sectors like politics, economy, transport, education and health in the country.

The Secretary-1 explained that in shouldering the responsibility of the State, the State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 (See page 8)



*Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses opening of Special Refresher Course for Basic Education Teachers. MNA*

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**Tasks for reconstruction of a new nation are varied as well as complex and delicate. This being so, ordinary and prosaic efforts are not enough at a time like this. Genuine goodwill towards the country and the people is crucial and serious. It is not time to pay lip service in expressing our love of the country. It is time to serve the country with the use of our expertise and ability.**



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



## PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 3 September, 2004

### Actively participate in health activities

In the process of reconstructing the Union of Myanmar as a modern and developed nation that stands equal to the nations of the world, the health and education of its citizens who make up the principle human resources, is of primary importance. Therefore, the Government has firmly laid down, as one of its objectives, the uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation and has set the achievement of these objectives as a national task.

In raising the health standard of the nation, nutrition plays an important role. That is why the Government has systematically drawn up plans and programmes to raise the standard of nutrition of the people. At the same time, concerned efforts are being made for the prevention and cure of diseases and to raise the standard of health in order to lower the mortality rate and increase the life span of the people.

The Nutrition Promotion Week 2004, organized by the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Mines, UNICEF and WHO, was launched at International Business Centre in Yangon on 1 September and it was attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, also Chairman of the National Health Committee.

In his address on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that the Government, while fulfilling the basic need to provide sufficient food, is simultaneously carrying out the important task of educating the people on the kind of food and diet that is nutritious as well as healthful.

Efforts are now under way to raise the standard of nutrition in the country, to eliminate nutrition deficiency and to encourage the cultivation of good eating habits as well to prevent diseases related to overeating. In accordance with these aims, those responsible in the health sector are now implementing various initiatives such as the administration of vitamins to supplement the diet of those who are undernourished, production of nutritious food for consumption and providing much needed information on the importance and need for nutritious food.

Suitable doses of vitamin A supplements are being systematically administered to the children nationwide during the Nutrition Promotion Week campaign and also during the period of the National Immunization Campaign together with the oral polio vaccine. And as the rate of consumption of iodized salt has risen, it can be said that the goal set for eliminating iodine deficiency as a health problem by the year 2005 is within arm reach. In this year's Nutrition Promotion Week movement, iron tablets will be distributed to expectant mothers and there will be a competition for the cooking and preparation of the most nutritious food for children below 5 years of age.

We would like to call on the entire national people to enthusiastically participate, in cooperation with the Government, in all health activities to ensure that the Nutrition Promotion Week 2004 an unqualified success.

### Stimulant tablets seized in Tachilek

YANGON, 2 Sept—Acting on information, the combined team of members of local intelligence unit and Tachilek Anti-Drug Squad on 28 August searched a suspect Aik Nan near Pahsa jetty in Mekong River, Mongphone Block (A), Tachilek Township. And the authorities seized 60,000 stimulant tablets wrapped up in paper in a noodle carton in his possession.

In connection with the seizure, Wampon Police Station in Tachilek is taking action against Aik Nan, son of U Pu Tit of Mongphone Block (A) under Sections 15 / 19 (A) / 21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA

### People's Desire

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



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Deputy Director-General of Public Relations Department of Thailand Mr Dussadee Sinchimsiri. — MNA

### Aungsan Tawya TatU Kyaung Sayadaw arrives back

YANGON, 2 Sept — Presiding Nayaka Maha Kammathanachariya Bhaddanta Saddhamma Kittisara of Mogok Sub-Meditation Centre-77 of Tawya TatU Monastery in Aung San, Insein Township opened Mogok Vipassana Camps at the monastery of Lawkachantha Pagoda in New York in the United States of America from 5 to 14 June, Mahasi Thatipahtan Yeiktha in New Jersey from 17 to 20 June, Canada from 23 to 28 June, Byamawihara Monastery in Azusa of Los Angeles of the USA from 5 to 15 July, Thanti Thitsa Dhammayon in River Side from 22 to 25 July, Philadelphia from 4 to 6 August, the Myanmar Embassy in Washington on 10 and 11 August and the monastery of Lawkachantha Pagoda in New York on 21

August.

The Sayadaw administered the circle of the Paticca Samupadda Desanas to the devotees. And, the Sayadaw arrived back here on 27 August.

NLM

### Information Minister receives Thai guests

YANGON, 2 Sept—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received the Thai delegation led by Deputy Director-General of the Public Relations Department of Thailand Mr Dussadee Sinchimsiri at his office this afternoon. The meeting focused on bilateral cooperation in the information sector.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, directors-general and managing directors of the ministry and officials. — MNA



Victorious Myanmar golf team which won third prize in Putra Cup seen at the airport on their arrival. — MGF

### Myanmar golf team stands third in Putra Cup

YANGON, 2 Sept — The selected Myanmar amateur golf team secured third place in the Putra Cup of the 44th Southeast Asia Amateur Golf Team Championship 2004, held in Jakarta, the Republic of Indonesia, from 24 to 27 August.

Manager of the team was U Re Htet Doe and Coach professional golfer U Chan Han.

The Myanmar Golf team won third prize with 859 strokes. In the golf tour, the Thai team stood first, the Malaysian team second, the Philippines fourth, the Singapore fifth, the host Indonesia sixth and Hong Kong seventh.

MNA

### Book Charity to be held on 7 September

YANGON, 2 Sept — A meeting to coordinate measures for opening self-reliant libraries at various villages under the aegis of the Information & Public Relations Department will be held in conjunction with the ceremony to donate books and print materials at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information at 2 pm on 7 September 2004.

Those wishing to donate print materials for the libraries can contact the IPRD through Tel: 01-252457, 252458, 371339, 379769, 379771 and 252451. — MNA

### Literary Charity

The second ceremony to donate cash, books and periodicals for self-reliant village libraries will be held as follows:

Date — 7 September 2004

Time — 2 pm

Venue — Ministry of Information (Meeting Hall)

All are invited to participate in Book Charity.

Ministry of Information  
Information & Public Relations Department

# 22/24 Pansodan Road, Yangon.

Tel: 371339, 379769, 379771, 252451

**The best time to plant a tree  
was 20 years ago.**

**The second best time is now.**

# Mortars fired at Iraq national assembly opening

BAGHDAD, 1 Sept—Guerillas fired mortars and rockets at a venue where Iraq's interim national assembly held its first session Wednesday, a stark reminder of the country's risky road to elections in January.

A round of five mortar bombs landed just outside the fortified Green Zone compound before the assembly's inaugural meeting opened while two rockets fired later while the session was under way exploded nearby. At least one civilian was wounded in the attacks, officials said.

The loud blasts startled members of the 100-seat assembly, but proceedings were not disrupted. US Apache helicopters circled over the area.

Gunmen also opened fire

on a convoy carrying prominent Shiite politician and former Pentagon ally Ahmad Chalabi as he travelled from the southern city of Najaf to Baghdad. He survived but two associates were wounded.

Guerillas regularly fire mortars at the Green Zone, which also houses the interim government and the US Embassy.

When 1,300 delegates from across Iraq met to select the assembly last month, insurgents fired mortars at the meeting venue, killing two civilians nearby.

The assembly is charged with paving the way for elections and will also oversee the interim government.

Prime Minister Iyad Allawi is struggling to push the country's political process forward while insurgents use everything from suicide bombers to kidnappings to undermine him.

Security was a theme of his speech to the assembly, where delegates are expected to choose a president for the body. "Abiding by the law and protecting society is the main outlook in our

security policy," Allawi said in a speech read on his behalf. His whereabouts were unclear.

Kidnappings have also hurt Iraq, scaring off foreign investors badly needed to rescue the cash-starved economy.

A militant Iraqi group said in an Internet statement posted Tuesday it had killed 12 Nepali hostages and showed pictures of one being beheaded and others being shot dead. It was the worst mass killing of captives since the start of a wave of kidnappings in April. —Internet

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## US air strike on Iraq's Fallujah kills 14

FALLUJAH, 1 Sept—A US air strike on the Iraqi city of Fallujah killed at least 14 people including a woman and three children, Iraqi doctors said early on Thursday.

The US military said in a separate statement it had "conducted a precision attack" Wednesday evening against two safe houses used by associates of al-Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in southwest Fallujah, a city in the Sunni triangle west of Baghdad.

Doctors in Fallujah confirmed the deaths of 14 people including three children, one woman and one elderly man. Earlier Wednesday Zarqawi associates conducted an execution in southern Fallujah, the US statement said.

"The Zarqawi associates were observed removing a man from the trunk of a car, executing him, then burying his body," the statement said.

It added that the house attacked in the air strike was next to fields. —Internet



US soldiers keep guard after several mortar rounds exploded near the convention centre where delegates to Iraq's new National Council met inside the heavily guarded Green Zone, Baghdad, on 1 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

## ASEAN officials gather ahead of economic ministers meeting

JAKARTA, 1 Sept—Senior officials of ASEAN member countries met here on Tuesday ahead of the 36th meeting of economic ministers of the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) scheduled from Friday through Sunday.

The meeting discussed various economic issues of regional concern, including priority sectors for the grouping's cooperation, dispute settlement mechanisms, certificates of origin and dialogue with trading country partners, an Indonesian official said.

"The agenda of today's meeting mainly deals with preparations for the AEM (ASEAN economic ministers') meeting," Director of Indonesian Foreign Trade and Industrial Cooperation Pos Hutabarat was quoted by the official Antara news agency as saying.

Hutabarat said the ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting (SOM) was attended by up to 130 officials from the 10 ASEAN member countries.

He said the SOM was closed to reporters and no Press statements would be available after the meeting, which will be followed by the 18th conference of the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) council on September 2, and the 36th AEM conference from September 3 to September 5.

Hutabarat said the 36th AEM conference will also be attended by economic ministers from ASEAN's trading partners: China, Japan, India, Australia, New Zealand, Canada, South Korea and the European Union.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam. —MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese Defence Minister says Sino-Nigerien ties to be promoted

BEIJING, 1 Sept—China is ready to make joint efforts with Niger to deepen exchanges and cooperation in various fields to ensure further bilateral relations, said Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan here Tuesday. Meeting with Boureima Moumouni, chief of general staff of the Nigerien Armed Forces, Cao said the two countries have enjoyed

traditional friendship.

China and Niger, both as developing countries, have always supported each other in international affairs, said Cao, also Chinese State Councilor and Vice-Chairman of the Central Military Commission. It is in the interests of both peoples to strengthen the Sino-Nigerien relations, he added.

Boureima appreciated China's consistent support for Niger, saying bilateral relations have maintained sound momentum in the past years. Niger hoped for further improvement of the relations between the two countries and armies, said Boureima. Boureima reiterated Niger's adherence to the one-China policy. —MNA/Xinhua

## Singapore to allow singles to buy any type resale flats

SINGAPORE, 1 Sept — Singapore will allow single citizens aged 35 and above to buy any type of resale Housing and Development Board (HDB) flats from next month, the Ministry of National Development said in a statement on Tuesday.

"To provide singles with more housing choices and to meet their aspirations of owning bigger homes, the government will lift the flat type restriction and allow singles to buy any type of resale HDB flat from the open market on their own," the

ministry said.

Currently, under the Single Singapore Citizen Scheme, a single citizen aged 35 and above can buy a three-room or smaller resale HDB flat alone.

The singles housing grant and HDB concessionary loan will be extended to singles buying five-room or smaller flats from September 15. But to qualify for the loans and subsidies, singles must earn 3,000 Singapore dollars (about 1752 US dollars) per month and below. —MNA/Xinhua

## Kidnappers in Iraq free seven truckers

BAGHDAD, 1 Sept—Militants released seven foreign hostages Wednesday after their employer paid \$500,000 ransom, while France mustered support from Muslims at home and abroad to push for the release of two French journalists still held captive in Iraq.

The US military, meanwhile, said a US airstrike late Wednesday hit a suspected safehouse used by followers of Jordanian militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Fallujah. Witnesses said 17 people, including three children, were killed and six wounded. US forces have bombed numerous targets in the city, which is a centre of Sunni Muslim armed group.

Militants waging a violent 16-month-old insurgency have turned to kidnapping foreigners in recent months as part of their campaign to drive out coalition

forces and contractors. Other groups have taken hostages in hopes of extorting ransom, sometimes masking their greed under a cloak of politics.

The group holding the seven truck drivers, which called itself *The Holders of the Black Banners*, had initially demanded that their employer stop working in Iraq, that Iraqi detainees be released and that compensation be paid to victims of fighting in Fallujah.

By last week, the group had dropped all other demands and said they just wanted a commitment from

the company, Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Co, to stop working here, which it soon received.

But after the seven men — one Egyptian, three Indians and three Kenyans — were let go and whisked out of the country, the company revealed the kidnappers had demanded \$6 million to \$7 million in ransom.

In the end, a team of employees drove to an unspecified location where the drivers were held and paid \$500,000 to secure their release, KGL chief executive officer Said Dashti said.

Internet



Seven hostages, from India, Kenya and Egypt, are seen at an undisclosed location just before their release in Iraq on 1 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET



# Iraq's Chalabi escapes assassination, arrest

BAGHDAD, 1 Sept—Ahmad Chalabi has survived again. Just after escaping an attempt to kill him Wednesday, he said an Iraqi court had dropped charges that could have put him in jail.

Chalabi, now a vocal critic of US policy in Iraq after years as a Pentagon favourite, was on the road to Baghdad when his convoy was ambushed.

He was returning from a visit to Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's most respected Shi'ite Muslim leader, when the vehicles came under attack.

Chalabi escaped unharmed but two of his guards were killed, two wounded and two were missing.

"One of our cars was left behind. We found it burned and the bodies of two guards burned inside it," Chalabi said. "It was an ambush. I don't think there is anything further to say. These things are part of the job," he told Reuters.

The attack took place in the Latifiya area south of the Iraqi capital on a road notorious for kidnappings and ambushes. Scores of people have been killed on the route, the main artery from Bagh-

dad to the holy city of Najaf.

The ease with which attackers could target a 10-car convoy in broad daylight on one of Iraq's busiest highways—a year and a half after President Saddam Hussein was toppled—showed a failure of US security policy in Iraq, Chalabi said.

"The lack of security we see is due to the selection and training process of the coalition. The political forces that fought Saddam must meet to reorganize the secu-

rity forces," he said, adding that former members of Saddam's Baath Party members were creeping back into the army and security apparatus.

"It is no good to say 'bring these people back because they can do the job', with no regard to their attitude and commitment to democracy."

Chalabi, who brought together foes of Saddam under the umbrella of his Iraqi National Congress, escaped several attempts on his life during decades in exile.

He spearheaded attempts by the US-appointed Governing Council to remove Baath Party members from positions of power.

But his influence waned after his relationship with Washington soured. A relative and political foe, Iyad Allawi, became interim prime minister in June and began reversing the "de-Baathification" policy.

Internet

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## Crude oil prices continue to fall despite Iraqi export troubles

NEW YORK, 2 Sept—Crude oil futures fell toward 42 US dollars a barrel Tuesday despite confusion about the status of Iraqi exports, indicating market had become more reassured about the global supply-to-demand balance.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, light crude for October delivery fell 16 cents to settle at 42.12 US dollars a barrel. At the same time, the October Brent contract dropped 1.03 dollars to settle at 39.61 US dollars a barrel at London's International Petroleum Exchange.

With the busy summer driving season nearing an end, the demand for oil from refineries was expected to decline. Meanwhile, most analysts expected that Wednesday's weekly energy supply report would show commercially available supplies of oil and gasoline to grow or remain flat.

On Tuesday, two top officials with Iraq's state-run South Oil Co said exports from the south were still halted after weekend attacks on pipelines and oil fields. But the market was little affected by the news as most traders had become less worried about the global balance of supply and demand.

However, some analysts warned the underlying market conditions still supported higher-than-normal oil prices. The main problem was that there was only a thin margin of spare output capacity, perhaps only 1 per cent, giving extra importance to even the slightest threat of a supply disruption.—MNA/Xinhua



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

## Malaysians celebrate National Day

KUALA LUMPUR, 1 Sept—Malaysia's 47th National Day celebration was held in east coastal town of Kuantan on Tuesday with a parade by more than 20,000 people from all walks of life throughout the country.

Yang di-Pertuan Agong (Paramount Ruler) Tuanku Syed Sirajuddin Syed Putra Jamalullail, Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi, Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak and ministers attended the celebration.

The national flag was raised as the "Negaraku," the national anthem, filled the air, followed by patriotic songs. Malaysia achieved its independence on August 31, 1957 and Tunku Abdul Rahman became its first Prime Minister after the independence. Seven students representing the major ethnic groups—the Malays, Chinese, Indians and bumiputeras (natives) in Sabah and Sarawak.

MNA/Xinhua

## S Korean firm to purchase LNG from Indonesia's Tangguh field

JAKARTA, 1 Sept—South Korean power company K-Power signed here Tuesday a liquefied natural gas (LNG) purchase deal with BP Plc, which will supply from the major gas field in the Indonesian province of Papua.

Under the 2-billion-US-dollar contract, BP will deliver up to 800,000 tons of LNG a year for a 20-year term starting in 2006, said Rachmat Sudibjo, head of the Oil and Gas Regulatory Body (BP Migas).

Sudibjo said the Tangguh LNG project will start production in 2008 and the Bontang field in East Kalimantan Province will supply LNG to K-Power in the first two years.

"Tangguh will delay production until 2008 and supply for the first two years will surely come from the Bontang field," he told reporters here. The LNG from Indonesia will be used to operate a gas-fired power plant in Gwangyang, South Korea. With 14.4 trillion cubic feet (about 389 billion cubic metres) of proven natural gas reserves, Tangguh has an annual output of more than 7 million tons of LNG. BP has a 37.16-per-cent stake in the Tangguh gas project under the Production Sharing Contracts issued by state-run oil and gas company Pertamina.—MNA/Xinhua

## Family of killed British soldier launch anti-war campaign

LONDON, 1 Sept—The family of a British soldier killed in Iraq were launching a campaign opposing the Iraq war and seeking "justice" for service personnel and their families, the BBC reported on Tuesday.

Rose Gentle, mother of Gordon Gentle who was killed in a roadside explosion in Basra in June, would publicly launch their campaign at a media conference later on

Tuesday. The Gentle family, who believe the British Ministry of Defence (MoD) was negligent and breached its duty of care towards the 19-year-old Gordon, have already revealed plans to sue the MoD over Gordon's death. Mrs Gentle believed that her son's death could have been avoided if his patrol had been equipped with an electronic signal jamming device.

She stormed out of a meeting with British Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott earlier this month after accusing him of "talking rubbish. After our experience with John Prescott, we are more determined than ever to stick at it, in the hope that we can help prevent other families from having to go through the loss and suffering we have faced," Mrs Gentle was quoted as saying.

"I am sure thousands of other families feel the same as us, and want our sons and daughters home out of Iraq," she added.—MNA/Xinhua

## Cambodia's legislature ratifies WTO membership

PHNOM PENH, 1 Sept—The Cambodian National Assembly on Tuesday finished the final ratification of the nation's membership of the World Trade Organization (WTO) before the deadline in September.

Cambodia and Nepal were welcomed by the fifth WTO ministerial conference held in Cancun, Mexico last September into its fold. Accession to the WTO must be ratified by Cambodia's National Assembly by March 31, 2004, but the political deadlock after the July 27 election in 2003 made Cambodia failure to meet the deadline.—MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers and private security personnel guard an entrance to the convention centre where delegates to Iraq's new National Council met for the first time inside the heavily guarded Green Zone, Baghdad, on 1 Sept, 2004. One person was wounded after several mortars landed nearby. —INTERNET

## Arab League says French hostage deadline extended

CAIRO, 1 Sept — The Arab League believes the deadline set by kidnappers of two French journalists in Iraq ends on Wednesday rather than Tuesday as widely reported, a senior official said.

Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said on Tuesday the deadline had been extended "another day". The official said the League had heard from contacts in Iraq on Monday it was being extended 48 hours, not 24 hours as previously reported.

"It was our understanding last night that it was 48 hours, which takes it into tomorrow," the official added.

The Arabic television station Al Jazeera reported on Monday evening that it had received a statement from the group saying the deadline was extended 24 hours.

The official said the League's information came from some of its friends in Iraq but declined to be more specific.

The kidnappers, the Islamic Army in

Iraq, a shadowy militant group, say they are demanding France rescind a ban on Islamic headscarves in schools but they have not said what they will do if the French Government continues to reject that demand.

The hostages — Georges Malbrunot, who writes for the French dailies *Le Figaro* and *Ouest France*, and Christian Chesnot of Radio France Internationale — appeared on Arab television on Monday fearing for their lives.

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier was in the Egyptian city of Alexandria on Tuesday evening after talks with Jordanian and Egyptian leaders during the day. He was been on a Middle East tour drumming up appeals for their release. — MNA/Reuters



A private security guard secures the entrance of the French Embassy in Baghdad on 1 Sept, 2004. — INTERNET

## Vietnam posts encouraging economic growth in first eight months

HANOI, 1 Sept — Vietnam's economy showed encouraging signs in the first eight months of this year, indicating that the country may achieve its yearly targets, *Vietnam News* on Tuesday quoted Deputy Minister of Planning and Investment Lai Quang Thuc as saying.

Exports brought in 16.8 billion US dollars in the period, posting an increase of 25.7 per cent over the same period last year. The rise is attributed to the growth in both state-owned and foreign-invested sectors, as foreign firms accounted for nearly 9.1 billion US dollars.

Based on the export growth, local experts said the yearly target of 22.45 billion US dollars would be within reach if earnings average 1.4 billion US dollars each month for the next four months. — MNA/Xinhua

## Sadr office calls for immediate release of French reporters

CAIRO, 1 Sept — Iraqi Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's office on Tuesday called for an immediate release of two French reporters who were taken hostages by Islamic militants about 10 days ago, reported Qatar-based al-Jazeera satellite channel.

"This will help boost ties with France, which is a supporter of the Iraqi people," Sheikh Youssef al-Nasseri from Sadr's office told al-Jazeera.

"Sadr group will give priority to peaceful rather than military resistance," Nasseri said.

Late Saturday, a group calling itself the Islamic

Army in Iraq claimed it had kidnapped Georges Malbrunot who works for France's *Le Figaro* newspaper and 37-year-old Radio France correspondent Christian Chesnot.

The two were reportedly missing on their way from Baghdad to Najaf on 20 August.

MNA/Xinhua

## ADB President Tadao Chino resigns

MANILA, 1 Sept — Asian Development Bank President Tadao Chino on Tuesday announced his resignation effective January 2005, the Bank said in a statement.

The ADB did not give any reason for Chino's resignation nor who will replace him. "I am resigning with a deep sense of satisfaction and gratitude," Chino said.

Chino, a Japanese citizen, joined the Manila-based bank in 1999. He said he felt it an "opportune time" for him to leave ADB and return to Japan.

"Since I am equally aware that much remains to be done, I will do my best in performing my responsibility as President until my last day at the ADB," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Salvadoran troops begin returning home from Iraq

MEXICO CITY, 1 Sept — A total of 155 of the second contingent of 374 Salvadoran troops returned home on Tuesday after completing a six-month mission in Iraq, said reports from the Central American country's capital San Salvador.

The 155 troops arrived at Ilopango, a military base some 20 kilometres from the capital, by an airplane chartered by the United States. They departed from Kuwait, with stopovers in Iceland, the United States, and Guatemala before arriving in El Salvador, a Defence Ministry statement said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Arroyo aims to boost ties with China

MANILA, 1 Sept — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo left on Wednesday for a state visit to China that is expected to focus on strengthening economic ties.

Arroyo, who won a new six-year term in May elections, will meet counterpart Hu Jintao, Premier Wen Jiabao and former president Jiang Zemin over three days in Beijing.

Philippine officials said Arroyo will focus on boosting cooperation on exploiting the energy and fishery resources of the South China Sea.

The Foreign Ministry said in a statement on Monday that Arroyo saw the visit as an opportunity "to transform the South China Sea to a region of cooperation in the context of bilateral and multilateral relations". In concrete terms, that probably means steps to map out fisheries and other resources and continuing work to identify areas for oil and gas exploration. In November, the Philippines' PNOC-Exploration Corp and China National Offshore Oil Corp signed a letter of intent forming a joint panel to select areas in the South China Sea that would be suitable for oil and gas exploration.

MNA/Reuters

## India, Pakistan should help mutual economic advancement

NEW DELHI, 1 Sept — India and Pakistan should follow the China-Taiwan model of helping each other's economic advancement even though differences persisted, a member of a visiting Pakistani Parliamentary delegation said on Tuesday.

Stressing that it was time the neighbours came together, Kunwar Khalid Yunus, a MQM member from Karachi who was born in Sambhal (UP), said while India and Pakistan have a dispute over a territory, China and Taiwan have a dispute over a whole country and yet both were spending billions of dollars on each other.

In an interactive session with senior journalists, the 19-member delegation led by Gohar Ayub Khan, former National Assembly Speaker and foreign minister, strongly felt that notwithstanding certain

"hiccups" that may come up, New Delhi and Islamabad should sustain the composite dialogue process.

"We should continue talking and create the right atmosphere and the goodwill generated will help further the peace process," he said. Pakistan Muslim League MP M P Bhandara felt the issue of documents for starting the Muzaffarabad-Srinagar bus service should be quickly sorted. The Pakistan Government is willing to accept any document other than passports, he said.

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## HK, Macao, Taiwan first to enter mainland's wholesale publications

BEIJING, 1 Sept — Firms from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan will be the first to enter the wholesale market of publications on the Chinese Mainland in the second half of this year, said China's publishing authority here Tuesday at a Press forum.

To meet the commitment China made on accessing to the World Trade Organization (WTO), the country's wholesale publications market — including both books and magazines — will open to investors from overseas in December this year.

"However, we can give the green light to qualified companies from China's two

special administrative regions of Hong Kong and Macao, and the Taiwan Province to enter the market ahead of the schedule," said Liu Binjie, deputy director general of the State Administration of Press and Publication (SAPP), at the 2004 Beijing International Press Forum.

Since the opening of the

industry's retail business to foreign investment last year, the SAPP has so far approved 11 joint ventures for retail operation of publications. The chosen investors include the German media giant Bertelsmann, but most, like Hong Kong's Tom Group, are from either Hong Kong or Taiwan.

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Policemen cordon off the area after several mortar rounds exploded near the convention centre where delegates to Iraq's new National Council met for the first time inside the heavily guarded Green Zone, Baghdad, on 1 Sept, 2004.

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*An Iraqi man wheels his bicycle past a destroyed Najaf building on 28 August, 2004.*



*Locals assess damage done to buildings during airstrikes and gunbattles between US soldiers and Mahdi Army militiamen, in Najaf, Iraq, on 28 August, 2004.*



*Residents sit on piles of rubble of their destroyed homes in Najaf, Iraq, on 29 August, 2004.*

## Images of Iraq



*An Iraqi baby lies with injuries in a hospital following clashes on 29 August, 2004 around Tal Afar, near the northern city of Mosul, Iraq.*



*An Iraqi woman is looked after by her father after she was injured in a clash in Tal Afar, about 30 miles west of Mosul, Iraq, on 29 August, 2004.*



*Destroyed buildings in Najaf, Iraq, seen on 28 August, 2004.*

## Endeavours to supply electricity to public



*The Paunglaung Multi-purpose Dam Project in Mandalay Division. — MNA*



*Kyeinkharankha hydro power station built in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, is generating 25 kilowatt and supplying electricity to villages in the township. — MNA*



*Maipan hydro-power station was built to the east of Monghsat, Shan State (East) to supply electricity to local people. — MNA*



## Pupils will always be well-behaved,...

(from page 1)

Development Council Government, unlike a Caretaker Government which has just to restore peace and stability in a limited time frame, is sort of a government that assumes overall responsibility for the smooth transition to a new system.

Tasks for reconstruction of a new nation are varied as well as complex and delicate. This being so, ordinary and prosaic efforts are not enough at a time like this. Genuine goodwill towards the country and the people is crucial and serious. It is not time to pay lip service in expressing our love of the country. It is time to serve the country with the use of our expertise and ability.

All in all, fundamental changes have been made since 1998 through thorough and frequent coordination with education staff to ensure that the education

ence of the nation and the people. So, the teachers and educational staff are to always pursue this goal regarding it as their strong belief.

The classes are not the only ones concerning with the national education goal at the knowledge age. And it has covered the entire nation, resulting in lofty aims, which are the concern of the entire national people such as ensuring all national people to be literate ones, all school-going-age children to complete primary education and to pursue middle school education, constant learning opportunity for everyone regardless of age and education level, elevating of the education standard of the entire people, and transforming the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed one. In this regard, the teachers are to uphold the concept that the people's



MEC Vice-Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially converses with trainees of Special Refresher Course No 55 for Basic Education Teachers. —MNA

accepting themselves as the persons nurturing and benefiting the human society. Their pupils will always be good and clever only if the teachers themselves are trying to enhance their knowledge. Recently, the Head of

are attending classes.

Literacy rate of the nation in 2004-2005 reached 93.3 per cent. Thus, Myanmar is among the Asian nations enjoying higher school enrollment rate and literacy rate. Teachers are required to play a leading role in implementing a project for all primary students to complete their primary education. The programme must be implemented with collective efforts. Thanks to the post-primary schools, the rate of students who have completed middle school education will rise. The advanced

multimedia electronic equipment installed at schools, with collective efforts of the State and wellwishers, must be used effectively. All will have to work hard for the nation to catch up with the other nations that are enjoying greater progress.

In this regard, the nation will have to make full use of the rapidly developing technologies and human resources. All will have to effectively use the strength of teachers and advanced teaching aids to produce intellectuals. Thanks to the advanced teaching aids, rural students will be able to

follow the lectures of the teachers of the major cities. Students can listen to the lectures again and again till they understand them well. Teachers are also required to enhance their qualification. Teachers are urged to further improve their knowledge and vision to become good service personnel performing their duties with national outlook and serving the interest of the regions and the nation.

The Secretary-1 then cordially greeted the trainees. The five-week course is being attended by 1,512 trainees. —MNA

**State Peace and Development Council Government, unlike a Caretaker Government which has just to restore peace and stability in a limited time frame, is sort of a government that assumes overall responsibility for the smooth transition to a new system.**

system in Myanmar is on a par with the prevailing age in consideration of the development trends of the world, rapid development of science and technology and the shortage of development in our country.

The encouragement and guidance of the Head of State, the supervision of the MEC and coordination of the educational staff have culminated in the emergence of national education promotion plans. As the teachers witnessed, the signboards which say mottoes on national education goal have been erected at each school across the nation.

This education goal has been laid down with the aim of ensuring perpetual exist-

knowledge and education is the State's greatest resource.

Moreover, the teachers are to guide and nurture the students to become intellectuals and all intelligentsia, ways fuelling the students' desire to pursue education and to master their studies. The teachers are also to be capable of ensuring all-round development of the students in all respective spheres. It has become crystal clear that the conventional method, learning by heart, is not longer effective enough for systematic development in the educational sector.

Teachers should always try to enhance their knowledge and education, while

State said, "The citizen's intellectual power must be improved, and a systematic education system must be ensured to do so. Only if the intellectual power of the citizens is raised enabling them to differentiate between right and wrong, will all be able to build a democratic nation."

The school age children enrollment programme has been implemented as a mass movement with the collective efforts. Thus, the enrollment rate of five-year-old children was 96.56 per cent in 2004-2005, up from 91 per cent in 1999-2000. It can be assumed that all the children except from those of the families living in places far away from schools

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## Nutrition Promotion Week Activities launched in Kachin State

YANGON, 2 Sept—Kachin State launched its Nutrition Promotion Week Activities at the Education College in Myitkyina yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife Daw Tin Tin Nwe, Patron of Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Brig-Gen Kyaw Oo Lwin of Tanai Station, staff officers of the command, Secretary of Kachin State PDC Lt-Col Maung Myo and members, local authorities, Kachin State level departmental officials, members of social organizations, trainees of the Education College and the Nurses Training School and guests.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivered a speech. Head of Kachin State Health

Department Dr Htay Aung gave educative talks on iron deficiency, iodine deficiency and Vitamin A deficiency; and Dr Daw Myint Myint Than of Kachin State Health Department, on programmes to be carried out in the Nutrition Week.

Next, the prize-presentation for the essay competition to mark the Nutrition Week Activities was held at the venue. Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presented prizes for basic education high school levels; and Brig-Gen Kyaw Oo Lwin and officials, for BEMS and BEPS levels to the winners.

It was followed by the presenting of cash donations for implementation of the activities. Daw Tin Tin Nwe presented K 70,000 to Kachin State Health Department; the commander, K 1 million donated by the Northern

Star Natural Resources Trading Co; Lt-Col Maung Myo and officials Vitamin A tablets and ferrous sulphate pills worth K 1 million donated by the Northern Command Headquarters and Kachin State PDC through Dr Htay Aung.

Afterwards, the commander fed Vitamin tablets to the children aged under five and gave away ferrous sulphate pills to pregnant women. The commander viewed the previous year's nutrition promotion week activities and prize-winning works.

After the launching ceremony, the commander looked into progress of construction of a mess and a two-storey building of the Education College and chose a site for construction of a new building. The commander gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements.

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SRV NATIONAL DAY MARKED: The Vietnamese Embassy in Myanmar today held a ceremony to mark National Day of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and wife being welcomed by Vietnamese Ambassador Mr Pham Quang Khon and wife at the reception. —MNA





Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit and party pay homage to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay.—MNA

## Visiting Thai General and...

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officials conducted them round the museum. The Thai General and wife and party had a documentary photo taken together with

Col Zaw Min and wife and party in front of the picture of Bagan pagodas.

Next, the Thai General signed in the visitors' book and accepted souvenir of

Curator U Myint Soe Aung. Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min and wife hosted a luncheon in honour of the Thai General and wife and party at Bagan Hotel.

Col Zaw Min and party presented a lacquerware elephant and a lacquerware box to the wife of the Thai General. Next, the Thai General and wife gave them souvenirs.

At Bagan-NyaungU Airport, Col Zaw Min and wife Daw Khin Mi Mi, Chairman of the District

Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Teza, Secretary Maj Tin Aung and departmental officials saw off the Thai General and wife and party.

The Thai delegation left Bagan-NyaungU Airport by special flight of Royal Thai Army in the afternoon and arrived at Mandalay International Airport in TadaU Township at 1.15 pm. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and wife Daw Myat Ngwe, Chairman

of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein and wife Daw Yin Yin Shwe, senior military officers of the command headquarters and Mandalay Station and their wives.

Accompanied by the commander and wife, the mayor and wife, senior military officers and officials, the Thai General and wife and party proceeded to Maha Muni Buddha Image in Mandalay and paid homage to it. They were welcomed by MCDC Secretary Lt-Col Maung Pu and members of the Pagoda Board

Buddha Image from the pagoda board of trustees.

On arrival at Myanan Sankyaw Golden Palace in Mandalay Nanmyo, Chairman of Aungmyethazan Township Peace and Development Council U Maung Maung, Deputy Director U Aye Maung and officials of Archaeology Department welcomed the guests. The Deputy Director explained facts about the palace.

After visiting the palace, they posed for documentary photo near Nanmyint Tower.

Next, they paid homage to Hsutaungpyay Pagoda on Mandalay Hill where they were welcomed by Chairman of Mandalay District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung and officials.

The Thai General and party offered flowers, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha Image at the pagoda. Afterwards, they enjoyed scenic beauty of Mandalay. Next, the Thai General signed in the visitors' book and donated cash towards the pagoda's funds.

Later, the guests went back to Mandalay International Airport and left there by special aircraft of Royal Thai Army. The commander and wife, the mayor and wife, Brig-Gen Kyaw Han of the Ministry of Defence, Myanmar Military Attaché to Thailand Col Ko Ko Maung and wife, senior military officers of the command headquarters and Mandalay Station and their wives bade farewell to the Thai delegation.—MNA



of Trustees.

The guests offered flowers, lights and joss sticks to the Image and paid obeisance. Next, they donated gold foils to the Image.

After signing in the visitors' book, the Thai General donated cash towards the funds of the pagoda and accepted the picture of the



Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and wife see off Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and wife and party at Mandalay International Airport.—MNA

## Deputy Energy Minister arrives back from Bangkok

YANGON, 2 Sept — The Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay arrived back here by air yesterday evening after attending the Conference on Biofuel held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 30 and 31 August.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon In-

ternational Airport by Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, departmental heads and families of the delegation.

Delegation member Director (Admin) U Thuang Myint of Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise also arrived back on the same flight.—MNA



Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi welcomes back Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay who attended Conference on Biofuel in Thailand.—ENERGY

## Ongoing airport upgrading tasks inspected

YANGON, 2 Sept—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspected the tasks for upgrading of Yangon International Airport this morning.

Director of the Asia World Co Ltd U Maung Kyay reported on progress of extension of the apron, digging of drains and underground drains, driving

bore piles for extended construction of the airport building, construction of basement slab and ground floor slab, measures for ongoing project without affecting air transport services, and arrival of construction materials.

Deputy Director-General of the Civil Aviation Department U Myint Thein and Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Myo Tin gave supplementary reports on the project.

The minister called for timely completion of the project meeting the set standard. He gave instructions for the officials to inspect occasionally the construction tasks. And the minister attended to the needs.

Next, the minister inspected progress of extended construction of the apron and the site chosen for installation of a boarding bridge.

The minister also looked into imported buses to be used in airport services.

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### All this needs to be known

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

# Bright prospects for development of Myanmar rice milling industry

Maung Piti

The Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading (MAPT) has already performed a task dutifully. Held at the Ministry of Industry-1 on 20 July 2004 was a meeting to discuss development of the industrial sector.

At the meeting, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win delivered an address. Concerning the manufacturing of light rice mills, he said that experts of the Ministry of Commerce had invented a sample of mini-rice mills that meet the international standard. It is a user-friendly machine that can do its work in the paddy field, he said, adding that the industrial zones will have to manufacture its prototype.

Secretary of the Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung said that priority will be given to development of agro-based industries for all-round development of the industrial sector. Extended use of farm machinery will cut cultivation cost and improve the living standard of farmers, he pointed out. Chairman of the Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin explained the important facts in developing the industrial sector.

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone reported to the meeting on mini-rice mills assembled by the MAPT with parts available in the nation, and production of palm oil

advancement of the machines. If all work hard in accord with the guidance, the quality of the machines will improve and their market will become wider, leading to further development of the industrial sector, he pointed out. Efforts should be made for rapid advancement of the industrial sector.

After the meeting, the Secretary-1 viewed the advanced foreign-made light rice mills, and demonstration of mini-rice mills and machine parts produced by MAPT at Kyunthaya Hall. He presented a bonus of K 200,000 to the experts who invented the machine. The MAPT presented sample rice mills to Hinthada, East Yangon, Pyay, Mandalay and Monywa industrial zones. The zones will manufacture the machines for local farmers.

The technology of the MAPT mills is based on the designs of DJ-300 and DJ-500 light mills manufactured by the Republic of Korea. The Korean-made machines were displayed at Myanmar Rice Mill Exhibition held at Yangon Trade Centre in Pazundaung in January 2004. Thanks to the assistance of Rice Mill Industry Development Work Committee and subcommittees, MAPT can produce the light mills. As the work has been successful to a certain degree, the committees will try to further improve the machines.

The technology of the Korean-made machines is based on that of the hullers made by German scientist Engelberg in 1897. Myanmar experts studied the weak points of the Korean machines and invented the light mills machines in accordance with the directive of the Secretary-1 and ministers.

The size of a 500-kg mill is 760-mm by 610-mm by 1,590-mm. It can be run with a 7.5 hp or a 12/13 hp engine. It can produce about 15 baskets of rice per hour. The machines are small and light and can be conveyed easily to every place. They are cost-effective and user friendly. Moreover, they are durable machines that can produce quality rice. Their parts are being produced in the nation.

As the MAPT has also presented the blueprint of the machines to the zones, it is hoped that they can produce better ones based on the original design. Moreover, the MAPT invited the division-level engineers of the respective regions to study the machines at Yangon Head Office. In addition to disseminating the technology of the machines, the MAPT is ready to distribute them. Thanks to the machines, the nation can now reduce its farm machinery imports. But all departments and persons concerned will have to produce better machines that are more marketable than the present ones.

Relying on their own ability, the engineers of the MAPT have successfully invented the machine as a means of fulfilling the nation's needs. And the machines and their design have already been provided to the states and divisions under the State assistance. Thus, the prospects are bright for development of the nation's rice milling industry.

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(Translation: TMT)

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purifiers by the No 13 Bran Oil Mill in Insein with the help of small-scale models. Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha briefed the meeting on the Pakokku Industrial Zone, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint on Kale Industrial Zone, and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on Myeik Industrial Zone.

The Head of State has given guidance on practical development of the industrial sector, said the Secretary-1 at the meeting. He also quoted the Head of State as saying that priority should be given to ensuring perfect workmanship, precision, the application of high-standard metallurgy and

## Efficient use of electricity

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

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

## Efficient use of fuel

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

## Cyprus Airways suffers heavy losses in first half of 2004

NICOSIA, 2 Sep—Cyprus Airways, the island's national carrier, reported a loss of 30 million Cyprus pounds (about 60 million US dollars) for the first six months of this year, *Cyprus News Agency* (CNA) reported on Wednesday.

The losses came as a result of increased competition on fares and rising fuel costs, said the company, adding that its newly-launched Hellas Jet operation also proves to be a failure, making a loss of around 1 million pounds (two million US dollars) a month.

Following Cyprus' accession to the European Union on May 1, competition in the Island's aviation industry has intensified. Cyprus Airways has seen both the number of passengers and fares declining, the airline said.

This (competition) combined with the significant and continuing rise in fuel costs will make the second half of the year a very difficult one," the company added in a statement.

The Cypriot Government has warned that unless

the airline can initiate a turnaround in the next few months, it will run out of cash by November and face the fate of bankruptcy by the end of this year.

The airline has drawn up a controversial restructuring plan to regain competitiveness, including measures such as fleet reduction, staff cuts and outsourcing.

The company is currently holding talks with the unions over the plan.

A spokesman of Cyprus Airways said that if Hellas Jet operation is excluded, the rest divisions of the company have managed to cut losses to 19.8 million US dollars in the first half of this year from 40 million US dollars in the same period of 2003.

"This means that the results of the remainder of the group is more or less the same as last year," said the spokesman.

The money-losing Hellas Jet operation was launched in June 2003 and will come under scrutiny in the company's restructuring plan.

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## Commander inspects agriculture, livestock breeding farms of Yangon Command



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects No 2 Livestock Breeding Farm of Yangon Command.— YANGON COMMAND

### Electric Power Minister inspects Yeywa hydel power project

YANGON, 2 Sept — Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, together with Deputy Director-General of the Department of Electric Power U Saw Win and officials of the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise, on 29 August inspected the sites chosen to build 400 KV Shwesaryan sub-station in Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Division, and 230 KV sub-station in Kyaukse Township. On

completion of Yeywa and Shweli hydel power stations, the stations will supply electric power through the sub-stations.

At the work coordination meeting held at Yeywa hydel power project, the minister urged the officials to make efforts for timely completion of the projects, to carry out the tasks in cooperation with the department and enterprise.

He also called for

minimizing wastage and thrifty use of materials in the project. Deputy Minister for Electric Power U Myo Myint and officials concerned reported to him on the progress of work at the meeting.

The minister gave necessary instructions.

The minister and party on 31 August inspected the construction work of Yeywa hydel power project and fulfilled the needs.

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YANGON, 2 Sept — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected agriculture and livestock breeding tasks of Yangon Command this morning.

The commander arrived at the model monsoon paddy plantation in Barlar region near the junction of Yangon-Bago six-lane highway and No 3 Highway between Mingaladon and Hlegu townships this morning.

The commander inspected machinery used at the farmlands, replanting of Manaw Thukha, Hmawby Hsan and Shwenantha-9 paddy strains on the farmlands one after another. The farmlands were flooded due to heavy rains. Next, he saw over cultivation of vegetable patches on vacant and virgin lands. The com-

mander gave instructions on replanting of quality paddy strains to exceed the target, control of pest and use of fertilizers.

At No 2 Livestock Breeding Farm in Hmawby Township, farm in-charge Maj Myat Nyein reported on raising of layers, breeding of turkey and production of eggs and chicken.

Secretary of Yangon Command Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Leading Committee Lt-Col Thein Hsint reported on agriculture and livestock breeding tasks of Yangon Command, production of eggs, chicken, fish and pork and distribution of chickens and piglets.

The commander saw over raising of layers with battery cage system in the farm and instructed them to carry out sanitation tasks at environs of the farm and grow vegetables on vacant and virgin lands.

On arrival at the Central Fish Breeding Farm in Mingaladon Township, farm in-charge Maj Thet Hlaing reported on breeding of fish, production of fish fry, raising of layers, breeding of fish in Shwemayin region of Twantay Township. The commander inspected the farm and gave necessary instructions.

Next, they went to No 1 Livestock Breeding Farm in Sawbawgyigon of Insein Township. Farm in-charge Capt Win Zin Maung breeding of broilers, distribution of 172,653 layers to regiments and units and local people and sales of chicken. The commander inspected the farm and gave necessary instructions.

Livestock Breeding farms of the command have been distributed 172,653 layers to the people.

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Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint inspects Yangon Kart Speedway being built by Torque and Power Motors Ltd.— SPED

### Yangon Kart Speedway construction inspected

YANGON, 2 Sept — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint this afternoon inspected Yangon Kart Speedway being constructed by Torque and Power Motors Limited at Thuwunna in Thingangyun.

Managing Director of the Torque and Power Motors Ltd Dr Ye Naing Wynn reported to the minister on construction of club house, workshop, Kart track and PIT area.

It is learnt that 90 per cent of the construction of Yangon Kart Speedway is completed. — MNA



Officials of UMFCCI and China Nauruan Entrepreneurs Association seen at business meeting.

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### UMFCCI officials meet Chinese guests

YANGON, 2 Sept—Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, CEC members and executives met a 9-member Chinese delegation of Guangxi Grain Association of China and China Nauruan Entrepreneur Association led by Deputy Director-General of Guangxi Grain Bureau of the People's Republic of China Mr Huang Xian Yang at the UMFCCI head office yesterday afternoon.

The cordial discussion turned to investment opportunities and procedures, agricultural services, import and export of agricultural produce, and participation of Myanmar entrepreneurs in China-ASEAN Expo to be held in Nanning, Guangxi Autonomous Region from 3 to 6 November 2004.

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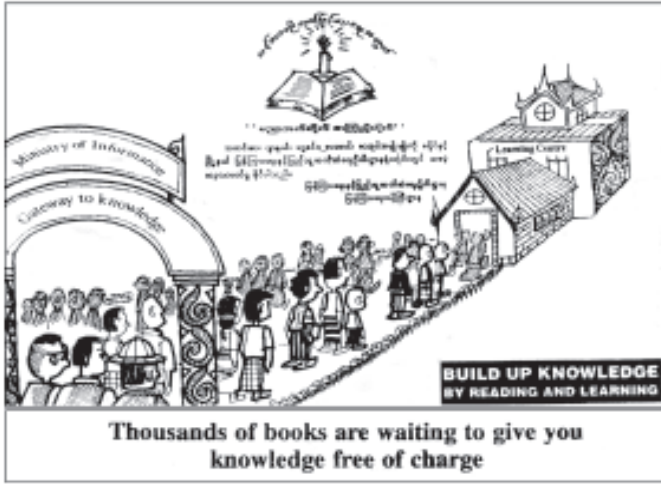


Striker Win Aung of Finance & Revenue team and defender of Hong Kong Kitchee team battle for a ball in Myanmar-Hong Kong friendly match at Youth Training Centre on 2-9-2004.— NLM

**Myanmar-Hong Kong friendly soccer match ends in 1-1 draw**

YANGON, 2 Sept — Myanmar-Hong Kong friendly soccer 3rd match took place at the Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna) this afternoon. Finance and Revenue football team played against Kitchee of Hong Kong and ended in a 1-1 draw.

The fourth match will be held at the sports ground on 5 September evening and Myanmar Selection football team will meet Kitchee. — MNA



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### Nine Legionnaires' cases reported in Sweden, one dead

STOCKHOLM, 1 Sept — Nine cases of Legionnaires' disease and two suspected cases have been discovered in August in the Swedish city of Lidköping, with an elderly man dead, the *Swedish News Agency* reported Monday.

Legionella bacteria, which causes the disease, was found in the victim's body, an anti-epidemic institute said. The man also had other ailments.

Legionnaires' disease, also known as Legionellosis, is a form of pneumonia caused by Legionella bacteria in water droplets. The bacteria could spread quickly in hot water and air conditioning systems.

The disease assumed the current name in 1976 when an outbreak killed 29 people at an American Legion Convention in Philadelphia.

According to the institute, three cases of Legionnaires' disease were reported in July in Sweden's northern city of Umeå. One died of the disease. — *MNA/Xinhua*

### US study shows full body scans raise cancer risk,

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept — People who pay for whole-body X-ray scans in the hope of finding tumours at their earliest stages may, ironically, be raising their overall risk of cancer, doctors warned on Tuesday.

The scans are marketed as a way to catch cancer before symptoms begin, but the radiation from the scans themselves could cause cancer, the researchers said.

CT or computed tomography scans involve X-rays, but computer software and multiple angles produce a higher-quality image than the

traditional flat X-ray.

The scans are not the same as magnetic resonance imaging or MRI scans, which do not expose the body to radiation.

Writing in the September issue of the journal *Radiology*, radiation oncologist David Brenner and colleagues at Columbia University in New York said whole-body CT scans pack a considerable radiation wallop.

"The radiation dose from a full-body CT scan is comparable to the doses received by some of the atomic-bomb

survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, where there is clear evidence of increased cancer risk," Brenner said in a statement.

They studied survivors who got low doses of radiation from the bombs, not those who got the highest doses.

The dose from a single full-body CT is only slightly lower than the mean dose experienced by some atomic bomb survivors, they said, and is nearly 100 times that of a typical screening mammogram.

*MNA/Reuters*

### New class of planets found around two other stars

WASHINGTON, 1 Sept — A new class of planets has been found orbiting stars besides our sun, in a possible giant leap forward in the search for Earth-like planets that might harbour life, scientists said on Tuesday.

"We can't quite see the Earth-like planets yet, but we are seeing their big brothers, and hopefully we will be bearing down on these small-mass planets soon," said Paul Butler of the Carnegie Insti-

tution of Washington, the co-discoverer of one of the new planets.

The two new planets are about 15 to 20 times more massive than Earth — approximately the mass of Neptune — and have diameters about two or three times the size of our home planet, astronomers said at a news conference at NASA headquarters.

That makes these new bodies different from most

of the other so-called exoplanets found in the last decade outside our solar system. These other planets, more than 100 of them, are generally about the mass of Jupiter — about 318 times Earth's mass — and are thought to be balls of gas, completely inhospitable to life as Earthlings know it.

*MNA/Reuters*

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## ပြည်တွင်းပြစ်ကိုအားပေးပါ

### Chinese martial-arts film "Hero" tops North America box office

LOS ANGELES, 31 Aug — Chinese martial-arts film "Hero," starring Jet Li, sliced up the competition at North America box office, taking in 18 million US dollars in the passing weekend, according to final studio figures Monday. This was 200,000 dollars more than the studio estimates released Sunday. The film, which was nominated for 2002 best foreign language Academy award, was released by Miramax two years later than expected. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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### Poultry disease breaks out in Zimbabwe

HARARE, 1 Sept — The highly infectious Newcastle disease has broken out in some parts of Mashonaland Central Province in Zimbabwe and killed thousands of chickens, a local official said on Monday.

Provincial Veterinary Director Josphat Nyika said a team of doctors had been dispatched to Matope and Kamutsenzere districts, where the outbreak is most severe, to monitor the situation. — *MNA/Xinhua*



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### Brazilians live longer as population hits 180 million

RIO DE JANEIRO (Brazil), 31 Aug — Brazilians have fewer children, but increasing longevity made the population of Latin America's biggest country rise by 10 million in the past four years to exceed 180 million, official data showed on Monday.

The government-run Brazilian Institute for Geography and Statistics, or IBGE, said in its annual population review that the average Brazilian woman had an estimated 2.31 children in 2004 compared with 6 children in 1960.

The number has been

declining gradually from 2.89 in 1991 and 2.39 in 2000, which the IBGE attributed to the fact that women work more and increasingly use contraceptives.

Brazil's population is the world's fifth-largest after China, India, the United States and Indonesia.

The IBGE said the population would continue to grow for years to come, but at a decreasing rate. Annual population growth more than halved to 1.44 per cent in 2004 from 3 per cent a year between 1950 and 1960.

*MNA/Reuters*





## SPORTS

## Rooney says Manchester United the only team for me

LONDON, 2 Sept — Teenage striker Wayne Rooney says Manchester United were the only team he wanted to join once when he knew the club were interested in him.

The 18-year-old joined United from Everton on Tuesday in a six-year deal valued at up to almost 30 million pounds (\$3.91 million US dollars), which includes agents fees and is conditional on the club's performances and the player's England appearances.

"Once I knew that Manchester United were in for my signature there was only one place I was going to go," Rooney told a news conference in Manchester on Wednesday.

"I'm very excited because of the players they've got here, it's unbelievable the team they've got and their fans all over

the world, so hopefully I can come into the team and do well."

Rival Premier League club Newcastle United had also made an offer for Rooney, who scored four goals for England at Euro 2004 before limping off with a broken foot during their quarterfinal defeat by hosts Portugal.

United manager Alex Ferguson said he believed Rooney would be fit to play in two to three weeks and was due to have another scan on Thursday.

Rooney said it had been a tough decision to leave Everton, the club he has supported since a boy and with whom he made his first-team debut two years ago after coming through the Merseyside club's youth academy.

"It was difficult because I've supported Everton all my life and I've been playing for Everton for two years so it made it even more difficult... but then United came in for me and I knew I wanted to further my career and go and play in the Champions League. — MNA/Reuters



Marcos Baghdalis of Cyprus hits a return to Roger Federer of Switzerland during their match at the 2004 US Open in New York, on 1 Sept, 2004. Federer defeated Baghdalis 6-2, 6-7, 6-3, 6-1. —INTERNET

## Rooney on verge of joining Manchester United

LONDON, 2 Sept — England striker Wayne Rooney was at Manchester United on Tuesday for a medical prior to his 25-million-pound (\$4.92 million US dollar) transfer from Everton, a British record price for a striker.

The deal was the biggest pending in Europe on transfer deadline day and is expected to be finalized before midnight (2300 GMT) when the window closes until January 1.

England's 18-year-old Euro 2004 hero, who scored four goals in the tournament, has been out of action since

limping off during the quarterfinal against hosts Portugal in June with a broken foot. He underwent a medical in Manchester on Tuesday morning and was at Old Trafford with his agent for talks over what should become the third biggest transfer in English history.

England defender Rio Ferdinand's 28.2-million-pound move from Leeds to Manchester United in 2002 and Argentine midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron's 28.0-million-pound switch from Lazio to United in 2001 were the only two more expensive deals. United appeared to have fought off Premier League rivals Newcastle United for Rooney's signature after a bidding war over the past week.

The deadline for transfers in the Premier League is midnight (2300 GMT) local time, while the cut off point for the Champions League is 1200 central European time (1000 GMT) on Wednesday.

Elsewhere, the transfer of Valencia utility forward Miguel Angel Angulo to Arsenal fell through when he signed a new contract with the Spanish champions.

West Brom also agreed a season-long loan deal for 28-year-old Romanian international right-back Cosmin Contra from Atletico Madrid. — MNA/Reuters

## Striker Yorke completes move to Birmingham City

LONDON, 2 Sept — Birmingham City have completed the signing of Trinidad and Tobago striker Dwight Yorke from Blackburn Rovers for an undisclosed fee, the English Premier League club said on its web site on Wednesday.

The 32-year-old signed a one-year deal with a further year's option just minutes before Tuesday's midnight deadline for the European summer transfer window.

Scottish champions Celtic were reported to be interested in the striker but he opted to remain in England.

"I'm relishing the opportunity to continue my Premier-league career with a progressive club like Birmingham City," Yorke was quoted as saying.

"I greatly admire what (manager) Steve Bruce has achieved in his time at Birmingham City. I believe it is a club which is going places and I very much look forward to being part of it." Yorke played for Aston Villa from 1989 until he joined Manchester United for 12 million pounds (\$2.56 million US dollars) in 1998. He spent four successful seasons at Old Trafford and was part of the treble-winning side of 1999 before he moved to Blackburn last season. — MNA/Reuters

## Indrawn Indian captain Bhutia to miss Japan tie

NEW DELHI, 2 Sept — Top Indian striker and captain Bhaichung Bhutia has been ruled out of next week's Asian 2006 World Cup qualifier against Japan following knee surgery. "He underwent a micro-surgery on his left knee on Tuesday for cartilage tear," surgeon Debashis Chatterjee, who performed the procedure, said in Kolkata.

Bhutia, who hurt his knee playing for India in a tournament in Vietnam last week, is expected to be out of action for around six weeks, Chatterjee added.

Japan, who top Group 3 with a maximum nine points, thrashed India 7-0 at home in June and are expected to register another big win in the return tie to be played in Kolkata next Wednesday. — MNA/Reuters



Ecuador's national soccer team poses for team photo at Atahualpa Stadium in Quito, Ecuador, on Wednesday, 1 Sept, 2004. Ecuador will face to Uruguay in a World Cup qualifying match on 5 Sept, in Montevideo. —INTERNET

## Slimline Ronaldo takes new girlfriend to Brazil training

TERESOPOLIS (Brazil), 1 Sept — Ronaldo took his new girlfriend to watch him training with Brazil on Tuesday while coach Carlos Alberto Parreira thanked her for helping the Real Madrid forward lose weight.

Daniela Cicarella sat on the touchline as the world champions began preparing for Sunday's World Cup qualifier at home to Bolivia and her presence seemed to distract Ronaldo, who repeatedly looked in her direction.

But Parreira said he had no objections and spend several minutes talking to her. "I thanked her," he said. "Ronaldo is happy, slim and in form."

Three months ago, Ronaldo was repeatedly having to fend off questions about his weight and stormed

out of a news conference when an Argentine journalist handed him a book on dieting.

"If I don't score goals, it's because I'm fat," he said at the time. "If I score, it's because I've lost weight."

Ronaldo, whose split up from his first wife Milene Domingues last year after four years of marriage, denied another wedding was in the air.

"When I get married, you'll know about it," he said.

Ronaldo added he wanted to make another visit to strife-torn Haiti, where Brazil

played a friendly two weeks ago.

The Brazilian players were given a rapturous reception as they were driven from the airport to the stadium in Brazilian tanks which are part of the United Nations peacekeeping force.

"It was a unique sensation and it had a great effect on me," he said.

"I want to go back there and see the happiness of those people again. It was superior even to winning the World Cup. It will remain in the memories of all of us."

MNA/Reuters

## Uruguay coach backs under-fire Recoba

MONTEVIDEO, 2 Sept — Uruguay coach Jorge Fossati has backed under-fire Alvaro Recoba after the Inter Milan forward was jeered by fans during a training session, local media said on Wednesday.

Recoba, a player with a gifted left foot but dogged by inconsistency, was criticized for his last performance with Uruguay, when he captained the side that lost 5-0 to Colombia in a World Cup qualifier in early June.

"He will have our complete backing so that he feels at home," Fossati said as his team warmed up for Sunday's World Cup qualifier at

home to Ecuador.

"In any case, during the 90 minutes, I'm the one who's responsible for the fact that Recoba is in the team, so they'll have to deal with me as well."

"It's not going to be the first time that he's played under pressure. Alvaro has to have the personality to withstand this extra pressure because if he doesn't, then he might as well throw in the towel and quit the national team."

Recoba was rested for the Copa America in July and Uruguay prospered without

him, eventually finishing third. Uruguay have lost their last three qualifiers — including two at home — and have dropped to ninth in the South American group with seven points from seven games.

Ecuador, who will be playing their first match under coach Luis Fernando Suarez, are fifth with nine points.

Fossati said captain Paolo Montero, who made his international comeback at the Copa America two years after retiring, was optimistic about being fit to play against Ecuador. — MNA/Reuters

## Marseille striker Mido to join AS Roma

MARSEILLE (France), 1 Sept — Olympique Marseille striker Ahmed Hossam Mido is joining Serie A team AS Roma, a source close to the French club said on Tuesday.

The transfer fee and length of contract have not been disclosed. The 21-year-old Egypt international joined the Ligue 1 side last year after spells at Ajax Amsterdam and Celta Vigo.

Mido, who has suffered a string of injuries, was due to return to action with Marseille on September 12 after a hamstring problem but had made it clear he wanted to leave. — MNA/Reuters



Jennifer Capriati from the United States eyes her return to Magui Serna from Spain at the US Open tennis tournament in New York on Wednesday, 1 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET



### Morning Transmission

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**3-9-2004 (Friday)**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(15:30 - 17:30)**  
15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic

	Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
15:36	Exciting Adventurous Journey (Part—I)
<b>15:40</b>	<b>Headline News</b>
15:42	Hill Resort Town (Thandaung)
<b>15:45</b>	<b>National News</b>
15:50	Fabulous Bagan (V)
15:55	Brave Youth Showing His Strength & Ability
<b>16:00</b>	<b>National News</b>
16:05	Shwe Nan Daw Cultural Museum
16:10	Myanmar Modern Song "Follow me Let's go"
16:12	Let's meet at the cafe!
<b>16:15</b>	<b>National News</b>
16:20	Traditional Chin Liqueur (Khaung Yay)
16:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
<b>16:30</b>	<b>National News</b>
16:35	Talent Show on the Myanmar Bamboo Xylophone
<b>16:45</b>	<b>National News</b>
16:50	Tha Mee Hla Island
16:55	Khame Traditional Cultural Dance
16:58	Weaving Industry of Pakokku
<b>17:00</b>	<b>National News</b>
17:03	Adept Sons of Inlay Lake
17:05	Myanmar Modern Song "Welcome to Treasure Land"
17:10	Export Prawn
<b>17:15</b>	<b>National News</b>
17:20	Performance of King Brahminy Bird Dance
17:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights “Mingalabar”  
19:36 Ancient Buddha  
Images Carved On  
Stone Walls (Akauk  
Mountain)

19:40	<b>Headline News</b>
19:42	Enjoy our Shan Food
19:45	<b>National News</b>
19:50	May Fitness be with you
19:55	Kayah Dance
20:00	<b>National News</b>
20:05	Fabulous Bagan (IV)
20:10	Myanmar Modern Song "Lovely Dusk"
20:12	A Gift to Mark a visit to Myitkyina (Kachin-Snack)
20:15	<b>National News</b>
20:20	Myanmar Women's Fashion Show
20:25	Myanmar Modern Song "A Way for Lovers"
20:30	<b>National News</b>
20:35	Music for Your Ears (A Sweet Sounding Musical Piece)
20:40	Dried Snakehead
20:45	<b>National News</b>
20:50	The Birth Place of Lacquerware Technicians
20:55	A Romantic Duet
21:00	<b>National News</b>
21:05	Let's Play "Chinlone"
21:10	Songs On Screen "Creating of a love-like song"
21:12	The Great Bell of King Singu
21:15	<b>National News</b>
21:20	Road to Mingun
21:25	Song of Myanmar

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- Nil at Yangon Airport,
- Nil at Kaba-Aye and
- Nil at central Yangon.

Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was

- 96.69 inches at Yangon Airport,
- 93.82 inches at Kaba-Aye and
- 95.47 inches at central Yangon.

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**Thursday, 2 September 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours**  
**MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Bago Division, Kayin State and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in lower Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Shwebo (3.15)inches and Kyauktaw (2.56) inches.

Maximum temperature on 1-9-2004 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 2-9-2004 was 70°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 2-9-2004 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 1-9-2004 was 4.9 hours approx.

Rainfall on 2-9-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 96.69 inches at Yangon Airport, 93.82 inches at Kaba-Aye and 95.47 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from Southwest at 17:05 hours MST on 1-9-2004.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is weak in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 3-9-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon, Kayin States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Chin, northern Shan States, Ayeyawady, Yagon and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Weak monsoon.  
**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-9-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-9-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.



7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas  
by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:15 am

2. တီပိဋကဓရ၊ မွေးဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊  
အဓိပ္ပာယ်တော်၊ ဘုရားသီရိဇ္ဇာ  
ဘိဝံသ (ယောဆရာတော်)  
ဟောကြား၊ တော်ပုံအပ်သော  
ဥပ္ပိတသမ္ဘိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning news

7:40 am

5. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

6. ရိုးရာဆွေးလက်တေးဂုဏ်း

7:55 am

7. အတိပိဋပွဲ

8:10 am

8. The mirror images of

the musical oldies

**8:20 am**  
9. ဂမုဒ်ခရစ်သုတေသန

**8:30 am**  
10. International news

**8:45 am**  
11. English for Everyday Use

**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**  
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**  
3. Practice in Reading

**4:45 pm**  
4. Musical programme

**5:00 pm**  
5. အစားသင့်တော်သည့် ပညာရေး  
ရရှိခြင်းသဘောသင်ခန်းစာ  
-တတိယနှစ်  
(ရတနာအထူးပြု) (ရတနာ)

**5:15 pm**  
6. Song of national races

**5:30 pm**  
7. အတုပြိုင်ပွဲ

**5:45 pm**  
8. ရှည်စေ့နှင့်တိုနှင့်အားကစား  
အပြိုင်

**6:05 pm**  
9. Musical programme

**6:05 pm**  
10. Discovery

**6:15 pm**  
11. မြန်မာ့ဆေးဝေဒက၏ သမိုင်း  
မှတ်တိုင်သစ် (အသက်အေးထိုး  
ကုသခြင်း) (အပိုင်း-၁)

**6:30 pm**  
12. Evening news

**7:00 pm**  
13. Weather report

**7:05 pm**  
14. မှိုင်းခြားစာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
“လွန်ခဲ့လှကောင်း” (အပိုင်း-၁)

**7:35 pm**  
15. Songs of yesteryears

**7:45 pm**  
16. စိုလှစ၏ဟင်းလျာငါးတွဲစာတ်  
မွေးထားပြည့်ကျီမျှား

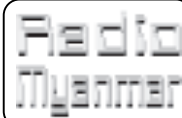
**8:00 pm**  
17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. Myanmar video  
feature:  
“မုန်ခြင်းတရား၏ ဆန္ဒအတိုင်း”  
(အပိုင်း-၂)  
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လှအသိတင်  
ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဇော်ညွှန်းဦး

21. The next day's  
programme



**Friday, September 3**  
**Tune in today:**

<b>8.30 am</b>	Brief news
<b>8.35 am</b>	Music: Knocking on my door
<b>8.40 am</b>	Perspectives
<b>8.45 am</b>	Music: On the horizon
<b>8.50 am</b>	National news/Slogan
<b>9.00 am</b>	Music: Come into my world
<b>9.05 am</b>	International news
<b>9.10 am</b>	Music: Better best forgotten
<b>1.30 pm</b>	News/Slogan
<b>1.40 pm</b>	Lunch time music
	-Wanna be where you are
	-What about me
<b>9.00 pm</b>	World of music
	Songs from: Malaysia
<b>9.15 pm</b>	Article/Music
<b>9.25 pm</b>	Music at your request
	-Even the nights are better
	-Blue Bayon
	-Faith of heart
<b>9.45 pm</b>	News/Slogan
<b>10.00 pm</b>	PEL



Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and wife and party visit Bagan Archaeological Museum.—MNA

## Visiting Thai General, wife and party tour Bagan Ancient Cultural Region, downtown Mandalay

YANGON, 2 Sept — Visiting Commander-in-Chief of Royal Thai Army General Chaisit Shinawatra and Madame Veena Shinawatra and party who arrived in 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, accompanied by Brig-Gen Kyaw Han of the Ministry of Defence, Myanmar Military Attaché to Thailand Col Ko Ko Maung and officials, left Yangon International Airport by special aircraft of Royal Thai Army yesterday morning and arrived at Bagan-NyaungU Airport in Mandalay Division at 9.10 am.

The Thai General and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min and wife Daw Khin Mi Mi.

Also present at the airport were Chairman of NyaungU District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Teza, Secretary Maj Tin

Aung and departmental officials.

Accompanied by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min and wife Daw Khin Mi Mi and officials, the Thai General and wife and party arrived at the Shwezigon Pagoda in Bagan Ancient Cultural Re-

gion. Curator U Myint Soe Aung of Bagan Archaeological Museum and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees conducted the guests round the pagoda. The Thai General and party offered flowers, water and lights to the pagoda and paid homage to it. Next, the Thai General signed in the visi-

tors' book and presented cash donation towards the funds of the pagoda through officials. Officials of the Pagoda Board of Trustees presented a photo of the pagoda as Dhamma gift to the Thai General. Afterwards, the Thai guests visited the pagoda.

On arrival at the Ananda

Pagoda, the guests were welcomed by Curator U Myint Soe Aung and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.

After paying homage to the pagoda, the Thai General and wife and party viewed ancient Buddha images of Bagan era.

The Thai General signed

in the visitors' book and made cash donations. The Pagoda Board of Trustees presented a souvenir of Ananda Pagoda made of lacquerware to the Thai General.

At Bagan Archaeological Museum, Curator U Myint Soe Aung and (See page 9)

## Commander attends launching of Yangon Division Nutrition Promotion Week

YANGON, 2 Sept — A ceremony to launch Yangon Division Nutrition Promotion Week was held at the town hall of Ahlon Township this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Patron of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

First, the commander made a speech on the occasion. In his speech, he said the objectives were laid

down for the development of the State. Efforts are being made to ensure success in health and education tasks in line with one of the Social Objectives: Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation.

Only when the people are well aware of the high value of nutrition will they enjoy a healthy life, which will contribute to the development of human resources.

The Ministry of Health is also taking measures to fight malnutrition and overeating and encouraging the habit of balanced diet.

The commander called

for participation and cooperation in the activities of the week so that balanced diet habit will be common to people of any age.

Next, the commander presented prizes to the winners in the essay competition held to mark Yangon Division Nutrition Promotion Week.

And the commander and wife viewed township-wise booths of Nutrition Promotion Week and demonstration on the quality test for iodized salt and the display of nutritious foods. The commander and wife fed vitamin A tablets to children under five, presented gifts to them and distributed ferrous sulphate tablets to the pregnant.

Today's ceremony was sponsored by the UNICEF. MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe feeds vitamin A tablet to a child in Yangon Division Nutrition Promotion Week Movements.—MNA

## Forestry Minister inspects factories in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone

YANGON, 2 Sept — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, accompanied by Director-General of Planning and Statistics Department U Than Swe, Managing Director of Myanma Timber Enterprise U Win Tun and officials, inspected wood-based enterprises in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone at noon today.

The minister and party visited workshops of Hayman Co Ltd, Khine Hsu Thu Co Ltd and Teak Farm Co Ltd in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone and inspected the manufacturing of wood products such as finger joint, board, decking, scantling and furniture, classification of logs and preparations for export. Next, the

officials reported on production process of the factories to the minister.

The minister gave necessary instructions to the officials on efforts to be made for progress of wood-based industries, seeking export market and upgrading the qualities of the products and attended to the needs. —MNA



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspects Wood-based Products Factory in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone.—FORESTRY