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**With Government's assistance, health officials, physicians, surgeons making relentless efforts to provide international-level public health care services
Prime Minister asks after health of patient who has undergone liver transplant**



NHC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt comforts Ko Khin Zaw Htet who has undergone liver transplant at New General Hospital (Yangon).— MNA

YANGON, 3 Sept—Liver transplant was successfully performed for the first time in Myanmar at the New General Hospital (Yangon) on 25 August 2004. Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister

General Khin Nyunt this evening visited the New Yangon General Hospital on Bogyoke Aung San Street here and asked after the health of the patient who has undergone liver transplant and fulfilled the needs.

The Prime Minister was welcomed there by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, the ministers, the deputy ministers, heads of department, surgical specialist Professor Dr Nawman Hla and surgical specialists, doctors and nurses. First, the Prime Minister asked after the health of patient Ko Khin Zaw Htet who has recovered from at the intensive care unit. Next, Minister of Health Dr Kyaw Myint and surgical specialist Professor Dr Nawman Hla reported on the improving health condition of the patient. Afterwards, Prime Minister Gen-

eral Khin Nyunt spoke words of honour to surgical specialists and medical staff who successfully performed the liver transplant.

Next, the Prime Minister met Daw Tin Tin Myint, wife of the patient and spoke words of encouragement.

After greeting surgical specialists, doctors and nurses, the Prime Minister left the hospital later in the evening.

With the assistance of the government, officials of the health sector, physicians, specialists and surgeons have been making relentless efforts for providing international-level

health care service for people.

After a series of successful advanced level operations including conjoined twin operation, kidney transplant and replantation of a traumatically amputated crushed distal forearm, officials of the health sector are making strenuous efforts for successfully performing a liver transplant operation.

The government has made necessary arrangements covering import of hospital equipment for liver transplant and sending of physicians abroad for further studies.

When every requirement

is fulfilled, liver transplant team comprising physicians, surgeons, anaesthetists, lab technicians, special nurses and others conducted practices for the operation again and again.

On 25 August, a healthy liver taken from late donor Ma Aye Mon was successfully transplanted into patient Ko Khin Zaw Htet who was suffering from liver cirrhosis.

The success of liver transplant, the first of its kind in Myanmar, is something the entire national people of Myanmar can be proud of.

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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**



NHC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt hears reports on progress of Ko Khin Zaw Htet's health condition by surgical specialist Prof Dr Norman Hla.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Serve regional and national interests with correct outlook

The world today is experiencing such a rapid development of science and technologies, especially information and communications technology, that what happens in one part of the world is known to all those living in other parts of the globe in a matter of minutes and hours. At such a time like this, it is necessary for Myanmar not to lose sight of international developments in every sphere.

The Government of Myanmar is taking all the necessary measures to bring about simultaneous development in health, education, transport, communications, political, economic and social sectors and it is necessary for the entire people to see the objective conditions of progress in the right perspective.

The Special Refresher Course No 55 for Basic Education Teachers was opened at the Nawarat Hall of the Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township on 2 September and it was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, also Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee.

In his address on the occasion, the Secretary-1 said : now is the time when we are reconstructing a new nation and the task calls for tremendous efforts and genuine goodwill towards the nation and the people and it is not enough just to pay lip service. It is the time to serve the country with full use of our expertise and ability, he added.

According to the demand of our country's situation, we will have to make several steps forward if other developed nations make one. Only then will our nation be able to be on a par with them. In making efforts for building a new nation, it is required to make full use of rapidly-changing technologies as well as natural and human resources of our own.

The role of intellectuals and intelligentsia in shaping the future of the nation can't be overemphasized. Therefore, it is necessary to discover new generation youths and fuel their desire to learn. Regarding themselves as those who are to serve the interests of the nation, the youths today should always try to enhance their knowledge and hone their skills. Only if the intellectual power of the citizens is raised will it be possible to build a democratic nation.

This being so, we would like to urge all the teachers to commit to their noble work with national outlook and turn out new generation youths who can serve the interests of their respective regions and the nation as a whole.

Book Charity to be held on 7 September

YANGON, 3 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

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 meets Japanese guests

YANGON, 3 Sept — Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung met with Secretary-General Ven Hiroshi Fujikura of the Buddhist Summit Nenbutsushu Buddhist Sect of Japan and party at his office this afternoon.

Also present were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department Dr Myo Myint, Director-General of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana U Sann Lwin, Pro-Rector (Admin) of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Dr Myint Kyi and officials. — MNA

Secretary-General of the Buddhist Summit Nenbutsushu Buddhist Sect of Japan Ven Hiroshi Fujikura and party meet Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung. — MNA



Talks on nutrition development for teenagers given

YANGON, 3 Sept — Talks on health education to mark Nutrition Promotion Week activities of the Myanmar Medical Association (Women's Chapter) was held at Yankin Education College Practising Middle School of the Education Planning and Training Department, here, this morning.

Present were the chairperson of the MMA (Women's Chapter), executives, the headmistress and teachers. First, Headmistress

Daw Yin Yin Nwe and Chairperson of MMA (Women's Chapter) Dr Daw Khin Lay Gyi gave speeches. Next, Assistant Director Dr Daw Myint Myint Zin of Nutrition Division of the Health Department explained matters related to development of nutrition for teenagers.

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Artistes of UK to present musical concerts in Mandalay, Yangon

YANGON, 3 Sept — Artistes of St Catherine's College of Cambridge University of the United Kingdom are scheduled to perform entertainment in the musical concerts to audience at the National Theatre in Mandalay on 6 September and the National Theatre in Yangon on 9 September. Admission is free.

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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 Street, Yangon.

Tel: 371339, 379769, 379771, 252451

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 3 Sept — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

<i>Names</i>	<i>Appointment</i>
(a) U Soe Win Hlaing	Director-General
Deputy Director-General	Forest Department
Forest Department	Ministry of Forestry
Ministry of Forestry	
(b) U Tun Aung	Principal
Deputy Principal	Yenangyoung Degree
Yenangyoung Degree	College
College	Higher Education
Higher Education	Department (Upper
Department (Upper	Myanmar)
Myanmar)	Ministry of Education
Ministry of Education	MNA

Japanese Buddhist delegation leaves

YANGON, 3 Sept — The 24-member Japanese Buddhist delegation led by Ven Hiroshi Fujikura, Secretary-General of Buddhist Summit Nenbutsushu Buddhist Sect of Japan left here by air this evening after attending the coordination meeting on Fourth World Buddhist Summit, here.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-General Dr Myo Myint of the Religious Affairs Department, Director-General U Sann Lwin of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana, Pro-Rector (Admin) Dr Myint Kyi of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University, Deputy Director-General U Htin Myo of RAD and officials. — MNA



Bago Division (B) team playing against Magway Division (A) team in the men's event of 10th Inter-State/Division Sepak Takraw Tournament at Aung San Gymnasium on 3-9-2004. — NLM

976 US troops killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 3 Sept—As of Thursday, 2 Sept, 976 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 730 died as a result of hostile action and 246 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 64 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, 11; Poland, 10; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, six; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; and Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one death each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 838 U.S. soldiers have died — 621 as a result of hostile action and 217 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers Thursday. — *Internet*



Fire rages in an oil pipeline near the northern town of Riyadh, about 60 kilometres southwest of Kirkuk, Iraq, after it was attacked by saboteurs, on Thursday, 2 Sept, 2004. The line links fields near Kirkuk with the oil refinery of Beiji. — *INTERNET*

Iraq militants kill three Turks, bomb oil pipeline

BAGHDAD, 2 Sept—Militants bombed Iraq's northern oil pipeline to Turkey on Thursday, halting exports, and killed three Turkish hostages in a campaign to wreck reconstruction efforts and undermine the interim government.

In another hostage standoff, the editor of French newspaper Le Figaro said two journalists held in Iraq had been turned over to a new militant group, prompting some suggestions they would be freed soon.

"Some people are talking of their release this night, others talk of tomorrow morning ... but until the good news has actually arrived, we cannot allow ourselves to be absolutely reassured," Jean de Belot told France Info radio. The bombing of the oil pipeline to Turkey caused a huge blaze that was expected to take two days to put out, said a senior firefighter at the scene.

Only last week Iraq had restored exports of about 600,000 bpd along the pipeline, the first deliveries from its northern oil fields since the end of May.

"The explosion was enormous," said Major General Anwar Mohammed Amin, commander of the national guard in the region.

A *Reuters* correspondent said he could see the blaze from the northern oil hub city of Kirkuk, about 40 miles away.

Scores of hostages from dozens of countries have been seized in the past five months. Most have been freed but more than 20 have been killed by their captors. — *Internet*

Editor says hostages in Iraq given to group

BAGHDAD, 2 Sept—A *Paris* newspaper editor said Thursday that two French journalists held by kidnappers were turned over to an Iraqi opposition group, raising hopes that they could soon be released. A separate militant group in Iraq said it had killed three Turkish captives.

The kidnappers delivered the pair to a Sunni Muslim group, Jean de Belot, managing editor of Le Figaro newspaper, said on France-Info radio.

He said the opposition group favours the release of the hostages, but he stressed the status of the two Frenchmen wasn't completely clear.

"We must be prudent in this kind of mixed-up situation because we know well that until the good news arrives, we can't let ourselves be absolutely reassured," he said.

The reports came during a day of frantic activity to win the releases — efforts that

were spurred on by the passage of a deadline for the French government to revoke a ban on the wearing of Muslim headscarves in public schools that went into effect Thursday. A militant group calling itself "The Islamic Army of Iraq" said it had kidnapped the reporters and demanded that France lift its ban on Islamic headscarves in public schools, but the government refused.

Charles Lambroschini, a deputy managing editor at Le Figaro, said the original kidnappers were fundamentalists and that they had handed the reporters to mem-

bers of the Iraqi opposition "who favor negotiation."

French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier was cautiously optimistic about the journalists' safety.

"According to the indications which were given to us and we are studying at this moment with caution, Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot are alive, in good health and are being well treated," he said at a news conference in Amman, Jordan. Malbrunot, 41, reports for the daily Le Figaro and Chesnot, 37, is with Radio France International.

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Three Indian truckers home from Iraq

NEW DELHI, 2 Sept—Cheering crowds and tearful relatives greeted three Indian truckers who returned home Friday after being released by their kidnappers following 42 days of captivity in Iraq.

They were welcomed with marigold garlands and hugs as they emerged from the airport.

"Only God knows what we went through," said Tilak Raj, one of the truckers, as he thanked everyone who helped win their freedom.

"We are grateful," he said, choking back tears.

Raj, Antaryami and Sukhdev Singh were taken hostage by Iraqi militants on 21 July along with three Kenyans and an Egyptian. The kidnappers, who called themselves the "The Holders of The Black Banner," threatened repeatedly to kill them, setting deadlines and changing demands in videos sent to TV channels.

Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Co, the employer of the seven men, said it paid \$500,000 ransom and they were released on Wednesday.

The three Indians were flown to Kuwait, where they called their families who for weeks have wavered between hope and

despair.

Antaryami's mother, Bhago Devi, said she hasn't stopped smiling since.

"My heart is at peace. Thank God!" said Devi, as she distributed sweets to the crowd.

"It is a day of rejoicing," said India's junior Foreign Minister, E Ahamed, who was at the airport to welcome the truckers.

However, one of the released hostages returned from the 42-day ordeal to a family in mourning. Singh's aunt died late Wednesday after a long illness, hours after he was freed.

"There is no fanfare over his return," said Harvinder Singh, Sukhdev Singh's elder brother.

Harvinder Singh, who was at the airport with marigold and rose garlands to greet his brother, said the family was determined that the men would not return to their jobs driving trucks from Kuwait to Iraq.

"We won't allow anyone from our village to go to work in such dangerous places. Forget Iraq, we won't even let them go to the Gulf," said Harvinder. — *Internet*

ASEAN to open up 11 priority sectors

JAKARTA, 2 Sept—Economics ministers of the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) are expected to strengthen their commitment to push for the liberalization of trade and investment by 2007 during a three-day meeting here.

The director of regional cooperation at the Indonesian Ministry of Industry and Trade, Eliver Radjagoekgoek, has said that the ministers gathering for the 36th ASEAN Economic Ministers (AEM) conference would also agree to temporarily exclude certain products of the 11 key economic sectors from the liberalization drive.

"The (ASEAN) Secretariat will examine whether each country's (negative) list has met the agreed requirement," Eliver was quoted Wednesday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

The temporary exclusion would expire by 2010, he said, without elaborating

which products are to be excluded.

During the leaders' summit in Bali last year, the regional grouping agreed to create the ASEAN Economic Community in 2020, where there will be a free flow of investment, trade and labour within a region of some 500 million people.

It was also agreed to accelerate liberalization in the 11 priority sectors, ranging from the automotive to the agriculture sector.

The 11 sectors include agriculture, fisheries, automotive, food-based products, rubber-based products, textile and apparel, electronics, air transport, tourism,

E-commerce, and health-care.

The planned liberalization measures will include cutting import tariffs under the Common Effective Preferential Tariff (CEPT) facility, streamlining Customs procedures and adopting shared product standards by 2007 for the six original ASEAN members and by 2012 for the four newer members.

ASEAN original member were Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Indonesia and Brunei, while Laos, Cambodia, Vietnam and Myanmar joined later.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers in Iraq search for explosives on a road outside Baquba, on 1 Sept, 2004.

INTERNET

Kenyan Govt confirms release of three hostages in Iraq

NAIROBI, 2 Sept— The Kenyan Government on Wednesday evening confirmed the release of its three nationals who had been kidnapped in Iraq more than a month ago, saying they will return home soon.

"Today we have received wonderful news of the release of our brothers who had been kidnapped in Iraq," government spokesman Alfred Mutua told a news conference in Nairobi.

According to Mutua, the abducted Kenyans along with one Egyptian and three Indians were released after their employer the Kuwaiti company paid half a million US dollars.

The Kenyan Government did not pay anything, he added. He said the three Kenyans just finished taking showers and eating a well-balanced meal in the company of the country's envoy, Ambassador Yusuf Nzibo, in a Kuwait hotel.

"The men are in good health, good spirits but very tired, according to Nzibo, they are very happy and look forward to seeing their loved ones. They arrived in Kuwait from Baghdad," he added.

"Our envoys in Kuwait worked well with others who had the same mission," said the spokesman.

"Our brothers will be flown back home as soon as possible. I mean tomorrow or Friday," he noted.

The Kenyan Government has been pleading with the kidnappers to free the three nationals, saying they are doing everything possible to ensure the release of the hostages.

Kenyan senior officials have also reassured the families of the two Kenyan truck drivers taken hostage that every effort is being made by the government to secure their release.

The three Kenyans, together with others from India and Egypt, were kidnapped on 21 July in Iraq by a group calling itself "The Holders of the Black Banners".

They worked as truck drivers for the Kuwait and Gulf Link Transport Company, which had negotiated with the Black Banners group for their release.

The kidnappers initially said they wanted the company to pull out of Iraq or they would behead the hostages one by one. The kidnappers then have several times extended deadlines set for killing the hostages.

The Kenyan Government has not sent troops to join the US-led forces in Iraq. After the kidnapping, the Kenyan Government urged all of its citizens to leave the country immediately. —MNA/Xinhua

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Turkish hostage released in Iraq

ANKARA, 2 Sept — A Turkish truck driver who was held hostage in Iraq has been released on Wednesday, Turkish private television NTV reported.

The driver named Tahsin Abdurahman Top was kidnapped on 7 August when he was driving on the road between Tikrit and Mosul in northern Iraq.

The kidnappers, calling the Abdel Kader Al-Gilani Brigade, demanded Atahan Lojistik, the company which Top works for, to withdraw from Iraq.

Atahan Lojistik then announced to stop all activities in Iraq immediately.

So far, four out of dozens of Turkish hostages have been executed by their captors in Iraq, while most of others were released.

Militants in Iraq have been engaged in a string of kidnappings during the past several months in a bid to drive out foreign individuals and companies working in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis survey a crater left after a US air strike in the flashpoint town of Fallujah. Iraq's hostage crisis further deepened when three Turkish truck drivers were reported killed, while a US air strike overnight on Fallujah killed 20 people. —INTERNET

Grant of \$50m announced to help Florida

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept — A National Emergency Grant of up to 50 million US dollars will be provided to hire approximately 3,630 workers to help Florida recover from Hurricane Charley and Tropical Storm Bonnie.

This was announced Wednesday by US Secretary of Labour Elaine L. Chao, who was in Florida surveying the impacted areas, according to a Labour Department Press release.

"This grant of up to 50 million US dollars will aid with disaster clean up and provide temporary jobs for

workers who can help restore and rebuild the communities in Florida that have been impacted by the storms," the Press release quoted Chao as saying.

The Press release said that in addition to temporary employment, assistance will include supportive services such as transportation, ac-

cess to work related equipment and uniforms, and childcare.

The funding will also cover work performed on the homes of economically disadvantaged individuals, with priority given to services for the elderly and individuals with disabilities.

MNA/Xinhua

UAE to host int'l energy conference in September

ABU DHABI, 2 Sept— Abu Dhabi, capital of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will play host to the 10th annual international energy conference on September 26-27, the official WAM news agency reported here Tuesday.

The organizer, the Emirates Centre for Strategic Studies and Research (ECSSR), announced in a statement that Abdullah bin Hamad Al-Attiyah, Qatar's Second Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Energy and Industry will deliver a keynote ad-

dress in the opening session of the conference titled "The Gulf Oil and Gas Sector: Potentials and Constraints". The statement said a galaxy of international experts from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, Arab world, European Union (EU) and the United States will take part in the conference. The conference will tackle a number of major issues encountering oil and gas sectors in the Gulf region. It will also focus on the role of the Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Coun-

tries (OPEC) in the global energy market, regional oil reserves, output prospects and oil prices, according to the statement. The opening session will be dedicated to discussing OPEC's competitive positioning, the possibilities and limitations. Luis Giusti, a senior adviser of the US-based Centre for Strategic and International Studies, will present a paper on maintaining cohesion within OPEC titled "Implications for cooperation between member countries". —MNA/Xinhua

48 Chinese awarded titles of "People-Satisfied Public Servants"

BELING, 2 Sept— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here Tuesday the supreme criterion for a public servant is whether the people are satisfied or not with his/her performance, and people's satisfaction is the supreme award.

Wen made the remark at a meeting with representatives of 48 government staffers and 31 government institutions that have been awarded the titles of "People-Satisfied Public Servants" and "People-Satisfied Public Servant Collectives" by the central authorities. It is now a crucial period for China's reform and

opening drive and efforts to build a relatively affluent society in an all-round way, Wen said. The improvement of the Party's ruling abilities and the government's level of serving the people depends on the improvement of the quality of Party members and government staffers, he noted. —MNA/Xinhua

US Army sergeant charged in Afghan prisoner abuse

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept — The US military charged an Army sergeant with prisoner abuse and investigators are considering charges against other soldiers in the deaths of two prisoners in Afghanistan, an Army official said on Wednesday.

The Army Criminal Investigation Command is winding up a lengthy investigation of the December 2002 deaths of the men after blunt force injuries at Bagram Air Base outside Kabul, the Army official said on condition of anonymity.

These investigators could recommend charges against "dozens" of US soldiers in the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion and the 377th

Military Police Company, the official said. The Army already has charged one soldier, a sergeant in the military police unit, the official said.

The *Washington Post* reported on Wednesday that 26 soldiers could face charges ranging from negligent homicide to dereliction of duty and failure to report an offence.

This marks the latest criminal action taken by the

US military against soldiers involved in the abuse of prisoners.

Seven soldiers have been charged in the abuse of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib jail on the outskirts of Baghdad. Army investigators last week recommended criminal charges against dozens more military intelligence and military police soldiers as well as private contractors. —MNA/Reuters



Members of Moqtada al-Sadr's Mahdi Army militia are instructed how to throw a grenade in Basra on 2 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET

Gunmen attack Iraqi politician Ahmad Chalabi

BAGHDAD, 2 Sept— Gunmen opened fire on former Iraqi Governing Council president Ahmed Chalabi's convoy on Wednesday, wounding two of his bodyguards, the politician and his aides said.

The attack took place in the Latifiyah area south of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, where gunmen have fired on several foreigners and Iraqi officials in the past.

"We were returning from Najaf after meeting with Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani and gunmen opened fire on the convoy south of Baghdad," said Chalabi, who escaped unhurt.

"It was an ambush. I don't think there is anything further to say. These things are part of the job.

One aide said two armed

men escaped after firing automatic rifles at the convoy.

"We are investigating to see whether this one targeted Dr Ahmad specifically. It appears so," the aide, Haidar Moussawi, added.

Chalabi, a former Pentagon ally whose relationship with Washington has soured, has escaped several attempts on his life during decades in exile, aides say.

Chalabi, a member of Iraq's Interim National Assembly, proceeded after the attack to attend the assembly's first meeting in Baghdad.

A US-appointed Iraqi judge has accused Chalabi of counterfeiting money. He denied the charge that could land him in jail for years. But no legal action has been taken against him so far.

Chalabi, the scion of a prominent Shiite Muslim merchant family, has worked to build a Shiite political base in recent months, forging allies with anti-American figures such as cleric Moqtada al-Sadr. He also kept close ties to Sistani, Iraq's most powerful cleric.

MNA/Reuters

Developing countries hampered by inadequate support from rich countries

UNITED NATIONS, 2 Sept— The efforts of developing countries in areas of reproductive health have been hampered by indifferent response from the rich nations in giving pledged assistance, a UN official said Wednesday.

Rich nations, which pledged 6.1 billion US dollars to developing nations at a watershed UN population conference a decade ago, have paid a little more than half of it, Executive Director of the UN Population Fund, Thoya Ahmed Obaid, said.

She was addressing a global round table discussion in London organized by NGOs to mark the 10th anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD).

Obaid observed that countries which had incorporated the ICPD Programme of Action into their national policies have reconfirmed their commitment to it in regional meetings but "they are hampered by inadequate support from rich nations".

She told a subsequent news conference that a recent survey answered by 169 gov-

ernments showed that most have taken steps since 1994 to empower women and address key reproductive health concerns.

"But it also showed that much more needs to be done to improve maternal health, slow the spread of HIV/AIDS and ensure adequate supplies of essential contraceptive commodities," she said.

The donors' share of funding for contraceptive supplies, plus condoms for the prevention of HIV/AIDS infection, has declined by one-third since 1994, but the need for such commodities will grow 40 per cent by 2015, she said.

"In 2004, it is a crime that women still die because they are having babies," Obaid said, referring to the persistence of high maternal death rates in poor countries.

MNA/PTI

Musharraf swears in expanded Pakistan Cabinet

ISLAMABAD, 2 Sept— Pakistan's President General Pervez Musharraf swore in an expanded 32-member Cabinet headed by new Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz on Wednesday.

The new Cabinet included all 20 members of the previous Cabinet and 12 new full ministers, state-run Pakistan Television reported.

The portfolios of the ministers have yet to be announced, but officials said they were expected to be made public later in the day, with no major surprises.

Officials said Aziz, credited with turning around Pakistan's economic fortunes over the past five years, would retain the Finance Ministry while Foreign Affairs would stay in the hands of Khursheed Mehmood Kasuri, who has led peace talks with India.— MNA/Reuters



Iraqi youths search through rubbish in front of a butcher in Baghdad's Sadr City slum on 2 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET



Iraqis survey destroyed cars covered by sand following a US air strike in Fallujah recently. — INTERNET

Al-Sadr says Dutch troops should keep to base

BRUSSELS, 2 Sept — A representative of the radical Iraqi cleric Moqtada al-Sadr has warned the Dutch troops in Iraq to stay inside their base to avoid attacks, Radio Netherlands reported Wednesday.

The representative, named Ghazi al-Zargani, said the attacks on Dutch troops will end only if they halt their efforts to arrest fighters of his Mahdi Army.

He made his statement in an interview with the Japanese news agency Kyodo according to the report.

The report also said that the Dutch Army has begun negotiations with local followers of al-Sadr. A delega-

tion reportedly visited the office of the Mahdi Army in the city of as-Samawah Monday.

The discussion, which is said to have taken place at the entrance to the building, lasted one and half hours. However, the Dutch Defence Ministry denies occurrence of any such negotiations.

Radio Netherlands also said that the Dutch Defence Ministry is planning to send

a number of commandos and military intelligence officers to Iraq.

Surveillance technology and specialists will be deployed to eavesdrop on local radio communications.

These measures are designed to increase intelligence capacities of Dutch troops in Iraq. There are so far more than 1,000 Dutch troops in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

France to continue all possible initiatives for hostage release

PARIS, 2 Sept— French President Jacques Chirac said Wednesday his country will continue to take all possible initiatives to free the two French journalists held hostage in Iraq.

"In these difficult hours and days, all public authorities will continue to take all possible initiatives for the release of Christian Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot," Chirac said after a ministerial meeting.

Uncertainty continued Wednesday over the fate of the two journalists reportedly kidnapped on their way from Baghdad to the Iraqi Shiite holy city of Najaf on 20 August.

After the meeting, government spokesman Jean-Francois Cope quoted Chirac as saying "the French people showed a flawless unity and solidarity in this test," but released no fresh news about the two journalists.

The kidnappers, calling themselves the Islamic Army of Iraq, gave France 48 hours to revoke a law banning Islamic headscarves in state schools, according to footage aired by the Qatar-based al-Jazeera TV channel on Saturday.

The ultimatum was later extended by 24 hours to Tuesday night after the French Government rebuffed the demand on Monday.

Hours before the expiry of the extended ultimatum, al-Arabiya television reported the release of the two hostages was "imminent", but French Foreign Minister denounced the report as rumours.

MNA/Xinhua

Only one third of UN aid appeal for Bangladesh received

GENEVA, 2 Sept — Ahead of a donor meeting here Tuesday, the United Nations urged donors not to forget the flood in Bangladesh which killed 900 people and displaced four million others recently.

Only one third of the UN appeal — about 69 million US dollars — has been so far received from the international community in assistance for the flood victims, the spokeswoman for the UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA), Elisabeth Byrs, told reporters on Tuesday.

The United Nations Resident Coordinator in Bangladesh, Jorgen Lissner, de-

scribed the present situation in flood-affected areas as a "quiet disaster," said Byrs.

"They have no income, damaged shelters, few assets and are highly vulnerable to disease," Lissner was cited as saying.

Clean drinking water is in short supply as thousands of water sources are still contaminated by floodwater, said Byrs.

More than half the popu-

lation in Bangladesh are dependent on agriculture to earn a living, but many farmers' seed stocks have been swept away.

The United Nations appealed on 12 August for 210 million US dollars to help the poorest recover from the impact of the flood. "The meeting in Geneva today will review the status of the UN appeal for aid," Byrs said.

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Syrian paper criticizes US pressure

DAMASCUS, 3 Sept — Syria's state-run *Tishrin* newspaper on Thursday criticized the US pressure for a UN vote urging Syria to respect sovereignty of the neighbouring Lebanon.

"Nobody can believe the United States is concerned about interests of Lebanon or any other Arab country, because the US stances and policies prove the opposite," the daily said in an editorial.

"Only the Lebanese Parliament has the right to decide who is going to be its President. Any foreign pressure is considered blatant intervention in the Lebanese internal affairs," it added.

MNA/Xinhua

KGL paid \$1m for hostages' release

NEW DELHI, 3 Sept — The freedom of three Indians and four other hostages was secured after payment of one million dollars, the Kuwaiti company employing them said on Wednesday night and denied it had halted operations in Iraq as demanded by the abductors.

"We paid nearly one million dollars in all to secure their release. The payment was made in four phases," KGL spokesperson Rana Abu-Zaineh told *PTI* over phone from Kuwait soon after her company's drivers were set free by the Iraqi militant group "Islamic Secret Army-Holders of Black Banners".

She claimed the Indian Government, which was kept informed about the developments in the hostage crisis on a regular basis, was aware of the payment of ransom.

A major chunk of 500,000-US-dollar ransom was paid towards the end while the rest was paid earlier, Zaineh said, adding recipients of ransom included the intermediaries involved in securing the release of the seven including, Antaryami, Tilak Raj and Sukhdeo Singh.

She said the company could not talk about the ransom part earlier as the employees were still in captivity but can do so now.

Zaineh, however, said the Indian Government had been kept out of negotiations as part of an agreement in the beginning.—MNA/PTI

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People look at a destroyed police car in Baghdad, Iraq, on 2 Sept, 2004. The car came under grenade attack and one policeman was injured. — INTERNET

Chinese V-P makes 4-point proposal on Asian cooperation

BEIJING, 3 Sept — Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong made a four-point proposal here Friday calling on political parties and leaders of Asian countries to further strengthen cooperation.

Zeng made the proposal in a speech at the opening ceremony of the third International Conference of Asian Political Parties (ICAPP) that began here Friday morning. More than 80 delegations from 34 countries attended the conference.

Zeng, also member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and honorary director of the ICAPP organizing committee, said that it is the "historical duty" of all Asian governments and political parties to increase "exchanges, dialogue and cooperation among Asian countries".

"First, we should seize opportunities to continually expand the new channels for regional and multilateral cooperation," Zeng said. "We should improve the mechanisms for dialogue, cooperation and discussion among Asian governments on the basis of the principles of diversification and gradual progress."

He proposed that Asian governments should pay great attention to and make full use of the role of political parties, parliaments and mass organizations in regional dialogue and cooperation.

"Second, we should continue to seek common ground while shelving differences, and constantly

open new avenues to find more common ground," Zeng said. "We believe that neither differences in ideology and social systems nor lingering historical problems should be obstacles to increasing regional dialogue and cooperation." He proposed that Asian governments and political parties seek common ground in a constructive way, and "pursue cooperation instead of confrontation, seek accord through consultation instead of imposing their will on others, reconcile differences instead of causing troubles, work together to become stronger instead of profiting at others' expense, and try to bring about win-win cooperation".

"Third, we should constantly strengthen mutual trust and work hard to find new models for regional security and cooperation," he said. "We hope that on the basis of the Charter of the United Nations and the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, they (Asian countries) will resolve conflicts through dialogue on an equal footing, eliminate differences through friendly consultation, settle disputes through mutual understanding and accommodation, and work hard to create a political and security environment for our regional development that is peaceful and harmonious."

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Putin says Russia to boost oil production, exports

Moscow, 2 Sept — Russia will continue to increase oil production and exports to world markets, President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday.

Russian companies are increasing oil extraction and will continue doing so in the future, said Putin after talks with French President Jacques Chirac and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder at Russia's Black Sea resort of Sochi, according to the *ITAR-TASS* news agency.

Russia's oil output and exports are expected to reach 450 million tons and 255 million tons respectively this year, he added.

As the second largest oil exporter in the world, Russia produced 421 million tons of oil with an export volume of 228 million tons in 2003.

The country has been reaping high profits from soaring world oil prices.

Deputy Prime Minister Alexander Zhukov pledged in May that Russia will strive to export more oil due to a good market prospect, but said the size of the increase requires further analysis.

Schroeder described Russia's decision to increase oil production and exports as very important.

"We had certain apprehensions about the future, because otherwise the world economy could have suffered," *Interfax* quoted the German leader as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



Ahmed Hameed curses the US forces after his son was killed in an US airstrike in Fallujah, Iraq, on 1 Sept, 2004 in this photo made available on 2 Sept 17 people, including 3 children were killed according to hospital officials. — INTERNET

French hostages no longer held by kidnappers

PARIS, 3 Sept — Two French hostages held for almost two weeks by a radical Islamic group in Iraq are no longer in the hands of their kidnappers, French Culture Minister Renaud Donnedieu de Vabres said on Thursday.

"We know they are alive and no longer in the hands of the abductors who had held them," said the minister.

However, he gave no details on whether the two journalists had been set free. "I hope that we will, perhaps this night, tomorrow or in the next few hours, be able once and for all to turn the page on this tragic event while remaining vigilant," he said.

A report on the Arab television news network al-Jazeera said the group now holding the hostages intends to release them.

Meanwhile, *Le Figaro* editor Jean de Belot said on France Info radio: "The latest information is that Christian

Chesnot and Georges Malbrunot have been handed over by the Islamic Army in Iraq to an Iraqi Sunni guerrilla group ... an opposition that we know for a few days now has been in favour of the release of the hostages."

French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin said, "The information we have gathered, even if positive, remains uncertain," according to a statement issued by his office.

Interior Minister Dominique de Villepin was hopeful that the hostages would be freed by Friday in Iraq. "The indication that we have is positive and gives us confidence and encourages us to act," he said.

"Tomorrow is the day of prayers. Friday is a great moment of coming together, and meditation, I would like to believe that we could hope for a happy outcome," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

France to sell 9.6% of France Telecom

PARIS, 2 Sept — France will sell 9.6 per cent of France Telecom raising at least 4.5 billion euros (5.44 billion US dollars) in what could be the biggest European telecoms placing this year.

The sale of the stake in the telecoms operator, announced by the Finance Ministry on Wednesday, should be in the range of 18.95 to 19.25 euros per share, dealers and banking said. If a greenshoe option is exercised, bringing the total holding sold to 12.1 per cent, the government could raise as much as 5.75 billion euros. The Finance Ministry added France Telecom would raise up to 1.15 billion euros through the issue of a convertible bond to preserve its capital structure.

Trading in the shares was suspended for two hours until 0900 GMT following the announcement.

The sale, which was expected at some point this year, will reduce the French Government's direct holding to 41 per cent.

The government, which

backed the company's 15 billion euro rescue rights issue last year, said it planned to remain a major shareholder in the medium term.

Analysts said the timing and scale of the reduction of the government's stake had been weighing on the stock.

"The stock will probably do better after the placing going forward," said one London-based analyst who did not wish to be named.

The move is part of wider efforts by the French Government to sell state assets to help cut its public deficit.

"The state had decided to reduce the nation's debt by lowering its stake in France Telecom's capital," the Finance Ministry said in a statement, adding the company now needed more leeway to compete in the telecoms market.

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Higher education centres built across the country



Three-storey buildings of Toungoo University in Bago Division. — MNA



Only well-qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia can build a modern developed nation. With this end in view, the government is building many educational institutions in the country. Photo shows the Magway Institute of Medicine in Magway. — PHOTO: MNA



The Government Technological College (Maubin) in Maubin, Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

Government providing assistance for nation's medical science standard to be on a par with global level

YANGON, 3 Sept — The successful liver transplant conducted on 25 August 2004 has served as a proof of the development of the nation's medical and health

standards of the entire nation — being implemented in accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and under the leadership of Chairman

time in Myanmar, at the New General Hospital in Yangon on 25 August. He met with the surgeons and fulfilled the requirements.

Liver transplant is a deli-

the donor, according to the wish of her family. The hospital was able to start the liver transplant on the patient at 10.15 am on 25 August. First, surgeons success-

started at 10.15 am and was completed successfully at 11.45 pm.

Myanmar physicians made preparations for a liver transplant six months ago. But as there was no donor yet, they were not able to conduct the operation. After successfully performing a renal transplant, the Government has been making arrangements since 2002 for

necessary subcommittees concerning donors, medical treatment and care and others were formed.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt visited Ko Khin Zaw Htet at the NGH this evening. The health condition of the patient is improving. He can walk without any help. He paid respects to the Prime Minister, expressing heartfelt thanks to the Prime



NHC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greets surgical specialist Prof Dr Norman Hla.— MNA

sectors on a par with those of the world countries.

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of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt himself viewed the liver transplant, the first

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NHC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greets Daw Tin Tin Myint, wife of patient Ko Khin Zaw Htet.— MNA



Smiles seen at Ko Khin Zaw Htet who is treated liver transplant and health staff at ICU of New General Hospital (Yangon).— MNA

cate and difficult operation in the field of medical science even in all over the world. The operation was performed successfully by a team of Myanmar surgeons led by Prof Dr Norman Hla.

The patient, Ko Khin Zaw Htet, was suffering from cirrhosis of liver, and too serious was his health condition that he already had vomited blood for five times and was also suffering from a bloated belly. According to physicians, the 35-year-old man would die within six months or a year of liver cirrhosis.

Coincidence is much important for a successful liver transplant, as there should be a ready donor for the patient, and the donated heart must be healthy and fresh.

The donor was Ma Aye Mon, 39, and there emerged

fully took the donor's liver out of her body in an operation which lasted from 7.30 am to 11.45 am the same day. The team led by Prof Dr Norman Hla started the operation and successfully removed the hardened liver of the patient. The transplant

the nation's field of medical science to move one step forward.

The nation has been sending scholars abroad and importing medical equipment. Liver Transplant Committee was formed and assigned duty on 13 May 2003. Later,

Minister and the surgeons and all medical staff. He said that his health condition is improving.

Ko Khin Zaw Htet stands witness to the skills of Myanmar physicians and the health sector development of Myanmar. — MNA



New General Hospital (Yangon).— MNA

Tasks for smooth, secure transport coordinated



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses the meeting to ensure smooth and secure transport of Yangon Division.—YANGON COMMAND

YANGON, 3 Sept — The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Secure and Smooth Transport held a work coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the All-bus Lines Control Committee (Yangon Division) in Tamway Township here this evening.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered an address at the meeting.

Present on the occasion were military region commanders, station commanders, local authorities, members of the Supervisory Committee, and officials of universities and colleges.

In his speech, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe spoke of the need of measures to be taken for public convenience in their travel from one region to the other. Next, members of the Supervisory Committee reported on tasks being carried

out to ensure public convenience; officials of police force and traffic police force, on measures being taken for reduction of road accidents; officials of universities and colleges, on the need of assistance to be provided for convenient travel of teachers and students; and chairmen of bus lines, on efforts being made to ensure whether drivers and conductors follow the traffic rules.

After hearing the reports, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe gave instructions on extensive measures to be taken for further reduction of traffic accidents that occur on account of jay-walkers and reckless drivers. He also urged departmental officials to supervise and monitor undisciplined passenger buses and road users, and to take action against whoever breaks any traffic rules. Later, he fulfilled the requirements. The meeting came to an end with his concluding remarks.

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CEC member lectures on State policies

YANGON, 3 Sept — Central Executive Committee member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave lectures on the State policies and seven-point future policy programme of the State to 120 trainees of the USDA Basic Organizational Course No 18 of South Okkalapa Township USDA this afternoon.—MNA

Commercial Journal comes out

YANGON, 3 Sept — The Commercial Journal No 4, Vol 16, carrying articles of writers Saya Maung Su San, Saya Aung Thin, Saya Paragu, Dr Khin Maung Nyo, U Han Tun and others has been published from Commercial Journal House at No 38, 30th Street, Pabedan Township.

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Special Appellate Bench hears criminal appeal cases

YANGON, 3 Sept — The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (Yangon) U Thein Soe, Supreme Court Judges U Khin Myint and U Myint Thein sitting at Court room No 1 this morning, heard three special criminal appeal cases, under section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000.—MNA

Yangon East District observes Nutrition Promotion Week activities

YANGON, 3 Sept — The activities of Yangon East District Nutrition Promotion Week, co-organized by Yangon Division Health Committee and Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association, was held at Women's and Children's Hospital in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

Present were Patron of the Yangon Division MCWA SC Daw Khin Thet Htay and members, local authorities, officials of Health Department and UNICEF, Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Mu Mu Nyo and specialists, expectant mothers and babies and local people.

First, Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay launched the activities of Nutrition Promo-

tion Week and fed vitamin A tablets to 70 children under five. Next, she gave a speech.

Afterwards, specialists talked on requirements of nutrition.

Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay presented K 100,000 to the funds of the hospital to Medical Superintendent Dr Mu Mu Nyo.

Next, Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay and officials gave ferrous sulphate tablets to 70 expectant mothers.

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Myanmar Academy of Arts & Science holds fifth anniversary ceremony

YANGON, 3 Sept — The fifth anniversary of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science of the Ministry of Education was held at Diamond Jubilee Hall of Yangon University, here, yesterday afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt, directors-general and chairmen of departments and boards under the Ministry of Education, rectors, deputy directors-general, pro-actors members of the MAAS and students.

President U Than Oo extended greetings. Next, Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt gave lectures on ICT.

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Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung enjoy graduation presentation of students of University of Culture (Yangon).—MNA

Cultural skill demonstration presented

YANGON, 3 Sept — The students who are going to attend the eighth convocation (2003-2004 academic year) of the University of Culture (Yangon) of the Fine Arts Department under the Ministry of Culture presented a skill demonstration

at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street in Dagon Township this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for

Education U Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, departmental heads, artists, Rector of the university U Tin Soe, pro-rectors, deans, faculty members, students and guests.

The ministers and the

deputy minister and guests observed the works of the students at the reception hall.

Director-General of the Fine Arts Department U Kyaw Win and Rector U Tin Soe conducted them round the hall.

Next, the students presented a variety of entertainment programmes.

Altogether 208 students are going to obtain B.A Degree — 65 students (Music), 58 (Thabin), 47 (Painting) and 38 (Sculpture).

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For extended use of Natural Gas Vehicles

Myint Htay (Energy)

It was on 11 August that the Ministry of Energy invited responsible officials of State level and gave a demonstration on the use of Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV). The Head of State gave guidance on broader use of NGVs on a national scale. According to the guidance, arrangements have been made initially to turn 200 passenger buses plying in Mandalay, Singaing, Kyaukse, Myittha, Kume and TadaU towns and 1,000 buses and 1,000 TE vehicles in Yangon into NGV. The two hundred buses introduced into NGVs were carried out in two stages, 35 in the first stage and 165 in the second stage.

The use of natural gas can give these benefits. Since the Octane No of natural gas is 130, the engine is free from knocking and can be used longer.

As the use of natural gas helps bring about complete combustion, there is no content of hydrocarbon but less emission of carbonmonoxide gases in exhaust gases. Therefore, the process protects the environment from pollution.

As natural gas causes full combustion only in the engine, it does not dilute the power of engine oil. As a result, a gas engine can run more nearly double than a petrol engine does on the same amount of engine oil. Clean engine oil extends the engine duration.

Natural gas, Liquefied Natural Gas, methanol and other gas fuel have been used safely and successfully in Myanmar since 1986. Therefore, NGVs are not new to the general public.

Presently, there have been natural gas-fuel buses plying from Yangon to Hmawby, Taikkyi, Okkan and Bago; those plying from Chauk to Kyaukpadaung; and those plying from Yenangyoung to Minbu and Magway. The number of such buses stands at 587, among which some have been NGVs since 1986 and proved safety in a span of 18 years. The use of natural gas is really safe and secure.

Natural gas is CH₄ called methane and it is lighter than air. The density of air is 1, while that of natural gas is 0.55. In case of natural gas leakage, it will go up in the air and then disappear. Therefore, the chance of outbreak of fire is very slim. The possible ratio of combustion of the mixture of natural gas and air is 5:10, that of the mixture of petrol and air is 1.5:16, and that of the mixture of acetylene and air is 2.5:81. Therefore, petroleum is more flammable than natural gas, but acetylene is the most flammable material.

The auto-combustion of petrol can take place at the temperature of 360 to 380 degrees centigrade; diesel at 200 to 260 degrees centigrade; and natural gas at 615 to 680 degrees centigrade. Therefore, auto-combustion of natural gas is hard to occur when compared with petrol and diesel.

The use of natural gas can give these benefits. Since the Octane No of natural gas is 130, the engine is free from knocking and can be used longer. As the use of natural gas helps bring about complete combustion, there is no content of hydrocarbon but less emission of carbonmonoxide gases in exhaust gases. Therefore, the process protects the environment from pollution. As natural gas causes full combustion only in the engine, it does not dilute the power of engine oil. As a result, a gas engine can run more nearly double than a petrol engine does on the same amount of engine oil. Clean engine oil extends the engine duration.

A room has to be selected to install the natural gas kit. Since natural gas itself is safe, gas cylinders are also safe ones, which can stand 3000-pound/sq inch pressure, but have been tested with 4500-pound/sq inch pressure. The cylinders are not welded ones. They are heat-pressed. In case of fire outbreak

and severe crash or collision, they cannot explode. New Zealand has tested such kinds of quality. And the country is very strict with disciplines when it comes to safety. Over 100,000 NGVs have been in use with great trust in such a country like New Zealand since 1986. Italy and Argentina have the same number of NGVs in use. Similarly, Pakistan, India, China, Malaysia and Thailand are using such cars.

Now in Myanmar, a compressed natural gas station is under construction in Paleik. Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Kits are being installed in passenger buses plying in Mandalay, Singaing, Kyaukse, Myittha, Kume and TadaU. As CNG Kits are installed to their original engines, the buses run on both natural gas and petrol. They are in fact bi-fuel system. Every bus is installed with one CNG Kit and four gas cylinders. By means of which, they can do some 100 miles. One set of the kit will cost K 550,000 to K 600,000. The sale price of 165



A Hilux of Yangon-Bago bus line using Compressed Natural Gas.—PHOTO MAUNG MAUNG THAN (MNA)

The alternative use of natural gas will no doubt lead to the effective use of natural gas exploited at home, the minimizing of the use of costly petrol and diesel fuel, a sharp fall in transport charges through adequate supply of natural gas at an affordable price as a result of the swift flow of trade.

cubic-feet of natural gas, whose mileage is similar to that of one gallon of petrol, is K 100. Petrol-engined vehicles are being installed with CNG Kits in Paleik. Likewise, diesel-engined TE vehicles are also installed with 100% dedicated CNG engines in Yangon. In doing so, four main parts of the engine have to be repaired to switch the compression ignition engine to the spark ignition engine.

In this process, measures will also be taken to construct CNG stations. As gas pipelines have already been laid in the vicinity of Yangon, CNG stations can be constructed easily. Moreover, a gas pipeline has also been laid in parallel with Yangon-Pyay-Magway-Chauk-Myingyan-Kyaukse Road on the western part of Bago Yoma. The opening of a gas station at a distance of 50 miles from Yangon will enable the project to have gas-engined buses ply along Yangon-Myingyan-Mandalay Road in the near future. All in all, the alternative use of natural gas will no doubt lead to the effective use of natural gas exploited at home, the minimizing of the use of costly petrol and diesel fuel, a sharp fall in transport charges through adequate supply of natural gas at an affordable price as a result of the swift flow of trade.

(Translation: KTY)

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.



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

Up to 31 August 2004, altogether 6,750 self-reliant libraries were opened nationwide

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

Commander attends coord meeting of MCWAs in Shan State (North)

YANGON, 3 Sept — Shan State (North) Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association and township MCWAs held the coordination meeting at the city hall in Lashio on 1 September morning.

Present were Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and wife Daw Khin Thant Zin, wife of Shan State (North) Supervisory Committee for MCWA, chairmen and members of Lashio, Muse, Kyaukse, Kunlong and Laukkai District Peace and Development Councils, members of MCWAs and guests.

Patron Daw Khin Thant Zin gave a speech and accepted K 500,000 to the funds of the state MCWA donated by UE Co.

Next, the patron presented K 50,000 each for carrying out agriculture and livestock breeding tasks to officials of Tangyan, Hsipaw, Nawngkhio, Nantun and Manhkam Township MCWAs. Then, the coordination meeting followed.

At noon, the commander, accompanied by the excursion group led by Brig-Gen Than Win of Laukkai

Station, went to 1,000 acres of highland farmland-1 zone in Lashio and production of quality seeds of crops.

They also visited the sunflower plus groundnut plantation, soya bean and sunflower plantations, 10 acres of Hsinayadana paddy plantation, 100 acres of pigeon pea plus coffee plantations and the plantation of quality paddy strain.

On arrival at 2,000 acres reclamation for Highland Farmland-3 in Nahlyan region of Lashio, they viewed storage of water for cultivation purpose, land reclamation with the use of heavy machinery, the site for the park, ploughing of 50 acres for wheat, soya bean and groundnut.

Next, the commander and party proceeded to 253.97 acres of Hsinshweli paddy plantation with the use of water from Humon Dam being cultivated by Myanmar Police Force near Yepusan Village, Lashio Township.

The commander presented posters carrying knowledge about Hsinshweli paddy strain to the excursion members and explained extension of monsoon and summer paddy acres.

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On-job training course for management staff grade-1 concludes

YANGON, 3 Sept — The closing ceremony of the on-job training course for management staff grade-1 No 2/2004 of General Administrative Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs was held at Administrative Development Training School this morning, with an address by Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, the Director-General of Myanmar Police Force and Directors-General and Deputy Directors-General of departments, advisers, directors, the Principal of the Training School, course instructors and trainees.

In his address, the minister said that in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the training school is nurturing qualified managers. He added that the trainees are to apply knowledge from the subjects on systematic

leadership, administration and managements conducted at the training in their work sites. And, they are to implement three national policies, twelve objectives and seven-points future policy programme of the State in cooperation with collective efforts of the people. He stressed the need to take preventive measures against human trafficking and tasks of the narcotic drug elimination project with the aid of social organizations, to cooperate with the departments for achieving successes of the targets and to organize the people so as to participate in implementation of the tasks.

Next, the minister presented first and second prizes to U Naing Lin Tun and U Kyaw Lwin Oo and the director-general of General Administrative Department, the certificates to the trainees. Altogether 49 trainees attended and the 14-week course. — MNA



Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing addresses concluding ceremony of On-job training course for management staff grade-1. — HOME AFFAIRS

China set to offer more assistance to developing nations

BEIJING, 3 Sept — China has decided to build more facilities closely related to people's daily life in the developing countries and send more medical teams there in the coming years.

The decision was made at a national conference on economic relations with developing nations that ended here Wednesday.

China will also provide more emergency aid to the developing nations, train more professionals for them, encourage more firms to invest in the developing countries and try to solve the problem of trade imbalance that some developing nations have complained about.

"We must uphold the principles of mutual respect, treating each other equally, integrate good political relations with economic cooperation, mutual benefit, common development, and seeking concrete results in economic cooperation when advancing relations with the vast majority of the developing nations," said Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao when he met with the participants of the conference.

About 400 Chinese provincial-level officials and diplomats attended the two-

day conference.

Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi and State Councillor Tang Jiaxuan addressed the conference.

China started to provide assistance to Africa and some other developing countries in the 1950s.

The latest conference, held in accordance with the call of Chinese President Hu Jintao several days ago that "economic diplomacy" should be strengthened, was aimed at summing up its assistance to the developing nations and sketching out its blueprint for the coming years.

Wen called the developing nations China's "reliable friends" and "friends in deed", saying the cooperation with the developing countries is a "basic point" of China's diplomacy.

China must support the development of the developing nations in the course of its own advancement, he stressed.

MNA/Xinhua

China builds giant panda cell bank

CHENGDU, 3 Sept — A bank for storing cells of giant pandas has been built in Chengdu Giant Panda Propagation and Research Centre in southwest China's Sichuan Province, according to the centre.

The bank, the largest of its kind in the world, is meant to rescue giant panda gene resources from extinction, said Hou Rong, deputy head of Sichuan Provincial Key Lab for Propagation and Protection of Endangered Animal Species.

"As an endangered large mammal that is unique to China, the giant panda has a low capability of propagation and a falling survival rate among its offspring due to increasing inbreeding," said Hou, who is also director of Chengdu Giant Panda Propagation and Research Centre.

According to Hou, the bank, constructed with financial support from the Sichuan Provincial Youth Fund for Science and Technology, keeps epithelial fibroblast obtained from 26 giant pandas, including five that were already dead.

Hou vowed to cooperate with relevant departments and to enlarge the number of samples, by freezing somatic cells of all giant pandas in captivity across China.

Hou also plans to sponsor research about freezing the ovary of female giant pandas. — MNA/Xinhua

Mayor inspects progress of building Water Treatment Plant

YANGON, 3 Sept — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, accompanied by Joint-Secretary of YCDC U Aung Soe and officials, inspected progress of Water Treatment Plant being built by YCDC at Thanlyhetsoon, Botahtaung Township, this morning.

Member of the Work Committee for Construction of the Plant Dr Tun Than Tun, Project Manager of the construction U Tin Ngwe and officials reported on project tasks, installation of machines and construction of the road to the plant.

After hearing the reports, the mayor gave instructions on efforts to be made for timely completion of the tasks and sanitation and pleasant works at the plant.

Later, the mayor attended the meeting of the Work Committee for Construction of the Water Treatment Plant. MNA

Monywa Open Golf Championship 16-19 Sept

YANGON, 3 Sept — Monywa Open Golf Championship organized by Myanmar Professional Golfers' Association and Myanmar Golf Federation will be held on a grand scale as a second leg in Monywa golf course from 16th to 19th September.

The 0-12 handicap men amateur golfers may take part in the second leg together with professional golfers. And those under 18 are not allowed.

The golfers of Monywa Open Golf Championship who will be bound for Monywa are to enlist at Han Event Management Office, Tel-542989 and 723221 not later than 7 September noon.

Professional and amateur golfers are to enlist at No 15 Kanbawza Street, Bahan township and Monywa golf club Tel-071-21550, not later than 14 September.

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Thai delegation pay homage to Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image

YANGON, 3 Sept — The six-member delegation led by Deputy Director-General of Public Relations Department of Thailand Mr Dussadee Sinchermsiri, accompanied by liaison officer

U Kyi Tun of Myanmar Radio and Television, visited Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image on Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township this morning.

They paid homage and

offered flowers, water and lights to the Image.

The also visited White Elephant House and Hlinethaya Industrial Town.

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Deputy Director-General Mr Dussadee Sinchermsiri of Public Relations Department of Thailand and party view white elephants at Mindhamma Hill. — MNA

Prizes given away for ASEAN Radio Quiz

YANGON, 3 Sept — The ASEAN Radio Quiz for salient points ASEAN brocast in Myanmar Radio programmes was held at Myanmar Radio and Television yesterday morning and the enthusiasts took part in it. In the quiz, Ma Loire Tun of Thanlyin won the first prize, Ma Aye Aye Aung of Mingaladon the

second, Maung Min Thu of Insein the third and Ma Khin Myo Kyaw of Insein the consolation prize.

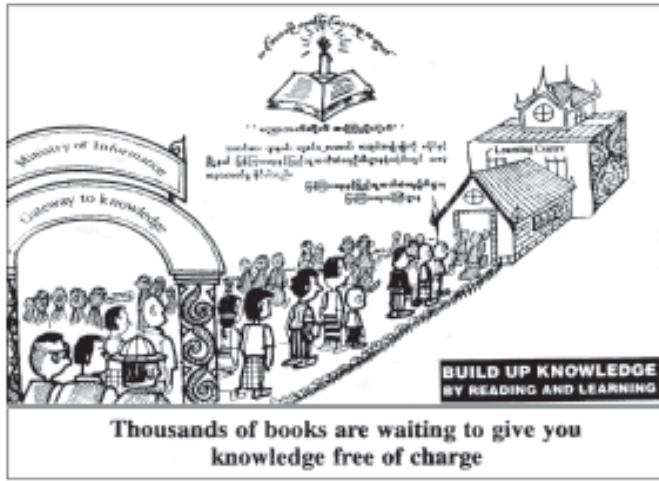
The officials gave the prizes to the winners.

ASEAN In Action Project is being implemented in the radio programme of MRTV and it is transmitting about salient points on ASEAN at 9.45

am every Saturday. The quiz for September will be held at 10 am on 1st October.

Those wishing to participate in the quiz may join without the specifications of qualification and age and deserving cash prizes will be awarded to the winners.

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Storm "Gaston" kills five in Virginia

MIAMI, 2 Sept — Tropical Storm Gaston raced out to sea on Tuesday after swamping Virginia and killing five people, while powerful Hurricane Frances roared toward the Bahamas and the US East Coast with 140-mile-per-hour winds.

Virginia Governor Mark Warner declared a state of emergency after Gaston dropped up to 14 inches of rain on central parts of the state. Floating cars and trucks smashed into buildings and nearly 180 roads were out of commission.

Dominion Virginia Power reported 60,000 customers in central Virginia without power as of Tuesday afternoon, and state emer-

gency officials said the victims all died in swamped cars or in attempts to rescue people. Gaston, however, was puny compared to Frances, which the National Hurricane Centre in Miami said was going to make landfall in the United States somewhere this week. It said Frances is a major storm capable of causing considerable damage and possibly deaths.

"There's really no reason that we see to make us think that this hurricane will weaken significantly in the next few days," said hurricane center director Max Mayfield.

Gaston, Frances and Tropical Storm Hermine capped one of the busiest

months for the Atlantic hurricane season. Eight tropical storms formed in August and four became hurricanes, including Charley, potentially the second-costliest hurricane in US history.

Frances' sustained winds climbed from 125 miles per hour to 140 miles per hour as the dangerous storm brushed by Antigua, Anguilla and other small islands of the northeast Caribbean.

The State Department advised Americans living and travelling in the Turks and Caicos to consider leaving and arranged the departure of non-emergency staff and family members at the US Embassy in the Bahamas.

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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Japan launches nationwide disaster prevention drills

Tokyo, 2 Sept — One million people took part Wednesday in disaster prevention drills organized by central and local authorities in Japan.

The annual drills were held on the Disaster Prevention Day on the anniversary of the Great Kanto (East Japan) Earthquake of September 1, 1923. This year's exercises were based on scenarios of massive earthquakes hitting the east Japan coastal region as well as Tokyo area.

The government drills were held in east Japan's Shizuoka Prefecture, which is required to take special precautions in the event of a long-predicted quake occurring, based on the scenario of a major quake with a magnitude of 8 on the Richter Scale striking western Shizuoka.

The drills were also held in Yokohama and other localities near Tokyo, based on a scenario that a quake with a magnitude of 6.5 hits Yokohama.

MNA/Xinhua

Tanzanian President says free access to ARVs next month

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 2 Sept — Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa said that access to free anti-retroviral drugs (ARVs) by those living with HIV/AIDS will be effective next month, local Press reported Wednesday.

The President said at a ceremony at which the Global Fund agreed to grant the East African country with 87.9 million US dollars to fight HIV/AIDS, according to the *Daily News*.

Access to free ARVs is currently limited to less than 1 per cent of people living with the virus in Tanzania where mother-to-child in-

fections remain high.

Mkapa pledged government's support through enhanced health-care budgetary allocations but implored local people living with the virus to observe medical advice to eat nutritious food to assist the ARVs work well.

The Tanzanian Government has worked out a four-year national care and treatment plan that is expected to provide HIV/AIDS sufferers with free ARVs.

Tanzanian Prime Minister Frederick Sumaye has pledged that no less than 30,000 HIV/AIDS patients

will get free life-prolonging drugs in fiscal 2004-2005. The number of HIV/AIDS patients getting free life-prolonging drugs will increase to 220,000 between 2005 and 2006.

The HIV/AIDS prevalence rate now stands at 10 per cent in Tanzania, with 140,000 sufferers dying from the disease annually, out of about 2.2 million people living with the virus.

Tanzania is among the poorest countries in the world and a monthly dose of anti-HIV/AIDS drugs costs more than 30 dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran says nuclear case not to be referred to UNSC

TEHERAN, 2 Sept — An Iranian official on Wednesday said that Iran's nuclear case would not be referred to the UN Security Council, the official *IRNA* news agency reported.

"According to the information I have received, I predict that the next session of International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) Board of Governors will not be a complicated or hot one," Ali Akbar Salehi, Iran's former representative to the

IAEA, was quoted as saying. Salehi stressed that Iran should avoid a hasty and uncalculated move, saying that "we should adopt wise decisions on due time".

"The IAEA has admitted that Iran is not responsible for the uranium contamination of some parts. The agency definitely knows that uranium enrichment has not been carried out in Iran and we take it as a favourable decision," he added.

"The remaining issues

are legal, and it may be declared that the legal issues would require further study," he said.

As to the resumption of enrichment uranium, Salehi stressed that the issue was something special that the authorities should announce their own views.

"The authorities will make their decisions in light of the current developments and changes which may take place in the future," said Salehi.—MNA/Xinhua

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Experts stress importance of HIV prevention vaccine

GENEVA, 3 Sept— World HIV experts stressed here Thursday that the development of an HIV prevention vaccine is as important as work on vaccines to treat the disease.

The experts from the International AIDS Vaccine Initiative (IAVI) — a global not-for-profit organization working to speed the search for a vaccine to prevent HIV infection and AIDS — said that besides treating people infected with HIV, the world must also intensify efforts to develop a preventive vaccine to stop the continuing spread of the virus.

“The global response to AIDS must include both compassion for those who are infected and a heightened commitment to protect those who are not,” said Emilio Emini, IAVI’s senior president and chief of vaccine development.

Treatment does not stop new infections which are occurring at the rate of 14,000 each day, Emini told a Press conference here following a major convention held in Lausanne, Switzerland, where scientists have been discussing preliminary data on candidate HIV treatment vaccines now entering clinical trials.

Recognizing the toll that AIDS has already claimed, and the magnitude of what is yet to come, the world must push development of a preventive vaccine to the top of international health and humanitarian agendas, said Emini.

HIV was identified as the virus that causes AIDS more than 20 years ago, but only in recent years has significant work been started on developing a vaccine.

Scientists have learned a great deal about the structure of the virus, how infection occurs and how the immune system tries but fails to defend itself. This dynamic is at the heart of the science of how a vaccine needs to work, Emini said.

But the questions that have been answered are outnumbered by those that have not, said Emini.

For most vaccines for other diseases, scientists have been guided by studying people who became infected and then recovered. But in the case of AIDS, there is no one known to have recovered from the infection and HIV is constantly mutating its shape to evade detection.

“Given what we know about HIV today, we are advancing promising candidates into development and clinical trials. At the same time, basic research questions still have to be solved,” said Wayne Koff, IAVI’s senior vice-president and chief of vaccine research.

Currently, clinical trials on more than 30 AIDS vaccine candidates are underway in 19 countries.

Experts view the current crop of candidate vaccines as a first generation attempt. They expect that an effective vaccine is likely to be developed after more is understood about HIV and the immune system, and new generations of candidates are developed and tested.

MNA/Xinhua



Falling prices may be making flat-screen televisions more appealing to consumers who covet the latest in technology, but analysts warn companies producing them will have to adjust quickly or risk losing out.—INTERNET

Meteorological services in SADC urged to develop warning systems

HARARE, 3 Sept— The national meteorological services in the Southern Africa Development Community (SADC) region need to work together to develop their early warning systems so they can lessen the impact of natural disasters, a senior Zimbabwean official said here Wednesday.

Opening the two-day 8th Southern Africa Regional Climate Outlook Forum, Zimbabwean Acting Minister of Transport and Communication Ignatius Chombo said “the region is still far from achieving adequate early warnings of adverse weather conditions necessary to enable satisfactory preparations to avert negative effects of disasters”.

Chombo, also minister of local government and national housing, called on the countries in the region to map out appropriate measures to strengthen the basic infrastructures and capacity of their national meteorological services.

The minister also called on meteorological scientists to take advantages of technology and knowledge available to get consistent and accurate forecasts of weather patterns. “This co-operation by SADC countries would go a long way in minimizing some possible confusions of interpretation and forecasting by different countries,” Chombo said.

Speaking on the same occasion, Victor Simango, the programme manager for Eastern and Southern Africa for World Meteorological

Organization (WMO) said SADC faces the challenge of improving warning systems on natural disasters.

MNA/Xinhua



Giant panda “Hua Mei” giving birth to a cub at the Wolong Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre in southwest China’s Sichuan Province. “Hua Mei” gave birth to twins on Wednesday night, which weighed 157 grams and 130 grams respectively. — INTERNET

Experts say virtual colonoscopy shows promise

WASHINGTON, 2 Sept— Virtual colonoscopy, which uses souped-up X-rays to check for colon cancer instead of threading a tube through the gut, shows promise but is not ready to replace traditional colonoscopies yet, experts said on Wednesday.

Virtual scans are still not as good as the old-fashioned colonoscopy at spotting smaller pre-cancerous growths and polyps, the task force of experts said.

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in the United States, having killed more than 57,000 people last year, according to the American Cancer Society. Everyone over 50 is advised to get screened for the disease, which is easily cured if caught early.

The preferred method is a colonoscopy, which involves threading a tiny camera up through the rectum into the colon. A tiny cutting instrument is attached so the doctor can remove lesions or polyps on the spot and check them for cancer.

Computed tomography

(CT) colonoscopy uses X-rays and computer programmes that create a fairly clear image of the colon from the outside.

It is less invasive than a colonoscopy, but still requires taking laxatives, using an enema and fasting to prepare — all of which many people are reluctant to do. And if a lesion is seen, then a traditional colonoscopy is needed as a follow-up.

Virtual colonoscopy has been receiving recent media attention and some doctors have hoped it might appeal to people who refuse to undergo a traditional colonoscopy.

The American Gastroenterological Association (AGA) put together a task force of gastroenterologists, radiologists and epidemiologists to see how useful the technique might be.

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Africa’s first human stem cell bank to be built in S Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 3 Sept— A South African company plans to build a human stem cell bank, the first of its kind on the African continent, to enable tens of thousands of parents to store their children’s genetic material for future use, sometimes being life-saving.

The decision of Lazon Biotechnology, a private firm, brought South Africa to the forefront of a controversial area of medical research, according to local media.

Lazon will harvest stem cells from a baby’s umbilical cord blood for research, and not from embryos, said a report in Thursday’s newspaper *Business Day*.

Embryos are at the heart of the controversy surrounding stem cells as they have to

be destroyed in the harvesting process, arousing opposition from anti-abortion groups.

Stem cells are master cells in the body that have the capability to transform into new cells or tissue, acting as a repair system for the body and offering possible treatment for diseases such as cancer. The cells are available in vast quantities in the umbilical cord, which is usually discarded at birth.

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SPORTS

Davenport, Henin-Hardenne reach third round at US Open

NEW YORK, 2 Sept—Fifth seed Lindsay Davenport, the 1998 US Open champion, advanced to the third round of the tournament with a 6-4, 6-2 win over Spain's Arantxa Parra Santonja.

After a sluggish start, the world No. 4 recovered over 62 minutes of play to claim the second round in straight sets and extend her winning streak to 19-0.

Davenport is entering the US Open on a roll, having won her last four tournaments in Stanford, Los Angeles, San Diego and Cincinnati.

The 28-year-old American has won six titles overall this year and has not lost since the Wimbledon semi-final, to eventual champion Maria Sharapova.

"I was on my heels a bit at the beginning so it took me a while to get going," said Davenport.

"I felt like I wasn't being aggressive enough until the middle of the first set and then I started to hit with more author-

ity.

"The one thing I have done well this whole summer is play tight tennis and not have any loose errors."

But her recent success hasn't dimmed talk of possibly retiring at the end of this year. Davenport, who wants to start a family, said she will make up her mind in November.

Lacking the consistency she showed in her opening round match, Davenport had more double faults (7-3) and unforced errors (23-12) than Parra Santonja. But Davenport fired seven aces and hit more winners (30-8).

Davenport advances to the third round to face Russian Elena Bovina, who beat Maria Elena Camerin, of Italy, 6-2, 7-5.

Defending champion and number one seed Justine Henin-Hardenne survived a scare before beating unheralded Tzipora Obziler of Israel 6-2, 5-7, 6-2 in a second round match.

"It wasn't my day," Henin-Hardenne said. "Since I arrived in New York from Athens I have not felt good."

Henin-Hardenne hit 34

winners in the two hour, 14 minute match but struggled with her serve, making eight double faults.

The Belgian, who has been suffering from a cold, added: "I was out of rhythm and she didn't give me many chances to get back into rhythm. But I won the match."

Heading into the US Open, the top seed had won all three of her Grand Slams since the 2003 French Open.

The women's field is wide open this year as Henin-Hardenne, Davenport, France's Amelie Mauresmo, Anastasia Myskina and Serena Williams are all contending the title.

In the men's event Thailand's Paradorn Srichaphan, who posted his best US Open result last year reaching the round of 16, rolled past American Paul Goldstein in straight sets 6-4, 7-6 (7/4), 6-0 in a second-round match.

"I feel like I played well. After I won the second set it became easier," Paradorn said.

Internet



Lindsay Davenport hits a return to Arantxa Parra Santonja of Spain during their match at the 2004 US Open in New York, on 2 Sept, 2004. Davenport rolled smoothly into the third round with a 6-4, 6-2 victory over Santonja.

INTERNET

UEFA approves Abramovich, Chelsea, CSKA cleared for Champions play

LONDON, 2 Sept—UEFA gave Chelsea and CSKA Moscow the all-clear on Thursday to take part in the Champions League after announcing that Chelsea's Russian owner Roman Abramovich had no controlling interest in the Moscow club.

The clubs have been drawn in the same group in this season's competition and last week UEFA said that if Abramovich, who has close links with CSKA, were found to have a controlling interest in the Russian club, neither could take part in the competition.

Both Chelsea and CSKA said immediately that Abramovich had no such interest in the Russian champions.

UEFA, which governs European soccer, stated on its website on Thursday that it was now satisfied Abramovich did not have a controlling interest at CSKA.

"(Our) legal department has verified the issue as part of routine procedures before the new club competition season. UEFA monitors the situation of all clubs taking part in its tournaments."

The European Union's competition laws and UEFA's competition rules forbid an individual owning a major share of two clubs in the same tournament. However, there are no laws limiting the amount that an individual can sponsor another team.

UEFA suggested last week that its rules on sponsorship might need to be tightened after CSKA last March signed a \$54 million sponsorship deal with the Russian oil company Sibneft, of which Abramovich is the former owner and still the majority shareholder.—Internet

Deportivo miss out on Argentine midfielder Acciari

MADRID, 2 Sept — Deportivo Coruna have failed in a last minute bid to sign Murcia's Argentine midfielder Jose Luis Acciari after they were unable to complete the necessary paperwork before Tuesday's midnight transfer deadline.

"The documents weren't complete when the registration period closed," Spanish Football League (LFP) spokesman Manuel Garcia said on Wednesday. "As a result Acciari remains a Murcia player at least until December."

The LFP decision means Depor, who last season finished third in the Primera Liga and reached the semifinals of the Champions league, will be without any new faces as they look to maintain their impressive recent record at home and abroad. The European transfer market reopens in January.

MNA/Reuters

Mourinho recalls death threats before Champions League final

LISBON, 3 Sept—Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho has given new details of the death threats which he says he received on the eve of his former club Porto's Champions League final win against Monaco in May.

"On the other line the guy said 'We won't do anything now because you have that final to play. But once it is over, you're dead. We are going to get you.'"

As soon as you arrive in Porto your bed will be laid, you don't have a chance," he said during an interview with private television TVI late on Wednesday.

After the Portuguese club were crowned European champions following their 3-0 defeat of Monaco in the German city of Gelsenkirchen, Mourinho declined to celebrate with his players and instead joined his young children on the bench.

He was heavily criticised in the Portuguese press for flying to Lisbon after the match instead of to Porto and missing the massive street celebrations which swept the city following the team's European win.

Mourinho said at the time that he and his family had received threats and this had caused him to change his behaviour but gave no further details.

"I was worried. I wanted to be with my family, I wasn't in the mood for a party," he said at the time, adding he had hired private security after receiving the death threats.

Internet



Se Ri Pak of Korea watches her tee shot on the 13th hole during the first round of the LPGA State Farm Classic golf tournament in Springfield, Ill., on Thursday, 2 Sept, 2004. —INTERNET



Manchester United's new signing Wayne Rooney poses for photographers at Old Trafford. Alex Ferguson has moved quickly to put a protective shield around teenage striker Wayne Rooney — and Manchester United's new record signing insists he is mature enough to evade the pitfalls that could derail his emerging career.—INTERNET

Ferguson has no fears for record buy Rooney

MANCHESTER, 2 Sept — Alex Ferguson has moved quickly to put a protective shield around teenage striker Wayne Rooney — and Manchester United's new record signing insists he is mature enough to evade the pitfalls that could derail his emerging career.

Rooney's move from Everton to Old Trafford was for a fee that could rise to 30 million pounds, a new mark for a teenager and surpassing the 19 million pounds that AS Roma paid Bari for Antonio Cassano three years ago, and the weight of expectation on the forward is already intense.

A broken foot will sideline the England international for at least two weeks, but it is Rooney's life away from the pitch that has hit the front pages since the striker emerged from Euro 2004 with a reputation as the continent's most exciting young prospect.

Lurid tales about Rooney's social life has provided ammunition to observers who fear the player could follow the path trodden previously by the likes of Paul Gascoigne and fail to fulfil his undoubted potential.

And Rooney's decision to seek a move from the club he supported as a boy has transformed him from local hero to villain on Merseyside.

But Ferguson, who has a formidable reputation as a disciplinarian, has no fears for his new acquisition.

"We have a good reputation for looking after young players here," said the Scot, whose occasional fiery temper has been the stuff of legend at Old Trafford where he once famously kicked a football boot which hit his intended target David Beckham in the face.

"We are professional and I don't see that as a problem. For me, dealing with players has always been a black and white issue. Whenever you have to speak to a player about an issue, he is either doing the right thing or doing the wrong thing."

"We have to look after all the players and Wayne will get the same advice and protection as anyone else. But the most important thing is that dressing room of ours which is a security in itself, people like Roy Keane, Paul Scholes, the Nevilles and Ryan Giggs are all mature stable professionals and that's the best of all."

"Wayne will see these players and see how they have grown into how they are today and it's not by accident."

Internet

Atletico coach given two-match ban for referee protest

MADRID, 2 Sept — Atletico Madrid coach Cesar Ferrando has been handed a two-match ban for waving his arms in protest at a refereeing decision during his first league match in charge of the Primera Liga club.

"Ferrando was sent off for energetically raising his arms in protest at an offside decision," referee Eduardo Iturralde Gonzalez said in his report on Atletico's 2-0 win over Malaga.

Ferrando will be unable to take his place in the dug-out when Atletico meet his former club Albacete in their next league match. He will also miss out on his side's game at home to Barcelona.

Espanyol midfielder Ivan de la Pena was also suspended for two matches for complaining about a refereeing decision in his side's 1-1 draw at home to Deportivo Coruna.

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MRTV-3

4-9-2004 (Saturday) (Programme Schedule) Morning Transmission (9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
- 9:02 Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
- 9:06 Beauty & Scenic
- 9:06 Sight "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Better Home, Better Decorations
- 9:10 **Headline News**
- 9:12 Exciting Adventurous Journey (Part II)
- 9:15 **National News**
- 9:20 Concert of Trompette et Piano (Sonates)
- 9:25 Dawei Water Fetching Dance
- 9:30 **National News**
- 9:35 Towards Pondaung Ponnaya Yaw Region (Part-I)
- 9:40 Myanmar Modern Song "Flowers in Profusion"
- 9:45 **National News**
- 9:50 Nutrition Promotion Week
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
- Beauty & Scenic
- Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

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- 15:32 Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
- 15:36 Beauty & Scenic
- 15:36 Sight "Myanmar Panorama & Myanmar Sentiment"
- 15:36 Better Home, Better Decorations
- 15:40 **Headline News**
- 15:42 Exciting Adventurous Journey (Part-I)
- 15:45 **National News**
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- 16:35 Fishery Industry in Thandwe Township
- 16:40 Thanakha, a Myanmar Cosmetic
- 16:45 **National News**
- 16:50 Myanmar Movies Impact "Unselfish Heart"
- 17:00 **Weekly News Highlights**
- 17:05 Myanmar Modern Song "Predestination"
- 17:10 Rakhine State Cultural Museum
- 17:15 **Weekly News Highlights**
- 17:20 Showcase of Myanmar Fabrics and Designer Wears
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
- 17:25 Beauty & Scenic
- 17:25 Sight "Come and See Myanmar"

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- 19:30 Signature Tune
- 19:32 Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
- 19:36 Beauty & Scenic
- 19:36 Sight "Myanmar Panorama & Myanmar Sentiment"
- 19:36 Exciting Adventurous Journey (Part-I)
- 19:40 **Headline News**
- 19:42 Hill Resort Town (Thandaung)
- 19:45 **National News**
- 19:50 Fabulous Bagan (V)
- 19:55 Brave Youth Showing His Strength & Ability
- 20:00 **National News**
- 20:05 Shwe Nan Daw Cultural Museum
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern

- Song "Follow me Let's go"
- 20:12 Let's meet at the cafe!
- 20:15 **National News**
- 20:20 Traditional Chin Li-queur (Khaung Yay)
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern Song "Beauty of Wakema"
- 20:30 **National News**
- 20:35 Talent Show on the Myanmar Bamboo Xylophone
- 20:45 **National News**
- 20:50 Tha Mee Hla Island
- 20:55 Khame Traditional Cultural Dance
- 20:58 Weaving Industry of Pakokku
- 21:00 **National News**
- 21:05 Adept Sons of Inlay Lake
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Welcome to Treasure Land"
- 21:12 Export Prawn
- 21:15 **Weekly News Highlights**
- 21:20 Performance of King Brahminy Bird Dance
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
- 21:25 Beauty & Scenic
- 21:25 Sight "Mingalabar"
- 21:36 Better Home, Better Decorations
- 21:40 **Headline News**
- 21:42 Exciting Adventurous Journey (Part-II)
- 21:45 **National News**

- 21:50 Concert of Trompette et Piano (Sonates)
- 21:55 Dawei Water Fetching Dance
- 22:00 **National News**
- 22:05 Towards Pondaung Ponnaya Yaw Region (Part-I)
- 22:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Flowers in Profusion"
- 22:15 **National News**
- 22:20 Nutrition Promotion Week
- 22:25 Myanmar Modern Song "To Golden Mandalay"
- 22:30 **National News**
- 22:35 Fishery Industry in Thandwe Township
- 22:45 **National News**
- 22:50 Myanmar Movies Impact "Unselfish Heart"
- 23:00 **National News**
- 23:05 Myanmar Modern Song "Predestination"
- 23:10 Rakhine State Cultural Museum
- 23:15 **Weekly News Highlights**
- 23:20 Showcase of Myanmar Fabrics and Designer Wears
- 23:28 Song of Myanmar
- 23:28 Beauty & Scenic
- 23:28 Sight "Come and See Myanmar"

Daw Thauung Kyi (a) Daw Thauung (Kanyutkwin) Age 63

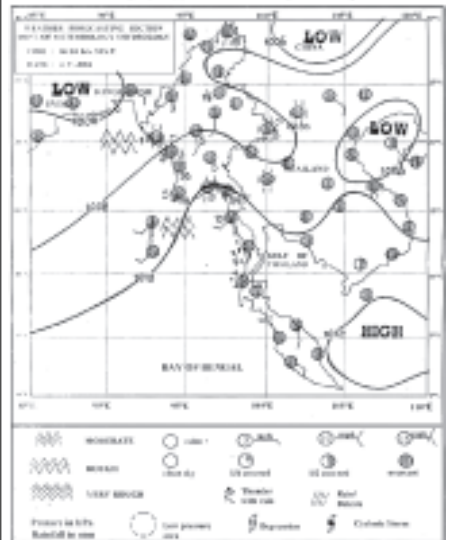
Daughter of (U Maung-Daw Pu) of Kanyutkwin in Pyu Township; beloved wife of U Hme of No 14, Sabai Street, University Housing Estate, Dagon Myothit (East) Township; younger sister of (U Nyunt Than); elder sister of U Tin Tun, U Kyaw Nyein and Daw Mone; beloved mother of U Soe Lwin and Daw Than Than Myint, Kevine Kline and Ma Yi Yi Aye (Nursing), Maung Aung Zaw Win, Maung Hla Moe and Ma Thanda Phyu, Maung Toe Myint, Ma Khin Thet Hta, Maung Ye Thiha (UNDP) and Ma Nyein Nyein Wei, Ma Hnin Hnin Wei, Ma Thuza, and Ma Hnin Ei Phyu; and grandmother of five grandchildren, passed away at North Okkalapa Hospital on 2-9-2004 (Thursday). The cremation ceremony will take place at Ye Way Cemetery at 11.00 am on 6-9-2004 (Monday). Cortege will leave the above residence at 9.45 am.

Bereaved family

Rainfall on 3-9-2004

- 0.28 inch at Yangon Airport,
- 0.08 inch at Kaba-Aye and
- 0.04 inch at central Yangon.
- Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was
- 96.97 inches at Yangon Airport,
- 93.90 inches at Kaba-Aye and
- 95.51 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 3 September 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State and scattered to widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Shan State and isolated heavyfalls in Kachin, Mon States and Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Tachilek (4.65)inches, Namhsam (3.54) inches, Mawlamyine (3.31) inches and Mogok (2.20) inches.

Maximum temperature on 2-9-2004 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 3-9-2004 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 3-9-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 2-9-2004 was 4.8 hours approx.

Rainfall on 3-9-2004 was 7mm (0.28inch) at Yangon Airport, 2mm (0.08inch) at Kaba-Aye and 1mm (0.04inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 96.97 inches at Yangon Airport, 93.90 inches at Kaba-Aye and 95.51 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from Southwest at 14:30 hours MST on 2-9-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 4-9-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, Shan, Chin and Kayin States 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: Increase of rain are likely in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-9-2004: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-9-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Weather outlook for first weekend of September 2004:

During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon Division and isolated in Mandalay Division.

Mrs. Helen Sen Gupta (nee' Nicholas) (88 years)

Died on the 2nd September 2004, at 7 am, and was buried on the same day 2nd September 2004 at 2 pm at Ye Way cemetery.

Friends and members of M.N.A



Saturday, September 4

View on today:

- 7:00 am
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am
- 2. ဟိမဝန္တဂုဏ်၊ ဓမ္မဘုရားဂါရီတ၊ အရဟန္တပရိတ္တ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသီရိဇ္ဇာတိဝံသ (ဓမ္မာစာရာတေဝီ) ဓမ္မာတြာတေဝီ ဗုဒ္ဓအပိဓသောဠာတသန္တပိဋိတံ
- 7:25 am
- 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
- 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
- 5. နေ့စဉ်သတင်းအချက်အလက်ဆက်သွယ်ရေးဆရာတော်ကဏ္ဍ (ဒုတိယအပိုဒ်) (အပိုဒ်-၂)
- 7:50 am
- 6. Nice and sweet song
- 8:05 am
- 7. Dance variety
- 8:15 am
- 8. ကော့ကံကြွေးပေါက်တံတား
- 8:30 am
- 9. International news
- 8:45 am
- 10. Grammar Made Easy

- 11:00 am
- 1. Martial song
- 11:15 am
- 2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am
- 3. News
- 11:40 am
- 4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm
- 5. Round-up of the week's TV local news
- 1:05 pm
- 6. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သစ္စာရမ္မာရုံ" (အပိုဒ်-၂၃)
- 1:45 pm
- 7. မြန်မာ့စာပေသတင်းစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မုတီဝိသုဒ္ဓိ" (အပိုဒ်-၂၄)
- 2:00 pm
- 8. ရုပ်ရှင်ကဏ္ဍတော်လှူဒါနကြွေးပေါက်တံတားဆရာတော်ကဏ္ဍ (ဒုတိယအပိုဒ်) (အပိုဒ်-၂၅)
- 2:15 pm
- 9. Dance of national races
- 2:30 pm
- 10. သမန်နီတံတားစုံစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ
- 2:45 pm
- 11. International news
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm
- 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
- 5. အစောဆုံးသတင်းစာ

- ရုပ်ရှင်သံကြားသံဓနိဓာ-ဝဏ္ဏဓနိ (သစ္စာရမ္မာရုံ) အသံပြုစုသူ (သစ္စာရမ္မာရုံ)
- 5:15 pm
- 6. "ဓမ္မာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ" အတတ်လမ်းတွဲ စင်စစ်၊ အတတ်လမ်းတွဲ စင်စစ်ကဏ္ဍ၊ အတတ်လမ်းတွဲ နိုင်ငံခြားအသံ (ဒုတိယအပိုဒ်) (အပိုဒ်-၂၆)
- 5:20 pm
- 7. တီကွက်သံကြားသံဓနိဓာ
- 5:30 pm
- 8. Musical programme
- 5:40 pm
- 9. မြန်မာ့စာပေသတင်းစာ
- 5:50 pm
- 10. Game for children
- 6:15 pm
- 11. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm
- 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
- 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
- 14. Discovery
- 7:10 pm
- 15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မုတီဝိသုဒ္ဓိ" (အပိုဒ်-၂၇)
- 7:40 pm
- 16. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm
- 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မုတီဝိသုဒ္ဓိ" (အပိုဒ်-၂၈)
- 21. The next day's programme



Saturday, September 4

- Tune in today:**
- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: Take your chance
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: Hey you
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:05 am Music: Teardrops
- 9:10 am International news
- 9:15 am Music: (Spotlight on a star)
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Request
- Look at us
- New way to light up an old flame
- Till I found you
- 9:00 pm ASEAN review
- News
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanmar culture by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt
- Myanmar nature orchid
- 9:30 pm Souvenirs
- Among my souvenirs
- There's a new moon over my shoulder
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

National development measures can be taken effectively only through might of intellectuals and intelligentsia at home

Outstanding children of staff of OCMI honoured

YANGON, 3 Sept—Outstanding children of the staff of Office of Chief of the Military Intelligence and its regiments and units and the ministries that are attached to the OCMI of the Ministry of Defence were honoured at a ceremony held at No 2 Tatmadaw Guest House on Inya Road here at 5 pm today.

They passed their matriculation examination (2004) with flying colours.

Prime Minister Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Military Adviser to the State Peace and Development Council Chairman Chief of the Military Intelligence General Khin Nyunt addressed the ceremony and presented cash awards to the children.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Immigration

Nowadays, the government has been striving for development of human resources who will take part in the tasks for all-round development of the nation that can stand shoulder to shoulder with the world nations.

Measures for national development and enabling the nation to catch up with the nations of the world can be taken effectively only through thorough exertion of the might of the intellectuals and intelligentsia at home.

That is why the government is producing more and more human resources capable of transforming the nation into a developed one.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on the children to continue making endeavours in pursuing higher education in order to be more outstanding and dynamic and to become intellectuals and intelligentsia who can



Chief of Military Intelligence General Khin Nyunt addresses the ceremony to present prizes to children of officers and other ranks of regiments and units under control of Office of Chief of Military Intelligence and of staff attached to ministries.— MNA



and Population Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, heads of departments and deputy heads of departments under the OCMI, directors-general of respective ministries, commanding officers of the regiments and units, outstanding children and their parents and representative officers from the regiments and units.

The Prime Minister in his speech said that the purpose of the ceremony was to honour outstanding children of the staff of Office of Chief of the Military Intelligence and its regiments and units, and the ministries that are attached to the OCMI Office of the Ministry of Defence. The ceremony was a means to acknowledge those who are worthy of honour.

serve the interests of the motherland.

Next, the Prime Minister presented cash awards to the students who passed 2004 matriculation exam with distinctions. Ministers and the MI Vice-Chief also presented cash awards to the outstanding students and representatives from regiments and units.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister posed for a documentary photo together with the outstanding students.

A total of 197 children of the staff of the OCMI and its regiments and units and the ministries that are attached to the OCMI passed the matriculation exam.

Among them, two passed with six distinctions, three with five distinctions, two with four distinctions, five with three distinctions, eight with two distinctions and 22 with one distinction. — MNA

Kyikha TV retransmission station starts functions

YANGON, 3 Sept — According to the programme to extend TV broadcasting areas, a TV retransmission station was built in Kyikha of Chin State and construction task was completed on 25 August 2004.

The retransmission started to broadcast Myanmar television programmes through 10 watt and wave 6 as of 26 August 2004.

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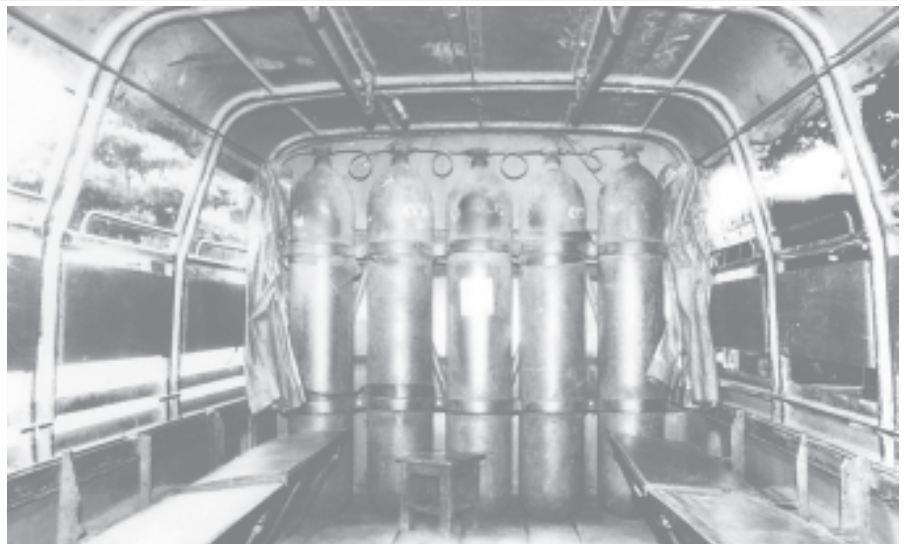
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For extended use of Natural Gas Vehicles
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Now in Myanmar, a compressed natural gas station is under construction in Paleik. Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Kits are being installed in passenger buses plying in Mandalay, Singaing, Kyaukse, Myittha, Kume and TadaU.

Use Natural Gas Vehicles and save fuel oil

- * In automobiles, natural gas can be used in place of petrol and diesel.
- * The use of natural gas can not only save fuel oil but also extend engine duration.
- * Natural gas exploited at home can be used effectively and safely.
- * Natural gas burns cent per cent and is environment-friendly.
- * Adequate supply of natural gas helps facilitate passenger and cargo transport.



A Hilux bus installed with CNG cylinders.— PHOTO MAUNG MAUNG THAN. —(MNA)